

SYNAPSE

Graduate Research Day Researchers will present work in MU on April 19

By Robert Cerpa

Have you ever wondered what is going on within the myriad of labs you walk past at UCSF? Graduate Student Research Day, sponsored by the Graduate Students' Association, offers an opportunity for the campus community to sample the broad range of research activity here. On April 19 in the Millberry Union Conference Center, graduate students will give oral and poster presentations on their research.

To entice graduate students to take time from their busy schedules, those who present posters will receive a stipend of \$50. Finalists in doctoral programs who are selected to give oral presentations will compete for an all-expenses-paid trip to this year's National Student Research Forum in Texas. Master's degree candidates will compete for a trip to a scientific meeting of their choice.

The categories of competition are basic sciences, social and behavioral sciences, doctoral-level nursing, and master's-level nursing. Last year's topics included "Personality and job-related anxiety in emergency room personnel," "Symptoms of adolescent substance abuse," "Knowledge of cardiovascular disease and risk factors among Hispanics in San Francisco," and "Intracellular interactions in the epidermis of *C. Elegans*."

The event, which is open to the entire campus community, emphasizes a presentation of research that is comprehensible to anyone in the health sciences community. "Making a relatively sophisticated project simple and understandable to the audience was a key ingredient for award winners," as well as a valuable skills for students to develop, said Dr. John Cashman, assistant professor of pharmaceutical chemistry and a research day judge for the past three years.

One of last year's participants, Thomas Chimento, who recently received his doctorate in speech and hearing science, commented that students often know more about what is going on in a lab halfway around the world than in the lab on the floor below them. Research Day is "a great opportunity to see what going on in other campus labs," he added.

Paul Slesinger, a graduate student in neuroscience who also participated last year, says he found it challenging to figure out how to deliver a talk to people from diverse backgrounds. He fielded several insightful questions from the audience and the judges panel, and felt that Research Day was a useful experience for him.

The faculty judges feel equally positive about their experiences. Dr. Margaret Wallhagen, assistant clinical professor of nursing, says that the students' enthusiasm facilitated cross-disciplinary commu-

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Is this the Lambada?



Among the more than 900 revelers at the Black & White Gala: Nellie Rivera, Bonnie Hamar, Olga Tran, Iris Tam, Kevin Wong, Rachel Cruz, Steve Framilla, Lanny Massie, Rita Jue, Gail Mametsuka, Sarah Little and Kristin Oberg. The dance, co-produced by ASUC and EMPACT!, raised \$8,000 for the UCSF Childcare Center. Photo by Monty Dunn

GSA operates on many fronts for graduate students' goals

The Graduate Students' Association (GSA) divides its attention between campus concerns and broader issues facing the student body of the entire nine-campus UC system. As the official representative organization for UCSF's diverse range of graduate academic students—those studying basic and social sciences, and nursing—GSA finds common ground on subjects near and dear to all its constituents, such as fee policies, health insurance and recycling.

Sheila Allen, a nursing graduate student and GSA president for the last two years, said that one of her group's most important accomplishments this year was establishment of a campus recycling program. She expects the program to be up and running by the end of the academic year. "We ran into a snag when we tried to get the administration involved—they are paying for the cans—and it delayed everything by about two months," Allen said.

Coming up on April 19, GSA will sponsor its annual Graduate Research Day, a showcase for studies by UCSF students. "It's a chance to share their research with the university community and each other," said Caroline Acker, a graduate student in the history of health sciences and GSA's chair for basic and social sciences. GSA also contributes to student research by administering a travel fund to help graduate students get to important scientific conferences, Acker noted.

On another front, the GSA has taken on the Graduate Division's definition of "normative time—the average time needed to complete a PhD," said Allen. Currently, UCSF considers five years to be the average time needed. "In reality, according to the Graduate Division's own survey, it takes six years to earn a PhD on average," Allen said.

The policy carries practical implications for students. After five years, Allen explained, students are no longer allowed to live in student housing. The Graduate Division also has a fee subsidy for students who have passed their

qualifying exams, while they are completing their dissertations. But the subsidy ends at the five-year mark. GSA is working with the Graduate Division to change the policy, she said.

In another campus activity, GSA member Theresa Gamble, a biophysics student, initiated a survey on mental health services offered by the Student Health Service (SHS), which was later adapted and broadened by the SHS in an effort to gauge future mental health care needs.

