

# Crowd contemplates last week's violence

Nobody spoke.

The soft roar of a distant jet eased across the sky like a far-away wave.

The crowd of nearly 1,000 stood contemplating last Wednesday's violent demonstration that injured seven persons, shattered several windows and glass doors and rattled the campus into a state of extended introspection.

The idea for the five minute vigil sprang from a "non-organization" which met the night before. Midway through a series of faculty speakers who were discussing last Wednesday's events, the vigil began.

Beyond the perimeter of the crowd there was the usual mid-day chatter. But the crowd itself was hushed and reverent—as though paying last respects to a deceased friend.

The warm sun glinted dimly off the cracked brown paint on the Speakers' Platform. A large German shepherd scraped along the Platform's edge.

A "symbolic" collection to help pay for the Wednesday's damage raised more than \$400, including checks for as much as \$25. Damage to the campus is estimated at \$2500, including \$1000 damage to the Bookstore which has a separate insurance policy.



Some of the 1000 students at Friday's 5 minute silent vigil.  
—Photo by Lou de la Torre



## Summerskill backed at faculty meeting

By DAN MOORE

President John Summerskill's handling of Wednesday's disorders — restraint in the use of force in the face of violence — was praised by a nearly unanimous resolution of a full faculty meeting Friday in the Main Auditorium.

The resolution deplored the violence on the campus and praised Summerskill, who was scheduled to face the Trustees Saturday, for acting "with extreme wisdom in closing the college for the day when all evidence indicated that normal functions could not be continued.

At the outset of the faculty meeting President Summerskill was presented with \$421 collected after a noon silent vigil to help pay for the damage that occurred Wednesday.

Both he and the student "non-organization" that collected the money received a standing ovation.

The \$421 could be applied to unemployment insurance, Summerskill noted.

This was an allusion to press reports indicating that the Saturday Trustees meeting in Los Angeles might result in his eventual dismissal.

The beleaguered but still smiling president then related to the faculty the sequence of decisions and actions leading up to Wednesday's debacle.

He and his assistants, Summerskill said, had prepared for Wednesday by consulting with community leaders from Hunter's Point.

Three police officers — two experts in crowd control and an officer from the human relations detail — were in the president's office Wednesday advising Summerskill on handling the situation.

"In consultation with the of-

ficers, we evaluated the consequences of the trouble and the consequences of using force to deal with it," he said.

"At no point did we disagree about the restraint that was being applied."

Persons identified by police as participants in the disturbance would be charged "and will have to pay the penalty for that behavior," Summerskill said.

But underlying the demonstrations are real student concerns, he said, that must be resolved. He charged the Academic Senate to set up a student-faculty committee aimed at "understanding the concerns and bettering student life at this college."

Summerskill left the auditorium to yet another standing ovation and Eric Solomon, professor of English, read the

resolution that was drafted by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate.

After debate centering around the last paragraph of the resolution, the question was called. The faculty passed the resolution with approximately three voice dissensions.

Some faculty members apparently felt the last words in the paragraph were too strong.

The last paragraph read: "We . . . declare our support for President John Summerskill in his program of open dialogue and debate on the vital issues which currently confront the college community. We affirm the President's belief in the ability of this college to govern itself, free of outside influence from whatever source."

## No apology from BSU

Three Black Students Union members issued statements Friday in response to demands by members of the AS Leg that the BSU apologize for property damage and injuries to students last Wednesday.

The BSU and the Movement Against Political Suspensions staged the Wednesday demonstration. The BSU called black students from other colleges and non-students from the black community to SF State last Wednesday.

Non-students inflicted most property damage and bodily injury to SF State students.

George Murray, Jack Alexis, and Ben Stewart were the three BSU members making statements.

Murray: "There is no need for an apology for our actions Wednesday. Any action in the interest of black students on this campus needs no apology. Any act committed in the interest of black students is justified.

"We need change. We must be creative. Sometimes to be creative we must bring about destruction."

Alexis: "The BSU is concerned with work for black people. Education is needed in the black community. We will not back down in our effort to educate our own people. We are prepared to resist to the last man any effort to stop our work.

"Do not destroy work that is doing good. "Meet with us, discuss with us, plan with us—but do not attempt to destroy us.

"The question of death plays in our minds all the time, just as the question of survival plays in yours."

