

'ROTC 44' Halts Door Blockading

The group of students that has been blocking the entrances to the ROTC building for three weeks have announced that they will discontinue the disruption and devote their full efforts to other strike activities.

A statement of the group added, however, "if the President's Advisory Committee on ROTC does not make progress toward removing ROTC and if the ROTC business returns to normal, we feel compelled to return."

A spokesman said that the "ROTC 44 and friends," as they are known, will meet tomorrow to decide what further action to take. Emphasizing the group intends to work both together and as individuals on future actions, he said that since they have effectively "halted business in the ROTC building at Stanford," they should devote their "full efforts to other strike activities."

He added that dissipation of numbers, boredom and fear of greater repression influenced the group to stop blocking the building at this time.

He said the lull will give them time to build their strength.

Blocking of the ROTC building since May 4 has forced the Navy, Army, and Air Force ROTC units to set up offices and hold classes elsewhere even off campus. The group blocking the building let

those who had business with the Department of Athletics (which shares the building with the ROTC units) enter, but has prevented those with ROTC business from entering.

Campus officials on two separate occasions have told those blocking the entrances that they were in violation of campus disruption policy and would be prosecuted through the SJC. A total of 44 students gave their names to those officials at that time.

A spokesman for the group said that members had heard rumors that University officials would begin to take names and again start SJC proceedings if students continued to block the doors.

The group issued the following statement over the weekend:

"We, the ROTC 44 and friends, have, since May 4, effectively halted business in the ROTC building at Stanford. Having achieved this goal, we decided, as of May 24, to discontinue our disruption and devote our full efforts to other strike activities.

"It must be made clear, however, that if the President's Advisory Committee on ROTC does not make progress toward removing ROTC and if ROTC business returns to normal, we reserve the option to return."