"It's been great to see real action and progress of this issue that's been of concern," Acker said, calling the recently completed survey "a good clear statement about what students want."

GSA has also joined the Nursing Student Council in a letter-writing campaign aimed at getting the SHS to employ nurse practitioners. "We feel nurse practitioners are very appropriate for that situation, because they are less expensive than doctors and they have more of a primary-health focus, which corresponds to our basically healthy population," Allen said. "Also we think it's a crime that we have this great nurse practitioner program at UCSF, but not a single nurse practitioner at the Student Health Service."

Systemwide participation

The organization also participates on systemwide UC committees. Allen serves on the student-health committee, which looks at the prospects for improving and standardizing health coverage for UC students. (UCSF currently has the strongest coverage, Allen said.) This group helped insure that mandatory health insurance for all graduate students was put in place this year throughout the nine UC campuses.

Tracey Woodruff, a long-time GSA activist, is president of UC Student Association (UCSA), the systemwide council of UC student government organizations. "[Woodruff's participation] insures that we have strong representation on the systemwide level, and we

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Measles Vaccination offered by Student Health Service

By Kevin Knopf

A recent outbreak of measles infections in California has prompted the Student Health Service (SHS) to offer measles vaccines, in accordance with guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Many of these cases have occurred among college-age students, and have struck several UC campuses.

The SHS recommends that all persons born after 1957 should have two injections of measles vaccines manufactured after 1969. Exceptions to this are prior physician-diagnosed measles or evidence of immunity verified by laboratory tests.

Dr. Lourdes Olivares, director of SHS, is urging students to update their immunization status by getting their second shot of measles vaccine promptly. SHS offers this vaccination for \$12. For students reluctant to have a second vaccination, a measles antibody titer may be obtained for \$20. Evidence of adequate antibody levels would make a second vaccination unnecessary.

Students who have had only one dose of measles vaccine and who have been exposed to an active measles case should report to SHS within 72 hours.

The number of cases among college students may have to do with the nature of the vaccine. "It could be that the vaccine offers protection for only a finite amount of time, such as 20 years," said Dr. Warren Levinson, professor of microbiology and immunology. "Of course, people who have already had a measles infection will have lifetime immunity, and need not be vaccinated."

Comedy tonight!

Synapse has been given 50 free passes to a preview showing of "Vital Signs," a new comedy about third-year medical students. The showing is at 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday, April 12) at the Galaxy Theater (Sutter and Van Ness). The passes will be available at the Synapse office, MU 106W, until 7 p.m. First come, first served.

"S-night diary"

Counting the people in San Francisco's shelters

By Brian Hsu

In an attempt to exclude no one from the 1990 count, the United States Census Bureau staged "S [for Shelter] Night" on March 20. It involved "enumerators" fanning out across the nation to count the homeless, wherever they could be found. I was one of the 200 enumerators hired by the North San Francisco census office for this one-time effort. This is a chronicle of my experience.

4:05 p.m.: San Francisco's S-Night started in a small conference room on First St. near Market. The enumerators inside easily exceeded the maximum occupancy, while more than a dozen others waited to get in. We all wore our red-white-and-blue cardboard badges clipped above the waist, which we had learned to do at a six-hour training session the night before.

An elderly lady for whom English was her second language was practicing the introductory remark: "Hello, I am from the U.S. Census Bureau and I would like to ask you a few questions." The enumerators were of many ethnic origins, men and women, and some were even part of the homeless population we would be looking for tonight.

Our assignments would be given to us by crew leaders who were distinguished by their solid blue badges. They seemed to have a sense of great importance—perhaps because they would be paid an extra dollar per hour more than the rest of us. This

did not bother me. I was not taking part in this event only to earn the equivalent of two dental school textbooks. I had a greater calling, which was to contribute to this decennial count of everyone living in my country, legally or illegally. My efforts would help reapportion congressional districts and determine where funding would go for such things as new schools and roadways. Apparently this is very important; 80 U.S. cities sued the Census Bureau (and lost) over the accuracy of their 1980 population count.

Crew leaders appeared one by one and led their enumerator teams out of the conference room. "Hello, I am from the U.S. Census Bureau and I would like to ask you a few questions," repeated the lady. After a while, I realized that my group did not have a crew leader. Several of us went upstairs to the census office to find out why.

