

Quick Guide to Researching Stanford's History:

- 1) Start at the stanford libraries website: <https://library.stanford.edu>. For this exercise, let's try to find resources regarding the destruction of the ROTC office at Stanford in May 1968 as part of the protests against the Vietnam War.

- 2) Search for "rotc



- 3) Under catalog, click on "see all 20 results"

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Stanford (Calif.), February 20, 1968
2. [Demonstration against ROTC](#)
Stanford (Calif.), February 20, 1968
3. [Fire in ROTC quarters](#)
Stanford (Calif.), February 19, 1968

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CLOTFELTER, CHARLES T.
[Full text](#) [View on content provider's site](#)
2. [Bill Hewlett.](#)
Schroth, Stephen T.
Salem Press Biographical Encyclopedia, 2022. 3p.
Cofounder and former CEO of Hewlett-Packard. Together with his longtime friend and business partner, David Packard, Bill Hewlett helped create the modern...
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- 4) Click on "resource type" tab to see whether there are archival materials available.

Resource type		▼
	Archive/Manuscript	3
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	Sound recording	5
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Interesting. There are 5 sound recordings. It turns out these are oral histories conducted with participants in the protest.

5) Scroll down to result 12, Keni Washington


Online
12. [Keni Washington](#) [2019]
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[Washington, Keni](#) (Interviewee)
Stanford (Calif.), April 8, 2019

Description	Sound recording — 1 audio file; 1 text file
Summary	Keni Washington, Class of 1968, shares his memories of the tumultuous 1960s at Stanford. He discusses his journey from more...
Collection	Stanford University, Stanford National Black Alumni Association, Records, 2019

6) To learn more about this resource, click the blue “more...” button.



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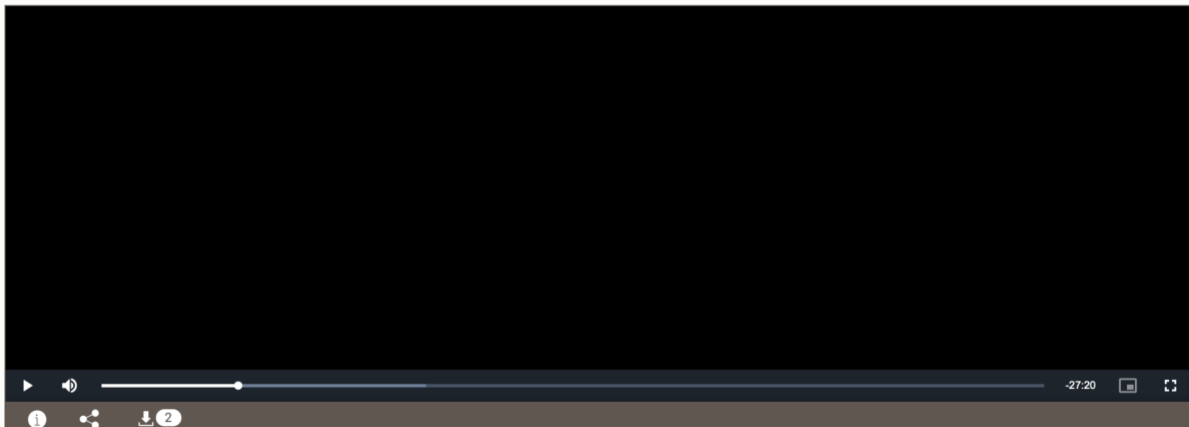
Summary Keni Washington, Class of 1968, shares his memories of the tumultuous 1960s at Stanford. He discusses his journey from military school graduate and ROTC cadet to anti-Vietnam War activist and provides important context about Taking the Mic, including the Black Student Union's desire to avoid violence and previous negotiations between black students and the administration. Washington also reflects on human and animal rights issues and speaks about the complicated nature of his relationship with Stanford. He concludes by emphasizing that in "Taking the Mic" black students were engaged, not in an extracurricular activity, but in a "desperate act of survival."

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Collection [Stanford University, Stanford National Black Alumni Association, Records, 2019](#)

7) A video comes up which allows you to watch/listen to the oral history.

Digital content



8) See the context section on the left side of the page to see whether this material is part of a special collection. In this case, the interview is part of a collection on black alumni histories. You may find other materials of interest in that collection.

