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STANFORD —

President Nixon's budget proposals, which call for an increase of about 14 percent in academic research, offer grounds for optimism in achieving "a smooth transition into exciting new areas" of research, Stanford Provost William F. Miller said Tuesday night, Feb. 16, in a KZSU news interview.

Over the past decade, he noted, the proportion of Stanford's research funds coming from the Defense Department has fallen from 63 to 19 percent, while the share funded through the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has risen from 16 to 23 percent.

The shift of faculty and student research interests into such new areas as community development, environment, health care, and medical support have been "slow because it is difficult to design a sound research and educational program in these areas," he said.

Even so, he added, "change has been occurring more rapidly than I would ever have hoped and I believe the funding opportunities that will permit working in these new directions are being made available." Former vice president for research, Miller has helped keep federal research funding above the \$50 million mark for three successive years.

Discussing the relationship between research and national policy, he said:

"Our national efforts, both domestic and foreign—peaceful and military, if you like—are built upon an intellectual edifice. That is, the success of a health care delivery system depends upon literacy, medicine, communications, and so forth. The success of an army also depends upon literacy, medicine, communications, as well as weapons. Much of our 'success' toward both goals stems from the same intellectual base.

"To the extend that our national policy is directed toward a war effort, then practically everything all of us do is war-related.... For those of us who oppose the war, our main effort must be directed toward changing national policies from war to peace.

"Let me be clear: I do not believe that we can do without the military. I believe we need a strong and sophisticated defense effort. I am, however, personally opposed to our current foreign policy and the manner in which our military forces are being utilized...."

Universities are part of an integrated society, highly interdependent with government, business and industry, he observed. "We may considerably impact society through the acquisition of new knowledge and new perceptions in scholarship and research, and by providing new concepts and new capabilities for people through teaching.

"Freedom of choice is the key ingredient in the way we make our contribution to society; our freedom to choose areas of research and subjects to be taught, one of the cornerstones of the university."

In accord with an open academic attitude, he said, the University does not control the purposes for which subscribers to the Technical Information Service of the Library obtain this material. In fact, the University has refused to disclose to federal investigatory agencies what materials a particular user obtains from the library.

Potential users of the Computation Center are told that their work must be for educational or research activities, and the results must be freely publishable, he added. "We do not exercise tight controls, again relying on the integrity of the user, be he internal or external. We do not monitor the content of the usage of the machine, believing that such actions would be imcompatible with the academic openness of the University."

In view of recent questions raised concerning computer usage, he said, the University has sent a letter to all users, internal and external, reminding them of these terms. "If it becomes clear they're not complying, we'd have to ask them to stop using [the facilities]," Provost Miller said.