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Opinion

Daniloff's Frame-Up: Revealing the Old Bear's Face

Ellen Goodman

BOSTON — I am following this story with something less than journalistic objectivity. The setup, the arrest, and now the indictment of Nicholas Daniloff as a spy carries with it a special edge of concern.

Nick is a friend as well as a colleague. We were Nieman Fellows together at Harvard in 1974, mates on that year-long academic "cruise ship" for journalists. When I went to Moscow last year, Nick was more than generous. He freely shared his insights, his time, his Soviet experiences and friends.

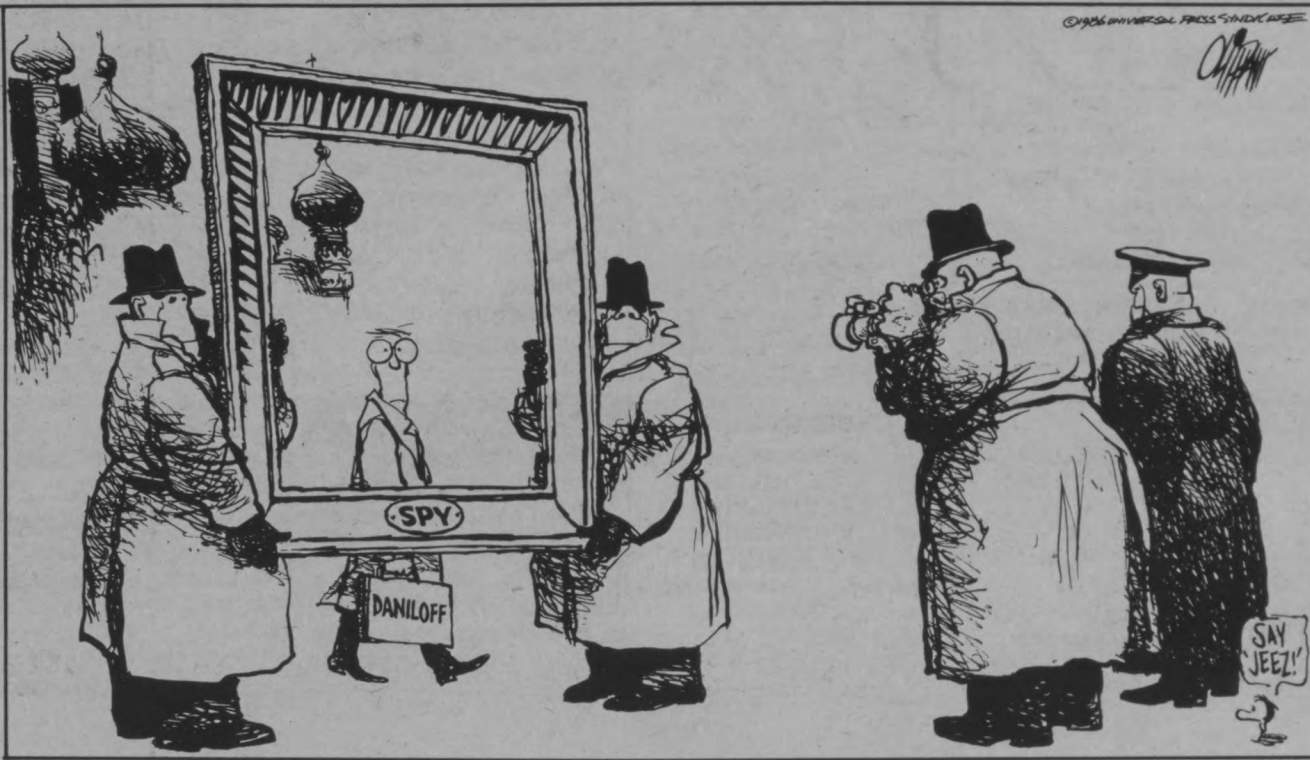
One night I went with Nick to the home of a dissident couple he had known for years. We ate a magical smoked salmon and swapped stories, with Nick translating so fluently that I seemed to be talking directly to this couple. When I returned to the hotel that night I was awakened by two anonymous phone calls. They may have been wrong numbers, but staring at the ceiling at 4 a.m., I had a taste of paranoia in my mouth.

