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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE    NEWS CHRONOLOGY FOR APRIL 29, 1970

STANFORD-- 7:40 a.m., President's office ground floor windows covered with drapes and closed venetian blinds behind windows sealed with masking tape from previous rock throwing.

A handful of protesters scouted the building.

As a precautionary measure several desk drawers with loose papers were removed by University officials from the president's office last night for safekeeping elsewhere.

8:10 a.m., about two dozen demonstrators gathered on Inner Quad keeping well away from the President's Office. They were outnumbered by observers and cameramen.

Two secretaries were at work in the President's Office. The rest of the secretarial staff had been instructed to wait until called before coming to work.

A second group of about 25 persons was reported in the vicinity of the Old Union, which the protesters had picked as an alternative site if they were unable to gain entry to the President's Office.

By 8:15 none had gained entry to the President's Office.

Radio newsmen reported seeing two busloads of Santa Clara County Sheriff's deputies arrive on campus.

8:25 a.m., about 85 protesters sat and stood peacefully in the first floor lobby and hallway of the Old Union, while another 30 remained in front of the building. There was no impedence to normal pedestrian traffic in the building.

Offices of the Registrar on the first floor were open at 8:15 without incident.

Several faculty observers circulated through the building.

8:35 a.m., only a handful of demonstrators remained in front of the President's Office, where mail was delivered routinely.

9 a.m., a check of the Old Union building showed most offices were operating normally, although several had taken precautionary measures to protect confidential file information.

Registrar Harvey Hall said that student's permanent records remained locked as a precautionary measure "They're sensitive, irreplaceable records," he said.

The Dean of Students office door was locked, but entry was given those who knocked. The office contains confidential records of the Judicial Council.

The Admissions Office moved a receptionist from an open area to an office, and also kept its records secure.

Nearly all the protesters remained on the first floor, where a group of more than two dozen questioned three photographers-- one from the University and two from news media-- intensively.

More than 100 persons work in the Old Union. Many office doors remained open.

Six secretaries and most professional staff were inside the President's Office building. At the Old Union, the cashier and student accounts office remained closed as a precautionary measure. The office contains 20 million dollars in receivables. Joseph Jedd, accounts manager, would like to open but was aware of the decision of last night's meeting for the protesters to avail themselves of machinery and supplies. He described the current demonstration "the quietest sit-in I've seen."

Two students were admitted individually to the office after showing identification to process loan applications.

9:45 a.m., the protesters set up a public address system in the Old Union lobby, where a crowd of 125 gathered. Several speakers suggested using similar tactics in other buildings.

A newsman told colleagues that he saw 50 Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies leave the campus around 9:40 a.m.

Janet Weiss, one of the protesters, asked "Where are all the people who voted last night to sit-in?" Another person noted that only 86 had voted to do so Tuesday night.

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Professor Leonard Herzenberg, one of more than a dozen faculty members who last night voted to participate in a non-violent sit-in at the Old Union from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., said the faculty group sought removal of military training not later than June, 1971. A liberal-progressive faction has formed in an attempt to elect candidates to the Faculty Senate, he added.

The student accounts office remained closed, and Registrar Harvey Hall said the Post Office has been instructed to hold mail scheduled for delivery to the building for one day. Other first floor offices remained open, as did the transcripts and information windows in the lobby.

The Financial Aids office on the second floor remained open, but doors to most other offices there were locked being opened on request by individuals.

Few, if any, protesters were in the second floor area.

On the third floor, doors to the Dean of Students' Office and Counseling and Testing Service were open.

A handful of uniformed campus police were scattered through the building.

10:45 a.m., Joseph Jedd reported that the student account office had been opened after 10 a.m.

Following more discussion, the group in the lobby decided to break into small affinity groups, with some seeking more support in the dormitories and returning after lunch.

Leonard Siegel suggested going back to the dorms to gain more support. "Whatever we decide to do will be easier if several hundred people are inside the building," he said.

10:55 a.m. About 30 persons remained in the lobby of the Old Union, with more than 100 outside sitting in small groups, tossing frisbees, and enjoying themselves. Several groups left to seek more participants for a mid-afternoon meeting.

President Pitzer was scheduled to return to campus shortly after noon, cutting short a trip to Washington D.C., where he had been scheduled to address a Stanford Alumni Association dinner Wednesday night.

At 11:45 a.m. a group numbering about 80 protesters left the Old Union courtyard to rally the 11 o'clock classes on the Quad to support the sit-in.

They marched around the Inner Quad chanting "Off ROTC" and "Get off your ass and sit-in." Their visit coincided with the ending of the 11 o'clock class hour but few joined the march. The group mingled with the luncheon-bound crowds and returned to the fountain courtyard of the Old Union.

During the noon hour representatives of affinity groups attempted to rally support in the dormitory dining rooms but got little response except for isolated heckling and some scattered applause.

About 1 p.m. the gathering in the courtyard was treated to guerilla theater skits which satirized ROTC and made topical references to the new U.S. assistance to Cambodia.

By 2 p.m. Harvey Hall, registrar, reported his office was "in 100 percent operation", having picked up its U.S. mail and opened student records files for normal office use.

He said the files would be locked again at 4 p.m.

About 180 protesters, including a high school contingent, were in the Old Union building and courtyard. One small group played cards and another strummed guitars and sang songs in the hall outside the Admissions Office. Another group met on the third floor near the Dean of Students' Office and the draft counselors' office.

Speaking as an individual Tom Forster of the protest group said the sit-in is "going fairly well," with a "clear commitment on the part of the group to nonviolent, nondisruptive tactics."

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