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SPONSORED BY FPAG (FACULTY POLITICAL ACTION GROUP)  
Thursday Feb. 18 8 P.M. Physics Lecture Hall  
Chaired by Charles Drekeimer, Professor of Political Science

We invite all our colleagues in the faculty, as well as concerned students, staff and others in the University community, to participate in:

A discussion, initiated by Halsted Holman, Guggenheim Professor of Medicine, dealing with the Vietnamese war, the University's contribution to it, and problems of individual and institutional responsibility, especially as defined by the precedent of the Nuremberg war crimes trials;

A discussion, initiated by Raymond Giraud, Professor of French, dealing with the action the University administration has taken in response to political protest and its effect on the moral atmosphere on campus;

Two workshops, to be formed following the above discussions, with the purpose of considering proposals related to these two issues.

In connection with this meeting, the FPAG is distributing a proposal that was initiated after the invasion of Cambodia last Spring and has been in gestation for the last seven months. This proposal was conceived with the intention of directing Stanford's immense creative capacities and resources away from war-related activities. We feel it is imperative to disengage the University from complicity in the war and to move it to assume more responsibility for the development of the general welfare in a society that is both dynamic and peaceful.

We see the moral stature of the University diminished by the actions of an administration that predominantly addresses itself to problems of discipline and law and order. The University must speak out with a strong voice to denounce our country's military action in Southeast Asia and to dissociate itself from it. That should come before all else. Disengagement will not be simple. It will have financial as well as moral and political consequences. But they must be studied in the context of positive constructive action, taken before it is too late and police action demoralizes and destroys the community it is presumably intended to save.

The University must neither be "shut down" nor jockeyed back to "business as usual," which, as it has been conducted at many universities for the last quarter century, is in need of fundamental changes. Our proposals seek that end. We hope you will read them, reflect on them, and accept the idea of participation in a community assumption of our responsibilities for our own lives here and those of others elsewhere.