

Text of letter by Provost Stewart to dorm students parents

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NOTE TO EDITOR: FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER BEING MAILED TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS LIVING IN REVELLE COLLEGE RESIDENCE HALLS:

"Last week you received copies of a memorandum on the rules governing visiting which I addressed to the students of Revelle College living in the residence halls. You have doubtless heard that there was some student reaction to my memorandum. I thought you might like to know how things stand at the moment.

"As far as the regulations are concerned, matters are exactly as they were when I distributed my first memorandum: the same rules are in effect and they are to be obeyed. Those who violate any regulation governing student conduct will be subject to the appropriate disciplinary action. This will always be the policy at UCSD.

"Some of the students have indicated their dissatisfaction with the present regulations governing visiting in the residence halls. At first they were unsure of how they should present their recommendations for consideration, but now we have worked out an orderly procedure and talks are going forward in an atmosphere that is generally both friendly and temperate. To this date there has been no deliberate defiance of the regulations. Indeed, as I write this, the students are making a conscientious effort to abide by them, even though some students dislike them, in order to demonstrate maturity and self control. They now understand that any useful discussion about the regulations can only proceed in an atmosphere of calm and that all of us have other things to do that cannot be deferred. On the whole they are acting well and you have reason to be proud of them.

"There have been reports of tumult on the campus and some disquieting things have been said in moments of excitement, but there is not tumult. We can expect that the discussion of the regulations will occasionally be rather lively, but all of us -- students, faculty, and administration -- wish to avoid destructive actions. We have a fine college and we want to keep it that way.

"We shall be gathering information to help us in our deliberations and we may soon ask you for your views. Meanwhile, I think you can have confidence in our intention to conduct the affairs of the college under the regulations and in an environment that encourages free and sensible exchange of views."

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