PROVOST, PROTEINS, PROTEST, POT

When Paul Saltman (BS ’49, PhD ’53) was professor of biochemistry at the University of Southern California, from 1953 to 1967, he developed an increasing concern about the conflict between teaching and research and publishing. At the University of California at San Diego, as provost of Revelle College, he has now also become concerned with the protest and pot problems of students today (page 7). Dr. Saltman’s article has been transcribed from the talk he gave at this year’s Alumni Seminar on May 4.

SEARCH FOR LIFE IN ANTARCTICA

Charles David (right) and Jonathan King, who received their PhDs this month from Caltech, spent three months in the “dry valleys” of the Antarctic continent as part of a Jet Propulsion Laboratory project to learn more about possible microorganismic life on Mars. An account of their work and experiences in Antarctica appears on page 14.

NUCLEAR POWER & OUR RESOURCES

The rapid growth of nuclear power plants in the U.S. in recent years has raised both private and official concern over the safety factors involved in their operation. As a former member of the Atomic Energy Commission’s Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Jack E. McKee, Caltech professor of environmental health engineering, has been closely following developments in this area. His recent appointment as a member of a new committee, established at the request of the AEC to advise on the disposal of radioactive wastes, insures his continuing collaboration in the attempt to solve such problems as “The Impact of Nuclear Power on Air and Water Resources”—the subject of Dr. McKee’s article on page 19.