The media was outside the office door. The office manager was about to be videotaped. "Do I have any cowlicks?" he asked the running camera as he fixed his hair. Where is my crew leader, I asked myself. A crew leader appeared and called out the names of his assigned enumerators. None of them were present.

5:20 p.m.: At the census office, 10 of us waited for our assignments and our crew leader. The crew leader who couldn't

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Currents

Chinese Americans salute UCSF's 125th

On April 6 the Chinese-American community of San Francisco saluted UCSF in honor of its 125th anniversary with a gourmet birthday banquet. The grand ballroom of the Empress of China restaurant was filled to capacity with community leaders and representatives of the Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy.

After a shaky start—the restaurant was rocked at 7:39 p.m. by a 4.5 earthquake—the party proceeded smoothly as deans from each school thanked the Chinese community for its long association with the university and its dedication to health care. Several times during the evening, speakers noted the historical significance of the occasion: for the first time, these two venerable forces in San Francisco were toasting their alliance.

Celebrants were treated to course after course—from shark's fin soup to sea cucumber to roast duck. Afterwards, Chinese alumni talked about some of their experiences at UCSF. Many of their anecdotes were humorous, but others told of struggles against prejudice, as when patients in earlier years refused to be examined by non-white doctors.

One famous alumnus, Secretary of State March Fong Eu, who graduated from UCSF in dental hygiene, sent greetings by telegram. Others contributed reminiscences for a booklet in honor of the event. All saluted a fruitful friendship and its accomplishments—past, present and future. --R.H.

Children's activities fair to be held April 18

Wondering what to do with your bored kids this summer, or just want to find some creative new activities for them? The UCSF Child & Elder Care Referral Service will hold a Summer Care Fair on Wednesday, April 18. The event will feature more than 30 programs offering something for every age group and interest—including summer child care services; sleep-away camps; and science, sports and arts programs.

The Child & Elder Referral Service—recently opened to assist UCSF employees, faculty and students with finding child and elder care—also has a list of summer programs for children, including short descriptions of services, registration information and deadlines.

The program also has a database on providers, including medical care and bilingual programs. For more information on these or other services, contact program coordinator Byron Sigal at 476-2692.

UCSF's waste disposal procedures defended

Roy Balzer, assistant vice chancellor for environmental health and safety, has issued a statement dealing with charges that the university improperly handles, stores and disposes of unstable (i.e., explosive) chemicals. A Chronicle story on April 10 asserted, under a somewhat misleading headline, that UCSF "disposed of dangerous laboratory chemicals for years by hauling them to San Jose and blowing them up without state or federal permits."

Balzer said that the campus police bomb disposal unit, which had been doing the disposal job for years, was recently replaced by "an authorized, non-university contractor" whose procedures follow the letter of the law. He also noted that, in the past, the California Highway Patrol and the San Francisco Police, Fire and Public Health Departments were all aware of how UCSF got rid of unstable chemicals, and were even involved in determining the route to the disposal site. --F.G.

HEALTH SCIENCES SPECIAL SERVICES PROGRAM TUTORIAL PROGRAM

The Health Sciences Special Services Program will be offering tutorial services for the socio-economically disadvantaged and underrepresented students at UCSF. If you need help with any subjects throughout the school year, tutors are available at the HSSSP Office. Contact Carol Stadum at 476-4373, 145 Irving Street, 2nd floor.

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Spring Writing Festival

Synapse invites all students, faculty and staff to contribute their poetry and short fiction for our annual literary issue. Writers will also be invited to take part in a campus community reading on Thursday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the MU Conference Center, sponsored by the Chancellor's Cultural Enrichment Fund. The deadline for receipt of material for both the literary issue and the reading is April 27. Material can be sent to the Synapse office, attention Larry Peiperl, Box 0234, or brought to the office, which is in MU 106W. Questions? Call 476-2211.

Announcements

Parents' tax returns due for financial aid applicants

A complete, signed copy of your parents' 1989 federal income tax return is due by April 16 for those students who need to submit this form to complete their 1990-91 financial aid application. A copy of your own 1989 federal income tax return and an income tax certification form should have been submitted by Feb. 20. For non-filers, a certificate of non-filing is required. If you have not submitted these forms, please do so as soon as possible. If you are planning to enroll for the summer it is very important to complete your application as soon as possible to ensure adequate time for processing.