Stewart: "Let's understand our perspective. We are trying to communicate to bring about change, but no one wants to talk to us.

"If someone is stepping on your foot, you say 'get off'. If he cannot understand the rational, logical way of communicating—and he's causing you pain—then you must communicate in a fundamental way.

"If you push him off, then he understands not to step on your foot anymore. That's what was happening last Wednesday."

## Campus troubles discussed at rally

By STEVE TOOMAJIAN

The campus is trying to pull itself together.

Students, faculty members, and administrators are intent on unifying the college against outside pressure, in the face of probably the most serious threat ever waged against SF State's autonomy.

The most recent and resounding evidence of this was Friday's two and one half hour faculty rally on the Speakers' Platform attended by over 1,000 students.

The students, by their frequent applause, indicated their solidarity with most of the faculty's observations on campus problems.

Almost all faculty speakers expressed hope that John Summerskill remains president of SF State.

Eric Solomon, associate professor of English, said he would refuse to teach at SF State if Summerskill was fired. Solomon drew loud applause and cheers for his statement.

Jerrold Werthimer, associate professor of journalism, urged serious conferences between campus activist leaders, various other campus representatives, and ghetto community organizers.

Werthimer, like many members of the faculty, envisions SF State as a microcosm of the larger community. He hopes SF State can

solve its own problems of racial friction and at the same time contribute to the undoing of the City's dilemmas.

Jules Grossman, professor of psychology, extended Werthimer's call for better communications between all factions of the campus community.

"We need some kind of functioning communications system between all people on campus — a daily newspaper for all the students. Neither the Gater nor Open Process has fulfilled this function," Grossman said.

John Edwards, professor of English, feels the time is ripe for such a communications organ.

"Until last week," Edwards said, "I felt the college was full of students but without an identity. I don't feel that way today. It may very well be that we have at last become a community."

## Over 5,500 for president

Nearly 5500 students, faculty and staff have signed a petition circulated by the speech department in support of President Summerskill's actions during the violence of last Wednesday.

A similar petition circulated among the faculty of the School of Education, supporting open dialogue, was signed by more than 65 percent of that faculty. The petition favors freedom from outside influences.



# Late Gater briefs

The local chapter of the International Association of Students in Economics and Business is having a sale in front of the Commons.

From now until the Christmas break, the group will be selling scented, handmade candles, the proceeds of which go to furthering its international activities.

AIESEC works toward work-cultural traineeships and exchanges in 44 countries. Anyone who has had a year of business or economics is eligible to join, by contacting Bill Brasse at 861-0961.

SF State has more students in the Peace Corps this year than ever before.

At present SF State ranks as the nation's 10th largest contributor.

Presently more than 300 volunteers from the college have been selected for Peace Corps service, including 154 now serving overseas.

Six other California schools also are among the top 50 peace Corps suppliers. The University of California at Berkeley ranks first with over 900 volunteers.

Last year SF State ranked

twelfth for total Peace Corp volunteers.

The College Y has opened a Travel Center for students.

The Travel Center has been set up in Hut T-2, and will be open every day as a central location for travel information on campus.

The center has information and some application forms for charter flights, study abroad, study tours and general information on most countries.

In the planning stages for the International Relations department is a course on, "Explorations in Policy Making."

According to George Kent, associate professor of international relations, the course is being tried out in seminar discussions this semester and may be made a regular course of the experimental college in the spring.

The purpose of the course will be to investigate, develop, and critically analyze procedural guidelines used as aids in the formation of policy whether at the governmental or the individual level.

Devices used to guide the formation of foreign policy will be studied and how indi-

viduals with limited capabilities may make better decisions in determining their own political actions.

Kent says the central purpose of the proposed course is to develop guidelines for improved decision making.

The response to the Poetry Center's Open Student Reading several weeks ago was such that another has been planned for Wednesday in the Gallery Lounge 1 to 3 p.m.

Students interested in reading their work should come to the Poetry Center in HLL 340 to sign a reading list before noon today.

Manfred Wolf, associate professor of English, has his article about Jan Wolkers' "A Rose of Flesh" reprinted in "Delta Magazine" of Amsterdam following its appearance in "Saturday Review."

An SF State journalism instructor has been awarded with a special commendation for his exclusive interview with former University of California President Clark Kerr.

William Flynn, San Francisco bureau chief of Newsweek, was the first reporter to get an interview with Kerr immediately following the UC president's firing.

