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Current Book Causes National Controversy

Copies Disappear from Local Stores; Unavailable at B. Dalton, Waldenbooks

By Joel Brand
Reporter

Just as Salman Rushdie's controversial *The Satanic Verses* vanished from bookshelves across the country after Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini issued a "death sentence" for the author, the book has also become very scarce in Santa Barbara bookstores.

The book, released last fall, sat on the shelf for weeks at the Earthling Bookshop in Santa Barbara until it received international attention through Khomeini's death command and soon become a bestseller. "When the Ayatollah threatened Rushdie's life, they sold out within hours," said owner Penny Davies.

Of the six local bookstores contacted, none said it had the book in stock. But most said they would carry it when additional copies became available, which, according to Doug Smoot, senior manager of Santa Barbara Crown Books, could be as soon as the second week of March.

Employees at Santa Barbara Waldenbooks and B. Dalton, whose chains took the book off all their stores' shelves out of concern for their workers, said they were not permitted to talk about the book. None of the employees at the stores

contacted said they had received any threats.

Whether Khomeini is genuinely concerned about the heretical aspects of the book or is using it instead only as a political tool has been the topic of debate among experts since the controversy began. "The book appeared very conveniently for Khomeini to unite Iran. I think he is definitely using it for his political purposes," said UCSB Islamic Religion Professor Juan Campo. "If it had been published at a different time, it probably wouldn't have had such an impact."

"Most of the people who are complaining about the book, I think haven't read it," Campo said. He added the book is a work of fiction with historical underpinnings and that Rushdie demonstrates a good understanding of the Islamic history of the prophet Mohammed.

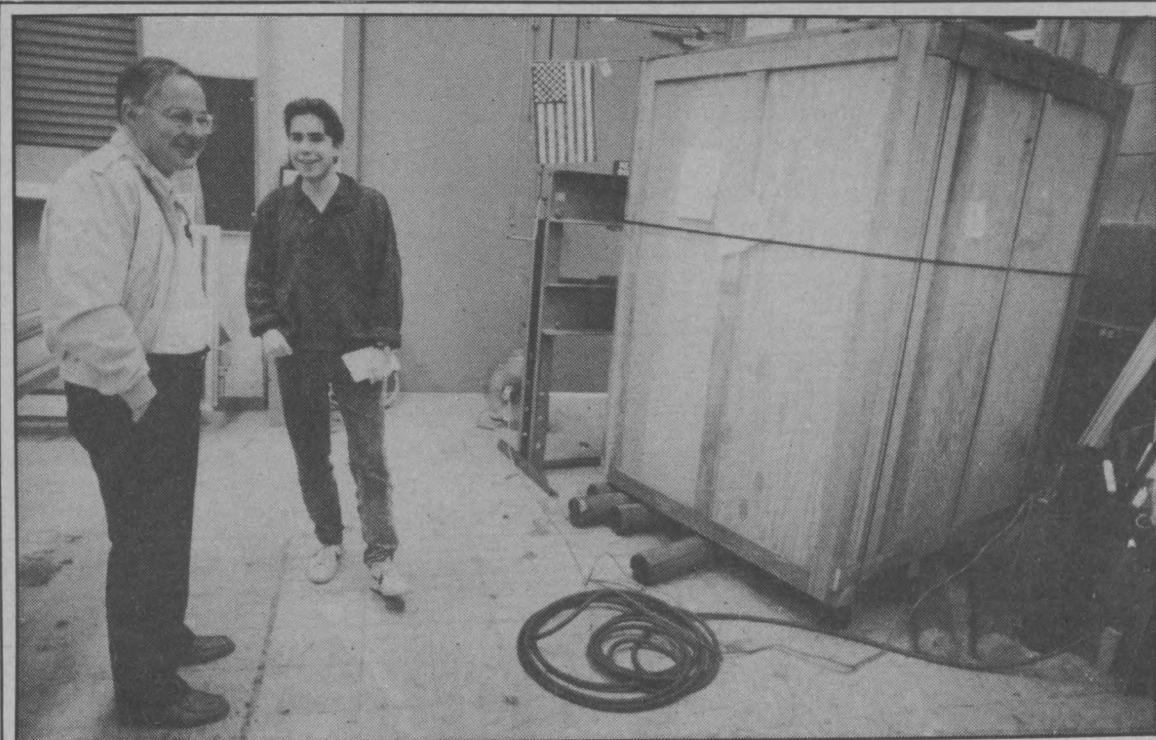
Under Islamic law, a person can be executed for cursing Mohammed, according to Orange County Islamic Society Director Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi. But, he said, "I don't agree that this is the right position, that any man can kill (Rushdie)."

Although Siddiqi himself called the book "blasphemous," he said Iran overreacted to it. If Khomeini had not issued the death order, "it would have died by itself," Siddiqi said. "It is a boring book."

He added that he believes a more reasonable reaction for Khomeini would have been to call for Rushdie's extradition to stand trial as a heretic.

The book addresses conflicts encountered by Muslims arising

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The remains of UCSB's nuclear reactor lies dormant, crated away in the depths of Broida Hall.

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Reactor Shield Awaits Disposal

Radiation Protection Officer Says Nuclear Reactor Stripped Of Uranium Core in '86

By Tim McDaniel
Staff Writer

In the corner of a room in Broida Hall, among wooden ladders and equipment that would go unnoticed in any metal shop, sits an enormous wooden box with an American flag hanging off one side.

The box houses a lead and steel shield and some waste papers, the remains of UCSB's nuclear reactor, which was disassembled in 1986 and had its radioactive uranium removed from campus, said Frank Gallagher, UCSB Environmental Health and Safety radiation protection officer.

While these remains will eventually be taken from campus, the removal has been slowed by vague federal regulations, Gallagher said. "We're waiting for the federal agencies to get their acts together," he said. Gallagher explained that because the shield contains lead, the use of which is monitored by the

Environmental Protection Agency, as well as low level radiation, which is under the jurisdiction of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, neither agency can take full responsibility for the removal.

Donated to UCSB in 1975 by the University of Nevada at Reno, the reactor was used in Nuclear Engineering 125, an undergraduate spring quarter laboratory course, according to Professor A. Edward Profio, who was in charge of the lab. The reactor was a cylinder eight feet long and eight feet in diameter, he said, and generated only 10 watts of power, about

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Fraternity Faces Difficulty Entering Greek Community

By Ross Chan
Reporter

In the 1988 *La Cumbre* yearbook, photos under the heading "Greeks" take up 59 pages, with group shots of 13 sororities and 12 fraternities.

However there are other "unofficial" greeks at UCSB. Several academic and special interest greek organizations, which do not participate in the Interfraternity or Panhellenic greek governance councils, are listed under the "club" category of the yearbook rather than "Greek."

One of these, however, is a full-fledged fraternity chapter with its own house, that has unsuccessfully been trying to join the "official" greek community for more than two years.

Established on Feb. 9, 1987, Alpha Epsilon Pi attempted to ride a wave of greek expansion by applying for consideration by the Greek Expansion Committee, which was created by the IFC and

Panhellenic councils three years ago to meet the demand for new chapters by inviting qualified fraternities and sororities into the system. But AEPi is not among the three new fraternities and one sorority that have been approved by the expansion committee since its formation.

According to IFC officers, the fraternity failed to meet the criteria for acceptance. Former IFC President Dave Cleff explained that AEPi was rejected partly because the expansion committee prohibits the acceptance of a "crashing national fraternity," one which is known nationally for colonizing at campuses without being invited by either the university or its operating interfraternity council.

At UCSB, AEPi did in fact recruit members and occupy a house without first gaining acceptance by the expansion committee. According to Cleff, if AEPi were admitted into the IFC, "It would establish a bad precedent — (UCSB) may have several more



fraternities come uninvited."

AEPi also failed to stack up alongside the three accepted fraternities in other criteria established by the expansion committee, Cleff said. In considering fraternities, the committee checks the age of the national fraternity, its financial backing and the number of the chapter's alumni living in the Santa Barbara area. AEPi, and four other fraternities that were rejected, did not meet any number of these guidelines, Cleff said.

The expansion committee reportedly found that AEPi, which has a charter based on Jewish

principles, falls short in the number of AEPi alumni living in the Santa Barbara area, according to former AEPi President Donald Marks. The accepted fraternities included Delta Upsilon, which was established in 1987, Pi Kappa Alpha, which colonized last winter, and Beta Theta Pi, which held its first rush event in January.

AEPi members contend that the expansionary guidelines make it difficult for a Jewish fraternity to colonize at UCSB because Santa Barbara does not have a large Jewish population, meaning consequently that there are few alumni of AEPi who live in the area.

Current AEPi President David Samson believes there should be a provision added to the application process providing for walk-on fraternities and those which don't meet all of the conditions prescribed by the expansionary committee. If AEPi does not measure up on paper in comparison to some other fraternities in terms of financial backing and

number of local alumni, it should not mean that their group is unqualified to colonize at UCSB, Samson said.

"At other schools, if a fraternity can prove that they will be a benefit to the community, then there's no reason to keep them off (the IFC)," Marks added. "Rules need to accommodate with the situation."

