

Protest planned for regents' May meeting

The May 20th Coalition, an organization of UC students concerned about the threatened student fee increases at UC, plans to hold a rally tomorrow, May 20, at the Board of Regents meeting at the UC Extension Center, 55 Laguna St., San Francisco.

The students also planned to hold a press conference at 11:30 a.m. today prior to the meeting of the Regents Special Committee in which student fee increases are to be discussed. (Increases of \$191 in registration fees already have been approved by the regents; additional increases may be deemed necessary to offset the \$50-60 million cut in the UC system proposed in Governor Deukmejian's 1983/84 budget.)

The coalition is concerned about the impact that budget cuts and fee increases will have on the future of higher education in the state. The protest rally tomorrow will address, in addition to fee increases and cutbacks, affirmative action, union busting, and UC's ties to the Livermore and Los Alamos Weapons Labs. The rally will include poetry, music, short speeches, and a statement by Student Regent Linda Sabo.

For further information, call Joe Lambert, at 642-6912 or Jennifer Iscol at 642-4017.



A scene similar to that at right — photographed at the student demonstration to the regents in January — can be expected tomorrow at the UC Extension in San Francisco. (Note: the SFGH shuttle can deliver UCSF students to the site via the Community Dental Clinic.) PHOTO BY MICHAEL SIMON

UC reverses four-year rule

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By David Brock

In a major reversal of employment policy, UC has rescinded a controversial rule which limited UC lecturers to a four-year maximum teaching term, administration and union officials said last week.

University officials, in backing down on the rule, have agreed to reinstate several hundred lecturers who were fired since the systemwide rule was implemented in 1980. (See *Synapse*, January 27, 1983 for story.) Also affected are 2,500 UC lecturers employed now, who will have eight-year terms rather than four.

The employment rule, adopted February 22, 1980, shortened the term of employment for most full-time lecturers from eight to four years.

The UC decision is a hardfought victory for the union, the American Federation of Teachers, which criticized the four-year policy for creating a "revolving door" situation which destroyed the continuity of education. Shortening the terms of lecturers, who teach many of the university's undergraduate courses, was also said to have harmed UC's curriculum development.

The union won a decision before a state Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) judge in December, who said the university must stop firing lecturers after four years of employment and called for reinstatement with back pay for those fired under the four-year rule.

The union argued that firing lecturers under the policy "unilaterally and without notice" constituted an unfair labor practice.

The union's suit was based on a provision in the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act, which requires the university to notify employee organizations of changes in working conditions.

UC filed an appeal of the PERB judge's decision to the full board in Sacramento, contending that the university is not required by law to meet and discuss its lecturer policy with the teacher's union because the union is not the exclusive employee bargaining unit for lecturers.

The university's decision to rescind the rule could have broad implications for employment practices because UC is conceding the basic tenet of its argument.

"We are rescinding the rule which the hearing officer found objectionable and have agreed to meet and discuss sessions with the unions in the event of employment changes regarding lecturers in the future," Milton Gordon, the UC counsel in the case, said.

Gordon said the decision to rescind the rule was made to "reduce the potential scope of our liability," which they are still pursuing. Even if UC should win the

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Free television for elevator passengers?

By Kevin Grumbach
Associate Editor

Those of us who make it their business to spend their days strolling through the UCSF lobbies can't but have noticed the curious goings on by the Medical Science Building elevators recently.

It began last month when two wisps of cable were spied dangling from the ceilings near the first and second-floor elevator banks. Then, days later, sets of sturdy brackets appeared; soon afterwards, there they were — televisions in the Med. Science lobbies!

Since that time, the suspense has mounted steadily as these strange and wondrous harbingers of the video age have sat there silently. Their screens, blank but for an occasional provocative parade of digits and squares of color, have somberly presided over the traffic of elevator thoroughfares.

Why are they here?

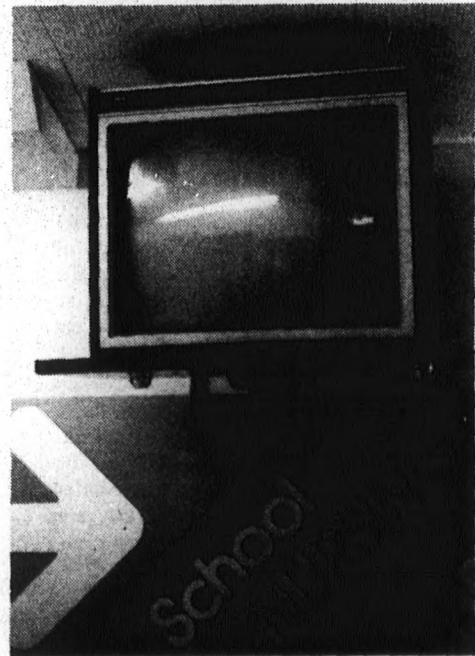
The enigma, ever more perplexing with the passage of time, has given many corridor-walkers pause for reflection. There has been talk that the university administration finally is moving to pacify rebellious staff who must wait endlessly

for the Med. Science elevators to arrive, and will be cabling in favorite TV shows to make the wait pass less odiously. The soap opera "General Hospital" is being touted around the halls as a likely entry for the afternoon travel hour, although there have been rumors that members of the surgical faculty are hoping to beam their live performances from the Moffit OR. Neither idea sits well with the Millberry Union video jocks, who are betting their quarters that Mr. and Ms. Pac Man soon will be gobbling their way across the newly installed screens.

