

# Gater editor beaten



Gater staffers under attack (l to r) John Davidson, secretary Linda Gallagher, John Kean, sports, and Lynn Ludlow, a part-time instructor.

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Gater editor Jim Vaszko was beaten yesterday morning in a wild, fist-swinging melee triggered by about 15 Negro students.

The attack occurred at 10:25 after the Negroes deployed themselves throughout the Gater office and asked to see Vaszko. A spokesman for the group was told by Gater reporter John Davidson that Vaszko was on the phone.

The unidentified Negro entered Vaszko's office followed by four members of his group. They closed the door behind them.

According to Vaszko, one of the group said to him, "I want to talk to you man."

Vaszko replied, "I'm on the phone, I'll be with you in a second."

"One of the Negroes ripped the phone from my hands and began beating me," Vaszko said.

After receiving several blows, Vaszko fell to the floor and was kicked repeatedly. Gater staffers heard the commotion and attempted to come to Vaszko's aid.

They were stopped by several Negroes who had stationed themselves outside the editor's office.

Several people in the newsroom began to respond to the fracas but were pounced upon by Negroes.

Three Negroes also positioned themselves in the doorway entrance to the Gater office and prevented anyone from leaving the room.

Journalism instructor Lynn Ludlow was one of those set upon as he tried to come to Vaszko's aid. Ludlow became involved in a struggle with several Negroes and received a broken finger and several bruises.

Vaszko's injuries have not yet been determined. He was still under observation by officials of the campus health center.

Other Gater reporters were involved in separate clashes with fist-swinging Negroes. During the fighting, which lasted about four minutes, newspapers were thrown about by the attackers.

An immediate investigation was launched by campus and San Francisco police officers. Witnesses were questioned and photographs of the incident taken by a Gater cameraman were being studied to identify the assailants.

President John S. Summerskill said several identifications had been made and that disciplinary action will be taken as soon as all the evidence was accumulated.

Summerskill called the incident a "criminal assault."

"We will not tolerate violent

or abusive behavior on this campus," he said.

Neither Vaszko nor anyone on the Gater staff knew what provoked the violence.

After he was beaten, the Gater editor staggered out of his office saying, "Why! What did we do?"

Associated Students' President Phil Garlington said he thought the trouble was "connected with a highly questionable election for Homecoming Queen."

Garlington indicated that the black students may have linked the Gater to rumors that the election was rigged.

"Facts seem to indicate that the election was rigged against the minority candidate," Garlington said.

"There will be a full investigation of this affair beginning with the revelation of the election results being kept secret," he said.

Garlington was referring to the election in which Evangelina Thomas, a Philippine student sponsored by the Black Students Union, placed second.

Former BSU chairman Jimmy Garrett when asked by the Gater about the violence said "The BSU has not been involved in any altercation on the campus."

However, several Gater staffers identified Ben Stew-



The Rev. Anthony Burrus helps Vaszko after the attack.

art, George Murray and Garrett as among those at the scene.

Garrett admitted the BSU was very concerned with their candidate in the Homecoming Queen election.

"We figure the sister won," Garrett said.

Gerry Bearden, chairman of the AS elections committee,

was not available for comment on the charges that he would not release the results of the election.

Garlington said, "the election has bred a lot of hostility, and you must realize that whether right or wrong, the blacks will begin taking out their frustrations in a violent manner."

# Letters to the Editor

## Situation ethics

Editor:

Is it possible to despise the Vietnam war and still believe the campus should be open to Dow Chemical, CIA, military recruiters and the AF-ROTC?

My position is yes. Situation ethics may deplore it, but civil libertarians should agree with it.

If we really believe in free speech and advocacy, then how can we set limits? Those of us who protect the rights of all minorities condoned the right of the military to protect one Negro at the University of Mississippi. We believe in intervention to protect the Bill of Rights.

I join those who intervene against the war, but I hope that an open policy of all individuals and groups to advocate freely on this campus will continue, including our enemies.

Jerrold L. Werthimer

## Ben Swigged

Editor:

Well, each member of my family just received the OFFICIAL recommendations for the election by the Civic League of Improvement "Clubs" and Associations. None other than Benjamin Swig is president, and would you believe they are endorsing Alioto? Of course all of this was done by secret ballot—yes, legitimate democracy.

Funny thing, they've neglected to include Prop. P anywhere on their OFFICIAL recommendation list. I suggest that all who received these phony bits of paper to do as we did—send them back addressed personally to Ben Swig, Pres.

