Monday classes cancelled

By Charles Molar

With UCSF facing an ongoing budget crisis, Chancellor Julius Krevans announced that starting today, Monday classes would be cancelled until further notice. "A serious crisis requires a serious solution," Krevans said at an April 1 press conference. "It's an extremely delicate technique using a combination of microscopy, computer software and a cosmetic maker." After upgrading their suite of expensive equipment, the department decided to stop producing their usual content, "It's a setup for next year's budget."

Student reaction to the Monday cancellation was mixed. "As long as they don't close the burrito place," Hoffman said.

Surgeon signs with Henderson's agent, may leave UCSF

By Bruce Jenkins

After months of unsuccessful negotiations and a six-week holdout, Dr. Mac "The Knife" Heath, veteran star and chief of the UCSF Renal Transplant team, is about to sign with crosstown rival Presbyterian Medical Center. Relapse has learned that Heath—who was two years into a four-year, $640,000 contract—demanded a six-year deal worth $3.2 million after a chance encounter with Rickie Henderson on the UCSF-UC Berkeley shuttle.

That meeting led to Heath's signing with Henderson's agent, Jack Sniffer, and Heath's subsequent refusal to perform any operations until UCSF tore up his old contract and granted him a new one. (He last operated on an unsuspecting patient at Yancy's Pub, using only tequila as an anesthetic.) "I've established myself as one of the premier surgeons in the country," Heath told Relapse. "And I expect to be paid accordingly." Agent Sniffer said, "The UCSF Bears are going to lose a great surgeon if they don't face market realities." The Warrens are prepared to meet our price," Bears General Manager Julian Krevans responded. "When see Surgeon, page 4

Attitude transplant unit inaugurated

By Sara N. Dipity

In the tradition of UCSF's renowned Liver, Bone Marrow and Kidney transplant units, the neurological and psychiatric department has joined forces to establish the world's first attitude transplant unit. According to Dr. Stanley Hightick, the unit chief, "It's a setup for next year's budget."

The innovative technique initially was developed through experiments with animals. An early success involved making cats think they were dogs. "This is a setup for next year's budget."

The procedure is in its early stages, however. "Not all our human subjects have been as successful. We've transplanted Sylvester Stallone with what was supposed to be a harmless and caring personality. It's a setup for next year's budget."
David Lynch reveals plans for "Laurel Heights" show

By Larry Palmer

Even as television series "Twin Peaks" is apparently falling by the wayside, media wunderkind David Lynch is rushing a new show into production, named after the San Francisco neighborhood in which it is set: "Laurel Heights." Much like the critically acclaimed black-comedy series set in the Pacific northwest, "Laurel Heights" will follow the relationships of a large cast of exotic and quirky characters. It will star Kyle McLachlan as Dale Cooper, a dapper investigator employed by the Federal Taskforce on Scientific Excesses (FATSEX).

Responding to criticism that the new series is too much like "Twin Peaks," Lynch retorts: "This show is going to be different from the first seconds on screen. In 'Twin Peaks' the young girl Laura Palmer died before the series even began. In 'Laurel Heights' no one dies until five minutes after the show begins. The characters don't like donuts, they're into bear claws from Fantasia and Peets coffee. And instead of a knotty pine lodge, the key location will be a brick building that may or may not be a Pharmacy School. In short, this is going to be a radical, radical departure from anything we've attempted before. Except the music, of course will remain the same."

McLachlan says he has mixed feelings about the changes. "The bear claws are kind of battery. But that Peet's house blend is darn good coffee," Dana Ashbrook, who played Bobby on the old show, will be featured as a neurosurgeon.

Local residents are upset about filming going on in the neighborhood, and have gotten a restraining order preventing Lynch and his crew from parking in the yellow zone outside the Jewish Community Center. Kathryn Del Monte, leader of a neighborhood group, is accusing Lynch of "looksism," based on his casting policies. "I never saw a parasitologist that looked like that Madechen Amick," she told Relapse.

Lynch's attorney, Windham Earl, said, "If she wants to sue, she's her move."

