SST faces Senate rebuke

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate will shunt America's supersonic transport (SST) down for the third straight time Wednesday when it votes on a House attempt to rescue the SST prototypes.

An informal UPI check of members on the eve of the vote showed that more federal money for the 1,900-mile-an-hour plane would be beaten by eight or nine votes. About the only way it appeared it could win was for heavy abstention to prevail in the Senate. This was considered highly unlikely since the vote will follow a key one on Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield's controversial proposal to cut back S. S. troop strength in Europe by 50 per cent.

The SST vote will come very late in the day or the very early morning. The issue will be Sen. William Proxmire's motion to strip $203 million from a supplemental appropriation bill that the House voted last week to use for further development of two SST prototypes.

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Why did it happen?

Trouble — death at sea

by Phil Graham

Young Chris Braggia had never seen an ocean before coming to California. The 17-year-old Idaho native came to Morro Bay to visit with friends in mid-April. His first swim in the blue Pacific was so exciting, he could not wait to try more challenging feats.

His challenges ended in a sad defeat.

On April 22 the 14-foot sailboat in which he and Helmut Schleicher were aboard, capsized. Schleicher narrowly escaped death as he managed to cling to the small craft and paddle it to shore. Braggia's body was washed ashore a week later.

Schleicher, a junior bio-science major and a member of the Californias Yacht Club on campus, recalls the events that took place that day: "We left the boat club about 1:30 that afternoon. The wind, at the time did not seem too strong. In fact, we were wondering if the wind would be enough to sail. The wind became stronger and stronger. We were about a mile south of the Morro Bay breakwater when a big wind caught the boat.

"We righted the boat but it was marked for the course full of water. Chris and I began to bail out the water with our hands. Our bucket was lost when we overturned. After bailing for a few minutes the first breaker hit us and we were under water.

"Breakers continued to hit me and I don't believe I saw Chris after that. Almost when I thought I could not hang on any longer, the boat appeared and I grabbed onto it."

Schleicher was fortunate to be in the right place at the right time when the boat appeared.

Braggia was not as fortunate. The question posed by Coast Guard officers and the harbormaster was, what were the two youths doing out at sea in the first place?

"It was obviously a hazardous situation at sea for small boats," said Lt. Ron Matthew, skipper of the Coast Guard cutter Cape Hedge. "I don't see how the 14-foot boat could have gotten out of the harbor it was so rough. We (the crew of the Cape Hedge) were out on a routine training mission just prior to noon that day.

Protest dies

Cadets honored

by Tom Sandercreek

A balmy summer day with rich blue skies and cool breezes to ward off the day's heat, about 150 persons in the bleachers of Mustang Stadium, strictly by invitation, and the ROTC Review "until, went off without a hitch.

As the noon day sun shimmered, the honor guard performed close order drill and precision marching in full regalia.

Addressing the cadets and guests, President Robert Ken­

ny said, "None of you on this field today, I am confident, want war. You want peace."

On student protests against the war, Kennedy said, "The most sincere of our young anti-war protesters are not Communists. They are patriotic, in a fundamental sense. They want our country, America, to be above criticism," he said, "and to find peace."

The announced mock guerilla action by the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, from this campus, did not materialize and the only result was that the numerous guards stationed at the entrances to the stadium were left to stand and perpares in the mid­

day heat.

Throughout the 10 years since the establishment of the volun­

teer Army ROTC program at this college, 700 cadets have been commissioned and graduated with their baccalaureate degrees. Of 97 cadets are ex­

pected to be commissioned this year.

The ROTC corps here is the largest of the ten California insti­

tutions offering the program and boasts an enrollment of 178 active members.

The recipient this year of the coveted President's Cup went to cadet Alan M. Matsuura.

Riot mediators opposed

by mayor and councilman

"Smacks of a police (review) board" charged San Luis Obispo City Councilman Emmons Blake at a request by the city's Human Relations Commission to have the police chief give the com­

mission an advance notice of any expected public demonstration. Commission member William Proxmire's motion to strip $203 million from a supplemental appropriation bill that the House voted last week to use for further development of two SST prototypes.

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Letters to the Editor

Will California sink tomorrow?

Editor:
I was sort of irked by the article appearing in Monday's Mustang Daily entitled "Better Method?!" Now the first part of the article contained points which were very well taken; in fact, I couldn't agree with them more. The turnout this year surpassed by 9 percent the previous best election turnout on this campus, which was 2 years ago in the Kreisler-Markowitz race. It was more than 3 times that of last year. We, the Elections Committee, provided for a 40 percent voter turnout this year, which in itself allowed for a substantial reduction in student apathy over a one-year span. We printed 4000 ballots last year and 1500 of them were wasted. We did not believe more than 4000 people would vote this year, just as we did not believe California was going to sink into the ocean the next day. The preferential voting system has got to go, true. It takes up way too much time in the vote-counting process and if the students vote accordingly, it will be abolished in a referendum election early next year. We also are trying to obtain the county's voting machines for next year's elections, at least for the A.S.I. elections, which would make the results available within an hour after the close of the election. Now I can easily present S.A.C. with a list of the tremendous advantages which would be created with the use of these machines, and hope that they will be intelligent enough to allocate money for their rental, which shouldn't be that much considering the importance of their potential contribution. But anyone can easily make the statement such as the last one in Monday's article, without realizing how much this year's and last year's Elections Committee, working with only 5 people, have worked to improve the elections process to a point where it works exceptionally smoothly except for the drawback of the preferential voting system which, as I said, will, if the students so vote, be done away with next year.

Steve Greenberg
Elections Committee Chairman

Dynamic idea

ASI Vice-president Tony Turkovich will be presenting a proposal to tomorrow's College Union Board of Governors meeting (CU 220 at 3 p.m.) that might be the most dynamic concept introduced in the student housing predicament in San Luis Obispo: a student housing office.