Then there are those of a more paranoid bent who, taking their cue from Orwell's 1984, regard the TV monitor with barely concealed suspicion as they pass by — is Big Brother of the "UCSF family" watching? Perhaps the screens are the latest device in the long-running strategy to catch the crazed biochemist defacing the elevators with "Remain Calmodulin."

The suggestions continue: "Instrument of propaganda for the upcoming union elections!" "Methods for seeing around corners to dodge careening gurneys and food carts!" The speculation has been endless.

As for the inside story on the UCSF video caper — well, that's inside this issue; turn to page 5 for details.



Those suffering the interminable wait for elevators in the Medical Sciences building soon will have more to look at than the crowded bulletin boards. Televised menus, announcements and job opportunities, courtesy of the News Services department, are coming our way. PHOTO BY KEVIN GRUMBACH

Scholarship bill wins round one

On Wednesday, May 13, SB-1244 passed the Senate Health and Welfare Committee on a 5-0 vote.

The bill would create a California Health Service Corps Scholarship Program, in which medical and other health professional students would receive scholarships while in school in exchange for an obligation on their part to practice in designated health manpower shortage areas of the state. The obligation would be on the basis of one year of scholarship for one year of service.

The bill "is designated to assure that

health manpower shortage areas of California have a supply of doctors and other health professionals in the future," said Director of the UC Student Lobby Miguel Ceballos. "Elimination and cutbacks of several health professional student financial aid program at the federal level mean students must now go deeply into debt, thus discouraging those future health professionals who wish to practice in shortage areas."

The Senate Finance Committee will hear the bill in early June. For more information, call Miguel Ceballos at the UC Student Lobby, (916) 442-3827.

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Letters

Present organizations can't do it all

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter by Thomas Johnson (*Synapse*, May 12) that "we are bombarded with AFSCME literature..." and how "upset" he was about one of the fliers put out by AFSCME. His life must be a real bummer in these times, with all of the propaganda put out by AFSCME, tsk, tsk! Think of all the sh-- put out by Labor Relations, and it doesn't even compare with AFSCME's literature!

I'm convinced that the writer is naive if he thinks employee organizations such as SEC, the Black Caucus, the Latin-American Campus Association, and the United Filipino Employee Association would have the same clout AFSCME presently has under its leadership. I am not trying to demean the above-mentioned organizations per se: they do serve a justifiable purpose as advisory groups for their own purposes. (The Black Caucus has brought to this campus an awareness of such occasions as "Black History Month," the petitioning of local,

state, and federal governments to make Martin Luther King's Birthday a national holiday, etc.) The other organizations have brought us other cultural programs — but they simply don't have representatives who will look out for all of OUR benefits.

The particular writer is ignorant of the realities of what AFSCME will do and how they will go about it. He states, "under exclusive representation of AFSCME, the union, and nobody else will speak for us about wages, hours and conditions of employment." Under the present AFSCME leadership, not only will WE employees be actively involved in the collective bargaining process, many of us will be elected by our peers to represent OUR bargaining units. You may want Mr. Mannix (systemwide director of collective bargaining) and Mr. Neff (UCSF manager, Labor Relations) to give us what little they would if they could; not me. My vote is with AFSCME!

Mark O'Neill

A.A. I, Student Financial Aid

UC nurses could set national example

To the Editor:

As a Registered Nurse working in the Emergency Department, I would like to provide my perspective on the collective bargaining election.

I have been employed by UCSF for three years and eleven months; first as a CN III and now as a per diem nurse. During this time I have noted a variety of personnel policy interpretations — all in the name of flexibility. Registered Nurses on this campus are divided among four nursing departments (Moffitt-Long Nursing Service, Ambulatory Care, Langley-Porter Institute, and OR/PAR). There is no professional practice committee to serve as a forum to bring staff RN's together to discuss common practice issues and concerns.

It was not until I joined the UCSF/CNA RN Organizing Committee in January, 1982 that I even realized a distortion existed among the four depart-

ments on such issues as clinical and administrative nurse career ladders, educational leave, reimbursement for continuing education, committee practice and performance evaluation methods.

I have come to realize by examining other contracts negotiated by professional nurses that the California Nurses Association can serve as a vehicle through which nurses can improve their workplace. There are 4,300 RN's from five medical campuses across the state who will be voting in this election. Registered nurses throughout California and the United States have always looked to this university for visionary ideas on nursing. This opportunity to negotiate salary, benefits and professional practice issues could change the face of nursing. In my opinion, it should not be missed.

Christine Wachmsuth, RN, BSN
Co-Chair UCSF/CNA
RN Organizing Committee

Unions: big business with big bucks

To the Editor:

Many workers believe that if AFSCME wins the election that only union members have to pay dues. At the present time the HEERA law reads that way. The law covering state workers did too, until December 1982 when Gov. Brown signed into law a new provision allowing the state union to collect a fee from each non-union worker — a fee equal to the dues paid by a union member.

