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Over fifty Stanford University students held a peaceful demonstration today [April 8] in the financial district at a meeting of the Stanford Board of Trustees. The students protested war-related research at Stanford and the University's subsidiary, Stanford Research Institute (SRI).

The demonstration on California Street and a concurrent demonstration on the Stanford campus grew out of a meeting last week at which 800 students and faculty voiced opposition to classified research on campus and at SRI. A moratorium on research relating to germ warfare, counterinsurgency, and the Vietnam war was requested at the meeting.

The students are demanding that SRI be brought under tighter control by the University and that "guidelines be formulated for morally acceptable research" at Stanford and SRI.

Stanford University President Kenneth S. Pitzer said that he would put the students' demands on today's agenda.

In a statement issued today, the students said: "We want the trustees to be responsible to the victims of their investments. The first step is to halt war research — we are waiting for that decision."