

STANFORD STUDENTS TO SPEAK ON AEL SIT-IN

Throughout this academic year, there has been a growing amount of concern in the Stanford and Palo Alto Community over the chemical and biological warfare research and counter-insurgency research being done at Stanford Research Institute and at other related campus facilities. The research being done is largely financed by the Pentagon, and is used to kill innocent people in Vietnam and in other areas of Southeast Asia.

At an April 3rd meeting at Dinkelspeil Auditorium, attended by more than 1,000 people, a resolution was overwhelmingly passed asking the Board of Trustees of SRI to either halt all chemical and biological warfare and counter-insurgency research, or to hold an open decision-making meeting at which the issues would be resolved. The Board of Trustees refused to do either of these things.

As a result of their refusal, the decision was made at another mass meeting on Wednesday to occupy the Applied Electronics Laboratory at Stanford until such time as the Board of Trustees took action to halt the CBW and counter-insurgency work.

The only response from the administration has been to declare the sit-in illegal and to ask that it disperse. So, last night, at a meeting attended by more than 1500 people, the action was reaffirmed--the sit-in will continue until the Board of Trustees acts on the demands.

Today at noon, there will be a rally at each of the three Palo Alto High Schools, at which leaders of the sit-in will discuss with students the reasons for the action and why they feel it necessary, a meeting at which all interested will be welcome. We urge your attendance at the rally at your school.

At Cubberley High School, the rally will be held in the Senior Court--and the representative from the April 3rd Movement will be Jim Schoch. (This and all school rallies will be at noon.)

At Gunn High School, the rally will be held at the Smoker's Hill, and the main speaker will be Larry Christiani.

At Poly, a request will be made to the administration to have the rally in the amphitheater. If we are turned down, the rally will be in Senior Court, and the main speaker will be Fred Cohen.

The issues revolving around SRI, chemical and biological warfare research, and counter-insurgency are very important to everyone in this community. It is important that all interested attend.

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