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Tuesday:

Drama Actors from the London Stage in "Stoppard This Evening," at Campbell Hall, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$12/10/8 for students, \$14/12/10 for non-students Wednesday:

Concert David Byrne at the Santa Barbara County Bowl, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$23

Concert Yolocamba I Ta, Latin Jazz from El Salvador, at the Victoria St. Theater, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$10

Some Like IIIO



Monroe In Top Form In Billy Wilder's Hilarious Cross-dressing Comedy This Weekend at the Vic

> **By Brian Banks** *Reporter*

Marilyn sings! Marilyn dances! Marilyn barely wears a dress! And best of all, Marilyn acts!

That's right. Marilyn Monroe, poster girl extraordinaire, displays a great flair for comedy in the 1959 classic, *Some Like It Hot*, showing this weekend at the Victoria St. Theatre.

Teamed with Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis, the blond bombshell holds her own with the help of dozens of snappy one-liners.

The story has two unemployed musicians (Lemmon and Curtis) on the run from the mob. Disguised as women, they join an all-girl orchestra, where they meet Sugar (Marilyn), the lead singer. Problems arise when the two (wo)men both try to get close to the lovely Marilyn and keep away from the mob.

The film features some quick and clever dialogue,

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Setting the Stage for Some Great Theater

Actors from the London Stage

Tickets are going fast for the two upcoming productions of Actors from the London Stage, "Stoppard This Evening" and The Winter's Tale. The first production, "Stoppard This Evening," is a celebration of language—Tom Stoppard's specialty. The playwright, who was born in Czechoslovakia in 1937 and moved to Great Britain in 1946, electrified the theater world in the late 1960s and early '70s with his skillfully clever and highly imaginative creations filled with word games, literary lampoons, puns, and verbal pyrotechniques.

For "Stoppard This Evening" choice selections include visits with the pompous critics Birdhoot and Moon from The Real Inspector Hound, barbed travesties of The Importance of Being Earnest in Travesties and of Hamlet in Rosencrantz & Gildenstern Are Dead. Interspersed between the excerpts are actual comments positive and negative, from critics and a few words from Stoppard himself. The performance concludes with Stoppard's one-act radio drama Albert's Bridge performed in its entirety.

On Saturday, October 21 at 2 PM and at 8 PM, the actors will take to the stage again for a complete and unadapted, five-person presentation of *The Winter's Tale*, a tragicomedy written during the last period of Shakespeare's career. Irrational jealousies of a king, a queen falsely judged, a princess raised by shepherds, and a prince disguised as a rustic peasant are the romance ingredients Shakespeare uses to fashion a play of possibilities both tragic and comic.

This year's participating actors include Sam Dale, Ann Firbank, Tim Hardy, Eunice Roberts and Richard Simpson, who have had extensive dramatic experience on a variety of London and other British stages, television and film. The five actors will attend UCSB English and dramatic arts classes to discuss the actor's trade and the joys and challenges of bringing Shakespeare to the modern stage.

Tickets for either "Stoppard This Evening" or The Winter's Tale are \$12/\$10/\$8 for UCSB students, but hurry, these events are selling out.

What's Right? What's Wrong?

Your roommate is selling drugs. Do you ignore the situation, talk with the person or go to the authorities? Here's a program designed to directly address such occurrences. A 15-member panel of UCSB students, faculty and staff will participate in a provocative discussion designed along the lines of the acclaimed PBS-TV series "Ethics in America" that aired last winter. The UCSB panel discussion, Ethics on Campus: Personal Relationships and Responsibilities takes place on Tuesday, October 17 at 7 PM in the UCSB University Center Pavilion. Panelists will be asked to assume roles - such as a lover, friend, parent or teacher - and explore hypothetical situations having to do with sexual values, personal responsibility and communication challenges. The event is free and guaranteed to be thought provoking.

Separation of Church and State?

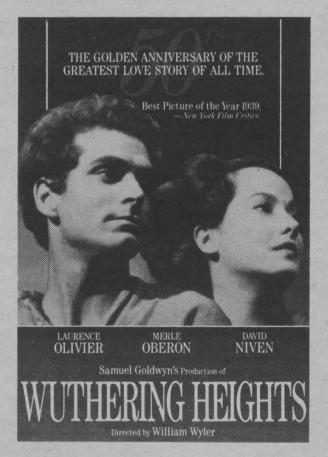
Richard P. McBrien, the Chairman of the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame and past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, believes that organized religion has the responsibility to directly participate in the great social, political and philosophical questions of the time. McBrien's address, "Involvement and Non-Involvement: Religion and Politics in America," on Thursday, October 12 at 8 PM in Buchanan Hall, Room 1910, will center on that very subject as he discusses what role he thinks religious values should have in shaping society's conventions and customs.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			12 Richard P. McBrien 8 PM Buchanan 1910	13 Rhapsody in Taps 8 PM Campbell Hall	14	15 The Navigator 8 PM Campbell Hall
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The More Things Change. . .