Campus mystery solved at last

Bear was hiding from crazed ex

Investigators from the UCSF police department announced yesterday that they have solved a mystery that troubled the campus last winter: why was Ms. Bufano Bear covered by a nondescript dropcloth for several months? Police revealed yesterday that she had been threatened and was attempting to ablaze an estranged lover, employed as a statue at another institution. He is now in custody.

Med School dean of students adopts "90s look"

Emily Osborne, dean of students in the school of medicine, has changed her appearance for spring. The "Sined O'Connor" doo was apparently inspired by a recent hiking trip in Yosemite: "I was climbing Half-dome when I had a revelation," Osborne recounts. "It's very easy to maintain and I don't have to worry about shampoo, conditioners, gels, mouse or highlights. And I definitely recommend Barbaas shaving cream, just as effective as other brands, but dirt cheap." As to the reaction of co-workers, Osborne shrugs. "I think people will accept it as time goes on. But if I hear one more 'Mr. Clean' joke, I'll go bananas."

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School: Dentistry II
Alma mater: U.C. Berkeley
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The Performance: Yabu, using a Bic, round-stic, blue-ink, medium point pen, successfully spun his pen an amazing 227 straight times during a recent pharmacology final. Yabu, ranked 4th in the world and the current Guinness World Book of Records holder, avoided dropping his pen into the row in front of him during the multiple-choice exam. At one point, he wove the proctors by performing a full twist around his thumb with a half-Gainer, quarter-Comenici, followed by back flip to a reverse somersault dismount. On a down note, Yabu failed the exam because he refused to use a #2 pencil.

Eric, as our IAO, you may redeem this article for a delicious Plaza Grill burrito supreme. Congratulations!

Police Chief to defend position

Tickets go on sale next Monday through EMPACT! for the annual UCSF police chief confirmation “wussle.” Incumbent chief Ron Nelson goes head-to-head against martial arts star Jean-Claude Van Damme and horror movie sensation, Chucky, the killer doll. Of his chances, Nelson says, “My methods may be old-fashioned, but they work.” The three-man boat will take place in the newly renovated Kezar stadium. Vegas bookies are currently ranking Chucky as the odds-on favorite.

Home Alone Boy Wants Surgery

After delighting millions of filmgoers with his slapstick antics in the movie “Home Alone,” that film’s star now faces tragedy--a la little Garry Coleman. “Everybody loved it when I lobotomized and castrated those burglars. But now I have a life to lead. I’ve had these cocky-doody hands stuck to my face for months!” He goes under the knife at San Francisco General Hospital next week to have his hands disconnected from his cheeks, as well as a quickie nose job. A documentary about the event will be titled “Operating Room Alone.”

OPINION

Double duty: an idea whose time has come

It started as a joke, a public relations' stunt, a campaign mocking the athletic prowess of some UCSF faculty members. But it has turned into a promising approach to solving the university’s ongoing budgetary crisis: use the faculty’s extraordinary “other skills” to generate funds.

And we wish to thank those impresarios from the world of sports, entertainment and auto racing who have been daring enough to hire the moonlighters from Academe. By tapping Margretta Styles and Jere Goyan to appear in the sequels to “Dances With Wolves,” Kevin Costner is making an important contribution, not just to the cinema but to American education. It’s a win-win situation. Costner gets the performers he wants, UCSF gets Hollywood-style infusions of cash.

Perhaps the administration should be more aggressive, not just in marketing the services of its employees, but in recruiting people who are capable of pulling such “double duty.” As America settles down tonight to watch the championship game of the NCAA basketball tournament, perhaps we should focus on the bald man with the towel in his mouth.

As everybody knows, Jerry “the Shark” Tarkanian, the embattled head coach of the Runnin’ Rebels, is expected to leave UNLV to coach another team, most likely an NBA franchise like the Orlando Magic. Not everybody knows, however, that he also teaches dentistry and has always expressed a great fondness for San Francisco’s Haight-Ashbury neighborhood. By recruiting Turk, UCSF would rise in status and visibility to the level attained by the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV). We would obtain not just a basketball team, but an immediate title contender.

It’s time for UCSF to go shark hunting!

