



THE AXON

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...direct from the Nerve Center, M127 (321-1200, ext. 6210)

PSYCHIATRISTS SPEAK OUT

Psychiatrists from Stanford University have polled registrants at the annual American Psychiatry Association Convention taking place this week in San Francisco. Of the 2000 registrants polled on four national issues, 73% condemned the extension of American troops into Cambodia and 76% doubt that President Nixon's policies are leading to a prompt withdrawal from Southeast Asia. Furthermore, 83% believe, "our policies in Southeast Asia are directly enhancing the alienation of American youth and are causing grave divisions within American society." Finally, 78% believe "current national priorities are unduly balanced in the direction of military efforts and that the mental health of Americans is suffering as a result."

Dr. Frederik Ilfeld, Dr. Thomas Bittker and several other residents from the Stanford Department of Psychiatry saw three purposes to their poll. First, they sought to indicate the nature and breadth of concern held by psychiatrists toward the Southeast Asian war and the Nixon administration's conduct of that war. Second, they hoped to inform the APA of the sentiment of their colleagues. Finally, they intended to alert Americans to the relationship between the war and their mental health.

Daily coffee klatches to feature short news summary. See story, p. 3, col. 2.

MEDIC TEAMS NEEDED !

There is a demonstration at Ft. Ord on Sat., May 16. U.C. Med. School is sending 20 medics and hopes the Stanford will send 20. Organizers are needed (particularly M.D.'s). Meeting Tues., 3:00pm, M112. Contact S. Obler, II. 327-8890.

Keeping the Stanford
Medical Community informed

PHARMACOLOGY LEADS ACADEMIC POLICY

The Department of Pharmacology yesterday adopted an extremely flexible policy on academic exercises which in their hopes will serve as a model for other departments. Formal lectures have been suspended and replaced with lecture notes, reading lists, tapes, and discussions of material with instructors upon the request of students.

All examinations are take home and need not be completed until the autumn registration if an incomplete is taken in the course. Research seminars and noon conferences have been cancelled. Staff members are being permitted one hour each day for the purpose of expression and discussion of their views regardless of their nature.

SAMA TAKES ACTION FOR PEACE

The Student American Medical Association at its national convention last week took unprecedented action to commit funds and efforts to a political issue which involves non-medical issues. The House of Delegates passed by a vote of 60 to 10 a resolution which "vigorously opposed the continued war in Vietnam and extension of the war in Indochina." The resolution specifically directed the Executive Committee "to organize and help finance nationwide efforts" against the war. Petitions, newspaper ads, attempts to curtail financial support of wars in Southeast Asia, and use of SAMA communications mechanisms to encourage and facilitate strong local expression of medical student opinions were mentioned.

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COMMITTEE ACTION

National Work Stoppage: Teachers are being organized at their schools and acquainted with the idea of a work stoppage. The Cupertino district has allowed petitions and speakers in every school.

110 schools were represented in the San Jose conference Sunday. They are with us all the way. Scott Sattler met with representatives from 3 schools in Los Angeles on Sunday and set up labor and coordinating groups.

Mike Bressler has written a summary of activities of the Work Stoppage Committee which is available in S207 and the Nerve Center.

The Coordinating Committee meets nightly at 9:00 pm. in S207. Anyone with ideas or suggestions is welcome.

Speakers Bureau: Representatives from the Speakers Bureau spoke to Stanford engineers, medical center employees and Avast Jr. High School in Los Altos yesterday. Today speakers will talk with faculty at Gunn and Palo Alto High Schools and with the San Mateo County Medical Society.

Inquiries should be directed to Nick Hoogenraad, Ext. 5582, John Battista or Bob Barton, Ext. 6210, or Susan Jens, Ext. 6051.

Finance Committee: The Phone Solicitation program has been getting a 50% positive response. They need help phoning. Contact Steve Lerner, Ext. 5484, Bill Folk, Ext. 5625, or Gil Hun, Ext. 5312.

This Saturday is Alumni Day at the medical school, and we need students to talk to alumni and solicit funds. Contact Bill Bennetts, Ext. 6210.

We would appreciate names of people who have made generous contributions to important programs in the past. The assets of the SACTP are \$1233.00. Of this total, \$387.00 is earmarked for newspaper ads listing physician supporters.