Unions are big business with big bucks. It is easy for them to spend their members' money to lobby in Sacramento for laws like the one Brown signed. To think AFSCME would not spend the time and money to lobby for an "Agency Shop" is crazy. This would not only

mean mandatory membership for UC employees but let us not forget the initiation fee of each new member ranging from \$30 to \$40. I'm afraid the only thing the employee will get in return is a pay stub showing the automatic union deductions.

Martin R. Pasik
Principal Clerk/CED

Editor's Note:

Although many unions involved in the industrial and skilled craft trades do require initiation fees for new members, according to AFSCME officials AFSCME, along with the majority of public-sector unions, never has instituted that practice.

Evaluate claims before casting vote

To the Editor:

In the last several weeks, we at UCSF have been flooded with a great deal of AFSCME literature, including mailings to our homes, TV, radio, and newspaper ads (including *Synapse*). I find most of this information to be "pie in the sky" campaign promises and distortions of the truth and consequently insulting because it assumes that we are not aware of the realities of our working lives, the state's financial situation, or the recession affecting the whole country.

Not once has any of this material mentioned the probabilities of success in gaining these grand benefits, nor how AFSCME actually plans to accomplish these goals. For example: flyer number 1 talks about free parking, which is of course an extremely appealing benefit, but terribly unrealistic here in San Francisco and at UCSF.

AFSCME also fails to mention that UC bargaining law does not require bargaining before May 1, 1984, so it would be interesting to know what year or decade all these nice things are supposed to be gained for us if we vote for AFSCME.* Take a hard look at the how and when, or what AFSCME has done in other higher education contracts — not just general contracts for private industry. We in higher education have special needs.

My point is this: if unions, including AFSCME, have achieved the gains which they have claimed to have made, and have made good their campaign promises, why is it that after 48 years of collective bargaining rights in this country, only 1 in 5 employees is unionized today? Surely, if unions have delivered on their promises and achieved their goals many more employees would be unionized today.

At one time unions were a progressive force, but for the past couple of decades they just seem to be a drag on the economy. What have strong unions done

for steel workers or auto workers? Not only are hundreds of thousands of loyal union members unemployed, but most of them — especially the older ones — will never go back to their old jobs or their former employers. Many union contracts call for lower wages and less benefits than before, and union membership itself is declining. Unionizing now would be like climbing aboard a sinking ship.

Mary A. Yost
A concerned staff

*Editor's note:

According to a spokesperson from the regional office of Public Employee Relations Board (PERB), an elected, certified union is under no obligation (by law) to bargain at all — before or after May 1, 1984. He points out that should a union which is certified as an exclusive representative fail to begin the bargaining procedure within one year after its election, that union then is susceptible to decertification efforts (from which it is protected for one year only after elections).

The upcoming collective bargaining elections have created quite a bit of controversy on this campus. The *Synapse* welcomes letters from those who wish to express their views about this or any other issue, and prints these submissions as space allows in the interest of furthering responsible dialog in an open forum. The views expressed are those of the writers; the *Synapse* does investigate and clarify specific claims (Editor's Notes) which the staff feels otherwise may be open to misinterpretation.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the authors; the names may be withheld from print at the authors' request.

Vital Signs



Prescription drug ads to consumers held off

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Arthur Hayes recently requested that pharmaceutical companies hold off on their proposed advertising of prescription drugs directly to the public, a move which drug companies hope will cause consumers to demand that their physicians alter their prescriptions. In the past, these companies have directed their advertising to doctors and other health professionals.

The FDA's main concern is the public's ability to evaluate the risk/benefit ratio of the drug — the so-called "fair balance" requirement. "If you purchase most products advertised on TV (toothpaste, deodorant and so forth) you generally are able to decide how well it's working," contends Hayes. "If, however, you take a cardiac medication, will you be able to determine that it may also cause other major medical problems?"

Another reason for the reluctance of the FDA to allow such consumer advertising may be due to the "Oraflex Story." Oraflex, a drug for arthritis, was introduced to the U.S. market last spring. The drug manufacturers — Eli Lilly and Co. — had indirectly promoted the drug by supplying all the major television networks with file films and tapes of the benefits of the drug, thus increasing consumer demand. Later (a half million prescriptions later) the FDA reprimanded the company (Eli Lilly) for "false and misleading" information. About 70 deaths resulting from adverse reactions to Oraflex have been reported.

Science, April 22, 1983

Swimming pool water may harm corneas

In a study of the effects of chlorinated swimming pool water on the eye, researchers at Loyal University Medical Center, Maywood, Illinois, found that 68 percent of the experimental subjects had symptoms indicative of corneal edema. Ninety-four percent of these subjects showed corneal epithelial erosions in a punctate or linear pattern demonstrated by fluorescein staining on the slit-lamp examination. None of the subjects, however, experienced a measurable change in visual acuity.

The study involved 50 subjects, and the concentration of free chlorine gas in the pool was maintained at 1.0 to 1.5 ppm while the pH of the pool water was maintained at about 7.5. The length of time of time in pool for the 50 subjects ranged from 8 to 90 minutes, with an average of 34 minutes.

Although the factor(s) responsible for corneal changes have not been elucidated, the researchers predict that such factors may include chlorine, chlorine-derived compounds, pH, toxicity of water, substances introduced by filtration, and mechanical disruption of the tear film and corneal epithelium.