By colonizing without an invitation, AEPi and the IFC were immediately placed at odds with each other, Samson said. As a result, Samson claims sororities have been warned not to associate with the newly formed fraternity or face stiff penalties. For example, he explained one sorority asked members of every fraternity except AEPi to participate in its Big Brothers program.

Cleff said official sanctions concerning AEPi were never made. "A sorority can solicit to anyone they want. If they choose not to solicit AEPi, then that's their right," he said.

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World

Salvadoran Rebels Attack Major Military Installation

SAN SALVADOR — Leftist rebels attacked the country's most important army base and an engineer detachment Tuesday killing eight people and wounding 17.

The attacks came as representatives of El Salvador's major political parties met in Mexico with top commanders of the rebel army to discuss a modified insurgent electoral proposal the rebels are pushing.

"Rejection of the proposal will mean the war will not only continue but will escalate," warned the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front's radio.

In Mexico, the rebels proposed that the elections be postponed to June from March 19 and that a cease-fire could be instituted. It was a switch from previous demands that the election be postponed until September, but left constitutional problems unresolved.

The Constitution calls for President Jose Napoleon Duarte to leave office on June 1; right-wing and center political parties have opposed any change in that date and the army has hinted of a coup if Duarte overstays.

The early morning attack on the 4,000 member first brigade's headquarters was the fifth on a major military installation in this capital since November.



Duties of Prime Minister Resumed by Party Member

KABUL, Afghanistan — Sultan Ali Kistmand, a hard-liner and ranking member of the ruling Communist Party's Politburo, took over many of the duties of prime minister Tuesday, government sources said.

Anti-communist guerrillas, meanwhile, fired a salvo of rockets into the Afghan capital, killing one person and injuring three others on the ninth anniversary of the uprising against the Soviet-backed government.

The guerrillas hold most of the countryside and are trying to close in on the cities, which are mainly held by government troops.

Mohammad Hasan Sharq stepped down as prime minister Monday.

State-run Kabul radio said Kistmand, who served as prime minister until 1988, has been charged with supervising the government's council of ministers.

Government sources said this meant Kistmand would effectively be the prime minister.

Sudan's Defense Minister Resigns After Refused Aid

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Defense Minister Abdel-Magid Khalil resigned Tuesday and reportedly alleged that government reluctance to end Sudan's southern civil war has isolated the country. Former Gen. Salah Abdul-Salam was named as his replacement.

The independent newspaper *Al-Ayam* said Khalil resigned after returning from an unannounced visit to Iraq and Jordan, where he apparently was refused new military and financial aid.

Information Minister Beshir Omar said Prime Minister Sadek Mahdi named Abdul-Salam as his replacement. Abdul-Salam is a member of the prime minister's Umma party. Khalil, who also was an army general, is an independent.

Omar said Mahdi cancelled a trip to Japan to attend the funeral of Emperor Hirohito because of the "emergency circumstances."

Another newspaper, *Al-Adwa*, said Khalil's letter of resignation charged that "the foreign policy adopted by the government does not lead to a unified internal front nor to stability, and has also led to the isolation of the country both in the Arab and outside world."

Nation

State Not Responsible For Protection of Abused Child

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, ruling against a child who suffered brain damage from repeated beatings by his father, said Wednesday states generally may not be sued even if they negligently fail to shield people from abuse by others.

The 6-3 decision said public officials have no constitutional duty to protect those who are not in state custody. The court said there is no legal recourse even in the "undeniably tragic" case where officials were aware of the beatings but did not intervene.

The court killed a lawsuit in behalf of Joshua DeShaney, a Wisconsin boy who since age four has been profoundly retarded and is expected to remain institutionalized for the rest of his life.



Leading Physicist Calls For Nuclear Weapons Reduction

NEW YORK — Stephen Hawking, one of the world's leading theoretical physicists, and diplomat George F. Kennan on Wednesday added their voices to those calling for the United States and the Soviet Union to reduce the store of nuclear arms.

The two made their comments in statements issued with the announcement that they were among five winners of the \$125,000 Britannica Awards for excellence in disseminating knowledge to benefit humankind.

Hawking, who is confined to a wheelchair and speaks through a voice synthesizer because of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also called on the United States to abandon the Strategic Defense Initiative or "Star Wars" which he said stands in the way of U.S.-Soviet cooperation.

Without such cooperation, "chances of the human race surviving the next 100 years are not good," Hawking said.

Consumer Price Increase Is Biggest Jump In Two Years

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices shot up 0.6 percent last month, their fastest rise in two years, the government said Wednesday in a report that analysts cite as fresh evidence of entrenched and accelerating inflation.

Propelled by higher costs for food, energy and a variety of other goods and services, the seasonally adjusted increase in the Consumer Price Index doubled the moderate 0.3 percent gains of November and December, the labor department said.

January's rise, if it persisted for 12 months, would amount to an annual inflation rate of 7.2 percent, a dramatic increase from the 4.4 percent posted for both 1988 and 1987.

Former KKK Leader Sworn In As Louisiana Legislator

BATON ROUGE, La. — David Duke, a former grand wizard of the Klu Klux Klan, overcame two last-minute challenges and was sworn in to the Louisiana Legislature on Wednesday as black lawmakers vowed to keep an eye on him.

Duke took the oath of office after surviving a lawsuit and an attempt by a lawmaker to deny him his House seat in a dispute over whether Duke was a legal resident of his suburban New Orleans district, which is 99.6 percent white.

"I want to allay fears that I will be divisive or a problem in this great body," Duke told his colleagues. "I truly believe when we took the pledge of allegiance this morning and we said justice for all, I believe in that for America."

State

Chapman, McFerrin Take Top Honors at Grammys

LOS ANGELES — Singer-songwriter Tracy Chapman, a shy newcomer to the recording industry, won three Grammy awards Wednesday night for her debut LP, and song stylist Bobby McFerrin won best pop male vocal performance for the hit single, "Don't Worry, Be Happy."

Chapman won the female pop vocal award for her No. 1 single "Fast Car," which tells of a high school dropout who supports her alcoholic father and wants to escape her misery in a fast car with her unemployed boyfriend.

Clad in her customary blue jeans and black leather jacket, she kept her acceptance speech to a brief "Thank you," when she was named best new artist. Jazz singer Anita Baker claimed two rhythm and blues trophies, as the 31st annual Grammy awards pre-broadcast ceremonies got under way at the Shrine auditorium.



Bookstores Vandalized Over Banning of Rushdie Novel

SAN FRANCISCO — Two bookstores embroiled in the controversy over publication of *The Satanic Verses* were vandalized by someone who spray-painted the word "cowards" on their windows.

Leaflets pasted on the windows of the B. Dalton and Waldenbooks stores accused the chain stores of collaborating with the "forces of darkness and repression."

B. Dalton temporarily removed the books from its shelves while officials at Waldenbooks, which also pulled the books, have not indicated whether they will change their minds.

Iranian Islamic leaders have said author Salman Rushdie should die for writing the novel, which they consider blasphemous.

High School Student Knifed Repeatedly on L.A. Campus

HUNTINGTON PARK — A teenage girl was repeatedly stabbed in the face, back, chest and arms Wednesday as she walked across a high school campus to catch a school bus to another high school.

The 16-year-old girl, a 10th grader who was being bused to Verdugo Hills High School, was in guarded condition at County-USC Medical Center, said Huntington Park High School Principal Antonio Garcia.

A fellow student in the busing program was being held for investigation in the stabbing Wednesday afternoon, said city police Sgt. Ernie Batterton.

"This is particularly vicious," said Batterton. "She received three stab wounds to the chest area and one in her mouth. She received numerous slashes to her forearms as she tried to defend herself."

Batterton said a 16-year-old boy who was brought to the station for questioning from Verdugo Hills High School told officers he stabbed the girl with a small hunting knife, but did not reveal the motive.

Eight Yosemite Employees Arrested for Drug Trafficking

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK — Eight Yosemite National Park employees were arrested Wednesday on drug charges after federal officials issued warrants following a six-month undercover investigation of cocaine sales and use in the park.

U.S. Attorney David Levi called the cocaine ring "the second major narcotics operation to be conducted in Yosemite in the 1980s." A similar drug ring in 1983-84 ended in the arrests of 80 people.

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Weather

Getting a little thick around here, isn't it? Kudos, though, to the athletic department for its fair and consistent manner of doling out UNLV tickets.

Despite everything (and I mean everything) it's gonna be yet another day of ripe skin cancer possibilities. There will be an increase in cloudiness, however, and the temperature will scooch down a few degrees. The barometer, thank God, will remain steady.

THURSDAY

High 73, low 42. Sunrise 6:36, sunset 5:52.

FRIDAY

High 73, low 42. pet-ty (pete) *adj.* being small or minor and of no importance. 2. narrow-minded or unsympathetic.

Municipal Court Drops Riot Charges Against Freshman

Charges against UCSB freshman Tom Kessler for failing to disperse and assaulting an officer at the Memorial Day Weekend riot on Del Playa Drive last May were dismissed Tuesday in the Santa Barbara Municipal Court.

Kessler's attorney, public defender Denise Perez, had filed a motion for dismissal of the charges earlier this month on the grounds that Kessler had been denied a speedy trial. However, Deputy District Attorney Jim Kreyger, who was assigned to prosecute the case, voluntarily agreed to

drop the charges Tuesday before Perez' motions were considered by the court. "It was dismissed in the interest of justice," Perez said.

