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California Public Supports Marijuana Reform Legislation Before State Senate

A recent analysis of public opinion on the marijuana laws conducted by the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) shows majority support for reduction of penalties as provided for in major legislation to be voted on by the Senate Judiciary Committee next week.

The penalty reduction bill, Senate Bill 95, is authored by Senate Majority Leader George R. Moscone (Democrat-San Francisco), former Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on the Control of Marijuana. It will be heard at a Special Order of the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday morning, February 11th, and is modeled after a similar law in Oregon.

NORML compiled a regional breakdown of data originally collected by the Field Research Corporation in statewide surveys in 1969, 1972, and 1973 which found growing support for liberalized marijuana laws in all regions of California. The last survey conducted in November, 1973—one year after the vote on Proposition 19—showed 51 percent of all Californians favored legalization of the present laws.

Three regions of the State—the San Francisco Bay Area, the South Central Coast, and most significantly, Los Angeles and Orange counties—showed solid majority support for relaxed laws. "The regional breakdown in Los Angeles, Orange and other counties in Southern California is especially encouraging," commented Gordon Brownell, West Coast Coordinator for NORML. "In each of the ten regions of the State, there have been dramatic increases in support for liberalized laws and equally substantial decreases among persons favoring tougher penalties. Since the last Field survey was taken fifteen months ago, the trend in shifting attitudes would indicate even greater support exists today for the moderate reform embodied in Senate Bill 95."

Under Senate Bill 95, penalties for possession of small amounts of marijuana would be reduced to an infraction, punishable by a $100 fine. While possession of even small amounts of marijuana would remain a crime in California, the practice of jailing persons charged with simple possession would be eliminated.

In Oregon, where a more liberal law has been in effect since October, 1972, simple possession of small amounts of marijuana is no longer a crime, and is punishable by a civil fine, with offenders receiving no arrest record.

Two recently completed studies in Oregon, one by the Drug Abuse Council and the other by the Oregon Legislature, indicate the law is working well and that there has been no significant increase in marijuana use in the State since criminal penalties were removed for simple possession.

"While there as yet is no majority support in California for full decriminalization, which NORML is working towards," Brownell observed, "there is substantial consensus on all sides of the issue that individuals charged with possession of a small amount of marijuana for personal use should not be jailed and incarcerated. Though simple possession would continue to be a criminal offense under Senate Bill 95, it would end the most barbaric aspects of the present approach."

"More reduction of penalties to a misdemeanor is not a meaningful reform," Brownell added, "in that it would still clog the courts with close to 100,000 marijuana arrests annually and continue to take thousands of police officers off the streets to book simple possessors when they are needed on the streets and in the neighborhoods to combat the rise in serious crime against persons and property. As a practical matter, most simple possession cases are disposed of as

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The Cops won the game, 71-68. For additional photos turn to Page 4.
Disabled students to meet this week

All students with a physical or a visual disability and all students on State Vocational Rehabilitation or Veteran’s Disability are cordially invited to attend the Avanti Club meeting on Thursday, February 14, 1975, at 5:30 p.m.

The Avanti Club is an organization of disabled students whose primary purpose is to improve the campus environment for the handicapped.

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Springs Fair Planned for May

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A contest is being held this week with the winning theme receiving a $5.00 prize. When submitting your entry, please consider the history of the area and any other factors that could add significance to our fair. Bring your entries to the Activities Office in the Student Service building, room 106, no later than February 19.

This spring fair will be the greatest social event we have ever had. There will be a field day, a dance, a drama production, an art show, a bake sale, and booths for games and food. The plans are being geared to the idea of having someone for everyone to enjoy. It will be held on a weekend in May so that all students will be able to participate, whether they attend in the morning or on Saturday.

If you want to help in any way, if you have ideas, if your club, dorm, sorority or fraternity would like to enter a booth or exhibit, please contact a member of IOC or the activities office. Also, the call is out to some special someone to break a record for our school. By the end of this month, research the Guinness Book of Records and find one we can break. This would be a good club project and will result in lots of publicity.

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Governor Brown's Budget includes Cal State cuts

By Skip Arden

ASB President Judi Jones was in Sacramento attending meetings which included discussion of the Governor's Budget. She explained that the Governor's budget cuts more than $20 million from the Trustee $153.9 million operating budget proposal; some $60 million from the construction budget of $75.8 and more than $20 million from the revised salary increase proposal.

"The cut that will effect students the most," she said, "is the $2.5 million cut in Instructional Supplies. All the Student Service offices come under this heading along with all items such as paper and chalk.

