

February 3, 1972

Lawrence Journal World

Writer Criticizes Feminism

[Robin Morgan visits campus]

“Specific tactics she suggested to women in the audience were to stop ‘by any means necessary’ a women’s history course at KU taught by a man, to ‘make the university library buy a \$900 library of historical documents about women’, and to organize vigilante ‘anti-rape squads.’”

February 4, 1972

Women and Children
are now occupying a
building on campus

Ma Lucas, Henry Snyder, Wm. Argersinger, Ron Michael
George Worth, George Laughhead, Susan White
Brad Smart, Joe Maglyff, Ron Calgaard. [2/72]

WOMEN AND CHILDREN
ARE NOW OCCUPYING
A BUILDING
ON
CAMPUS

4-4630

Women Coalition
Julie Highfill
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P42
Vicki A. Hamer
budget officer

Scott Sprier
864-4810

D-to early a.m.
at home

About 2 a.m.
five students

This action has been taken because the needs of women in this community have long been neglected. We are demanding a daycare center for women--- students, faculty, faculty wives, and workers. We recognize the fact that many other groups of women and individual women have been working very hard to achieve the demands we are making. We appreciate the tremendous efforts of these women, and we hope that our action will illustrate the need for the programs these women have been working on.

Women and men, if you wish to support the action you may illustrate the need for daycare by taking your children everywhere you go--to class, to work.

For more information and a complete list of demands stop in or call the Women's Center located at the Student Activities Center (across the street from the Union)

HW-441.

Human Development

So-Ec REC. ~~to~~ give info to women that they might not be aware of - their need to get info + explain programs underway. Hope for favorable response. If not, the press + civil authorities take over.

February 5, 1972

Parsons Sun

K.U. Building Occupied

Sit-In Women

Agree to Leave

“The women, some accompanied by children, took over the East Asian Studies building, an old house on the east edge of the campus, about 6 p.m. Friday. Some children were included in the group. The women refused to show themselves, answer questions, or say how many were involved. It was reported there were between 10 and 20 women in the building.”

February 5, 1972

Hutchinson News

“The demands included:

A photograph of a newspaper clipping on aged, yellowed paper. The text is printed in a bold, serif font. The headline reads: "Women, Kids Hold Sit-in At Kansas U." There are some faint handwritten marks and a small number "2" next to the word "Hold".

1. Affirmative action for women under direction of the February Sisters.
2. A preschool day care-center.
3. A woman named as vice chancellor of academic affairs—a post recently vacated—with nominations made by February Sisters.

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Hutchinson News

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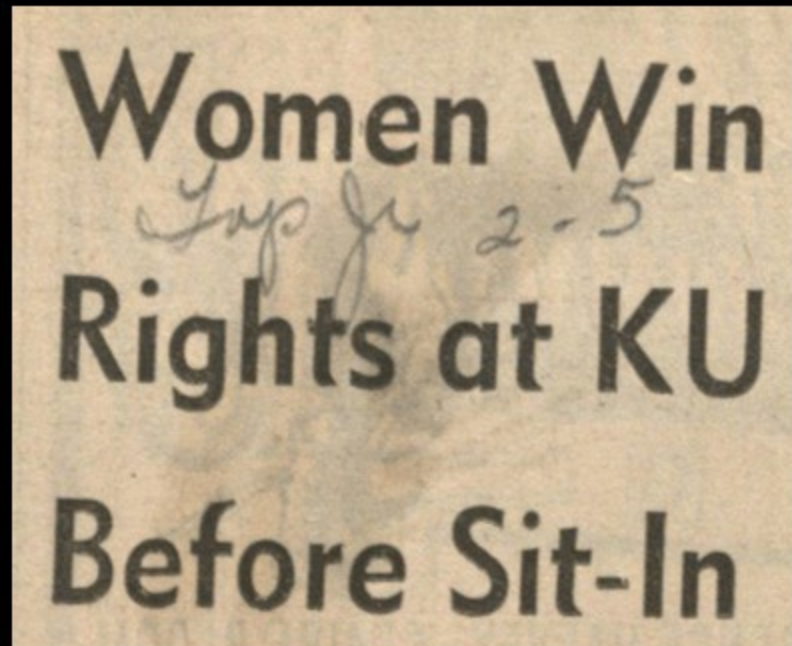
Women, Kids
Hold Sit-in
At Kansas U.

4. An end to 'grossly unfair employment practices at the university based on sex alone,' and more women placed in staff positions.
5. A department of women's studies, controlled and chiefly taught by women.
6. A women's health program, with free cancer tests, health examinations, and easy access to birth control devices and information."

February 5, 1972

Topeka State Journal

“Chancellor E. Laurence Chalmers Jr., apparently by coincidence, earlier Friday announced that a new staff position would be created to further advance equality of opportunities for women. He said a women member of the faculty would be appointed, to report directly to the chancellor.”



February 5, 1972

Hutchinson News



Women, Kids
Hold Sit-in
At Kansas U.

“The statement said they ‘peacefully seized’ the building because it was ‘easily accessible,’ and ‘no insult was intended to the East Asian Studies or the Oriental Languages Department.’

February 5, 1972

Lawrence Journal World

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'Sisters' End Sit-in After KU Talks

“Conrad said KU may have been at fault for not publicizing its efforts more, as the women were unaware of many steps the university has taken and was contemplating....The peaceful demonstration marked the first break in campus calm which has prevailed for more than a year—since the bombing of Summerfield Hall in December, 1970.”

February 5, 1972

Kansas City Times

Seize K.U. Building

“Grant Goodman, chairman of the East Asian Studies Department, said he took two women visitors on a tour of the building Thursday. He said they expressed interest in converting it to a child care center after the Oriental language Department moves to Wescoe Hall, now under construction.”

February 6, 1972

Salina Journal

Women's liberationists liberate
a Kansas university building

“Representatives of the ‘February Sisters’, a group of women who occupied a University of Kansas building seeking establishment of a day care center and other women’s liberation demands, agreed today to evacuate the building.”

February 6, 1972

Wichita Eagle

Satisfaction Expressed
**KU Women's Lib
Calls Off Sit-In**

“The 10 to 20 women, who camped in the East Asian Studies building at the east end of campus at 6 p.m. Friday—some of them accompanied by children—vacated after they received a joint statement from Dr. E Laurence Chalmers, chancellor and the student senate executive committee.”

February 6, 1972

Hutchinson News

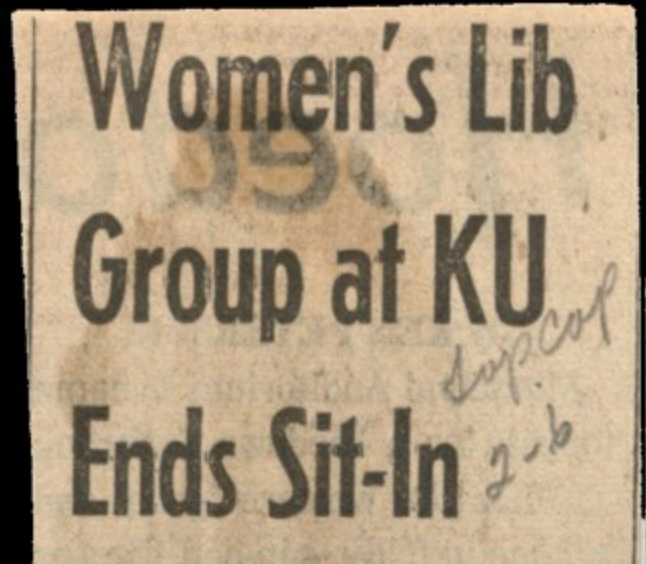
**'Sisters' Call
Off Sit-In** *sketch 2-6*

"A campus womens-lib [*sic*] group called off an overnight sit-in Saturday and left a University of Kansas building they had occupied 13 hours, expressing satisfaction with negotiations over their list of six demands."

