

The event will be held at 1 p.m. in the High Rise North field.

The rally, which coincides with Jackson's recent surge in the Democratic primaries, is part of the city's campaign headquarters' special youth for Jackson program.

Jehronne Hunter, assistant director of Youth for Jackson, said yesterday that he is confident the rally will attract a large number of Jackson supporters at the University, adding that he hopes to organize them in time for the Pennsylvania Democratic primary April 10.

"From the meeting I had with [campus leaders], I'd say there is a large amount of support [at the University], - they just need to be organized," Hunter said last night. "The rally will find out how large the support is and then we can organize it."

Visiting University professor, **Walter Palmer**, will be a featured speaker at the rally. Palmer will address the social and historical significance of Jackson's campaign.

Jackson campaign worker Stephanie Johnson said yesterday she believes that Jackson's bid for the Democratic nomination is gathering momentum as more people realize how serious his campaign is.

"Many people originally said they would vote for Mondale, because a vote for Jackson would split support, but that's not really relevant in the primary," Johnson said last night. "A lot of people are surprised at [Jackson's] success in Georgia, Illinois and Arkansas," Johnson said, adding that she believes his success will gather more "closet" supporters.

Johnson added that she believes the time is right for the first black president. "Now is the appropriate time for Jackson," she said. "He is committed to civil rights for all different types of people, especially the people stuck at the bottom."

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"Few attend Jesse Jackson rally as location, weather mar event"

By KEN HARDIE

A handful of devoted supporters staged a rally Friday afternoon for Democratic Presidential candidate Jesse Jackson, braving the damp weather to hear a Jackson campaign worker speak at the High Rise North field.

Although the rally was intended to gather Jackson supporters for the upcoming Pennsylvania Democratic primary April 10th, it attracted only 30 people at its peak.

Campaign workers and students involved in organizing the event attributed the low turnout to the event's location on the edge of campus.

Jackson campaign worker Stephanie Johnson, an Engineering School senior, said yesterday that she originally wanted to stage the rally on College Green. But Johnson said Associate Director of Student Life Fran Walker told her that University policy prohibits the use of microphones and public address systems on College Green during classroom hours.

But several people in the crowd Friday claimed that they remembered seeing other organizations using amplification devices for College Green rallies during classroom hours.

Philadelphia Mayor W. Wilson Goode, for example, held a College Green rally in which microphones were used during his mayoral primary campaign last spring. But Walker said last night that the banning of microphones on College Green is a policy that has been enforced by the University for at least ten years.

"I had no intention of putting their campaign out in the boondocks," Walker said. "If you want to hold a rally with a P.A. on College Green, you can but you have to shut it off after you get the first complaint. And 99 times out of 100 you're going to get a complaint. I tell people this about 30 times a week."

"I feel bad their rally did not get the attention it could have gotten," Walker added. "But the faculty would have been up in arms if we had let them use [College Green] during class hours."

Walker said she did not remember the use of microphones at Goode's rally. Jackson campaign worker **Walter Palmer**, the sole speaker of the rally, said last night he felt that student Jackson supporters may have been short-changed.

"Black students don't have the access to facilities that other students do," said Palmer, a visiting University professor. But he added he believed the rally was "worthwhile if only one person listened to what I had to say."

At the rally, Palmer, a University alumnus, challenged University students and faculty to respond to the needs of the city's poor by supporting Jackson.

Palmer said he grew up under the "shadow of the University" at 36th and Market Streets and that the University must learn to be more benevolent to its neighbors.

"The student body must recognize that no matter how small their numbers, they must make the University more human, because the University has run over the lives of the poor," Palmer said.

“Jesse Jackson’s candidacy is a challenge for youth to change the world for its betterment,” Palmer said. “He represents more than a ray of hope he’s gotten tens of thousands of people who have never been involved in the political process before to register.”

Palmer also said that Jackson will be in Philadelphia next week to campaign for the primary.