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STANFORD —

About 75 persons gained entry to the President's Office building at Stanford early this afternoon, Jan. 19, where they engaged several administrative officers in discussions about disciplinary action against suspended Associate Prof. H. Bruce Franklin and placement policies of the University.

About three dozen faculty members spoke earlier at a noon rally in White Plaza attended by more than 500 persons, the largest turnout since the Advisory Board's Jan. 5 decision recommending Professor Franklin's dismissal.

After the faculty members had made several brief individual comments for nearly an hour, more than 100 demonstrators poured into the nearby Career Planning and Placement Center. Marine recruiters left there earlier, apparently cancelling several interviews which had been scheduled for this afternoon.

After leaving the center, a somewhat smaller group ran to the President's Office building on the Inner Quadrangle. Following an hour's discussion with several administrative officers, most of the demonstrators left the President's Office building, going to a class being taught by Professor Franklin at Columbae House at 3:15 p.m.

About 18 to 20 held a discussion in the first-floor lobby with Nobel Laureate William Shockley, but all were gone by 3:45 p.m. While cameras were briefly barred at the outset, the tone of the demonstration was peaceful. Files were left undisturbed and no individual office doors were opened.

The demonstrators used a Xerox machine and took soft drinks from the refrigerator there. Discussion focused on the legitimacy of decision-making in the University, the role of the Board of Trustees, and Professor Franklin's case, among other topics.

At the White Plaza rally, more than 40 faculty members and several students walked up to the microphone and briefly stated why they opposed Professor Franklin's dismissal. English Department Chairman Bliss Carnochan called the decision "unjust" and said the Advisory Board report was "a tissue of contradictions."

Prof. Pierre Noyes of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center said the decision was "a repressive political act" and praised Franklin for showing in words and acts "what it means to be a Marxist-Leninist revolutionary."

Prof. St. Clair Drake, chairman of the African and Afro-American studies program, said Franklin supporters should "rally against the arrogance of those who would 'rehabilitate' us," referring to a phrase in the Advisory Board's report.

Prof. Paul Ehrlich, nationally known biologist, said the University "must do more than bend itself double" to accommodate individuals others may find loathsome and called the penalty "very extreme."

English Prof. Albert Guerard said Stanford's complicity in the war was "undeniable" and suggested the University "divorce" itself from the Hoover Institution, as it did from Stanford Research Institute two years ago.

"The English Department could use the building," he quipped. Guerard then added: "I do not feel freedom of speech at Stanford will be fatally damaged by the dismissal of Bruce Franklin. But such a dismissal—unjustified if only because of the Advisory Board's divided vote—will have a fatal effect on freedom in some church and state colleges, and in many private colleges. For them, the simple, crudely reported example will be that Stanford fired a communist with tenure, or a philosophical Maoist, or even a 'leftist.'"

Assistant Prof. Larry Friedlander of the English Department said the University was "betraying its duty to society" in not defending Franklin.

Assistant Prof. Peter Ober of the German Department said Franklin and the case had shown that "the primary business of Stanford is to train people for the empire."

Associate Prof. Phil Dawson, history, criticized the Advisory Board for an "excessively wide" definition of incitement and "excessively severe" definition of deterrence.

Prof. Charles Dreke, political science, criticized the University's "failure of nerve."

Prof. Hadley Kirkman, anatomy, warned that universities have become increasingly subservient to the American war machine "which if not destroyed ultimately will destroy us."

Prof. Doug Welde, chemical engineering, received strong applause when he charged that information on cancellation of a controversial program at the Computation Center had been deliberately withheld and "someone risked a \$5 million computer to catch" Franklin.

Associate Prof. Hal Kahn, history, "urged" and "incited" his colleagues to "march into and peacefully occupy peacefully the Placement Center."

Law Prof. Jack Friedenthal was hissed when he said he "thoroughly disagreed" with the other speakers.

Several expressed specific support for the Advisory Board's minority opinion, written by Prof. Robert McAfee Brown and Donald Kennedy. Several students associated with the Stanford International Development Education Center backed Franklin, as did American Indian student John White.

The demonstration at the Career Planning and Placement Office lasted about 20 minutes. Marine recruiters then completed four scheduled interviews before noon, signing up one person. Barbara Hyland, one of those interviewed, said the recruiter told her Vietnam was "unfortunate"—and she agreed.

Professor Kahn said the Placement Center was culpable for acting in complicity with the Marines to deny interviews to students who had requested them.