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This is the last issue of the *new indicator* for this year. The Disorientation Manual should be back from the printers and in the mail by the end of August, and our first issue of next year will come out late September. In this issue, there is a major error: The sit-in at the Chancellor's office took place Tuesday, June 2nd, not May 2nd, as slipped through our proofreaders into print.

We are investigating right now methods which will enable us to do our mailings on an issue by issue basis. It appears that by taking our mailings off campus we can avoid the need to wrap each paper, a process that is very time-consuming. If we can work this out with the campus bureaucracy, we ought to begin mailing each issue within a day of printing, beginning with September's issue.

NEWS FLASH

New Indicator Collective member Jon Bekken was charged with trespassing, failure to disperse and battery against a police officer June 9. The charges were filed by the San Diego city attorney's office at the request of UCSD campus police a week after the alleged incident. These charges stem from a demonstration June 2nd, in which 34 were arrested following an occupation of the Chancellor's office, which Bekken was covering for the *new indicator*. Police made no attempt to arrest Bekken at the time of the demonstration, and made no indications that they felt he was in violation of any laws. Numerous witnesses to the fact that Bekken left the Chancellor's office soon after the order to disperse was given, and well before representatives of other media and various demonstrators did so, have come forward. Police have not yet revealed which officer they contend was battered, and we have been unable to unearth any evidence of this having occurred. Bekken is scheduled for arraignment on these charges June 23rd, and is being represented by attorneys from the National Lawyers Guild. It is expected that more information on this will become available by that date.

The 34 students arrested at the sit-in are slated for arraignment July 2nd. They face charges of trespassing and failure to disperse.

In the wake of the arrests, Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson has designated Third College Provost Joseph Watson Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Affairs despite the recommendation of his search committee that Watson not be hired. The search committee unanimously recommended Dr. Joyce Justus—a professor at UCSD in the Anthropology department—for the position, voting against Dr. Watson 5-4. Every student on the search committee voted against Watson—including the representative from the Student Affirmative Action Committee, who cast her vote against Watson in accordance with S.A.A.C.'s recommendation. Chancellor Atkinson has accused the committee of not acting in an objective manner by not choosing Watson—who according to many administrative sources was Atkinson's choice even before the search began. Although Watson's appointment is contingent upon approval of the UC Regents, such approval is customarily granted.

There are no new developments in the prosecution of New Indicator Collective member Jon Bekken stemming from the Collective's republication (from *Overthrow*) of supposed telephone credit card codes (see article in issue 18). Bekken is slated for another pre-trial hearing June 23rd, and the trial is expected to begin late July. The San Diego chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has decided to file motions challenging the constitutionality of the law under which Bekken is charged, in conjunction with his National Lawyers Guild attorneys. The New Indicator Collective plans to bring out a special issue in mid-July providing updates on all three trials.

Donations to the New Indicator Defense Fund are still being solicited, and donors of \$10 or more will receive a "Lumumba-Zapata" t-shirt, with a striking logo of clenched fists and arms linked in solidarity over the slogan "Fight for justice in education" (black on red, S M L). More information on the ongoing prosecution of New Indicator Collective members can be obtained by phoning the office between 11:00 and 3:00 most days.