The possibilities of such an entity on campus is enormous: advice on leases, delineation of tenants' rights, a system in which cleaning deposits won't be a landlord shuck and jive. For example, the office could check the validity of the deposit claims—to see if the tenant is being treated fairly—to see if the "damage" is repaired. A directory could be set up advising students of "good" available housing—landlords couldn't pull the wool over peoples eyes if they are monitored.

The concept is something that has been in dire need for a long time. It can be one of the most effective student organs on campus.

Let's make it work. Thursday, room 220 in the College Union at 3 p.m.

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Sea death—questions

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...day he became so turbulent, we cancelled our operations and returned to shore.

Many commercial fishing boats left for a day's outing and were forced to return just after leaving the bay.

Many questions were aroused after this tragic accident. Did the boys leave life jackets aboard their boat?

"No, but we wish we had," says Schleicher.

"Were there small craft warnings posted in the harbor?"

The harbormaster assures that they were flying at the Texaco Marina, the source for such information for the Corinthian Club.

Was the outing sanctioned by the campus organization? According to the club's faculty advisor, every member of the club has authorization to use the club's boats. "The boats are not kept under lock and key, however, the sails and life jackets are and only specified members of the club know the combination to the lock," according to Carnegie.

Schleicher was a member of the Corinthian Club. He had been a member since the end of March. He began sailing about two weeks prior to the accident. In fact, Bragga had been out with him twice prior to the accident.

There are no published bylaws for the members to follow but, every member is instructed as to the safe procedures of sailing. Members are also instructed not to go out of the bay, according to Carnegie.

Each member is also checked out before given permission to take a boat out alone. Schleicher admits he had been checked out. He could give no specific reason for leaving the bay that day.

The disaster occurred.

Many have speculated as to who was at fault. Fewer are trying to do something that will prohibit it from happening again.

Matthew feels that more stringent laws are not put into effect primarily because of public opposition. "The public will not stand for more rigid boating laws. Look at the opposition the gun legislation received. It is for their benefit, for safety reasons as well as monetary reasons."

Matthew explained that during the hopelessly search for Bragga's body, the crew of the Cape Henge spent 18 hours trolling the coastal line. That night a C-130 aircraft from the San Francisco Coast Guard Station dropped 81 parachute flares to help in the search. Each flare cost approximately $40. The next day a smaller aircraft joined the search. "Thousands of dollars were spent needlessly, and billed to the taxpayer," says Matthew.

Carnegie feels that the laws are there. "We have adequate laws on the books," he says. "They could pass laws until they are blue in the face and still people will break them."

He feels that the commercial fishermen would be the ones most affected by more stringent laws. "They are always the ones to pay, the ones that make a living from the sea. As for locking up the boats, I've been to yacht clubs all over the state and there isn't a dozen boats that I've seen locked up."

Accidents happen and will continue to happen. When one does occur, sometimes it does result in precautions taken to prevent it from happening again, like a stop sign installed after a fatal accident has occurred at an intersection. Or, like a painting a cross walk where a child has been run down by an automobile. It's just sad that young people like Chris Bragga die.

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The Senior Week Activities Committee has, after long deliberation, reduced all senior class gift suggestions to five possible alternatives. These five alternatives will be presented to the senior class Wednesday, May 31, between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. for a polling of senior preferences. All seniors who hold a current class card are encouraged to vote for their senior class gift choice. The polling will be held at the east entrance of the Math Building.

This years alternatives for the 1971 class gift were selected from a long list but senior week activities committee felt that the following five choices represented a very wide spectrum and would probably have the greatest appeal to this years senior class. The five selected for your opinion are:

Cal Poly Theatre Marquee for all major school events
Ensemble sign to college at California Blvd.

Five alternatives
Seniors will elect gift
Eleven seniors made their last baseball game a grand farewell Sunday as the Mustangs dumped fifth-ranked Santa Clara, 4-0. It was a moral victory since the Broncos were slated to play in the NCAA university division.

Kent Agler did what only one other person has done this year—shut out the Broncos. The senior scattered six hits and allowed no runs in four innings except for the seventh and eighth.

In the eighth the Mustangs scored three times to put the game out of reach for the Broncos. Snow laced a double to right-center to score Glenn Egusa who had walked and stolen second. Freshman Gary Knuckles ripped a run-scoring single to left and ended at third when the Broncos' Chiltoncommitted a two-base throwing error. Robin Baggett then walked. At Troedson then tried to pick off Baggett, Knuckles took the throw and advanced to third when the first baseman dropped the ball. It was the final run scored by the Mustangs in the 1971 season.

The Broncos had several scoring attempts but could not capitalize on them. Lee was walked and was wild pitched to second in the fourth to give the Broncos a man in scoring position, with no outs. Agler then struck out Chilton but Lee advanced to third on Bochte's long out to center. Tom Condessa lined a shot that second baseman Oliver grabbed to end the mild threat.

The Broncos waited until two outs in the sixth before threatening to score again. Chilton grounded up the middle for a hit and then stole second. Bochte then walked but Condessa flailed to end the inning. The Mustangs played heads up ball to squelch another Bronco threat. Lee Cavigila singled in the seventh. But Dave Hengsman attached a fly to right fielder Egusa on a hit and run play. Egusa then doubled up Hengsman.

The Broncos started another threat in the ninth but Agler retired the next two pinch hitters to end the game and the season. In gaining his ninth win of the year Agler set a team record for most wins in one season.

The Mustangs finished the year with a 30-11-1 mark while Santa Clara completed its regular play with a 46-11 record. It was only the second time the Broncos had been shut out in 91 games this year.

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Diamond men whitewash Broncos to close season