

# Princeton's New Militants 'Intervene' in House Race

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NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., —Every day they drive up here from Princeton University—60, 70 and sometimes 100 newly militant students in clean shirts, neckties and slacks to do volunteer work for an antiwar Congressional candidate.

Their hair is neat and looks freshly trimmed. Most of them canvass door-to-door for their candidate and many have made a good impression on the voting residents of Middlesex County, where confusion over student strikes and the war in Southeast Asia is as high as in other parts of the country.

These are rebellious college students, pushed into the world of politics by anger at President Nixon's decision to send United States troops into Cambodia and shock at the killing of four Kent State University students by the Ohio National Guard.

Three weeks ago, these were uncommitted students, interested primarily in their fields of study — chemistry, engineering, psychology, economy and the like — in semester-end parties and in summer vacation. Today, describing themselves as "moderate liberals," they are pushing doorbells for peace.

More than 1,000 Princeton students are now engaged in working for antiwar candidates as part of the Movement for a New Congress, an idea that developed at Princeton within a few hours after President Nixon announced the move into Cambodia. The plan has now spread to about 300 college campuses.

The objective of the movement is the "systematic intervention" in Congressional races in districts where antiwar candidates are challenging incumbents who have tended to go along with the Johnson and Nixon Administrations on the war in Vietnam.

Here in New Brunswick, the Princetonians, aided by students from such nearby schools as Rutgers, Drew, Upsala and Middlesex, have enlisted in the campaign of Lewis Kaden, a 28-year-old lawyer, who is seeking the 15th Congressional District Democratic primary nomination against Representative Edward J. Patten, a veteran of eight years in Congress.

"These students have been a shot in the arm, they've been tremendous," said Mr. Kaden at his headquarters on the ground floor of a vacant downtown hotel. "Already they've reached about a quarter of the homes in the district. By the June 2 primary we hope to call on every voter at least twice."

George Bustin, a Princeton senior from Woodbridge, N. J., who is coordinating the student effort, said that a few young people from "the revisionist branch of Students for a Democratic Society are also helping out."

"They frankly admitted that with their long hair and beards, they'd be no good in house-to-house canvassing, so they've been doing inside telephone work," Mr. Bustin said. "And they're really great—very personable and convincing."

Out on Smith Street between Commercial and Rahway Avenues in the working-class community of Avenel in Woodbridge Township, four Princeton students were talking to housewives and to the few men they found at home.

"In the five days I've been working, I've met no hostile people," said Joseph Verbalis, a

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20-year-old junior from Plymouth, Pa., majoring in chemistry. "Oh, some have said 'we're not interested' and closed the door on me, but there hasn't been any overt anger."

"I met one guy who said that 'they,' meaning the students, were going to run the hammer and sickle up the V.F.W. flag pole," said Joseph Lincoln, 21, of Melrose Park, Pa., a senior majoring in history. "I think I convinced him that wasn't our idea at all."

"What an area like this really needs is the Women's Liberation Movement," Mr. Verbalis said. "Some of these housewives say things like 'my husband votes in the primary—he follows things like this and I don't.'"

Donald Paxton, 21, of Scottsdale, Ariz., a junior studying psychology, said that some people had mentioned their opposition to student upheavals. "I try to point out that I'm trying to work within the system," he said. "They understand this and it soothes their fears."

"One depressing thing happened to a friend of mine, a religion student," Mr. Verbalis said. "He was talking to a woman about the Vietnam war and she said, 'my son was in Vietnam and he's back unharmed so it's not my problem anymore.'"

"My friend was so astounded and shocked," he concluded, "that he just walked away from her door without arguing. You just can't fight that kind of an attitude."



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**Donald Paxton, a 21-year-old Princeton junior from Arizona, canvassing, as he tells people, "within the system."**