Attention: graduating students who received financial aid

All students who received campus-based funds (i.e., HPSP, Perkins/NDSL, Nursing loan, University loan) and/or a Stafford Student Loan (formerly known as the GSL) must have an "exit interview" to discuss important information regarding these loans. Students who received campus funds need to contact the student accounting office at 476-1348 to make an appointment for an exit interview. For students who received a Stafford loan, group exit interview sessions have been planned. The dates and times are as follows:

April 16, Monday	5-6 p.m.	S-214
April 18, Wednesday	12-1 p.m.	To be announced
April 24, Tuesday	5-6 p.m.	To be announced
April 26, Thursday	12-1 p.m.	S-214
May 4, Friday	5-6 p.m.	S-214

All graduating students who received a Stafford loan will be sent a memo with the updated room schedule for these sessions.

Graduating students: exit interviews may be required

If you have taken out student loans other than GSL, SLS/PLUS, Stafford or HEALS while enrolled at UCSF, please call the Student Accounting Office (476-1348) to schedule an exit interview appointment. Participation in this loan exit interview is required by federal law and is a university policy. Failure to comply will cause your transcript of records to be placed on hold.

Voter registration drive

The Office of Public Service Programs will be conducting a voter registration program throughout April. Volunteers will be registering voters and handing out absentee ballot applications at various locations around the university. To find out where and how to register, please call Orlando Elizondo at 476-8431.

Family relations and adolescent development, April 12

Shirley Feldman of the Stanford Center for the Study of Families, Children and Youth will discuss family relations and adolescent development on Thursday, April 12, 3:30-5 p.m. in A267.

Earth Day talk, April 18

Dr. Joseph Ladou, chief of the division of occupation medicine at UCSF, will discuss Earth Day, 1990, in Cole Hall, Wednesday, April 18, noon to 1 p.m. "Learn how your actions can make a difference."

Lecture series on AIDS in minority communities

The Associated Students of UCSF and several registered campus organizations are presenting a series of lectures by health-care professionals and AIDS educators involved in minority communities. The series, titled "AIDS in Your Community," will explore the different issues surrounding AIDS in each group as well as the roles of racism, sexism and homophobia in the epidemic. All lectures are free and open to the public, and are intended to be of interest to students and staff. The opening lecture, "AIDS in Minority Communities," will be given by Chris Sandoval, community liaison, AIDS office, San Francisco Department of Public Health, and president of the board, California Association of AIDS Agencies. It will be in S-664, Friday, April 13, from noon to 1 p.m.

Nursing student newsletter contributions due April 13

The next issue of "Update," the nursing student newsletter has an April 13 deadline. Sharon Lee of the Office of Academic Programs reminds contributors to send material to her at Box 0604 or bring it to N331B.

Minority dental faculty give an update, April 21

Several minority members of the School of Dentistry faculty will speak at an event called "Update 90," on April 21 in C701. The event is designed to highlight the research and clinical experience of minority faculty and will provide specific information useful in daily practice. The day-long event, sponsored by the Student National Dental Association and Latinos in Dental Health Education, will cost \$50 for all dentists interested in continuing education units and is free to all students. For more information, call 476-4373.

Blood donation day, April 24

The next campus blood donation day is April 24. Donation sites are in the MU main lounge from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the nursing building mezzanine from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Donation raffle prizes, a pair of gift certificates for \$50 each to the Washington Square Bar & Grill.

Kaiser teaching awards nominations due April 25

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Kaiser awards for excellence in teaching. Medical students and housestaff only are eligible to nominate faculty in three categories: full-time faculty in clinical departments, full-time faculty in basic science departments and volunteer clinical faculty. Information and nominating forms are available in the School of Medicine Student Affairs Office (S-245) or the Dean's Office (S-224). Questions may be addressed to Joyce McKinney, 476-8076.

Norma McCorvey on insuring the right of choice, April 26

The woman behind the history-making Roe vs. Wade lawsuit, Norma McCorvey (Jane Roe), will discuss the court case and the ongoing struggle to defend a woman's right to have an abortion. Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus Ave., noon to 1 p.m. Free. Sponsored by the UCSF Women's Resource Center.

