

## *Board rejects plea to reinstate teachers*

A last-ditch effort by four instructors to remain on the Grossmont College faculty failed Monday night when the governing board refused to retract its demand for their resignations.

Board members talked in executive session with instructors Hugh Peterson, Harold Loumeau, George Peranteau and Andrew Neher before making its unanimous decision. The teachers were involved in a drinking incident with students in mid-March at an academic retreat at Camp Marston.

The instructors said the demand for their resignations was too severe a punishment in the circumstances. They were supported at the meeting by GC chapters of the California Teachers Association (Grossmont College Professional Association) and the American Federation of Teachers.

Before the board went into executive session, Dr. George Brown of El Cajon read a letter signed by approximately 450 persons commending the trustees for their previous action in demanding the resignations.

Dr. Brown said, "I feel the board, by literally putting its finger in the dike to stop a little trickle of immoral permissiveness, may well have prevented

an overwhelming flood."

Various recommendations on salary raises and new positions were presented to the board preliminary to a budget presentation in June. It was indicated the budget may rise \$1,000,000 from \$2.8 million.

The salary committee of the Faculty Senate proposed a 5 per cent increase in instructor salaries. Of the 5 per cent, 2 per cent would represent the amount required to regain the college's 1965-66 statewide rank in 1965-66, and 3 per cent would represent the cost of living rise.

The committee also proposed spending \$84,000 to switch hourly evening instructors to a contract basis so as to have all instructors on a contract basis. "A community college," the committee said, "should have a single contract faculty (as far as is possible) with instructors having evening responsibility as part of load."

Finally, the committee urged that \$73,000 be appropriated to alleviating an "overload in instructional hours."

The administration recommended to the board that the college hire a business manager and assistant among other new positions. The classified employees of the college asked for a 6.85 per cent salary increase.