February 6, 1972

Topeka Capital

“Chalmers, who said a ‘number of significant actions had already been taken’ before the demands were issued, said the university ‘can neither condone nor ignore the type of action’ the group demonstrated. ‘To accede to the demands made on this basis,’ he told the group, ‘would be to violate the rights of all other members of the university community and attack the fundamental liberties of free discussion...’”



To Discuss Action

KU Women Set Rally Tonight

February 7, 1972

Lawrence Journal World

“The women said they had reached a secret agreement Saturday morning with the University Senate Executive Committee (SenEx) ‘expressing support for a student-senate funded day-care center and a commitment to the implementation of a health-care program.’”

February 7, 1972

Topeka Daily Capital

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KU Activist Women
Plan Press Meeting

“A spokesman said that a prepared statement would be read, followed by a question-and-answer period. She added that no group member would be identified by name nor would any photos be allowed.”

February 8, 1972

Topeka Daily Capital

Masculine Image Being Challenged—

Women's Lib Compels Confession

“This is what I have denied you—an ego. I have allowed you to feel—for me. I have allowed you to exist—if you did not think too much, talk too much, or fight my ‘right to power.’

I listened to Robin Morgan and silently nodded my head. Intellectually, I knew she was right. But could I apply that challenge to myself?”

February 8, 1972

Wichita Eagle

KU 'Sisters' Request Child Centers for All

“In reference to their demands to a women’s health program, several Sisters said that women going to Watkins Hospital for a pelvic examination or birth control devises, did not have any assurances that they would be treated without ‘an insulting moral lecture’ or even treated at all.”

February 10, 1972

Lawrence Journal World

Women's Status Involved

2-10.

Mrs. Banks Declines Post

“Elizabeth Banks, assistant professor of classics and art history at Kansas University, said today she has declined an offer to fill a new position, created by Chancellor Lawrence Chalmers, designed to address itself to the concerns of university women.

Mrs. Banks helped present the university in talk with the February Sisters during the occupation of the East Asian Studies Center Friday night and Saturday morning, after having been offered the position by Chalmers.”

February 10, 1972

Lawrence Journal World

KU Moving to Form Care Center

“Wednesday night the sisters’ request for student senate funding of a center ran into opposition at a finance and audit committee meeting. The senators agreed to recommend against financing the described operations.”

February 10, 1972

Lawrence Journal World

Sisters Denied Day Care Funds

“The panel met for more than an hour Wednesday night with two representatives of the sisters, who identified themselves and Christine Leonard, a classified employee, and Judy Castle, a student.

In discussions with the women, and in deliberations after hearing their proposal and request for more than \$6,000 to finance a short-term operation which the women described as essentially ‘a cooperative baby-sitting establishment,’ the sensate group decided against suggesting money for the project.”

February 11, 1972

Salina Journal

Nonsense can be helpful

“The Sisters do not want equal rights. They want special rights, special courses for women, special positions for women in the administration, free baby sitting and free birth control information.”

February 16, 1972

Lawrence Journal World

Chalmers Concerned Over Women's Lib Assertion

“Chalmers called the seizure and overnight occupation of the East Asian Studies Center a week and a half ago, an ‘irregular and counterproductive act’ that could have an effect on the university’s budget, now being considered by the Kansas Senate Ways and Means Committee.

What concerns him most, he said, is that the occupation was chosen by the women rather than conversations with him, SenEx or the vice chancellors, all of whom, he noted ‘are quite accessible.’”

February 17, 1972

University Daily Kansan

February Sisters' History Related, Demands Probed

“Marilyn Stokstad, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, praised the group, ‘I’m proud of them. They didn’t want to damage anything and they were careful not to. I realize that it’s an illegal action, but we’ve been working within the system and have gotten no results. You can’t help admiring people who do it as long as they don’t damage anything.’”

University Archives, Spencer Research Library

February 17, 1972

Lawrence Journal World

Senate Tells 'Sisters' No

“Peter George, Lawrence Special student, questioned the advisability of providing funds to a group which had demonstrated its irresponsibility by occupying a university building. The initial public act of the sisters was to seize the East Asian Building.”

February 18, 1972

University Daily Kansan

Guest Comment

Sisters Criticize Kansan

“Kansan coverage of the February Sisters has been constantly biased, culminating Wednesday (Feb. 16) in Tom Slaughter’s editorial attacking the February Sisters as ‘gangsters and hoodlums,’ ‘criminals’ and accusing us of ‘philosophical bankruptcy,’ and being hypocritically committed to human rights.”

February 18, 1972

University Daily Kansan

Guest Comment

Sisters Criticize Kansan

“Contrary to popular misconceptions, the action of the February Sisters was warranted by the continual frustration by the administration of efforts to achieve equity for women on this campus. We have finally begun to see some action; it is our intent to continue to work for women’s liberation until we win.”

February 18, 1972

University Daily Kansan

Sisters Say 1,750
Will Sign Petition

2-18

“The Sisters had collected 1,250 signatures by Thursday afternoon on a petition urging the University to provide funds for a child care center for the KU community....”

February 22, 1972

University Daily Kansan

Watkins Staffs Clinic for Women

“One of the new policies put into practice Monday at the hospital was the stamping of the word ‘contraceptive’ on clinic registration slips. Lominska said this practice would allow women to see a doctor who would give examinations and prescribe birth control pills....Schwagler also said the policy at Watkins Hospital was that doctors treat the student as they would private patients, and a doctor’s response to birth control information would depend on his personal beliefs.”

February 23, 1972

Lawrence Journal World

KU Charges Filed Against
February ²⁻²³ Sisters Action

“The complaint against the unnamed women alleges that they broke the KU regulations in occupying they building, that they violated the code of *Students’ Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct* in several respects and that they use profane language in a threatening manner and behaved in a rude and challenging manner in violation of the *Code of Conduct* drafted by the Kansas Board of Regents.”

February 23, 1972

University Daily Kansan

Charge Filed on Sisters

Peter George, Lawrence special student, and the KU Ombudsman Office filed the complaint. Dave Dysart, Lawrence third-year law student and one of George's attorney's, said George had filed the complaint because he thought the women's actions might have set an unhealthy precedent for other groups at KU.

February 29, 1972

University Daily Kansan

**KU to Amend Complaint
Adding ²⁻²⁹ Sisters' Names**

“Dave Dysart, KU Ombudsman and Lawrence third-year law student, said Monday the manes would replace four or five of the 20 Jane Does listed in the original complaint. Dysart said it wasn't known whether the defendants named were actually in the building but said, ‘We have reason to believe that they have knowledge of who was in the building.’”

