Why Rock Throwing

Last night rocks were thrown again on this campus. That these rocks were thrown indicates the seriousness of the movement to get ROTC off campus. But the off-ROTC movement is not committed to throwing rocks. The only thing we are committed to is the discontinuation of ROTC. As long as we are small in number, more feasible, more generally-acceptable tactics to achieve this are not available. The need the support of everyone on the Stanford campus who is against ROTC. With this support we can begin to implement those alternatives: large-scale attendance of ROTC classes, mobile sit-ins, a student strike, wall-papering the ROTC building with scenic posters. We can implement others as well.

Thursday night showed not only that there are large numbers of students that oppose the presence of ROTC, but that we can come together and act together. Last night showed that if there is to be no more rock-throwing, we must come together again, until ROTC is off this campus.

The point is that we should not allow differences over tactics to divide us. Our goal is the same. We want your support; there are tactics on which we can all agree. Join us: the movement will go on, but how depends on you.

--W.C.M.F. Affinity Group

So they came to Jerusalem. And there Jesus went into the temple, and began driving out those who sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the bankers, and the chairs of the pigeon-sellers; nor would he allow anyone to carry his wares through the temple. And this was the admonition he gave them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be known among all the nations for a house of prayer?' Whereas you have made it into a den of thieves." The chief priests and scribes heard of this, and looked for some means of making away with him; they were afraid of him, because all the multitude was so full of admiration at his teaching.

--Mark II: 15-18