When a group of 14th-century Englishmen escaping the Black Plague dig their way into a modern-day metropolis, what they discover is all too familiar — disease, fear of war, poverty. The Navigator, a New Zealand film, won six Australian Academy Awards and numerous other international awards for its distinctive portrayal of the modern (and not-so-modern) human condition. The film screens Sunday, October 15 at 8 PM in UCSB Campbell Hall as part of the International Cinema series. Tickets are \$3 for UCSB students.



It Was 50 Years Ago

The 1939: Hollywood's Glorious Year series continues with *Wuthering Heights*, a stormy tale of passion that makes today's love stories look like a mere drizzle in comparison. Laurence Olivier is Heathcliff, Merle Oberon is Cathy in this William Wyler adaption of Emily Brontë's remarkable novel. The film screens Thursday, October 19 at 8 PM in Campbell Hall. Tickets are \$3 for UCSB students.

Servicing the Student

More than 20 campus departments that are here to serve students will be setting up their wares and staffing information tables at the UCen Pavilion on Friday, October 13, for the annual Student Services Showcase. From 1 to 4 PM students are invited to stop by, visit and find out exactly what such programs as the Student Health Center, Tutorial Service, and, of course, Arts & Lectures really do.

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Mickey Rourke's Resume Doesn't Carry 'Johnny Handsome'

Despite Admirable Casting, Predictable Screenplay and One-dimensional Characters Hurt This Wanna-B-Movie

By Jesse Engdahl Staff Writer

Oh Mickey, you're so fine, you're so fine you blow my mind...
Jeezo! Mickey Rourke.

He blew onto the scene with the steamiest five minutes of "Body Heat" (where he lectured John Hurt on car bombs with more sexiness than Mr. Best Actor could muster in the extensively explicit sex scenes with Kathleen Turner), and followed with an equally stand-outish performance in "Diner" against the (then-) powerful en-semble of Steve Guttenberg, Kevin Bacon, and Treat Williams.

It's really been nice how our latest, strongest "next James Dean" has managed to make quite an interesting string of films, filling a resume with depth and variety movies that share his own determined stance that we should never sell out to market-headed studios and their banal, blood-sucking commercial principles, nor to the overly indulgent, hyper- and hypo-critical, non-entertaining mush of the reactionary "art- cinema."

And damn, it's been good. Rumble Fish.
The Pope of Greenwich Village. 9 1/2
Weeks. Angel Heart. Barfly.

Even A Prayer for the Dying was over-maligned and underrated, with Rourke making good company for the excellent performances by Bob Hoskins and Alan Bates. A cool mix of characters, all intriguing, multi- dimensional.

He has given us plenty of variety — Bu-kowski, the Wall Street sex broker, The Motorcycle Boy — yet developed a singular persona that we tend to hope isn't unlike his own: tough, but only because he is vulnerable. Sensitive, yet strong because of it. Wise, for all the mistakes he's made, and for



Ellen Barkin and Mickey Rourke try to look sleezy-yet-cheezy

all his knowledge of his own limitations. Beautiful, but not too pretty. Self-conscious, because of all he knows he wants and needs and can never hope to be. Controlled, yet explosive.

Just the usual string of shallow, cliche descriptions we use to explain who most modern actors really want to be — Brando, Bogart, Dean (or Clift, O'Toole, Pacino, to lesser and greater degrees). They are what they are by virtue of our inability to define them, and our desire to be them (or pressed against them).

Rourke may have shown more promise than proof so far, but Barfly exhibited clearly how "great" a performance he was capable of, as well as (and precisely for) the ability to carry these intangible strengths to a character so foreign to his own. The Oscar Nomination he never got probably reflected his condescension for Hollywood industry glamour as much as most people's condescension for gorgeous, self-enveloped Dean types, but his portrayal of the skid-row poet absolutely blew doors on Michael Douglas' Boeskyism.

