**Class of 1970**

**Our Dickinson Odyssey**

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| Date | Reported Event |
| 9/14/66 | Class of 1970 matriculates at Dickinson with 393 members. ODK / Wheel and Chain hold program to “instruct the Class of ’70 in their freshman duties.” |
| 9/23/66 | ODK / Wheel and Chain take Class of ’70 off Freshman Rules. “Hat snatching” ends. |
| 10/4/66 | IFC presents “The Fantasticks” at Carlisle High School (Tickets $3.00). |
| 10/7/66 | Jay and the Americans give Homecoming concert in place of the Four Tops. |
| 11/7/66 | Almost 1000 students march to Old West to protest the proposed design of new dorms (ultimately Kisner-Woodward) following an editorial in the Dickinsonian by Prof. John Cutler. Many men dress in coats and ties; women in dresses. March ended at steps of Old West where faculty meeting being held and demands presented to President Rubendall. March ends with singing of alma mater. |
| 11/11/66 | Student protest led by Raven’s Claw outside Old West and the President’s House regarding faculty decision to forbid rushing activities and for greater relaxation of social rules. |
| 12/9/66 | Faculty passes resolution requiring all organizations at Dickinson to file a statement that the organization does not discriminate on basis of race, religious creed, color, ancestry or national origin. |
| 1/13/67 | Partially in response to fall 1966 student demonstrations, faculty adopts reading period prior to exams for first time to begin in May, 1967. |
| 2/10/67 | Faculty/student fast in Dining Hall protesting war in Vietnam organized by Professors Ralph Slotten, Heber Harper and Herbert Royce along with group of students / counter demonstration in Dining Hall consists of large rocket with South Vietnam flag draped over it. |
| 2/10/67 | Media announcement of College’s first “computer center” in South College. |
| 2/18/67 | Some Class of ’70 women pledge sororities. |
| 2/24/67 | Epidemic of viral respiratory infections sends more than 1,000 students to Health Center and, although doctors suggest cancelling classes for several days to address the situation, College declines to interrupt class schedules because class cancellation was not believed to be effective in containing the spread of the virus. |
| 2/24/67 | Prof. Larry Warner writes Dickinsonian column proposing that Cultural Affairs program of the College be broadened to include jazz and folk music, noting that most Dickinson students “don’t come from family backgrounds where concert and theater going are routine parts of life.” |
| 2/25/67 | Some men in class of ’70 pledge fraternities. |
| 2/25/67 | Night of fraternity pledging results in alleged excessive drinking in fraternity houses with major food fight in Dining Hall. Administration bans social activities until May. Student Senate and IFC challenge ban. Ban rescinded and discussions among administrators, faculty and students begin. Four fraternities placed on social probation and two paid a $100 fine. |
| 3/10/67 | Students meet to demand student input into curriculum and course distribution requirements. Meeting in Social Hall also adopts resolution challenging any forwarding of class standing or grades to Select Service boards. |
| 3/17/67 | College announces Spahr Library is on schedule to open in fall of 1967 with “special” features of all-night reading room and air conditioning. |
| 3/17/67 | Dickinson Follies presents “Damn Yankees.” |
| 4/7/67 | Students and faculty push for “Jan Plan” to open January for flexible study programs. Faculty defers action on Pass/Fail proposal for some courses. |
| 4/21/67 | Brothers Four in concert called Dickinson crowd “most rude and least sensitive that they ever encountered.” |
| 5/6/67 | Student Senate Orientation Committee replaces “hootenanny” with movie “Black Like Me” for freshman orientation. |
| 5/6/67 | College schedules presentation of bust of Roger Brooke Taney. |
| 5/6/67 | Committee on Peace holds meeting with “large attendance” to discuss actions at Dickinson in opposition to the Vietnam war. |
| 5/12/67 | The Impressions and the Drifters perform for IFC Weekend. |
| 5/12/67 | College announces review of relationship with Methodist Church. |
| 9/23/67 | Header for Faculty column in Dickinsonian no longer features an automatic weapon. |
| 9/30/67 | Chuck Strum writes column in the Dickinsonian challenging lack of change at Dickinson. |
| 10/4/67 | Alpha Delta Epsilon forms and replaces Phi Mu as College sorority. |
| 10/4/67 | College announces return of folk art Mermaid stolen from cupola on Old West. |
| 10/12/67 | Book Walk by 1,000 students, faculty and college personnel transfers 100,000 books from Bosler Hall to Spahr Library in 7.5 hours. |
| 10/13/67 | Vienna Symphony Orchestra kicks off Cultural Affairs season in Carlisle High School gymnasium. |
