

# WHAT IS THE SIT-IN ALL ABOUT?

a message from the students at AEL

## WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

We want Stanford University and SRI to stop

- 1,all research on chemical and biological weapons (CBW)
- 2,all classified research
- 3,all military research related to the Vietnam war
- 4,all counterinsurgency research.

Classified research and CBW research are part of the war machine. As the war machine grinds on, the threat of nuclear war gets bigger and thousands of U.S. soldiers as well as Vietnamese get killed in that war.

Counterinsurgency research is research that helps the corrupt, military dictatorships in places like Vietnam, Thailand and Latin America suppress the many people in those places who are seeking freedom and better living conditions.

For the most part, research at Stanford serves the interest of the rich and powerful in this country instead of helping the majority of the people.

We want research to help people not suppress or kill them. Our demands are the first step in a long fight to change the university so that it will serve all the people not just the big businessmen on the Board of Trustees who run Stanford and SRI. Only when all of the brainpower at Stanford and SRI is directed to helping people can we hope to solve problems like pollution, transportation and the survival of humanity.

## WHY IS THERE A SIT-IN?

The Board of Trustees has left us no choice.

Just like working people sometimes have to strike, we students have to sit-in. Otherwise, the big businessmen who run Stanford will not listen to us.

All year we have asked, pleaded, and demanded that the Board of Trustees consider the issues which we have raised. We talk, but they don't listen. Why not? Because this research makes lots of money for their corporations. And because the businessmen on the Board of Trustees have all the power.

When we sit-in at the Electronics Lab and stop classified research, then we acquire some power. That makes it more difficult for the Trustees to ignore us.

And with so much at stake, we can't let them ignore us any more.