Current Book Causes National Controversy

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

By Joel Brand

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 until it received in-ternational attention through Khomeini’s threat. A copy was reportedly found 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 Stover, senior merchandiser of Santa Barbara Cover Books, could be as soon as the second week of February.

Employees at Santa Barbara Waldenbooks and B. Dalton, whose chain of stores carried the book off all of their stores’ shelves out of concern for their safety and the safety of all bookstores 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 contents 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 controversial only for Khomeini’s Iran. I think he is definitely using it for his political purposes,” said UCB Islamic Religion Professor John 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 un-contradictable and that it demonstrates a good un-derstanding of the Islamic history and the prophet Mohammad.

Under Islamic law, a person can be executed for cursing Mohammed, according to Orange County Islamic Society Director Mr. 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 Khomeini’s reaction to it was not overstepped by it. If Khomeini had not issued the death order, “it would have died by itself,” he said. “It is a boring book.”

Samson, whoadded that he believes a more reasonable reaction for Khomeini would have been to call for a peaceful solution rather than a heretic.

The book addresses conflicts encountered by Muslims arising (See VERSES, p. 4).

Fraternity Faces Difficulty Entering Greek Community

By Roos Chan

In the 1988-89 Currie yearbook, people under the heading “Greeks” take up 58 pages, with group shots of 13 sororities and 12 fraternities.

However there are other “nonofficial” greeks at UCSB. Several academic and special interest greek organizations, which do not participate in the Interfraternity or Panhellenic greek saw guidelines, are listed under the “club” category of the yearbook rather than as “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 Epilson Phi 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 groups approved by the committee, possibly because of the expansionary guidelines make it difficult for a Jewish fraternity to colonize at UCSB, where Santa Barbara does not have a large Jewish population, meaning that there is no reason to keep them off (the IFC), Marks added. “Rules need to accommodate with the situation.”

By colonizing without an in-vitation, 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.

Current AEPi President David Samson believes there should be a provision added to the application process providing for walk-on fraternities, which do not meet all of the conditions prescribed by the expansionary committee. If AEPi does not measure up in paper on 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 is no reason to keep them off (the IFC),” Marks added. “Rules need to accommodate with the situation.”

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

Reactor Shield Awaits Disposal

By Tim McDaniel

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 UCB’s nuclear reactor, which was disassembled in 1986 and had its radioactive uranium removed from campus, said Frank Gallagher, UCB Environmental Health and Safety radiation protection of-ficer.

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 respon-sibility for the removal.

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Salvadoran Rebels Attack Major Military Installation

SAN SALVADOR — Leftist rebels attacked the country's most important air base and在里面 (in there) of two attacks at outlying detachment Tuesday killing eight people and wounding 17.

The attacks came as representatives of El Salvador's political parties were meeting with top commanders of the rebel army to discuss a modified insurgent electoral proposal.

"Rejection of the proposal will mean the war will not continue because it escalates," warned the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front's front in Morazan, 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 party members have proposed a change in that date and the army has hinted of a coup if Duarte oversteps.

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

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State Not Responsible For Protection of Abused Child

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, ruling against a woman whose husband killed her, have refused to order his release. The court also brought his case to the judges.

The 6-3 decision said public officials have no con­

stitutional duty to protect the woman who was not in an inmate.

The court said the woman was not even then in a prison, but that the brothers did not intervene.

The court ruled in the case of Anthony DeSilva, an Wisconsin boy who was in the United States and the Soviet Union to reduce the risk of nuclear arms.

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

Stephen 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 its Strategic Defense Initiative or "Star Wars," which he said is in the way of UN disarmament.

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 excessive economic growth.

Propelled by higher costs for food, fuel and energy, and a variety of other goods and services, the seasonally adjusted in­

crease 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, respectively," said the government.

Former KKK Leader Sworn In As Louisiana Legislator

BATON ROUGE, La. — David Duke, a former grand master and leader of the Ku 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

suburbs New Orleans district, which has 98.4 percent white.

