

"OK buddy, why did you claim occasional loss of memory?"  
—Draft Doctor

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"Did I?"

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## Angela Davis Speaks on Repression, Soledad Case

by Price Walker

Controversial UCLA philosophy professor Angela Davis spoke Tuesday to a crowd of 250 Caltech students and faculty assembled on Winnett Plaza. With her was Penny Jackson, sister of George Jackson, one of three accused of killing a prison guard at Soledad Prison.

Miss Davis came to Caltech at the request of the Caltech BSU. Subject of the one hour and fifteen minute Olive Walk Talk was the repression of minority groups, in particular the suspension of rights of the "Soledad Brothers." Miss Davis spoke for about 20 minutes followed by Miss Jackson who spoke for 15 minutes. Following the speech was a question and answer period.

### Jackson Shootings

Asked how she felt about the recent shootings at Jackson State, Miss Davis replied that "this was something that had happened before, people should realize that the rights of everyone should be protected, blacks or whites who express their dissent are just as likely to be injured or killed."

Miss Jackson filled in the facts about the Soledad case. Three black inmates were killed by a prison guard at racially tense Soledad Prison. A fourth white was injured. A hearing was held and the killings termed "justifiable." Shortly after the hearing verdict, a guard was

found dead. Within a week, Jackson, John Clutchette, and Fleeta Drumgo were held responsible. They are awaiting trial, and if convicted would be executed under the California Penal Code's mandatory death sentence law for inmates.

### Innocent

She continued to state that the three were innocent, that they had been denied due process. She alleged that attorneys for her brother were prohibited from seeing the area where the guard was shot, that Jackson was not told of the charges against him and that he was denied the right of counsel during questioning.

Miss Davis' speech was toned down from speeches she had given at other campuses. The audience stayed for the entire time, intent on hearing the descriptions and opinions of the speakers.

The questions centered around other cases of repression, including one involving Miss Davis' sister and brother-in-law. Police entered the sister's house without a warrant and the brother-in-law was shot and wounded. The original charges against the sister were dropped then reinstituted again.

A member of the Communist Party, Miss Davis has been the subject of much controversy and a cause for UC Regents to suspend the right of UC Presidents and Chancellors to hire and fire professors.

## Scientists Like Plumbers

## Newhall Speaks On Newspapers, Politics

by Ira Moskattel

Scott Newhall is a soft spoken, unassuming man. When he talks, even over a public address system you have to listen to hear what he's saying. Surprising, to say the least, for Scott Newhall is the editor of the San Francisco *Chronicle* one of the largest daily newspapers in the United States.

Newhall was at Caltech Monday to deliver an Olive Walk talk and hold an afternoon seminar. Newhall explained his even more taciturn manner by telling of a burglary the previous night. Several priceless antiques were stolen, many of them impossible to replace. Newhall spoke of them lovingly. It was clear that he was personally affected.

The purpose of his visit was a very personal one he said. He wanted to visit a scientific community. Scientists were like plumbers, he said, they learned a few skills, but unless they learned about people and about how their profession affected people, he felt they were useless.

### Ruggedness, too

Still, Newhall's conversational style has the ruggedness of the traditional newspaper editor. He spoke of the Alcatraz Prison Riot in 1946 in which the Marines were called in to quell the riot. He was living in the hills above San Francisco in those days and he could see the turmoil across the bay as the masses of prisoners congregated and shots were occasionally heard.

He told of a British correspondent who called him by phone to find out how the situation was coming along. Newhall looked out the window and related that he could not tell apart the prisoners from the guards (obviously, from across the bay). He filled in some details about the weather and the correspondent hung up and went to sleep. Newhall received a sizable cheque the next day.

### Controlled Passion

Newhall speaks of the Vietnamese conflict with a controlled, but intense, passion. He pauses, as if looking for some sane reason and speaks, "It is all insanity," he says, "we look at our society and what is happening to it. . . . There are those against the war, for religious reasons, for ethical reasons, for political reasons, for economic reasons. . . . Then there are those who are for the war. . . ." "I look at the blood of our youth, going down the drain."

Ignorance. Newhall finds blind lack of knowledge our most galling deficiency. "The people who say *Destroy the Commies!*. . . they've never read *The Communist Manifesto* they barely remember the name Marx, they've never heard of Lenin, Trotsky."