Judi says, "Right now the Material and Service Fee uses up proportionally to student tuition and fees per quarter; but it is the cost and quality of government. The quality of the college is very much like the quality of the government.

The 1980-81 Budget includes 28 projects given high priority by the Board of Trustees, plus $5,940,000 for current expenses with the Chancellor's office is moved from Los Angeles to Long Beach.

In summary, the Governor's Budget contains 49,092,747 for support funding, $13,838,000 for Capital Outlay and $56,950,000 for salary increases applicable to our system.

Judi noted that most of the discussion was concerned with Capital Outlay. Capital Outlay recommendations by Governor Brown include 28 projects given high priority by the Board of Trustees, which includes student government presidents. She commented, "I remember when I started here, the tuition and fees were around $60." She added that proportionally to student enrollment, that the ASEB fees have hardly changed since she's been here.

Applications for New Veteran's Loans Available

The Los Angeles Veterans Administration Regional Office has begun processing new education loans for veterans attending school under the GI Bill. The loans, up to a maximum of $600 in one academic year, were established by the Veterans Re-education Assistance Act of 1974, enacted by Congress as Title IV of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972.

Loan application forms are available at veterans assistance offices or at student government representatives on campus campuses.

This new measure provides that applicants must have exhausted all other debts due the government. The student must submit a VA form 26-845, after the required beginning date of repayment. Installment payments must start nine months after the student ceases to be enrolled, with full payment within ten years and nine months after that date. Part of all of the loan may be pre-paid without penalty. Interest will accrue from the date of the VA form 26-845, after the required beginning date of repayment. All accrual and interest will be deducted from the approved loan amount to provide a fund to insure against inflation.

The loans, up to a maximum of $600, were established by the Veterans Re-education Assistance Act of 1974, enacted by Congress as Title IV of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972. Defaults will be considered overpayments recovered by the same manner as other debts due the government.

All accrual must be reported by the student, including other educational loans, grants, scholarships, VA education assistance and cash assets. The year in which the loan application is received will be the base year for reporting income.

The VA also said the school must certify the student's course of study and tuition and fees for all students and any room and board charges.

No loan may be approved for enrollment periods of less than ten weeks.

New Club Formed

A new club has sprung up on campus. The Ad Hoc Committee to Elect Bob McKenzie Jr. City Treasurer has been disbanded and the new club elected a new City Treasurer - Bob McKenzie Jr. to the office of City Treasurer.

When asked why he was in the race, McKenzie replied, "To help get rid of the students. I think that the students need someone who is going to do something about the quality and cost of government.

Bob McKenzie is 33 years old, a life long city resident, graduated from San Bernardino High School in 1959, attended Valley College and graduated from CSB in 1973. He holds membership in several community organizations including the Board of Directors (current Treasurer), Pacey League (current treasurer), Hamane Society (past Treasurer), San Bernardino Jaycees (past President), and San Bernardino Alumni Association which is current Treasurer. McKenzie was named an accountant for eleven years, of which the last four years, he is a partner in a CPA firm.

If you would like to join the Committee to bring about a professional change, contact Judi Jones at 823-7971 or campus extension 53-46. McKenzie Jr. will speak to the Business Management Club about "Efficient City Government" from 12:00 noon to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12 (tomorrow) in LC-001. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Hypertension Clinic Shows CSCSB at National Level

Results of the high Blood Pressure Screening held on campus early last week show that of the 1,900 CSCSB students, faculty and staff tested, they corresponded with national average as far as hypertension is concerned. The overall finding was that 10 percent of those tested were hypertensive.

The 10 percent figure also corresponds with that of other state colleges which were screened, with the exception of Dominguez Hills, which had 12 percent.

The CSCSB statistics will go to the National Heart Institute, where they will be combined with national figures. The figures will be broken down into categories of overweight-overweight, black-white, smokers-non-smokers. Information on the three categories on CSCSB teens will be returned to the College after it is computed and added to the national figures.
LAPD COMES ON STRONG AND WHIPS THE COYOTES 71-68

Intramural Basketball Results

Wednesday "B" League

Thunder rolled and lightning struck as the Second Coming rained for forty days and forty nights on the Hapless Outsiders. The S.C. ran up a 15 point lead at the half and never looked back. Bill Petersen of the Coming led all scorers with 28 points, followed by Larry Lakes (SC) 18, and Rusty Shoup who had 14 for the Outsiders. The Outsiders only claim to fame was Pat Abbott, who took sole possession of first place in the Hatchetman Stats., by fouling out for the second straight week.

