

Leary expresses thoughts in filmed interview

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Dr. Timothy Leary, the noted researcher of the nervous system, broadcast his thoughts and considered opinions last night to students of the University. The broadcasting was done on film, however, because Leary is doing a thirty-year sentence in Folsom Prison for possession of two marijuana joints.

The color film, about forty-five minutes in length, was shot last summer by a Sacramento television station. A reporter interviewed a prison-garbed Leary on a wide range of topics.

Present for the two showings in 150 Science were Leary's wife, JoAnne and his friend, author Ken Kesey. Both Kesey and Leary spoke before both showings of the film.

"He's gone through a lot of shit," Kesey said of Leary, "but he's fine."

Leary says that he was kidnapped, with his wife, in Kabul, Afghanistan last winter and brought back to Los Angeles by federal narcotics agents. He had earlier escaped from federal prison after being imprisoned on what he claims was a framed-up marijuana possession charge.

Kesey said that Leary is "highly regarded" as a revolutionary force by American authorities who want to prevent him from spreading his philosophy of consciousness.

The purpose of the film showings is to create pressure on California and federal authorities to parole Leary. "I don't know how to get him out — except letter writing," Kesey said. "You need a lot of money and a lot of lawyers."

"The parole board is our only hope," Kesey told the audience, "because the governor (Ronald Reagan) you can cross off." The Oregon author and Lane County resident urged people to put "steady pressure" on federal and California authorities to release Leary.

Leary was considered a brilliant member of the Harvard faculty when he first took LSD in 1960 as part of his research into the human nervous system. Since that time, he has been involved in a continuous string of legal action and harassment from the U.S. government.

Kesey, who also did time for marijuana possession in the sixties, said of Leary: "He's the best advertisement for acid — (and here the audience broke up

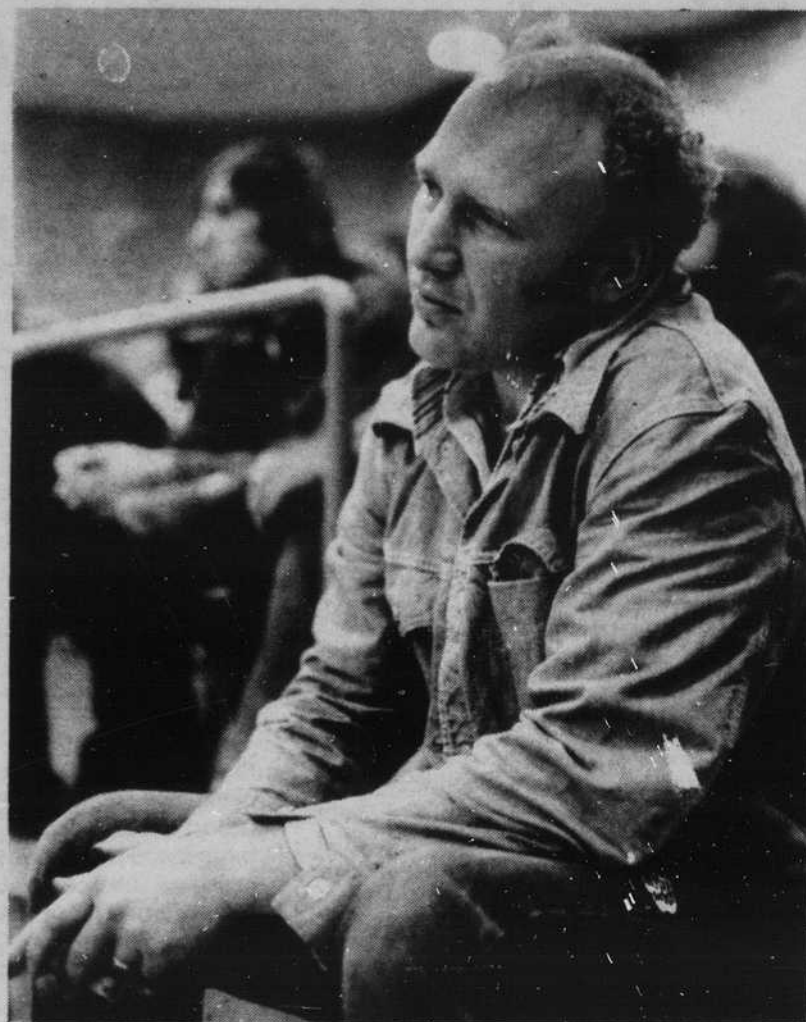
in laughter) — that you can find."

