Almost 50 years ago today, large riots here at CU began, in protest of the continuation of the Vietnam War.

These anti-war protests temporarily shut the entire city down.

Thursday, May 20th, police arrested 50 people for blocking traffic, jaywalking, and speaking profanely in public.
"Police drenched the streets with tear gas."

"The crowd was only controlled momentarily."

"The following night the rioting continued as the protestors attempted to burn the city library. They were ultimately unsuccessful and were forced out by police using tear gas."

"The riots finally calmed but the city was forever changed."

"The youth had found their voice and their local government had heard them."

"However we shall not falter! These riots have been a tragedy but I'm sure we can push through and make an impact to end this war!"

"Unfortunately, your frustration manifested into damage to our city and school."

"Perhaps the local media attention will gain national notice. Perhaps not."

"But regardless of that, I predict that the people of this city will never forget about what occurred here and why you rallied. You have made history."

"The end."