| 10/14/67 | Open Door coffee house opens in Union Building. |
| 10/22/67 | Dickinson delegation joins National Mobilization Committee peace march in Washington. |
| 10/27/67 | ROTC Military Ball and Peace Center love-in held on same night. |
| 11/3/67 | Students for a Democratic Society (“SDS”) organizes at Dickinson. |
| 11/3/67 | The Seekers perform for Homecoming weekend (Tickets $1.50). |
| 11/17/67 | Dave Brubeck Quartet, part of the Cultural Affairs program, performs at Carlisle High School Gymnasium. |
| 11/17/67 | United Telephone Company of Carlisle proposes private telephone in each dorm room. |
| 12/1/67 | Dickinsonian poll shows Nelson Rockefeller will defeat Lyndon Johnson for the Presidency of the U.S. |
| 12/1/67 | Prof. Ralph Slotten becomes advisor for conscientious objectors to the draft at Dickinson. |
| 12/8/67 | Dickinsonian poll finds 65% of students favor increase in activity in Vietnam war versus 35% who favored decrease. |
| 12/15/67 | Dickinsonian reports that after two white hats entered Witwer Hall during restricted hours, all women in the hall would be placed on social probation. |
| 1/5/68 | Dickinsonian reviews both Bonnie and Clyde and The Graduate. |
| 2/2/68 | Magnificent Men and Twila Howard and the Showmen give concert in Alumni Gymnasium (Tickets $2.00). |
| 2/4/68 | Peter Jennings opens Public Affairs Symposium “The Eye That Never Blinks” followed by David Susskind. |
| 2/9/68 | College announces plans for construction of Kisner-Woodward Hall. |
| 2/9/68 | WDCV announces new revitalized format and content. |
| 2/23/68 | Julie Pringle selected to compete in “Best Dressed Co-Eds” competition sponsored by Glamour Magazine. |
| 3/1/68 | Dickinsonian editorial warns that state and federal authorities may take action with respect to illegal drugs on campuses. |
| 3/5/68 | Poet W. H. Auden receives College Arts Award. |
| 3/8/68 | Dickinsonian runs article on mystery of “little white building” beside South College. |
| 3/15/68 | After closed door meeting between College administrators, editor of Dickinsonian and officials from the federal Agency for International Development, Dickinsonian announces that the “little white building” is a special “standby station” for AID personnel in the event of national emergency. |
| 3/15/68 | Ray Jones begins series on Selective Service in Dickinsonian. |
| 3/20/68 | Cultural Affairs presents folk duo Ian and Sylvia. |
| 3/30/68 | Drinkinsonian reports “virus epidemic overcomes students.” |
| 4/4/68 | News of assassination of Martin Luther King results in civil unrest across nation, including Harrisburg and Carlisle. |
| 4/5/68 | Students protest administration plan to replace food service director with national firm. |
| 4/5/68 | Dickinson Follies presents “Kiss Me Kate.” |
| 4/8/68 | Special edition of Dickinsonian reports on assassination of Martin Luther King. |
| 4/8/68 | Explosion seriously damages Kappa Sigma house. |
| 4/19/68 | Dickinson group of faculty, students and citizens reported formed to advance candidacy of Eugene McCarthy for President. |
| 4/19/68 | Sam performs without Dave. |
| 5/1/68 | Dickinson mock convention nominates John Lindsey for President. |
| 5/2/68 | Mermaid Players present “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.” |
| 5/10/68 | Afro-American organizations petition Student Senate to increase allocation of funds from $400 to $5,000 to pursue “liberation in the context of the Black American experience.” |
| 5/10/68 | Open Door coffee house closes in Union Building. |
| 5/10/68 | Billy Stewart and the Capitols appear in concert (tickets are $2.00). |
| 5/15/68 | Jesse Owens addresses D-Club Awards dinner. |
| 6/6/68 | Robert Kennedy assassinated. |
| 6/21/68 | United Telephone agrees that credit cards can be used for long distance calls on College telephones. |
| 8/2/68 | Dickinsonian reports that “Dickinson coeds” oppose papal birth control rulings. |
| 9/14/68 | Guest editorial in Dickinsonian by Prof. Ralph Sandler denounces police tactics at Democratic National Convention. |
| 9/16/68 | Motion to have Dickinson fraternities show that they “are not obligated or restricted by any structure which serves to prohibit them from exercising in their pledging or initiation procedures the ideals of a liberal institution” is tabled by IFC, and subsequently passed in later meeting. |
| 9/20/68 | Dickinson SDS announces plan to develop “radical political consciousness.” |
| 10/9/68 | Dickinson SDS pickets opening of George Wallace for President campaign in Cumberland County. |
| 10/18/68 | WIC suspends curfew for Dickinson women for one night to attend Dickinson Film Society movie marathon. |
| 10/25/68 | Dickinson SDS holds protest against ROTC on campus. |