March 1, 1972

February Sisters Busy
Planning New Activities

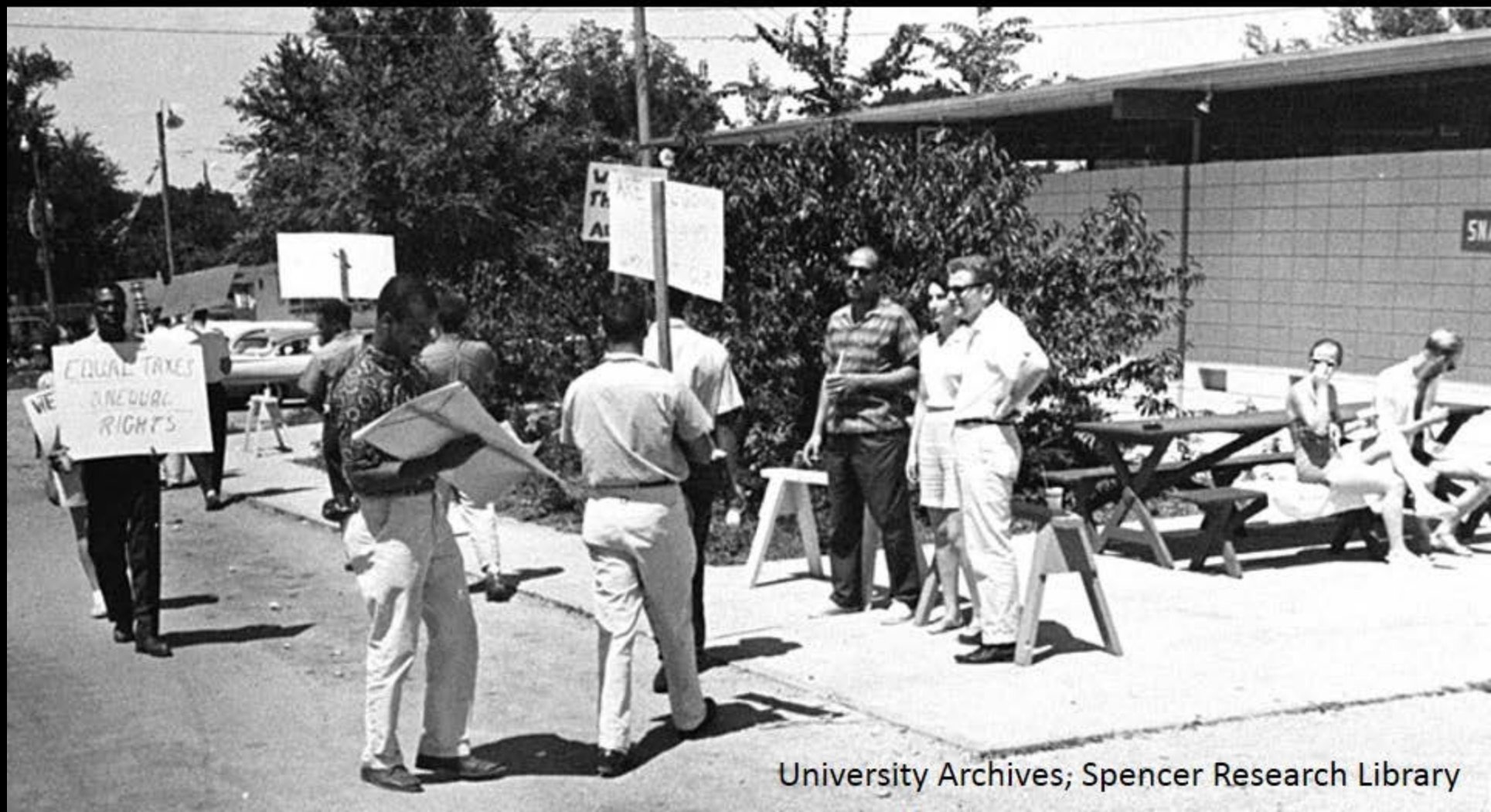
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“Progress has also been made on providing women’s health services. Four nurses at the student health center have been trained, and special information on contraception has been added to the health center from, so that women who want such information will be sent to certain doctors, Miss Bell said.

‘We sent some girls through last week on dry runs, though, and we found that the system isn’t working,’ Miss Bell said. ‘The girls were sent to the wrong doctors—doctors who morally didn’t believe in contraception and who were not sympathetic,’ she said.”

1960

Civil Rights, "Equal taxes, equal rights"



