Some listen, look as others argue

Spontaneous rally attracts the curious and the committed; the positive and the puzzled

A PICTORIAL REPORT: CAMPUS REACTION TO END OF VIETNAM BOMB PAUSE

Even those who deemed resumption of North Vietnam bombing raids essential were not overjoyed when it happened—and those who did not gathered quickly to say so.



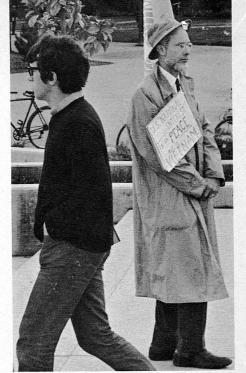


Crowd estimates averaged out to about 800, including onlookers as well as participants. Fiery demands for a teaching strike and for a march on the Naval Air Station at Moffett Field were promptly and overwhelmingly rejected as irresponsible, and the would-be leaders of a major confrontation had to execute some fancy footwork in order to get back in line behind the followers. Aside from speeches — and telegrams to Washington — the major event was another orderly march down Palm Drive to a small park in Palo Alto. (Continued on next page)





The war in Vietnam is the war nobody wants. There are few "doves" who maintain that the United States can or should get out now, unilaterally, and few "hawks" who argue for more than the extremely limited objective of holding on until it becomes possible to obtain a ballot-box decision on the future of South Vietnam which will be respected by all concerned. Both camps actually use some of the same arguments to prove what they present as opposite positions. Clearly there is a misunderstanding here - one that sometimes appears almost deliberate. That's hard to believe about such a serious matter; maybe it's just that no one stops talking long enough to hear what the other fellow is saying. Or maybe it's because total opposition and total support are both easier on the head and heart than efforts to understand and to find viable alternatives. In this, perhaps, the campus does not differ too much from the community at large (see visitor from beyond the gates in photo at right).



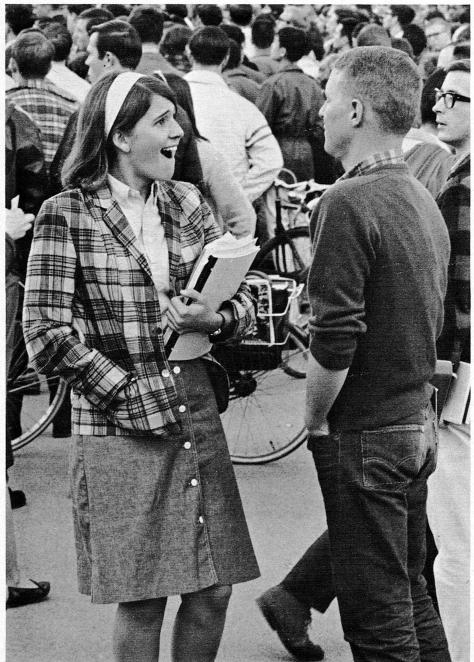


One of the myths dear to the hearts of some alumni is that this is an argument between the shorn and the unshorn; that adherents of the two sides can be identified by the length of their locks. This rule of thumb is unreliable at best; there are many close-cropped critics of U.S. policy, and quite a few shaggy creatures who couldn't care less. There appears to be only one constant: whatever the crisis, life goes on, and basic instincts are not to be denied (see next page).



Though study and thought continue, demonstrations are over — at least until the next provocation





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The End