WHY ARE WE SITTING THE

Because the trustees who run this University and SRI have ignored us. All year long we have been asking them to stop research on chemical and biological warfare and other military weapons. When we ask they don't answer. When all we do is talk, they stall. But when hundreds of students act together, they have to respond.

The trustees are businessmen--some of the most powerful businessmen in the United States. They run Stanford like they run all their other businesses--to make money. They care more about the success of the business than about the students. That's why they ignore our talk.

They care more about funding war research than about paying decent wages. They spend millions on prestigious medical facilities, but don't provide even basic medical coverage for employees. Stanford rates as third among the nation's universities, yet it does not open its educational resources to all employees and their children.

The research being done serves a war which is killing both Southeast Asians and Americans every day.

The resources used in that research could and should be used to benefit people in this country and the rest of the world.

That is why we are acting -- that is why we are sitting in.