

At approximately 12:45, on January 14, 1969, about fifty students, organized by Stanford SDS, ^{walked} marched from Tresidder to the Bowman Alumni house, where we were subsequently joined by from ~~XXXX~~ twenty-five to fifty ^{others,} stragglers. (Many of us were familiar with the set-up, ^{at Bowman's} for ~~about~~ three months earlier ^{we} many of us talked informally with Stanford's trustees about our Southeast ASia demands, as they ^{returned} arrived from lunch. Not accepting their refusal to take a stand~~X~~, we came back in January, with more serious intent. We would not be ignored!)

The doors to the alumni conference room, where the afternoon Trustees' meeting was scheduled, were opened (a side door to the room was unlocked.) The demonstrators ^{entered} crowded into the room, and held a meeting, for about an hour. (And a few of us drank water from a pitcher.) At this meeting, several votes were taken. First, we decided that our goal for~~X~~ the day would be to open the ^{Trustees} meeting--not to disrupt it. Secondly, we decided that we would~~X~~ in no way damage property in our attempts to open the meeting~~X~~. Thirdly, we voted not to accept Bill Wyman's unauthorized offer to ask the Trustees to allow us to send five representatives to address the Trustees. Instead, we voted to designate Bill Wyman ^{as a} our messenger boy. We adopted the message that we wanted an open meeting concerning questions referred to in the nine SDS demands. Bill Wyman never ^{communicated} took that message, although many of us at Bowman thought that was what we had left to do.

Two messages, according to testimony delivered at the hearings of the Stanford Judicial council, were delivered to the Trustees. Speaker of the Legislature Yale Braunstein--who as an invited guest ^{in October} had asked the Trustees to hold ~~an~~ open meeting--addressed the Trustees, ~~XXXXXX~~ apparently on the arrangement of Bill Wyamn. Braunstein asked for an open meeting, and got no response. Later, SDS member Fred Cohen apparently shouted through ~~XXXX~~ a door of the dining room, that the ~~XXXX~~ students at Bowman wanted

wanted an open meeting, ~~or else~~

The students at Bowman ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ voted to wait ~~about~~ fifteen minutes for response from the Trustees, and then they would go to ~~XXXXXX~~ the Faculty club. The Trustees~~X~~, according to the testimony of ^{trustee} Dean Watkins (~~the trustee~~) had voted unanimously not to open their meeting. Advised that the Students were at Bowman, they apparently decided to conduct their meeting at the faculty club. No response was given to the students.

About fifty or more students (and non-students) ^{and at least four dogs} marched ~~over~~ ^{went} to the faculty club. We entered through a ^{unlocked} side entrance, and made our way into a courtyard facing the trustees ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ dining room through plate glass sliding doors. Some students remained in the courtyard, others entered the hallway on the other side of the dining room. As soon as we arrived, we announced--politely--over our bullhorn that we wanted an open meeting. We read through our demands. ~~A few jokes were told over the bullhorn.~~

The Trustees, faculty members, and administrators, responded by closing a few curtains part way, by moving their chairs closer together--toward the chairman, and by remaining stone-faced. Somewhere about here, a few demonstrators ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ^(or hit with a stick) knocked and kicked on doors on the inside. The rapping (testimony of unfriendly witness ~~XXXXXX~~ identified the noise as louder than tapping, but not really banging) disrupted the trustees, according to Mr. Watkins. A slight scuffle occurred when ~~XXXX~~ an inner door was opened, and, ~~XX~~ Steve Smith grabbed it, trying to hold it open. As Exec ASS Fred Glover and News Service employee Doty forced the door shut, a student, later identified in the Arena as Bill Boyd (President of Campus YR's), grabbed Steve Smith ^{by the neck} ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~, and began to pull him to the ground. Demonstrator Jim Johnson then grabbed Boyd in a similar fashion, and they all tumbled down. They were separated with no injury to anyone.

The faculty committee on campus disruptions, which had been summoned as soon as the administration learned of the ^{students presence} demonstration, decided that the ^{presence} demonstration was a disruption. Bill Wyman, associate Dean of Students, began to take names of students in the hallway. Several refused to give names, or gave names other than the names under which they have registered at Stafford. Then Bill Wyman went into the courtyard, where most of the people and dogs gave him their names. A serious tension developed between those inside, and those outside. Those inside wanted the courtyard people to come inside and get their names taken as a gesture of solidarity, unaware that Bill Wyman had already done his duty there, too. The tension reoccurred as ~~XXX~~ ^{some} demonstrators, stymied by the reluctance of the Trustees to open the meeting, wanted to leave. It was at that point decided to have meeting to determine future course. The people inside wanted a meeting inside, and the ^{in the courtyard} people ~~XXXXXX~~ wanted a meeting inside. Eventually a meeting was convened inside the hallway adjacent to the Trustees dining room.

