

Court Tells U. of Miami to Open After 2 Students Contest Closing

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CORAL GABLES, Fla., May 10—An unusual University of Miami law class was held here today after a court ordered suspended university classes resumed immediately.

In a ruling that law experts said could have repercussions elsewhere, Miami Circuit Court Judge Henry L. Balaban yesterday ordered the university to open "forthwith," agreeing with "the right of students to keep their school open" despite campus unrest.

Last Thursday, after two days of student disturbances over American action in Cambodia and the Kent State killings, the university's president, Henry King Stanford, ordered classes suspended until tomorrow.

The same day, two law students, George A. Kokus and Arthur N. Cohen, asked Judge Balaban for a court order to resume classes, complaining that Dr. Stanford's action had affected their "contractual rights with the university."

At a preliminary hearing, Friday, the judge ruled in favor of the petitioners. Yesterday, after three hours of testimony, he issued his order.

3-Hour Class

A three-hour class on United States constitutional law, scheduled for yesterday, was held this morning at the home of Prof. Clifford Alloway rather than at the law school to avoid possible confrontation with student militants.

"My students really needed that class for their final exams,

so I can appreciate how they feel," Dr. Alloway said.

"As many students, I am very much concerned about the situation in Cambodia and the death of the four Kent State students, which are very grave matters," said Mr. Kokus, who was one of 40 law students at today's class.

"If some protesting students don't want to go to classes, that's fine," the 26-year-old senior said, "but I don't feel I have to be deprived of my right to an education because of protests."

According to Mr. Cohen, the main purpose of his legal action was to "let the students in the country know that they have the right to dissent as well as the right to dissent from dissent."

Mr. Choen, 37, was born in New York. Although a full-time student, he is a physician.

Both petitioners described themselves as "philosophically" Republicans and said they had voted for President Nixon in the 1968 election. They said they would like to receive postcards from students and lawyers interested in their action.