

Module 09: The 1960s: Who Won? Student Protest and the Politics of Campus Dissent

Evidence 3: Protest at War Memorial, April 15, 1970



Introduction

The photograph below captures a protest at VPI's War Memorial chapel one day after activists disrupted the Corps of Cadets' Drillfield practice. The photograph provides a glimpse of what a typical campus protest looked like.

Questions to Consider

- How would you characterize the students in the picture? What do they look like?
- What is the implied message of hanging a "peace" flag between two American flags?
- The War Memorial is located at the top of the grassy area known as the Drillfield. What was the significance, if any, of holding the rally at this particular location on campus, rather than in front of the campus student union?

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