c. 1965

**Support student sit-ins, information booth
Jayhawk Blvd.**



1967

Peace Marathon marchers



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November 10, 1968

Anti-war funeral march



November 10, 1968

Anti-war funeral march



1968

Martin Luther King march



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1968

“Stop the War” graffiti



1968

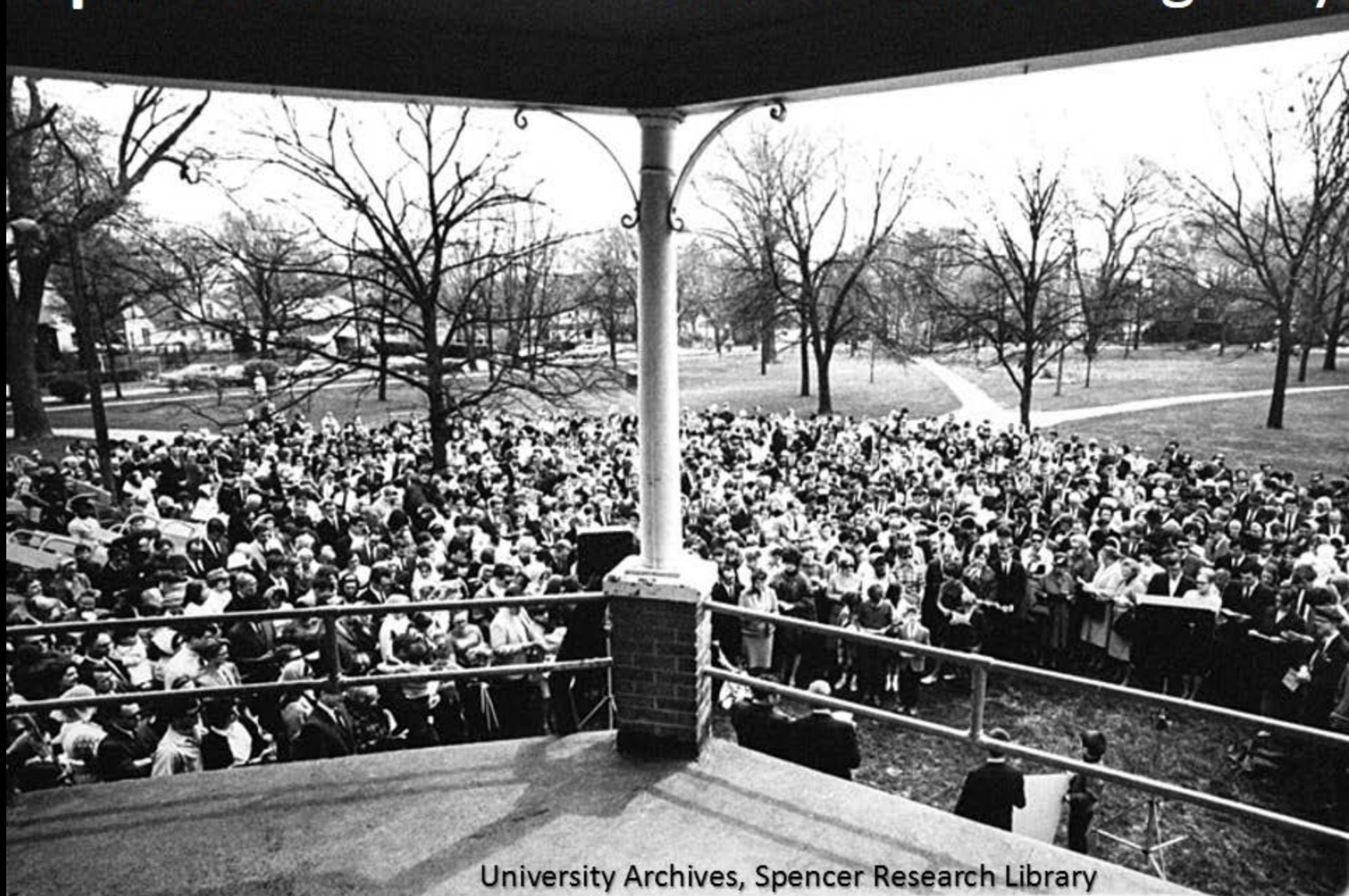
Vietnam protest from Strong Hall steps



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April 1968

Martin Luther King rally



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February 1969

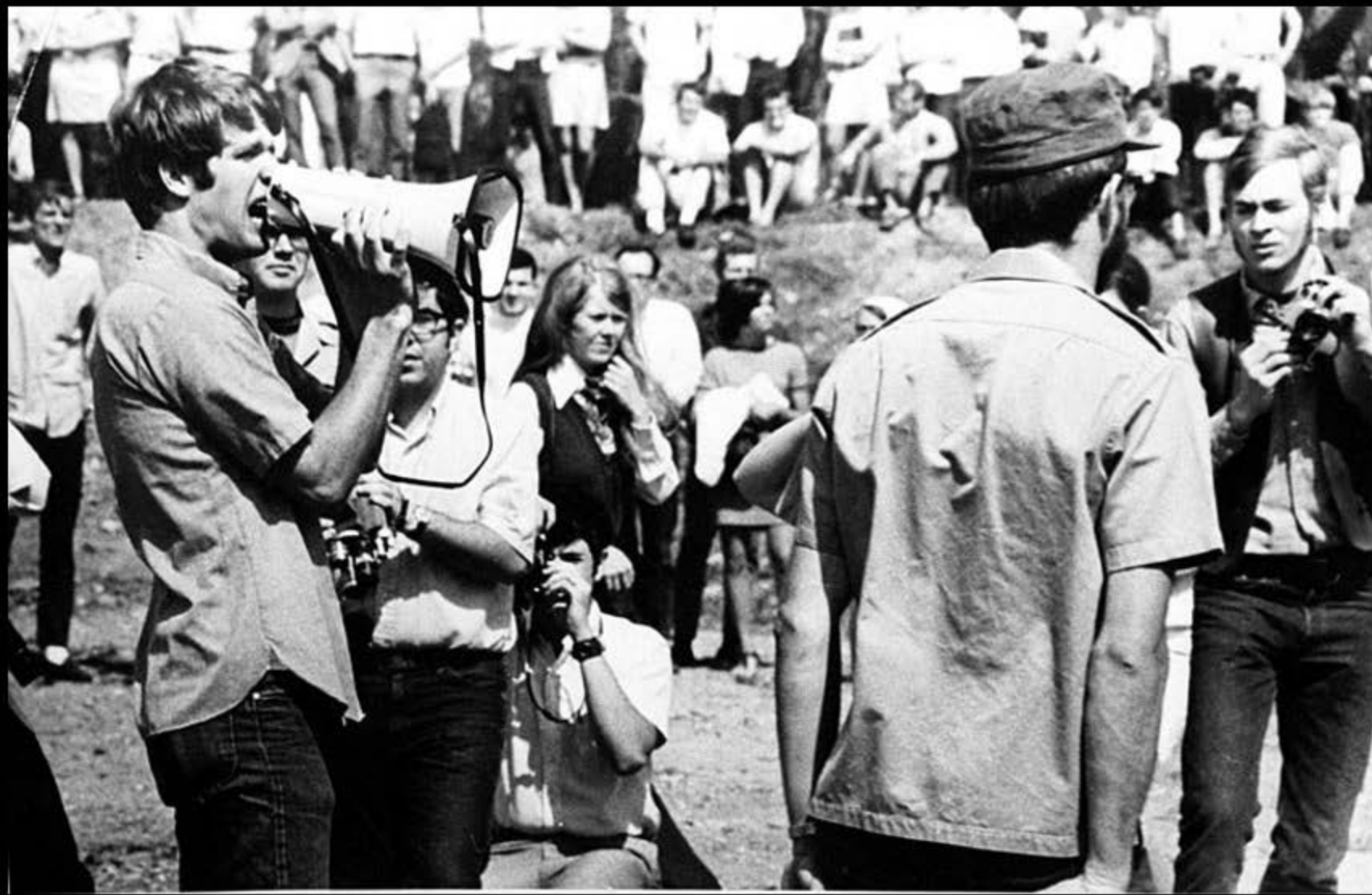
Four sisters



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May 1969

ROTC demonstration



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October 15, 1969

National Vietnam Moratorium Day



October 15, 1969
National Vietnam
Moratorium Day



November 1969

“Patriots for Peace Now”



1969

Crosses in front of Strong Hall



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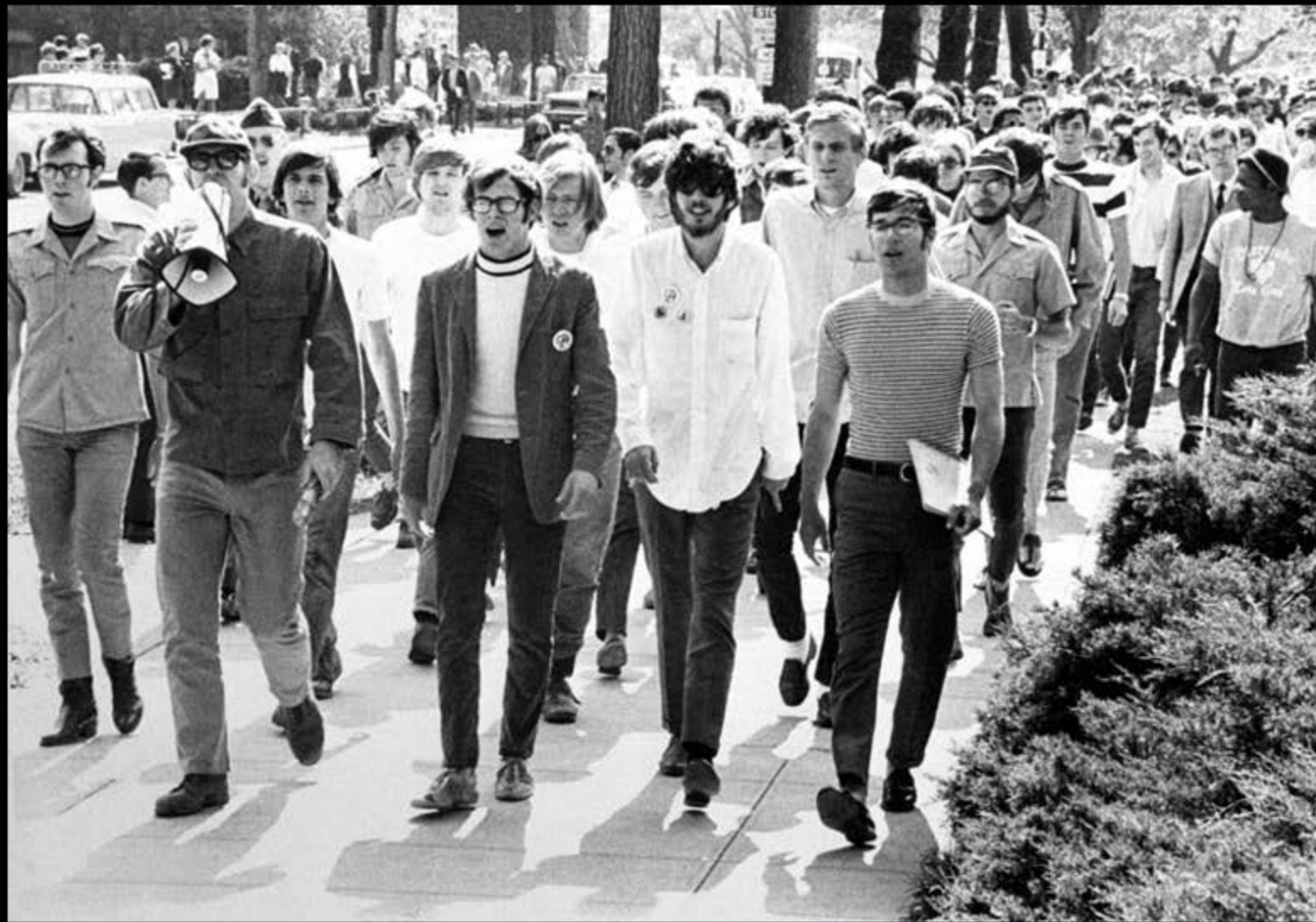
1969

“Kill for Peace?”



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1969 Anti-Vietnam march on Jayhawk Blvd.



