

## WHAT TO THINK ABOUT OVER CHRISTMAS

Historically, the Stanford Administration has tended to run its machinery ~~to~~ still steam during exam times and during summer and Christmas vacation when the possibility of student response is minimal. This year is no exception.

On Thursday, December 3, the Stanford Judicial Council held an open trial on the alleged disruption of a May 1, 1970, Electrical Engineering class. There were four defendants. The only evidence against three of them was mere presence at the class. The SJC therefore dismissed charges against these three. The evidence against the fourth defendant, Stan Krute, was that he had spoken during the class. The SJC therefore found him guilty--he received a suspended suspension.

Lyman is not satisfied, and he has the final authority in all SJC cases. In a letter to Howie Williams, Chairman of the SJC (an also the student-deposed head of the old Interim Judicial Body), Lyman said, "I find it most difficult if not impossible to act conscientiously on the other recommendations... I regard the participation in the disruption of a class at this University as one of the most serious offenses which a student or any other member of the University can commit. The sentence recommended thus seems to me light."

Lyman is seeking information to reverse the SJC decisions. He may be trying to pressure the SJC into taking a strong Law and Order stance in all subsequent political cases; or he may be attempting to establish 'one man rule' at Stanford. To this end he has already:

- appointed a highly paid prosecutor to the SJC while refusing to appoint a 'public defender';
- arbitrarily made rules about open meetings which should have been made by the Student Conduct Legislative Council, according to all of the regulations which Lyman claims to uphold;
- continually maintained that mere presence of a student in the vicinity of a disruption makes that student guilty. (In this disruption case, Lyman is afraid that the SJC has found that mere presence is not enough.)

Whatever decision Lyman makes it will be intended to guarantee that Stanford (financed with tax funds, foundation donations, and corporation money) goes on providing research-and-development, as well as technical and administrative training for personnel, to serve the American corporate elite.

Students, like other victims of institutionalized oppression and unwelcome bureaucracies, face a system which denies them the right to control their own lives. Let's demand justice at Stanford and everywhere else.

Committee for Justice at Stanford

