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Keeping the Stanford
Medical Community informed

Editorial:

SENSATIONALIST MEDIA HEADLINE ON VIOLENCE

The control over information flow which is exerted by the mass media has long been recognized. Recent events have re-emphasized the degree to which this control can operate.

The Sunday issue of the Examiner is a striking example of the dilemma. The lead item dealt with Saturday's demonstration in Washington --one of the most peaceful demonstrations in recent years. Its nonviolent character was remarkable, considering the tension over the events in southeast Asia and the large number (almost 100,000) of people present. Yet most of the article described in some detail a few scattered violent confrontations which took place Saturday evening.

Other front page articles dealt with violence at various places across the nation. Thus the impression conveyed to readers of the Sunday Examiner was one of increasing violence among young people.

Yet, in fact, there is a massive effort on campuses to coordinate protests which are completely nonviolent. Activities such as those of the SMCFP are characteristic, and by no means isolated. Our attempts to reach into the community with individual canvassing and speaker panels typify the spirit of a large segment of the student population. Moreover, the elaborate national organization which now exists is evidence of a genuine desire to accomplish something, and not merely to produce another ineffectual expression, like the fall moratoria.

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MEDICAL SOCIETY BACKS STUDENTS

Stanford medical students have received the endorsement of the governing board of the Santa Clara County Medical Society for working to present their anti-war sentiment through established political institutions.

The board "commends (the students) on their commitment to pursue a nonviolent role in having their views presented and in working through the established political institutions to influence changes in this nation's policy." They also praised the non-interference with patient care, and urged others to support this approach.

SUPPORT FOR NIXON POLICY

The Committee for Support of President Nixon at the medical center has obtained over 300 signatures of medical faculty, staff, and students on a letter supporting Nixon's move into Cambodia. The group is headed by Ken Marich and Dr. William Treytl in the Department of Pathology.

"We are not a pro-war group," Marich said, "but feel that the President is earnestly acting in good faith, with the best available information, to bring the unfortunate situation in Southeast Asia to a swift and honorable end as possible."

GENERAL OPEN MEETING -- TODAY

Noon to 1:00, one hour only.
Where do we go from here?
The war is not over yet!

SENSATIONALIST MEDIA (Cont'd fr. p.1)

Yet these constructive efforts have been hindered by the apparent unwillingness of the press to provide fair coverage. Repeated efforts to release news of our local and national projects have met with little or no response on the part of the Palo Alto, San Jose, or San Francisco papers. The press is, as usual, concerned more with spectacular headlines than with unbiased reporting of events.

In Monday's Chronicle there was a sudden change of tone. James Reston dealt cautiously with the increasingly political role which is being adopted by young people. He was guardedly optimistic about the effects which this could have on the November elections. But Mr. Reston came to the Chronicle via the New York Times news service. It is unfortunate that San Francisco's own reporters are not willing to make similar statements.

Editor-in-Chief Hearst is remarkably concerned with the destructive influence which radical or unconventional ideas are having on our society. Yet through his unfortunate selection of news items, he is contributing decisively to the tension which is affecting the nation. Such reporting as that in the Sunday Examiner serves only to polarize a nation in which there already exists too much misunderstanding. Mr. Hearst urges responsible protest on the part of students. We would suggest a similar approach on his part.

NATIONAL WORK STOPPAGE: Students interested in obtaining credit for work on the national work stoppage should attend a meeting today at 2:00 pm. in the Sociology Dept. or contact Francie Cancion, ext. 4020. Representatives from Franklin and Marshall, Case, Williams, and Stanford are meeting in Washington Thursday to discuss issues involved in the work stoppage. The group will also discuss the feasibility of a work stoppage with representatives from McGovern's office.

A general meeting of Stanford engineers yesterday agreed to stop all classes on Thursday and Friday this week.

TODAY'S EVENTS:

9:00 am.-4:00 pm. (White Plaza) KQED
Open microphones. Go and express

Noon (Med. School Courtyard) GENERAL
MEETING

4:00 pm. (Biochem. Conf. Rm.) Finance

4:00 pm. (M114) Speakers Bureau
SPEAKERS ARE NEEDED

7:30 pm. (Biochem. Conf. Rm.) Democratic
Means - Issues Subcommittee

2:00 pm. (S207) National Work Stoppage

PITZER BACKS STAFF PARTICIPATION

In a special letter to all administrative personnel and all staff members May 11, President Pitzer expressed his belief that it is most appropriate that staff members participate in the expanded pattern of activities dealing with the national and international crisis before us. He stressed that "it is important that (staff members) they find a means of meeting their obligations as concerned citizens of this community."

He urged staff members to attend teach-ins, special seminars, and informational meetings. He directed department heads to work with supervisors and staff members to reschedule normal work in order to provide time for participation.

MEDICAL COMMUNICATIONS: A long range political action committee is being formed to represent the medical community in campus efforts in national election campaigns. The first meeting of this group is tomorrow at noon in M102.

The next medical communications meeting is tomorrow at 8:30 am., in M112.

The students, faculty, and staff of the Biology Department have expressed sympathy for the National Work Stoppage.

INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR, Thurs., 4-5:30
location to be announced.