JAMA, May 13, 1983

Financial Aid Column

Summer award letters

Financial Aid Offer Letters will be mailed out late next week to students who are attending Summer Session 1983. These should be signed and returned as soon as they are received. Continuing students starting the 83-84 year in September will be mailed Offer Letters in July.

Incomplete applications

Several students applied for financial aid for the coming year but cannot be awarded yet because their files are incomplete. The Financial Aid Office has notified everyone regarding the missing information. Requested documentation should be submitted immediately. Students with incomplete files may not be awarded aid on the normal schedule and could find themselves without checks when school begins.

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Commentary

Convention mixes fact with hard-sell

The 64th Annual Session of the American College of Physicians was held in early April at the Moscone Center in San Francisco. The workshops, small groups, and plenary sessions were stimulating, but I was disturbed at the contrast between the professionalism of the presentations and the commercialism of the drug company displays.

It was heartening to see private practitioners returning to an academic setting to hone their skills. One symposium addressed the endemic alcoholism, drug abuse, high divorce rate, and depression that our bite-the-bullet medical training fosters — it's a beginning at least. Many speakers addressed the changing economics of medicine and cautioned against unnecessary lab tests.

The most attention-getting item at the convention, however, was a two-square block area filled with video screens, flashing signs, and bright colors — the displays of the drug companies. It was very entertaining to wander among the displays, but I don't think it is the business of medical conventions to entertain.

Of course there were courtesies — orange juice from company X, coffee (freeze-dried non-dairy creamer only) from company Y, and sweet rolls from company Z. All this was more perfunctory than nice, and all definitely unnecessary.

There were lots of conversations to overhear. As I walked under the big sign that said "the first new loop diuretic in 15 years," I heard one green badge (drug company rep) say to another, "Just what we need — another diuretic."

There was even a video game — "Hypertensive Norm." The object of the game was to shield Norm's innards from the norepinephrine bullets that raised his blood pressure and heart rate. Any one of three classes of drugs could be used to help out. I'm terrible at video games and haven't taken pharmacology yet so I wasn't able to get poor Norm's heart rate below 120 or his blood pressure below 190/100!

Drugs of all types were represented. Antihypertensives made sure to include a varied group of smiling people in their ads (remember the Alka-Seltzer ads with all the stomachs?). Beta-blocker and calcium-channel blocker displays usually had a simulated 3-D effect that made you feel as if you were standing in the middle of a huge, throbbing artery (how about Raquel Welch in *Fantastic Voyage*?). Antidepressant drugs featured potted flowers (soothing, I suppose), but their deep reds and greens only reminded me of a funeral home. Anyone walking around with an orange plastic flower was a safe bet to have endured a rap on antidepressant drugs.

What brought the more sinister side of all this to me most clearly was a test-yourself-on-psychoactive-drugs program (remember, the ACP is an organization of internists). As the narrator appeared to present the cases I wondered: is he a doctor? a pharmacist? Probably not. Why, then, is he speaking in such a reassuring tone? Why is he reassuring me that shock treatment (he didn't even say ECT) is the treatment of choice for post-infarction depression, except that family members might find it distasteful?

This exhibit was pseudo-information at its worst, using a few "key" facts and a smattering of family background to generate an algorithm that will almost certainly end with a prescription. The cases were much too streamlined to be meaningful and the man behind the hypodermic (whoever he was) was too trigger-happy.

It is unfortunate that the atmosphere of intellectual inquiry that makes a medical convention so exciting is traditionally compromised by the displays of drug companies. This kind of commercialism is certainly out of place. People excuse the displays by saying that most doctors take the pharmaceutical ballyhoo with several large grains of salt (I picture overworked ants), but if that is the case then the displays are doubly out of place because nobody heeds them anyway.

Whenever someone raises the idea of limiting pharmaceutical advertising, someone else says that doctors are sophisticated enough to tell good information from bad. That is not the point. Advertisement is not based on information, it is based on the fact that, in spite of all our sophistication, we are still charmed in ways we don't understand by the color red. And we still like to think of ourselves as people who do the "right" thing.

No matter what anybody says, I can't quite swallow going to a medical convention feeling like a doctor-in-training and leaving feeling like a shoe salesman.

Larry Procopio MSI

Announcements

Domestic violence workshop

Debbie Lee, Medical Services Coordinator of the Family Violence Project at SFGH, will hold a workshop on identification and treatment of battered women on Thursday, May 19 at noon in HSW-300.

UCRS election this month

Collective bargaining elections aren't the opportunity for UC employees to jump on a ballot-wagon: ballots will be mailed this month to University of California Retirement System (UCRS) members in an attempt to fill one of the two staff-held positions on the UCRS Board. The board in question serves to advise the UC president in regards to the administration of the retirement system. At least two of the candidates for this systemwide position are UCSF staff members. Ballots must be returned to systemwide on or before June 30 to be valid.

Major psychotherapy meeting in S.F.

Some 200 people will gather for UCSF-organized symposium on Sigmund Freud and Carl Gustav Jung May 21-22. Freud and Jung, two of the pioneers of psychiatry, severed their relationship in 1913, and the theories of each man became the basis for major psychoanalytic schools that had little to do with each other over the years. This month's meeting, sponsored by the UCSF Continuing Education in Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences, is a major effort to establish new lines of communication between members of the two schools. Most of the 21 speakers are on the staff of LPPI or the UCSF Department of Psychiatry faculty. For more information about the symposium, call 666-2557.