There are foreign posts more dangerous than Moscow. War correspondents suffer greater risks. But reporting for a free press in a monitored society is one of the trickiest tasks. It is one that Nick knows and does well.

The barriers that a Western correspondent has to hurdle in the course of his or her daily work are imposing. The new batch of Soviet leaders may want to air a portion of their society's troubles — from alcoholism to corruption — with their own people. But there is no such desire to share weaknesses with the foreign press.

Gathering the news in a country that instinctively withholds information as benign as a telephone number (telephone books are a prized possession, "411" operators do not exist) presents exhausting challenges. Learning about the daily life of Soviet people, who only talk to foreign correspondents at personal risk, is touchy stuff.

For the most part, Western journalists are housed in foreign ghettos. They drive cars with yellow licenses that identify them as clearly as a bumper sticker or arm band. Working and living, often with a family, when your office and your home are probably bugged and when you must sort out sources from secret agents adds a strain that was, even on my two-week visa,



palpable. One of the paradoxes is that the Soviet hierarchy, longing for a good image abroad, nevertheless creates a hostile environment for foreign journalists. It is a tribute to the press corps that, for the most part, reporters don't allow their own treatment to permeate their view of Soviet society. Nick, who is as clear-eyed as any about the Soviets, said to me on a ride out to Pasternak's grave in the suburbs of Moscow, "Don't be mistaken; there is a kind of consent of the governed here."

Nick is not the first Daniloff to confront Russian authority. His great-great-grandfather took part in the failed rebellion of 1825, when a band of "Decembrists" tried to overthrow the Czar, and spent decades in Siberia. Nick has been writing a book about this ancestor. I don't like to think of the irony.

The Soviets made a vast, bungling misjudgment this time. Some KGB instinct rooted in Stalinism or Czarism came out to grab Nick. It was the old technique: Frame a journalist, label him a spy and trade him for Gennadi Zakharov.

It went down easily enough in Moscow. In the Soviet Union, "journalists" (it must be used in

quotation marks when applied to Soviets) are at best advocates, usually press agents, and always employees of the state. It is not hard for the Soviet people to believe that our journalists also work for the government.

But what a blunder in the world. They pulled down their groomed new image, like a mask that reveals the old bear's face. They slammed the jail door, not only on Nick but on the "open society." They have fed all the worst stereotypes of retired Cold Warriors.

Soviets often say that Americans have no sense of history, that we suffer from amnesia. In our papers, stories go from breaking news to old news to trivial pursuit in a matter of months. I imagine that the Soviets expect Nick's name to fade from page one to page 12 to memory. Those who set this sham into motion probably predict a face-saving trade when the heat is off.

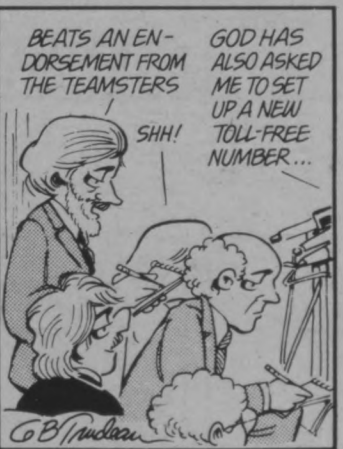
They don't understand, may never have understood, the intensity of American feelings about a frame-up. The Soviets cannot get out of this with a mock trial set for spring. Their one way out is to let Nick through the gates of Lefortovo Prison.

Ellen Goodman is a syndicated columnist.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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• Amount spent by the United States in 1985 on military operations in the Third World: \$137,600,000,000

• Amount spent guarding the country's borders: \$9,200,000,000

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• Combined debt of Iowa farmers: \$16,300,000,000

• National debt of Peru: \$14,300,000,000

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Casmalia: Th

Kenneth McCalip

Casmalia, California, is a small, sleepy, nonaffluent rural community of 200 people. Translated, "Casmalia" means "the last one" — presumably because of the isolated nature of the village. But Casmalia also represents the last toxic waste dump in operation in Southern California.

As Administrator-Principal of Casmalia School District, my personal awareness of the toxic dump and its ensuing problems began with the 1984-85 school year, when the local populace started relaying stories of strong, pungent chemical odors that rolled in with the fog each evening, lingering in homes and causing headaches, runny noses, weepy eyes, sore throats and nausea.