"I want to ally 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."

High School Student Knifed Repeatedly on L.A. Campus

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

The 16-year-old girl, a fifth grader who was being based to Virgil Middle School, was in guarded condition at County-USC Medical Center, said Huntington Park High School principal.

A fellow student in the bashing 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 face 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 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 area.

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 86 people.

Weather

Getting a little thick around here, isn't it? Though, with the athletic department for its fair and con­

sistent manner of doling out UNLV tickets.

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

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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Saturday

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sympathetic.
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 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. This plea is in no way an admission of guilt and will not be detrimental to Kessler in the future, Kreyger said.

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.
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(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. "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 there is a misinterpretation, saying, "If you actually read the book, that's not what he is saying.""

The behavior of the university's reactor was under the heavy security of a locked door and fence and of a motion detector, Galgaller 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.

The Satanic Verses 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 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."

POLICE REPORT

Indecent Exposure, and Then Some

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

At about 4 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 dispatcher 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, 30, who found the scene as he saw the police.

The officers turned him over to Foot Patrol officers pursed 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 officers were contacted for investigation 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 12 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 "Flores" had ever lived with him, but that an inner Rafael Maradiaga had recently moved out of the residence. Maradiaga then reportedly confirmed that this was his real identity and that he was only 19. He was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail for minor in possession of alcohol, fraudulent driver's license, lying to a police officer and possessing drug paraphernalia, according to police records.

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Home Address
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 will allow AEPI to be accepted, unless the expansionary committee invites members would allow AEPi to be accepted, the next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 1989.

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Almost unthinkable that the seemingly endless stream of violence and the cluster of problems surrounding the purchase of semi-automatic weapons has become a matter of public outcry from both sides of the national political spectrum on the local, state, and national level. The nature of these very proposals which merits closer examination.

We have already seen the city of Los Angeles hurling the sale and possession of these weapons, even within city limits. There are several problems inherent in this, the least of which is that this ordinance now owning and law-abiding citizens. In addition, those overpowering forces can circumvent this minor inconvenience; that is, if they can’t pick one up.

Most significantly, the new ordinance places a question of constitutional rights; many citizens are infuriated, and it has been my experience that when townspeople attend a town meeting to discuss this or that law, whatever its nature, they are the ones who will be directly affected by the proposal. And when the evening news recently aired clips of such a proposal, there were no gang-bangers, sociopaths on hand to dissent. Of course, they had always been there.

However, there were plenty of blue-collar, working men of whom did not own the type of weapon at all, nonetheless concerned with the precedent set for their states.
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TheReader'sVoice

Editor, Daily Nexus

The second public memorial to an African-American is a statue of "Matthew Panacea". The statue is located in the heart of the UCSB campus, where Panacea's legacy lives on through his contributions to the community and his dedication to the pursuit of knowledge.

The Amazing Journey of China's First Female Astronaut

By Alison Chang

China has become the first country in the world to send a female astronaut into space, in a significant milestone for gender equality in space exploration.

On September 15th, 2023, the Chinese space agency launched a new mission to the International Space Station (ISS) with a team of three astronauts aboard. Among them was Liu Ming, a 35-year-old engineer from Beijing, who became the first Chinese female astronaut to travel to space.

"I am honored to represent China and to be part of this historic mission," Liu said before the launch. "This is not just a personal achievement, but a milestone for women around the world in the field of space exploration."

The mission, which is set to last for six months, will focus on scientific research and technology development. Liu will be joined by two male astronauts, Wang Haoran and Chen Xiaoxian, both of whom have extensive experience in space travel.

"The space agency has always been committed to promoting gender equality in space exploration," said Huang Honghui, a member of the Chinese space agency's leadership. "This mission is a testament to our commitment, and we are proud to have a talented and diverse team on board."

Liu's selection for the mission was made after a rigorous selection process that included candidates from across the country. The Chinese space agency received over 5,000 applications from men and women, and only 90 candidates were selected for further training.

