

Mrak Hall Occupation

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HINANO AKIYAMA (on location): I am standing in front of Mrak Hall where hundreds of students have gathered for a mass, indoor occupation in light of the Davis strike rally earlier today.

(Protesters chanting:) Students, united, will never be divided! Students, united, will never be divided!

(Protesters repeat en masse:) That this occupy movement.

(Speaker:) Welcomes everybody.

(Protesters:) Welcomes everybody.

PROF. JOSHUA CLOVER: The law doesn't mean shit [bleeped]. They don't care about you. They'll get done what needs to get done, and we're gonna have to figure out what we [pause] wanna do about it. Right now? [pause] We're the law.

HINANO AKIYAMA: What does this occupation mean to you and why is it important for students to be involved?

BRIAN RILEY: Well, this event today is especially important, because this is the first time we've had a general assembly in the new Occupy tradition. It's a beautiful thing to watch. It's very democratic and there's easy rules to follow, "mic check" and consensus. The key part is the democratic consensus. It's wonderful.

HINANO AKIYAMA (voiceover): The arrival of several major news organizations raised concerns that the media would misrepresent the occupation. A discussion was held to determine whether the news outlets should be allowed to stay on scene.

(Speaker:) It is however

(Protesters repeat en masse:) It is however

(Speaker:) Our choice that we speak to them

(Protesters:) Our choice that we speak to them

(Speaker:) They can observe us

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(Speaker:) But that doesn't mean we need to

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(Speaker:) Interact with them.

(Protesters:) Interact with them.

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(Response en masse:) Our university!

(Call by individual:) Whose university?

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HINANO AKIYAMA (voiceover): Food and water stations are set up and the group plans for a sustained and continued occupation throughout the night.

(Protesters repeat en masse:) I propose

(Speaker:) That we continue the general assembly.

(Protesters:) That we continue the general assembly.

HINANO AKIYAMA (voiceover): In spite of the [University of California] Regents' decision to cancel their meeting due to recent protests, students are still determined to continue their course of action.

GEOFFREY WILDANGER (Speaker:) –we must continue to go to San Francisco tomorrow.

(Protesters repeat en masse:) He said that we must continue to go to San Francisco tomorrow.

(Speaker:) Because there we can support Occupy Cal [UC Berkeley]

(Protesters:) Because there we can support Occupy Cal

(Speaker:) We can support Occupy Oakland and Occupy San Francisco

(Protesters:) We can support Occupy Oakland and Occupy San Francisco

(Speaker:) And most of all, we can make sure that the Regents know they are right to fear us.

HINANO AKIYAMA (on location): This is Hinano Akiyama reporting for Aggie TV

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