At some time during the afternoon a fire alarm was pulled, interrupting everything. Witnesses accounts vary as to whether Jim Johnson deliberately pulled the alarm, or his arm was jerked down by someone who was actually trying to prevent him from pulling the alarm with which he was playing. Before the fire marshals came to silence the alarm, two demonstrators muted the sound of the nearest bell.

At the evidential judicial hearings, several things were learned about Bill Wyman's implementation of the campus policy on disruption. In many cases, Mr. Wyman did not identify himself as a University official acting in an official capacity, and ~~XXXXXX~~ in other ways did not follow the letter of the campus policy on disruptions. Furthermore, a number of students who were present were not cited, including ^{those} student reporters who were not sympathetic with the demonstrators, Bill Boyd of the Young Republicans,

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and a number of demonstrators who did not give their names. Many of those cited subsequently had charges dropped by the Judicial council, and others were later cited on the basis of photographic evidence. ~~THE APPARENT CITATION, WITH NOTABLY A FEW EXCEPTIONS, WAS MADE WHILE THEY WERE THERE.~~

The meeting held in the hallway of the faculty club was, according to the testimony of most witnesses, ~~ORDERLY~~ ^{orderly,} approximately forty ~~students~~ ^{students} demonstrators were present, and many more reporters, faculty members, and administrators. Some argued that we had made our point, by showing that the trustees were unwilling to talk, and by being cited by Bill Wyman. Others felt that our decision at the ~~ALUMNI~~ Alumni house had committed us ~~TO~~ to a position of an open meeting, or no meeting at all. Still others thought the thing to do was to watch the doors, and wait until the trustees left. The meeting continued in an indecisive note until a door opening onto that part of the hall where the demonstrators were sitting.

Apparently, a sliding glass door to the courtyard had been ~~LEFT UNLOCKED~~ unlocked since the demonstrators arrived, and a student entered the room, walked across and opened the door to the hallways. Dean of Students Joel Smith, who was standing against the door, and Exec Ass Fred Glover, who grabbed the door from the inside, attempted to close the door. Another man on the inside apparently grabbed the student who ^{had} ~~OPENED~~ opened the room. The students in the hallway, many of whom were sitting on the floor, sprang up. The first ones grabbed the door and ~~FORCED~~ forced it open. Another group moved into the doorway, but did not immediately force their way in. No one ~~WAS~~ was physically injured. No one was thrown back into the room. A ~~DEMONSTRATOR~~ demonstrator in front shouted into the room that we were there to talk--not to fight. ~~SOON FRED COHEN~~ Soon Fred Cohen angrily told an administrator ~~TO~~ to "Keep your hands off me baby, or I'll punch you in the mouth." Cohen was silenced by fellow demonstrators, even though Fred Glover was pulling on ~~THE~~

his leg from the rear, and Howard Brooks was hitting him, from the front.

The only near injury came when Fred Glover catapulted out of the crowd into the hallway. Glover said that he thought Leonard Siegel pushed him. Photographs as well as the testimony of Dean of Students Joel Smith, and all other witnesses, place Siegel to the rear of Glover at the time. Dean Smith speculated that Glover slipped when the force which he was pulling on gave way, which is what we believe happened. (he had been pulling of Cohen's leg.) Professor Don Kennedy testified that Glover landed flat on his back, but Glover denied this. In fact, Dean Smith said that Siegel, with the aid of Smith, caught Glover, and held him up. Reports of demonstrators, including Siegel, corroborate that in fact Siegel did catch Glover.

Once Glover left the pack, most of the pushing ceased, though for a while everyone held his ground. A demonstrator used the bullhorn to read, once more, the demonstrators demands. At this time a number of Trustees had begun to leave through other doors. The men in the contested doorway left. The students entered the room.

Upon entering the room, ^{some of} the students attempted to engage Trustees in dialogue. Hal Hamilton said "we're here because of the war in Vietnam." A number tried to get Dean Watkins, the last remaining trustee, to answer questions. Another introduced Watkins to the crowd as a racist, but most already knew it.

(a heavy booklet)
One trustee threw an agenda at the demonstrators. They regarded it as a gift, and kept it. Some ^{sources} have reported that demonstrators threw an

agenda at the trustees. A slight scuffle occurred as Fred Glover, and a few policemen and university employees took an agenda from ^{one} demonstrator, identified by witnesses as Leonard Siegel, Fred Cohen, and Steve Smith. Some demonstrators

ate rolls, cherries, etc., and drank water. ~~XXXXXX~~ Leonard Siegel drank three drops from the bottom of an empty gin bottle. Later, a few demonstrators drank some cokes which were in the liquor cabinet as mixers. ~~XXXX~~ Since the trustees had left, the demonstrators returned to Bowman Alumni

house, to arrange dorm speaking programs explaining the days activity. No physical damage was done. No one was reported hurt. The Trustees meeting was broken up. Deserts, rolls, and cokes were eaten. Documents were kept. The students, most of them members of the Stanford Chapter of Students for a Democratic Society, had committed the crime of disrespect.