February 23, 1970

Black Student Union Protest

Men pull copies of the UDK out of Potter pond



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April 20, 1970

Memorial Union fire



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April 20, 1970

Memorial Union fire



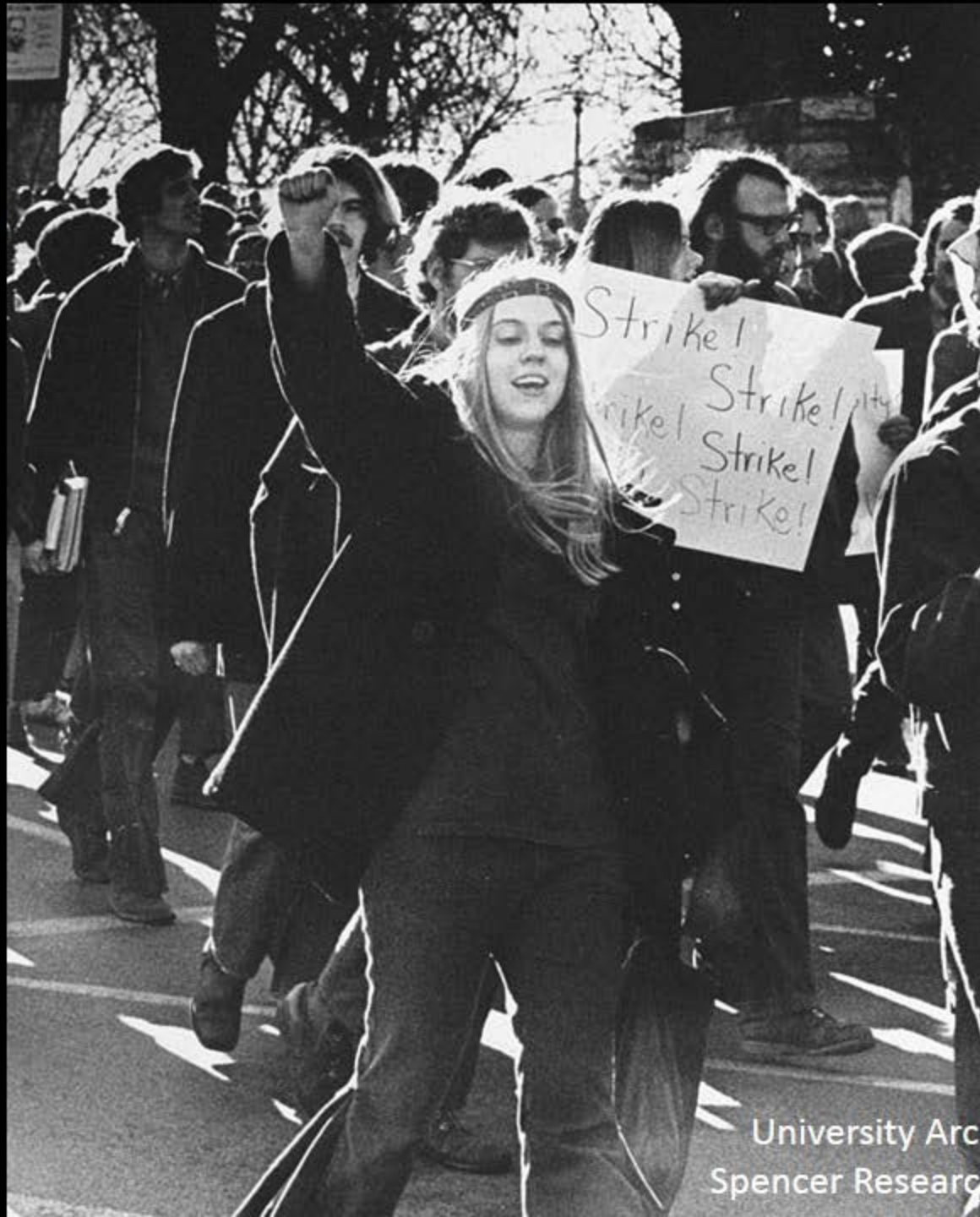
April 24, 1970

Aftermath of Union fire



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April 1970
Strike March



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April 1970

Civil rights – high school students



April 1970
National Guard arrives



May 8, 1970

Day of Alternatives

Chancellor Chalmers with students at Memorial Stadium



May 1970

Chancellor Chalmers with Black Student Union



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May 8, 1970

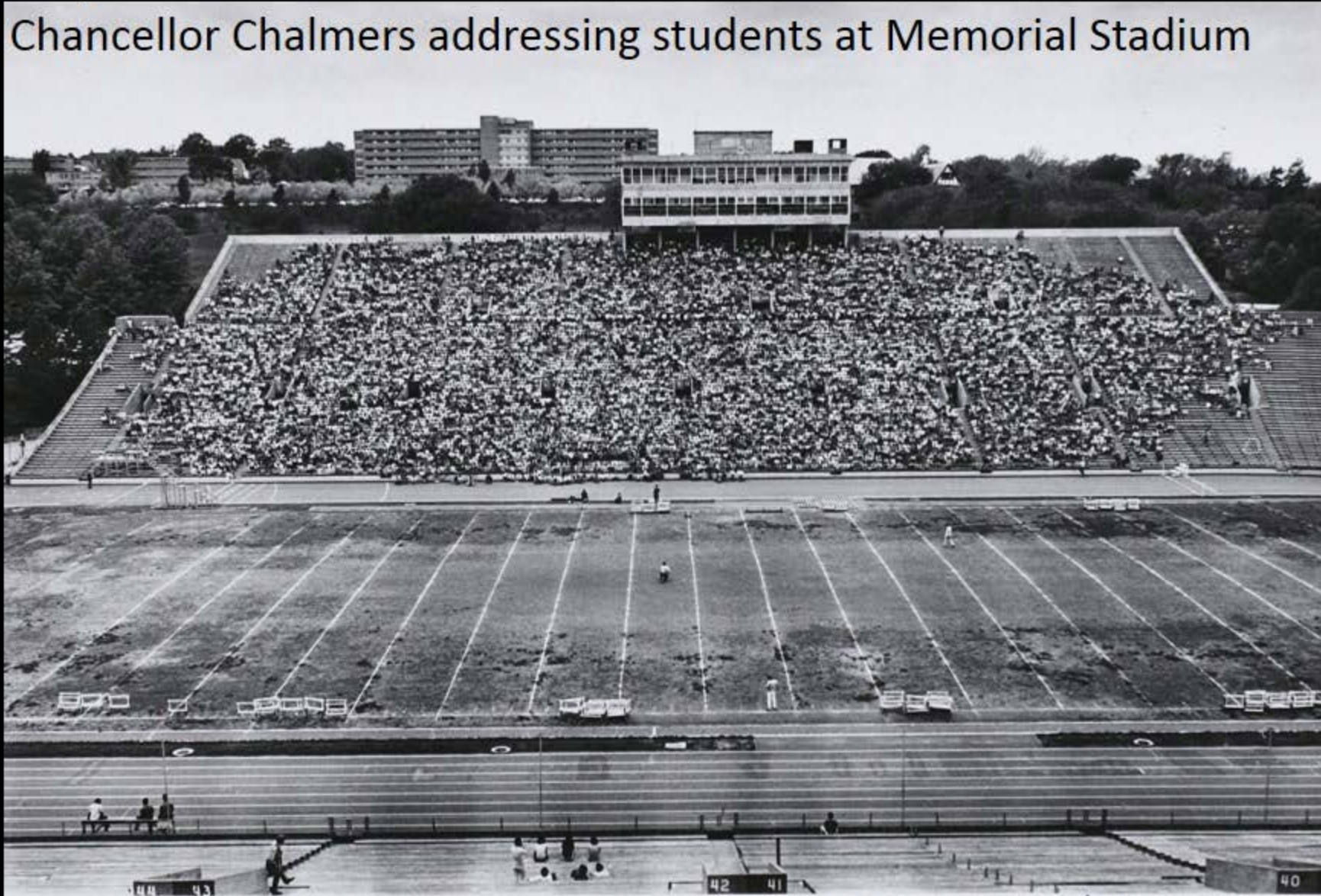
Day of alternatives – sidewalk with spray painted sign “STRIKE! MAY 8”