All-UC Photo Show—call for entries

The UC San Diego's Grove Gallery will hold an "All UC Photograph Exhibition" in June. Deadline for entries is May 4. Photos taken by employees, faculty, and students of the campuses and laboratories of the University system may be entered. Each person may submit up to two works, printed in black and white or color. For more information, write All UC Photography, UCSF Grove Gallery, B-038, La Jolla, CA 92093; or phone (619) 534-2637.

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Eyes on the prize



First-year medical student Cáthy James explains prerequisites for careers in the health professions to Bay Area high school students at the 16th annual Black Health Education day on April 4. The event brought more than 200 Black and other minority students from San Francisco and Oakland high schools to campus to introduce them to career opportunities in the health professions. Twenty-nine UCSF faculty members opened their labs for tours and presentations. Afternoon workshops included presentations on the physical exam, dental procedures and the effects of street drugs on the human body. Bay Area college recruiters were also on hand to describe their various requirements for admission. The event was sponsored by the Black Students Health Alliance, ASUC and the HSSSP office. Special thanks are due to David States from the Science and Health Education Project.

—Jann Murray

Letters

Mental Health Update

To the Editor:

There is encouraging news concerning Student Health Services' (SHS) plan for expanded mental health coverage. The results of the SHS Advisory Committee's survey of student opinion, to which 523 students responded, show solid support for expanded mental health insurance coverage. Accordingly, the SHS Advisory Committee, at its March 27 meeting, approved an additional (above the 10 free visits currently allowed) 40 visits to a psychotherapist (either on-campus or an outside practitioner of the student's choice)

per student per year. This insurance plan will cover the first \$25 of each visit, and the student will pay the balance (estimated at \$10 to \$15) on a sliding-scale basis.

Dr. Lourdes Olivares, director of SHS, subsequently negotiated a deal with Blue Cross to provide this additional coverage at the remarkably low cost of \$16.32 per student per year, guaranteed for three years. This means that SHS can afford to pay for these expanded benefits out of existing reserves for at least the next three years without any increases in student fees.

The new plan goes to the Registration Fee Committee on April 16.

Dan Conrad

Lesbian/Gay Awareness Week
events at UCSF

All events are free and open to the public, and are co-sponsored by ASUC and the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Association at UCSF.

"Lesbian moms and their kids," Thursday, April 12

The UCSF Women's Resources Center presents this program on lesbian parenting from noon to 1 p.m. in Toland Hall.

AIDS in your community, Friday, April 13

Chris Sandoval, community liaison of the AIDS office of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and president of the board, California Association of AIDS agencies, will discuss the problems of AIDS in minority communities from noon to 1 p.m. in S664.

Comedy, tragedy and history, Monday, April 16

San Francisco's leading gay comedian Tom Ammiano will perform in Cole Hall at 7 p.m., followed by the Academy Award-winning documentary film, "The Times of Harvey Milk." Refreshments served.

"Why gay rights?" Tuesday, April 17

Attorney Alissa Friedman and Mike Williams, chair of the Gay Rights Chapter of the ACLU of Northern California, will talk about gay rights from noon to 1 p.m. in HSW 303.

AIDS in San Francisco's gay community, Thursday, April 19

Dr. Lisa Capaldini, a Castro District internist, will talk about AIDS from noon to 1 p.m. in S214.

Reception, Friday, April 20

A reception honoring gay, lesbian and bisexual faculty, staff and students will take place in the Chancellor's Conference Room, S30, in the basement of the medical sciences building, from 4 to 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Candidates for the Synapse Editorial Board

Students interested in running Synapse next year should notify the paper by Monday, May 7. Editorial staff jobs are open to UCSF students who have the time and inclination to take part. The editor-in-chief and associate editor plan the contents of the paper, assign writers for stories and columns, and write editorials. The opinion editor contributes editorials and solicits commentaries for the third page. The arts editor writes and assigns reviews of restaurants, movies, plays, concerts and other cultural events. The international editor coordinates reports from students and other members of the UCSF community who have insights to share about their travels. The science editor is responsible for the Checkup column. The sports editor covers the intramural scene. And the photo editor takes pictures, makes assignments, and maintains the photo file.

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OPINION

Editorial

Unjust Law Threatens AIDS Conference

In 1987 Congress passed legislation sponsored by Senator Jesse Helms, R-North Carolina, adding HIV infection to the list of "dangerous contagious diseases" that prevent foreigners from entering or remaining in the United States. No other western democracy has such a law; the Soviet Union, Cuba, and the Republic of South Africa all do.