If you want to work or make a
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TODAY'S EVENTS

8:00 am. (A126) Democratic Teams - Text Subcommittee.

9:00 am. (1104) Medical Communications.

7:15 pm. (9339 or 9328) Typing letters on automatic typewriters. Bring your own stamp and envelope.

9:00 pm. (S207) Work Stoppage Steering Committee

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The convention voted to adjourn one day early to allow delegates to participate in the peace rally in Washington Saturday. About 150 attended as medics or general participants carrying a banner identifying SAMA.

There was no reference in any resolution to bring pressure on the AMA. However, Stanford delegates report that this is standard procedure for SAMA. It does this by the actions of SAMA representatives at AMA committee meetings and national conventions.

The convention reportedly adopted "liberal" resolutions on community health, abortion, marijuana, ecology, draft alternatives for doctors and pharmaceutical regulations. Texts for these will be available in about a week from Ernie DuPrav and Dave Sachs.

CONVOCATION AT U.C. MEDICAL CENTER

A convocation of health professions workers from the Bay Area was held at the University of California Medical Center at 9:30 am. Monday. The convocation was addressed by Philip Lee, Chancellor of the U.C. Medical Center, Assemblyman Willie Brown and Dr. Hal Holman of Stanford. After the convocation 3000 to 4000 people marched to the Civic Center where they heard a number of speakers. The crowd was most moved by the final speaker, Dr. John Bagshaw, Chief Resident in Medicine at the U. C. Medical Center, who recounted how the current crisis has shifted him from an

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contribution contact George Stark,
Ext. 5169.

Medical Communications: Over 200 physicians' signatures from outside Stanford have been elicited for publication in an ad in the PA Times. An additional 100 signatures are anticipated before the canvassing ends today. These 300 will be combined with those collected by UCSF Medical Center for publication in the SF Chronicle.

Petitions are being circulated among M.D.'s for publication in medical journals. These call for action from the medical community on a national scale.

Encouraging contacts have been made with local and national medical societies. Two letters have gone out to other medical schools encouraging them to take action opposing the war. So far no organization of the magnitude of ours has been encountered. The 3,400 Stanford Medical School Alumni have been contacted.

The next meeting is tonight at 9:00 pm. in 5104.

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apolitical position to one of political activism.

The rally at the Civic Center was concluded by presenting to Supervisor Terry Francois a resolution urging the city's Board of Supervisors to support the McGovern-Haffield amendment and Assembly Bill 14.

PRESIDENTIAL POLL

A TOLL-FREE presidential opinion poll is being conducted. From anywhere in the U. S. you should dial Operator and ask for 900-456-2833. DO NOT attempt to dial the number direct. You will get a busy signal. You will be asked to give your opinion for or against President Nixon's Cambodian policy. You may also be asked where you are calling from.

NEW, IMPROVED COFFEE HOUR

Everyday from 3:30-4:30 pm. in the Medical School courtyard there is a coffee hour for all medical center personnel to talk with their neighbors about the current situation. Today a speaker will present a short summary from 3:45-4:00 of pertinent news releases of the day to help keep you informed.

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COMMITTEE ACTS AS
NEWS CLEARANCE CENTER

This committee is pursuing two lines of communication: establishing a central location for incoming news and reaching the Palo Alto community with news and advertisements.

Newspaper clippings relevant to the war, the strike, and protest in general are posted outside the Nerve Center, outside Lane Library, and outside the hospital cafeteria entrance. Selected items will also be included in the Axon. Help is needed both in clipping and posting. Contact Bonnie Weil at 5353 for information. News from campus sources will be posted under "Latest Strike Info" at the Nerve Center and placed in the committee notebook for reference. Questions should be directed to Larry Crapo.

A quarter-page ad has been prepared for the PA Times to explain what the SMOFP is doing and to appeal for help and funds. It should appear late this week. Suggestions for future ads should be given to Bob Schimke, 5353. Other suggestions, questions, or offers of help can be given to coordinator Anita Barbey.

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TOMORROW
KQED SPECIAL

KQED, the Bay Area educational television station (Channel 9), will be on White Plaza on Wednesday with an open microphone. Go and express your views.