May 8, 1970

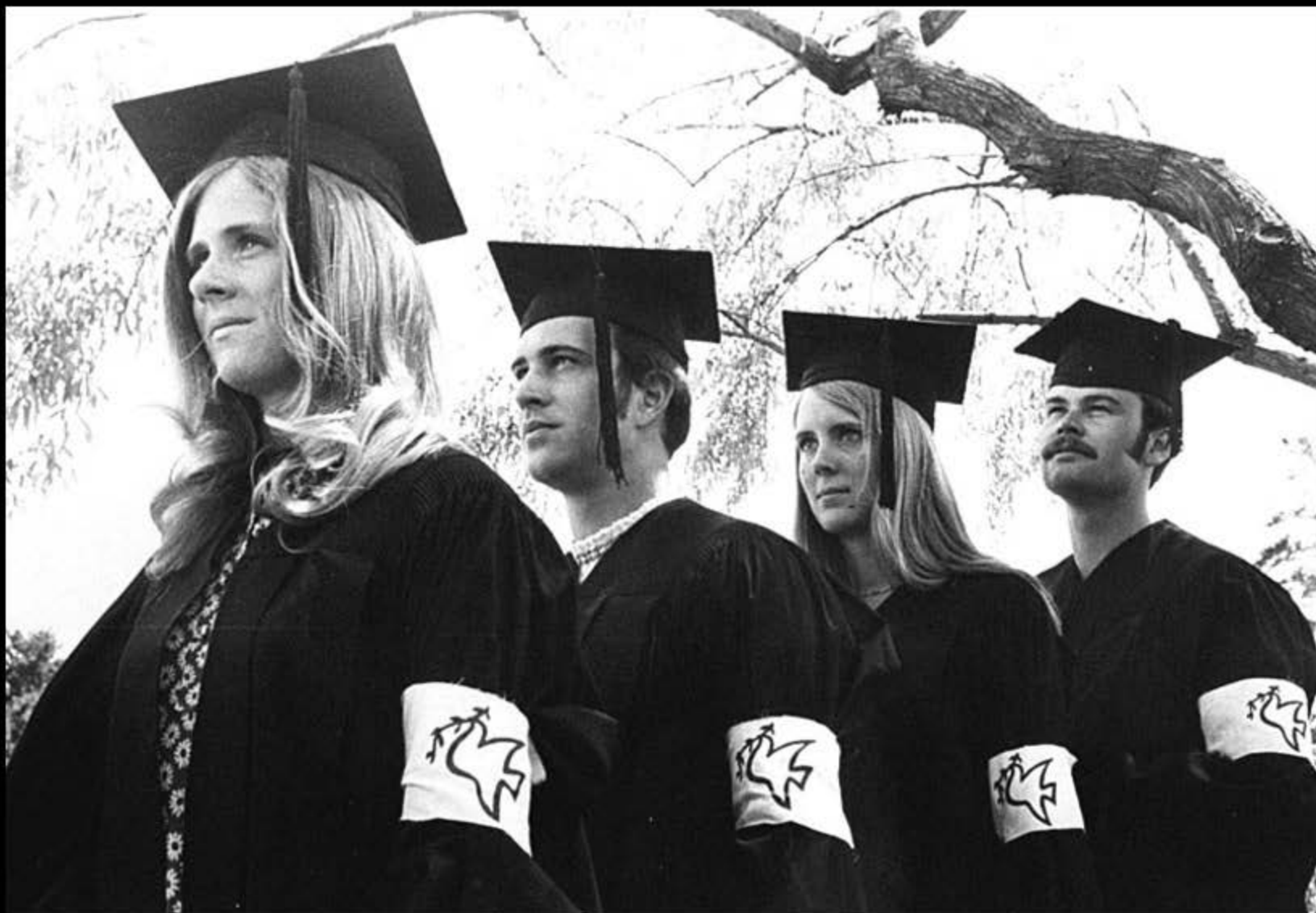
Day of Alternatives

Chancellor Chalmers addressing students at Memorial Stadium



May 1970

Graduation armbands



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May 1970

**Peace Demonstration at
Kansas Relays on Campanile
hill**



May 1970

Attorney General Vern Miller and police



Summer of 1970

Attorney General Vern Miller with Highway Patrol and students



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Summer of 1970

Line of police officers with night sticks



Summer of 1970

Two policemen with 2 students;
policeman handcuffing one of
the students



Summer of 1970
Police frisk a protester



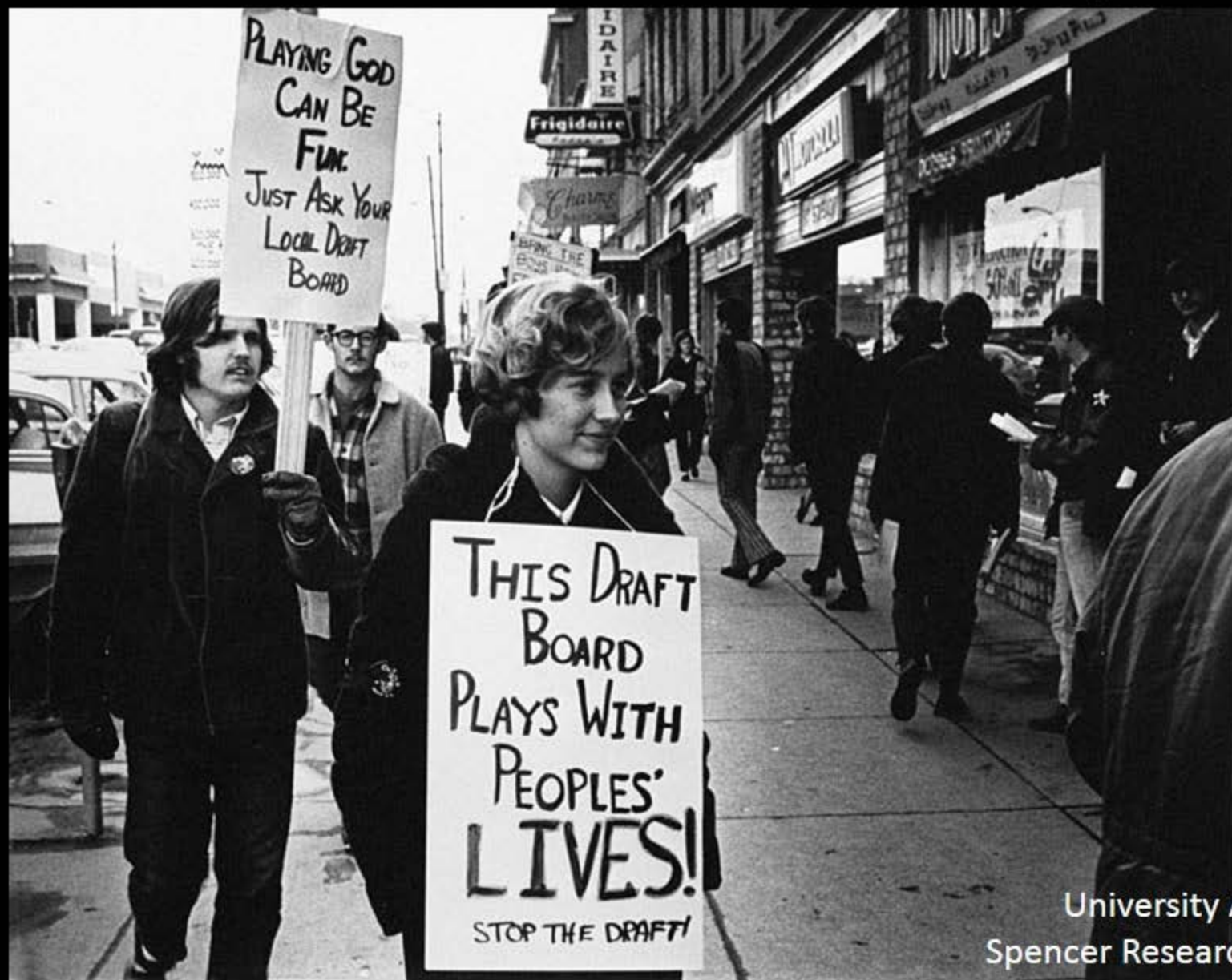
July 23, 1970
Rick Dowdell Funeral



(LAN2) LAWRENCE, Kan., July 23--SERVICES FOR SLAIN YOUTH--The casket of Donald Rick Dowdell, 19, is carried from the church after services Thursday. Dowdell was fatally shot by police after a car chase just a week ago. The shooting has resulted in several confrontations with Lawrence police. (AP Wirephoto)(wps51530stf/wps)1970

