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OCTOBER 15 - A DAY OF AWARENESS

Statement by President Williams

There is great concern among large numbers of citizens throughout the nation with respect to the war in Vietnam. Students, faculty and staff as individuals are concerned with this issue as indeed they are with other truly significant issues of our times.

The University, in full agreement with official policy of the Board of Regents, recognizes and guarantees the right of freedom of expression among members of its family. The University provides opportunity and facilities for students, faculty and staff to express their personal views on all issues.

Across the nation, October 15 is being suggested as A Day of Awareness with respect to the war in Vietnam. At this university and at many universities throughout the nation, procedures will be set in motion where individuals may have an opportunity to express their concern and their views on the Vietnam issues. Recognized organizations exist on the campus through which full and free discussion and expression of opinions may be made.

Classes and other regularly scheduled activities of the University will not be suspended for the day, but it is entirely appropriate to encourage members of the University community to participate, as their conscience dictates, in the special activities which will make this Day of Awareness a significant one.