By November, the fumes increased to such intensity that I was forced to evacuate and close the school for two days because the staff and students were too ill to continue. The publicity from this event caused some County Health Department action. Air tests were ordered, a task force was established and a health survey was completed.

The air testing revealed approximately 90 compounds, including benzene and ten other hazardous toxins. The health survey concluded that the headaches the people of Casmalia complained about for 60 percent of the

Knowledge and

Craig Duncan

Democracy literally means that the power is in the hands of the people.

The founding fathers created this democracy to safeguard freedom for the individual. With this freedom comes responsibility — individual responsibility. The ability to govern your own life requires responsibility, and one of the greatest areas where we as citizens are lacking is the individual responsibility to be informed.

Many people do a lot of barking about how free we are and how much access to information we have. It is certainly true, we have tremendous accessibility to information, as well as to varying points of view. The problem is that we, as citizens, do not exercise the privilege of access to information enough. Information I have read indicates that 50 percent of the American public is illiterate (they can read, but choose not to), and

The Reader's Voice

Legalize It

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Since 1969, enough Americans have been arrested for the possession of marijuana to empty the states of Oregon, Nevada and Idaho, as well as scores of other cities. In fact, since 1969, almost 6,000,000 people have been arrested for the possession of marijuana. In 1984 alone, the year of George Orwell, almost 420,000 possession arrests were reported. In other words, one possession arrest every one-and-a-half minutes!

C.A.M.P., the "Campaign Against Marijuana Producers," is trying to successfully eliminate the cultivation, possession and consumption of *cannabis*. Ronald Reagan is advocating the immediate and irreversible extermination of a plant. Why kill this plant? The history of marijuana dates back to the year 600 B.C.

In the summer of 1986, Northern Californians were terrified again by paraquat and by two other herbicidal poisons called *glyphosate* ("Roundup," from the Monsanto Chemical Company of St. Louis) and 2,4-D ("Agent Orange," also called "Esteron 99," from the Vertac Chemical Company of Memphis).

Paraquat is the most potent and violently toxic used in industry. One mouthful causes certain death after days or weeks of horrible agony interspersed with phases of heartbreaking remission. It also causes lung damage when absorbed into the body by any route. First developed in the 19th century as a dyemaking chemical, paraquat is sprayed annually on over 50 million acres of industrial farmland and timberland in the United States. Today it's marketed by Chevron.

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Poor Judgement

Editorial

At least the Reagan administration is consistent. Now, along with Michael Deaver, Raymond Donovan, Ed Meese, Daniel Manion and William Rehnquist, we add former UCSB Chancellor Robert Huttenback to the list of unscrupulous Reagan appointees.

This seems almost a cruel joke and it's certainly a disturbing turn of events. While we were busy congratulating ourselves for finally getting the bug out of our hair, Huttenback successfully winged his way into the Department of Education. Huttenback's resignation was a triumph for the democratic process. Reagan's selection has turned that victory into a farce.

With such a poor history of nominees, one would think Reagan would take his appointments more seriously. A phone call to the White House proved that this is not the case. White House spokespeople had no idea why Huttenback was currently looking for a job, nor did they bother to ask.

Huttenback's appointment raises serious questions about the process by which Reagan or his flunkies actually select employees. How carefully does the Reagan administration screen its nominees? It appears that prospective employees receive appointments not on the basis of their integrity and accomplishments, but rather through a web of connections, party loyalties and federal back-scratching.

We're not the only ones who are frustrated with Reagan's character judgment. One hundred law professors have sent a letter to the Senate questioning Reagan's selection of William Rehnquist as Supreme Court chief justice. The City of New York took Raymond Donovan, Reagan's former labor secretary, to court last week. Environmentalists still wonder if James Watt was appointed secretary of the interior so he could sabotage that office.

No one expected Huttenback to remain unemployed forever. Indeed, Huttenback is well-educated and capable. We question not his intelligence nor his past accomplishments, but rather his personal code of ethics. To be awarded an honorary position as a public official in the wake of a scandal is preposterous.

The circle appears impenetrable. The Huttenback appointment could feed the cynicism brewing in too many young minds. Already, the hopeless sighs of "it figures" echo through the UCSB community.