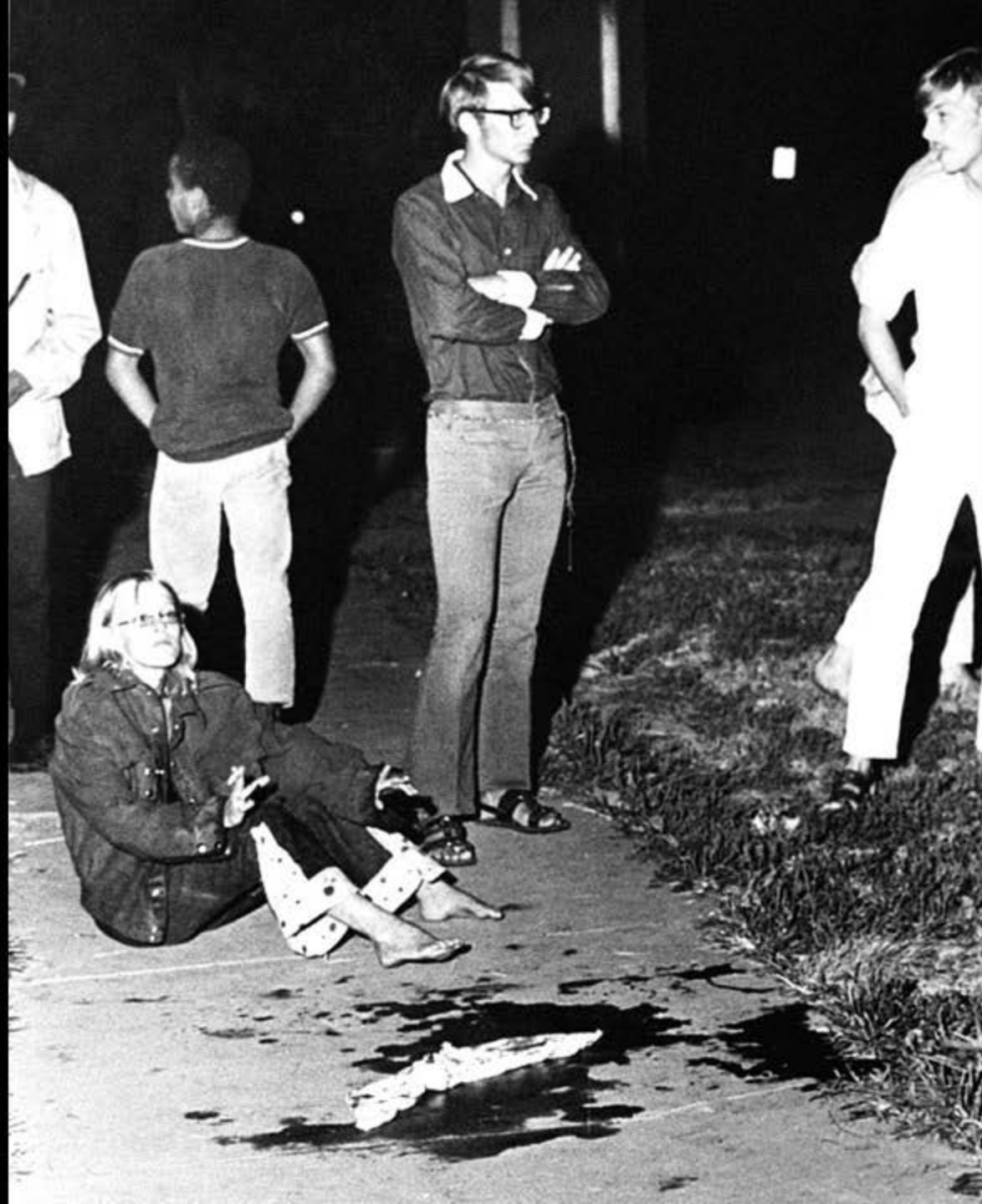
1970

Anti-draft picket



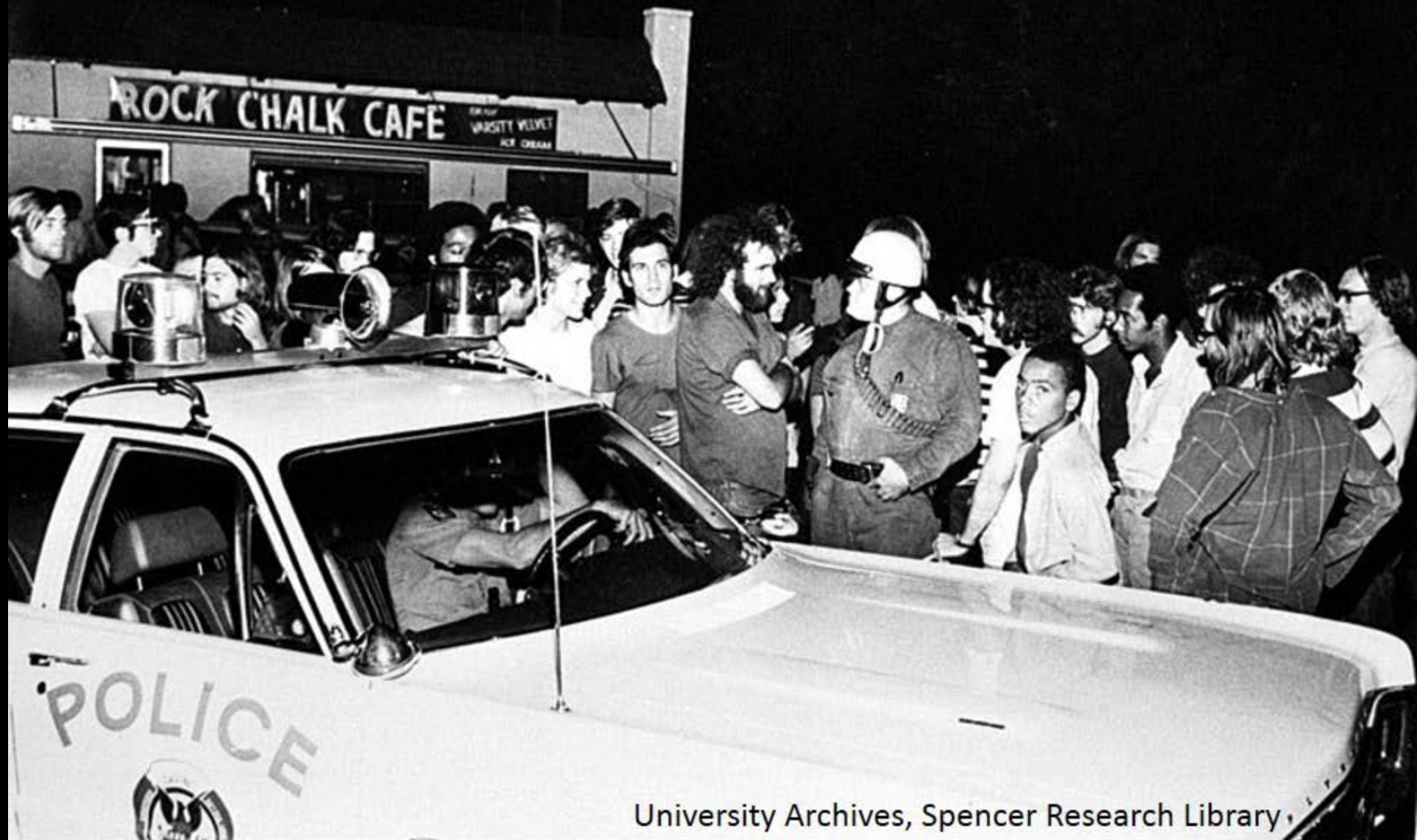
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1970
Nick Rice
site of death