"American foreign policy is made by people who have never been to the Orient, who barely know where Cambodia is." The so-called communists are not really communists, he says, "they use it as a tool. Sun Yat Sen offered ideals, Chiang turned democracy into corruption, the Communists offer food."

According to Newhall, "There are too many people in China starving for them to worry about democracy. Maybe democracy is not for them. They are not an educated, prosperous country, capable of making all the proper decisions. . . . [by vote]" "Let's send North Vietnam a letter by special delivery saying, 'If you don't shoot, we won't and we'll leave.'"

### Illiterate literacy

Literacy in America was the pet peeve focussed on by Newhall at the Monday afternoon seminar in Winnett Lounge. "The vocabulary of American youth is decreasing. All I hear is 'It's crazy, great. I dig it.'" America's youth must be able to communicate with one another. He sees television as detracting from the traditional informing role of newspapers, but believes there will always be newspapers. "It is the only completely free medium left by which individuals can express their views."

Newhall sees news coverage of the peaceful demonstrations as imperative to winning the battles begun by today's young people. "They've won the war on Ecology." They can now be effective in communicating their ideas to the people.

### Tippecanoe, small town too

While editing the *Chronicle*, Newhall owns and manages the *Signal*, a thrice-weekly newspaper with 15,000 circulation in the town of Newhall, California (Newhall's great grandfather was the owner of the 50,000 acre Newhall ranch.). Far from the big city City Room, Newhall sat in the *California Tech* office studying our typesetting-composing equipment (a computer-

ized justifying typewriter.) and contemplating buying a similar system for the small town newspaper.

Newhall says he won't go near the *Chronicle* and *Examiner* (both newspapers are owned by the same publisher, but with different writers and editors) composing rooms. He hates to see the big newspaper foul up by "hooking a giant computer to linotypes designed in the 1860's." Newhall is more at home talking about the small paper, which he bought several years ago as a throw away and appears to treat as a profitable hobby now.

### Vacuum

The big city editor lives in a vacuum-like world of issue after issue. He has no time to read all the newspapers or listen to television. He speaks cautiously about anything he cannot document.

The *Chronicle* maintains an editorial staff of 200. Newhall claims that he does not even have time to read his own paper, just occupied with the task of deciding the coverage for the next edition.

In the past year Newhall has written *one* editorial, one humorously deriding his old rival the *Examiner* for taking a stand too late on ecology. It seems the *Examiner* called for the recycling of newspaper. Editor Newhall called for his readership to send their old newspapers to the *Examiner*. On recycled paper, he said, "they should print recycled news."

## Wide Variety of Programs Planned for Beckman Next Year

by Alex Seita

In the next year, numerous programs will be presented at Beckman Auditorium. Ranging from various films to extravagant, dramatic productions, the events will hopefully appeal to a wide spectrum of esthetic tastes. Together with the staff of Beckman, the Institute Committee on Programs has scheduled activities to be given in Beckman.

As a starter, 13 one-hour films covering western history will be shown in October. Concentrating on art history, these films will explore the years between the medieval period and the present time. Also along the lines of culture, a number of modern musical programs entitled the *Encounters Series* will be presented. This will provide an opportunity for Techers to meet with the contemporary composers involved with the programs.

### Innovation

As an innovation, a pilot program of travel films will be shown throughout the year, eventually showing four films. In keeping with the high quality of Beckman programs, these travel films are promised to be far superior to the run-of-the-mill television types.

For children and other interested groups, an experimental series of children's programs will be provided. The four planned presentations, involving songfests, films like "The Red Baron," dramas, and band concerts, will be aiming at the 5-12 age group in Pasadena. However, all Techers will be welcomed.

## News Briefs

## Reznick, Lantos Win Ward Prize, \$25

Caltech freshmen George Lantos and Bruce A. Reznick have each received a Morgan Ward Mathematics Prize for 1970. These prizes, which include a cash award of \$25, are awarded to Caltech freshmen or sophomores for outstanding work on mathematical problems. Lantos solved a problem concerning a finite set of noncollinear points in the plane, and Reznick studied the asymptotic density of abundant numbers. These prizes are financed by funds won over the past years by Caltech undergraduates participating in the William Lowell Putnam Competition, a national mathematics contest.

### Grads and Off-Campus People Thinking About Moving On:

Any graduate students interested in living in one of the Student Houses (undergraduate type) should contact the Master's office (ext. 2195) this week. Also, off-campus students who wish to move back on campus next fall should contact the Master's office.

