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Dear Faculty Member:

Ending the war in Vietnam is the most important task facing the American nation. As you may be aware, October 15 has been designated as a day of moratorium in American universities on "business as usual."

On that day millions of Americans, including many members of Western's academic community, will join clergymen, congressmen, senators, college presidents, businessmen, journalists, faculties, and other conscientious Americans from all segments of our society in calling for a sincere effort to end the war in Vietnam.

Because so many Americans have exhausted every avenue of expressing their discontent with continued American involvement in Vietnam, we feel that our only recourse after eight years of unremitting war is to attempt to affect national policy through a massive, peaceful admonstration of concern.

We urge you to join us in participating in this moratorium on "business as usual" by dismissing classes in order that time may be devoted to dramatizing our objective. Those who feel that they cannot dismiss classes are respectfully requested to devote class time to examination of American war policy.

Any additional expression of support will be gratefully received At Box 289, College Heights Post Office, Western Vietnam Moratorium Committee.

STUDENT CALL FOR A VIETNAM MORATORIUM *

Ending the war in Vietnam is the most important task facing the American nation. Over the last few years, millions of Americans have campaigned, protested, and demonstrated against the war. Few now defend the war, yet it continues. Death and destruction are unabated; bombs and fire continue to devastate South Vietnam. Billions of dollars are spent on war while the urgent domestic problems of this country remain unattended. Moreover, the war has had a corrupting influence on every aspect of American life, and much of the national discontent can be traced to its influence.

The discredited policies of the past which have brought about this American tragedy have not been changed. We follow the same military advice which has created a futile and bloody conflict while we cling to the same policies which have caused the Paris negotiations to falter. The token displacement of 25,000 troops over a three month period simply is not the substantial change in policy that is so desperately needed.

Thus, it is necessary for all those who desire peace to become active again and help bring pressure to bear on the present Administration.

We call for a periodic moratorium on "business as usual" in order that students, faculty members and concerned citizens can devote time and energy to the important work of taking the issue of peace in Vietnam to the larger community.

If the war continues this fall and there is no firm commitment to American withdrawal or a negotiated settlement on October 15, participating members of the academic community will spend the entire day organizing against the war and working in the community to get others to join us in an enlarged and lengthened moratorium in November. This process will continue until there is American withdrawal or a negotiated settlement.

We call upon all members of the university community to support the moratorium, and we commit ourselves to organize this effort on our campus and in the larger community. We ask others to join us.

* The "Student Call" has been signed by nearly 500 college student body presidents and campus newspaper editors. A faculty call is being written. Similar calls will be issued by businessmen, labor, professional and community groups; each addressed to their own constituency.

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Moratorium*

An Open Letter to the Students and Faculty of WKU

The war lingers on! Last month many of the students of Western participated in the Moratorium protest at the Old Football Stadium. In an effort to keep the momentum building, The Western Moratorium Committee urges the students of Western to participate in an Assembly Thursday night 6:30 p.m. at the Old Football Stadium. The program will be brief and will consist of reading a portion of the list of the men who have died in Viet Nam. We ask each student to bring a candle and his support to convince President Nixon that we are serious about our duty as Americans and that the peace movement is not a one shot affair.

As many people may be aware, there was an assembly planned Saturday on the steps of the capitol in Frankfort. This rally has been postponed until next month in order to concentrate on the Washington rally. We will keep you posted on the progress of this Assembly. Remember Thursday night at six-thirty; bring a "CANDLE FOR PEACE."

Steve Tichenor
Representative of the Western
Moratorium for Peace
Box 289, College Heights

October 10, 1969

Dear Faculty Member:

Since our last correspondence with you, support at Western for the Oct. 15 Vietnam Moratorium has mushroomed. Petitions have already been signed by more than 2,000 concerned Western students and faculty members. In an unprecedented move, the Associated Students Congress voted 18 to one to support the Moratorium.

The Moratorium has also been endorsed by Western's Young Democrats Club and is also being supported editorially by the "College Heights Herald."

We wish to thank the many faculty members who have already expressed their support for the Moratorium. Once, again, we urge all faculty members to cease "business as usual" on Wed. Oct. 15 and attend a rally from 9 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.

The University administration has given us permission to use the old football stadium for the purpose. Student and faculty singers and speakers have been scheduled as part of the day's program.

Thank you,

The Western Vietnam Moratorium-Committee
Box 289, College Heights Post Office

John Lyne	Bruce Tucker
Mike Durham	Braxton Crenshaw
Steve Tichenor	Steve Todd

All We Are Saying is....GIVE PEACE A CHANCE

RALLY

Old Football Stadium....9-2:30 p. m.....Wednesday, October 15, 1969

Students and faculty members will speak throughout the day. Their talks will be interspersed with individual and group singing led by Dr. William Koon, Leo Burmester, Dan Lynch, Jim Warford, Bear Ackley, Tom Mylet and others. In case of rain the rally will be held in the student center ballroom. The University administration has given its permission for the use of the stadium and/or ballroom.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

9:30-10 a. m....Father Wm. Allard, Chaplain, St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel
10-10:30 a. m....Robert Wurster, English Department
10:30-11 a. m....Bruce Tucker, Editor of the College Heights Herald
11-11:30 a. m....Reverend Ted Hightower, Minister, State St. Methodist Church
11:30-12 p. m....John Lyne, Member of WKU's Moratorium Committee
12-12:30 p.m....David Porter, vice president of Associated Students,
former Editor of the Herald
12:30-1 p. m....Dr. Richard Komp, Physics Department
1-1:30 p. m.....Dr. Lerond Curry
1:30-2 p. m.....Dr. Jim Wayne Miller, Foreign Language Department, Poet
2-2:30 p. m..... Braxton Crenshaw, Editor of the Apocalypse
Henry Jackson, student

Tentatively scheduled are Dr. John Eley, Dr. Thomas W. Madron and Dr. Frank Neuber of the Government Department; and Larry Zielke, president of Associated Students.