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(ADVANCE) STANFORD - "For moderate students, the charms of all-out confrontation will diminish over time," Stanford University Provost Richard W. Lyman predicted here Friday (SEP. 26).

He told an annual conference of alumni volunteers he believes "campus turmoil" will eventually fade "if only because disruptions of the kind we have been experiencing are not a satisfactory long-run answer from the students' own viewpoint."

Lyman noted that "a considerable majority" of students have not participated in disruptions, and that "risks are increasing" because penalties are being meted out, "even if they're not happening nearly as fast as most non-university Americans would like."

"The realization is bound to grow, too, that disruptions and coercion are a poor way to insure meaningful progress. Such instruments of power are enormously wasteful; even at their most successful they have accomplished startlingly little for the amount of human effort that has gone into them. They often hit the wrong target by mistake; and no society can proceed indefinitely under a government consisting of successive trials of strength among its constituencies."

Lyman told the alumni that universities are changing, and cited the recent reorganization of Stanford's Board of Trustees as an example.

Such governing boards "will have greater diversity of membership," he said, through election of recent graduates.

"Boards of Trustees will have greater accountability," Lyman said. "Students, faculty, and alumni alike will not be satisfied simply to receive policy decisions from the Board, but will require explanations and justifications."

Lyman predicted "community government" will grow in some areas of university life as urged by many students, but said not many will want to take the time for the necessary "dull work" involved.

While in the future everyone "will be better organized to get his views across," Lyman expressed hope "that this process does not reach the point of strangling the university in the grip of competing pressure groups."

"The best hope we have of avoiding such an impasse lies in the effective building of new instruments of communication and collaboration in the university community."

Among the "new instruments" mentioned by Lyman were the trustee changes, the Senate of the Academic Council, and the new Student Senate.

"These things are undramatic," he said. "They are by no means guaranteed to provide remedies for our present discontents; but they are all promising developments...."

"A university that manages to do this much...certainly is not moribund."

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