Academic elite
Protest leaders praised

By Ted Nguyen

The student leaders on today's campuses promoting public policy and demanding free speech are the cream of the academic crop, a team of psychologists and sociologists reported at the 73rd annual meeting of the American Psychological Association.

For the most part, the graduates of public schools, student protest leaders tend to be unusually serious in their pursuit of education, much more committed to the process of learning than the majority of students, and more independent of their cultural past. They were hailed in the committee's report as the "masters of future scholarship."

Five years study

The report was based on five years of tests and interviews with 500 students at eight colleges, including the University of California at Berkeley, and an additional study of 200 students in Berkeley's Free Speech Movement.

Student leaders were chosen who fit the profile of "goal-oriented or social problems movements," as opposed to the widespread stereotype "adolescent rebellion."

The apparent cause for the suggestion that famous Berkeley protests were staged by outsiders agitators is probably that people couldn't credit students with the ability to organize such a well-directed and meaningful and successful protest, the study points out, however, that they were very capable indeed.

Berkeley aftermath

Many books are beginning to appear in the area covering the aftermath of these Berkeley riots, as well as analysis of the causes, tensions, and purposes of student action generally. Sociologists correlating the results are beginning to see what this study indicates: that the demonstrators are the perceptive and aware persons in class as well as the outside world, and consequently the best academically.

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Center Student Center steps: (In case of rains, Kresge Auditorium). 1-21-Student Center, Open House: 1:30-5:30--Cannons Ball Aduly Souled Concert. Tickets: $2.50 per person. Student Center steps (in case of rains, Kresge), 7 pm--Austin Haller, Department of Humanities Organ Concert, Kresge Auditorium: 8:12--Semi-formal Dance. Key Leaces Orchestra, Refreshments, Tickets: $2.50 per couple, Student Center steps.

Saturday, October 9

12 Noon--MIT Concert Jazz Band rehearsal, Kresge Auditorium; 7 pm--Institute Committee Meeting, Rehearsals, Student Center.

Sunday, October 10

12 Noon--Packing Rifles, Members only, Masseur to Ft. Devens, Ayer, Mass, Meet Ship, 206-0145, October 9 at 7:00.

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Inscniss also voted to support the Public Relations Committee for the activities meeting sheet and the Picture book, which sold out a printing of 1300 copies. Tom Newkirk and the other Secretariat members who worked on the Frenshmen Orientation weekend were thanked.

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