Last April, the law gained international attention when a Dutch delegate to a San Francisco health conference was imprisoned after customs officials found anti-AIDS medication in his luggage. In the outcry that followed, it was suggested that the Sixth International Conference on AIDS, to be hosted by UCSF, be moved to a country with more humane immigration laws.

At that time, conference co-chair Paul Volberding told Synapse that moving the conference would be impossible. "It is too late to reorganize accommodations and conference facilities for 10,000 to 12,000 people. This regulation flies in the face of science as well as the policy of the World Health Organization. We are working aggressively through the political process—with the mayor, members of Congress, and the attorney general's office in Washington—to change the regulation."

That struggle continues. A revision allowing HIV-positive individuals attending international scientific conferences to apply for a special waiver only intensified outrage at the policy's inherent absurdity and violation of privacy. As of last week, 85 groups had announced that they will boycott the conference unless the U.S. government lifts all travel restrictions based on infection with the AIDS virus. Among the groups are AIDS and hemophilia service organizations in many countries (including The Shanti Project and The Names Project in San Francisco) as well as national and international organizations, such as the National Association of People with AIDS, the British Medical Association, International Planned Parenthood, the government of France and the International Red Cross. The World Health Organization reportedly is considering withdrawing its sponsorship of the conference.

The injustice of the immigration law leaves the boycotters with no alternative. "We took this step because it is ethically right to protest a policy based on pure discrimination, not on medical or scientific fact," said Shanti spokeswoman Holly Smith. "We took this step to support our clients. We stand in solidarity with people with HIV across the world. For many of them, it's important to travel after diagnosis. Non-citizens living in the U.S. also should not have to fear deportation if they should test positive for HIV."

The conference organizers have spent considerable time and energy planning the event, which they hope will serve an important scientific and social purpose, only to find their work undermined by this vicious, inexcusable law. According to conference spokesman Dana Van Gorder, organizers "avoid recommending to groups whether or not to attend. We understand that agencies need to advocate non-discrimination for their clients. Our goal is to ensure that the conference succeeds in presenting updated science." Van Gorder expressed concern that "the level of attention and demonstration focusing on public policy and the travel issue will obscure the main scientific goals of the conference."

Throughout the controversy, the United States government has done little. Historically, the decision as to which diseases should be grounds for denying entry into the country has fallen to health officials of the executive branch. The Helms law is the only instance of Congress mandating a particular condition as grounds for exclusion. Thus, although the federal Center for Disease Control recently recommended that all conditions except active tuberculosis be dropped from the list, the Helms law prevents health officials from dropping HIV infection without congressional approval.

In an attempt to remedy the situation, Rep. J. Roy Rowland, D-Georgia, with support from California representatives Nancy Pelosi, Barbara Boxer, and Henry Waxman, last week introduced a bill that would return to the Secretary of Health and Human Services the authority to determine which diseases should restrict entry. "Public health officials, not Congress, should decide which diseases pose a public health risk," said Pelosi.

It is imperative that Congress pass this bill quickly, as only two months remain before the conference opens. The Bush administration, which has avoided comment on the immigration issue, must lend its strong support to the legislation, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services must be prepared to implement the CDC's recommendations immediately. The conference provides an unequalled opportunity for the exchange of vital information on basic research, AIDS care and public policy among individuals, nations and cultures that otherwise have limited contact. The politicization of AIDS in the United States must not be allowed to destroy this international forum.

Even if it is too late to restore full participation in the San Francisco conference, the law should be changed because it is pointless and inhumane. It penalizes people with a serious health condition and benefits no one.

