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STANFORD - About 250 supporters of the April Third Movement, which now holds the Applied Electronics Laboratory (AEL) at Stanford, overwhelmingly endorsed plans to start research on activities in nearby buildings Tuesday afternoon (APRIL 15).

They also learned that two demonstrators, Marc Sapir and Connie Iverson, planned a community wedding there at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Several films will follow.

Concurrently, the Senate of the Academic Council will hold a special meeting to discuss a report from the Committee on Research Policy, which held public hearings Monday on classified research and related topics.

Monday night, movement members voted not to end their sit-in even if the Senate took firm action on their demands to stop classified and war-related research on campus. The margin was less than 2-1.

Assistant Prof. Anne Kostelanetz of the English Department, sole woman member of the Senate, told the Tuesday afternoon group not to "expect too much" from the faculty meeting. While there is "fairly widespread support" for ending classified research on campus among the faculty, she explained, "lots of faculty feel no meeting should be held while the sit-in is in session."

Several professors circulated a letter Tuesday afternoon saying no action should be taken on the substance of the student demands. Signatures from Academic Council members will be read at the Senate meeting.

Four faculty have signed statements supporting the tactics of the sit-in. They are: Ed McClenahan, lecturer in creative writing; H. Bruce Franklin, associate professor of English; Harold L. Kahn, assistant visiting professor of history; and Martin Carnoy, assistant professor of education and economics.

The vote to start small group research on activities in nearby buildings was taken at the request of David Pugh. Explaining it, Marc Weiss said: "We'll go to labs, case them out, and talk to professors."

The tactics will be "non-disruptive, for the moment at least," Michael Weinstein said casually before asking for a show of hands.

Earlier Tuesday afternoon, the University issued a statement replying to Gov. Reagan's suggestion that "the administration at Stanford should do what they did at Harvard--go in and get them, and get them out."

The statement noted that "since the sit-in began, both President Kenneth S. Pitzer and Provost Richard W. Lyman have made it clear the University intends to make every effort to use its own internal judicial processes in attempting to end this disruption. These processes have been formally sanctioned by both students and faculty.

"As Provost Lyman told Young Americans for Freedom Monday, 'the results of using off-campus methods to end disorder elsewhere have not been especially happy or encouraging. This is not to say that the use of civil authority is not ever necessary. Sometimes it is.'"

On Monday night, following the research hearing, Prof. Pierre Noyes of the research policy committee said he personally was convinced that there had been no "deliberate" change in the description of a controversial research project title by Prof. William Baxter, committee chairman.

He said Baxter had supplied the titles for a list of classified research projects after going over materials provided by the individual researchers involved.

The descriptions used covered the academic content of each project, not the sponsor's interest in the project, Noyes added.

"Had I been on the committee at the time, I would not have had the sense to recognize" the need for this information, he said. But it should have been stated explicitly, and its omission was "a serious error."

The classified contract involved electronic research sponsored by the Air Force.

At the Tuesday afternoon rally, political science students circulated a petition against Prof. Raymond Wolfinger, one of 24 faculty and staff members who voluntarily agreed, when asked, to help identify the demonstrators as part of the campus judicial process. ###

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