And so that brings us to Johnny Hand-

some, which is so lame I don't even want to review it. Just as Mickey is great for lots of reasons I can't put succinctly, Johnny is terrible because it is neither truly tough nor

really tender, simple nor deep.

It tries to walk the post-noir, sleezy-yet-cheezy world of strip joints, pool halls, and one-night, cheap hotels all populated by degenerate — but deeply philosophical characters who have beautifully ratted hair, uncannily oily clear skin, and impec-cably dusty designer clothes.

Johnny Handsome is about how cops are assholes with impractical principles but the principles are still all that work in a society that is structured against anybody who is good on the inside but was born on the wrong side of the tracks.

In this case it's Johnny, born with Elephantiasis of the face to a dope-addict prostitute, only to grow up a criminal who sees the only real friend he ever had gunned down during a heist by double-crossing partners-in-crime (who had made fun of his affliction, no less). Johnny is the only one caught because he stays behind with his (dead) friend, but gets out of prison be-

cause the world's greatest plastic surgeon happens to be a young, black man working in County General who feels for Johnny and gets him Mickey's face and parole for

So Johnny, with an unbelievably fresh lease on life, defines the existential dilemma by not being able to forget where he came from or the murderers of his old buddy (but he is able to completely overlook getting them thrown into prison not only because cops are assholes, but probably because prison turned out to be so good to him).

What they were going for was the best B movie ever made, but all they ended up with was an incredible waste of talent; besides Rourke, Ellen Barkin, Morgan Freeman, Forest Whitaker, and Elizabeth McGovern are forced to stumble through the one-dimensional, wildly uneven roles the script has for them.

I could go on and on about how hilariously predictable each of them and the plot is, but this is getting long. In Rumble Fish, Dennis Hopper describes the Motorcycle Boy as being born in the wrong time, with the power to do anything but with nothing he wants to do.

This is what happened to Mickey in Johnny Handsome, but the movie's so bad that his attempts to save it are just stupid, not tragic.

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	FILM	THEATRE	COMMENTS		
****	The Wizard of Oz	Arlington	Miss it and you're a commie. (Doug Arellanes		
****	Some Like It Hot	Victoria St.	(Reviewed this issue)		
***1/2	Animation Celebration	Victoria St.	Several superb shorts shine supreme. (Todd Francis)		
***1/2	The Navigator	Campbell Hall	(Reviewed this issue)		
***1/2	Sex, Lies & Video Tape	Goleta, Riveria	Underwhelming, but watching it is like having a long, indepth, probing talk about sex with a close friend. (Doug Arellanes)		
***	Parenthood	Granada 3	It didn't quite make me want to go out and father a gaggle of whelps, but the little kid's stressed-out mug made me want to rest nonetheless. (Jeffrey P. McManus)		
***	In Country	Cinema Twin	Bruce Willis is surprisingly good in a movie whose only flaw is a somewhat sluggish script. (Brian Banks)		
**	Old Gringo	Fiesta 4	Jane's good, but not that good.		
**	A Dry White Season	Plaza de Oro	(Reviewed this issue)		
*	Black Rain Granada 3		Part "Dirty Harry," part "Robocop," part "Year of the Dragon," the movie plays like this year's Yankees—lots of power but no point. (Jesse Engdahl)		
*	Johnny Handsome	Fiesta 4	(Reviewed this issue)		
*	Sea of Love	Fiesta 4, Cinema Twin	Al Pacino is flawless, Ellen Barkin wears a tight red dress, but the characters are cardboard cut-outs. Why, Al, why? (Julee Stover)		

Not yet reviewed: An Innocent Man, Shirley Valentine, Welcome Home

'Navigator' Rethinks Time Travel Genre

Crisp Direction Saves Film From Cliches; 10-year Old Steals Show

By Brian Banks Reporter

Billed as "An Odyssey Across Time," The Naviga-tor certainly does not disappoint. From the haunting black-and-white images that open the film to the majestic nighttime colors that greet the astonished eyes of its 14th century adventurers, the film is a work of fresh and unusual talent.

It begins a mining village

in 14th century England, where a small group of men set off on a spiritual quest to ward off the imminent Black Death. They follow the visions of a nine-year-old boy, who has had prophetic dreams that the villagers interpret as a chance for salvation.

Needing to erect a cross on the cathedral in the boy's dreams, the group sets out on a journey "to the other end of the earth." After days of digging, however, they find themselves in New Zealand — in 1988!