Context

Item belongs to a collection

Black Alumni Stories and Oral Histories, 2019

Physical collection

838.3 megabytes

Finding aid

[Online Archive of California](#)

Check out the materials in the Stanford digital archives

- 1) Visit this site: <https://guides.library.stanford.edu/c.php?g=1173230>

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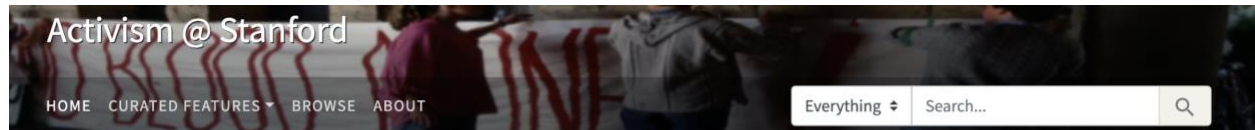


The hands of Ruben Barrales show the juice and dirt from tobacco plants

Photograph from the [David Bacon photography archive](#), circa 1970-1990

Stanford also has a special digital exhibit on activism at Stanford.

1) Visit this exhibit: <https://exhibits.stanford.edu/activism>.



Explore Activism @ Stanford

From Women's Suffrage marches to Black Lives Matter protests, anti-war demonstrations to fossil fuel divestment rallies, Stanford University students have a long history of activism, both on the Stanford campus and beyond. Since Stanford University's inception, students have organized protests, written letters and signed petitions, and held sit-ins and rallies to create a more equitable university community, and a more just society and world.

This exhibit highlights the activist work of Stanford students, and includes an [interactive map](#) and a [timeline](#) of activism and student protest movements. The items within the exhibit are far-reaching, from photographs and posters of demonstrations and campus community center events, and audio and video recordings (including oral histories) with participants, to documentation of the Stanford administration's response to student protests.

To find items in the exhibit, please browse by format, as shown below, [browse by group or event](#), or search the exhibit using keywords, titles, and other descriptive information.

Photographs

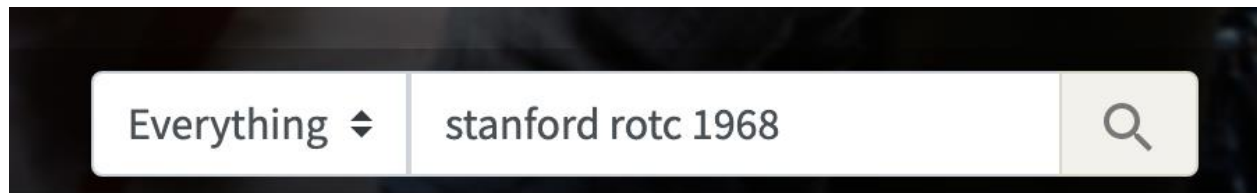
Includes 5600+ photographs documenting student demonstrations, sit-ins and



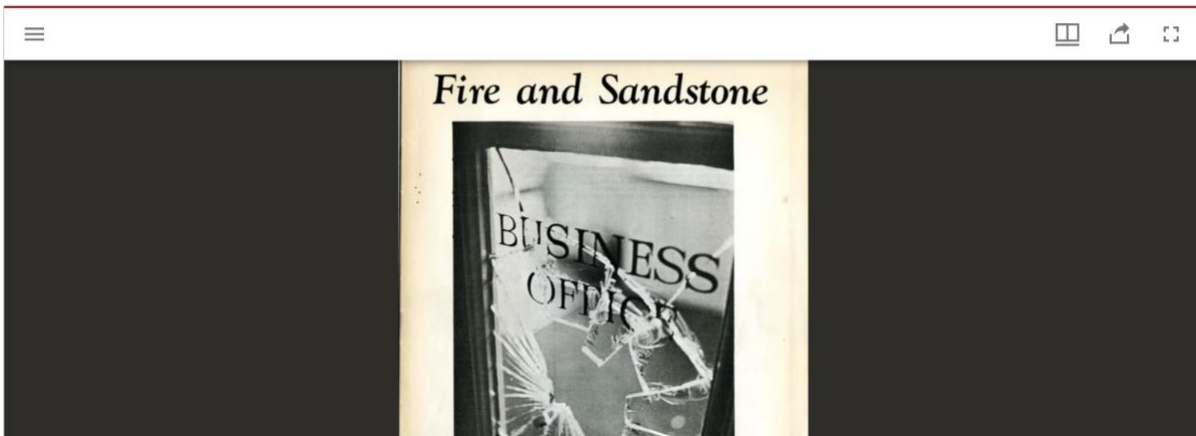
2) Click on "browse by group or event." Scroll down to the page for the Vietnam War.



3) Alternatively, use the search feature. Search for “rotc Stanford”



4) All kinds of materials come up. Below see a radical student publication from 1970. You can read it right on the website.



