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STANFORD - Two dozen women, mainly faculty wives, plan a silent vigil outside the Stanford Career Planning and Placement Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, April 7-8, protesting the presence of an Army recruiter there.

Some will carry signs depicting crimes committed by the Army in Indo-China, but none plan to block entrance. On Feb. 26, a similar group protested recruiting by the Food Machinery Corporation (FMC).

In a March 23 letter to University President Richard W. Lyman, 86 women called for a campus ban on interviews by military recruiters and companies manufacturing weapons.

They said "Recruitment is not speech. It is the first, and perhaps most important, step in the process of production. Without high caliber employees, such as Stanford can provide, a company cannot function efficiently. Neither can the armed services...."

Noting that Stanford does not permit employers who discriminate on the basis of race or sex to use its facilities, they added "producing anti-personnel bombs in support of our present foreign policy is as immoral as practicing racial discrimination, and legal only in the narrowest sense."

The group said they were "appalled at the uncontrolled growth of the military establishment," which has spent more than \$1 trillion since World War II. "In view of the continuing, daily slaughter in Indo-China, an end to Stanford's association with the war would not be a political act but a moral one," they concluded. "We ask ...that the University say 'no' to what is anti-human and shut its doors to those whose business is killing."

In a reply to Mrs. Hubert Marshall, who presented the letter, President Lyman wrote Monday, April 5, that the University allows all employers equal access to campus job recruiting facilities.

"I can see no acceptable or workable standards for judging which corporation or government agency is honorable enough to allow our students to have access to it, nor do I think it would be proper for the University to apply such standards," he said.

The University's policy concerning firms which discriminate on the basis of race or sex "does not rest on any judgment by the University of the value, wisdom or morality of a company's activities; instead it rests on the premise that to use the University's facilities, a company must be genuinely open to all Stanford students."

The University does not invite potential employers to interview, nor does it pre-screen those who sign up for interviews. In this way, President Lyman indicated, the University tries to keep recruitment "entirely open and voluntary on both sides."

In a 1970 statement on "Academic Freedom and Civil Liberties of Students," the American Civil Liberties Union said that "unless a college bars all occupational recruitment of students, the Army, Navy, and Air Force should be allowed the same campus facilities as other government agencies and private corporations."

Students will vote this week in a campus referendum on recruitment policies at Stanford