

oil field near Bakersfield, California has reserves estimated in the billions of barrels. The idea of this reserve is to insure that the navy will have adequate supplies of oil in the event of a national emergency. This oil is a national trust owned by us all. Nixon and his fuel Craz John Love are now looking to give it a way to private companies. The old economic law was that if a company couldn't do its job it would go out of business and a new company that could handle it would replace them. This system that Mr. Nixon has forgotten about is called Capitalism. It is easy to get the message. If you do your job efficiently and supply your customers' needs, you get profits. If you do the job badly, don't meet your customers' needs, you get tax dollars. Penn Central and Lockheed move over; this is too good a deal to pass up.

Nixon is a big defender of capitalism and national defense; why would he give away the Navy's precious fuel reserves. The answer lies in the design of our present political system. Watergate has caused much discussion of public financing of political campaigns. Today we have only private sources of funds available to people seeking office. A large wealth industry can afford to devote millions of dollars to politics. They also have the resources to lobby congress to make their views known on certain issues. The oil

crisis illustrates the problem with this. The problem is not really supply but distribution. The big interest groups can make their needs known but the small retailer and the consumer at large are left without effective spokesmen.

On the national level, in response to a student's proposal the lettuce boycott in the cafeteria was initiated. Next week two students are going to speak to the Senate about what we might do concerning the EDITOR NOTE; : This article was completed on Monday, too early to include remarks on Nixon's latest speech.

## SENATE LETTER

you spend it.

The Senate is a legislative body. It was not too many years ago (about a handful) that dormitory visitation was limited to a scant few hours on the weekends and violators were prosecuted! No beer, wine, ethyl, or any other form of alcohol was permitted on campus. Young ladies were only allowed to smoke cigarettes in specified areas (dark closets), girls were prohibited from wearing slacks on campus unless they were on their way off campus, and they weren't allowed off campus unless they were properly chaperoned. The list of rules and regs which have fallen by the wayside is longer but I think this sample gives an idea of the reforms which the Student Gov'ts of the past have been in-

involved in bringing about. At the present there is a vacuum of legislative proposals. Even the perennial "Dorm Slef-regulations issue (i.e. each dorm decides for itself what its visitation hours should be--like big boys and girls) has not been raised.

In the realm of academia, the Senate is in the process of revising a Teacher Evaluation Booklet which was compiled last year. This volume, when completed will give the responses of last year's student body on 36 items concerning professors' exams, lectures, and fairness in each of his courses.

Other Senate business now going on and/or on the way include: the formation of a Cafeteria Food Committee which is working on the quality of our food --got any suggestions? The Dana Scholarship Committee is going to be questioned about the criterion upon which they make their awards. The possibility of a student recruitment by students for cash will be discussed at our next meeting. In response to Faculty's Statement on Drugs, the Senate is going to prepare a Students' Views on the matter.

If you have any questions about anything mentioned in this article, or any problems you would like the Senate to consider, CONTACT YOUR SENATE REPRESENTATIVE and/or come to Senate yourself.

Communally yours,  
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