

We see the strike not as a mere symbolic gesture--an extended "Day of Concern", but rather as a re-organization of the University. This re-organization is centered upon the realization that our first priority is to mobilize this community to do what it can to remove the United States from Southeast Asia. With this view, we have made specific demands aimed at terminating the University's participation in the war itself.

Furthermore, we have insisted upon "no business as usual." In the weeks ahead, this insistence does not mean the complete suspension of all normal activities. But it does mean a re-organization of those activities--a re-organization based upon our new set of priorities.

More specifically, the allocation of our time and our intellectual resources must be re-directed toward stopping the war. In the last few days we have seen the suspension of normal class activities and their replacement by special workshops on Indochina, non-violence, psychology, and economics--all very well attended and aimed at educating this community on those problems of primary significance in our lives. We have taken the first steps to realize the community within each department and the greater community within the University; and we are becoming increasingly aware of the community which unites all men. These efforts must continue and can continue only so long as we suspend classes as usual. In this sense, we seek not to shut down the University, but to open it up.

It was on this Stanford campus two years ago that Eldridge Cleaver said, "There is no middle ground...This is the age of the last go-round." And so, let us find common ground in our opposition to the war, and let us work together to bring about the necessary changes in our social institutions and our own lives. We have barely begun, for the real work lies beyond the gates of Stanford University.