

## PROTESTERS END CHICAGO U. SIT-IN

### Student Government Plans Draft Policy Referendum

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CHICAGO, May 13 — About 400 University of Chicago students voted tonight to end a sit-in that they had been conducting in the university administration building.

The students, who had seized the six-floor building yesterday in a protest over the university's policy toward the draft, decided to leave behind a "token force."

The protesters threatened to return in full force if university officials tried to remove the students in this rear guard, or tried to have them arrested, or refused to let the remaining students set up tables and use the building as a communications center to agitate for a change in university draft policy.

The university had no comment, although yesterday the president, George W. Beadle, condemned the sit-in, which began on Wednesday, as "coercion."

The protesters called a mass meeting for next Wednesday when they will decide whether they have made progress in gaining faculty and administration support. They left the way open for another seizure and sit-in in event they decide they have not made gains.

#### Vote by Show of Hands

Tonight's decision was made through a motion that passed by a show of hands. The decision raised loud applause and a shout of joy from the tired students.

Earlier today, in a move to undercut the sit-in, the Student Government Assembly voted to hold a campus referendum on the university's policy toward its military draft.

As the sit-in broke up there was a momentary threat of a clash with 40 well dressed business school and graduate school students who were picketing outside and shouting things like "You are a small minority that smells."

During the sit-in, Dr. Beadle and his assistants operated in other university buildings to avoid direct physical confrontation with the militant students.

The faculty was split, with a reported 93 professors signing a petition backing the protesters' demands for postponement of the university draft policy until the policy could be discussed by "the entire university community" and a decision made next fall.

#### Free Choice Denied

The university's policy, like that of other universities, is to send a student's academic class rank and grades to a student's draft board only if he requests it. But the protesters contend that a student who refuses to ask that his rank and grades be sent to a draft board thereby jeopardizes himself with the board. Thus, they argue, there is really nothing like the free choice that the university says exists.

This point was made by one of the protest leaders, Ronald D. Tabor, a freshman from Briarcliff Manor, N. Y. He said in an interview that the ranking system itself was invalid and "discriminatory" because there were factors to consider beyond grades, such as sociological and economic deprivation or whether a student picked difficult or easy courses.

Mr. Tabor said that if all universities refused to furnish class rank information the draft would be on a "equal basis" and a lottery could be used. He said that the student 2-S deferment was at best "transitory." He said that last year all students were deferred from the draft, now only some are deferred and for the future there is nothing to prevent draft officials from discriminating according to a student's major subject. A stand against ranking is a stand against discrimination, he declared.

Mr. Tabor, like other protesters, is against the national selection test to be given tomorrow, for the same reasons, and he said he refused to take it.

The motion at the Student Government Assembly for a referendum on the university draft policy passed by a vote of 19 to 9 with 2 abstentions.

During a sharp debate that preceded the vote protesters who were also members of the assembly charged that the move was an attempt to "break and discredit" the sit-in. Supporters of the referendum retorted that the sit-in distorted the issue in a "crisis situation."

The referendum will be taken between next Wednesday and May 25 on a day to be set by the assembly's executive committee.

The referendum was approved after more than 400 students signed a petition asking for it.

Peaceful on the whole, the demonstration was marked by an injury today. Deborah McLinn, a sophomore from International Falls, Minn., was cut and bleeding at her left temple after she was hit by a thrown walkie-talkie.

Miss McLinn was standing outside a side door of the administration building that was being barricaded by protesters who used walkie-talkie for communication. A group of professors sought to force their way in, and a well-dressed young man grabbed a protester's walkie-talkie and hurled it at random, accidentally striking Miss McLinn, who was taken to the university hospital for treatment.