- 5) You can also find a helpful timeline on student activism in the 1960s here:
<https://exhibits.stanford.edu/activism/feature/1960s>

Stanford's complicity in the propagation of war

While campus protests against the Vietnam War generally sought to put pressure on the administration, Stanford student groups like the April Third Movement and the Students for Democratic Society spoke directly to the university not only about the draft but also about Stanford's complicity in the propagation of war. The university's investments and partnerships, including its research ties to the military-industrial complex, came under scrutiny.



Student Demonstrations-- Act for our Demands-- Boycott



Student demonstrations -- April Third Movement -- 1969 -- SRI



Student demonstrations -- April Third Movement -- 1969 -- SRI

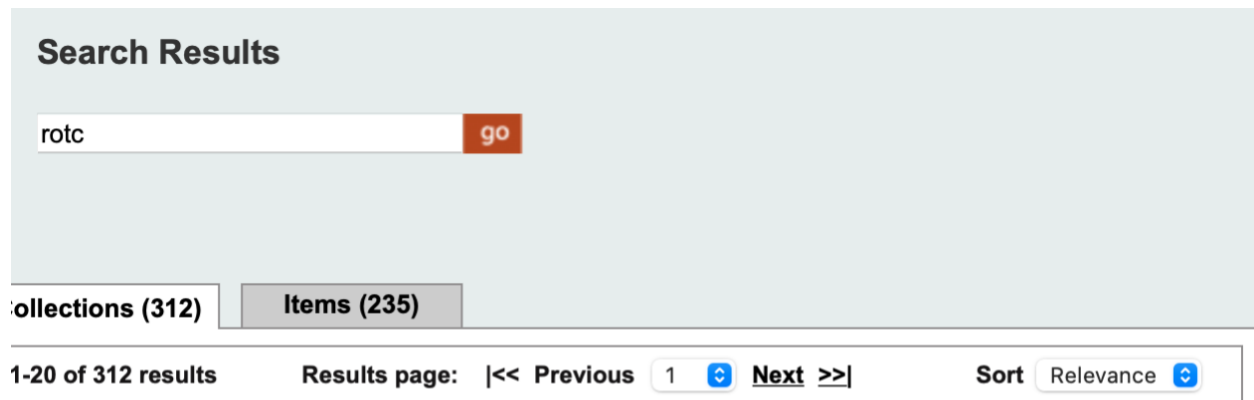
To oppose complicity with the Selective Service exam, students staged a sit-in of the President's Office May 19-21, 1966. Protests escalated through 1968, targeting war-related research at Stanford Research Institute (SRI) and CIA recruiting on campus. A sit-in at the Old Union (May 6-8) protested student suspensions. Some students turned to violence, destroying the ROTC building (May 7) and President Sterling's office (July 5).

You can also search for archival materials that are unavailable online but available at the reading room in the Bing Wing.

1) Go to the Online Archive of California



2) Search for ROTC



3) Limit your search to Stanford archival material

Limit to:

Institutions

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California Institute of Technology (Caltech)
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California Judicial Center Library, Special
Collections and Archives (1)
California Polytechnic State University -
San Luis Obispo (1)
 University Archives (1)
California State Archives (3)
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Pomona (1)
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California State University, Fresno (2)
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California State University, Northridge (4)
 Special Collections (2)
 University Archives and Campus
 History (2)
California State University, Sacramento
Library (2)
Center for Sacramento History (6)
Center for the Study of Political Graphics
(1)
Chapman University, Frank Mt. Pleasant
Library of Special Collections and Archives
(1)
Claremont Colleges (7)
 Honnold/Mudd Library (5)

- 4) Some materials will be available online. For example, you can access recordings from anti-ROTC protests below.

Collection Guide

https://oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt2d5nf26s/

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Collection Overview	
Description	Audio recordings of Stanford student demonstrations, sit-ins, and Academic Senate and Council meetings.
Extent	1 Linear Feet (18 audiotapes)
Restrictions	All requests to reproduce, publish, quote from, or otherwise use collection materials must be submitted in writing to the Head of Special Collections and University Archives, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford, California 94304-6064. Consent is given on behalf of Special Collections as the owner of the physical items and is not intended to include or imply permission from the copyright owner. Such permission must be obtained from the copyright owner, heir(s) or assigns. See: http://library.stanford.edu/depts/spc/pubserv/permissions.html .
Availability	The materials are open for research use.

- 5) Other materials are not available online, but you can request to view them at the library. In this case, you will see “No online items” under get items.