This interview, subsequently published in Newsweek, revealed Kerr's contention that the firing was for political reasons initiated by Governor Ronald Reagan.

Flynn's award, called the John Swett award, was given by the California Teachers Association. This was the first time the award went to a national magazine reporter.

## International club promotes talking

A new club, the American Overseas Student Organization, has been formed on campus to broaden intercultural and social understanding among American and foreign students.

At a meeting last week officers were elected, a constitution adopted and club programs discussed. Those chosen as officers include: Alen Kent (U.S.A.) President; Hormoz Chamanara (Iran) Vice-President; Raja Berbawy (Lebanon) Vice-President; Aurora Maramag (Philippines) Secretary and Bonnie Craig (U.S.A.) Treasurer.

Club members decided that the AOSO will not take a political stand on any issues, though activists are invited to attend meetings and join.

## Peace party needs votes

The San Francisco Peace and Freedom Party announced that it has registered 6,500 of the 15,000 voters it seeks by the Dec. 31 deadline to qualify for the ballot.

"The fact that registrations have accelerated at a rate of 80 percent per week since the California Democratic Council trial balloon for McCarthy at San Jose recently is sure indication that San Franciscans, including CDC members, are aware that putting our party on the ballot is the best guarantee that the issue of peace in Vietnam will be met squarely," Morgan said.

The aim of the club's leadership is to bring all facets of the political and cultural spectrum together and to encourage the exchange of ideas.

The choice of the club home came after lengthy discussion and it was finally decided that the American and overseas students should get equal billing.

The American students who helped form the club feel they have a dual responsibility to: participate as international students and to help explain and illuminate aspects of American culture and to educate and broaden themselves as to international cultures.

Since the club was formed members have been preparing for an international Christmas party Dec. 14.

## Today at State

### MEETINGS

- College Y (sack lunch) — HUT T-2 — noon to 1 p.m.
- ISC — AD 162 — noon to 1 p.m.
- Latter Day Saints — BSS 134—noon to 1 p.m.
- M.A.X. — BSS 134 — 4 to 5 p.m.
- Students for a Democratic Society — SCI 151 — 12:15 to 1 p.m.
- Newman Club — SCI 267 —noon to 1 p.m.
- Social Welfare Department — AD 101 — 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

- Symphony Forum — CA 221 — 5 to 6 p.m.

### EVENTS

- Department of Social Work — Luncheon — Dining Room B — 9:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
- Jewish Society of Americanists Lodge No. 53 — ED 117 —7 to 10 p.m.
- Poetry Hour — (R. Leopold "Poets Under 30") Gallery Lounge — noon to 1 p.m.
- Shalom (speaker on Soviet Jewry) — Gallery Lounge — 1:30 to 3 p.m.

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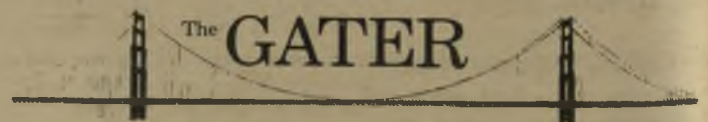
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# Brutality goes Madison Ave.

Sports Ed.'s note . . . Another column in our one-part series entitled "Diligence and related values."

By BRUCE CAMPBELL  
Our great Society is pregnant with Freudian facsimiles of sex and violence wherein we squeeze the vicarious vitamins from any experience.

Behavior for behavior's sake is absurd. All of our outward actions take root from the black motives of our sinister self.

The college campus contains typical examples of this.

Everyone knows that some activist groups must prove themselves farther left and more radical than anybody else in order to compensate for repressed tendencies towards fascism.

Everyone realizes this as de facto reality, and so we laugh at the finest traditions of a liberal.

For if we didn't have these "escape mechanisms," our mottled frustrations would erupt into chaos. And so the lesser deviation is tolerated in fear of the greater one.

**CRUNCH**  
But take college and professional football. Here you have men clashing with bone-

breaking brutality in the finest traditions of American sportsmanship.

On the sidelines you have lissome lasses called cheerleaders who pant and moan in their extra-tight sweaters and extra-short skirts in the finest traditions of promiscuity.

In the stadium you have thousands of blood - hungry, gore - hungry spectators screaming for more blood and more gore in the finest traditions of frustrated athletes.