But the legislators who recommend their friends still must be reelected. We must hold our elected officials accountable for their actions. In November you'll have the opportunity to reassess your representatives. In the meantime, write to your representatives in Washington and let them know what you think. Call upon your student government to take action.

Although Huttenback's appointment seems criminal, it is even worse to let it slip by unnoticed.

BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

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The Last One

month were normal.

After nine months, the County Health Department stated that it could not locate the source of the odors, although we were told by experts that a three-year-old could accomplish this task. The county finally admitted the existence of an odor after a local television announcer closed his report by stating that an odor existed, even as he was speaking.

A more recent medical study of our entire community showed the following abnormally high occurrences: 85 percent of our citizens exhibited loss of 30 percent to 90 percent of lung capacity; 60 percent showed chronic respiratory problems; two-thirds had neurological symptoms; two-thirds had elevated liver enzymes indicating that the body was trying to detoxify blood; white blood cell counts were up, but granulocytes were not indicating chemical exposure rather than infectious disease. There also appear to be some serious problems in relationship to potential cancers; potential leukemias and certainly to suppressed immune systems.

In addition, tests of streams and private wells in the area revealed numerous heavy metals, such as cadmium and arsenic, exceeding federal standards.

These findings make me reflect on the people I have known over the past few years. I have seen six deaths related to lung conditions, as well as a young teacher who died from leukemia within two years after her arrival

at Casmalia School. Two others are slowly dying with diagnosed lung problems. These findings also make me reflect on the sadness and anger I have felt when I have asked who's responsible, who's in charge? Overlooking the obvious, county health officials cannot understand our anger and distrust!

Toxic waste horror stories abound in our communications media. In Santa Barbara County, portions of local cities have been evacuated when antiquated trucks have leaked while transporting their deadly brew, at excessive speeds, to private toxic-waste dumps that are virtually unregulated because of the many agencies that are responsible for their control.

This points to a national problem that grows each day in proportion to the lack of regulation, the lack of technical expertise and proliferation of industrial technology and chemical industries — industries which our modern society is dependent upon to maintain comfort and quality of life. Toxic waste disposal problems are symptomatic of this nation's failure to come to grips with what will be the most pressing issue of the '90s — disposal of toxic wastes.

The current state of affairs regarding toxic waste disposal and regulation is akin to asking the state and county to run its own space program. Local and state officials are simply not prepared in terms of funds, expertise and political clout. Local political and economic

pressure from industry prevents local boards and health departments from functioning in the broadest interest of the citizenry. Political decisions are made rather than health care decisions.

Casmalia's story is a tragic and graphic example of the failure to effectively shift regulatory control to the local level. The Environmental Protection Agency follows the theory of local control and will take action only if it is convinced that the state and county will not act. Meanwhile, the Air Pollution District (a subagency of the Santa Barbara County Health Department) lacks the appropriate equipment to monitor the waste water being sprayed into the air.

I feel strongly that Casmalia's problem is a national problem which deserves national recognition and solutions. It is time for national effort and commitment, as great as our commitment to space exploration, to create a strong federal presence. This would include quasigovernmental agencies actually running modern well-equipped disposal facilities away from populated areas. Universities should be encouraged to create Departments of Waste Disposal just as they were encouraged to expand their Science and Engineering Departments in the early '60s. Let us make Casmalia truly the last one — the last toxic landfill.

Kenneth McCalip is Administrator-Principal of the Casmalia School District.

and Democracy

that only 15 percent of the public reads more than one book a year.

The personal responsibility of informing yourself means finding out the truth (or truths) *yourself*, not always relying on ill-informed others for your information or your views. It means finding the facts as well as the many different and informative viewpoints of a subject.

I am not saying, however, that everyone must learn about everything. What happens, for instance, if you just aren't interested in Central America or the arms race. I do not think that you are wrong or bad, although I might say that you are being lazy about learning about issues that very soon will affect you directly.

If you want to settle for a Fred Flinstone view of the world then fine, it is your right. But know that you are a drag on the rest of the people who have some idea about what is happening in the world around them. You are shelving your responsibility as a citizen in this society to be informed. And you inhibit the people who are telling

the truth, just like the kid who talked and made the whole class stay after the bell rang in elementary school.

