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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

STANFORD - Students at Stanford have expressed strong support for proposals to expand General Motors' board of directors and add a shareholders committee for corporate responsibility.

In a campus-wide referendum, both measures passed by majorities of more than 5-1. Among 11,000 students, the vote to expand the directors was 3,849 to 786, while support for the shareholders committee was 3,967 to 786.

Both changes have been backed by associates of Ralph Nader, auto industry critic and consumer crusader. The proxies will be voted at the company's annual meeting May 22.

At its April meeting, the Stanford Board of Trustees voted to create an ad hoc committee to study the question of whether the University should generally become involved in corporate proxy issues and to make a specific recommendation on the "Campaign GM" proposals.

Results will be reported to the Trustees at their May 13 meeting. Stanford owns about 24,000 shares of GM stock.

Harvard, Yale, and MIT currently are conducting similar studies. Governing boards of the Universities of Michigan, Texas, Chicago, and California have voted to cast their proxies for GM management in the dispute.

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STANFORD - Extensive window-breaking following 23 campus arrests resulted in \$30,000 to \$40,000 damages at Stanford early Friday (APRIL 24), University officials estimated today.

About 200 ROTC protesters and onlookers attended a White Plaza rally at noon Friday devoted to discussion of the arrests. Another rally is set for 7:30 p.m. in the Old Union Courtyard.

The Committee of Fifteen, a student-faculty-administration group, scheduled a series of open hearings on the arrests.

In an editorial published Friday, The Stanford Daily said: "While the value of a sit-in is questionable, the way police were used against it was extremely unwise...."

"Administrators wanted to use the police lightly, but the cops were tired of dealing carefully with radicals they have battled since late March."

The Stanford Hospital and Cowell Health Center both reported no students had been treated there for any injuries stemming from the police sweep.

Prof. Joseph Balderidge, education, observed the police tactics and said "I came here 100 percent on the students side--now I'm amazed at the restraint of the police."

The Daily quoted C.D. Marron, field enforcement supervisor for the Santa Clara County police, as saying "The students had been warned earlier in the day that police might come. We did not set an entrapment. We simply wanted to minimize any damage that could take place to property or persons."

Peter Stern, visiting scholar at Stanford, said he was pushed back into the building and arrested after he had stood about two feet in front of the entrance, advising students to walk, not run.

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STANFORD - Stanford University's Department of Music has announced two changes in its spring schedule of public events.

The lecture by musicologist H. Robbins Landon, scheduled for May 3, has been postponed to a later date which will be announced.

The May 8 recital by the Houle Consort has been cancelled.

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