Noel Krenkel  
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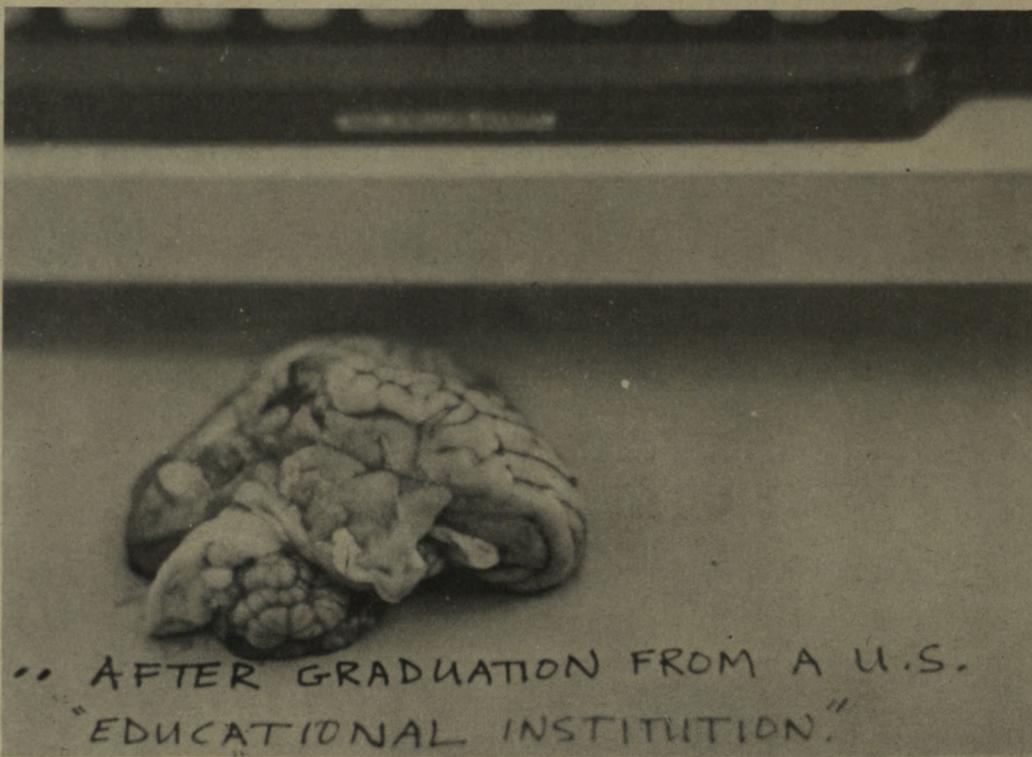
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## A commentary on GE?



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An anonymous contribution brought to the Gater office

## Authoritarian

Editor:

Last week I was fortunate enough to hear some of the Students for a Democratic Society speeches from the speakers platform, but I was sadly disappointed. The one sided, authoritarian, self-righteous approach to national as well as inter-national issues showed to me a real lack of understanding of their own avowed cause of a democratic society.

For example, their appeal for removal of the voluntary Air Force R.O.T.C. program from campus sounded to me

exactly like any self-styled group which fears to allow a different point of view.

And would very likely set a dangerous format of removing any minority opinion such as the S.D.S. itself.

On the international scene, due to a foreign policy issue, to associate that the President of the United States and his followers are pimps is of the lowest form of dissent, especially when applauded by the surrounding crowd.

To oppose the war in Vietnam is understandable, however, when slander and direct action supersedes the demo-

cratic process, you're advocating anarchy and hate over rational, constitutional free speech and this I oppose.

Ward Schroeder  
No. 7757

## Policy?

Dear President Summerskill:

We are sure you are familiar with the details of the incident with Dow Chemical Company on our campus last semester. Just last week a meeting was announced from the Speakers Platform to plan a recreation of the incident when Dow Chemical again visits this campus on Nov. 30, 1967.

We urgently request that you submit to this paper for immediate publication your policy regarding such action as the above mentioned incident.

If your policy is that each and every individual student should have the right to be interviewed by the company of his choice, please include in your policy statement the specific means you plan to institute to guarantee this right.

The prevention of a recurrence of last semester's infringement on the rights of the individual student is deemed imperative by the undersigned.

Thomas F. Orr  
No. 22236  
Robert H. Sievers  
No. 501

## On vulgarity

Mr. Robert Fenster  
Chairman  
Board of Publications  
Hut C

Dear Mr. Fenster:

I am sure that you are aware that one of the factors upon which the image of our school is determined is the printed word. The image of San Francisco State College in recent years has in large measure been the result of sensational stories brought about by the actions of what I have come to find to be a small but dedicated group on this campus.

The emphasis on such stories by campus publications had done much to contribute to tarnishing the public image of this school.

My concern in this matter stems from two sources. First, my desire to be associated professionally with the best possible institution and second, in a much more urgent sense, my concern over the effects of bad taste in our publications on the image of San Francisco State College and more specifically as it is reflected in the difficulties encountered by members of our athletic staff in their attempts to attract student athletes to this campus.

I am specifically referring to the poor judgment exercised by whoever is responsible for the printing verbatim of a letter to the editor in the Gater of Tuesday, October 24 under the lead of "Moral Obligations" and to the front page story in Open Process of October 27. In both instances, language was printed which could in no way contribute to a positive image and I would suggest that in each case the intent of the writer could have been maintained through discreet editing.

