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Editorial

Time Has Come Today!

Tomorrow is a critical day for the University of California and academic freedom, for tomorrow there will probably be an attempt to usurp the authority of the faculty by depriving them of those prerogatives that are indigenous to the cherished concept of academic freedom.

It has been part of the standing orders of the Board of Regents since 1920 that the faculty has the authority over curriculum matters, but Governor Reagan's resolution, which will be considered at this meeting, would return this authority to a body of some 24 men who meet once a month, then times a year.

Such a move would place the university under intolerable political control, and would for all intents and purposes mean the demise of a great and respected institution of higher learning.

What should we as students do? Well, one example we cannot afford to follow is that of the Santa Cruz students, who jostled and disrupted the Regents in their work last month. A repetition of such incidents might leave the Regents with no other alternative. However, a dramatic, but responsible show of concern and solidarity by students and faculty alike might have the desired effect upon the Regents.

Now is the time for unity. Let's not have the confusion that splinter demonstrations and individual heckling would create. Let's join together with the Associated Students and the Faculty Ad Hoc Committee and follow their lead, and the instructions of the monitors they will provide.

For those of you who have wallowed in the mires of apathy during all of your college existence, the time has come today. The Triton Times urges you to stand up for your university and participate in the demonstration to be held tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. outside the gym, and whatever other activities are planned by our student and faculty leaders.

Hunger Vigil Begins

At 1 o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday the 19th, MAYA leader Isreal Chavez announced the beginning of a hunger strike by MAYA and BSC students to last until 5 p.m. Friday. The purpose of the strike was to influence the Regents to make the University relevant to its community and free from political interference, through, among other things, rejecting the resolution proposed by Reagan and the one passed on September 30th limiting guest lecturers to one appearance.

A group of about 150 other students and faculty have joined the BSC and MAYA in the strike. From their headquarters in Blake Lounge, the white strikers have organized an informal steering committee to handle publicity, press releases, education, and whatever problems may arise as the 3 day strike progresses. Education may involve making the

strikers experts on the Regent's meeting and then sending teams of strikers to the dorms to educate their residents.

But most of the students and faculty camped out in Blake Hall have not had a history of involvement. Perhaps a quarter had never done anything like that before. Why are they there? They felt the need to do more than just demonstrate but didn't want to be violent.

The effects of that disappointment on students who haven't eaten for 3 days have caused concern among some leaders of the strike and of the AS. They are afraid of the violent reaction that Isreal Chavez seemed to look forward to in his speech at the Convocation. Other leaders, however, believe that a voluntary nonviolent strike will not lead to violence.

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Hunger strikers spend night in Blake Hall.

Regents Meet Here

The Board of Regents is the highest governing body of the University of California. According to the State Constitution this body of 24 men is invested with the power to administer the affairs of the University of California, which is a public trust. Whereas ultimately all authority rests with the Regents, they may, and have in the past, delegated their authority as they have seen fit.

At the September Regents meeting at UCLA a resolution was adopted which limits guest lecturers to one appearance in any credit course. This was brought about largely as a result of an experimental course designed by the Committee for Participatory Education, at Berkeley, in which Eldridge Cleaver was to appear ten times. Several motions were defeated which would have placed more stringent controls over courses, one specifically barring Cleaver from an appearance on any UC campus.

At the October meeting at Santa Cruz the Regents voted to table any further action on the guest lecturer matter until the San Diego meeting.

Governor Reagan introduced an extensive resolution, which provided for Regental control over matters traditionally delegated to the faculty. His resolution would deprive faculty members of the ability to initiate courses, invite lecturers, confer degrees, and make faculty appointments.

His resolution was ruled out of order at that meeting, in light of the previous ruling to table discussion on such matters. However, his resolution will probably

be reintroduced at the general meeting of the Regents tomorrow.

Five hundred students will be allowed to view the proceedings in the gym on a first-come-first-served basis, with priority going to UCSD students. This figure was reached through a compromise with the Regents, who had considered holding their meetings off-campus after the Santa Cruz outbursts.

For those students who are not allowed in the gym there will be activities outside and runners will report progress from inside. Eldridge Cleaver and George Murray, Black Panther leaders, will be in town and have said that they will come to UCSD only if there is absolute assurance of no trouble.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21	
10:00	Committee on Grounds and Buildings
10:50	Theatre Five Mock Regents Meeting, Plaza
11:00	Committee on Educational Policy
1:45	Continuation of CEP
2:45	Committee on Finance
4:00	Committee on Investments

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22	
8:00	STUDENT - FACULTY RALLY, GYM
9:00	Campus session of the Board
10:00	Executive session of the Board
11:00	General session of the Board - open
12:00	Jazz group, mall between PC and Bonner
1:45	Continuation of general open session
8:30	QUICKSILVER MESSENGER SERVICE-GYM