Kessler was asked to admit before the court that the police had not been totally unwarranted in arresting him even though charges were dropped, Kreyger said. This plea is in no way an admission of guilt and will not be detrimental to Kessler in the future, Kreyger said.

Kessler said he is pleased with the outcome of the case. "It's a relief. It was just a

problem. Just a lot of time," he said. In addition, Kessler said that he did not plan to file a suit against the police, saying, "There is no reason to."

Neither Kessler nor Kreyger had knowledge of why the case had taken so long to be resolved. Kreyger said that there is a "tier" of people through which the cases must travel, and the person who files the cases did not do so until October. Kreyger said the eventual outcome "was an acceptable solution to the situation."

— Jeff Kass

Uehling Holds Office Hours

For students who wish to address particular concerns or just want to meet the chancellor, Barbara Uehling will hold open office hours today and at four other times during winter and spring quarters.

Students are free to drop by Uehling's fifth-floor office in Cheadle Hall without an appointment on the following days:

- Today, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.
- Thursday, March 9, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 19, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, May 4, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 24, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Uehling said she came up with the idea of holding office hours in the fall of 1987, shortly after her arrival at UCSB.

An average of 15 students have shown up per session, she said. However, some sessions have brought as few as two or three students.

Issues addressed in the past during Uehling's office hours include physical conditions in classrooms, difficulty in getting classes, health insurance and bicycle-related issues, according to Uehling.

"Some people just come in to meet me," she said.

Uehling believes the office hours have been helpful to her as well as useful for students. "It helps me understand what the students are thinking. Generally, I think it has been a good experience for both of us," she said.



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VERSES

(Continued from p.1) from the difficulty of following their traditional beliefs while living in the West, Campo said.

For Muslims, the principal point of contention lies with the book's depiction of Mohammed as having human characteristics such as doubt. "The Muslims are taking offense at the emphasis of Mohammed's

humanistic aspects, his uncertainties and his doubts," as portrayed in the book, said Campo. "Many Muslims take personal offense to criticisms of Mohammed."

Segments of the Muslim community have also taken strong issue to a passage in the book where they allege Mohammed's wives are called prostitutes. However, Campo emphasized that that is a misinterpretation, saying, "If you actually read the book, that's not what he is saying."

The book derives its title from particular verses in the original Koran that were later removed, Campo said. The origin of *The Satanic Verses* title comes from the belief by some Muslims that Mohammed later became doubtful about the verses' content and thus deleted them, while more fundamental Muslims maintain the verses were originally inspired by the devil, and God later revealed the verses' satanic origin.

Campo compared *The Satanic Verses* to the book

The Last Temptation of Christ by Greek author Nikos Kazantzakis. The books portray the prophets Mohammed and Christ, respectively, as having doubts, a human characteristic. This depiction of Christ was similarly seen as blasphemous by some Christians.

The Satanic Verses will be one of the textbooks in a new UCSB religious studies course, Islam and Modernity (140F), which will be taught this spring by Dr. Campo.

REACTOR

(Continued from p.1) enough to run a flashlight. Profio said the reactor was "not suitable for research" because of its low power.

Despite its low power, the reactor did contain one kilogram of weapons-grade uranium, which is needed for the construction of nuclear weapons. Because of this,

the reactor was under the heavy security of a locked door and fence and of a motion detector, Gallagher said.

The reactor, last used in fall of 1985, was shut down in the wake of new federal regulations designed to reduce the availability of weapons-grade uranium for fear of terrorist thefts. The revised regulations would have required that the university convert the reactor to use low-grade

uranium, unfit for use in weapons, Profio said. However, Profio said the university had already planned to shut down the reactor, regardless of the new regulations, as soon as it received a nuclear reactor simulator, which is now used instead.

The simulator, first utilized in spring of 1987, uses a \$75,000 accelerator as a neutron source, coupled to an IBM XT personal computer, Profio said. "It's

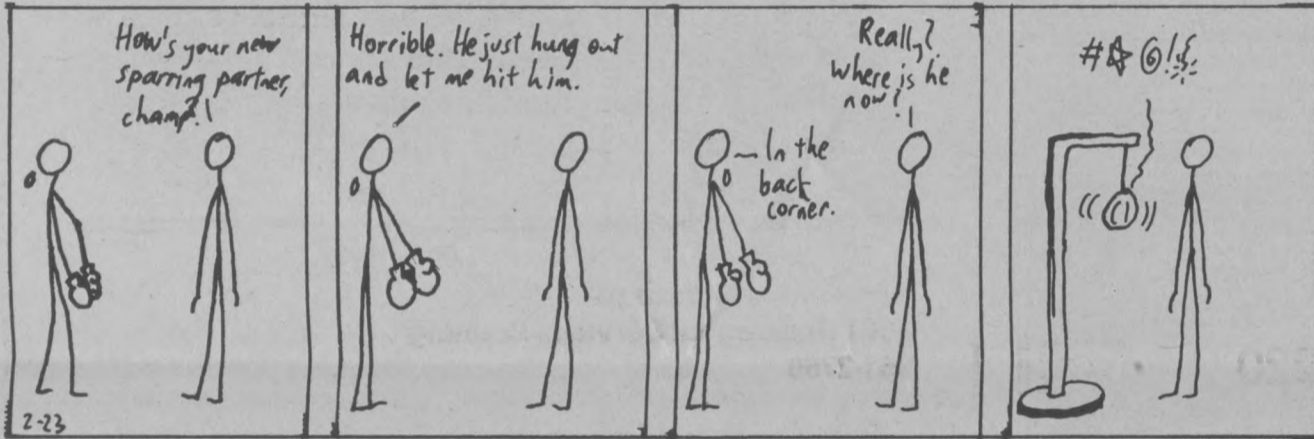
probably as good, if not better as a neutron source" as the old reactor, he said of the new set-up, adding the simulator can be used for faculty research, whereas the reactor could not, because of its low power.

Profio said during the 10 years the reactor was used on campus, its presence was well known, but it never drew protestors. "At the time they were more interested in Diablo Canyon."

Nexus Funnies

Stick People

By Ed Boerd



Bird & Diz

by Mark Allen



POLICE REPORT

Indecent Exposure, and Then Some

An Isla Vista transient was arrested Feb. 15 for indecently exposing himself in front of the apartment of two female Isla Vista residents, according to police records.

At about 8 p.m., Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers responded to a report of a white adult male allegedly attempting to enter the Pasado Road residence of two female UCSB students. While en route to the scene, the officers were informed by a sheriff's department dispatch broadcast that the subject had reportedly dropped his trousers and had begun to masturbate outside the front window of the residence.

When the officers arrived at the address, two females ran up and directed the officers to the suspect, who was still looking in the front window of the house. The officers approached the suspect, Joseph Edwin Ferrucci, 20, who fled the scene when he saw the police. The officers pursued Ferrucci on foot, eventually apprehending him after he entered a house on Trigo Road. He was taken into custody and booked on charges of prowling, peeping and indecent exposure, according to police records.

Who's On First?

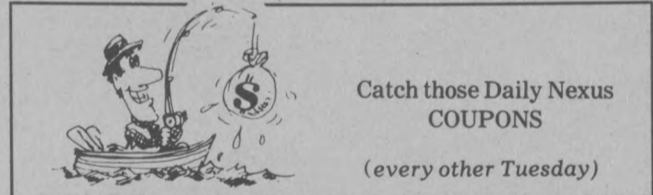
Two UCSB students were cited for minor in possession of alcohol by Foot Patrol officers Feb. 17, with one of the students seeing numerous other charges filed against him, according to police records.

Two officers on routine bicycle patrol of Del Playa Road at about 10:15 p.m. reportedly observed two male subjects walking across the roadway, each carrying a glass containing beer. The subjects were contacted for investigation of violation of the open-container ordinance. The officers requested and obtained California-issued driver's licenses from both subjects. The officers also requested alternate forms of identification to verify the licenses. One of the suspects, Brian Paul DeLeon, 19, produced verification and was cited for minor in possession of alcohol. The other suspect could not produce verification of his driver's license, which identified him as Richard Anthony Flores, 22.

In an attempt to verify "Flores" identification, one of the officers asked DeLeon if he knew his friend's name. DeLeon reportedly responded that his friend was "Mike Flores." The officer then asked "Flores" what his date of birth was. The suspect reportedly said it was either May 13 or May 14, 1966 and that he could not be certain because he had consumed alcohol. The date of birth on the license was May 17, 1966.

"Flores" was taken into custody on suspicion that he supplied false information to a police officer, possessing fraudulent identification and minor in possession of alcohol. "Flores" also had a plastic bong protruding from his front pocket. "Flores" said his identification could be verified by a roommate, but when contacted, the roommate said no "Flores" had ever lived with him, but that an Ilmer Rafael Maradiaga had recently moved out of the residence. Maradiaga then reportedly confirmed that this was his true identity and that he was only 19. He was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail for minor in possession of alcohol, fraudulent license, lying to a police officer and possessing drug paraphernalia, according to police records.

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AEPI: Fails to Meet Criteria

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Cleff does not believe that members of the greek community have developed a negative attitude toward AEPI and an adversarial relationship does not exist between AEPI and the IFC.

