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Following a White Plaza rally attended by 400 persons, the Stanford Black Student Union led a peaceful march to the President's Office at Stanford early Tuesday afternoon charging that the University "is less than committed to addressing the more pressing problems facing people of color."

A 10-point list of general charges was presented to Associate Provost Robert Rosenzweig by BSU CoChairman Willie Newberry, who asked that President Richard W. Lyman discuss them at an open forum within a week. President Lyman was attending a trustee meeting in San Francisco and was not immediately available for comment.

In a speech to the Academic Council last month he said the University is "in no position to be self-righteous, or complacent, or sentimental" on racial questions.

The first item listed in the BSU's open letter to the President criticized "Stanford's participation and support of the Willow Expressway plan, which would destroy over 433 units of housing in Belle Haven, a black community already short of housing; Stanford's land policies do not reflect its 'deep concern' over the problem."

(On Oct. 22, 1970, in testimony given at a public hearing on the expressway, Boyd Smith, Stanford real estate manager, said the University approved the alignment of the proposed expressway through its property and added: "The University is greatly concerned that proper steps be taken by the state to find replacement housing for those being displaced by the expressway. We understand that every person whose residence will be required for the expressway must be relocated to his reasonable satisfaction before construction can commence."

(Under the sponsorship of the Mid-Peninsula Urban Coalition, the University has authorized planning of 200 units of housing for low and moderate income facilities on its land, pointing out that the total need can only be met in cooperation with other local communities.)

After presenting the 10-point list, Newberry and about 200 persons, mainly white, walked to the Physics Lecture Hall where a capacity crowd of 300 watched a hearing being held by the Stanford Judicial Council on closed-circuit TV monitors.

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Student defendants in the Henry Cabot Lodge case pled nolo contendere (meaning no contest, neither innocent nor guilty) Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 9, then walked out of the Stanford Judicial Council hearings.

Janet Weiss, speaking for all the defendants, said: "We are going to go out and meet with the people and call for a strike to shut down the University until the U.S. is out of Laos and Southeast Asia. The Council can do whatever it wants."

Following a brief discussion in the nearby Physics Lecture Hall, highlighted by Associate Prof. H. Bruce Franklin's pointing out an alleged police informer, about 200 supporters moved out to the dorms and began planning a rally for Dinkelspiel Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The Council continued in session, taking evidence until 5:15 p.m.

More than 20 Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies had joined a handful of campus police in guarding the entrance to the SJC hearings. There were no incidents or arrests. Admission was by a signed yellow slip only. More than 50 of these were given the defendants, their counsel and others of their choice.

Campus police alone were unable to prevent large numbers of sympathizers from entering the hearing room for the case on Jan. 28 and 29. Tuesday's proceedings were broadcast on closed-circuit TV to Physics Lecture Hall and on radio station KZSU.

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