Our apologies: the above two announcements should have run last week. (See Notes and Comments)

Also, rumor has it that the new R.A.'s have been chosen, however, the list is not yet available for publication.

### Guard Your Sanity!

#### The Rivet Approacheth

The 1970 version of that great Caltech tradition, The Hot Throb-

bing Rivet, will be unleashed on an unsuspecting populace next week. Contributions are solicited. Any articles, cartoons, insidious satires, and outrageous humor should be gently deposited in the Tech office, the sooner the better, but no later than Monday at 6 p.m.

As usual, the only limitations imposed on articles for the Rivet are the laws of libel (which may or may not apply) and our distribution through the U.S. mails. So keep those cards and letters coming.

### Notes and Comments

#### Department Department

Well, Paul and Ira, now you know what it's like to write News Briefs. I hope you enjoyed it, not that I enjoyed my enforced vacation with adenovirus (I-don't-know-virus?). In any event, aren't you glad you don't have to do it every week? — As you can see from the volume of News Briefs, it has been a quiet week.

Apparently, IHC is not moving to Claremont. They could not raise the funds in sufficient time, according to our sources. Just where they will go remains unclear, since their Hollywood campus has been condemned.

If we have the local hierarchy right, the person to see in the future about lowering the flag is

Lyman Bonner. — Sidelight to Angela Davis's visit Tuesday: the UCLA Academic Senate voted that regardless of what the regents do, Angela Davis will be teaching for pay and credit will be given to her classes. Masticate on that, you in Sacramento. — Isn't it fun to watch grown men throw mud at one another? You'd think there's an election going on.

This marks the last regular News Briefs column for the year. It's been a sometimes pleasure, sometimes pain, and always haste to bring you these tidbits of information. Some have been inflated announcements, some boiled-down Institute news releases, and some have been major stories drastically cut for lack of staff and time to do the job properly. I've brought you some real scoops, and some classic blunders. But, I hope that I've done a reasonable job of keeping you informed, which is, after all, the whole idea.

Next week, I have prepared a semi-serious tome of the "Year's News: Reviewed and Eschewed." Perhaps you'll like it, perhaps not. . . May you all survive finals, and enjoy the summer. About all I can do is leave you with the words of Edward R. Murrow, "Good night — and good luck."

—Phil Neches

Editor-in-Chief and Creator of (Most) News Briefs.

Editorial

Before the Crisis Occurs!

Last Monday, a group of students sought to have the flag lowered to half-mast in mourning for two students killed at Jackson State when police opened fire on a dormitory. The administration, which has previously displayed admirable cool in situations of that type, managed to get itself into a classic communications snafu, which resulted in needless acrimony. Dr. Brown admitted that in a talk with a highly selected group of students last Friday in the Y Lounge. We suspect that statements made in last week's "Throop Beat" were instrumental in causing the meeting. What happened is beyond redemption: we had best let dead issues lie and worry about the future. Specifically, how can such situations as occurred last Monday be avoided in the future? First, meetings such as the one which transpired last Friday would be most helpful. They could be improved if held on some sort of regular basis, and if not limited to a few students who may be immediately affected by some issue. Needless to say, meetings between the president and the students will do far more good if held *before* some sort of crisis occurs. Second, the administration and the students must realize that no plan can cover all contingencies, consequently all parties must approach any novel situation with reasonable flexibility. Students must allow for a certain amount of necessary bureaucracy; conversely, administrators must be prepared to bend any "crisis plans," because one simply cannot expect a made-to-order crisis. Third, the administration could improve communications with students if they would take the slight extra effort to deal directly with whatever individual or group is involved in some particular issue. For example, if the president received something of interest to, say, the Research Project, then the president should communicate it directly to the head of the Research Project. The information moves faster, and the individuals involved feel better about it. With this in mind, we can continue to maintain the traditionally good relations between administration, students, faculty, and staff which help to make Caltech both pleasant and unique.