It is at this point that talented young director Vincent Ward shines. He lets us see the 20th century through the eyes of the travelers. A submarine becomes a giant sea monster, while cars whizzing by emerge as a deadly obstacle when trying to cross a highway.

But Ward does not let

their journey pass without some humor. At first stranded helplessly (although right next to a 911 call box) they are mistaken for "Hare-bloody-Krishnas" by some foundry workers who agree to help the travelers fulfill their mission.

As the young boy with haunting visions, actor Hamish McFarlane is always on target. He appears at first innocent and naive, but gradually emerges as the leader. McFarlane excels in his ability to translate the boy's frightful and graphic dreams to a terrified and

confused group.

The others on the journey, including Bruce Lyons and Marshall Napier, are also excellent. In fact the entire cast — new to American audiences — is equally determined to the point where no emotion or expression is

With the help of an en-hancing musical score by Davood A. Tabrizi and superb images captured on film by Geof Simpson, "The Navigator" becomes more than your usual predictable science-fiction movies. It is Ward's rare feat of imagination and originality that make this a fresh and powerful adventure.

The Navigator will be shown Sunday night at Campbell Hall, at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Brando Dominates 'Dry White Season'

His Two Scenes Alone are Almost Worth the Price of Admission

By Lainie Laurent Reporter

A Dry White Season is essentially two movies. There is the Hollywoodglamourized version of the battle for civil rights in South Africa and there is Marlon Brando's film tucked neatly within that

Since Brando only has two scenes, the thrifty student must decide whether it is worth the \$6 admission price to see him or wait 5 months for it to come out on videocassette. As far as seeing it for the Anti-Apartheid message: see Cry Freedom; it's already out on tape.

Brando plays a barrister (that's a lawyer for those who haven't seen A Fish Called Wanda) who is persuaded by a native South African schoolteacher (Donald Sutherland) to represent a dead Black man in the Apartheid-ruled courts.

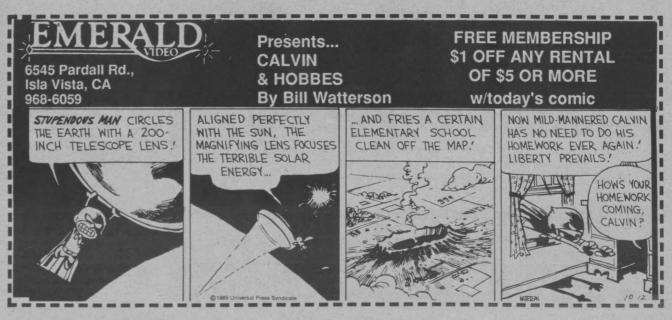
Here is the true guts of the

movie, and probably the reason Brando took the role for the Screen Actor's Guild (SAG) minimum fee, instead of the hefty salary he could command for such a tiny rule (Superman: The Movie comes to mind). Some of the most noteworthy lines from the entire movie occur in Brando's two powerful scenes.

Here are glimpses of Brando's genius as the intelligent, witty, charismatic actor he once was when he starred in A Streetcar Named Desire, Mutiny on the Bounty and On the Waterfront (to name but a

few).

A Dry White Season is also a movie about the suppression of Blacks by the South African government. It is the story of a South African schoolteacher (Sutherland) who evolves from 1gnorance to intolerance concerning the issue of the treatment of Blacks by the 'Special Branch" of the South African government. As the teacher learns more and becomes more involved with the case of the dead man, he sacrifices his closed-minded friends and his job while estranging his



HOT: Monroe, Curtis and Lemmon Hilarious

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written by director Billy Wilder and I.A.L. Diamond. No line is wasted as Lemmon, Curtis and Monroe all get plenty of hilarious

Lemmon and Curtis display courage as the men who wear flower patterns and carry purses years before the 1970s, when it really became fashionable. They form an excellent comic pair who trade oneliners in the tradition of

some of the greatest comedy

A number of stars from that era lend credible support in small roles. George Raft does a funny take-off of his coin-tossing "Scarface" role, Edward G. Robinson does another of his gangster bits, and wide-mouthed Joe E. Brown delivers the film's classic closing line.

And, of course, there's Marilyn. Wearing dresses that look like they were glued on and sometimes playing the dumb blonde, it

almost seems like another of those "Marilyn" roles — the ones where it now appears that Hollywood was using her for her appearance.

But her performance squelches that thought. She makes the most of her character and gives the film some of its best moments. With lines like, "I could quit drinking anytime I want to ... I just don't want to," she proves that she could have been one of the great comic actresses of her time.