While I am concerned that student funds are being used to provide one-sided inflammatory articles as seems to be the practice with Open Process, I am even more interested that whatever is printed in the official publications of this campus be in good taste. I fully realize that in some quarters a letter such as this

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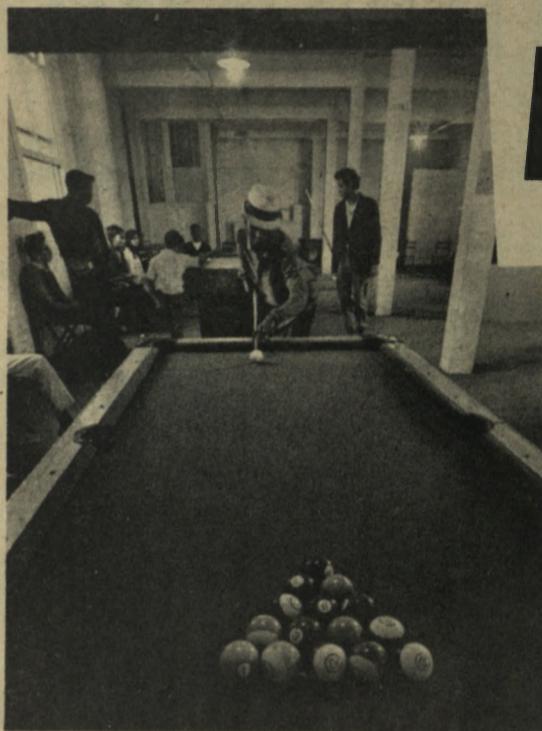
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A youth's reaction to the "Green House" (Youth Guidance Center) and the Board of Education

Ed Powell whips the ping-pong ball to an extreme corner of the table. His opponent grimaces for an instant, then returns Ed's smiles and laughter.

The 24-year old Powell cocks his head back, continues the game, and glances occasionally at the teenage boys gathered around the two pool tables.

The crack of the pool cue and ping-pong paddle adds life to the spacious recreation room already full of the sounds of KJAZ, high-pitched talking, low grunts, and shuffling feet.

Powell concludes his victorious ping-pong contest and walks briskly down the wooden stairway from the massive recreation hall to the bottom floor.

He makes his way past the Coke machine and crowded doorways, and strides into the office of Rev. Jesse James, founder and director of Mission Rebels in Action.

The Rebels cannot exclusively be called an anti-poverty organization, for much more is offered than employment for its 500 active members.

#### CONVERTED WAREHOUSE

Mostly the Rebels' three-story converted warehouse at 647 South Van Ness is a daily, unregulated, yet efficient happening of work and leisure and friendship.

James and Powell typify the mood of the Rebels.

Though they are part of a paid staff with specific job titles, their schedules are loose and adaptable to the members' needs.

James, within a couple of hours, may be meeting with a representative of the Board of Education, loaning some bus fare to one of his Rebels, refereeing a fight, or preparing a Rebels' commercial for a local radio station.

Powell's activities have lately become less diversified. He had been the primary recruiter for the organization, but this fall was promoted to head counselor, forcing him to stay in the building more.

Both James and Powell know the Mission district.

#### GHETTO EXPERIENCES

They and the kids have been through the same ghetto experiences—broken families, poor schooling, little employment opportunity, and crime.

When Powell wasn't in jail, he lived most of his teen years in Hunters Point and the Fillmore.

"I was robbing and getting loaded all the time. I lost my job, then I lost my apartment.

"I had to sleep on the floor of a friend while he and his woman were going through their bit in bed — (laughing) in the same room!" he said.

Powell struggled to get out of that bag. He finished high school and got a scholarship from the Federal government to attend SF State. He studied electricity and quit school after two years.

Then James, himself a former convict from Harlem trying to start a new life, helped Powell "wake up."

The Mission Rebels was born in November, 1965.

James secured the old warehouse, drew up a budget and program outline, and got a two-year grant of \$82,000 from the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The compatibility of the initial group came not simply from their common background. They also needed each other.

"Well, you know, nobody needed me at that time. For somebody to say he wanted my talents, man, that was really something," Powell said.

But even then Powell had not developed an indestructible loyalty.

"I don't think I really wanted to help Jesse at first. It was kind of funny, you know. I was gonna be in there and take all I could from him."

But here was a chance for freedom, a chance for a salaried job as counselor and recruiter for the Rebels.

Here was a chance not to be shot at by police, not to risk being killed, not to be tossed in jail time and again with no intention to stop stealing.

"I knew I could make \$300 or \$400 a day robbing a store or selling a stolen car to a dealer, but my freedom was too important to me," Powell said.

#### GOING STRAIGHT

Going straight wasn't terribly uncomfortable. In fact, working for the Rebels allowed social interaction at the same hangouts and with the same people, even with the gangs.