—Philip M. Neches  
Ira D. Moskatel  
Paul A. Levin

Throop Beats Off  
Don't Let It Die

by Etaoin Schroedlu  
Times change. The events of the last few weeks at Caltech prove this hoary, time-honored maxim. There has been increased student concern and activity relating to social problems and political situations. Proposals are being bandied about for some sort of arrangement to be made for next term to enable students to take part in the political process if they so desire, without losing significant academic time. Some moves are in progress toward greater academic freedom, as in the Chem department's recent proposals for removal of option requirements. Progress is being made toward more satisfactory channels of communication within the Institute hierarchy. Doing It Up Brown The events of May 18, the now-famous flag-lowering by the students, showed what many people regarded as serious problems in the Administration response mechanism. However, these are being dealt with now. President Brown held a meeting last Friday with over a dozen concerned students, and some of these problems relating to communication were discussed. More important for the future, Dr. Brown said that he would be willing to have more of these discussions in the future, with less selective groups of students and without the necessity for any crises to be required for calling such discussions. I feel that this is a very good indication for the future and a very desirable policy, which can only benefit the

Institute. Cabbages and Kings Opening avenues to solve problems does not solve them, however. In many ways Caltech is not doing as much as it should, for its own members, for its professions, and for society. These are more personal considerations, and expecting Harold Brown, or 'somebody else' to fix them is not a particularly positive reaction. The "Why Me?" attitude needs to be replaced with the "I will" attitude. Caltech is a scientific school. It should not try to be anything else. In fact, I question whether it is capable of being anything else. However, within even that restrictive framework, much could be done that is not being done. Ecological problems, information-science problems, behavioral biology problems, these are but a few of the many truly scientific fields in which Caltech could do more. And I believe that it should do more. But Institute personnel is not infinitely extensible, nor is the Institute budget. Priorities can be re-ordered only slowly from above; priorities can be reordered more rapidly from below, if the persons below are willing to say "I will." "I'll help." People Are Non-Trivial At that, compared to social problems, the technological problems are well in hand. Concern for problems which involve people (that's you and me, brother) is becoming increasingly necessary for practitioners of many sciences, to Continued on Page Four

Letters

Readers Dispute Editorial: Pass-Fail Grades

Dear Sirs: I must express my disagreement with the position taken in your May 21, 1970 editorial. The Institute lowered the flag and placed a note of explanation on the flag pole when the students were murdered at Kent State, as was no doubt fitting. It seems to me that this fact makes a similar action necessary when students were murdered at Jackson State. Symbols are important when such fundamental rights are being destroyed by various police agencies. In fact, the political actions you mention may prove to be only symbols (as was, for example, McCarthy's entire campaign). It seems to me that the disturbing administration action as well as your editorial smack of racism. Moreover, if it is really such a small point and if there are no racial overtones, why do our great, wise, educated mentors become irrational and inflexible over the point? You both "blew it." K. D. Stroyan Mathematics Graduate Student Sloan Lab

Gentlemen: The opinions I am about to voice may be somewhat heretical. Nevertheless, I would like to suggest the necessity of a full-scale evaluation of the pass-fail grading system for freshmen. In my opinion, that system is a failure—it is doing more harm than it is good. Too many students are not receiving an adequate education because of that system. The pass-fail system was inaugurated in 1964 as a two-year experiment. At the end of that brief period, the results were evaluated, and the system was instituted on a permanent basis. Now to be sure, an evaluation at that time was certainly proper. But one might question the wisdom of adopting the system permanently at a time when, for example, the first students to have had no freshman grades were only first-term juniors. After six years, I would suggest that more time has passed with which to formulate a meaningful evaluation of the system. Statistically, the early elation over the P-F system has proved meaningless. The freshman attrition rate over 7 years prior to P-F is within one percent of the rate for 5 years following P-F. The comparison of PGPA vs. sophomore GPA also shows no significant difference. Grades at a

school like this, however, are largely self-normalizing. A more meaningful statistic than these, but one which is unfortunately not available, would be the GRE scores obtained by graduating seniors compared with their incoming SAT scores. Part of the motivation behind the pass-fail system was to allow the student more time to study chemistry or do research, say, while devoting less time to physics, say, without having to worry about getting a C in the latter. This desire is certainly a noble one, but in practice an awful lot of people seem to let everything slide without getting interested in anything. Another part of the reasoning behind pass-fail grading was the desire to eliminate the "motivation by grades" of high school, the desire to reduce the competitive aspect of learning and substitute for that a deeper motivation. I would suggest that such motivation comes not from the pass-fail system but only from maturity. How often do we see the following situation: a student arrives as a freshman, liking the idea of seeing all A's on a report card. But after a half of a term or so, he realizes that no matter how hard he works, a P is a P, and proceeds to let things go and gets by with an absolute minimum of effort. And all the while he is suffering, learning far less than he might be. As a sophomore, he is hindered by his freshman year and again learns far less than he might. If such a student does break out of this pattern and really get motivated, it is more in spite of the pass-fail system than because of it. I personally think that simply adopting the upperclass model of one pass-fail course per term is an appropriate answer to the problem. As a possibly more palatable alternative which would go a long way toward accomplishing the desired end, however, the A-P-F

