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About 350 Stanford students and faculty occupied the Applied Electronics Laboratory (AEL) late Wednesday night in response to the trustees' lack of decision at their Tuesday meeting regarding war research at the Stanford Research Institute (SRI) and on campus.

The move came six days after a community meeting of 800 people at which requests were formulated asking for "immediate cessation and future non-acceptance of research at both Stanford and SRI in the areas of chemical and biological warfare and counter-insurgency at home and abroad."

Demands also included a moratorium on other research in support of the wars against the people of Vietnam, Thailand and Laos and also any classified research.

Students seek an open decision-making meeting to determine the relationship between the two institutions so that more morally acceptable research would be undertaken.

The trustees' response was to call a moratorium on new CBW contracts and to promise a hearing with people of different views. Feeling that crucial issues had been ignored, the meeting of 1000 students and faculty voted Wednesday night that the trustees' decision was "unacceptable."

A majority voted to occupy the Applied Electronics Laboratory to temporarily stop destructive research there and to impress upon the trustees the urgency of the situation.

Conduct guidelines were approved that proclaimed that no bodily harm or physical damage would be done and that the doors of the building would remain open.

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