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Protest Rally At UCSC

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Between 400 and 500 students filled the courtyard at Cowell College Tuesday afternoon during a two-hour rally in which students discussed pros and cons of various measures to express their opposition to war in Southeast Asia.

Students sat on benches, sunned themselves on the warm concrete of the courtyard and perched themselves on the rafters of the covered walkways of the surrounding buildings, as these photos by Sentinel Chief Photographer Pete Amos record.

The throng rejected impassioned appeals by the more radical elements in their midst for blockades of the campus and for a full-scale effort to stop classes.

They cheered an announcement that Chancellor Dean E. McHenry, meeting in Berkeley with other UC chancellors, had called a UCSC convocation today at 10 in the upper quarry amphitheater.

In a statement read to the students, McHenry expressed dismay over the turn of events in Southeast Asia and sorrow over the deaths of four students in Ohio.

Following the rally, some 125 students formed an impromptu parade and marched from Stevenson College through Cowell, up the hill to Crown, and across the campus to Natural Sciences Building 1, where later Tuesday afternoon between 200 and 300 students again assembled to talk about ways to bring pressure on the Santa Cruz community to join the students in efforts to stop the war.

The group, displaying a red flag and a large Viet Cong

flag, chanted "No class today, the ruling class tomorrow" and "Stop the war, shut it down" as the march proceeded across the campus.

Meanwhile a student poll was being taken at all five colleges of UCSC to determine whether there is sentiment for a student strike, for impeachment of President Nixon, and support for total U.S. withdrawal from Southeast Asia. The results are to be made public today, pollsters said.

At the late afternoon rally on a lawn near the Natural Sciences complex, the students agreed to try to stop classes Thursday on a college-by-college basis.

Student radicals say they will "strike" until their demands are met for withdrawal of U.S. forces, "freeing of political prisoners," and cessation of UC participation in defense-oriented research.