Have you ever been asked about something, a political or economic current issue, that people are talking about and found yourself saying, "Gee, I don't know." Well, that is a sure sign you need to exercise your privilege of access to information.

And you're in luck because this campus has a tremendous amount of opportunities (besides classes) for you to inform yourself. KCSB offers many interesting public affairs shows. Go pick up a schedule. You can join the Global Peace and Security program or spend a day at the Santa Barbara Peace Resource Center if you want to find out about the arms race and nuclear war. You can attend a lecture or a film documentary. You can join a student group, or talk to their representatives in front of the UCen. Go to a teach-in.

A great source of information that is often ignored is the library. Instead of sleeping at the library, as I do when

I go there to study, spend some time looking for some books on a subject you do not know about. Take advantage of your opportunities. Too many people in this world do not have, and desperately desire, the opportunities that are available to you.

Time and time again ignorance has been exploited for evil purposes. And history has proved that powers and privileges not used are often taken away. Knowledge is power. And for us as citizens to really realize our power (which should be in our hands) we have to become more knowledgeable. We must exercise our right to information.

If you decide to take some responsibility and become informed, give yourself a pat on the back. Think of how good you'll feel having educated yourself. And when someone asks you about an issue, you'll have something to say back.

Craig Duncan is a Liberal Studies Major.

4-D, a.k.a. "Agent Orange," causes cancer and miscellaneous tissue damage in repeated doses. It also causes permanent nerve damage. 2,4-D is used by agricultural farmers to eradicate weeds, like quack, and was marketed by Dow Chemicals of Michigan. But now, the Memphis-based company Vertac is producing the infamous veteran killer. Agent Orange was sprayed on Cambodia and other tropical forests around the world. Now it's being sprayed on a product consumed by probably millions of Americans.

glyphosate, a.k.a. "N-phosphomethylglycine," is a derivative of "dogbane" — poison. It's rather innoxious, and sold to home gardeners, but has one ironic quality. When burned, glyphosate turns into the deadly "cyanide" used by the Nazi *Schutzstaffel* at *Switz, Treblinka, Mauthausen*, and so on. Subsequently, the American government is gassing its own people.

President Reagan's pet photo opportunity program, the National Partnership to Prevent Drug and Alcohol Abuse, has had a \$1,000,000 grant suspended by the Justice Department. Why? Because nearly \$1,000,000 has been spent — *and nobody knows what for!* It is also a fact that the drug war has cut the budget for drug enforcement by 40 percent over the last year, the paltry \$18,000,000 goes for inflated salaries, fat-cat consultant fees, and first-class amenities so that the bureaucratic "experts" can announce that there's a "drug problem" in the country.

Alcohol related deaths each year are numbered in the hundreds of thousands (counting the 50 percent of all highway deaths or 65 percent of all murders associated with alcohol). The number of

deaths attributed to marijuana each year is "zero."

What can we do? NORML, "the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws," is fighting to legalize, decriminalize and normalize possession of marijuana. If you're interested, write NORML, 2001 S Street, N.W., Suite 640, Washington D.C., 20009. Also, for local direct action, the Associated Students of U.C. Santa Barbara, on Rocktober First, 1986, will be presenting the ROCKTOBERFEST '86, a one-day event, with a free benefit concert for the California Marijuana Initiative. The concert will be held at Storke Plaza, on campus by the lagoon. At noon there will be an informative rally, to discuss the pros and cons of marijuana. Then, at 5 p.m., a free rock concert will bring supporters of CMI on campus. Bold Montgomery, (formerly the Trend,) will headline the evening's festivities, which will also include performances by Public Works, (formerly Zebo's Cousin), as well as Common Sense and Happy Trails.

DOUG YATES

Applause

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Brava Lisa Mascarol! You nailed it straight on the head in your article on Those Blonde, Beautiful, Bronzed UCSB Coeds. Even though I lived at F.T. last year, I was able to experience the not-ready-for-prime-time lifestyle that exists in I.V. Incoming freshmen have a lot to look forward to in the year ahead of them. But if they aren't careful, they'll end up like most of us, sitting back and watching others. The future will arrive eventually, but we

can only control it by speaking up for our rights, as well as the rights of others. To care is one thing, but to take action towards your beliefs is what makes an individual stand out. UCSB is a great school, because of the people that go here. It only takes one person to rise from the mass and speak their mind.