1970

Rock Chalk cafe, night Nick Rice killed



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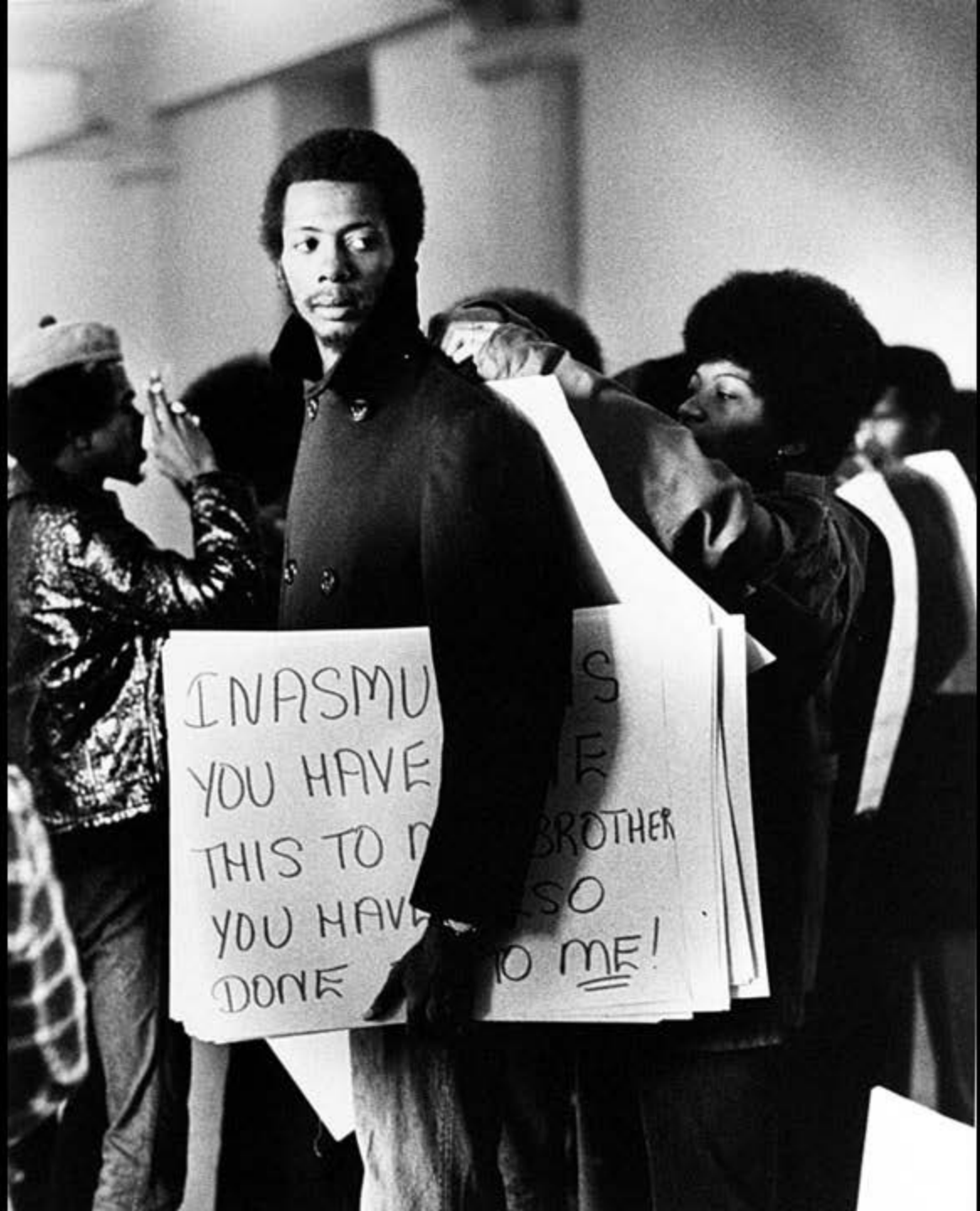
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Ron Washington & Tim Dowdell



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Ron Washington



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Civil Rights march



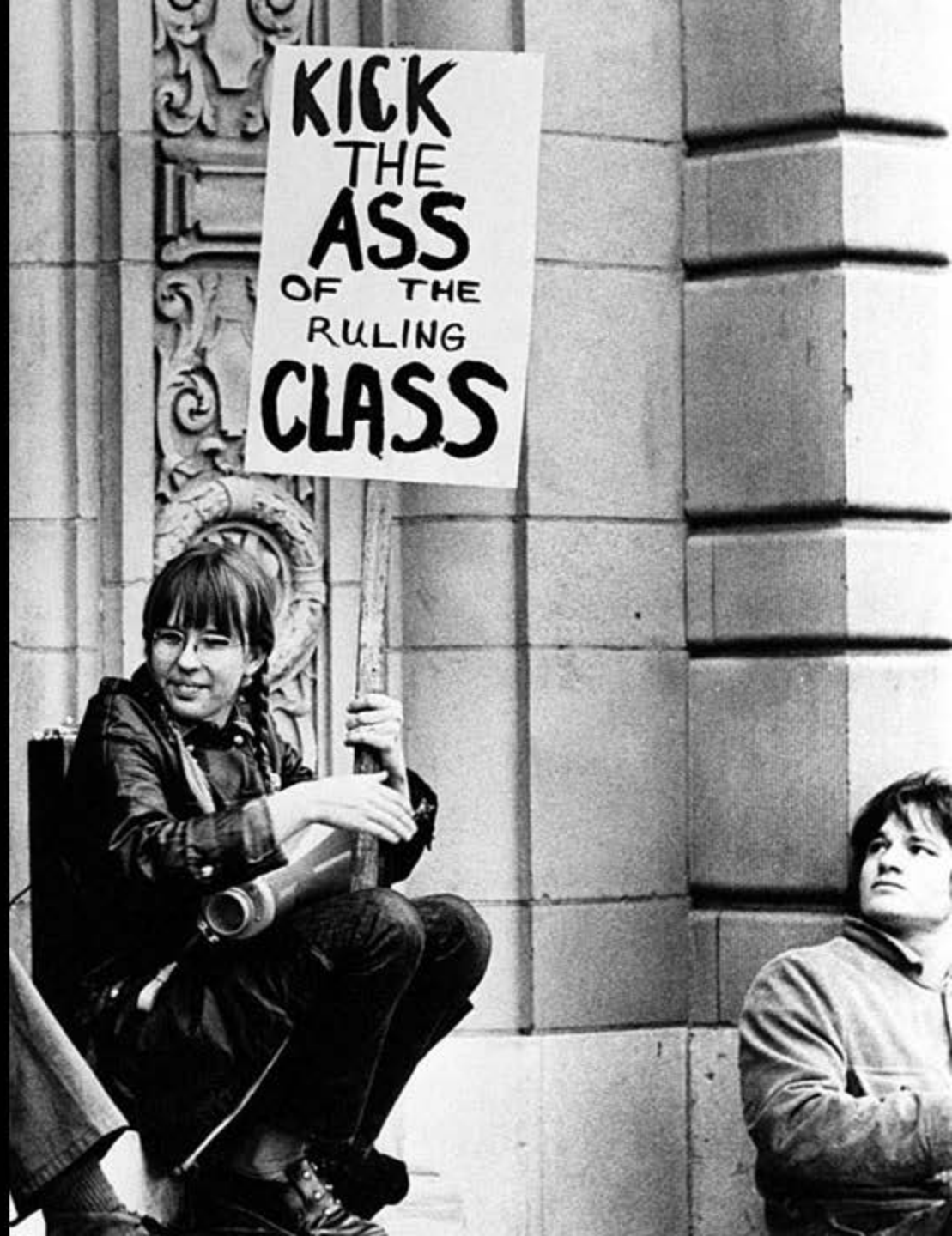
February 28, 1971



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1972

**February Sisters press
conference**

**Christine Leonard (Smith)
speaks for childcare**



1972

Christine Leonard (Smith)



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