Wednesday "B" League

Steve Hesse and John Nagel powered the unbeaten Mother Truckers to a 66-38 victory over the Who Cares, J.V. The scrappy Who Cares display a tenacious defense in the first half, holding the Truckers to a 30-38 lead at intermission. The Truckers simply ran away in the second half as four players scored in double figures. High Scorers were Steve Hesse (MT) 19, John Finn (WC) 18, John Nagel (MT) 14, and Don Adams (MT) with twelve points. Inside sources attribute the Who Cares poor shooting to the fact that they were demolished by the Who Cares varsity in a scrimmage on the day preceding their game.

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The Beefers game plan against the Dip Sticks last week was to stop Bob Blackey, and stop him they did. Blackey, who was last year's all league, did not score. Concentration on Blackey left Greg "Snake" Price open and he collected a game high of 30 points. Dave Decker, Bob Stein, and Bob Decker chipped in with 14 points each. Dave Decker, Bob Stein, and Bob Decker raced to a 73-34 halftime lead over the defenseless Aztecs. A1 Laragione enabled the Family to take a 49-15 halftime lead over the High Rollers. The Rollers' shooters began to warm up midway through the half and they did manage to keep the lead. If they are to be a contender, however, they must shore up their defense and develop a passing game. Strong arm tactics by the Derelicts cost them the game, however, as they finished with only three men on the floor. Stan Keilman, who leads the league in scoring, with a 28 point per game average, did not play for the Derelicts. The Aztecs, now 2-0 in league play were led by James Vincent (13 pts.) and Tim Learned, who scored nine. The scorekeeper, Barbara Rakow, and timer, Wally Plein were excellent at both ends of the scoring table.

Friday "A" League

The potent Headhunters capitalized on the fine passing and shooting of Mitch Mandel to defeat the Hustling Warriors 52-26. The Warriors never led in the game, but their five man squad did not quit. Mandel and Greg Guthrie sparked the Hunters with 14 and 10 points respectively and Ben Slancy, one of the best shooters in the league scored ten for the Warriors.

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The Family, a combination of last year's Dons and Have Nots looked impressive in their opening game last week. Strong rebounding by Steve Ramirez and pinpoint passes by Al Laragone enabled the Family to take a 49-15 halftime lead over the High Rollers. The Rollers shooters began to warm up midway through the half and they did manage to keep the lead. If they are to be a contender, however, they must shore up their defense and develop a passing game. One-on-one basketball will not produce many wins in the rugged Cal State "A" league. Scoring leaders for the Family were: Rich Price (16), Steve Ramirez (15), Rich Alls (14), and Al Laragone (14). The High Rollers were led by Raphel Brock and Willie Hamilton, who scored 10 points each.
Dumb, Dumber, Dumbness: The Extent of Functional Illiteracy

(IPS) — What's it like in a world peppered with books, newspapers, magazines, forms and notices not to be able to read? What do you do if you can't understand your college textbook, figure out your income taxes or follow the qualification requirements in a help-wanted ad?

According to a number of recent surveys more and more Americans, much to their disadvantage, are finding out. "Functional illiteracy," or the inability to communicate and accomplish tasks within a basic level of competency and clarity, has won a prominent place in the lexicon of contemporary American education.

And unfortunately its applications have been widespread, stretching across all levels of education and not confined to one race or family income:

—One study, due for release in a few months, found that 36 percent of its sample, given an income tax form and information about dependents were unable to read, write or compute well enough to enter the correct number of exemptions in the appropriate block.

—Another study of adults with 10.5 years average schooling found that their average reading and computation level equaled a fifth grade education.

—A third survey of college department chairpersons found widespread, though not universal concern that "students are coming from high school with a far less firm grasp on fundamentals than before — middle class as well as disadvantaged students."

Results from this last study coincided with remarks from the executive secretary of the Modern Language Association, who stated, "My impression is that on a national level we have failed to meet the challenge of illiteracy among college-level students."

At Maine's Bowdoin College, increasing concern that students were "incapable of expressing a coherent train of thought in written form" led the school to request a written essay as part of its student application process.

The college's faculty and administration singled out athletes, middle class students from progressive schools and the poor from deficient high schools as those who most frequently comprised the group of inept writers. "One third of the papers and exams I receive," said one history professor, "are written by students whom I consider functionally illiterate. I simply cannot correct for both the historical content of the work and for grammar."

In a similar move the College Entrance Examination Board recently included a "Test of Standard Written English" as a regular part of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). The tied to more specifically and accurately analyze writing skills came after a general ten year decline in SAT mathematics and English scores.

Concern over poor readers and writers has extended beyond academia. Textbook manufacturers, for example, are encouraging college textbooks to be written at lower than previous reading levels. McGraw-Hill now asks authors to write college textbooks at the eighth and ninth grade levels of reading.

