

# *Many due recognition*

The Vietnam Moratorium, held Wednesday, has shown through its national success, that members of university and college communities and many other citizens of this country have finally decided to involve themselves and speak out peacefully against the continuation of the war in Vietnam.

This day of mourning for the Americans who have died in Eastern Asia has shown our government that it can no longer refuse to be affected by demonstrations of this type. The simple fact that so many people expressed their feelings is enough to make everyone stop and listen.

But even more important than the national implications of the Moratorium are the effects that it has had on the atmosphere of Monmouth College. The students of this college have succeeded in unifying behind a common goal, without first thinking of individual gain. They have shown their concern and joined together in voicing an opinion in an intelligent and constructive manner.

The members of the Moratorium Committee deserve congratulations from all of the student of the college for its excellent job of organization and execution. They spent much time establishing programs so that the students who wished to express their views would have some constructive means for doing so. The success of the Moratorium is a credit to these people and the college.

The college faculty must also be credited for helping to make the Moratorium a success. Several members of the faculty participated in the rally and teach-in, and many helped by offering to lead the discussion workshops in the afternoon. Those who did not actively support the Moratorium were cooperative in fulfilling the Moratorium committee's request to not take attendance in classes and not to schedule tests for Wednesday. Many professors did not agree with the philosophy of the Moratorium, but showed the college

community that they were not narrowminded by interfering with others' desires to participate in the day's activities.

The administration showed considerable cooperation in allowing the Moratorium Committee to carry on its activities without restriction. It assisted the committee in supplying the necessary public address equipment, and in permitting Moratorium to dig the 'grave' used at the Memorial Service.

Students who attended classes in rejection of the Moratorium deserve recognition for their mature reaction to an activity which they could not support. These students showed the strength of their convictions with the same vigor that the backers of the Moratorium displayed. It is the expressed hope that any student who sincerely desired to attend class was not inconvenienced or hampered in the slightest degree.

Despite all of the planning, the cooperation from groups not supporting the Moratorium, and the help from the faculty and administration, the Vietnam Moratorium would not have been a success if so many members of the college had not taken part. It would have been very easy for everyone to stay home in bed, hypocritically claiming that they were protesting the war by simply not attending classes. But very few took the easy way out. Most of the students not attending classes were at the rally. They listened to the different points of view brought forth in the teach-in, and they marched for peace.

We can only hope that this display of unification of students will be only the beginning of a new trend at Monmouth. We are faced with many problems now, and many more will arise in the future. And it is only through a continued showing of hands that changes can be made. We only hope that you will come forth again with the same zeal and enthusiasm when your support is needed.