Liu, who has a degree in mechanical engineering, was one of the top performers in the selection process. She has been working at the China Academy of Space Technology for the past 10 years, where she has contributed to the development of various space technologies.

"I am confident in my abilities and in the team's abilities," Liu said during a press conference before the launch. "We are fully prepared to undertake this mission, and we will work together to achieve our goals."

The mission will involve conducting experiments in areas such as renewable energy and life sciences, and will include several spacewalks by the astronauts. Liu will be participating in one of the spacewalks, and is expected to collect samples from the ISS for analysis on Earth.

"This is an exciting opportunity for all of us," said Chen Xiaoxian. "We are looking forward to the challenges and the opportunities that this mission offers, and we are committed to making the most of it."

The mission is part of China's broader efforts to expand its space program and to become a major player in the global space community. China has already launched a number of successful spacecraft and has plans to send a crewed mission to the moon in the next decade.

"This mission is a significant step forward for China's space program," said Huang Honghui. "We are excited to see what the future holds, and we look forward to sharing our findings with the world."
The Marshall Islands: Legacy of Foreign Rule

During the worldwide race for colonies in the last quarter of the 19th century, imperial Germany gained control of the Marshall Islands. Following World War I, it became the U.S. military territory for the next 36 years, approximately $170 million in rent and 86 military bases were built in order to protect the inhabitants of Kwajalein. Currently, the Marshalleneers are living in a 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 Marshalleneers mirrors that of the more than 15 tiny island nations in the Pacific islands are not satisfied with the impact of the latest survey; they believe they were used as guinea pigs to study the indications of radiation on a human population and have sought a duly study conducted by foreign researchers. They are also seeking $16 million in aid from the United States and Japan for a full radiological scan of their bodies in a US program funded by the U.S. government and in compensation for their ordeal.

The islanders last year sought a three-member team to conduct the investigation; the report was prepared under the direction of a Japanese author, No Immediate Danger, an expose on the effects on world health. An additional 40,000 tons of their food is provided by the U.S. government in compensation for their ordeal.

During World War II, radioactive material was dropped from B-29s on Rongelap Atoll, 1,600 miles west of Rongelap, and 2,136 miles south of the Equator. The islanders have been evacuated three times to Majuro, but they are not satisfied with the U.S. government's investigations.

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

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We've Got the Fans
We Need a Gimmick

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

Suit-clad, brown tie, chrome dome and fierce eyes, he walked down the Vegas chrome dome and tired eyes, he came out of the Thunderdome (then called we are at home), but we don't have a lot of time. People back east are cheering the map once and for all. Everyone is going to be loud enough to wake the neighbors. Three-time league champ and record-holder 50.20) in the 100 Back.

"We've had a lot of time to prepare, the Gauchos should tour their league championships. Last year, the men won by 274 points, while the women won by a whopping 305.5. The UNLV Swimmers will be surprised at how we will perform in 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 thinking about the Way a Ducks player will lead the way in the backstroke. The only male swimmer to qualify for NCAAs last year, said he's ready to put his best foot forward.

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

USCB will also get points from freshmen Victor Wales and Chuck Geotschel, who have been specializing in the backstroke, butterfly and individual medley. Scott Ferry, Karl Eckert and Kurt Chambis will do most of the scoring in the long-distance events.

For the women, All-Americans and Olympic trailblazers Marcie Fuller and Kim Bryant 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 Krisen Arthur and Tabitha Bonney, butterfly specialist Lynn Gospodarek. The Gauchos are primed for a big victory (See BIG WEST, p.10).

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

"I could swim faster in my bathtub."
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tions will be held separately and the Gauchos can topple a top-20 team and, in the process, earn redemption for a 18-point road loss to the silver-and-white cherished by the Gauchos... The Aggies are 3-4 in league road games and led the Gauchos by 30 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 Aggies have to seriously turn some heads during the last four games (truly 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 3-0 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 as well, and try to get a good grasp of what we have to do to be successful against New Mexico State, Long Beach State 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.”

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 swimming category, 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."
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