system seems to me a desirable step in the right direction. As a start, this would restore some vestige of reward for a hard effort. Recognition of effort is a principle long acknowledged in the real world as an important part of sustaining motivation—why are we ignoring this valuable lesson? At the same time, the A-P-F system would still retain perhaps the most desirable aspect of the pass-fail system which is the suppression of the competitive aspect of learning. Surely, an A-P-F system with its preponderance of P's will serve this end as well as the pass-fail system. I hope this letter will encourage debate on a generally undiscussed topic. Most importantly, I would hope that a full-scale evaluation of the system might be undertaken, with attention being paid not only to the opinions of the students now here, but, if at all possible, by also asking graduates who have had a meaningful chance to evaluate the effects of the system on them in the long run. To be sure, any evaluation must have a certain speculative nature, for no one person can both have grades and not have grades as a freshman. Nevertheless, I feel that the evaluation I am proposing would be well worth the effort. Thank you. Steven L. Patt '70

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# Fisher Responds to Criticism of Coffeehouse Plans

Editor's Note: Mr. Fisher's reply to the "Throop Beat" of two weeks ago was inadvertently left out of last week's *Tech*. We wish to apologize for this oversight on our part.

by Robert S. Fisher

I was intrigued to read two weeks ago of Mr. Schrudlu's accusation that we were fixated on the Coffeehouse idea. I had previously read of our fixation in his article on April 16 and again a week later. It is not clear to me who is fixated, Ed or the BOD, but I thought it was time to clear the air a bit. (Forgive me, Mr. Dreyden, if I go against your advice and attempt to wrestle with a turd.)

Let me list a few thoughts that may or may not be relevant. I am disturbed by the probably un-prievable death sentence on Culbertson. I am disturbed by the lack of a central gathering place on campus for conversation and fun and games. I am very happy with the current Coffeehouse management, recently reappointed unanimously. I have talked with some members of the BOD about funds for capital improvements of the present structure, independent of how much the little *t* clears. My point is that all our thinking to date has been pure speculation, long-term, and far removed from any sort of precipitous action. I believe Mr. Schroeder is generating more noise than he is responding to.

He is correct in implying that there were times when I felt that the possibility of converting Winnett

Game Room and Lounge into a Coffeehouse and/or Dance Hall might be a good idea. I don't especially think so now for two primary reasons:

1) Louise Hood's report demonstrates a use of Winnett by Undergrads and Grads far beyond what I would have guessed by walking through the place at 4:00 p.m.

2) The cost of four conceivable plans, as spelled out in the Managers report, is prohibitive.

Now, about that report, two more points:

1) It was an excellent job, well thought-out and very helpful in terms of thinking about the physical plant.

2) It did not include the present uses of Winnett or the justifications for considering moving the Coffeehouse. These are primary factors and we wanted them included in the report the BOD discussed. The revised report will be up two Mondays from now. (Why don't you drop into this, or any of our meetings, Ed? They are occasionally less insipid than our minutes.)

As for more of my own opinion, I would like to see our final report used, not as a justification for taking over Winnett Lounge, but as a kick-off to a long term rap on what our "Student Union" should be like 5 years from now.

Mr. Schrudlu's insinuations of a plot to keep anyone in the dark about our plans for the Coffeehouse are laughable. It seems likely that the lack of communication has been because there have been things more immediate these past two weeks. Ed's closing comment on how the real world's troubles relate to what's in our preliminary Coffeehouse report deserves only one reply—Bullshit!

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## BOC Policy

# Plans for Campus Disruptors Disclosed

**Resolution I:**  
*Judicial procedures for handling cases of alleged unacceptable behaviour in the event of a campus disruption.*

In compliance with section F, part 2, of the *Final Report of the Ad-Hoc Group on Possible Disruptions*, and with article VII, section 2 of the *By-Laws of the Associated Students of the California Institute of Technology, Inc.*, all cases of alleged unacceptable behavior by a member or members of the ASCIT corporation during a disruption shall be handled by the Board of Control if there is any serious chance that a violation of the Honor System may be involved.