Powell's natural, relaxed approach to recruitment paid off. The guys he played pool with, the guys he drank with, the guys



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he used to steal with, soon became Rebels.

Powell was able to maintain his former image while at the same time persuading his fellows to come to "the other side."

Unfortunately men in their early 20's seemed beyond help.

Most were married, already had large families, couldn't get a high enough paying job—or couldn't get any job—because of poor education and racial bias, and consequently had to steal even if they didn't want to.

Some of these men did find jobs through the Mission Rebels, but most didn't believe in themselves or anyone else, and ended up sick of life before they reached 25.

## GEARED TO YOUTH

The organization is really geared to the high school and junior high school youths.

The pool and ping-pong tables, weekly dances in neighborhood auditoriums, classes in karate, boxing, sewing, typing, shorthand, art, dancing, and mechanic shop immediately attract the youth.

It is true the kids can't stand public school but the Rebels' counselors are always around to discuss and tutor. The Rebels' own classes are not run like a public school. Teachers are already friends of the students, subjects are both interesting and useful, and classes don't have to start on time.

James realizes public schools cannot be run as informally as the Rebels' classes, but he does believe teachers and curriculum could be more sensitive to the needs of Mission youth.

"For most of the teachers in the Mission," he said, "education is just a job. They come right on time in the morning and leave immediately after school lets out.

"They live outside of the community and don't really know our culture. They don't know what the students think about. The kids resent this, and refuse to learn. About 30 or 40 a year seriously consider dropping out."

Just before summer vacation James and a few Rebels met with school principals, representatives of the Board of Education, and the Superintendent of Schools.

The result was a series of visits by teachers to the Rebels' building, just to get the feel of things and meet the kids on an informal basis.

More visits and meetings are planned, and James will push for a cultural orientation program to be given to new teachers not familiar with the Mission district.

James' concern also extends into employment. He doesn't want any Rebels to become caught up in the crime cycle for lack of an education and a job.

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Ray Towbis and Bob Brown head the Rebels' employment service. Only seldom will they write letters to firms and private businesses. Communication with potential employers is on an informal basis.

This takes time, but it works. During last summer alone, 150 youths found jobs through the Rebels. During its existence, over its two years, the Rebels have placed nearly 1,000 youths.

The organization also spearheaded the summer job drive for the city's black communities, and approximately 1500 youths found summer jobs through the inter-district program.

For those who didn't get jobs, the Rebels set up a constant summer program of activities headed by Derek Hill, a 24-year old sociology major at City College of San Francisco.

"A lot of the kids hadn't even been across the Golden Gate Bridge," Hill said. "We all went to places like Mount Tamalpais, Point Reyes, the Palace of Fine Arts, the movies, Playland, and so on. It was really beautiful."

The Rebels also staged their own dances, with their own music groups, in addition to an all-day street fair that drew hundreds of spectators and participants.

Hill set up meetings with the city's venereal disease clinic, legal assistance counselors, and police.

Most of the summer activities are continuing during school, though the Rebels' building is no longer jam-packed in the morning and early afternoon.

James and the other staff members were glad to see school start. They really got a workout from the summer's enlarged membership.

But the kids were grateful.

On James' birthday they gave him a cake. While he was cutting it, Powell teased James about his age.

"I'm 29, man, no foolin'," he said.

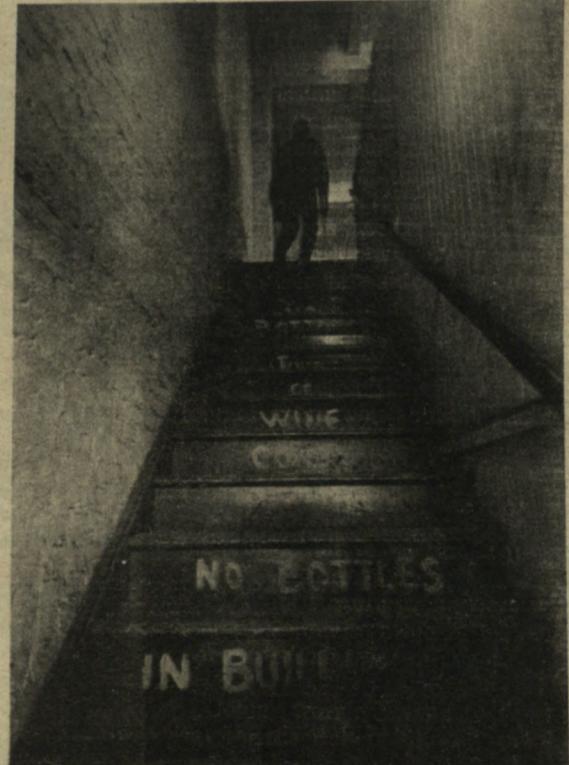
Powell just laughed.



