

Rockefeller U. Campus Dispute Gentle

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Political activism has flared at Rockefeller University here without igniting the turmoil that has been troubling many other campuses throughout the city and nation.

"There tends to be more reason behind the activities," according to Dr. Frederick Seitz, president of the prestigious scientific institution, which overlooks the East River between 62d and 68th Streets.

Peace placards, mass meetings, vigils and petitions appeared this week amid the campus's 15 acres of austere modern structures, old ivy-covered buildings, stately sycamores and colorful tulips.

Noting that the university's enrollment was limited to a small, select, mature group of graduate students, Dr. Seitz explained yesterday that most of them represented "the great middle ground who want things done through democratic process."

"I hope we can get our local Congressman, Edward Koch, to come on campus to meet with our young people and give them advice on how they can proceed," Dr. Seitz said in his spacious, contemporary, paneled office adorned with signed lithographs by Picasso, Singer and other moderns.

Concern Is Expressed

Some younger faculty members and university employees have joined students in expressing concern over the expansion of warfare into Cambodia and the use of armed troops to contain campus dissent at home.

A crowd of 300, roughly 20 per cent of the university community, gathered on a grassy mall outside the administration building Monday afternoon to hear members of the board of trustees, including David Rockefeller, the board chairman.

Mr. Rockefeller, appearing in shirtsleeves in the spring sunshine, told the gathering that he welcomed individual concern

with public issues. He said that the university's board of trustees would be expanded to include two younger members drawn from the faculty and alumni.

The Monday meeting was part of an all-day program, characterized by some participants as a strike, that resulted from an earlier mass meeting at which Mr. Rockefeller was asked to address the dissenters.

By a vote of 476 to 40, a campus plebiscite urged the university to vote its 63,000 shares of General Motors stock for a consumer proposal promoted by Ralph Nader, but the trustees decided to abstain in the proxy vote on the ground that the issue had become political.

Turning to the war protest, the board of trustees issued a statement that each member "joins with all those in the university community who have expressed strong hopes for an early peace in Southeast Asia."