Reports of alleged unacceptable behavior by members of the ASCIT corporation in the event of a disruption shall be referred to the Chairman of the Board of Control, who shall then call a meeting of the Board to discuss the allegations. Each case shall be decided individually, although more than one case may be handled at a single meeting. The Board shall consider cases involving individuals only; no charges may be brought against groups, policies, or philosophies.

In the above circumstances the Board shall follow standard procedures until the defendant is found to be either innocent or guilty of an Honor System violation. In the latter case the Board shall decide upon appropriate action by the ordinary Board of Control procedures in effect at that time. In the case that the defendant is found innocent of an Honor System violation, the Board shall have the option of either considering the case as discipline distinct from the Honor System or of empowering

the Chairman to decide, jointly with the appropriate Deans, which is the most appropriate body or individual to take disciplinary action.

A simple majority vote will be required in order to further consider the case. If this alternative is chosen then the Board shall decide on whether any disciplinary actions need be taken. Such actions will have the form of a recommendation to the Deans and will become binding pending their approval.

All such proceedings shall be kept closed. Minutes of the proceedings will be kept in the case any recommendation for disciplinary actions is made. The general intent of this resolution is to make procedures for handling alleged improper conduct during a campus disruption as similar as possible to the ordinary procedures of the Board for handling Honor System violations.

The above shall take effect immediately pending approval by the academic Deans.

**Resolution II:**  
*Rights of the defendant.*

A defendant suspected of an Honor System violation shall have the right to examine all incriminating evidence and to cross-examine any witnesses testifying against him. It shall be the responsibility of the Chairman of the Board of Control to present the defendant with all such available evidence and the names of all adverse witnesses before the hearing. At that time the defendant should inform the Chairman as to whether he desires to cross examine any of these witnesses. In case he does he will be given the opportunity to do so during the hearing.

## RECOMMENDATION TO THE ASCIT BOARD

The BOC recommends to the ASCIT Board that one or more Caltech students be appointed or commissioned over the summer to conduct an investigation into the finances of the Food Service. This group should also find and compare how similar services operate at other local Colleges or Universities. Finally it should address itself to the question of how can relations between the students and the Food Service be improved. A final report along with a list of recommendations will be expected at the end of the summer. All gathered information will become publicly available.

## SUPERVISION OF THE HONOR SYSTEM DURING THE SUMMER

No formal motions were made. However the feeling of the discussion was that:

Since the vast majority of its members will be available, the Board of Control will continue to operate over the summer. All alleged violations of the Honor System will therefore be handled through the normal procedures.

If the 1970 ASCIT Research Project is funded, it shall be the responsibility of the Project Director and the Chairman of the Board to inform the non-Caltech participants about the Honor System and its interpretations. All project participants shall abide by the Honor Code and come under the jurisdiction of the BOC. Recommendations for disciplinary action will be made to the Deans as well as to the Project Director.

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The Blue Sea and Caltech's kelpers at 7:00 a.m. in San Pedro. —photos by M. Wilson

by Chris Bajorek & Mike Wilson

The newly formed Caltech Scuba Diving Club, the Kelpers, held its first ocean boat dive off the decks of the 60 foot *Blue Sea* on Thursday, May 18.

With an early morning start from Pasadena, Teckers were pleased to find the *Blue Sea* a very hospitable dive boat indeed: free coffee, a helpful and experienced crew, and terrific hamburgers from its galley.

The group of nineteen divers were evenly split between undergrads and graduates with two faculty members along, Floyd Humphrey and Chuck Wilts.

With the exception of a few rented suits, the equipment was supplied by members themselves and by the Caltech Athletic Department.



The Bobsie Twins, Bob Patenaude and Steve Decker.



Jim Mayer Jr. and Bob Riehwer prepare catch of abalone.

As usual, the channel waters and kelp forests off Catalina offered an abundance of colorful and interesting sea life. There were sightings of the inevitable blue shark in the channel, and the steely-eyed grin of moray eels greeted many a diver with an itchy abalone iron. The underwater ballet of a large spider crab managed to distract John Born from his pursuit of several crafty abalone. With a firm grip on the crab's hind legs, John eventually paid for his curiosity with a nipped finger and a lost weight belt.

