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Pot boils in California

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Cal Tech—A group of students at the California Institute of Technology responded to an article headed “Cal Tech Students Use Marijuana” in January by attempting to impound the papers (which would harm the image of their Institute) and then petitioning for the recall of the editor.

The petitioners did not challenge editor Michael Meo’s claim that as many as a third of the students at Cal Tech used drugs as well as slide rules, but attacked instead his judgment. Meo survived the election, however: after 183 students had signed the petition, only 184 voted against him, and he won by a 63% majority.

Oregon—Meanwhile, Timothy Leary, who had been in Southern California immediately before the Cal Tech incident, appeared early in February at the University of Oregon to defend his League for Spiritual Discovery, which promotes LSD as the key to a new psychedelic religion. City council objections and petitions by 1,200 citizens failed to prevent the campus appearance by the former Harvard professor, who suggested that L. B. J. should “turn on.”

IT’S HERE TOO

UT—It’s bad all over. Even the Daily Texan reports that “several college and university campuses in Texas are included in a nationwide crackdown on the peddlers of drugs, including LSD.”

YOU’RE IN THE ARMY NOW

A & M—Civilians at Texas A&M were ordered last week to shape-up or ship-out. Professors now have the authority to dismiss from class those student who don’t meet university standards of neatness, which state, in part, that “a student will be required to have a neat appearance on the campus at all times. He will be clean shaven with proper hair cut, and without beards.”

NO KNEES

UT—Less happy than the College Station barbers are the mod dress-shop owners in Austin who report sadly that UT coeds are reluctant to wear mini-skirts on campus. Apparently few girls care to oppose prevailing conservative fashion standards; so Teasip girl-watchers will simply have to wait out the normal two or three year “fashion gap” that exists in the South.