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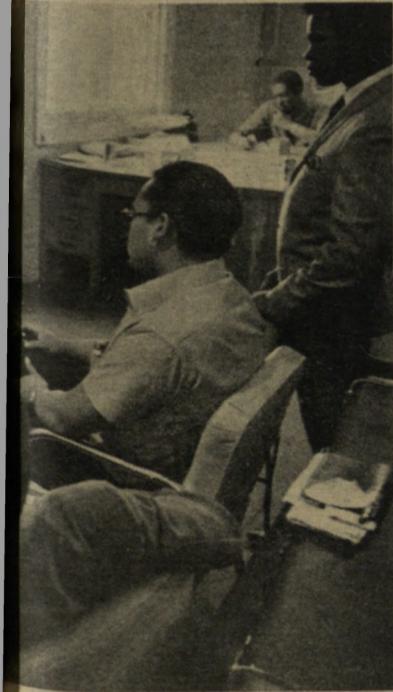


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# 'Dorm' is a four letter word

By JACK TIPPLE

College residence hall life in California provides an inter-community with educational possibilities all its own.

The communal living dormitory students are looking to get on a level where they can work out their own affairs and make and learn from their own mistakes.

The main focus of this attention is student government for the halls. While the housing staff administration keeps one eye on the proceedings, students make many self-binding laws, hopefully enabling them to make the most of their college experience.

The government stays largely conservative. There are few revolutions—bloodless or otherwise—by student leaders against the state of California or some such bad-guy. As yet Merced Hall in an apparent oversight, has not taken an official position on the Vietnam War.

But the students, perhaps just because they are San Franciscans, do manage to find an issue. They flatly state that they should be able to keep a case of beer on their

dormitory-room dresser providing they are of legal age, and that they are entitled to have friends of the opposite sex visit them more often, if the door is left open.

Student leaders spend most of their time tackling such issues as how to get carpets on the floors and revive the ghost of school spirit at football games and dances.

They have a good deal of political in-fighting going on under the appropriate labels of "power struggle," "budget threat," and "apathy at election time."

But the "issues" are largely no more simplistic or profound than those taken up by the larger society students use as a model.

SF State, a lightweight in many respects, becomes a heavy in the eyes of many schools in the west. It has a small residence hall population but a big appetite for change. Policies here are quite liberal in contrast to some schools that hand out probationary sentences like the linens.

The existing hall government is a member of the

Pacific Coast Association of College and University Residence Halls (PCACURH), and at their annual conference last week they discussed "student power" for the good and welfare of students.

The main thrust of the session was an attack on the philosophy of "In Loco Parentis"—the idea that a college is a substitute mom and dad standing constant watch over the student.

The PCACURH, and SF State dorm students in particular think a "hands off" policy is best. They see their function as creating community friendliness to help in orientation and advising.

How far, they ask, should they agree to let the college go in ruling and regulating the private lives and moral conduct of students? What, in fact, is a good parent?

The PCACURH evidently thinks that the best parent is the one who knows when to let the kid go; or at least turn him loose on a tether and let him make his own mistakes—within certain bounds. Speci-



Dorms move into the 20th century

fic issues or regulation all boil down to the question of student freedom. In the past, SF State students have found

that it is almost as obtainable as the willingness to work for it.

As PCACURH members drove home last weekend they had in their hands a resolution of sorts. The PCACURH agreed, with the proper quota of whereas's and therefore's, to use its full influence in helping all member schools to devise programs and structures designed to break down the outmoded concept of "In Loco Parentis."

The issue is student freedom to work out their own policies.

## Crowded offices crowd out cars



NEW PREFAB OFFICE BUILDINGS

The pressure of overcrowding in faculty and administration office space is putting a vise grip on administration heads here.

Don Scoble, assistant dean of academic planning, said this problem has been getting steadily worse though there has always been a lack of floor space for faculty bodies.

This pressure is being only slightly relieved by the construction of several modulux housing units on parking lot seven behind the Creative Arts building.

There are 663 office spaces to house 839 faculty members. This does not include the needs of part-time staff members and funded academic programs.

Scoble said his office deplored the overcrowding here which has led some faculty

members to vacant classrooms for their office and interview work. This chaotic situation has seen as many as 10 professors sharing the same room.

The 6 matchbox styled pre-assembled buildings will provide 140 offices, not near enough to soak up the demand.

"Some faculty members who find their office is a ten-minute walk from their classes in HLL or BSS buildings may be upset also," Scoble said.

Scoble said that the nearby CA building has the worst problem. The CA department has a grand total of 38 new office stations now available.

The new buildings have eliminated approximately 50 parking spaces in lot seven—but that's another problem.

## Official Notices

### CREDENTIAL PROGRAM TEAM

Applications for assignment to the Two-Semester Credential Program Team beginning in the Spring semester, 1968, are available from the department of Secondary Education in Room 31 of the ED building.

Entrance into this program is by application only and requires the student to (1) have a B.A./B.S. degree, (2) have no more than six (6) units to complete in his major or minor subject matter areas, and (3) have a 2.5 g.p.a. in his major and minor. Additional information can be obtained from the department of Secondary Education. Enrollment is limited and students are urged to submit their applications as soon as possible.

