

ASSU Poll Indicates Students Favor Sit-In

Stanford students overwhelmingly think the sit-in at the Applied Electronics Laboratory "has helped focus the attention of the University upon the nature of research conducted at Stanford." They also voted by a margin of 1633 votes to 1468 to participate in a "sit-in or similar action of protest" if Trustees do not take appropriate action by May 14.

The vote was taken in a poll conducted among students present at Frost Amphitheater Friday afternoon in a special meeting of the student body called by ASSU president Denis Hayes.

It came on the heels of the conclusion of the nine-day sit-in at the Applied Electronics Laboratory which ended Friday morning. Six hundred students participating in an early morning meeting indicated that they would resume if they did not get an acceptable response to their demands concerning military research within a week.

In the afternoon meeting at Frost the slim majority of students indicated they would participate "in a sit-in or similar means of protest" if Stanford Trustees do not "positively respond to the desire of the Stanford Community regarding research at Stanford and SRI and in resolving the future relationship between Stanford and SRI by May 14."

The precise vote on the question of the sit-in helping focus attention upon research was 3073 saying it did and 203 saying it didn't.

The end to the sit-in came just preceding a meeting of the full Academic Council in which the Stanford faculty gave President Kenneth S. Pitzer a standing ovation for his "restraint and firmness" in dealing with the sit-in.

Later Friday afternoon, President Pitzer announced that "the Applied Electronics Laboratory is closed until 12 noon April 25th."

In other questions students voted in a four part question to oppose biochemical warfare, counter-insurgency, war-related and classified research. The margin on biochemical warfare research was 2732 to 475. On counter-insurgency it was 2395 to 772 while of war related research it was 2414 to 684.

The closest vote was on the question of classified research in general. Here the vote was more than 2 to 1 with the exact tally showing 2120 against classified research and 1045 in favor of it.

In other votes, students voted by a margin of 2207 to 970 supporting a cancellation of classes Tuesday to allow a full day of speeches, rallies and seminars on research in universities.

Make Decision

By a margin of 2630 to 572 students urged the Trustees to make their decision regarding SRI no later than their May 13 meeting.

The final question on the ballot asked whether students polled would participate in "an Education Center in the Old Union Courtyard as a base from which to inform the University community on the nature of research being conducted at Stanford and SRI."