A hugely successful film

when it was first released, "Some Like It Hot," has stood the test of time. Its dialogue remains as fresh and funny as the performances. It has an enduring quality that ranks it as the best film in Marilyn Monroe's all-too brief career. Some Like It Hot

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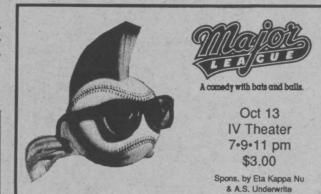
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Continued from p.4A daughter and wife. The man wins his small battle in the eyes of his son, but loses the

There are competent performances by the rest of the supporting cast members (excluding Brando) and the location shots are nothing spectacular. The music is reminiscent of Paul Simon's Graceland album with many of the vocals being sung by the cast of "Sarafinal"

The special make-up effects are gruesome and effective to evoke sympathy for the torture that Blacks are subject to in the Apartheid governments of Africa.

Aside from Brando's performance, A Dry White Season was not a very inspired movie, considering how explosive the subject matter is. It is basically an MGM/UA vehicle that some studio executive said, "Hey, a gripping psychological drama set in South Africa — let's make it suitable for American audiences so it will sell lots of tickets!!"

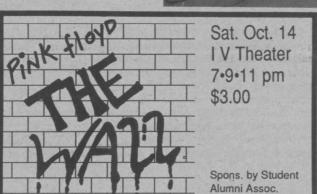
The force of the Anti-Apartheid message is hit the heaviest as the film is completed by showing a statement that says something to the effect that nothing has

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happened in the South African civil war since 1976 (the year in which the fictitious A Dry White Season is set). Black men, women and children are still senselessly imprisoned, tortured and murdered simply for want-

ing to be free. So as not to end on such a depressing note, here's a story. After viewing A Dry White Season, I was listening to snatches of conversation as people left the theater. There was one comment that caught my attention. As a woman was leaving the bathroom, she saw her date and smiled. They kissed; then started to walk towards where I was standing. As they passed, her date asked, "What did you think of the movie?'

She replied, "What's Apartheid?"





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Grapes of Wrath: Canadian Rock Dudes Without Gimmicks

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By Seana Fitt Staff Writer

Okay, hosers. Looking for some good Canadian music, eh?

Then again, having brain surgery is probably better than that shitty beer. Give British Columbia's Hailing from an average B.C. town called Kelowna

(population 67,000) the four man band began because they were "the only people in our town doing a band, writing our own songs," according to drummer Chris Hooper.

listen, okay? It could be even better than Elcenor.

"Yeah, we were the only people who thought we were great," lead singer/ guitarist Kevin Kane proudly added.

Grapes of Wrath (the band, as opposed to Steinbeck's high school required-reading) played a major role in the flourishing Vancouver music scene during the mid 1980s. With the September release of "Now and Again," the Grapes' third album, they have begun to receive considerable Canadian acceptance, except from their

Average Canadian Guys in Grapes of Wrath (left to right): Kevin Kane, Tom Hooper, Chris Hooper, Vincent Jones

friends.

"They think we suck," Kane chuckled.

American acceptance, however, has been slightly harder to come by. "Being from Canada, there's already a million American bands we're competing with, right off the top. Up here it's easier for us ... people want to help Canadian bands," Hooper said.

That Grapes of Wrath are average Molson-swilling Canadian guys probably doesn't help in the

gimmick-crazy American music market, Kane said. "You can just do a groove with a guitar riff ... just kind of crunch along and shake your spandex clad hips. (Our music is) more something that hopefully will be around in 20 years time -

somebody will put on our record and still think that it's valid," Kane said.

Grapes of Wrath is not saying they wouldn't like to see a little dough for all their efforts. "One thing about the whole concept (of com-mercialism) is that we're playing rock music, which is a pretty commercial thing to begin with.... I don't think commercialism is a dirty word, what's really impor-tant is the intent."

Being a Canadian band can also present some unique problems that their Yank peers don't have to deal with. While Americans spend their time on the road fighting off easy women, keeping up with the constant flux of free drugs coming their way — but still finding the time to write sensitive, heartwarming songs like "Faithfully" — Canadian acts are placed in much more challenging situations on the road.

"We almost hit some moose a few times," Hooper wistfully recalled.

New Records: Bad and Just Ugly

Bad Brains Show They're Still In Full Effect With New 'Quickness'

By Tony Pierce Staff Writer

Bad Brains Quickness Caroline Records

Bad Brains appears in every "established" guitar "hero"'s wet dream in vivid living color. Coincidently they are also the demons in every wimpy record exec's darkest nightmare.