Collection Guide

Collection Title: Guide to the Richard W. Lyman, Provost of Stanford University, Papers


Collection Number: SC0099

Get Items: No online items
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Collection Overview	
Description	These are the office files of Richard W. Lyman during his term of Provost from November 22, 1966 to September 24, 1970. Consists primarily of general correspondence files and files pertaining to the Schools and to Committees.
Background	Lyman was born in Philadelphia in 1923 and raised in New Haven, Conn. His father, a chemist who lost his job during the recession that followed World War I, became an attorney. His mother taught French.
Extent	27 Linear feet

Alternatively, you could check out the archives of the Stanford Daily, which go all the way back to its founding.

- 1) Go to <https://archives.stanforddaily.com>.

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Providing a firsthand account of life at Stanford from 1892-today, the archives is an invaluable resource for anyone looking to explore American history as seen through the eyes of undergraduates. Issues are presented as originally printed, accompanied by a sidebar featuring articles in plain text. The collection is entirely searchable, and registration is only necessary to make corrections in the plain text.

This collection contains 18,931 issues comprising 143,685 pages and 1,213,816 articles.

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- 2) Search for ROTC 1968. You can use the date range to refine the search to get articles from 1968. One of the articles that comes up describes the police clearing protesters from the ROTC building at San Francisco State.

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Dave Harris Trial Begins

By FENNY HILL

Court proceedings started yesterday against former student body president David Harris for refusing to be inducted into the Armed Forces last January 17. Although yesterday's agenda was routine and not of particular "spectator interest," as was mumbled in the halls, today's schedule appears to be more "spectator gratifying," with testimony slated to begin. The second day of "The United States vs. David Victor Harris, case 4184," will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the San Francisco Federal Building. The courtroom is on the 19th floor.

Court opened yesterday morning at 10 as the prosecuting Attorney Steele Langford (representing U.S. Attorney Cecil Poole) and the defense, Attorney Francis Heider of Carmel, engaged in a pre-trial informal conference with Judge Oliver J. Carter. The purpose of this session was to prepare the case for the trial and to outline the issues to be discussed.

The prosecution stated that the only issues that should be presented were whether or not Harris submitted to induction and whether or not it was his willful intention to refuse induction.

But the defense noted that...



Daily Photo by Bob Owens

MILLIN — San Francisco State Students chant "ROTC Must Go!" outside the office in which the college's three top administrators are confined. The administrators called the police soon after.

Police Clear SFS After New Sit-In

By TIM HAIGHT

San Francisco Police Department tactical squad members cleared the San Francisco State College administration building yesterday evening after students refused to let several administrators leave a meeting there. The police action, apparently without violence or arrests, ended a student occupation of the building that had started as a "sit-in" at 1 p.m. yesterday. The demonstrators, who promised to resume use of militant tactics today, demanded an end to the college's contract with the Air Force ROTC (AF-ROTC) unit, which expires May 31.

They also demanded the reinstatement of Dr. Richard...

Fairbank Criticizes U.S. Asian Policies

By MARK LITTLE

John K. Fairbank, professor of medieval civil war and external intervention from the north...

United States. "This idea is nonsense. On the contrary, China is the most isolationist country in the world."

Plingford of the history department, whose contract was not renewed, after he offered to teach an ancient African history course in the experimental college.

They further asked amnesty for the more than 50 students arrested in two police actions in the administration building last Tuesday and Friday nights.

Before the students blocked the meeting, attended by Vice Presidents Donald Garrity, Glenn Smith, and Dean of Students Ferd Reddell, negotiations had resulted in two proposals on AFROTC.

Both would have put the ROTC question to an all-campus, student-faculty referendum, but the demonstrators felt conditions attached to the proposals would make any action on ROTC this term impossible.

In other meetings this afternoon, the School of Humanities faculty voted to "sever any connections with the AFROTC program by refusing after September 1968 to allow 15 units of AFROTC program to count as elective units for graduation for students majoring in programs in the School of Humanities."

their underlying grievance, the lack of meaningful voice and power for the students in the arrangement and conduct of their total academic lives...

"The faculty further demanded the participation of student representatives in the actual governance of this college, including such matters as curriculum, hiring, retention, tenure, and promotion. Student responsibilities and voting privileges (should be) equal to those of the faculty in the department."

The sit-in began when about 600 students surged into the offices of the administration to "talk about their demands."

About half of the offices were open. Although several assistants and secretaries were on hand, no one who would admit any power to respond to the demands was available.

Eventually the students found the top administrators behind locked doors in the Dean of Students office. At a mass meeting of about 800 demonstrators around 2:30, the group decided to send people to hammer on the office until administrators agreed to negotiations.

After about 20 minutes of hammering six members of the SFSU Police Model Team...