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SEATTLE - Growing numbers of faculty and students, uneasy and unhappy with world conditions, "are nevertheless coming to see the pointlessness of destroying the university in order to save it," President Richard W. Lyman of Stanford said here Monday night, Dec. 14.

In like fashion, he suggested, as other sectors of our society have felt the impact of "the terrorists, the anarchists, and the nihilists in our midst," public understanding has grown that universities "were not alone in finding such all-out challenge hard to meet and to contain."

In remarks prepared for delivery to Stanford alumni, parents, and friends gathered at the Washington Plaza Hotel, President Lyman said:

"We live, we are pleased to believe, in a society with a thousand-year tradition of legal due process. We cherish the faith in a land of promise to which the victims of tyranny elsewhere in the world could and did repair, to grow and prosper without the vestigial burdens of feudalism upon their shoulders.

"Our children now point out to us that our freedoms are far from perfectly developed, and even further from equally available to all of our citizenry. That they are correct in asserting this proposition is scarcely open to doubt. But to leap from that to the conclusion that all law and order is a fair and indeed necessary target for destruction is absurd.

"Yet it seems to me also absurd to argue that we must abandon the rule of law in favor of order-at-any-price. Within limits--and violent attacks on persons and property are beyond those limits--protests can be the alarm bell of a free society."

President Lyman's trip to Seattle was the first in a series designed to take his inaugural as Stanford's seventh president "to the people." By cancelling traditional campus ceremonies, he saved an estimated \$30,000.

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