They're easy to write about, though, because they're hyperactive reggae dudes who thrash out psychedelic roots punk metal while singing about Jah. A little like Bob Marley, Metallica, and Stryper's grandchildren having a gang fight in a Jamaican guitar shop. Just as loud too, thank God.

This is why when Vernon Reid dreams about one day having a band as thunder-ously creative as Bad Brains, his johnson gets as hard as a forest of petrified bowling balls.

However when Reid wakes up to the grim reality that his band is only a mere glimmer on the yellow teeth of Dr. Know's grossly over-

New Kids on the Block: Somebody Please Euthanize 'Em — Quickly!

By Jeffrey C. Whalen Staff Writer

New Kids on the Block Merry Merry Christmas Columbia Records

looked quartet, he experiences the same disappointment air guitarists get when they open their eyes. The same downer Rob Lowe's girlfriends realize when he cracks open a Genuine

But (no pun intended) because Reid has the gutless record industry behind him, Mick Jagger & Co. spreading out the red carpets be-fore him, and MTV and Radio deciding whether Living Colour is "Black Music" or "Rock Music," Bad Brains will be easily overlooked and lost in the machine.

If you haven't realized ... creativity in rock 'n' roll is a dying beast. Ever since the Clash broke up, the freshest breath of air pop music has had is the renaissance of rap music. Bad Brains, by mix-

ing punk with reggae and sonic guitar leads, have revolutionized both nowdead traditions. But by adding to the noise lyrics chock full of insightful messages, the band has claimed a stake in the future of rock.

Disagree? Buy the vinyl and eat your words.

Quickness is what rock 'n' roll is hyped up to be. They just keep getting the band's names wrong. Bad Brains is rock and roll. It's not '90 Stones. And Axl's band can kiss my ass. When Dr. Know walks his 6 string into a room, Slash should take off his Abraham Lincoln hat.



I wanna know which one of these kids is Donnie Wahlberg, 'cause I gotta cream pie waiting for him.

Donnie say: "Last night I couldn't believe my eyes, y'all/I saw a big fat man in a red disguise, See NEW KIDS, p.7A



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Poi Dog Pondering Poi Dog Pondering Columbia Records

The debut from this nutty gang of Hawaiian craftspersons is undoubtedly the most original collection of tunes in some time. PDP consists of about a dozen groovy vocalists and musicians playing flute, violin, mandolin, steel and acoustic guitar, with probably a few metal rain buckets and washboards thrown in. But don't be haired-out by the fact that they're Hawaiian—this is not traditional "Hawaiian music" a la Don Ho. It's mind-teasing, good-humored, European-modeled acoustic music with a snappy beat and an intensely likable personality. Besides, how can you argue with pale white Hawaiians who make fun of pale white tourists? Watch out for this band — they'll shake your coconuts. Jeffrey P. McManus

Neil Young Reprise Records
★★★

I first heard "Eldorado" on the radio about a month ago while eating hot cereal in L.A. It put me into a trance, from which I have yet to recover. "Eldorado" is just one of several incredible songs that Neil Young has released on his latest, entitled "Freedom." Young combines a handful of bluesy, introspective songs with occasional good-n-hearty thrash guitar injections that had become a Neil Young trademark in the early and mid-70s. Love songs are love songs that avoid being smothered in cheese, social commentary refuses to become bogged down in jargon and jingo, and Young's ability to create an almost atmospheric quality, evident in "Eldorado" and "Too Far Gone," nearly burst my appendix like a bubble. Todd Francis

The Sugar Cubes here today tomorrow next week! Elektra Records

The second release from the Sugar Cubes won't put Iceland on the map any more than volcanoes will, but there's plenty of seismic activity on this album as well. Sure, the title is poorly punctuated, but it ain't bad for a second album. here today doesn't expose quite as many raw nerves as the Cubes' debut offering, but it still howls and wails its way into oblivion decently. Conversation overheard in a record store: "It's okay, but they use their dude singer too much on this album. He sucks. Jeffrey P. McManus

Max Q
Max Q
Atlantic Records

Walking hairdo/lead vocalist/songwriter Michael Hutchence tries his best, but this just ain't INXS. Max Q does have its jumpy moments, especially on the infectious lamentation "Way of the World," but the album as a whole is obviously an exercise, a hobby for Hutchence to engage in while his real band (from which we have heard nothing since 1987) complacently kicks back on a beach somewhere, eating something. Where Hutchence can do no wrong is as a performer. He is one of the most honest, consistent and powerful male vocalists of the decade, and his work on this album is true to form. Jeffrey P. McManus