A spokesperson for the book publishers defended the move, saying, "We're not talking so much about just lowering the (reading) level of the books as we are (about) making the points a little clearer."

For many Americans outside of college, "clarity" isn't so much the issue as is the lack of basic reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.

According to US Commissioner of Education Terrel Bell only 56 percent of American adults are able to match personal qualifications to job requirements when shown a series of newspaper help-wanted ads, and one fifth cannot read an "equal opportunity" notice well enough to understand it.

In addition Bell said that about 39 million Americans could not locate the deduction for social security on a monthly earnings statement.

The study cited by Bell is the first national assessment of the performance of adults on a number of objective skills judged necessary to "survival in American society."

Bell expressed particular concern that those on the bottom of the "survival skills" ratings, "If they cannot cope now," Bell said, "the next decade will find them lower on the survival scale, and with them their families."

Think "how it must feel," the education commissioner said, "so 59 years old and unable to fill out a work application, open a savings account or read instructions for an electrical appliance."
CSCSB VALENTINE QUEENS SELECTED, ALL THREE OF THEM!

Katie Hunt
Karen Kessinger
Martina Connelly

Put on your hip duds and turn on the charm, guys, because you'll need them to approach any one of the three CSCSB Valentine Queens. The contest, held last week in the Pawprint trailer, resulted in a three-way tie between Karen Kessinger, Katie Hunt and Martina Connelly. The girls were judged on sweetness, cuteness and intelligence.

Out of some fifty entries three finalists were picked and one queen was to be chosen. But choosing a single queen proved an impossible task for the all male panel of judges. "We couldn't make up our minds," says judge John Whitehair, "so we decided to make all three a winner."

Karen Kessinger, French major, owed the judges with her French pronunciation by reading a passage from Cornelle's "Horace." When asked by judge Roger Brown if she forgave him for not returning her French book before a test, she replied curtefly, "I had forgotten all about it, you jerk!" Karen has a boyfriend, but cultivating a platonic relationship with her can be both charming and intellectually stimulating.

Katie Hunt, physics major, explained Einstein's photoelectric effect and sent the judges reeling. Judge Keith Legerat told me after the contest, "I never understood...tolerate anyone not paying us for their losses, the federal government and other lenders have undertaken a massive crackdown of institutions have begun to employ...bad debts were collected as during the first six months. It has been gratifying. During the last six months of 1974 twice the amount of bad debts were collected as during the same time last year, one official commented: "We expect some adverse comments by Neil Klitz (CPS) — As factories close, students the liabilities involved in the losses, the federal government and other lenders have undertaken a massive crackdown of...school closures. Under pressure from participating schools, the College Scholarship Service (CSS), which administers parents' confidential statements, began to demand income tax forms from a random sample of more than a million families. Under the old regulations, the CSS recently agreed to quadruple the number of spot checks it does. And for the first time, another bad actor in the default story began to receive heat from OE, the schools themselves. For the past several years, many fly-by-night private and parochial schools have inadequately explained to students the liabilities involved in federal loans or have folded leaving students with an incomplete collection of a huge loan debt and a determination not to pay for goods not received.

With the economy the way it is, many students don't mind becoming bad credit risks — about the only stigma bankruptcy carries. Now if a student defaults a loan to USC, the school closes his school records and bars readmission until the loan is repaid. Many loan officers have hit upon another way to deal with defaulters: they don't give them loans in the first place. Rigorous application procedures have begun to shut out many who are considered bad risks. According to a new OE report, these chronic bad debts are usually poor, black males or older married students. Parents who underreport their income to obtain loans for their children have been another target.

Portrait of a Defaulter as a WIN Warrior

by Neil Klitz

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With new strengthened regulations for the guaranteed student loan, all schools would be required to adequately explain loan provisions, to determine whether a student might reasonably profit from a course of instruction before he enrolls (for instance, no more blind people talked into air traffic controller's school) and to establish equitable refund policies for student withdrawals as well as school closures.
Can we intellectualize the existence of God?

by WAYNE R. WHITE

On the 22nd of January, the Christian Life Club and Newman Center sponsored a guest speaker. Brother John Crouch, Doctor of Medicine, and the Associate Director of the Family Practice Department of General Hospital, San Bernardino, spoke on the "Intellectual Approach of Faith." His endeavor was aimed at those individuals concentrating their efforts in the various fields of science, inclined toward those who strive to seek the validity of God through a scientific design, he used the first and second laws of thermodynamics as his nucleus throughout his discourse.