Larry Peiperl, opinion-page editor
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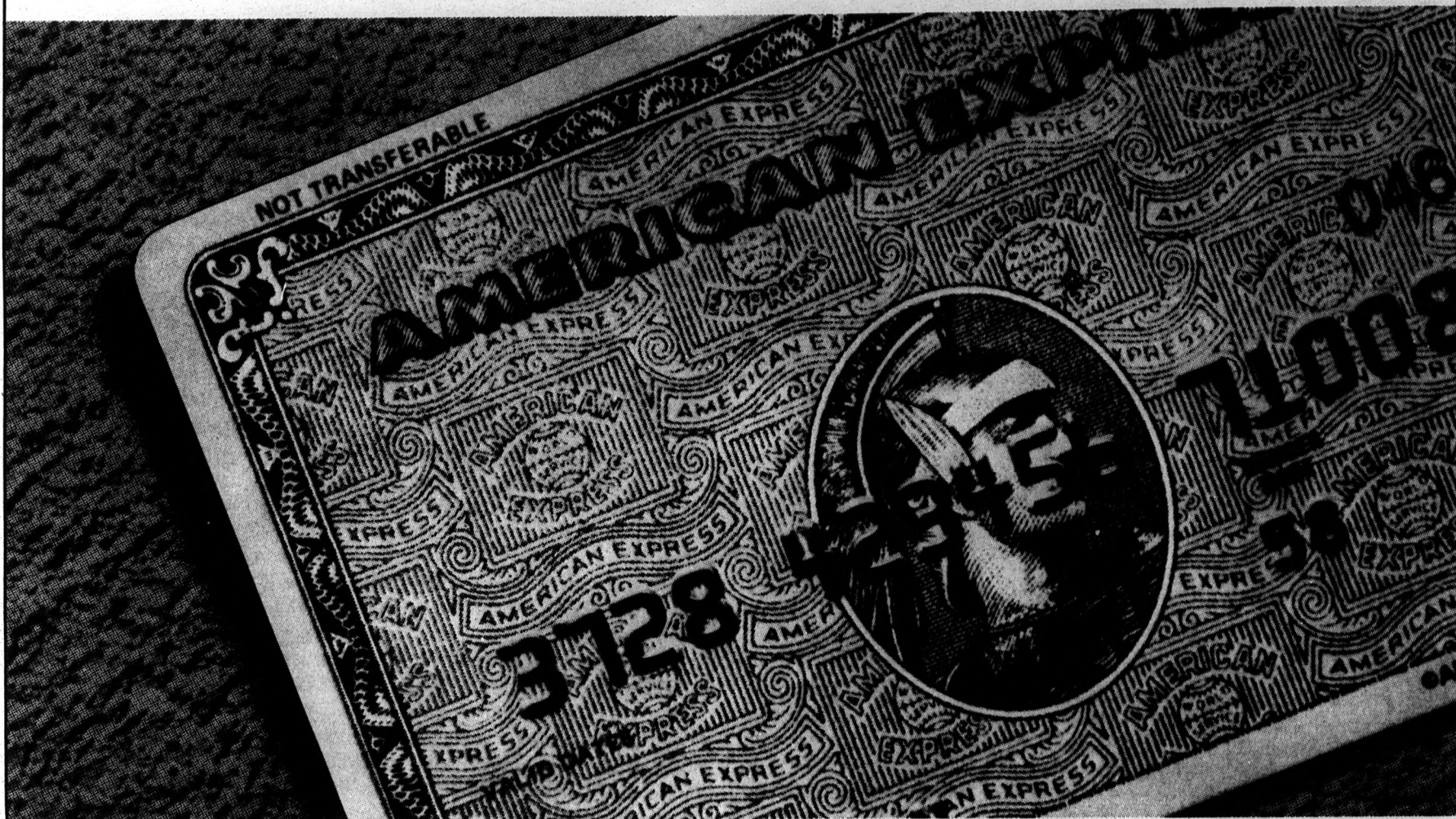
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Census

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find his enumerators again called out their names, without success. The decision was made to assign us to him, since almost all the other enumerator teams were already on the streets of the city. This was good because I did not think I could eat a fourth doughnut. Four of us were assigned to visit a nearby Tenderloin District hotel. "Hello, I am from the Census Bureau..." started the lady.

5:45 p.m.: Our destination was a hotel where rooms cost less than \$12 a night. The residents were classified as homeless because they didn't have a permanent mailing address at which to receive census forms. When we reached the corner of Mission and First St., an enumerator I will call Theodore was put in charge by the crew leader. Theodore told me the day before that he possesses a master's degree. He also said that he was homeless. Theodore was the ideal candidate to lead us in this expedition; he had lived in the same hotel that we would be canvassing.

As we were about ready to go through the Tenderloin District, another enumerator said we had left our Group Quarters Sampling Register at the office.