For football is a package paradox wherein the brute hostilities and animal lusts of both spectator and participant are steamed off in the finest traditions of clean fun.

But if violence and sex in athletics are a symbolic barometer of our primitive emotions, what of the latest trends?

**DENTIFRICE**  
Many athletes have undergone a breach of integrity by doing commercials for various products.

In what may be labeled as "Great Moments in Trivia," we see athletes endorsing breakfast cereal, cigarettes, deodorant, shampoo, mouth wash, hair oil and hair spray.

Whatever happened to the

patriotic picture of a defensive linebacker squeezing a teen queen with his right arm, and crushing a draft card burner with his left?

And other football players have wedded brains to brutality. Take Frank Ryan of the Green Bay Packers who has a doctorate in mathematics, or Charley Johnson of the Saint Louis Cardinals who is getting a degree in nuclear physics.

No longer can we make stock jokes about the typical athlete who learned to reach the banana bunch by putting two sticks together.

Instead of cracking coconuts in their jaws, they are now cracking the monosyllabic barrier in language as they praise fellow athletes who have the fairest armpits on the playing field.

**IMAGE**  
Since an altered image is sometimes indicative of an altered self, these developments might be the beginning of the decline and fall of western athletics.

Pretty soon football players will bring their farce to full circle as they enter the game with pancake make - up on while wearing silk jerseys adorned with advertisements.

Maybe they will even wear gold earrings to bedazzle their opponents, and in place of the usual irreverent insults, they will call each other "sweeties"

while contemplating the philosophical pitfalls of tackling and blocking.

Yes, the cheerleaders will still arouse their quota of lust. But it will be the type of artificial lust one feels when seeing a glorified plain Jane lamenting the heartbreak of psoriasis on the babble box.

And the spectators? Well, football will no longer be able

to purge the spectators of their Freudian hang-ups by flooding their frustrations with sex and violence.

Their only recourse will be to watch peace officers breaking-up peace demonstrations or campus nude-ins in the finest traditions of law enforcement agencies. Even though the sex angle might be hard to work in.

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# Convocation: what it means

## 'Complicity obscured by phony issues'

By Joint Action Comm.

The results of the voting from the War Crisis Convocation are confusing because the real issue of college complicity with the war in Vietnam was obscured by the two phony issues of "open campus" and "free speech."

Resolution 1, which called for an open campus to any organization passed narrowly with a yes vote of about 55 percent. Students passed this resolution because of the clear appeal of the word open.

This was an emotional response which ignored the fact that this resolution means that the Mafia would be allowed to recruit prostitutes and pimps and that the college would have to deny federal law and line up with the racists by allowing companies which discriminate to use a state facility.

The negative vote on Resolutions 4 and 17 can be explained by an obvious fear of the students that by denying military, war industry and AFROTC recruiting, we would be denying free speech.

However, when given a resolution which would prohibit recruiting by the military, the CIA and war industries, but would clearly protect the rights of free speech; the students voted yes by almost a 3 to 1 margin.

The passage of Resolution 3 by this overwhelming margin is clearly a mandate against further recruiting by the war-makers on this campus.

The Joint Action Committee will view any attempt to deny the validity of Resolution 3 as a clear signal that the faculty and the administration have no regard for the democratic system that they boast about.

We will continue the struggle against campus complicity until a clear policy barring war recruiters is put into effect. We will also continue to educate the community about the criminal role of AFROTC and will bring the issue up for another vote at a future date.

We urge all the students who voted to limit war industries and the military's use of "any public facilities for the sole purpose" of debate and discussion to help us enforce this policy.

## Differing points of view

The following are responses to the Convocation voting results. All three respondents were offered an equal amount of space to reply.

Students to Keep the Campus Open (SKCO) collected some 3300 signatures urging President John Summerskill to maintain present recruitment policies.

The Joint Action Committee to End College Complicity is a coalition of on-campus anti-war groups which called for an end to recruitment by military and para-military organizations, and expulsion of the AFROTC.

Marshall Windmiller, associate professor of international relations, was the central planner and originator of the War Crisis Convocation.

## 'Majority favors

## open campus

By Students to Keep the Campus Open

The results of the convocation indicated that the majority of the students that voted favored an Open Campus Policy.

