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In the glow of purple candles, two people were joined in marriage Tuesday night under the oaks of the Applied Electronics Laboratory. Those occupying the building held hands and joined with them in the simple but moving ceremony.

Marc Sapir and Carrie Iverson, both students, had decided earlier that day that they wanted to be married by the community and had asked Paul Rupert, a member of the sit-in, to perform the service.

Folk songs began the celebration and were followed by flute music. Then Rupert explained why a wedding was so fitting for the occupation. He spoke of how what had originally been only a coalition now had grown into a community. Goals extend beyond the scope of the issues under question, he said. A marriage is 'very much something that grows out of what we're doing.' He said that we are sowing 'the seeds of a new society.'

The bride with red and white flowers in her hair and wearing a black ~~Mar~~ <sup>Nehru</sup> jacket and pants came to the center of the group. She spoke of her distaste for the traditional marriage service. She explained that she viewed this service as more meaningful. 'The institutions which we form have to be formed on the basis of our struggle,' she said.

Then Sapir spoke briefly about the appropriateness of having a wedding. Rupert next asked, in a paraphrase of what a trustee said in an open hearing, <sup>if</sup> by whose powers <sup>are</sup> Marc and Carrie ~~were~~ <sup>to</sup> be united. The community responded triumphantly, 'Ours.'

With this, colored tissue paper floated down from the roof and a large white wedding cake was brought out. The service closed with refrains of the song 'Solidarity forever.'

One disruption occurred during the ceremony when a smoke bomb went off in the rear of the group. It was quickly removed.

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