Concerned Citizens of K.S.U. Community

We are a broadly based coalition of leaders of recognized student organizations, faculty members and independent students. We are seeking the use of due process of law in the prosecutions of students involved in recent events. Our methods are both legal and non-violent.

Traditional American jurisprudence holds that one is innocent until proven guilty. The Administration in its actions has disregarded this fundamental concept of law.

We believe strongly that each citizen must be guaranteed both in theory and practice, due process of law and protection from intimidation or coercion not matter what the sources.

Therefore, we resolve:

1. That all charges and suspensions against the sixty students arrested April 16 be dropped,
2. That the S.D.S. charter be reinstated
3. That the Student Conduct Code as of November 1968 be applied in all cases.

We can prove by our actions that this University, its students, faculty and Administration can in fact rule and protect itself.
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The following statement has been drawn up by concerned members of the Kent State University teaching community. It is presently being circulated among various departments for signature.

"In the interest of due process and justice we support the demands of the Concerned Citizens of the Kent State University Community (JC) that:

1. all charges and suspensions be dropped since they were not in accordance with the Student Conduct Code.

2. the Student Code as of November, 1968 be followed.

3. the SDS charter be reinstated since the revocation did not follow the stipulations of the Student Conduct Code.

"Furthermore, we urge the formation of a faculty committee which must be consulted before outside police be brought on campus."

April 17, 1969
CONCERNED CITIZENS OF K.S.U.
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3. If the University does not act immediately on these demands, the students and faculty representatives of the English, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, Speech, Art, Chemistry and other departments are prepared to support a general Student Faculty Strike.

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Recently the steering committee of the Concerned Citizens of the Kent State University Community (CCC) met to evaluate the recent campus referendum and to decide on its future as an organization on this campus. Certain facts became apparent at this meeting. First, many people voted for some kind of action to protest the administration's handling of a recent campus disruption. Second, many who voted for the implementation of the Student Conduct Code as of November, 1968 did not seem to understand that if that code had been adhered to from the outset, the immediate suspensions and the revocation of the SDS charter could not have taken place without there first being hearings. In light of these facts, the CCC has decided that its presence as an information source and as a pressure group is in fact needed at KSU.

The CCC has decided to remain an active organization at KSU devoted to stimulating concern related to campus issues among all interested students and faculty members concerned with justice at KSU. We will do all in our power to discuss and act upon issues which we deem of special importance on this campus. We call out to those interested in real student and faculty power in the administration of this university's affairs to join us now!

We have many issues of immediate concern to discuss. We have not forgotten the four issues which recently appeared on the referendum; we believe we were not given an adequate opportunity to educate the community to our position.

We are concerned with the very structure of our university and with the part that students and faculty members have (or do not have) in the policy-making decisions which govern our lives.

We are concerned with the larger issues of the very function of a university and to that effect worry about the university's possible role in certain aspects of our society that fall outside of that function.

We are concerned about the shocking selectivity in the recent arrests of certain students by forces set in motion by our own university officials.

We are concerned about the frightening and hypocritical smear campaign that was leveled against the CCC by certain individuals here at KSU.

We are concerned about the selection and powers of the student ombudsman soon to be elected (appointed?) here on campus.

In short, we remain concerned citizens with much to be concerned about. We call out to you to feel a similar concern. Watch for an announcement soon of our first forum and plan to attend. This is our university. Let's have a say in how it's run!

The Steering Committee CCC
Wednesday, April 23, 1969

REFERENDUM BALLOT

Please indicate approval or disapproval of each of the following requests by checking the appropriate boxes:

1. The administration should drop the suspension of the students in the incident at the Music and Speech building April 16.
   
   APPROVE □
   DISAPPROVE □

2. The Administration should utilize its influence to attempt to have criminal charges against these students dropped.
   
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3. The charter for the Students for a Democratic Society should be reinstated.
   
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4. The Student Conduct Code of November, 1968 should be applied in all cases.
   
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Please indicate your recommendation for action by checking one box below:

1. Four day non-violent boycott of classes coupled with participation in a teach-in, effective April 24, 25, 26, 27.
   
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2. Teach-in only.
   
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3. Do Nothing.
   
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