Resolution No. 10 concerning violence on the campus is a direct indication by a majority of 3 to 1, "That the people who comprise SF State vigorously reject violence and coercion . . ." on this campus.

However, the Academic Senate chose to overlook what SKCO considers to be one of the most immediate and important issues. Violence on the campus! We feel that the Academic Senate's apparent lack of concern in this area encourages such incidents as the one that occurred on this campus this semester.

Those incidents demonstrate what SKCO considers a dangerous application of "Coercion, Intimidation and Violence." That is, to use these methods in an attempt at influencing the Democratic Process.

SKCO represented by the 3,300 Silent Center Petition feels the Convocation results support our beliefs in an Open Campus free from violence.

The administration, faculty and student government should now act in accord with the student body desires. BUT WILL THEY????

## A return to Ceylon

SF State student Thomas Halstead has recently been named as a Peace Corps volunteer, and arrives in Ceylon this month.

Halstead is a biology major and will receive his M.A. in January. He is the son of Mrs. Jean Halstead and the late Thomas Halstead of San Mateo.

One of a group of 60 volunteers who will work with the Ceylonese government, Halstead has completed 15 weeks of training in the Philippines, Hawaii, and Fresno State College.

The arrival of this group of volunteers marks the first time that the Peace Corps has returned to a country where a previous program was discontinued.

## 'It was an accident'

By MARSHALL WINDMILLER

The Convocation was an accident. A realization of a need to do something developed in the Academic Senate, but the actual plan came out of an unstructured ad hoc committee of whatever faculty and students wandered in. The committee had no sponsorship, only endorsements, and most of them were given reluctantly and with great fear. From all quarters the convocation was perceived as some sort of plot. A faculty member wrote the president that I was trying to stamp out diversity, and another accused me of "majoritarian authoritarianism." Members of the Open Campus committee were convinced their viewpoint would be suppressed, and some members of the student left saw the meetings as a liberal establishment ploy to "co-opt dissent."

I saw the convocation as an attempt to build a better sense of community on the campus by reasoned, tolerant discussion of some difficult moral and intellectual problems, thereby laying the foundation for policy decisions which I hoped would soon put the college in open opposition to the military-industrial complex. In this regard, the convocation was a modest success, and I am optimistic that we may eventually ban military recruitment and expel ROTC.

In honesty, however, I must say that some aspects of the week have left a bad taste. The first was the widespread unwillingness to accept responsibility. All the work was done by a handful of students and faculty, and in general the rest of the faculty set a poor example. It was extremely difficult to recruit faculty poll-watchers, and some who signed up didn't show up.

Students of the fire and brimstone left sought to use the convocation without becoming identified with it. The chairman of the subcommittee that selected the student speakers, who played a powerful role in convocation planning, wrote an article on it in Open Process entitled, "Who Needs It?" Without revealing his own involvement, he said the convocation would be "at best ludicrous." Students who

sat on the resolutions committee failed to show up when the committee met to hear complaints. One student member who did, insisted on sitting with the audience, thereby leaving a solid phalanx of faculty and administration to take the heat.

Another unpleasantness had to do with the intellectual bankruptcy of the political right and the inarticulateness of the moderates. The withdrawal of one scheduled student speaker on the first day and the whining of moderates that the left had stacked the debates were a disgrace.

I was also bothered by an absence of a sense of proportion. While it is true that we have an ROTC and a handful of military recruiters on this campus, we are hardly a major component in the military-industrial complex as universities go. There seems to me to be an unmanliness inherent in the campaign to depict this campus as some sort of Haushofer Institute and President Summerskill as a kind of war criminal. Does the student body really admire heroic posturing against tame and friendly dragons?

Finally, there is the question of good manners. There is a widespread notion among militants that the hallmark of honesty is rudeness, and that politeness is good only to mask hypocrisy. This is unfortunate for the anti-war movement, for good manners are a form of social lubricant that can get many stalled wheels turning and mesh some important gears that would otherwise stand idle or turn the wrong way.

Whether you think the whole thing was worthwhile depends on your standard of measurement. If your standard was some traditional notion of intellectual excellence, some idea of a brotherhood of scholars, or some master stroke against the war machine, then the convocation was undistinguished. As a palliative for the paranoia on this campus, it was too little, too late.

But if your standard is what we have done in the past, and what other colleges are doing, then it was an impressive event. From this perspective it seems worth trying again with more planning and greater participation.

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