

Stanford, September 30.

In their "trial" of Prof. Bruce Franklin, member of the Central Committee of Venceremos, the University Administration and its lawyers has, so far, shown themselves inept in presenting their case and deft in their ability to hold down interest in the case.

The prosecution spent the entire day "logging in" some 300 photographs taken during a mill in at the Computer Center and subsequent confrontation with the police last February 11.

Prof. Franklin, however, was able to turn this tedious routine around and establish, during his cross examination of the University photographers, several key points.

All the witnesses testified that they observed no acts of violence prior to the arrival of the police.

The Administration has stated that "violence" is the key issue in the case.

Given 300 photographs, the University failed to produce a single photograph recording ~~xxxx~~ what Bruce Franklin has called the "crucial moment" in the confrontation.

This refers to when two riot geared deputies lunged at Prof. Franklin while he was engaged in a heated verbal debate with Sgt. Tamm of the Santa Clara County Sheriffs Department.

The photograph sequence presented by the University shows Franklin debating Tamm and then skips to the police charge of the large assembled crowd, resulting in the arrest of ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ four people and the beating of several more.

Prof. Franklin asked photographer Jose Mercado what happened to him in the interval between the pictures.

Mercado replied: "That's something I've always wondered --how you get away."

Up ~~youx~~ now, the University's case has been slow, dull, and unsubstantiated. Professor had hoped that the hearings would expose Stanford as an imperialist institution and show the growth of a highly conscious anti imperialist movement.

Yet the Administration has fumbled so badly, that it has not even hinted at its ability to prove a single charge.

Franklin, who has consistently labelled the charges as a "shabby pretext" to fire him is plainly exasperated by the proceedings. He says that Stanford has ~~four~~ four or five years to develop a case ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~after~~. After the third day of trial, he stated that "after three rounds, the Administration hasn't laid a glove on me."

Though the University's case appears weak, Prof. Franklin has said that people just can't concede any rights being taken away. Although Stanford maintains that Prof. Franklin ~~requested~~ the hearing, the only other choice he had was to accept summary dismissal ~~xxx~~ from his job.

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