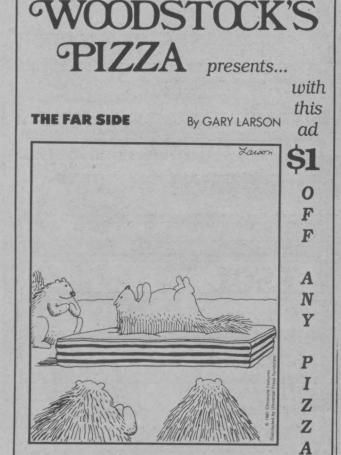
Animal Logic Animal Logic I.R.S. Records

The re-emergence of percussionist Stewart Copeland with a new group is unsurprising and thoroughly unremarkable. Although he's not the drummer he used to be, his brother does own the record company, and he did used to be with the Police, so he basically gets to do anything he wants, unfortunately. This collection of cheap ballads and utterly predictable sub-pop is saved only by the interesting, original guitar work of Stanley Clarke. Now, if we could only axe the cheesy Copeland rhythm cliches, we might have an album worth missing lunch over.

— Jeffrey P. McManus



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Rhapsody In Taps Gives New Life, Meaning to Tap Dancing

Critically Praised **Troupe Performs** at Campbell Hall **Tomorrow Night**

By Charlie Denny Reporter

At the mention of tap dance, what first comes to mind is Shirley Temple as she clops her way across the deck of the Good Ship Lollipop on a movie screen.

But Rhapsody In Taps, an dancers have to be able to

rather be on a sidewalk outside the theatre polishing their moves.

Rhapsody In Taps' style, developed by choreogra-pher and artistic director Linda Sohl-Donnell, is a more demanding blend of rhythm (or jazz) tap, and several other forms of

"Much tap taught across the country is like processed sugar," she explained. "I need more than just the ability to do footwork. The

L.A.-based group perform-ing tomorrow night in upper bodies in a way which Campbell Hall, would is not necessarily the norm upper bodies in a way which is not necessarily the norm for tap dancing," Sohl-Donnell said.

Sohl-Donnell's choreography is also unique because the pieces are per-formed to live music. (Most companies dance to tape recorded music.)
Additionally, the com-

pany rehearses for months in silence or with a metronome. According to Sohl-Donnell, the dancers are not provided with "the complete coloration of the finished piece of music" until immediately before a public



performance.

"(Working with live music) provides a freshness and a little feeling of change every time we're on stage," she said.

The group also includes more emotional range in its work. So while they impress the audience with their skill, control and precision, the dancers have the additional challenge of maintaining a flow of feeling within their tightly rehearsed moves.

Their shows have been well-received, but is Rhapsody In Taps inspiring a resurgence of the style, or is its revival short-lived?

"There is definitely a need for (tap dancing's) preserva-tion," she said, "particularly because the experts in its field are growing old and leaving us.'

Rhapsody In Taps will be appearing at Campbel! Hall tomorrow night at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$14/12/10 for non-students, \$12/10/8 for UCSB students. For ticket info, call 961-2080.



Eddie Brown and Linda Sohl-Donnell of Rhapsody in Taps

Installation Examines When the Bomb Drops

Thrown Out By 'Postmodernists' at S.B. Museum

By Sara Getzkin Reporter

Art lovers, photo fanatics, or activists for disarma-Santa Barbara Museum of

It is called CURRENTS, and is a fine collection of "post-modern" art. CUR-RENTS is actually four installations (exhibitions in themselves) that are devoted to spiritual, social and political content. In other words, classic art forms have just been thrown out

Each installation differs Traditional Styles from the next in terms of media and artistic practice. Of the four installations, one collection really captured my attention. Patrick Nagatani and Andree Tra-cey have combined photography, painting, installa-tion, and performance art to present their theme of

threatened nuclear disaster. Using a process known as two diffusion transfer printing, the artists have created ment will not want to miss incredibly graphic yet hu-the new exhibition at the morous depictions of a nuclear aftermath. "Nuki Sushi" and "Atomic Cocktails" are wonderfully inventive, tremendously funny, and rudely awaken-

ing pieces.
In addition to these pieces, Nagatani and Tracey have ingeniously fixed a typical American living room setting in the center of the room. Once I got closer, I was amazed at this piece of

performance art. A worn armchair, beaten coffee table, and a blaring T.V. are strategically positioned complete with magazines and overused ashtray.