Host families sought for international students

American Intercultural Student Exchange is seeking families to share their homes and lives with students from Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Spain, Italy, France, Columbia, Brazil, Japan or Canada for the school year 1983-1984. The students will arrive in the U.S. this August, and will return to their home countries in late June, 1984. For more information, call (415) 673-9705.

UC Berkeley jazz festival starts May 23

The Seventeenth Annual Berkeley Jazz Festival, sponsored by the ASUC and by Superb Productions, is scheduled for May 23-May 30. The festival will include workshops, films, and five free noon concerts featuring Bay Area jazz artists. Evening concerts also are scheduled for May 28 and 29, with ticket prices (in advance) ranging from \$11.50-15.00. The festival is a benefit for the Educational Opportunity Program at UCB, which aids economically and academically disadvantaged students, and Cal Camp, which provides summer experiences for under-privileged community children. Tickets are available through the ASUC Box Office and at all BASS Ticket Centers. For more information, call 642-7511.

ANR documentary on development of atom bomb

On Tuesday, May 24 the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility at UCSF will present the dramatic documentary *Day After Trinity*. The film focuses on the key role of scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer in the development of the atomic bomb. It presents a penetrating commentary on the morality of scientific enquiry, the McCarthy era and nuclear proliferation. HSW-300, May 24, 6 p.m.

Summer session packets mailed

Packets for summer term, summer session 1 and session 3 have been mailed, except to third and fourth year dental students. If you do not receive a packet by May 24, contact the Registrar's office. Dentistry third and fourth year students are required to register in person June 10. All students who do not register by mail must register in person June 10. After this date a late fee will be charged. Classes begin June 13. Winter grades are available in the Registrar's Office for students who are not registered for summer. Dental students should pick up grades in S-630.

Bill on student housing discrimination set for hearing

AB 1257, a bill that would make it illegal for landlords to refuse to rent, sell or lease property to individuals simply because they are students, is scheduled to be heard on May 23 by the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee. The bill is supported by the Coalition for Adequate School Housing and the California State Student Association, and is sponsored by the UC Student Lobby. (AB 1257 was introduced by Assemblywoman Teresa Hughes, D-Los Angeles.)

Maimonides Society to discuss circumcision

Rabbi David White will speak for the Maimonides Society on "Circumcision: Tradition, Practice and Current Implications," Tuesday, May 24 at noon in HSW 300. Refreshments will be served; all are welcome.

Faculty Development Program Grantsmanship

A workshop on "Grantsmanship" has been planned by the Equal Opportunity Committee of the Academic Senate, and the Office of the Academic Vice Chancellor. The workshop will be a panel discussion by several distinguished faculty members who will share their expertise in securing extra-mural support. Emphasis will be on "writing a successful grant." Ample time will be provided for a question and answer period.

TIME: May 23, 1983

PLACE: HSW-303

Although this program is intended primarily for junior faculty, post-doctoral fellows, advanced graduate students and other interested faculty are also invited to attend.

Please notify the Office of the Academic Vice Chancellor (ext. 1881) if you plan to attend.

GSA Column

Research conference travel funds

Graduate students who plan to attend a research conference between June 14 and September 31 and wish to apply to GSA for travel funds are reminded that applications must be submitted to the GSA office, 244 Millberry Union no later than June 1. Applications for travel funds may be obtained by phoning the GSA office at ext. 2233, or by stopping by in person.

Social Science Research Forum

The three prize winners of the GSA-sponsored Social Science Research contest will present a summary of their papers at a forum scheduled for Monday, May 23 from noon to 1 p.m. The forum will be held in HSW 303. Interested members of the campus community are invited to attend. The names of the prize winners were not available at press time. Refreshments will be served.

GSA Presents

The third GSA PRESENTS will be held on Wednesday, May 25 on the Mezzanine level of the School of Nursing. The presentations will be given from noon to 1:15 p.m. All campus members are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Leaving town for the summer? Need to sublet your home? Sell your furniture? You'll get results in the *Synapse* classified section. Free for students.

Instant results

S.F. recall drive symptom of national political tide

By Mary Ellen Leary

The American taste for instant everything — puddings, photographs, computer printouts, sports replays, divorce — now has reached politics.

Instant recall elections, such as the unsuccessful effort to oust San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein on April 26, ahead of normal election day, are occurring with unprecedented frequency.

Yet recall is the least discussed and least analyzed of the trio of direct government processes. Like the initiative and referendum, the recall was intended to break the dominance over government which corrupt bosses had imposed in so many sectors at the end of the 19th century. Progressives fought to put government back in the hands of the people. These three instruments for direct government were adopted and used often from 1910 to 1920, but got less attention in later decades. Then in the 1970s, a strong revival of participatory politics occurred.

California's Proposition 13 initiative, which in 1978 rolled back local property taxes by 50 percent, triggered new interest nationwide in the initiative and set many states to copying the California model. But Proposition 13 didn't create the present mood for populist government. It only illustrated it with shock effect. Single-issue politics already had started a new wave of voter enthusiasm earlier in the decade around such causes as the environment, tax reduction, abortion and nuclear weapons.