Still, however, both sides are now attempting to improve the relationship. "We'd like to work together to come to a solution — for a fair resolution for everybody," said Samson, stressing that AEPI does not want to create animosity between greeks.

In an effort to improve relations, AEPI was permitted last year to visit each of the IFC fraternities and give presentations about itself. The presentations attempted to demonstrate AEPI's benefits to the greek system and that AEPI members have had "a stigma" attached to them stemming from its inclusion from IFC. Saying that the presentations have garnered a "favorable" response, Samson said, "Before, we weren't really talking to them at all (Now) we have at least established an atmosphere where we can talk to each other."

Despite the reported warming in relations between AEPI and the other greek organizations, AEPI is not likely to get another chance to join the IFC in the near future. Only a two-thirds vote by IFC members would allow AEPI to be accepted, unless the expansionary committee invites it into the system. The latter possibility, however, seems unlikely unless the "crashing fraternity" clause is scrapped, Samson said.

In order for the vote to take place, an IFC chapter member would have to make a motion for the addition of the fraternity. So far, none have come forward. "Whenever someone wants to call a vote, they'll do it,"

former IFC Vice President Shawn Farrington said.

Cleff said the two groups are moving in a positive direction, but the IFC still holds that AEPI followed the wrong procedure in establishing itself. "We made a rule (to exclude crashing fraternities). When you step back on it, you lose credibility. You have to stick to the guidelines you set," he said.

"We're not taking an adversary position. We want to work together instead of against each other," Cleff added. "They will be let on (the IFC) when they garner enough support to attain that two-thirds vote."

Opinions about accepting AEPI into the IFC vary among fraternities. Lambda Chi President Mike Bugdanowitz said at first he thought AEPI was wrong to crash the campus, but that it has done penance enough for that mistake. "I think if the vote would come now, they should come on (the IFC)," Bugdanowitz said.

Phi Delta Theta President Ryan Johnson said his house would take a collective vote before agreeing to accept AEPI, but it is "still up in the air" as to which way they would vote. Alpha Phi Alpha President DeMorris Walker declined to comment.

Last fall, AEPI representatives began to meet quarterly with the IFC, Panhellenic Council and UCSB administrators about the status of the fraternity. The next meeting is scheduled for March 3. "I'd really like to see something tangible come out of this meeting," Samson said, explaining he would like to outline what steps AEPI must take in order to gain acceptance. "I'd like to do more than just evaluate progress."

(Adam Moss contributed to this story.)

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Illegalizing F

David J. Schroed

In the wake of the Stockton schoolyard tragedy and the insanity of inner-city gang conflict, the availability and semi-automatic weapons has become the subject of much been considerable public outcry from both sides of the legislative panaceas on the local, state and national level nature of these very proposals which merits closer exam

We have already seen the city of Los Angeles hurriedly banning the sale and possession of these weapons, such within city limits. There are several problems inherent in this, not the least of which is that this ordinance may be owned and law-abiding citizens. In addition, those engaged in illicit purposes can circumvent this minor inconvenience in neighboring county; that is, if they can't pick one up on

Most significantly, the new ordinance places a question on constitutional rights; many citizens are infuriated, and it has been my experience that when townspeople attend a public meeting in displeasure with this or that law, whatever its nature, they are the ones who will be directly affected by the provisions of the law when the evening news recently aired clips of such nature. I suppose was present? There were no gang-bangers, sociopaths on hand to dissent. Of course, they had the right to because they don't obey laws anyway.

However, there were plenty of blue-collar, working-class citizens, many of whom did not own the type of weapon affected by the ordinance, nonetheless concerned with the precedent set for the city.

The point is this: The band-aid solution seized upon by Los Angeles effectively disarms or makes felons of other weapons. If it does relatively nothing to stop the violence. Gang regulation (and those who lawfully comply with it) is a difficult change. One young Crip recently told the *Los Angeles Times*, "The ban has no effect upon the violence, since 'the bangers will be up,' and also that semi- and fully automatic rifles are available on the black market (as cheap as \$30 from an addict in

Several things need to be considered at this point. First, if no solution, including a complete nationwide ban, is implemented to stop the random violence overnight. It runs just a little bit of heavy firepower.

Second, it would appear that there is an abundance of legislators seeking to make political mileage out of the issue. Collaborating to arrive at a feasible plan for stem the tide of violence (Sacramento, and the sacred halls of Congress, these offices are found in print daily) make pompous, grandiose statements about national bans on semi-automatic weapons, and in the process, offer less radical alternatives as cowards or right-wing lunatics.

The irony is that the scope and intensity of their own failures. The concept of a national ban, for example, is a chance in hell of surviving the withering assault of the gun lobby and the formidable gun lobby. The latter's influence and power would quite likely result in the defeat of any bill that would moderate. Moderation is the key if this social tumor is to be controlled.

A far more practical (and nationally digestible) solution is similar to that submitted by Governor George Deukmejian: automatic weapons should be subjected to a 15-day waiting period before they apply to the purchase of handguns, during which time the potential buyer could be satisfactorily examined. Other things: First, it would prevent undesirables from same. Under such regulation, Patrick Purdy could not have been

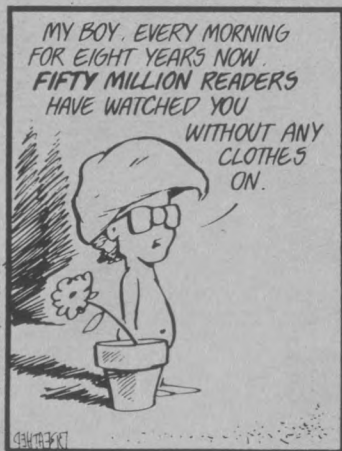


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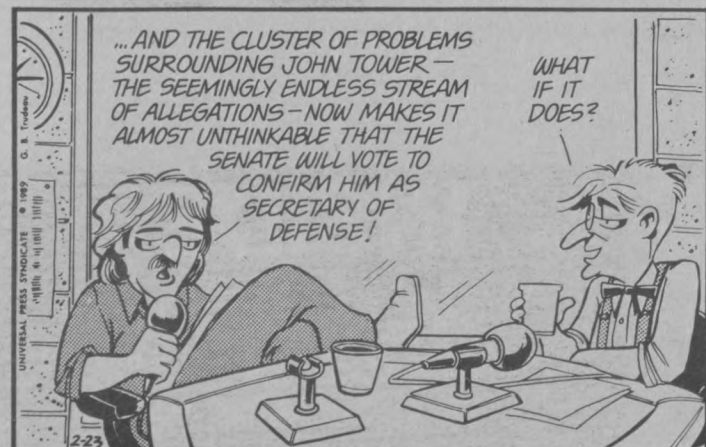
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Booze and B

Dr. Hunter S. Thomp

"We that are true lovers run into strange capers."

My heart was full of hate as we zoomed back down the road. I couldn't quite put it into focus. George Bush was on the radio talking about justice for Puerto Ricans ... but the sound of his voice was in my ears and my fiancée was babbling incessantly about a boyfriend.

"He watches me like a hawk," she was saying. "He can't escape."

I laughed harshly and gave her a hard slap to the throat. She rolled back in her head. She tried to screech, but no sound came out. Just as I started to smile, I saw her fist right in front of my face. Whack of bone against bone that made me go blind.

There was a crazy look in her eyes for a moment, then she rolled out on the seat with her head in my lap. "Let's get out of here. There's a liquor store up here on the next corner. I can get some wine."

We were almost to where she lived, she said, but she was nervous before slipping into the house. "I'm sure he's not there."

We pulled into the parking lot of the liquor store and she got out. We went inside. The top was down and the bright red lights were rolling bonfire. I felt a little queasy about necking openly in my own neighborhood, but she said it didn't matter.

"Who cares?" she giggled. "We're almost newlyweds."

Another wave of queasiness rolled over me, but I ignored it. Rich-looking men fussing over the fine wine selection, whiskey rack. It looked like a long night coming up, but I had a Salute, a tall bottle of 110-proof green Chartreuse and a backup.

At the cash register I noticed a tabloid with a big headline: 'ATTACK FUNERAL AND EAT THE CORPSE.'

It was a heinous story: "Relatives and friends were seen as fierce predators tearing away at the flesh of their loved ones."

It happened in Poland, where a flock of huge meat-eating birds, squawking and croaking ominously as they gathered at a grave — then suddenly swooped down and attacked the man that one man had his scalp clawed off and another lost his eye and fled, dropping the casket on the street and letting the

Stunned townspeople stood by helplessly weeping as the body was carried the corpse away.... One relative said the

Firearms Offers No Panacea

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would anyone with criminal or psychopathic histories and inclinations be able to obtain a firearm over the counter by simply signing a few forms. Second, it will leave access open to honest people who don't wear gang colors, sell crack or bear a twisted grudge against their old elementary school.

This less inflammatory approach is far more likely to be accepted by the American people and, as a result, passed into law. Only when such a statute is enacted can a real war of attrition begin against the domestic terrorism which is now rampant nationwide. Proliferation of semi-automatic rifles among the criminal element would certainly be affected. A logical and longer-run second step might be to gradually cut off the import of such firearms into the country. This move would eventually render weapons like the AK-47 a collector's item, and would not raise the constitutional hackles of American gun owners.

