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STANFORD - More than 3,300 Stanford students, faculty, and staff have signed a letter to President Richard Nixon calling for a greater sense of urgency in solving national problems which contribute to college unrest.

Forwarded to the White House Thursday (JUNE 5) by University President Kenneth S. Pitzer, the letter says the majority of students and faculty disapprove of campus disruption but also identify "with the moral sentiments which lead to these outbreaks."

While there are some signs that the Administration is trying to limit and end U.S. involvement in Vietnam, the letter notes, "on the other major problems of our country there seems to be no sense of urgency communicated by the government to the public at large, and it appears that very little is being done by the Executive Branch and Congress to improve the situation.

"In the absence of such urgency, we feel that universities of the country will not remain tranquil."

The letter was prompted by an April 30 letter to Nixon from Amherst College and by an April 8 speech to the Stanford trustees by President Pitzer.

Signers included the Council of Presidents, Stanford's top four elected student officers, and 2,236 students out of the 10,600 enrolled for spring quarter. A total of 510 faculty and 579 staff members also signed.

Sponsors of the letter to Nixon included three Nobel laureates--Felix Bloch, Joshua Lederberg, and Arthur Kornberg--together with a broad spectrum of faculty leaders. These included Dean Joseph Pettit, engineering; Vice President and Dean Robert Glaser, medicine; Director Wolfgang Panofsky, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center; Leonard Schiff, chairman of the Senate of the Academic Council; and Prof. Robert McAfee Brown, religion.

The letter signing campaign was organized by Profs. Gordon Kino, electrical engineering; Marvin Chodorow, chairman of applied physics; and James Gibbons, electrical engineering. They were helped by several students, especially Roger Route and Burt Richardson.

The letter was circulated prior to President Nixon's recent comments on campus unrest. ###

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STANFORD - Prof. William Clebsch, religion, has been elected chairman of the Senate of the Stanford Academic Council, effective in September.

Others elected to the Steering Committee of the Senate for 1969-70 include Profs. Phil Dawson, history; G.L. Bach, economics and business; Merrill Carlsmith, psychology; and Thomas Ehrlich, law.

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