### SECONDARY EDUCATION

Applications for secondary student teaching during the Spring Semester, 1968 will be accepted by the Department of Secondary Education beginning Monday, Nov. 6. Applications are available in the department office, Ed. 31, for those students not currently enrolled in Education 150 or Education 152.3. Students enrolled in these courses will receive applications for student teaching from their instructors. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, Dec. 1.

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# Gridders grab FWC title

In one respect the varsity football team has closed books on the 1967 season by earning its fifth Far Western Conference title in the past seven years.

But if the Gators can take their last two games at UC Davis and Cal Poly (Pomona) more goodies may be in store — like bid to Sacramento's Camellia Bowl.

Many things were in the wind as the Gators pushed their conference record to 5-0 by humiliating Humboldt State 68-34 before 3,600 fans at last Saturday afternoon's SF State homecoming.

First, there were the five parachutists who dropped-in for pre-game warmups, all landing in midfield as fans ate cokes and drank hot dogs.

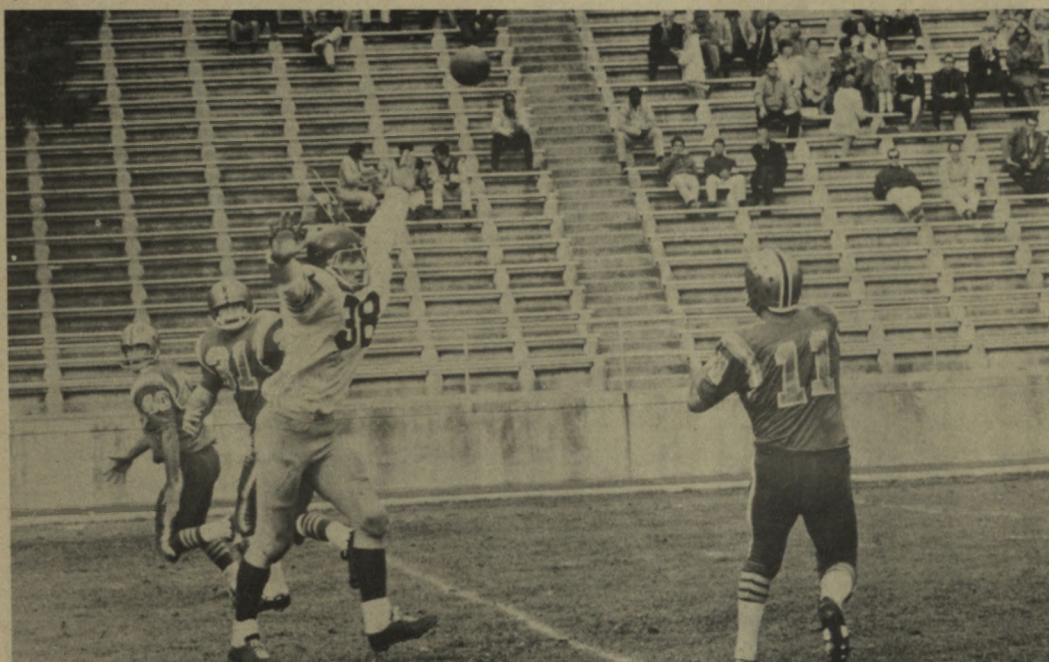
Second, were the eight TD passes thrown by Gator quarterback Bob Toledo, who set a new NCAA record for TD passes in a single season at 39.

Third, was the news that Sac State had jilted second-place Nevada, 14-7, leaving every team but SF State with at least two losses.

Fourth, was the question "Does SF State have a chance at a bowl game?" to which

neither head coach Vic Rowen nor sports publicist Sam Goldman would reply "No."

Though speculating a team's chances for a bowl bid is generally regarded the best way to jinx it, some points are clear. First, with the nation's total offense leader Toledo throwing to pro prospects Joe Koontz and Ed Larios the Gators have built the most exciting offense in small college football. Also, Santa Clara — the only team to beat SF State this year, 28-21, on a last minute score — has before issued a "no-bowl" policy.



In what coach Vic Rowen called "the greatest half" he's ever seen an SF State team play, the Gators hit Humboldt State with everything but the goalposts to build a 42-14 half-time lead after falling behind 7-0 in the first four minutes.

Split-end Koontz — who is now only one TD away from tying the NCAA record of 15 scores — opened the Gators scoring by grabbing a 16 yd shot over the middle from Toledo to tie the score.

The next five times the Gators took possession of the ball, they scored on drives of 70, 60, 20, 45 and 45 yds. Gator half-back Mike Goodman capped the first of these with a four-yd run, while the other four came on two Toledo pitches to

Bob Toledo (11) throws record-breaking TD pass to Dan Lucas (40) against Humboldt State. Photo by Mike Honey

Dan Lucas, and one each to Koontz and Larios.