| 11/22/68 | Cultural Affairs presents Nina Simone in concert. |
| 12/6/68 | Faculty expresses disappointment with placement of new auditorium behind library. |
| 12/6/68 | Dickinsonian contains full-page ad by IBM headlined “IBM invites you to join an infant industry.” |
| 12/10/68 | Student Senate passes resolution calling for study of alternatives to the fraternity system. |
| 12/10/68 | Judy Collins completes perfect record for not appearing at Dickinson. |
| 12/13/68 | Dickinsonian reports “Afro-American students” were beginning “Discovery Week” to demonstrate “racist” aspects of College administration. |
| 12/13/68 | The Happenings and Patti Labelle with the Blue Belles appear in concert. |
| 12/15/68 | Student Mobilization Committee forms to protest academic and social rules and holds protest on steps of Old West. |
| 2/14/69 | Prof. Ralph Sandler announces his opposition to the grading system. |
| 2/14/69 | WIC proposes changes to women’s curfew system to card keys and later hours. |
| 2/14/69 | Tom Paxton in concert closes Public Affairs Symposium titled “Dissent.” |
| 2/21/69 | College announces Kisner-Woodward would be co-educational residential dormitory. |
| 3/5/69 | Dickinson convenes Declare Day, based on College General Assembly model, to address key academic and social issues. |
| 3/10/69 | Student Senate adopts resolutions confirming new “judicial review” and “student rights and freedom of students” for submission to the College faculty. |
| 4/1/69 | Linus Pauling receives Priestley Award and participates in informal discussions on campus. |
| 4/12/69 | Four Dickinson students arrested by local police resulting in picketing of Carlisle Municipal Building by students and meetings on local police practices in the Social Hall. |
| 8/15-8/19/69 | Woodstock. |
| 8/21/69 | Outer front wall of East College collapses during renovation; rebuilding pledged by College. |
| 9/19/69 | Tom Rush concert. |
| 10/10/69 | Student Mobilization Committee finalizes plans for march to Army War College to protest Vietnam War. |
| 10/10/69 | Doc Watson concert in Social Hall. |
| 10/15/69 | Estimated 1,300 march from Dickinson to Army War College to protest war. |
| 10/18/69 | Dickinson football celebrates its centennial. |
| 10/24/69 | Student Senate proposes to allow freshman cars on campus. |
| 11/7/69 | First meeting of student representatives and Board of Trustees. |
| 11/15/69 | Dickinson students and faculty participate in national march against the Vietnam War in Washington. |
| 11/21/69 | National Security Agency runs a full page ad in Dickinsonian seeking math majors for employment. |
| 12/1/69 | Selective Service holds first lottery for draft numbers / broadcast live on campus radio. |
| 12/3/69 | First of two open hearings in Social Hall on proposals to create all-College committees consisting of students, faculty and administrators. |
| 12/5/69 | Herbie Mann in concert. |
| 1/23/70 | Student Senate agrees to fund first College course evaluation booklet. |
| 1/24/70 | First Board of Trustees meeting with student speaker present. |
| 1/27/70 | New Lost City Ramblers concert. |
| 2/8/70 | Public Affairs Symposium brings Barry Commoner, Stewart Udall, Gaylord Nelson, Leonard Hall and many other names in the environmental movement to Dickinson for 3-day environmental pollution seminar. |
| 3/6/70 | Concert by then little known John Denver at Dickinson (tickets $1.50 with student ID). |
| 4/8/70 | John Cage receives Dickinson’s Arts Award and presents concert. |
| 4/17/70 | Phi Epsilon Pi merges into ZBT. |
| 4/17/70 | Byrds in concert in Dining Hall. |
| 4/20/70 | Open hearing on ROTC at Dickinson. |
| 4/23/70 | Allen Ginsberg speaks in Social Hall. |
| 5/4/70 | Kent State shootings by National Guard troops. |
| 5/4/70 | Students vote to strike in response to Kent State shootings and widening war in Southeast Asia. |
| 5/5/70 | All-college referendum held to strike in opposition to the war in Southeast Asia. |
| 5/5/70 | Faculty adopts multi-option plan for completion and grading of courses for spring semester in light of strike. |
| 5/8/70 | March from Dickinson College to Army War College to protest widening war in Southeast Asia involving estimated 1,200 participants; 200 sit in at entrance to Army War College. |
| 5/24/70 | Tom Wicker speaks at commencement exercises for Class of ’70; 315 receive degrees. |
| 5/25/70 | Class of ’70 begins effort to change the world. |

1. Notes on chronological history:

   A. Listing is based on limited review of issues of the *Dickinsonian* placed on-line.

   B. Dates are estimated based on articles printed in the *Dickinsonian.*

   C. Descriptions of events are based on wording used by *Dickinsonian*; quotes taken from *Dickinsonian*. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)