This rise of single-issue politics in contrast to party politics, and the accompanying reliance on the initiative and referendum, has received a lot of attention from scholars and media. But, virtually ignored, the recall also has been

having a resurgence of its own, and at a time when trust in politicians is at low ebb such radical removal is no longer reserved for "rascals." It is the handy weapon for any "anti-" crowd.

One reason that expanding use of the recall escapes notice is that it occurs largely at the local level, centered around local issues and personalities. Another is that nobody keeps nationwide statistics to identify the recall phenomenon, unlike the more issue-oriented initiatives. Yet a check in various states which permit use of the recall shows that it has become a significant element in a governmental process increasingly subject to populist command.

Said Sue Thomas, research director for the National Center for Initiative Review in Englewood, Colorado, "Our society is taking its cues from television and demanding instant solutions to problems."

Accepted for use at all levels of government in only 15 states, the recall is permitted in some measure, usually locally and with restrictions, in 36 states. The most recent to add it, in 1979, was Georgia, whose director of elections, Frances Duncan, reports in the past three years 135 attempts at recall, 26 in which an election resulted and 20 which ousted the official involved.

Oregon, the state which pioneered the initiative, referendum and recall in 1903, also keeps tab on their usage. Secretary of State Norma Paulus reports that in the eight years immediately before 1974 there were only 11 recall elections. In the seven years since, there have been 80 involving 205 local officials, 77 of whom were ousted.

Los Angeles county, with its melange of cities and districts, may be the locale

with the most concentrated use of the recall. Its chief deputy registrar, Beatriz Valdez, reports that from 1970 through 1982 there were 89 recalls proposed, 31 successful in staging an election and 24 officials ousted. The rest of California is similarly smitten. Dr. Charles M. Price, political science professor at California State University at Chico, identified 562 recall attempts in the 1970s alone, 375 of them reaching the election stage and one-third, 187, successful in removing the targeted official.

Most recall petitions justify their aim with generalities about failure to fulfill duties of office. But the real reasons are more specific: the Wisconsin judge recalled because he said at a rapist's trial that women invite sexual abuse; the mayor of Cleveland, Dennis Kucinich, who came within an inch of being recalled for firing his popular police chief; the Idaho legislators recalled because they dared modify an initiative limiting their expense accounts.

Many recalls involve school board members over conservative-liberal educational differences, utility commissioners over rising rates and city council members over land-use decisions or tenant-renter squabbles. One occurred because people didn't like where the fire engine was housed.

San Francisco's Mayor Feinstein initially was challenged by a fringe group of radicals, the White Panthers, who disapproved of her effort (since nullified by the courts) to ban handguns in the city. They collected the recall signatures, getting roughly twice the needed 19,000. Some

characteristics of the Feinstein experience are typical of other recalls.

For one, no powerful opposition to Feinstein was evident. Yet the White Panthers reported that about half the citizens they approached with the petition signed it. Despite the fact that San Francisco's normal municipal election was only months off, and an ouster might then have been managed easily, people apparently responded affirmatively to the idea of a recall.

A second point common to other recalls: once it qualified, the recall movement attracted every faction of discontent in the city. The White Panthers were elbowed aside and advocates for other causes moved in: environmentalists against high-rise offices, tenants irritated over rent increases, conservatives who felt taxes and fees had risen too high, gays unhappy at the veto of legislation they sought.

A third commonality: recalls stir far more emotion than ordinary elections. In the Feinstein case, the recall rallied her supporters to an extraordinary zeal, turning the election into something of a crusade.

Dr. David Magleby of Brigham Young University in Utah, an authority on direct democracy, said about the recall: "It is one facet in a growing tendency of voters to take matters into their own hands. They will use whatever they can to intervene in government as individuals. It is one more sign of the increasing disaggregation of the American political system."

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MU golf tournament next month

The annual spring campus golf tournament, sponsored by Millberry Union, will be held on June 17 at Indian Valley Golf Club in Novato. UCSF faculty, staff, students and their guests are invited for this informal and relaxing day of golf.

Dinner (which is included in the entry fee) will be served in the clubhouse after play is through (non-golfers are invited for dinner). Prizes will be awarded for the low gross score, the low net score (using a handicapping procedure for the low

net), closest to the hole and for the day's worst score.

Play will be in foursomes and players may indicate on the entry form those persons with whom they would like to be grouped. Tee-off is at 1 p.m. with a "shotgun" start allowing everyone to finish in time for refreshments and dinner.

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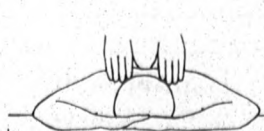
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UCSF corridors embrace video age

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If you're one of those people tired of getting a busy signal when you dial the UCSF menu hotline, it may be time for you to take an elevator ride.

Television screens, newly installed beside the Medical Science Building elevators, will be broadcasting daily meal entries as part of the new UCSF News Services project to deliver information via video to the UCSF community.

The project, planned with the Educational Media Resources center, is beginning a trial run with two video monitors in the Medical Science Building and one in the Millberry Cafeteria. The screens are scheduled to run repeated, 10-minute segments which, in addition to featuring the day's menu, will present notices on campus news, events, and job opportunities.

Allan Balderson, a senior editor at the News and Public Information Services, programs the segments on an Apple computer terminal in the News Services office. He is hoping that the project will "supplement and maybe even replace existing print methods" for disseminating information on campus. He believes that video serves as an "excellent medium to reach people immediately" with information. By way of example, Balderson cites the closing of the Golden Gate Bridge last winter as the type of news for which

speedy communication to UCSF commuters would be of value.

