

# Nixon's State of the Union

President Nixon's State of the Union message Thursday night reads like something from the 1950's.

Once again we see the bigger defense budget, an increase in technology, and Vietnam.

The budget would have drawn no complaints during the era of Joe McCarthy when spending more money on guns would have shown "patriotism" but that was 20 years ago.

We cannot agree that the program is "statesmanlike...apolitical...realistic" as House Republican Leader Gerald Ford called it. To us it seems highly political and very unrealistic.

There are more pressing needs than keeping up with the Russians these days. We are living in a time that could bring collapse, or at least great distrust, from within rather than from without—as Nixon seems to think. Yet do we see mentioned in his speech things dealing with the ecology, integration, urban problems—things that involve one part of the country being able to live with the other?

No, the most important thing is the continuation of building the nuclear wall between the United States and Russia higher.

The president is willing to give \$2 billion more to the Navy, but little or nothing for oceanography.

He is willing to spend \$900 million on increasing technology, and therefore industry, but scarcely a representative amount on pollution research and prevention.

He seems convinced that an ocean-going nuclear deterrent force is good, but there is no indication of funds to help deter the turmoil in our cities.

A very much used, probably overused, phrase of these times is that calling for a "reordering of priorities." What it means is that we, the nation, must decide what is essential and what is not—such as the eradication of a slum area or a shiny new warship to appease some Navy admiral.

It means that we must turn within and solve some of our own problems rather than be in such a hurry to solve everyone else's. This wouldn't be so hard to do and it would be worth so much to this nation.

President Nixon campaigned under the slogan of "Bring us together again." Perhaps he should try keeping his promises.

## Three of the best are reviewed

See-Hear

Very often it is difficult for the reader of movie review columns to differentiate the role of the movie critic from the pejorative definition of the word "critical." While I have striven throughout the last semester to avoid the easy temptation of falling into the somewhat egotistical

habit of NEVER saying ANYTHING un-"critical" about any movie; I wish to further reaffirm this optimistic approach by listing here three movies which I have seen since the last column which are so excellent that they break the Film Grade Point Ratio Scale of 4.0 and each deserve the ultimate rating of 4.5.

They are Johnny Got His Gun, Straw Dogs, and Sunday Bloody Sunday. Each of these movies deserve an Academy Award Nomination for Best Picture and I wish to list them here so that should any reader spot one of these films at any theatre, he won't pass them by for lack of forewarning.

As to the features which are playing in B-CS this weekend, they are both excellent. Also very pleasing, is the prospect of very interesting flicks in the near future. However, this weekend Summer of '42 will play at the Palace and Play Misty For Me at the Campus. Summer of '42, starring Jennifer O'Neill and Gary Grimes, is a charming little story about "growing up" and deserves a Film G.P.R. = 3.7. The photog-

raphy is beautiful. The story captures too much of the reality and innocence of 1942 America and too much of the awkwardness and discoveries of adolescence to be anything but completely disarming.

Play Misty for Me, starring Clint Eastwood and Jessica Walter, is a great flick to take a date to if you are in to arm grasping and tight clutching. This movie will definitely scare the squatty-do-do right out of you! Misty is a hell-of-a-chiller about a sexy radio disc-jockey who has a girl problem and is guaranteed to make you lock up every knife in your pad. Filmed in God's gift to the world, Carmel, Calif.; Misty's G.P.R. = 3.5.

### CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"How is it possible to be hopelessly behind after one week?"

## Listen up Rapping classmates

Editor: I am completely disgusted and ashamed of some fellow students who I gladly, here and now, disown as any fellow students of mine. The 2 o'clock Thursday Biology 114 class was dismissed half an hour early by Dr. Elenor R. Cox because she could not talk over the noise created by about a dozen students. She twice cautioned them to give her their attention and be silent, but it had no effect on the handful of pre-schoolers. Yes, pre-schoolers! Only pre-schoolers who knew no better would be so rude and obnoxious to a teacher.

Dr. Cox stopped the class, told why we were all dismissed early, and that the slides she had intended to show would be on the test next Tuesday and that it

was a pity the whole class would have to suffer. She also stated that she was sincere in teaching a class that wanted to learn, but a class that disrupted her while lecturing was not to be tolerated.

Her position is entirely understandable. The twelve or so who caused the disruption are not understandable. No college student wanting to learn would be so inconsiderate and stupid. So, would the ones not wanting to learn please get out of Biology 114 2 o'clock class because I and the rest of the class do want to learn. When a professor is as brilliant and interesting as Dr. Cox, a person wants to be able to enjoy her and not be deprived of her lectures due to some immature brats.

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## Defense, technology high on Nixon's budget

(Continued from page 1) Minnesota, campaigning for a 1972 presidential rematch with Nixon, said Nixon had delivered "a frontal assault on Congress without giving credit for some very constructive work."

Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington said Nixon had delivered "a political platform instead of a program that will help those in distress all over America."

In his written message, Nixon recited the administration record of troop withdrawals from South Vietnam, saying that by May 1, he will have cut forces by 87 percent.

"It is my hope that we can

end this tragic conflict through negotiation," he said. "If we cannot, then we will end it through Vietnamization. But end it we shall—in a way which fulfills our commitment to the people of South Vietnam and which gives them the chance for which they have already sacrificed so much—the chance to choose their own future."

Nixon also said he is confident that by the middle of 1973 "we can achieve our goal of reducing draft calls to zero."

He cautioned Congress and the nation not to expect "too much too quickly" from his forthcoming visits to Peking and Moscow.

"My visits will mean not that

our differences have disappeared or will disappear in the near future," he said. "... The important thing is that we talk about these differences rather than fight about them."

The President guaranteed a major fight in the Senate with his proposal for increased defense spending. He said it will be required by rising research and development costs, pay increases and a need to proceed with new weapons systems.

He did not say how big the increase will be but did detail \$3.7 billion in additional defense spending to be included in his budget next Monday.

Sen. Allen J. Ellender, D-La.,

chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said he had been told the overall defense budget would come to some \$83 billion, an increase of about \$3 billion.

"We'll have to do what we did this year—trim some of it," he said.

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