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EDITORS:

Faculty and student supporters of the Bruce Franklin Defense Fund will hold a news conference at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, in Tresidder Memorial Union Room 271 on the Stanford campus.

Speakers will include Profs. Bliss Carnochan, chairman of English; Ronald Rebholz, English; and Raymond Giraud, chairman of French and Italian.

Ann Kimball will speak for the Associated Students Council of Presidents and an officer of the Student Senate also will be present.

Following announcement of the 5-2 Advisory Board decision for Professor Franklin's dismissal, the Council of Presidents and James Jefferson of the Student Senate condemned the verdict and warned that "the lid may now be off on repression of political dissent on campus."

Advertisements in *The Stanford Daily* have placed the needs of the Defense Fund at \$25,000.

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Students at Stanford disagree with the Advisory Board decision to dismiss Associate Prof. H. Bruce Franklin by a margin of 46 percent to 37 percent, according to a random sample telephone poll conducted for *The Stanford Daily*.

Done mainly by non-*Daily* personnel, the poll reached 161 students out of a sample of 183 early this week. Seventeen percent of those responding said they had not made up their minds on the issue. (Stanford has more than 11,000 students. The random selection process was approved by experts in this field.)

The poll was published as students started a two-day referendum on the question.

In an editorial published Wednesday, *The Daily* said "No matter what the outcome of the student referendum... the University Board of Trustees has made it clear that they will not be swayed by student input on the Franklin question.

"They have rejected the idea of holding an on-campus open meeting to hear community views, even though those most affected by Franklin's dismissal have had no voice in the decision-making process.

"The referendum, however, is not without meaning. The decision of the Advisory Board and President [Richard W.] Lyman has received national attention and praise.

"Student response here has been characterized as generally passive, except of course for the expected rallies and demonstrations staged by 'radical followers of the Marxist professor.'

"We cannot afford to let this characterization go unchallenged. The student referendum is the best available way for the student body as a whole to educate not only the trustees but also the nation's press of their feelings about the proposed dismissal."

The independent student paper concluded: "We believe Franklin's firing both outrageous and dangerous. We urge support of his right to speak and teach on campus, and strongly recommend a vote for that cause."

The Daily poll showed nearly three-fourths of those responding favored an open meeting of the Board of Trustees on campus to discuss the case. On Tuesday, Board President Robert Minge Brown rejected this request, pointing out that the Policy on Appointment and Tenure "does not call for the Board... to hear new evidence or to reweigh evidence, and the Board does not believe it would be proper to do so."

The Daily reported that Denis Hayes, Stanford trustee and former student body president, had agreed to come to a meeting scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday in Cubberley Auditorium and said one other trustee might attend. David Harris, anti-war activist and former student body president, will speak at a campus rally for Professor Franklin Friday night.