Larios finished with three TD catches against Humboldt to bring his seasonal total to 11, while flankerback Dennis Highland caught his eighth.

In the third quarter Lumberjack quarterback Jim Costello was rushed from the field in an ambulance to Mary's Help Hospital after being knocked out of bounds after throwing an incomplete pass. Costello, however, was released from the hospital after x-rays dismissed speculation that he had broken his neck.

## Toledo torpedoes TD pass record

Last year SF State quarterback Bob Toledo spent one-half the season shining sideline benches with the seat of his blue football trousers.

"My attitude was bad," the 22-year-old said, "I'd never played second-string before and didn't care for it much."

In fact, it wasn't until last Saturday's 68-34 win over Humboldt State, that Toledo even called all his own plays.

Yet, in that same contest, the 5-10 ex-JC All American smashed the NCAA record for TD passes with eight scoring strikes. With two games still remaining, Toledo has thrown 39 end-zone strikes eradicating the former mark of 32 set by George Bork of Northern Illinois in 1963 and tied by Jerry Rhome of Tulsa in 1965.

"All I really needed was ex-

perience," the dark-haired Toledo said. "We have a pretty complicated offense, and it takes some time to learn the plays."

When head coach Vic Rowen presented Toledo with the football the latter had thrown to halfback Dan Lucas for the five-yard TD pass No. 33, Toledo graciously thanked his three great receivers and the fine line which had kept him from "eating dirt."

Toledo, who went into Saturday's match leading the nation in total offense with 2,224 yds., describes his receivers as "unique."

"Joe Koontz will use a lot of moves to work free, while Ed Larios uses a quick cut and speed. Dennis Highland is a steady receiver; he's always exactly where he's supposed to be."



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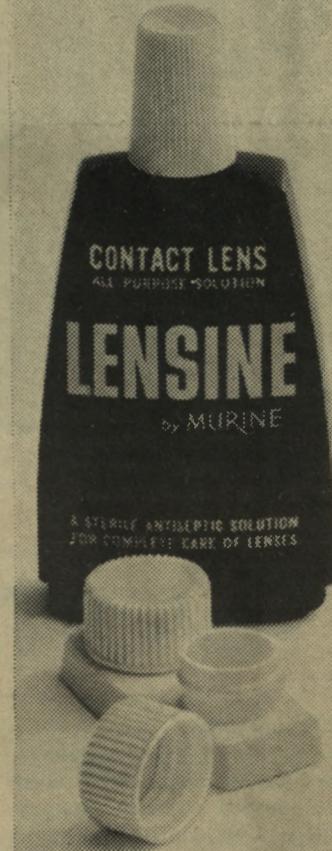
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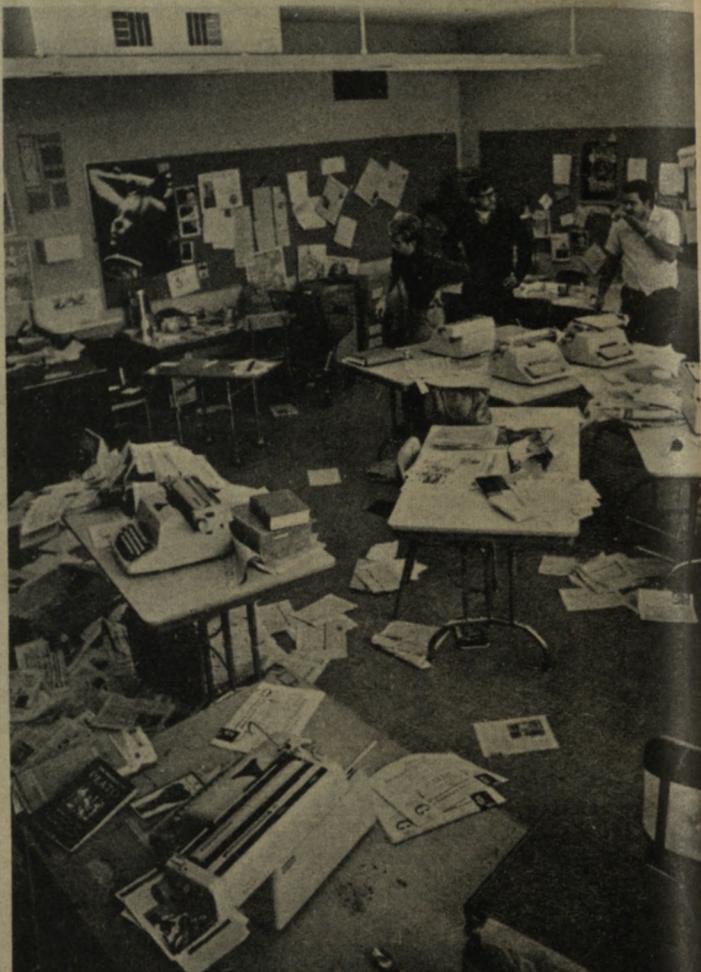
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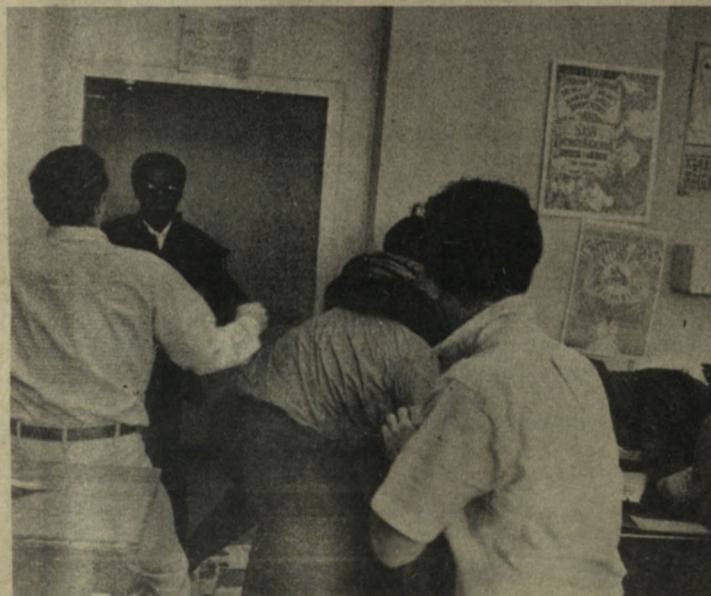
# Violence in Gater office