A slightly overcast sky prevailed most of the morning, but the bright sun of the afternoon brought an ethereal beauty to the reefs that no diver off Catalina can ever forget.



Mark Schiler, Don Miller, Richard Peterson, and Bob Frensky.

The outing was capped off with a fantastic spaghetti dinner at Floyd Humphrey's home, and divers who had had difficulty clearing earlier in the day found solace in the depths of a wine glass that evening.

**Winds Out of The West**

To top off this school year, the Kelpers will have another Catalina dive on Thursday, June 11 (contact Chris Bajorek at ext. 1797). Our summer schedule includes several day and night dives at Catalina and local outings on Caltech's boat from the Kerckhoff Marine Laboratory at Corona Del Mar.

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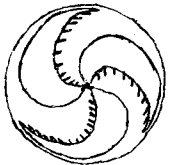
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# President Phineas T. Nixon



by Nick Smith

Between Nixon and Formula F-310, this country has gotten hoaxed more times this spring than most countries do in whole centuries. The F-310 thing may at least end justly, with lawsuits against Standard Oil, but what do you do about a President of the United States who tries to mislead the nation?

It turns out that the American commitments in Cambodia are a little bit larger than Tricky Dicky said a few weeks ago. Yes, all of the American ground troops will probably be out of Cambodia by the end of June, but there is a big however. It seems that South Vietnam will withdraw its troops only when certain unspecified military objectives are accomplished. According to Secretary of State Rogers and Presidential director of communications Klein, the United States may very well give air support and logistic assistance to the South Vietnamese troops.

**Valid Reasons**

There are valid military reasons why the United States and South Vietnam are fighting the Communists in Cambodia. The Cambodian army is one of the smallest in Asia, and one of the worst equipped and trained. Reports coming out of Cambodia indicate that the morale of the South Vietnamese troops was improving because they looked so good compared to the Cambodian army. In other words, the Cambodian army was incapable of

defending the country from North Vietnamese troops in the area.

Also, it is very possible that the allies went into Cambodia to protect Vietnamese nationals who were being killed by the ill-disciplined Cambodian army, whose hatred of Vietnamese was increased by the Communist invasion. The Cambodians were unable to successfully fight the North Vietnamese, but were killing civilians who were possible sympathizers.

**Troops and Supplies**

Much of the fighting in Cambodia includes scouring the riverways for concentrations of enemy troops and supplies, and the Cambodian navy was insufficient. It consists of 1500 men, 227 of whom are on vessels, the largest of which are former sub chasers and landing ships. The entire navy mounts a total of three 3-inch guns, a number of machine guns, and 42 anti-aircraft guns, the latter useless against troops.

It was stated originally that the reason for United States intervention in Cambodia was in order to safeguard American troops from concentrations of North Vietnamese troops forming in sanctuaries. The timing of the move, however, indicates that one of the major reasons for the attack at this time was the need to keep Cambodia from falling to the Communists and Sihanouk sympathizers.

**Lied to About Reasons**

I do not necessarily oppose the

that means you and me, and that means now. It's our skins.

For most of this year, I've been up on my soapbox here talking away, trying to keep you informed, trying to keep you involved, trying to keep you awake. This is my last column.

Don't let it die.

original move into Cambodia, but I most strongly object to the method in which the American public has been lied to about the reasons. The American troops were indirectly threatened, not directly, since the North Vietnamese troops in Cambodia were moving away from the border, not towards it.

For many years, the United States has boasted of its open communication with its citizens, and sneered at the lies and brainwashing that the Communist nations are said to give their citizens. In fact, I fail to see what the difference is, except not as many people in the United States listen to Radio Havana, Hanoi, or Moscow as there are Communists and citizens of Communist nations listening to Radio Free Europe and the Voice of America. Any nation that has to lie to its citizens in order to make a military or political move probably has no business making that move. Also, fully explained, the reasons for the move into Cambodia are probably good enough so that the American people might have accepted the move. As it is, though, President Nixon has stirred up a nest of hornets that all the National Guardsmen in the world can't kill. We went from a President who didn't tell the people anything to one who merely lies, and I don't like the change. But then, there's a sucker born every minute, and they are all in the silent majority.

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