To those for whom the above proposal is unsatisfactory, let me say this. If semi-automatic rifles like the Uzi and AK-47 (imports) and AR-15 and Mac-10 (domestic) were declared illegal tomorrow nationwide, the effect would be to remove such weapons from the possession of those who respect our legal process. This would be a direct violation of their, your, and my right to keep and bear arms. (We'll not dwell on the ominous precedent which would be set for future federal regulation of firearms.) The overall impact on urban violence would be miniscule, for reasons outlined above.

The bad guys are still going to have and use them, folks. Proof can be found in a recent Los Angeles Times editorial (Jan. 30, 1989) by State Assemblyman Mike Roos, who has introduced a bill calling for a ban on the sale and possession of you-know-what. Mr. Roos lists several illegal weapons, such as brass knuckles, sawed-off shotguns and machine guns, which were banned when "their ready availability posed too great a danger to society." Roos goes on to say that these bans have worked because "no longer do we see the great proliferation we once saw when these were freely available."

I can't recall a time in which any of the items in question were freely available. As to their current nonproliferation, I'm certain most citizens do not own and use them. However, if you think that illegality has rendered them extinct, you are quite idealistic and probably live in the suburbs.

Headaches cannot be cured by decapitation, and violent crime will not end when semi-automatic weapons are illegal. It is essential that the legislators in question here realize the latter fact, and shape their proposals thusly. However, if they allow themselves to be guided by emotion rather than reason and achieve no substantive results, they will have no one else to blame as the body count rises.

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Blows On the Road To Reno

Thompson

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— Shakespeare

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hysterically over chunks of loose flesh.

I have always admired Polish journalism. There is a different rhythm to it, a brazenly off-center point of view that allows for unique perceptions.... But there was no time for scholarly reflection now: We were out on the boulevard again, driving slowly toward Jilly's house.

It was on a tree-lined street in a high-rent district not far from the Capitol — a brick townhouse with white pillars.... I found a dark spot across the street and parked in the half-shadow of a big elm tree, then I felt her tongue in my mouth.

We were making so much noise that I decided to put the top up — which seemed to offend her. "I told you," she snapped. "He's gone. He's sniveling around at one of his goddamn business dinners. That's all he cares about."

"Not like us," I said. "We hear the real music."
She slid across the seat and got out. "I'll be right back," she said. "This won't take a minute."

I watched as she pranced gracefully across the lawn in her high-heel shoes and disappeared through the front door.... Well, I thought, this must be what Gen. MacArthur had in mind when he made his famous speech about the Pitfalls of Unrealism.

For the first time all day I realized that this woman was serious. I was about to get married to a total stranger. She had made me drive all the way back here just to get her birth certificate.

I relaxed and turned up the radio. It was George Bush again — a news rehash of his speech about shame in Puerto Rico and the need to strip elderly welfare cheats off the Medicaid dole.

That swine! I thought. He's sleazier than Nixon.... Never mind that giddy swill James Baker put out about how George loves to hum Dylan tunes while racing his Cigarette boat across the waters....

Probably John Tower likes to go out with him. Load up on booze and a gaggle of wild women, then crank up the speakers and make a beserk run on the dock at 90 mph ... scare the landlubbers into a coma.

Good old George. You can take the boy out of Yale, but you can't take Yale out of the boy. It's the same goatish attitude that got him mixed up with a loose cannon like Oliver North in the first place. Just an ungovernable hunger for life.

Suddenly, I heard a wild outburst of shouting from the direction of Jilly's house. "You drunken bitch!" a man's voice screamed. "You can't get away with this! I'll have you both locked up!" Then I heard a babble of cursing and her spike heels clattering on the asphalt as she sprinted across the street and jumped into the car.

"Let's go!" she yelled. "He's gone crazy! He grabbed me by the neck!"
The man was still screaming as I hammered the car into gear and roared away from the curb with my lights off. What the hell? I thought. Let's go to Reno.

To be continued...

Dr. Hunter S. Thompson is a syndicated columnist.

FIRST IN BLACK ACHIEVEMENTS

The first public memorial to an African-American is a statue of Mary McLeod Bethune who "epitomized the Black ... quest

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The Reader's Voice

GSA Ballots Out; Get One and Vote

Editor, Daily Nexus:

During the next two weeks, the Graduate Student Association is conducting a ballot initiative regarding GSA membership fees and a University Children's Center fee. Ballot boxes will be located in graduate department offices from Feb. 21 to March 3. I urge all graduate students to take a few minutes to express opinions on these two issues by voting.

GSA is a representative body of UCSB graduate students. GSA functions to serve the larger needs of the UCSB graduate student, such as retaining a leave of absence privileges, increasing enrollment and retention of minority graduate students and advocacy of an affordable and effective student health plan. Other needs are served which are smaller, but no less important, such as equitable allocation of student cubicles, graduate student social activities and committee placements and attendance.

Our efforts are supported by graduate student's \$3.50/quarter membership fee. These monies are stretched thinly and more money would ease the constrictive financial constraints under which we must operate. Additional money would assist the proper lobbying of campus administrators and their peers statewide, additional campus newsletters and graduate publications and additional graduate student social activities. More monies would also fund new ideas, such as a graduate student exhibition day, a resume and job networking service and a graduate student research colloquia.

There has not been an increase in the GSA membership fee since 1981. We propose to raise the quarterly fee to \$5.50. This \$2 increase would give us the funds necessary to tackle the problems and proclaim the successes of UCSB graduate students.

Vote yes and support GSA and graduate students' futures.

If you have any questions about either measure, please do not hesitate to call at 961-3824.

CHRISTOPHER CRAWFORD
Internal GSA President

The Moving Line Cheats a Gaucho

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Yeah, that's right — zip, nothing, flat out of luck. That's me, that's my friends and it's time for a change. It is 9:03 a.m., Tuesday, and I'm at home contemplating a terrorist-style coup of the ECen ticket booth. I hope that those of you who came to wait at 7 a.m. enjoy the game.

You see, I saw the 11:00 Monday night news and realized the ban on waiting in line until 7:00 was neither being followed nor enforced, so I decided to get my butt down there. Around

midnight, my friends and I found a cozy little spot near trailer 986. It was colder than hell, but we were Gaucho loyalists and willing to endure the cold temperatures and long hours. Everything was nice — friendly neighbors and stars in the sky. I began recalling those fond memories of kindergarten lines at recess, perhaps even a lunch line — an endeavor always well-rewarded with a plate of delectables. However, this morning, I got crap.

Sometime around 8 a.m., people stood, people packed, and proceeded to herd themselves closer to the ECen entrance. This was fine, it was still a "nice" line. Then a handful of CSOs and police officers decided to mess with the seemingly cosmic order of lines and ticket-seekers. They decided to break up the line and "bend" it around. It "bent" so conveniently that the people who were 100 yards behind me were suddenly 100 yards ahead of me. They messed with the line because it spanned the entrance of an almost already-full parking lot. I saw only two cars that even attempted an entrance into the lot. This may be weak reasoning, but do the needs of two drivers — not even carpoolers — warrant complete destruction of ticket distribution?

By this time it was over. My fellow Gauchos turned hostile. They ran, they pushed, they cut in and out of lines until they could cut no more. The whole theory of lines was blown. I heard grumblings from people in front of me, how they were pissed off because they felt that they had been screwed over and they had been there since 5:00 in the morning. Poor kids. Okay, great. I could complain all day about those who cut, but I'm not going to whine. I don't know what was going through their heads (were you having fun?), but enjoy the game, assholes!!!!

I would like to make it clear that this letter's intentions are not to put down the efforts of the CSOs or police. They were doing their job and being nice toward the crowd throughout the night. I would, however, like to address some problems and offer some suggestions. First of all, take a stand! If you and the athletic department say that we can't stand in line until 7:00, then enforce it. If it is impossible to enforce, then don't toy with everyone. A major problem arose when ticket-seekers arrived at the, what they thought to be prompt, time of 7 a.m. When it was obvious that they were history, they got pissed that people like myself were allowed to camp out. They saw no alternative but to cut.

Second, what the hell is the problem with putting up ropes to form lines? This would hinder the chances of rushing cutters being successful. Stan the Man — is this too much trouble? I like you — you throw candy, but if there is a reason why this isn't done, let's hear it.

