

Pitzer inaugural fairly quiet event

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Despite threats of disruption by student activists, Kenneth S. Pitzer was inaugurated as Stanford's sixth president today in one of the more serene days of his first year on the job.

Pitzer, who took over at Stanford last December, received a few catcalls during the inaugural ceremonies witnessed by 1,500 persons in Frost Amphitheater. No serious incidents were reported.

Small numbers of radicals roamed about the grassy seating area of the large amphitheater throughout the ceremony. About 50 Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies kept close watch on their activities.

During the recessional militants grouped along the main aisle to heckle the more than 150 academic dignitaries who participated in the ceremony under sunny skies.

Militants would call out annual salaries as identifiable Stanford professors marched by. Last May 1, protesters stole the confidential files which contained the figures from Encina Hall.

Sunday, thousands of graduates will receive their Stanford diploma from Pitzer at traditional commencement rites also scheduled at Frost.

Members of the university's Academic Council, student representatives, trustees and principal administrative officers opened the inauguration ceremony with a formal academic procession.

Greetings were extended by W. Parmer Fuller III, president of the board of trustees, by Denis Hayes, outgoing president of the student body, by Prof. Leonard Schiff for the Academic Council, by Roy P. Jackson for the Alumni Association. and

he said that the university would first rely on internal procedures but "would not hesitate" to call on civil authorities if the need arose.

Delegates from scores of American universities and colleges and chief officers of learned societies, prominent

alumni and friends of the university attended the rites.

The formal atmosphere was in contrast to last night's be-in at the Plaza (formerly Lytton Plaza) in downtown Palo Alto, planned originally as a preliminary to similar actions at Stanford today.

Several hundred young people, including some of the militants present at the inauguration, listened to anti-establishment political harangues and then took to rock music before they drifted away about midnight.

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Officially president

Kenneth S. Pitzer addresses audience at his inauguration.