Sports editor John Keane has his hands full as attacker heads for photographer.



Aftermath: Vaszko limps through ransacked office then . . .



Early morning attack force enters Gater office.



utes.

As flames rose up against the outside walls as high as the fourth floor and black smoke puffed over the building, students stumbled sleepily down the firescapes and on to the sidewalks of Lake Merced Blvd.

George Changaris, housing director here at SF State said the cause and exact source of the blaze were unknown as yet.

"Just on my speculation,"

Changaris said, "with this kind of intense heat generated, I would say this fire was planned. I don't think it could have started from such a small thing as a cigarette butt."

"It must have been arson."

Wayne Berry, campus security officer, said there definitely will be an investigation.

Alan Burrafato, student resident on the building's second floor turned in the alarm.

"I woke up hearing glass shattering—it was from the heat," Burrafato said.

"I looked out my window and saw flames shooting up from the lounge on the ground floor. I rushed over to the lobby on our floor and hit the alarm."

"I woke up and felt my eyes burning," Greg Clark, assistant hall director and student, living on the ground floor near by the lounge said.

Clark said he could see a dull red glow at the west corner of the lobby where the

lounge is located. By this time he had heard the alarm and immediately made his way out a side exit.

"There was no one in the lobby at that time," he said.

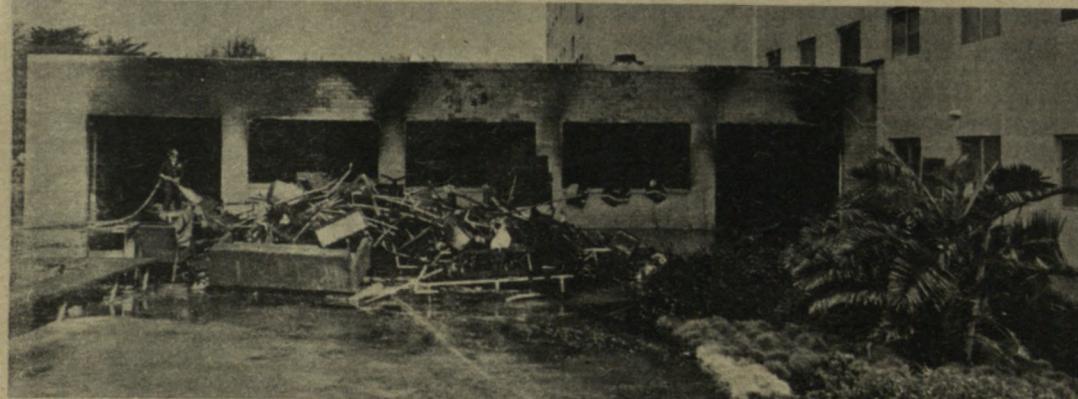
No students or firemen were injured, and only slight damage to student rooms was caused by smoke and water.

The hall is a six-story steel and cement structure. This and the prompt action of the firemen confined the fire area to the lounge couches, drapes, walls and stereo equipment.

The desk area, where the switch-board is located was gutted and the ground floor area has been closed off while clean-up operations are underway.

"We will not know the exact cost for at least two days," Newell said. "We will have to determine the amount of structural damage to the lounge wing first," he said.

Nearby Mary Ward Hall, the women's dorm was not affected by the blaze.



Fireman water down gutted remains of Merced Hall lounge and lobby

Photo by Bob Hirschfeld