CRAIG SCHAEFER

The Marshall Islands: Legacy of Foreign Rule

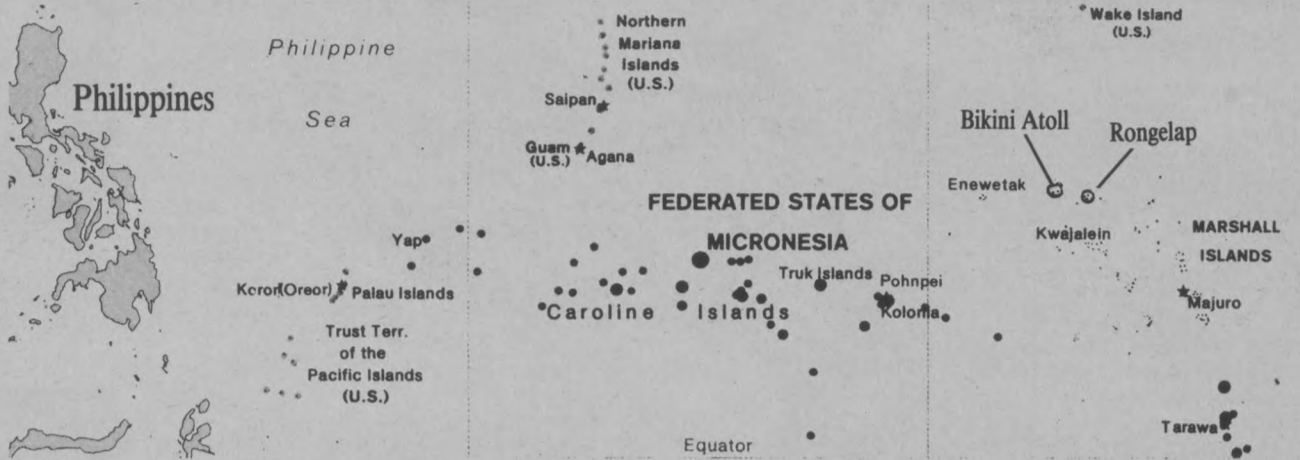
By Peter Hemsch
Staff Writer

During the worldwide race for colonies in the last quarter of the 19th century, imperial Germany gained control of the Marshall Islands, Caroline Islands, Northern Mariana Islands and Palau — a vast area of tiny islands and atolls stretching eastward from the Philippines for more than 3,500 miles (see map). At the outbreak of World War I in 1914, Japan seized the area, ruling it until U.S. military forces took over in bloody battles in 1944-45.

In 1947, the United Nations granted the U.S. control of the entire area under the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The inhabitants of the Trust Territory, impoverished and without powerful friends, were in no position to protest effectively when in 1946 the U.S. began nuclear weapons tests on Bikini Atoll. The tests — expanded to include Enewetak Atoll in 1948 — continued until 1958, leaving the area with serious long-term radiation effects (see story, this page).

United States and islander efforts to terminate the U.N. trusteeship have been stymied by the Soviet Union, which has objected to terms of independence and has used its U.N. veto power to prevent termination. In 1982, bypassing the U.N., the U.S. and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia (formerly the Caroline Islands) signed a Compact of Free Association (the Northern Mariana Islands had become an internally self-governing U.S. district in 1978).

Under the compact, the three new countries are independent of each other and control both their internal and foreign affairs, while the U.S. is responsible for defense and security. The compact also pledges the U.S. to grant \$3 billion



in aid to the three nations.

The Marshall Islands, despite their location more than 2,000 miles from any nation larger than Rhode Island, manage to play a role in superpower politics. Kwajalein Atoll, in the northwestern region of the nation, is the drop-down site for U.S. intercontinental ballistic missile tests launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

Under the terms of the compact, the U.S. is to provide, over the next 30 years, approximately \$170 million in rent and \$80 million for development projects for the displaced inhabitants of Kwajalein. Currently, the Marshallese moved from Kwajalein live in squalor with poor sanitation and high suicide rates, while U.S. armed forces personnel and their families are well-provided-for at local facilities.

The economic future for the Marshall Islands mirrors that of the more than 15 tiny island nations in the Pacific.

Isolation and a lack of natural resources mean tourism is the only source of considerable foreign currency, and while some nations have expressed fear about the adverse effects of tourism on national culture, most are developing the promising industry.

The Pacific Islands, while blessed with an abundance of food, have so few exploitable resources that many scholars feel they will be dependent on foreign aid for the foreseeable future. One bright spot for the future is the fishing industry, which is currently operated almost exclusively by developed nations working under contract from Pacific Island states.

The history of the Marshall Islands and the Pacific Island nations in general proves not even the most remote and economically unimportant areas of the globe can remain untouched by the military and economic workings of the developed nations.

Islanders of Rongelap Flee Home, Allege U.S. Cover-up

(The following edited article is from the August issue of the Fiji-based magazine Pacific Island Monthly.)

More than 300 nuclear refugees evacuated from Rongelap atoll by the *Rainbow Warrior* shortly before the peace ship was bombed in New Zealand three years ago are still looking for a new home after an independent report has confirmed some of their radiation fears.

Elders of the islanders, now living a harsh lifestyle on Mejato in the Marshall Islands, are seeking an uninhabited island on Majuro atoll close to the capital of the republic. But they have not lost hope of returning to their home and are still lobbying for a full health and radiology survey on Rongelap.

The U.S. Department of Energy is claimed by the report to have evidence the Rongelap islanders may have suffered from radiation exposure for several years after the Bravo thermonuclear test in 1954 — yet it lets them live on their contaminated atoll without explaining the medical findings to them. Even though DOE scientists monitored depressed white blood cell counts and high levels of plutonium in the urine of the Rongelap islanders, the report claims, they interpreted the findings as "anomalous."

The medical data emerged during a recent scientific review of a 1982 DOE report that concluded that all but the atoll's northern ring of islets — the islanders' food larder — was now safe. The United States Congress ordered the review after a second mass exodus by islanders aboard the *Rainbow Warrior* in May 1985; the population had earlier been evacuated by United States authorities after the Bravo

test and allowed to return three years later.

The islanders are not satisfied with the impartiality of the latest survey; they believe they were used as guinea pigs by U.S. authorities to monitor the long-term effects of radiation on a human population and had sought a study conducted by foreign researchers. They are also seeking \$6 million to pay for a full radiological survey of their homeland and in compensation for their exile.

The islanders last year sought a three-member team to conduct the investigation; Canadian radiobiologist Dr. Rosalie Bertell, author of *No Immediate Danger* (an expose on how world nuclear authorities cover up the dangers and consequences of irradiation) and a researcher for the Toronto-based International Institute of Concern for Public Health; and West Germany's Dr. Ute Boikat, of the University of Bremen, and Bernd Franke, of Heidelberg's Institute of Energy and Environmental Research.

But the Marshall Islands government, acting under pressure from U.S. authorities, refused to give a clearance for this team under Dr. Bertell's direction alone. Another possibility had been a team headed by American radiation specialist Dr. Robert Gale, who went to the Soviet Union to perform bone marrow transplants on radiation victims after the 1986 Chernobyl meltdown disaster.

That proposal also fell through.

Instead, an 11-member panel of international experts was set up that included Dr. Bertell and Mr. Franke. The panel's preliminary report to the Congress House Appropriations Subcommittee has concluded that returning to Rongelap is

"permissible" for adults provided they are given geographical and dietary restrictions. The team deferred any recommendation on children until further review.

Bertell and Freanke dissented, calling for more extensive physical examinations and radioactivity measurements.

Among the majority was Dr. Robert Conrad, who headed the Marshall Islands medical program for Brookhaven National Laboratory from 1957 to 1980. In his first year in charge, three years after the Bravo Test, the laboratory produced a document that declared: "Greater knowledge (of radiation effects on human beings) is badly needed.... Though the radioactive contamination of Rongelap island is considered perfectly safe for human habitation, the levels of activity are higher than those found in other inhabited locations in the world. The habitation of these people on the island will afford the most valuable ecological radiation data on human beings."

Thirty-one years of tragedy and suffering forced 320 Rongelap Islanders to abandon their atoll. They were evacuated at their own request less than two months before the Greenpeace movement's flagship was sabotaged by French agents in Auckland Harbor on July 10, 1985.

The nuclear refugees settled on Mejato, a 16-hectare uninhabited island on the northwestern tip of the vast Kwajalein atoll — across the lagoon from the U.S. missile testing range. Today, living conditions remain bleak: a village has been constructed from their stripped buildings on Rongelap, but life remains hard and depressing and food is always running short. The Rongelap elders believe they will be able to build a better life on Majuro atoll,

where a new home is being considered.

Their ordeal began on March 1, 1954 — now known as Bikini Day — when the United States dropped a 15-megaton thermonuclear bomb (1,000 times larger than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima) on Bikini atoll, 160 km west of Rongelap. Taken off three days later, the Rongelap islanders were allowed to return in 1957, but the damage had already been done: A legacy of leukemia, miscarriages, birth defects, thyroid tumors and damaged genes.

control groups from 1957 to 1961, found in Rongelap islanders abnormally low counts of monocytes; large white blood cells produced in bone marrow to fight bacteria. Exposure to high levels of radiation can depress the production of monocytes.

"Like many of our women exposed during the bomb tests, I have many miscarriages; seven," says Lijon Eknilang, one of the island leaders. "I have lived in fear and I feel my life is in danger. I sometimes feel my body is on fire."

Miscarriages used to be rare on Rongelap. "Now miscarriages happen all the time. We take them for granted," Eknilang says. "We never used to have problems with mentally retarded children, or youngsters with stunted growth. Now it's frequent."

"There have been at least six or seven 'jellyfish babies' — they have no face. They have short bodies, stubby legs and look fat and shapeless. They live for half a day or so and then die."

"Loosing my homeland really hurts. It hurts me terribly. It is sad for our children: They'll grow up hearing about our traditional home, but I don't know if they'll ever be able to go back there."

Economic and Political Obstacles for Islanders

(The following edited article is from the December issue of the Fiji-based magazine Islands Business.)