GREG SAHAKIAN

Very White

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Early September is such a comfortable time at UCSB, comfortable both in terms of the presence of the students that are already here, and in terms of the absence of those yet to arrive. UCSB orientation programs have been busy socializing entering minority students; the campus mix actually appears comparable to that of the state. I hope that the orientation included warnings about the techniques for managing the culture shock that non-white ethnic students are likely to experience in a few short weeks when they disappear in the midst of long white lines and crowded white classrooms.

Eddie Sander's depiction of the average entering student rang true yet hollow in my ears: "Chances are good that Mr. UCSB Freshman will be a white student who had a B-plus average in high school. Ms. UCSB Freshman probably lived in Los Angeles County with her parents, who earn between \$50,000 and \$75,000 a year. More than likely, both attended predominately white high schools and lived in 'segregated' neighborhoods." (Daily Nexus, Aug. 20, 1986)

That portrait, coupled with the all too often appropriate stereotypical portrayal of UCSB student interests (in say the surf,

suds or sex, anything other than studies), should catch the attention of all university actors concerned with the quality of the educational environment at UCSB. An institution attempting to provide a quality liberal education (i.e., 'intellectual' and cultural as well as vocational training), cannot progress in doing so without a diverse student body, diverse in terms of foreign as well as minority students. UCSB should not continue to sacrifice cultural heterogeneity for the sake of 'intelligence', as measured by the white middle class yardsticks.

I can understand the decision of a minority student NOT to attend UCSB. I can NOT understand why UCSB is failing to improve minority student recruitment and retention. With this year's overenrollments, will next year's student body constitute an even whiter wasteland?

WILLIAM SHAY

Write

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There is Life After Cap'n Bob and Divestment

Sharlene Weed

So you're returning to school after a long summer of grueling work, living with the parents and being subjected to hometown gossip. Or maybe you're returning from a European vacation or an I.V. summer haze. Nevertheless, after moving into your new dorm room, or luxurious I.V. apartment and attending your first I.V. rager, the first question that pops into your mind is, "I wonder what's happening at the A.S. office?"

You're thinking, "Is there life after Cap'n Bob?", "Has Doug Yates been arrested for indecent exposure yet?" and "Now that the regents have divested funds from South Africa, what will students have to protest?" Or, if you're a new student you're probably asking, "What is this A.S. thing I keep hearing about?"

Well, here's the scoop:

The Associated Students (A.S.) is your student government. It consists of 19 Legislative Council representatives, an internal vice president, an external vice president and of course, an A.S. president. All are

elected in the spring of each year. These students are responsible for advocating and defending student rights. By undertaking projects and passing legislation, they make sure the student voice is heard.

Besides these hard-working students, A.S. also has a very dedicated and helpful staff, all working for you. The \$18 per quarter that you pay to the Associated Students enables us to provide you with a multitude of services. These include A.S. Notetaking and Publication, KCSB (91.9 on your FM dial), A.S. Bike Shop, the A.S. Program Board that plans concerts, lectures and dances (they're the ones responsible for Thursday Pub Nights — check it out!). And wait, there's more! We also bring you the A.S. Ticket Office, Cashier's Office, A.S. Legal Services, A.S. Rideboard and Bookboard. What a bargain!

A.S. has several important boards and committees as well, including Student Lobby, Commission on the Status of Women, and Community Affairs Board. As you can see, A.S. is a complex organization that has something for every student.

Now you're thinking, "This is all very nice, Sharlene, but I want to know the A.S. gossip — is there life after Cap'n Bob and divestment?" OK, the

answer is yes. We are looking forward to a peaceful, working relationship with our new Interim Chancellor Daniel Aldrich Jr. (he surely ranks higher than Cap'n Bob ... Colonel Dan?).

There's still several battles that students must continue to fight. In the big picture, we will focus on U.S. involvement in Central America, the relocation of our Native Americans at Big Mountain and U.C. ties to the defense industry. Overenrollment, I.V. trash problems, apartment slums, hazardous bike paths, lack of study space and the polluted lagoon are also issues of importance. Oh, and let's not forget the legalization of marijuana (Rocktoberfest, Oct. 1, Storke Plaza).

