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- 6:55 A.M. Five professors warned about 100 students in Encina that police had been called and would ask them to leave or face arrest in about 15 minutes.
- 6:59 A.M. C.D. Marron, field inspector for the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, circulated through the building warning that arrests would start in about 15 minutes unless students left.
- 7:15 A.M. Three busloads of police arrive at Encina with about 125 officers. Faculty observers had planned to meet them in front of the building and voluntarily accompany them inside to help protest student rights. An initial group of police entered the building quickly, without waiting for the faculty. According to two eyewitnesses (Prof. Halstead Holman and Daily Editor Phil Taubman), the police stopped inside the building as soon as they were told the sit-in group was voting on leaving the building. Both said the police showed restraint. The group voted to leave Encina and go to the President's Office. On the deck above the Encina entrance, a group of demonstrators unfurled a large red and white Parents Day flag and greeted the police as "professors."
- 7:25 A.M. Last demonstrators leave Encina, headed toward President's Office. They pause to confer on the lawn, then spot President Pitzer and Prof. Leonard Schiff. About 100 students surround them, leaving room so both may be heard. When asked why police had been called, Pitzer said: "We've been just as patient as we could be. We've tried to use internal judicial procedures; you've not recognized these.... It was the only thing left to do." Sophomore Marc Weiss calls out "President Pig-sir." "Very clever," the president replies, sardonically. Taking a student bullhorn, he said: "We have within this University a judicial system established by support from students and faculty...." Tapping him gently on the shoulder, Michael Vawter said repeatedly "F--- you, man."
- 7:40 A.M. Looking over toward Encina, where most police had left the building, one student in the group said: "As soon as they leave, we're going back into the building." Several police remained in the Encina hallway. When Weiss then asked Pitzer where he stood on imperialism, he replied: "I haven't changed my mind. We should not be using American military forces to dominate people overseas" (repeating remarks made in early December). After most police had left the building, a group of about 100-125 gathered on the Encina steps, with the President leaving the area.
- 8:25 A.M. About 20 persons, headed by Fred Cohen, arrived at the President's Office on Inner Quad, brushing aside Associate Dean of Students Willard Wyman to gain entry to the building. "We are not liberating this building; we are liberating ourselves," Mary Hanson said. After a few went upstairs, the group left promptly headed back toward Hoover Tower and Encina.
- 9:40 A.M. After more discussions outside Encina, the group voted to adjourn its meeting to the Old Union Courtyard at 7:30 p.m. Pitzer
- 10:30 A.M. Following a personal inspection of Encina Hall, Pitzer called the sit-in "intolerable and unjustifiable." He said there was "no major damage" to the four-story building; however, there were files and one typewriter missing. Several other typewriters were damaged and eight glass doors and one window were broken. Talking with reporters, he said he called police because "It is more serious when misbehavior is repeated. But, more important, this sit-in had a different tone (than the April 9-18). They broke in and took files. That kind of action cannot be tolerated." There were no arrests.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HAS BEEN CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT
AT 4:15 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 1 in DINKELSPIEL

FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE DA 1-2300, Ext. 2558 Bob Beyers

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

STANFORD - Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies have been requested to clear Encina Hall, Stanford President Kenneth S. Pitzer and Provost Richard W. Lyman announced early Thursday (MAY 1).

Volunteer faculty observers will accompany each arrest team, in accord with arrangements established in advance by the University to help protect the rights of students.

Several hundred students occupied the building at 1 a.m. Thursday, dragging away several students who sought to protect the entrances, breaking two glass doors, and smashing several inside glass doorway panes to gain entry to offices there.

Soon after the building was occupied, more than 1,000 students gathered on the Encina lawn and chanted "Out, Out, Out" to those forcefully holding the building. Campus police said damage already exceeded that sustained in the nine-day sit-in which ended April 18 at the Applied Electronics Laboratory.

The demonstrators were asked repeatedly to leave the building by Dean of Students Joel P. Smith, who arrived at Encina a few minutes after the occupation started. Most students in the building refused to identify themselves to faculty teams who also asked them to leave.

Pitzer and Lyman said their decision was made "with great reluctance and genuine regret." Both have repeatedly noted the University's determination to use its own internal processes in ending campus disruption, but have never ruled out resort to outside authority.

"No university in the U.S. has done more to make its internal governing processes work than has Stanford," they said. "We do not despair that it can work in the future, but we are convinced beyond doubt that they have failed to work in this case."

Occupants of the building were given general notice of the intention to arrest those who refused to leave several minutes before the first teams entered Encina. The building houses the business offices and several administrative sections of the University.

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A MESSAGE TO THE STANFORD COMMUNITY FROM
PRESIDENT KENNETH S. PITZER AND PROVOST RICHARD W. LYMAN

With great reluctance and genuine regret we have asked the Sheriff's Office of Santa Clara County to assist us in bringing the illegal and indefensible occupation of Encina Hall to an end.

We have taken this final step only after exhausting, without success, every internal remedy available to the University, including the Presidential emergency powers suggested by the Stanford Judicial Council. This decision was taken with the advice of and at the unanimous recommendation of the President's Faculty Consultative Group on Campus Disorders.

We want to assure the community that the rights of all persons in Encina Hall are being scrupulously protected. A member of the Stanford faculty will accompany each team of police officers as an observer inside the building and other faculty members will be stationed outside the building to observe events there. In view of these precautions, and especially in view of the added dangers produced by large crowds of on-lookers, we urgently request all members of the community, except those who have been asked to observe, to stay away from Encina Hall until the process is ended.

The decision we have taken is in itself testimony to the urgency with which we view the situation that developed last night. Encina Hall, a building which has no conceivable relationship to the issues of policy now before the University, was entered with violence, highly sensitive personnel and other internal University files were being rifled, critical functions of the University were in grave danger, but appeals to reason and the use of University disciplinary procedures were not effective.

The blunt fact is that this University was faced with an intolerable situation, and was forced in the last extremity to choose this course of action. No university in the United States has done more to make its internal governing processes work than has Stanford. We do not despair that they can work in the future, but we are convinced beyond doubt that they have failed to work in this case. We ask the support and cooperation of the faculty, students, and staff during this difficult period.