

Denied Hall, Georgetown Students Set Street Event

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A group of Georgetown University Law Center students said yesterday it plans to hold its own ceremonies in the street Friday while Chief Justice Warren E. Burger addressed an official dedication of the school's new campus.

The Chief Justice was invited to the formal event some months ago, but since then some students have decided Burger is not an appropriate choice to dedicate the \$11.3 million complex, located at 600 New Jersey Ave. NW.

What crystalized such opposition, according to Al Ross, president of the Student Bar Association, was Burger's criticisms in July of those young people who enter law school on the theory that they can change the world by litigation in the courts."

As a result of that statement, Ross, 24, and other law students applied for permission to hold a general discussion on the role of law education in today's society. The students reserved the school's moot courtroom and invited Chicago Seven attorney Williams Kunstler and Arthur Kinoy, to participate.

Marion Barry, a director of Pride, Inc., a self-help program for blacks, and Catherine Roraback, an attorney at the New Haven, Conn. Black Panther trial, were also invited. Ross said all four plan to attend.

Georgetown officials at first gave the students the go-ahead for their program, but rescinded permission last week



WILLIAM KUNSTLER
... chosen by dissidents



WARREN BURGER
... choice of school

when, according to Assistant Dean Roy Schotland, "it became clear that what was planned was a counter-dedication and an attack on the chief justice."

Schotland said the refusal of a campus facility "had nothing to do with who the speakers are," but some students, including a group that supports the school's position,

have implied that the initial opposition to a counter-demonstration came from Burger himself.

When the school forbade the use of a campus facility, the student group applied to the District police for a street rally permit near the law center on either G or F Streets NW.

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The police have not yet acted on the request, but already the students and the administration have disagreed over provisions for traffic flow.

School officials want to keep one lane open for cars because they say the expected 1,300 guests at the dedication are unfamiliar with the area.

Students say a lane of traffic would disrupt their own ceremonies, but a school official said police will require streets around the center to be partially open before they grant the permit.

Ross said that, with or without police and school permission the rally will be held.

Ross, who is one of four students negotiating with the school, charged that Dean Adrian S. Fisher told faculty members last Friday that the Chief Justice had expressed reluctance about addressing ceremonies that might be disrupted by a competing event on the 1,800-student campus.

Charge Unanswered

Fisher refused to answer the charge and instead referred newsmen to Burger's office.

A spokesman for the Chief Justice yesterday denied interference by Burger, saying, "There's nothing to it that I know of."

However, a statement released by students who support Burger's appearance said he "has exercised his prerogative" in requesting that remarks pertinent to a dedication not be placed in an environment of unstructured debate."

These students, members of the Georgetown Law Journal, the Barristers' Council and the Law and Policy publication and several law fraternities urged that counter ceremonies be held on another day.