Isolation is a major problem for the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Its capital, Majuro, is 2,136 miles southwest of Honolulu, 2,300 miles southeast of Tokyo and 2,014 miles east of Saipan. It is out of the mainstream of international shipping and air services. The Marshalls also has another isolation problem: the reluctance of nations like Britain and France to accept it as a sovereign state.

"It's a legal matter," explained the first Marshall Islands ambassador to Fiji, Laurence Edwards. "We have applied to the United Nations to be recognized as an independent state. We applied to the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations because we were a trustee of the United States before independence in 1982. Britain and France are waiting for the legal matter to be solved by the United Nations, to have full recognition."

The Soviet bloc is the major obstacle, opposing moves to establish the sovereignty of the island republic because of its Compact of Free Association with the United States. A Soviet

Union counsellor at the United Nations, Mikhail Belyy, told *Islands Business* that his country was concerned the compact would give the United States a stronger foothold in the Northern Pacific and increase the militarization of the area.

Edwards describes U.S.-Marshallese ties as "a friendly relationship.... But we have been victimized mainly because the United States is involved. If they have some political differences with the United States, then that's between them and the United States and not us. We are just doing what we think is best for us, a small country."

When real work starts after the New Year, Edwards and his wife aim to lay the framework for their country's diplomatic ties with countries represented in Fiji's capitol of Suva. "We've exchanged notes with Papua New Guinea and we are waiting for their reply," Edwards said. "We have exchanged notes with Kiribati and New Zealand, I think, is appointing a representative. We are trying with Australia. You see, we are on our own now and we would like to wave our flags and promote our own identity as a nation."

Trade with Fiji is likely, although the Marshalls, with its 29 atolls and five islands, has nothing to sell Fiji. "We don't have much to trade with because our main product is coconut oil," Edwards said. "So really we are looking at buying from Fiji." Edwards is arranging for a Marshall Islands trade mission to visit Fiji in the next few months.

"Things we really need from Fiji," he said, "are farm products like fruits and vegetables, sugar, beef and rice. I

am sure we can get these things cheap in Fiji because of Fiji's weak currency and because we are using the American dollar."

However, the key to the Marshalls' trade with the Pacific is a better shipping service. It has one of the best ports in the Northern Pacific islands. Edwards says his nation wants to create a transshipment port at Majuro and the government is using the (South Pacific) Forum Line to extend its services there.

Edwards was asked whether all these justified his small country having an embassy in Suva, its only one in the Pacific islands. It has another embassy in Washington and a consulate in Honolulu. Said Edwards: "We feel we should be in the South Pacific closer to all our friends and we could do anything we could do together. We want to promote our political identity and identify ourselves with the other nations in the world."

"We are an independent nation and we'd like to promote that. Make it known. We have been undercover for many years. Under many administrations. Fiji is not only the seat for regional organizations like the Forum Secretariat, it is also the base for many countries involved in the Pacific."

He said the Compact of Free Association with the United States has been misinterpreted and given a sinister label by governments opposed to the United States. "That's politics. That's international politics," he said. "But the United States needs us and we need them."

SCOTT LAWRENCE

We've Got the Fans — We Need a Gimmick

When "The Tark" brought his band of Rebels into the Thunderdome (then called the ECen) two seasons ago, he came out of the lockerroom to watch his squad do its pregame shoot-around ritual.

Suit-clad, brown tie, chrome dome and tired eyes, he walked down the Vegas bench to his seat and was greeted by Gaucho fans bearing styrofoam heads-on-a-stick, complete with a towel in the mouth.

Cute idea. The likenesses were waved in his face and fans were informing him that his #1-ranked Rebels were about to "go down." He knew this wasn't going to be an ordinary following.

And it wasn't. The decibel level reached record heights in that night's 88-74 UCSB loss after probably never being loud enough to wake the mice underneath the bleachers.

Then last season, the silver-and-scarlett was treated to another brain-storm: streams of toilet paper rolls hurled onto the court after the Gauchos scored the first basket of their 71-66 win.

Cute too, but it was stolen from Eastern Michigan.

This year cries out for something original and something extreme; something that's going to put Gaucho fans on the national cheering map once and for all. People back east are already hearing how crazy we are, but we don't have that one gimmick, that one catch that's going to make us national celebrities.

Duke fans painted their faces, now Gaucho fans paint their faces. Other schools shouted obscenities, now we shout obscenities — enough leeching off everyone else's stuff, it's time we came up with something of our own; something to do at every game that'll make America stand up and take notice.

Some possibilities:
• First of all, the "U-C-S-B" chants need to start off a lot slower and take longer before they get going full bore. The letters need to be dragged out, creating a locomotive-like effect.

(See CROWD, p.10)

Off the Cuff

UCSB swimmer Victor Wales, assessing the viscosity of Campus Pool:

"I could swim faster in my bathtub."

League Meet Awaits Swim/Dive Units

Men Go For 11th Straight Title, Women Try For 3rd

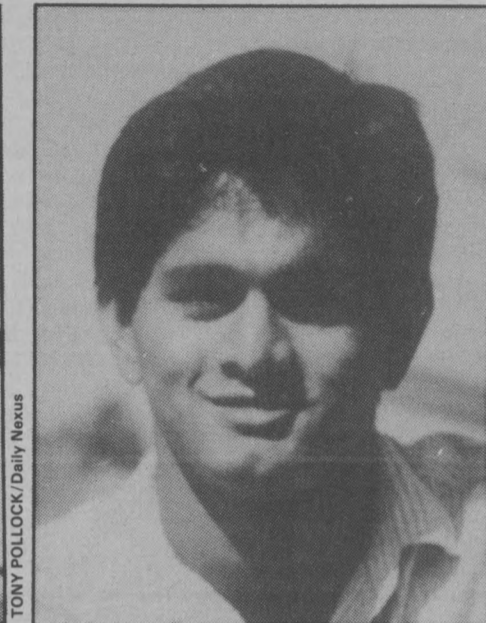
By Craig Wong
Staff Writer

Today, at Long Beach's Belmont Plaza Pool, the UCSB men's and women's swimming and diving teams will attempt to garner their 11th and third straight conference championships respectively.

But the odd thing is that their main goal is not winning the championships.

"Our primary goal is to qualify for NCAAs," Gaucho swim coach Gregg Wilson said. "We want to qualify as many for the nationals as possible. Last year, Rana Punja was the only one on the men's team to make it — this year we could have six to eight. Last year we had four or five women go — this year we can get six to eight in there."

A set NCAA qualifying time is what each swimmer



BEFORE AND AFTER — This was senior Gaucho swimmer Rana Punja yesterday (left), this is what he'll look like today (right) when he shaves for the Big West Championships which take place today through Saturday. Punja is three-time league champ and record-holder (50.20) in the 100 Back.

will be shooting for. It's simple, you beat the set time, you go to the nationals, but the Big West meet (today through Saturday) will be the last attempt each swimmer will have to qualify for the NCAAs.

"We've had a lot of time to rest," Wilson said. "We're going to hit everyone from all sides. I think we're in real good shape health-wise. If we qualify people to nationals,

we're going to be a better team at the national championships."

And if history is a precursor, the Gauchos should trounce their league opponents. Last year, the men won by 274 points, while the women won by a whopping 305.5. The UNLV Swimmin' Rebels finished second in both divisions last year and have improved this season, evident by their victory over several teams, including

UCSB, at the Rebel's own meet. But Wilson thinks the Gauchos will be the one keeping league-bragging rights come Saturday afternoon.

"Basically we've been waiting for this meet to show our full hand," Wilson said. "I don't think Vegas will be surprised at how we do, but they're going to feel our depth. Everyone's rested, and I think we're in shape for some great swims."

Kevin Headley and Chris Robinson have been 1-2 in the 100, 200, and 500 freestyles this year, while Punja will lead the way in the backstroke. Punja, the only male swimmer to qualify for NCAAs last year, said he's ready to roll.

"The main goal for myself and for the team is to get to the NCAAs," Punja said. "I think I'm peaking right now, but the most important thing will be to concentrate on swimming good times."

UCSB will also get points from freshmen Victor Wales and Chuck Goetschel, who have been specializing in the breaststroke, butterfly and individual medley. Scott Ferry, Karl Eckert and Kurt Chambliss will do most of the scoring in the long distance events.

For the women, All-Americas and Olympic trialists Marcie Fuller and Kim Bryson will lead the way, doing their damage in the freestyle and the relays.

Also contributing will be freestyle and backstroke specialist Sophie Kamoun, long distance swimmers Krissy Arthur and Tabitha Bonney, butterfly Erin Swiontek and breast-stroker Lynn Gospodarek.

The meet's diving por- (See BIG WEST, p.10)



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But Wait, There Are 2 Important Ones Before Vegas

By Scott Lawrence
Staff Writer

Hype abounds. The UNLV Rebels come to town in four short days and pretty much everyone is waiting to see if the Gauchos can topple a top-20 team and, in the process, earn redemption for a 16-point road loss to the silver-and-scarlet earlier in the month.

But wait.... Perhaps forgotten in all the hoopla are a pair of home games preceding the one dubbed "Thunderbout II": the first one falling tonight at 7:30 against New Mexico State (16-8, 9-5 in the Big West) and the other a Saturday night meeting with Long Beach State (12-12, 9-6).

