

# STANFORD UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

STANFORD - More than 350 Stanford faculty members have signed an open letter to President Richard W. Lyman backing his efforts to obtain a court injunction and help the University function "by rational and objective consideration of facts and issues without prejudicial coercion." The total includes 260 Academic Council members to date.

Circulated during the past three days, the letter states that "we wish that persuasion and University rules against disruption, destruction, and violence were sufficient to deter those who are inclined toward these evils. But what has happened on campus shows this is not the case.

"Riot, destruction of University property, and violence against persons, insofar as they may be expressions of feeling at all, are coercive and prejudicial to consideration of any issue," the letter continues. "They destroy the psychological and physical fabric of the University itself....

"Therefore we support you...in acting to obtain...legal relief from, and protection for the University against these evils and the persons perpetrating them." Organized by Profs. Peter Ray and Colin Pittendrigh, the letter has drawn about half its support from the School of Humanities and Sciences. Many departments across the University still have not been covered. Stanford's Academic Council includes more than 1,000 professors.

Early last week, 55 faculty members signed a plea for intervention against a proposed injunction sought by Stanford, saying it "threatens our constitutional protections, will have intimidating consequences, and (is) not conducive to an atmosphere in which teaching and scholarship can flourish."

On Wednesday, following nearly a week of oral argument, the Santa Clara County Superior Court granted the University a preliminary injunction barring 14 individuals from campus. Half were barred from campus while suspended by the University as a result of its own disciplinary actions; the other half were non-students, barred until such time as they might become registered as students.

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STANFORD - Leaflets circulated on the Stanford campus this week by several employee groups call for joint action Friday, March 12, "to keep the Library from functioning."

The leaflets call for reinstatement of Library employee John Keilch, who faces a possible three months suspension for his alleged involvement in the Henry Cabot Lodge incident. They also demand rehiring of all laid-off employees, no more layoffs or suspensions, and "budget adjustment, if necessary, through salary cuts for well-paid faculty and administrators." All workers affected by operating changes should be retained and relocated in the University, the leaflets add.

Listing United Stanford Employees, Black Caucus, Venceremos Workers, Stanford Workers Against the War, and the Workers Action Caucus as sponsors, the leaflets call for "power to the imagination" in an effort to shut down the Library Friday, unless President Richard Lyman accepts all the demands by 4 p.m. Thursday.

The leaflets suggest recipients "confront Lyman directly with our demands" at a planned speech in Dinkelspiel Auditorium, which was cancelled early Monday by the President and the sponsoring groups.

In addition to calling for a Library shut down Friday, the leaflets threaten to resume a boycott of Tresidder Memorial Union "with a vengeance" if workers facing layoffs there are not rehired by March 28.

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