English-born, French-schooled, youthful JoAnne Leary met her future husband while he was in Switzerland. She spoke for a half-hour, describing their travels and eventual kidnap by federal officers in Afghanistan.

"It was an incredible trip," she said of the experience.

JoAnne Leary said that she has been showing the filmed interview of her husband for a month and a half. Her telling of the kidnap adventure was interrupted several times by incredulous laughter from the audience. Sparking most of the reaction was her description of the government's clumsy attempts at bringing Leary to justice.

Throughout the interview, Leary was amazingly lucid and aware of the obvious incongruity of himself as a "philosopher behind bars." He pointed out that throughout the ages societies have imprisoned thinkers for their "dangerous thought." However, he felt confident that he would be released within a few years. "Hopeful societies," Leary said toward the end of the film, "do not keep their philosophers locked up."



Ken Kesey

Photo by David Pritchard

Seeks Dellenback's seat

Heitzeberg announces candidacy

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Gordon Heitzeberg, 25, publicly announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for U.S. representative in Oregon's fourth Congressional district at a Tuesday morning press conference.

Heitzeberg, who will be challenging the incumbent John Dellenback in the primary election to be held next May 28, read a prepared statement in which he explained his decision to run. He described watching, as a private citizen, "the long, costly, bloody — and absolutely pointless — armed conflict" in Vietnam and watching as a President of the United States "defied the courts, defied his oath of office, defied the trust placed in him by those who voted."

The statement set forth his belief "that the American people are tired of being misled, betrayed, lied to and hustled," and that "the American people are going to remove from office those representatives who do not measure up to the standards of honesty, forthrightness and integrity that we expect."

Heitzeberg went on in his statement to announce his intention to conduct an honest campaign, to face the issues and to voice his opinion. He contended that too many political figures give answers "so contrived as merely to offend the least numbers of voters."

In a question and answer session with the press, Heitzeberg was asked why he was challenging Dellenback. He replied that he felt the Congressional race was being ignored so far. Asked whether he felt Dellenback was doing an adequate job, he answered that Dellenback was fail-



Gordon Heitzeberg

ing to explain himself to his constituents, and that his public statements on the current crisis (impeachment, confirmation of Gerald Ford) showed "a lack of any substantive opinion."

He characterized Dellenback as having the reputation among voters of "a man who prefers not to speak out on an issue" and of taking a middle-of-the-road stance.

Heitzeberg said he'd place him-

self on the record in favor of instituting impeachment proceedings for Richard Nixon. Since the President "has been accused of almost everything in the book and his actions indicate he'll be unwilling to subject himself to civil court," impeachment proceedings should begin "not necessarily to remove him from office" but as "the only way to get the facts out."

On other issues, Heitzeberg supports a nationwide, voluntary government health insurance program; he opposes public funding of campaigns and calls for full disclosure of campaign contributions; he favors the Alaska pipeline as one solution to the immediate fuel shortage, saying "the need for fuel power outweighs, if only by a small margin, the necessity of maintaining the Alaskan ecology in its present state;" he favors moving ahead with a nuclear power plant here in Oregon, along with research on its possible hazards.

Questioned about his stand on the issue of political prisoners being held by the Thieu government in South Vietnam, Heitzeberg apologized for not being as familiar with the situation as he should be, but stated he believed "that anyone being held in jail strictly for his beliefs should be released." However, he questioned the use of the term "political prisoner" and felt it could be misused.

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