

# Telephone Booth Explodes; Stanford Girds for Trouble

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STANFORD — Plans to crack down on graduation weekend disruptions at Stanford University were put into effect here Thursday following the bombing of a campus telephone booth earlier in the day.

Arrests will be made of all persons causing planned disturbances, said Dan DeYoung, campus director of public safety.

The explosion blasted the phone booth located near Frost Amphitheater at 3:30 a.m., and had anyone been within 30 yards serious injury or loss of life could have resulted, DeYoung said.

He said one of the metal walls of the booth was hurled through the air cutting a swath through tree branches, and chunks of broken glass were strewn for 90 feet.

DeYoung said there are at least two laws on the books that should give student radicals pause.

"Anyone who, without authority of law disturbs or breaks up an assembly or meeting is guilty of a misdemeanor," he said, "and we're fully prepared to make arrests if this happens."

Disturbances would include any disruptive activity, including picketing, he said.

Also, Stanford this week went to court to widen an injunction against campus disruptions to include the outdoor Frost Amphitheater where President Kenneth S. Pitzer will be inaugurated Saturday.

Sunday, commencement exercises will be held there. Another potential time for trouble will be during ROTC commissioning exercises this evening.

Trustees also will meet all day today on campus.

A January meeting of trustees was broken up by militants who swarmed into a Faculty Club dining room. Twenty-seven students were disciplined for the act.

Some 80 persons are named on the injunction obtained by the university and are alleged to have participated in a violent Drama Hall sit-in May 1. If they

are arrested for disrupting the weekend's activities, they could face up to six months in jail or a \$500 fine.

DeYoung said the amphitheater will be heavily guarded by campus police and Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies.

Thursday's bombing appeared to be directed toward the inauguration of Pitzer, which militants have hinted they would disrupt.

Vandals also knocked over 150 folding chairs in the outdoor arena, and draped a red flag from a tree.

Another threat came from a group called Protesters, Troublemakers and Anarchists (PTA), which vowed to stage a "be-in" at Stanford from noon Saturday to midnight Sunday.

Circulars passed out at area high schools invited people to bring amplifiers, bongo drums, food and sleeping bags. Earlier this year, a contingent of students and non-students tried to "liberate" Tresidder cafeteria during a raucous party.

DeYoung said Wednesday that a strict no-trespassing rule will be imposed on the campus, and that the planned "be-in" will not take place, even if it requires arrests to halt it.

"We just don't plan to let it happen," he said.

Meanwhile, Palo Alto police faced a potential problem tonight at a downtown plaza on University avenue and Emerson street.

The Stanford be-in is supposed to kick off there tonight with a rally and rock dance.

The circular called the place "People's Plaza," an appellation reminiscent of the recent people's parks which have been the source of trouble in Berkeley.

Tuesday, the university revealed it had turned down a request for use of campus buildings for a Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) convention next week.

The SDS referred to the inauguration in a letter to Pitzer sent by four SDS members who asked for use of the buildings.

"There have been serious discussions of your inauguration within the Stanford chapter," they wrote.

Pitzer will become the university's sixth president, officially during formal ceremonies slated for 10 a.m. Saturday.

He took over the helm Dec. 1, and has presided over winter and spring quarters disrupted frequently by student militants.

More than 150 academic dignitaries have been invited to attend the inauguration, including president and chancellors of U.S. universities and colleges and chief officers of scholarly societies.

Alumni and friends of the university also will attend.

A formal academic procession will open the ceremony, followed by an invocation and benediction by Rev. B. Davis Napier, dean of the chapel, and investiture officiated by W. Parmer Fuller III, president of the Board of Trustees.

John Gardner, Stanford trustee, chairman of the Urban Coalition and former secretary of health, education and welfare, will speak.

Pitzer will deliver a brief inaugural address.



KENNETH PITZER  
... Target of radicals