So the new A.S. is alive and well. Our office is located on the third floor of the UCen. Come on up and chat, share your concerns, or just hang out. We're here for you, so keep us in line with criticism and praise (we are very receptive to the latter). Also, for a good time, come to a Legislative Council meeting. We meet every Wednesday night at 6:30 in UCen Room 2. See you there!

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From Reds to Drugs

Editorial

From the warm confines of their private living room, Ronald and Nancy Reagan have outlined a "national crusade" against drugs. Though their intentions are honest, the plan is rooted in idealism, but not tempered with reality.

Reagan's downfall lies more in his methods than in his madness. He has already authorized billions of dollars to various facets of his widespread war. However, in the words of Education Secretary William Bennett, "no amount of money can buy resolve."

The drug crisis has been hyped to a fever pitch in this election year. Yet the clamor for reform of this perceived emergency has resulted in hastily prepared legislation, enacted with little thought. Such excessive decisions include mandatory drug testing, capital punishment, patrolling borders and expanded police powers.

These actions are not far from home. Mandatory tests may soon become a reality for UCSB athletes. Recently instated Athletic Director Stan Morrison has said he favors drug testing. But this only alienates those involved. Such "guilty until proven innocent" standoffs also infringe their civil rights.

And all of these patriarchal measures fall short of examining the whole picture. The fault for the problem lies not only with the drug traffickers and pushers, but with the so-called "victims" who pay for the drugs. In ever-jingoistic terms, Reagan continues to lay blame elsewhere.

Attention has been diverted away from individuals who require it. While spending for drug law enforcement programs has increased 72 percent from 1981 to 1985, funding for drug prevention and treatment has dropped 16 percent in that time period, according to a Congressional report.

Many narcotics experts agree that our nation's efforts are misdirected, and much of the money is being "thrown down a hole." The controversy over drug testing has effectively obscured more involved, yet feasible programs that should be explored.

The Reagans' address will serve to enlighten a lackadaisical populace of the dangers of drug abuse and the president's impassioned pleas for a change in attitude are commendable. However, to authorize suspicion campaigns and scare tactics reeks of the government sponsored "red scare" during the 1950s. It also clouds Reagan's vision of "the freest society man has ever known."

Eighteen- to 25-year-olds are acknowledged as America's most drug abusive age group. Accordingly, most college students have not been forgotten in the president's master plan, but they are still misunderstood. Responsible education and counseling need to replace the severely flawed intervention policies that prevail. "Just Say No" may work in the elementary school system, but it is a utopian delusion for older youths already familiar with drugs.

Substance abuse is a grave problem, especially on university campuses. UCSB is no exception. While we cannot advocate drug usage, neither can we adopt a police state mentality to prohibit it. A smooth graduation was strengthened by UCSB's drug and alcohol awareness program and the "Sober Graduation" crusade. These successful campaigns show how a preventive and positive message can be conveyed.

Recent governmental actions prompt us to reevaluate ourselves. Those who abuse illegal drugs and alcohol are not only victims, but part of the problem. Most college students consider themselves adults. Likewise, they should act responsibly and consider the consequences of their decisions regarding drugs.

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Like many college papers and most professional publications, the Daily Nexus presents its readers with staff opinions on events and issues that impact its readership. In our editorials, we tell readers what we think on subjects like Associated Students legislation, administrative plans, student protests. We provide occasional commentary on state or national issues and endorse candidates in campus and local, state and national elections.

We don't always just tell readers what to do, but rather present information or explain facets of an issue we think should be considered to reach a responsible decision. Such involvement is an important and significant aspect of our roles as journalists.


Our vehicle for this involvement is Editorial Board, a collection of Nexus

editors who meet several times a week and discuss and debate issues. The board is chaired by the editor in chief and is a free forum for opinion. During election times, candidates and proponents and opponents of issues come and speak before the board.

The board also listens to questions students have with Nexus editorial decisions as well as with grievances that cannot be resolved through other means.

In reaching our the stands presented in our editorials, we follow the ethical code set forth in the Canons of Journalism and Nexus editorial code. We generally operate by consensus, taking votes only when a serious, unresolvable division is present. In these cases, majority opinion prevails.

