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294 arrested in Old Union sit-in



And away we go

Robert Vargas is led away from the Old Union following his arrest in conjunction with a protest which finally resulted in 294 arrests. The demonstrators were protest-

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By Jim Tranquada

Some 294 demonstrators protesting the University's investments in South Africa were arrested on trespassing and failure to disperse charges at a 16-hour sit-in in the Old Union yesterday.

Police began arresting the demonstrators at 6:30 p.m., nearly two hours after the official closing of the building. Arrests continued until after 4 this morning.

No one was injured during the arrests. However, a molotov cocktail was thrown over the wall of the service entrance of the Materials Laboratory where the sheriff's buses were waiting. It hit the ground near a bus and burned harmlessly.

Over 500 demonstrators first occupied the ground floor of Old Union after a noon rally in White Plaza which attracted about 700 persons despite the rain.

The clapping and chanting protesters entered the building to "legally and non-violently" wait for the decision of the Board of Trustees Committee whether to reconsider a previous South Africa vote, according to Seth Foldy, rally organizer.

Four demands

The Stanford Committee for a Responsible Investment Policy (SCRIP), which organized yesterday's rally and sit-in, originally presented four demands to the Board of Trustees on April 28.

The principal demand, which was denied yesterday, called for the Board to reverse its previous abstentions and vote the University's 94,000 Ford Motor Company shares in favor of a shareholder resolution mandating

withdrawal from South Africa.

The Trustees Committee on Investments refused to recommend reversal of the trustees decision at its meeting in San Francisco yesterday afternoon.

The committee met two of the four demands made by the protesters and left a third unresolved.

Vote to remain

The protesters voted to remain in the building and stand by their original demands at 6 p.m. after extensive discussion.

Once the arrests began, about 450 student supporters outside the Old Union chanted "Apartheid means profit. Stanford won't stop it" as each demonstrator was escorted by two Santa Clara County Sheriff's deputies to buses waiting to take him or her to the campus police station.

About 300 students, many of whom had been previously arrested and released, waited outside the building until all of those inside had been arrested.

A few protesters went limp when arrested and had to be carried out by police. They were charged with resisting arrest as well as the trespassing and failure to disperse charges filed against the other demonstrators, Department of Public Safety Director Marvin Herrington said.

Each demonstrator was photographed as he or she stood between two police officers in a small room in the Old Union.

Pre-processing

The first demonstrators were then taken by bus to the campus police station where they underwent pre-processing. They had the option of signing a citation which allowed them to leave the station and appear in court at a later date.

Those who refused to sign the citation were taken to Elwood Rehabilitation Facility in Milpitas. Demonstrators who were arrested in the late evening were taken directly to Elwood, by-passing the pre-processing step. Most protesters were released on their own recognizance.

According to Herrington, the prisoners were not read their rights under the Miranda ruling because the police did not intend to question them. "This

Santa Clara County about \$6000 each.

As two policemen wearing helmets and carrying guns and riot batons on their belts grabbed each of rally organizer Chris Coleman's arms, he said, "The arrests have begun, I love you all. The people of South Africa will be free."

ASSN Council of Presidents Anne Henkels and Glenn Jordan were also among those arrested.

Personnel in Old Union interviewed by the Daily said the sit-in did not interfere with the normal flow of business. The protesters were careful to insure access by clearing aisles.

David Harris

At 1:35 p.m., a statement of support for the protesters was read from 1976 Democratic Congressional candidate David Harris. It was to be the first of several expressions of support that arrived yesterday.

Statements of support came from student groups at San Jose State University, UC-Davis, UC-Berkeley, Macalester College in Minnesota and from Tom Hayden and the Commission on Social Justice of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

At 2:30 p.m., after a meeting between the protesters negotiation committee and Vice President for Public Affairs Robert Rosenzweig, the demonstrators first learned they might face arrest.

Ready to arrest

Rosenzweig replied in the affirmative when asked by the committee if the University was ready to arrest the demonstrators.

"It is not a prospect we look forward to with any pleasure," he said.

"The policy of the University is to bring sit-ins to a close as quickly as possible as the circumstances allow," he said.

Discussion about whether to sit-in illegally after the 5 p.m. closing time for the building began in earnest after the negotiation committee made their report.

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Yet the committee later refused to recommend reversal of the board's decision last month to abstain on a Ford Motor Co. shareholder resolution calling for Ford to withdraw its investment from South Africa.

A reversal of the decision was one of four demands put forth by junior Kim McCall on behalf of the Stanford Committee for a Responsible Investment Policy (SCRIP).

The committee, however, accepted two other protester demands and left the door open to additional action on the fourth.

The committee broke with tradition and heard a presentation from SCRIP member McCall for nearly 30 minutes at the request of Lawrence Cret, student member of the trustee committee.

Later, President Richard Lyman announced the committee had decided not to ask the full board to reverse its Ford decision when it meets today.

The committee did suggest publication of letters written to corporations explaining the University's abstention and of responses from those corporations.

Lyman said the board would meet SCRIP's demand to prepare a report describing costs and benefits which would result from University divestment of its shares in corporations operating in South Africa.

He said an Oct. 5 target date for completion of the report has been set, and work would start immediately on it.

The committee also agreed to have committee members meet with SCRIP representatives within the next few weeks to discuss investment issues. Lyman said he and two other investment committee members would meet with a small number of SCRIP members.

Action on a fourth demand calling for abolition of the Commission on Investment Responsibility (CIR) and creation of a new commission "with real power" was deferred because of what Lyman termed "sufficient ambiguity" as to protester objections to CIR now and recommendations for change.

