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Against ROTC Protestors

Pitzer Expects Criminal Charges

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Criminal charges resulting from this week's anti-ROTC demonstrations will "no doubt" be filed by the district attorney, President Kenneth S. Pitzer said yesterday.

Photographs and other evidence will be used to prosecute those involved, either through the Stanford Judicial Council or the criminal courts.

Pitzer said that "there has not been a decision" on the issue of whether to prosecute students in court or before the judicial council. "When (members of the campus community) are closely involved with non-Stanford people, and when the police also are involved," he added the only equitable way may be to go to court.

Nevertheless, the President did reaffirm his preference for using campus judicial mechanisms "as much as possible."

"Illegal acts of violence are not to be condoned," he said. "So far as there is evidence of individuals perpetrating such acts, they ought to be punished."

Photographs of the demonstration that disrupted the Academic Council meeting a week ago and of the demonstrations Tuesday and Wednesday at the ROTC-Athletic Building are being held by the President's office and members of the Stanford community have been asked by Pitzer to identify people in the pictures.

Pitzer re-emphasized the democratic nature of the decision making process by which the faculty voted to allow Army ROTC to qualify for limited credit. "To allow a small pressure group to overturn that sort of decision-making would be most unfortunate to the University," he said.

When there is new evidence with regard to ROTC, the Academic Senate should re-evaluate its decision, Pitzer added. But, "we ought to regard this (the ROTC decision) as decided for this year."

Student Representation

He said that the key decision in the Army ROTC issue was primarily academic in nature and so was the faculty's responsibility.

Student views were represented, according to Pitzer, through student representation on the President's advisory committee on ROTC and last spring's student referendum.

Pitzer stated however, that next week's student ROTC referendum would "certainly influence future decisions in this area." The peaceful march presently planned for Monday night would be a "perfectly legitimate element" of expression, although the "referendum would be a more apt" view of student sentiment, Pitzer said.

He added that at any time a member of the faculty Senate could introduce a new proposal on ROTC.

Both the Navy and Air Force are considering how much to follow the plan of the Army here at Stanford. Due to the small enrollment in Air Force ROTC and the small output in officers, "the Air Force might decide not to stay just on that basis," Pitzer said.

Small Subsidies

The President noted that the money Stanford uses to indirectly

subsidize the ROTC is "very small." "There is a net financial benefit to the University" when this subsidy is compared to the financial aid ROTC provides to students. "There's no question (that) elimination of ROTC would have a direct, adverse effect on funds," he added.

According to Don Price, dean of Humanities and Sciences, the University indirect subsidy of ROTC last year amounted to about \$22,000 for supply of buildings and office services. ROTC scholarships last year amounted to about \$145,000.

Pitzer said he had not had intensive conversations with the military, the defense department, or the Stanford ROTC officers since the demonstrations began, but indicated that he did not feel any appreciable outside pressure to clamp down harder on the demonstrators. "I don't need to be prodded by others" to do something about the violent disruptions, he said.

Pressure On DOD

ROTC arrangements at other universities will be closely watched, he said. If information is

received that other universities have set up a more favorable program and "if their situation is similar to ours, (Stanford) will put pressure on the Defense Department to adjust correspondingly."

He added that situations differ greatly around the nation. "At some schools, things like undergraduate specials are not given academic credit at all." He emphasized that the Army proposal does not promise any credit for ROTC courses if only says that ROTC courses will be considered for credit on their merits.

Pitzer again expressed his concern over the punitive clauses in the student ROTC contracts. He said that "greatest attention will be given to getting the legislation changed" and that in the meantime he hoped that there would be "a clear definition of how the Defense Department administers (this provision) within the latitude permitted by legislation."

Pitzer made his statements yesterday in an exclusive interview with the Daily.



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