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An Unbearable Likeness to Beans

Bret Easton Ellis

Poetry

Like lima beans on your plate.
You didn’t like it as a kid,
As an adult you have to pretend.

Poetry

Like something bad you ate.
You didn’t wish you did
Because now you’re passing wind.

When you read it should you cry,
To prove your feelings true?
Or rather should you choke
As on a bean not cooked quite through?

Poetry

Is it beans or is it art?
‘Cuse the latter makes you sniffle,
While the former makes you fart.

Bret Easton Ellis is a deranged psychopath.
"Wolves" sequels planned

Oscar-winning writer-director-producer Kevin Costner has began work on two sequels to his fantastically popular film "Dances With Wolves."

"Nurses With Wolves" will star Margretta Styles, UCSF professor of nursing. "Kevin says this film will illustrate the oppression and mistreatment historically endured by nurses," Styles said. "It will be even more politically correct than 'Dances.'"

The follow-up picture to "Nurses" will be "Dances With Pharmacists," starring Pharmacy School Dean Jene Goyan. Exactly whose oppression will be featured remains unclear, but Goyan promises several breathtaking scenes of stampeding students.

Producer Costner promises UCSF students will be given precedence for bit parts and extras. "I know that graduate students always need money," Costner said. "My rates are competitive with the sperm bank."

Hollywood health

Responding to criticism that the first two "Three Men..." films were frivolous, those same three co-stars are back, this time teaming up to raise well-known researcher Mike Bishop. Producer Nori Cashmovit explains, "The first two movies were nice, but they got very silly. This time around, we're going for more substance." Appropriately, the film is to feature drawn out segments about Bishop's research style as well as preventive medicine tips.

"Three men and a Laureate" begins not at Bishop's birth but as he receives the Nobel Prize in medicine. "I can't say that it's based on reality," Bishop said while relaxing on the film's set. "The basic premise is that Guttenberg, Danson and Selleck move in with me here in a swinging bachelor pad in San Francisco. They then apprise me of the things I had missed by depriving my life to science, like performing rap music, wearing toupees and mastering needlepoint. In return I teach them the latest theories in cancer research. It should be a bowl, especially for that crucial 20-30 year old movie market."

First-time director (and biochemist) Bruce Alberts summed up the cast's feelings about the project: "It may be premature, but I think we may nail both box office and Oscar gold. If not, we'll make the cash back on home video sales."

The part of fellow laureate Harold Varmus is to be played by Hollywood heavyweight Richard Gere. Varmus, reportedly bitten over being passed over for the role of his lifetime, was unavailable for comment.

Don Nelson calls him a certain lottery pick

Gardner decides to turn pro

By Bruce Jenkins

In a move that surprised Relapse staffers and UCSF hoops fans, Fred Gardner has elected to forgo his remaining MU gym eligibility and enter the NBA draft.

In a year loaded with talent, Gardner figures to be the first non-UNLV player selected, fifth overall. "Oh man, Freddie G will be a LP and a PTP in the big show!" screamed Dick Vitale, technicolor commentator for ESPN. Vidal's interpreter, ESPN's Mike Patrick, translated: "Mr. Gardner will be a lottery pick in the NBA draft, and will be a prime-time player at the pro level."

Gardner, the hot-shooting guard who grace the Millberry Gymnasium several times a week, caught the eye of Warrior coach Don Nelson several years ago. "I was with Milwaukee at the time," Nelson recalls, "and we were in town to play the Golden State. Naturally, I stopped by Millberry to see this guy that everybody was talking about."

"Well, I couldn't believe it," Nelson continued. "He's got this deadly outside shot and an unbelievable first step. Plus, he's a monster inside. He's the dream player — Dean Meminger and Uwe Blab wrapped up into one."

Snake bites Tower's balls

Innocent campus inhabitants should be on the lookout for Irma "Serpent" Tine. She is wanted by UCSF security for scaring the Moffit cafeteria staff with her outrageous Eve-inspired lunchtime floor show.

She is also the chief suspect in an assault case against Millberry sports director Allan Tower. Security sources allege that a snake bit his balls. (See photo for Tower balls.) Any information as to her whereabouts or why she is consistently featured in the yearly humor issue would be appreciated.