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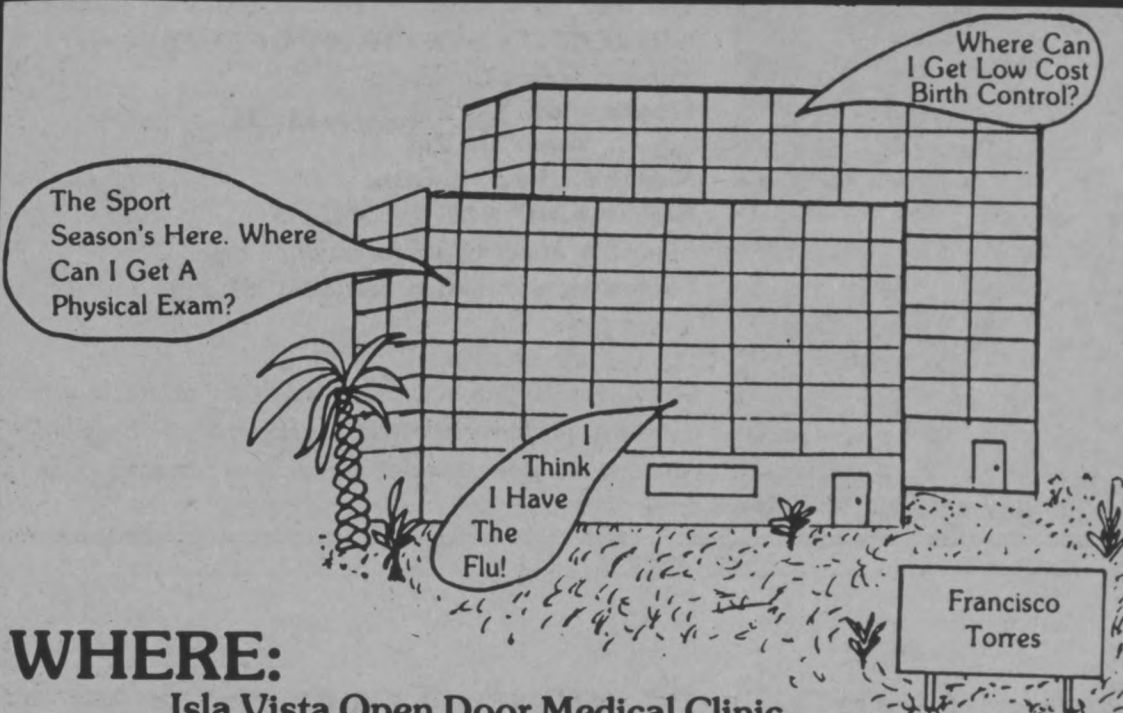
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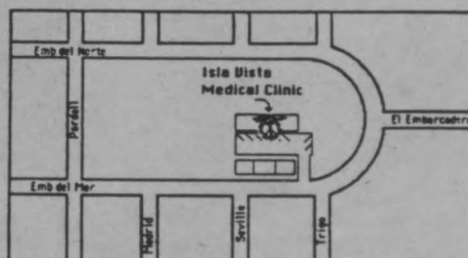
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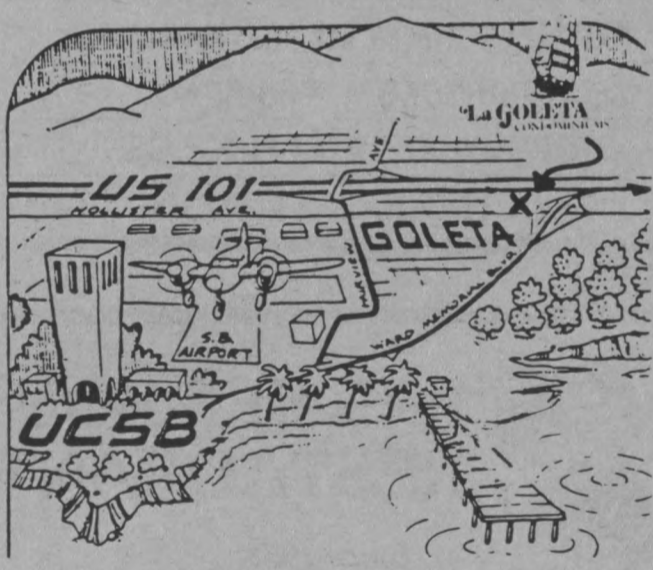
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