Briefly, the first law that energy, as well as matter, cannot be created nor destroyed; matter and energy can only change in form during a chemical reaction. The second law of thermodynamics states that every natural energy transformation results in a reduction in the usable or free energy of the system. There is a steady increase in entropy. Entropy is a measure of the unavailable or useless energy in a system; a randomness or chaotic state. Essentially there is a general tendency toward disorder.

In the laws of thermodynamics, Dr. Crouch compared present day thinking — laying a wide spectrum of music ranging from the classics to rock. Ziino said the group is excited about working the show. "The score is fantastic, with every song having its own individualistic color tone," he said. The musical score of "Godspell" varies from opera to rock, and features the haunting "Day By Day." In addition to performing, members of the Friends and Relations do their own arranging and, on occasion, write their own music. Ziino recently penned "The One Hundred And Second Song," which was recorded by Andy Williams.

The musical group which has appeared with such rock groups as The Animals and The Doors, will be opening for a limited engagement, February 14 through February 22, at the Broadway and London success, "Godspell." Engagements are: San Bernardino Hilton Hotel, Chamber of Commerce, Ontario; Chamber of Commerce, Fontana; Valley Music Center, Hemet; Kaiser Recreation Center, Fontana; Desert Valley Camera & Record Shop, Victorville; Santa Fe Federal Savings & Loan Association, Palm Springs; Victor Smith Music & Camera, Riverside; University of California, Riverside.

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ZAP! YOU'RE A PAWPRINT REPORTER!

By John Whitehair

Newspapers are very funny entities. They play a prominent role in our society, keeping people plugged in with activities no one person could ever keep in touch with alone. One description of a paper which comes to mind is a scheduled, printed collective consciousness.

Papers are also very powerful. Some people even refer to them as the forth branch of government. Recently the whole Watergate fiasco demonstrated this quite effectively. It is bizarre what the printed word can do.

For us working on a newspaper all of the above seems slightly unreal. We're here day after day and from the outside we look like a group of people more than so many pages of newsmprint.

We have our ups and downs like any other group of people and sometimes - at the lower points - it seems we can barely perform simple motor activities, much less pull together a newspaper once a week.

If you’re wondering where this editorial is headed, you almost there. What we want to do is let you in on that idea of yours and submit it to us before February 28th.

A note to all of you who have tried to far and are interested in any of the above. If you decide to submit your information over to the Pawprint’s half of the A.S.B. trailer any weekday or call 887-6311 ext. 233 and we’ll personally answer any of your questions and give you all the information necessary to become an official Pawprint reporter.

By Hassel Painter

Veteran’s Corner

ONE UPON A TIME (or as war stories usually begin, you ain’t gonna believe this) there was a very young and very energetic young man who believed with all his heart that he would make a wonderful ambassador to the court of the King. With this in mind, the young man decided that there should be a contest to determine the validity of the claim. The incumbent, claiming seniority, asked the people to name three potential pollutants before the event. The serfs could get a doubling of their wages for the job, the centurions a doubling of the serfs, and the freemen a doubling of the centurions.

The first task was to solve the pay increase problem for the serfs. The incumbent, claiming seniority, answered first. He wanted to make one golden doublaa worth only one half golden doublaa. Then the serfs could get a doubling of their wages and still receive the same amount! According to the incumbent, he was the most faithful servant that the people had ever been entertained with that kind of insight. The carefully groomed young man (hereafter known as the CGYM) wanted a pay freeze while the stipulations, accusations, and allocations of both sides were considered with a personification (dealing “with the people,” as he would say). In the end, the incumbent said the best way was to ask the people to name three potential pollutants before the event. The CGYM, feeling that a bag of this war would cause the animal in question to carry it, was willing to agree. If you look at the language of the province paths, you'll see that there was no need for a pay increase. Some people even referred to this as a “reasonable compromise” would be reached, or stopped, or something like that.

At the conclusion of the contest, the citizens of the province promptly rose up and crucified both candidates while people in the province continued to think that the problem would be solved regardless of who they elected. Consequently the golden doublaa rate of the serfs doubled, and tripled. The Central Kingdom Grain Raisers said that there was no longer enough grain to feed all the animals, so it was naturally more valuable now than ever and would therefore cost more than ever. As the province didn’t have enough problems, there was a large consternation. The demand for horse travel because those animals polluted the paths and made foot travel hazardous to your shoes.

TO RETURN TO OUR STORY, when the old ambassador returned from the Central Kingdom Grain Raisers the carefully groomed young man confronted him and announced that there should be a contest to decide which was most capable of representing the province and asked the people to name three potential problems. Whichever candidate accomplishes the tasks most to the liking of the province would be the ambassador to the court of the King.

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