As I walked closer, the most striking images overwhelmed me. A painting, made to look like a window, just behind the armchair. The scene painted was that of a tremendous mushroom cloud billowing in a red sky. Then I turned to see what was being projected on the T.V. screen. Over and over the classic tune from the 40s song "Til we meet again, don't know where, don't know when..." while vivid black-and-white scenes of nuclear testing played again and again.

Various clips from the 40s and 50s were spliced together to create a montage that literally blew me away. After I came out of this T.V. coma, to my surprise, I



found that a group had formed around the T.V. set.

On the outer walls, a series of a dozen photographs depicting similar living room scenes from across the country intensifies this explosive theme. In this "Radio Active/Inactive Series," the facial expressions of everyone — from a Wall Street Tycoon to a beer-drinking Texan — are cap-tured while they all sit in awe during a televised nu-clear disaster. Could this be an indication that we'll all be sitting at home like couch potatoes when nuclear war erupts?

That is a possibility, but ing this exhibition. something more definite is the fact that this exhibit will close Saturday. The onset of nuclear war would be the

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By Seana Fitt Reporter

How I survived my first year of college without this book as my guide I'll never know. The Complete Book of Beer Drinking Games is the best collection of recreational drinking rules around. No party can be complete, without the guidance it provides.

Best of all, it comes with a custom barf bag.
This "Beer Swigger's

Bible" contains all the usual games near and dear to every UCSB student's heart; "Quarters," "Bullshit." "Boat Racing," and Nexus fave "Beer Softball." Many of the other games are relatively unknown in these parts but well worth learning.

The games are ranked according to amounts of alcohol consured under "Boot Factors." Small toilets at the



Need Drinking Games? Buy This Book

The authors doing research.

top of each section repre-sent the "Boot Factor" for each game. In the words of the authors, "A boot factor of '1' describes the lowest potential for tossing cookies, while a boot factor of '5' warns of an almost assured

It's obvious how helpful this system can be. Real men will play nothing but Boot Factor Five games ever again while girls who hate the taste of beer but want everyone to think they're "buzzed" can settle for Boot Factor One games like "Murder."

"Murder" is the corruption of an innocent slumber party game. Each player is

dealt a face-down card. Only one ace is passed out and the player with that card is now the murderer. You can guess what comes next. The murderer kills people by winking at them and, of course, they must "chug" a beer before they can die. All living players try to catch the murderer in the act. Pretty wimpy.

The Boot Factor Five game "Boot-a-Bout" is brilliant for its simplicity, deadly for it's players. This game was custom made for Pizza Bob's, or a similarly gnarly drinkin' joint. A pitcher of beer is passed around the group, each player drinking as much as they



The only rule is "the player who drank just before the player who finishes the pitcher must buy the next to yourself that "Boot-a-Bout" sounds very boring, consider the amount of beer you would be willing to drink to ensure that the person next to you has to purchase the next round.

"The Complete Book of Beer Drinking Games" is a worthwhile investment for anyone who believes the sole purpose of college is to give students an excuse to get together after class and

shout, "Zoom, Schwartz, Perfigliano!" at each other while foam runs down the side of their mouth. The Complete Book of Beer Drinking Games By Andy Griscom, Ben Rand and Scott Johnston In a word, The New New Edition. Starr writes Chips Off the Old Block's

Merry, Merry Christmas personifies all of the pain and suffering that they talk much business writing about so much on this album. But if you like hon-estly bad pop fluff, fire-up end up sounding like the the fireplace, dim the lights, curl up on the couch with a cute 14-year-old, and put the album on.



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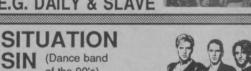
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y'all." And he says stuff like that all through the brandnew New Kids on the Block album Merry, Merry Christmas.

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stupid, sad, goofy, and completely devoid of talent, but they're also chock full of social "commentary" like:
"Peace to the world, from the New Kids on the Block" or "There are some people living in this world/They have no food to eat."

The New Kids on the Chopping Block was the Air Supply on Xanex, and

same guy who brought us and produces most of their songs, even though he's not in the band and he has as songs as his half-brother, Ringo, does. The New Kids Bee Gees gone chartreuse, brainstorm of pop master- Burt Reynolds' toupee all mind, Maurice Starr, the singing "Muskrat Love."

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