And also lost in the hype is the scary fact that a loss tonight and/or Saturday will have serious repercussions as far as an NCAA Tourney bid is concerned. And that damage may be irreparable if UCSB (18-5, 9-5) fails to win the league tournament.

But as it stands right now, despite weird losses and up-and-down individual performances all season long, the bottom line is that the Gauchos are 18-5 and tied for second in the conference. Can't complain, right?

"We're pleased," UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm said recently. "It's just that we want less mistakes, we want better execution; coaches are never happy, never satisfied.... You're never happy; if you get satisfied,

that's when people start sneaking up and beating you from behind, so I don't think I'll ever be satisfied."

The game with the Aggies tonight will determine who will hold second place in the conference outright. NMSU brings with it 6-8, 190-pound forward Johnny Roberson, who leads his teams in scoring and rebounding at 14.3 and 7.5 a game respectively.

The Aggies are 3-4 in league road games and led the Gauchos by 20 points all game in the teams' first meeting, before settling for a 74-69 win as the Gauchos turned things on in garbage time.

But things are different now; too much is on the line. The Gauchos have to seriously turn some heads during the last four games (Irvine being the last) to sway the NCAA selection committee's attention, and, luckily for UCSB, three of those four games are at home, where it's a perfect 10-0 this season.

"The main thing right now is to understand how we are playing, and what we are doing well and what we are doing not so well, and try to get a good grasp of what we have to do to be successful against New Mexico State, Long Beach and Vegas and later on in the (Big West) Tournament," Pimm added. "So what we're doing now is just teaching and I think the guys are accepting it very well. We're not getting any sour looks; we're getting guys that are listening and that are going to be working on some of the things they're not doing as well as other things."

BIG WEST

(Continued from p.9) tions will be held separately from the swimming but are just as important, combining with the swim squads' scores for the title. Freshman Pat Kaufman and sophomore Ben Barber will start for the men, while junior Amy Dalziel and freshman Laura Serrold will go at it for the women. But according to diving coach Mike Lewis, there will definitely be some

battles for the top spots. "Kaufman is the most physically talented diver we have," he said. "He makes clean dives and rips his entry but is just a little green from the pressure. He has to relax, and, if he dives above average, he'll blow away the competition. Ben has been coming off a stress fracture in his shin, so he hasn't had the load of dives that he's accustomed to." The conference title is best summed up by Wilson.

"The events are totally individual so far as the outcome," he said. "But when you look at the total product, you've got four different groups. Men's and women's swimming, and men's and women's diving — four facets, two teams ... one program."

HYPE-WEEK TOP-10 LIST

Top-10 UNLV players or sexually transmitted diseases.




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Countdown to Showdown: 4 days

CROWD

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• Forget the days of copying schools that remain standing until the home team scores its first bucket. What we need to do is stay perfectly still and quiet until one of the Gauchos put their first two (or one) on the board and then go batshit.

It'll freak the other guys out; the originality, the silence, the crickets — then BOOM! The thunder beats down on the opposing force like a jealous wife.

• Two years ago UCSB fans held up copies of the *Daily Nexus* in front of their faces when the other team's players were introduced. That gimmick sort of faded and yeah, it too was copied.

But it never gained the momentum it could or should. Picture a sea of Nexi (which in itself is a beautiful thing) spread across the Thunderdome, letting the other side know hey, they're not even worth acknowledging.

Screaming things like "you suck," "loser" and "eat sh—" is nice, but insulting them is letting them

know you know they're there. They want us to scream that stuff, so not saying anything'll just irk 'em.

And as far as Monday's UNLV matchup is concerned, what we need to do is show up wearing red like their fans do. Make them feel at home and then confuse their brains by ragging on them all night — they won't understand.

We also need trinkets we can flaunt before the game starts — things like fake sharks with harpoons through them, some of those rubber deals that you put on your head to make it look bald and of course the 'George Ackles chin toupee.'

They're only here once a year, so let's do it up. Chances are there won't be as much on the line as there could be as far as a Big West title is concerned, but at this point it's more a matter of pride.

And whether we're tied for first with UNLV, a game behind, three games behind, or at the bottom of the conference, they're still the Rebels — and that pretty much says it all.

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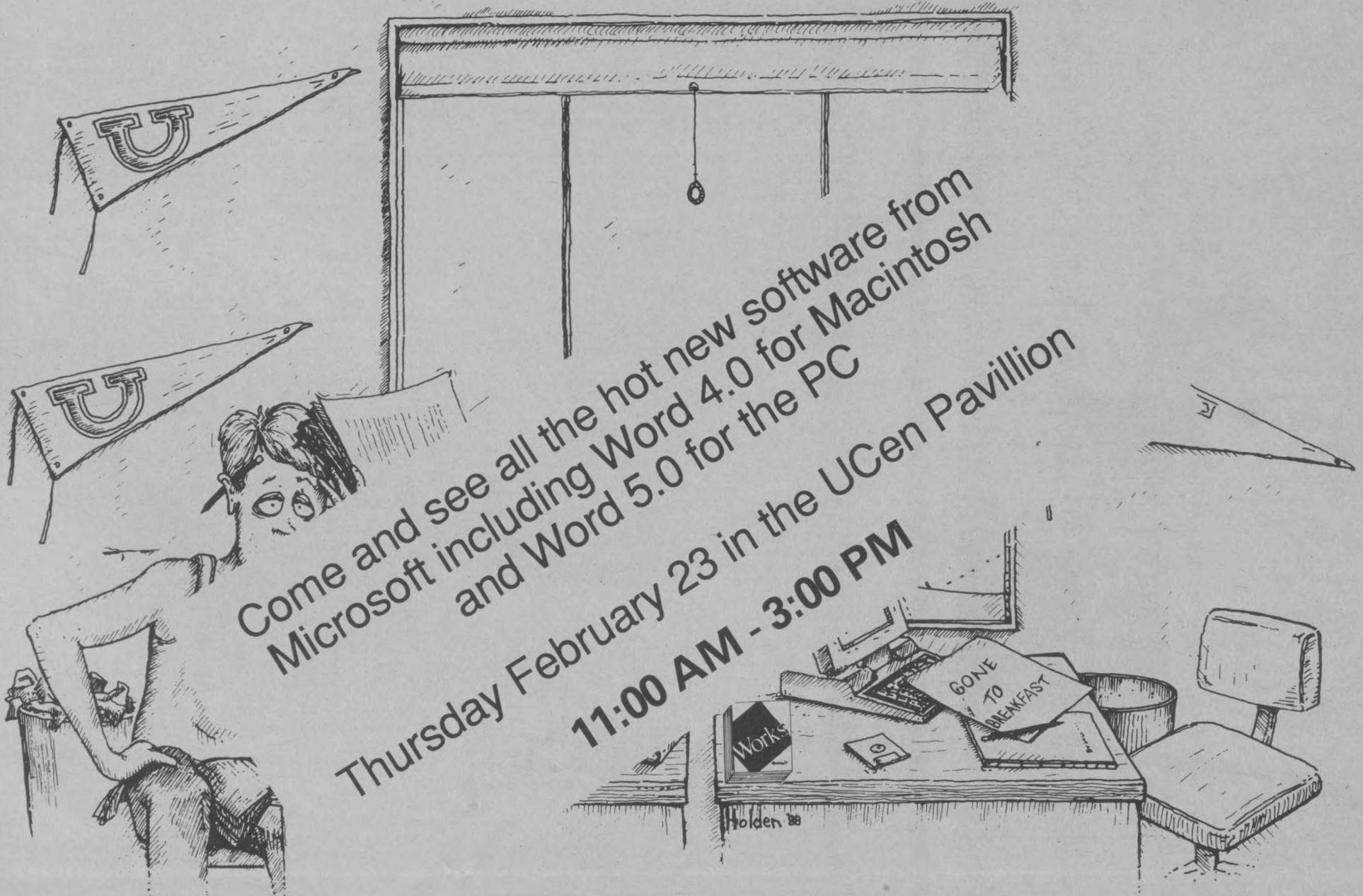
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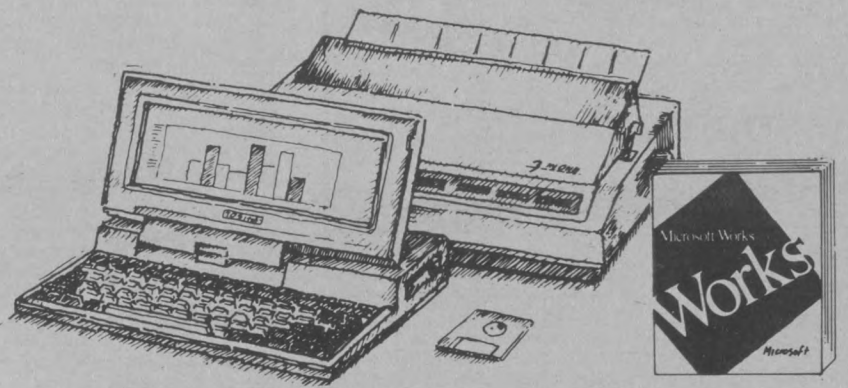
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