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STANFORD - More than 400 Stanford students filled the Applied Electronics Laboratory to capacity late Wednesday night (APR. 9), saying they intended to prevent classified research activities there.

There were no initial reports of property damage and no arrests. The two-story building near Inner Quad had been secured prior to the students' arrival at 10:45 p.m., but they managed to gain entry through the front door without breaking the glass.

They were among more than 900 members of the Stanford community who packed Dinkelspiel Auditorium for three hours' discussion and debate. University President Kenneth S. Pitzer received applause when he told the crowd, "I hope your commitment to peace extends to this campus."

Before going to the laboratory, the group voted overwhelmingly not to cause bodily harm to any person, not to cause property damage, and to leave the doors of the building open.

Their demands, formulated April 3, included closer supervision of Stanford Research Institute, an end to classified research, and stopping all chemical-biological warfare (CBW) and counter-insurgency studies, mainly at SRI. Pitzer, who has repeatedly expressed his personal opposition to classified research on campus, told the crowd he had requested the student-faculty committee on research policy to review this question Monday (APRIL 7).

On Tuesday the Stanford trustees asked SRI's directors and officers to impose a moratorium on any new CBW contracts there, pending the outcome of a reappraisal of present ties between the two institutions.

Results of a six-month student-faculty study on this topic are expected to be published April 15. The trustees agreed to have a committee hearing on this subject on campus soon afterward.

The students voted overwhelmingly that these responses by the trustees were "unacceptable." They decided to stage a sit-in by a majority of about 2-1 in a show of hands, after Student Body President Denis Hayes and several faculty leaders questioned the effectiveness of this tactic. Hayes said he would support the vote, however.

The students also voted to set up a committee to survey other buildings they might occupy and said they would establish picket lines at SRI, Stanford Industrial Park companies, and other war-related research sites. They said they would not tamper with any classified files at the laboratory, which is engaged in electronics research funded by the Defense Department. The students maintain results of earlier research are being used in electronics warfare in Vietnam.

The laboratory does about \$2 million in classified research, comprising the great preponderance of classified work on campus. While reports to its sponsoring agencies are sometimes classified, the scientific information contained in them is released for publication in technical journals with "rare and minor exceptions," according to Prof. William Baxter, law, who heads the research policy committee.

After organizing a series of committees at a meeting outside the laboratory, the students broke up into several small group discussions with faculty members. Small groups of professors and a handful of uniformed campus police expected to remain with them through the night.

Students set up a first-aid station in the building, but no one used this service. A small, informal commissary was established in a vending machine and coffee room.

By 1:30 a.m. more than 200 students were bedded down in the building's hallways. They planned a 7:30 a.m. meeting to discuss means of informing their classmates and a noon rally in White Plaza.

Faculty representatives on the Senate of the Academic Council will hold a regularly scheduled meeting at 3:15 p.m. Thursday (APRIL 10). Concerned Faculty on SRI, a newly organized group, has scheduled an 8 p.m. meeting in Tresidder Room 270. ###

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