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STANFORD - Individuals occupying the Applied Electronics Laboratory (SEL) at Stanford early this afternoon (APR. 10) received written notice from President Kenneth S. Pitzer that they were violating University policies in preventing the normal conduct of business there. He said:

"While I understand your deep commitment to bring change for the better at this University and in this country, you are still not exempt from the ordinary obligations of all members of the Stanford community.

"I ask you to leave the AEL and join me and other members of the community in working to resolve, through established and peaceful channels, the profoundly important issues which motivate this demonstration of your concern."

The notice was issued by Pitzer following consultation with faculty members on his Advisory Committee on Campus Disruptions.

During the morning, about 150 students protesting classified research spoke with AEL staff members in their offices and surrounding areas.

In an informal news conference late Thursday morning (APRIL 10), Stanford Electronics Laboratory Director William Rambo said employees had been told they could go home, but many stayed to talk with the protest group.

"It was a rare opportunity to talk with students," Rambo said. "We've been trying for years to get people to come here to find out what we do."

There were no incidents and no arrests.

Before going to the building last night, students voted not to cause property damage, inflict bodily harm, block entrances or tamper with classified files.

Late Wednesday night (APRIL 9) more than 400 students filled the laboratories saying they intended to prevent classified research there. About 200 stayed there through the night together with a handful of uniformed campus police and a few professors.

The laboratory does about \$2 million in classified research, mainly for the Defense Department. Students say that results of earlier studies there are now being used in Vietnam.

While the laboratory classifies reports to its sponsoring agencies, its scientific findings are published in technical journals with "rare and minor exceptions," according to Prof. William F. Baxter, chairman of the student-faculty committee on research policy.

Several members of the Advisory Committee on Campus Disruption observed the events. They consulted with Pitzer and other University officials early Wednesday morning.

Campus rules, developed after student and faculty consultation, provide it is a violation to disrupt normal University activities or prevent the legitimate movement of individuals on campus.

Members of the faculty, staff, and student body are obliged to leave a University building and to provide identification when asked to do so by other members of the University community acting in their official capacity in furtherance of these rules.

Disciplinary proceedings go to a Student-Faculty Judicial Committee.

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