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The question was "Why are you here?" The students' answers reflect the deep concern they feel about the destructive research that Stanford encourages.

"I'm here because the finest institution in our society, the university, is being used to kill people."

"This is the celebration of life against death."

"This building is a manifestation of the war-making use of the University. I want to stop it."

"I'm here to impress on the trustees the fact that they don't have the right to destroy the lives of millions of people around the world."

"After action can come significant discussion. Without this sit-in, the Trustees would never realize how serious we are about what we have been saying."

"Because I'm convinced that the Trustees have refused to compromise with the demands of the students and that I now must refuse to compromise my beliefs in man's basic civil liberties."

"Because I strongly feel that each person must support what he believes in - to start acting on what we've been talking about."

"Because I'm a pacifist. I'm against all armies and all wars."

"*The dynamics of now demand that I am here."

"This sit-in is a way to demonstrate to ourselves that we care enough to do more than just spout platitudes."

"Because I believe this is the only way the Trustees will understand our demands. I'm sorry I have to be here."

"Because I care about other people. I don't know if others will realize this when they read about it later."

"My mother would be here too, but she'd be too embarrassed."

"Although I'm not completely in favor of the tactics, it seemed like the only positive alternative."

"We have the right...no, the duty to do more than just obey."

"Why am I here? The question is: Where are the others? Where are all those who once claimed that they were concerned? I would like to see many more members of the Stanford-Palo Alto community here."