Despite its leap into the age of technicolor video, News Services may be hard-pressed to make news of employee layoffs and UC budget cutbacks more palatable to staff and students. Given the current economic climate, can UCSF afford the seeming-luxury of televised information?

Balderson asserts that the dollar layout for the computer-video system was "quite minimal." EMR Director Peter Ng concurs, saying that the main cables were laid down "years ago" and that the hardware consists of idle television monitors from the EMR inventory and his own Apple terminal. When asked if the equipment might not be more effectively utilized for educational purposes, Ng responded that the Student Informational Media Area (SIMA) has simply run out of space for any expansion of computer or video learning systems.

Labor costs for installing the TV sets and programming the News Services computer, says Ng, are the project's main expense.

As for the urgent question on everyone's mind — "Will News Services' new video technology render *Synapse* obsolete?" — Balderson has a reassuring answer: "I doubt that . . . unless *Synapse* starts doing only short news items."

Four-year lecture rule rescinded

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appeal, Gordon said, the rescission of the rule would stand.

Under the December employee board ruling, the lecturers stand to benefit from reinstatement and back pay provisions of the judge's decision, but those provisions could not be implemented until the appeal has been decided.

Since the appeal could take a year to be settled, the university is reinstating the lecturers now to save any additional back pay which could potentially be awarded to the lecturers if UC lost the appeal.

The move was interpreted by Nancy Elnor, a union official, as a concession by the general counsel's office that they would ultimately lose the appeal.

The only lecturers not affected by the reinstatement are those who are not classified as "visiting" or "adjunct" and those who have obtained security of employment, which allows for long-term employment of teachers who are not on the tenure track.

The December employment board's ruling specifically reinstates former UC Berkeley Asian American studies lecturer Merle Woo, whose employment was terminated under the four-year rule. Woo contends she was fired because she is a lesbian, a socialist and an outspoken critic of the university.

Elnor said the reinstatement would be

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UC Berkeley lecturer Merle Woo (above) is one of the hundreds of lecturers who will be rehired as a result of UC's policy reversal.

automatic for most lecturers, but "a few problem cases," like Woo's, will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

Editor's Note:

According to the Office of Academic Affairs at UCSF, the systemwide reversal of the four-year lecture rule will result in no rehires on this campus. Although some lecturers here may have been affected "down the road," said the spokesperson, UCSF had fired no one since the rule was implemented in 1980 because 1) this campus implemented the rule later than other campuses did and 2) most of the adjunct lecturers on this campus are on 50 percent, not 100 percent time, so the rule did not apply to them.

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Bird
spinning the sweet hum of wind
into a clear high note

Path
reaching up to slap
my feet where I walk

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M. Gould

On Spring Planting the Day I Applied to Medical School.....

Turning the soil, exposing
the underheat, moist clay. I
also expect hair and pulse.
Earthworms lie
spreadeagled, expecting
escaping steam
from their spade-sliced
burroughs, cut smooth, close.

The day can't be so sharp
the edge must haze,
stand still....

I am planted, not planting.
clay-dark, can't see above.
I sense the spade take bead.
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Thursday, May 26

LECTURE: "Psychological Factors in Serious Illness," with Norman Cousins. Mr. Cousins, former editor of *Saturday Review*, and currently adjunct professor at UCLA, speaks on how a physician meets the needs of patients without compromising his or her own position. Cole Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m., \$2/\$1.

Intramurals

Rowing Club meeting

There will be a meeting of the Rowing Club on Tuesday, May 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Millberry Union Board of Governors room. All interested persons are welcome. The purpose of the meeting is to give an update on the progress made in the past few weeks toward securing a rowing shell and rowing machine and to plan activities for the summer quarter. For more information call the Recreation Dept. at ext. 1800.

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Co-op Leadership Clinic, 6/1, 6, 8, 11-12

May 31

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Moving Water Canoe Clinic, 6/8, 9, 11-12
Whitewater Rafting, Sacramento River, 6/11-12
Evening Windsurfing, 6/9

June 13 & 14

Sign-ups begin for:

Basic Windsurfing Clinic, 6/21, 22, 25-26
Wilderness Adventure Skills Clinic, 6/23, 7/1-5
Kayak Roll Session, 6/22
Evening Windsurfing, 6/23

June 20 & 21

Sign-ups begin for:

Kayak Roll Session, 6/29
Whitewater Rafting, Klamath River, 7/1-5

June 27 & 28

Sign-ups begin for:

