

THERE'S SOMETHING HAPPENING

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Have you read Thursday's Chaparral yet? There's an article starting on page three which discusses the "Freshman Demographic Survey and Discussion." That's the test the University is giving you on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

We've spoken with a number of freshmen by now, many of whom have decided not to take the exam; but others wanted to know why we're asking that ALL freshmen boycott the test. First, take a look at the Chappie article (Chappie is free - you can find it most places on campus). You'll find details about the American Council on Education (ACE), the group which made up the test. (Stanford's president, Ken Pitzer, is a director of ACE.) You'll learn the kinds of questions ACE is asking and the motives behind the whole examination.

It all adds up to an attempt by the university elite, at Stanford and elsewhere, to discover who becomes a member of the "minute group of extremists and destroyers" that are springing up on U. S. campuses. Naturally the University would rather not have socially aware students around, because Stanford is actively involved in the War in Vietnam, in recruiting officers for the armed forces, in finding executives for corporations like DOW and General Dynamics, and in doing research and consultation for the Defense Department and the major corporations. Stanford is a primary resource providing manpower and services for the profit-hungry, military oriented establishment in the U.S. Concerned students and radicals are monkey-wrenches in the Stanford machine.

The test on Monday and Tuesday is one of many moves Stanford is making to return the campus to the rai-rah complacency of the 1950's by eliminating "trouble-makers." If you think the University should be the place from which criticism of society flows, you have differences with the Trustees and the administration. If you are upset by Stanford as an institution, by the race problem in the U.S., or by the war, they're looking to get rid of you. They don't want you. You give them ulcers.

That's why we're asking that no one take the radical-sniffing test. Education in America should be for all of the people, not for the select few who agree to ignore their consciences.

Join the boycott! Don't get caught in the Freshman Inquisition!

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