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STANFORD--Broadened support and new demands emerged in the Stanford strike Thursday (MAY 7), as the Faculty Senate prepared to consider resolutions on Cambodia, ROTC, and violence.

Nearly 2,000 persons overflowed Memorial Auditorium at a mass meeting of strikers Wednesday night. Later, diminished in numbers, they demanded greater flexibility in meeting current academic obligations and use of University housing and resources for anti-war activities in nearby communities.

Triggered by the American invasion of Cambodia, the strike has gained strength since Monday, when campus observers rated its effectiveness well over 50 percent.

Wednesday afternoon, University President Kenneth S. Pitzer announced that the University will go "on normal weekend status" Friday, a day earlier than usual.

Staffing of libraries and other facilities will follow the Saturday pattern. The Medical Center will maintain total clinical operation of the hospital and clinics, but there will be no academic activities in the Medical School.

According to the Office of Public Exercises, meeting and performances scheduled Friday usually resemble those scheduled Saturday, and hence will continue. Should conditions warrant, however, the University reserves the right to cancel them, if necessary.

Pitzer said he hoped the three-day weekend would ease emotional fatigue "prevalent throughout the campus."

He emphasized that this decision was made prior to any announcement about closing of the state's public colleges and universities, although it was not closed for more than an hour after Governor Reagan's declaration. The Hoover Institution announced it will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Pitzer said Thursday was not added to the "normal weekend" status because of several meetings and discussions scheduled for that day. Principal focus of public attention will be the 3:15 p.m. Faculty Senate meeting.

Its agenda includes proposals placed before it last week by the Academic Council, condemning President Nixon's decision to commit American ground combat troops to Cambodia as "unwise, immoral, and harmful." The proposal urges Congress "to use every legal means to resist the implementation of this decision."

The University of California at Berkeley Faculty Senate overwhelmingly passed a resolution identical to the Stanford proposal Tuesday. The same night, the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences at Harvard also strongly condemned the President.

Other proposals on the Stanford Senate agenda, 1) suggests that academic credit for ROTC be terminated this June and 2) condemns violence.

Many members of the Stanford delegation to Washington are scheduled to fly back to campus tonight, following a second day's round of meetings with Senators and Congressmen. Numbering more than 30 key students, faculty, and administrators, the group was funded entirely through voluntary donations from campus.

At the Wednesday night rally, strikers voted to block Encina Hall starting at 6 a.m. and intensify activities directed against defense-related research especially in engineering and at the Stanford Industrial Park. They again said they would try to halt operations of the Stanford News and Publications Service at Encina, where several employees slept overnight.

Paychecks due thousandsofemployees will be distributed where possible through normal campus mail channels. Individuals whose checks are not delivered may claim them after 1:30 p.m. by going to the Interdepartmental Mail Service office at the rear of Encina and presenting appropriate identification.

Strikers blocking the building will permit only those employees whom they authorize to enter the building. Staff members in the General Secretary's Office, the University's principal fund-raising unit, have circulated leaflets protesting their sustained exclusion from normal work activities.

In leaflets circulated on campus Wednesday they said "Many of us are strongly opposed to the invasion of Cambodia and are giving witness to our beliefs in various peaceful ways. We are also increasingly

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disturbed by the coercive closure of Encina Hall.

"We have seen many schools and department resolutions which seek reform of the University but none that advocates needlessly crippling or destroying it in the process. We who work in fund raising are deeply concerned about the consequences of the indiscriminate blockage of all gift support activities.

"Stanford depends on gifts. Volunteers raise money for general University use.

"Cutting off communication with these volunteers not only impedes their efforts to solicit gift support at this time, but also makes it impossible for them to understand the depth of student, faculty and staff concern that has led to a noncoercive strike."

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STRIKE CHRONOLOGY

Stanford strikers today tightened their grip on several buildings in the engineering complex, leaving a relatively small contingent at Encina Hall, where entry and exit were closely controlled.

Buildings effectively blocked included the High Energy Physics Laboratory, Applied Physics, Applied Electronics Laboratory, Durand (home of Aeronautics and Astronautics) and Skilling (center for instructional TV network to local industry).

Outside one laboratory, Striker Harry Cleaver, an economics graduate student active with the Pacific Studies Center, an independent Palo Alto group, declared: "We made our choice five years ago, and nobody paid any attention. The only thing you understand is force, and that's what we're bringing to you." A researcher, blocked from entry, replied: "My work is in high energy physics and the best thing I can do is get on with my job," indicating it had no military applications.

Small groups of workers appeared at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center this morning with informational leaflets and a few placards reading "SLAC Workers for Peace in Southeast Asia." They will be active during lunchtime and shift changes. Comprised of SLAC employees and family members only, they have adopted rules designed to keep their activity entirely noncoercive. They will not provoke debate and have set up a very stringent set of rules governing the conduct of their group.

With the approval of the Atomic Energy Commission, SLAC will operate with a normal weekend staff on Friday, following the pattern set for the University by President Kenneth S. Pitzer. The accelerator itself will continue to run round the clock.

On campus, 700 to 1,000 students have formed a new--and as yet nameless--group whose principle objective is avoiding violence.

According to Gordon Bardet, sophomore member of the steering committee, the group wants 1) to keep extraordinary law enforcement units from coming to the campus by hopefully preventing violence, and 2) to prevent the kind of situation which would cause the administration to close Stanford and send everyone home.

"Within our group, key issues such as the war in SEAsia, ROTC, and the student strike are matter of individual conscience," he said.

We have noted with concern the small but increasing number of high school students coming onto the Stanford campus to observe demonstrations and sometimes to participate in acts of violence. We feel that the Stanford student community has nothing to gain by persons from high schools or other colleges coming onto the campus and engaging in violent acts.

Therefore we urge all parents of high school students to assume the responsibility of protecting their children by seeing that they do not enter the Stanford campus, particularly at night, for the remainder of the academic year."

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