Kayak Roll Session, 7/6

Tuesday, June 7

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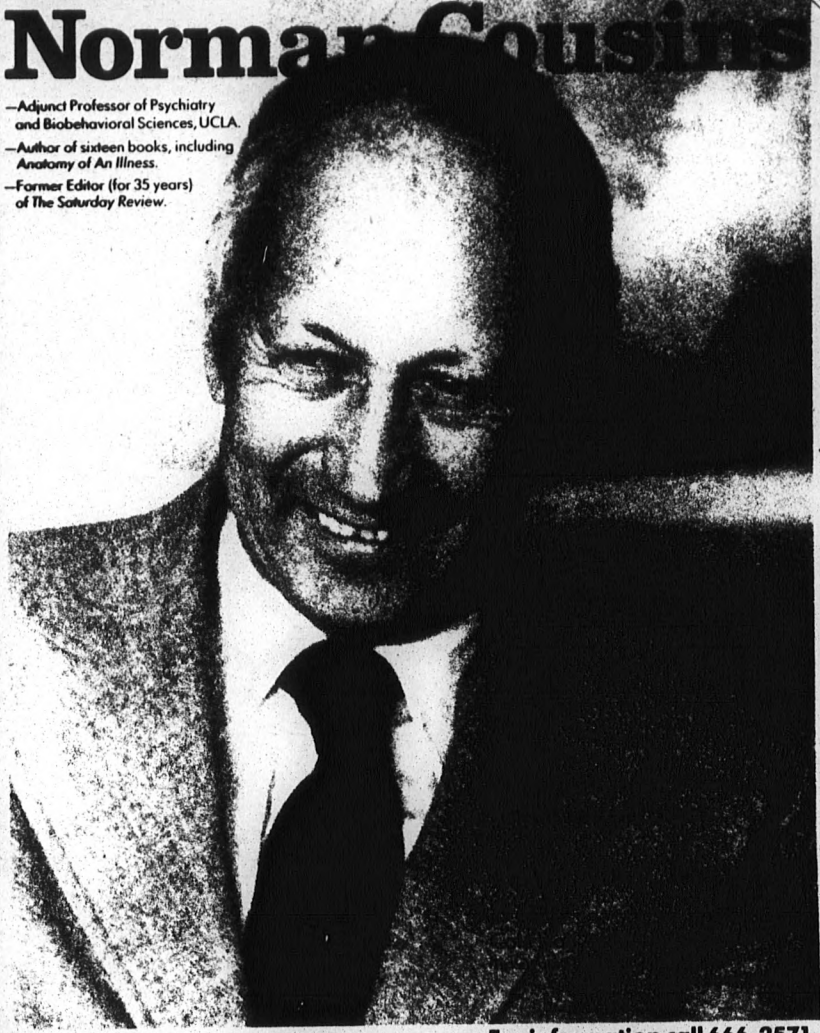
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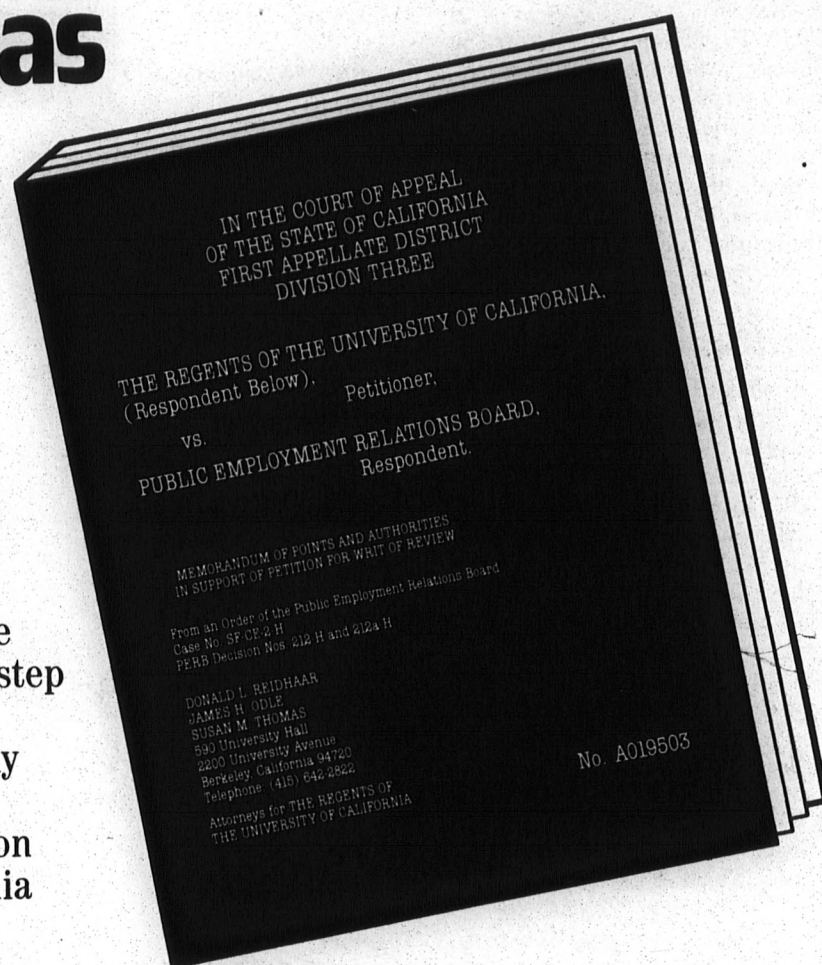
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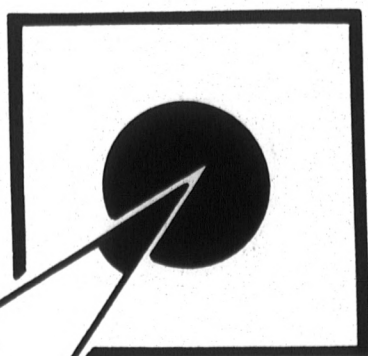


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