He said the issue was far from dead, however, and proposed it be taken up when SCRIP and the trustees meet. Creation of a commission with "real power" would not happen, Lyman added, because trustees, not an outside body, must manage finances and endowment of the University.

Overall, six SCRIP members went to San Francisco for the meeting. Simultaneously over 500 students sat-in at the Old Union first floor here.

McCall said he was very happy with the committee action, calling his reception "very courteous."

"I feel that considering the positions that the trustees are coming from, today's activities have been productive and we will have laid the foundation for future progress," he said.

Before the committee meeting began, faculty committee member Economics Prof. George Bach discussed the proxy resolution issue with SCRIP members. Following the announcement of the decision, Board President Dr. Peter Bing discussed the board position at length with the group.

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Bach said the committee action was based on a feeling that American corporations in South Africa help their black employees somewhat whereas it would do more harm than good to withdraw.

McCall said his group sought a "yes" vote on the resolution because the laws of South Africa were stacked against the corporations. Others in the group questioned whether the corporations were doing all they could not to help blacks.

SCRIP member Larry Litvak said a "yes" vote would show Ford the feeling of shareholders and give companies a lever for pressing the South African government for change. However, no SCRIP members said they felt the Ford resolution has a chance of passage.

Ford's annual meeting will be held Thursday, McCall said.

Lyman said he expects the full board to discuss the South Africa issue today.

Lyman called leaders of the sit-in at Old Union to report the board action shortly after briefing SCRIP members in San Francisco.

He told Chris Coleman and other protest leaders he felt the Committee on Investments still feels the letters sent with the abstention proxy votes represent a "true condemnation of apartheid."

He said he thinks the board could go further with the letters, possibly pointing out poor profit margins and other evidence which would suggest divestment. However, Lyman said, "I don't think the board is willing to go further with the letters."

He was also clearly irritated with some additional demands Coleman made by telephone. They included demanding reconsideration of the matter with the full board and convening the board last night to meet with students on the matter.

"There has not been a single trustee at either meeting (of the board) who has given the slightest indication they wished to vote for the proxy resolution," Lyman told Coleman over the phone.

"I am not going to ask the Board of Trustees to do something against their wishes" because of pressure on me, Lyman said.

Allowing a student to present his views directly to a board committee would not establish a precedent, Lyman and Legal Adviser to the President James Siens both said.

Siens said he was "surprised" that the board heard McCall, but said rather than setting a precedent the action was a response to an unusual situation.

Bing agreed saying normal mechanisms for transmitting faculty and student opinion to the board were

outweighed by the pace of events.

When examining the board action he said no definition for "substantial consensus" has ever been set by the board. A board policy governing voting on proxy resolutions states that financial concerns should govern proxy vote decisions. When a "substantial consensus" of the community feels strongly on an issue, that consideration should also enter into the decision, Bing said.

Bing said a definition of the "substantial consensus" should be discussed when trustees meet with SCRIP. He said there was "high student interest, but evidence is not there for consensus."

He said 75 faculty of 1200 does not demonstrate a consensus and there has been no input from alumni on this matter. He said it was debatable whether 3500 students is a consensus.

Bing said he was "sure" the board would consider putting forth its own shareholder resolution within the next year.

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Re-entry

Later in the evening, as arrests continued, a few students climbed through second and third story windows in order to be arrested along with those inside.

At least one student was arrested twice. It is unlikely reporters will be released on their own recognizance, according to Robert Meyers, director of news and publications.

The incident marks the largest number of students arrested in the University's history, according to Herrington. It is also the largest mass arrest of students here.

Herrington said the overtime for the police would cost the University and

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At 5:20 Coleman told the protesters that Lyman had just informed him there was "zero possibility" that the Ford proxy would be reconsidered at the Tuesday meeting.

Just after 6 David Harris made an unscheduled personal appearance and statement of support.

"The University needs to be taught that their money has some morals," he said.

Rosenzweig, accompanied by Herrington and two other officers, entered at 6:10. After 20 minutes of frequently chaotic discussion the protesters voted (Please turn to back page)

Patty Hearst granted five years probation

Los Angeles (AP) — Patricia Hearst, who admitted her part in a wild shooting and robbery, was placed on five years probation yesterday by a judge who expressed compassion for her parents.

The prosecution endorsed the light sentence, saying the heiress represented no threat to society and suggesting that authorities may have dealt too harshly with her in the past to avoid criticism that her wealth bought her special treatment.

Hearst, 23, is currently free on bail from a seven-year sentence for a San Francisco bank robbery and could return to serve at least 14 more months if her appeal is rejected.

Hearst, who faced the possibility of 15½ years in life in prison on her plea of no contest, was silent and blank-faced as Superior Court Judge E. Talbot Callister announced his decision for leniency.

After the sentencing the details of a probation report were released.

In an unexpected move, the prosecu-

tion joined with the defense in recommending immediate probation for Hearst.

In addition, Callister struck from the court record two attached counts of firearms use admitted by Hearst.

The judge said he considered her willingness to testify against others in granting probation. He also adopted a position that Hearst is no longer a threat to society.

Callister, a criminal judge for seven years, said this was the most difficult decision he had ever been asked to make.

Among the factors which influenced him, he said, was that "the defendant was kidnapped and subject to 57 days of horrible torture."

Should the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reject Hearst's petition, she would have to spend 14 months more in jail before being eligible for probation. Al Johnson, Hearst's attorney, said he would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.



Stuffed quarters

At the height of the rally about 500 demonstrators sat in the lobby of Old Union but by the time police began arresting students at 6:30 half of them had moved outside to continue the demonstration.

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