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STUDENT DEMONSTRATION TODAY

Approximately 300 students entered and occupied an administration office building Monday, May 6 to protest the suspension of seven students. The suspensions were recommended Thursday by an all faculty Interim Judicial Board which found the students guilty of violating University demonstration policy at an anti-CIA protest in November.

The students had been acquitted earlier by the student Judicial Council.

A noon rally led by Associated Students President, Cesare Massarenti, and suspended student, Mare Sapir, attracted about 800 students. At the rally, students voiced their opposition to the "political suspensions" and criticized the present judicial system.

The students reiterated the demands they had made Friday at a rally held in front of the University President's office. The demands called for a revocation of the suspensions and the creation of a judicial board selected by students and faculty. The students also asked that the demands be answered at Monday's noon rally. No administration representatives appeared at the rally.

The students moved their demonstration to Student Service Center (Old Union). Protest leaders stated that they did not wish to disrupt the operations of the offices, but that they wanted to talk to administrators and ask why their demands had not been accepted.

They found the administrative building locked. University officials had locked the doors of all administrative offices earlier in the day. However, students found an open window and eventually opened all the doors to the crowd waiting outside the building. There were no reports of property damage.

Students filled the first floor corridors. Most sat and talked. A group of fifty went to the third floor where they held an informal discussion with Assistant Dean of Students Willard Wyman.

No decision has been made as to whether the students will remain in the building overnight. Students have been in contact with administration officials throughout the afternoon, but no arrangements for a meeting have been made.