"[Darn]," shouted Theodore and he ran back to the office to give our crew leader a piece of his mind for this mistake. I was left standing at the corner with the enumerator I will call Maurice. We were also waiting for the last enumerator of our group, who was going to give us a ride to the hotel. Theodore came back with the needed materials and brought an excited freelance reporter.

"Can I follow you guys?" he asked.

"Sure you can, but you'll have to meet us at the hotel," said Theodore. "You see, we're going to be picked up by our other partner and there is no extra room." The reporter said he would see us there. Afterwards, a sedan drove up. It was the fourth enumerator with his dog sitting by his side.

"Come on in," he said as the car idled in a bus stop. Theodore looked away and told us that there was no way he was going to ride in that [darn] car with the [darn] dog [feces] and dog [urine] all over the car seats.

"Let's walk to the hotel instead," I said to him.

"[Darn], who does he think he is?" said Theodore. "[Darn]." We began our walk.

6:30 p.m.: It was dark as we met the fourth enumerator (without his dog) and the freelance reporter at the hotel entrance. "You can observe us, but you cannot listen to our interviews with the residents," I reminded the reporter. Our interviews were supposed to be confidential. Since I was a sworn census employee, I could not divulge any information collected from the anonymous residents of the hotel.

We entered the front lobby and walked straight to the iron bars that surrounded the front desk and clerk. "We're from the census," Theodore told the clerk. The clerk signalled approval of our appearance, so we walked past the iron barred door that said "no visitors past 8 p.m." to get to the hallway. A resident stopped us and wanted his census form now, so he could return it the front desk later.

"Do not knock on my door!" he sternly warned. Theodore recorded his apartment number to avoid finding out what would happen if we knocked on his door.

We decided to start our work at the top floor and ascended the extremely narrow staircase. I almost slipped several times on the beaten carpet that covered the dark stairway. We all went to separate corridors on the top floor.

The rooms were bare cubicles. The common bathroom was down the hall and the shower was across the corridor. There was not any spray-painted graffiti (like on a Muni bus), but just magic marker and ball-point pen scribbles on the walls at eye level. I thought I was in a scene for a "Hill Street Blues" episode.

"Why are you working for the census?"



asked the freelance reporter behind me. He had recently moved from Chicago and was on his first assignment on the west coast. He watched me as I knocked on the first door in the corner. There was no answer. Somebody finally answered back at the fourth room I visited.

"Hello, my name is Brian and I am from the U.S. Census Bureau. Can I ask you a few questions?" I shouted through the closed door.

"No," replied the resident on the other side of the door. Enumerators are supposed to estimate the age, sex, and race of any respondent who does not cooperate or answer any of the census questions on the form. As a last resort, I did just that. I continued to enumerate the rooms in the hallway.

7:10 p.m.: We moved to another floor. The freelance reporter had seen enough at our hotel, so he left to visit other neighborhoods where the homeless sleep. We separated again to cover the corridors individually. While I was in the middle of an interview with a well-dressed respondent at a corner room, a shirtless man came over to me.

"Communist [illegitimate sons]," grumbled the shirtless man. "That's all you government workers are, communist [illegitimate sons]! I'll tell that to the congressman's face, you know. I'm not afraid to do that. You bring the congressman to me and I'll tell it to his face!"

Why me, I thought. I'm not a communist. I was even born well after my parents were married, too. Yet here is this shirtless man who probably thinks he was wronged by the government in some way or another and is not going to take it anymore. Here I am risking my life to perform a necessary function that began exactly 200 years ago when armed deputy officers conducted the first national census. The job we are performing is even backed up the the Constitution of the United States!

"I am sorry you feel that way," I said to the shirtless man.

"Communist [illegitimate sons]," the shirtless man said again as he disappeared around the corner to harass another enumerator. I finished my interrupted interview with the original respondent and thanked him.

The contacts that I made with most of the residents were not at all hostile. These meetings were rather uneventful. Although the residents did not have a permanent dwelling, they seemed to behave in the same calm, cooperative way that the homeowners I had interviewed in past census operations behaved. Several respondents were apprehensive about opening their doors (probably because it was night-time), but their reluctance disappeared as the interviews began.

8:13 p.m.: The other three enumerators and I followed the staircase down to the first floor. Once again we headed for our hallways. This is becoming routine

another door.

"[Darn] [anal sphinctered] [country in Asia] man!" said a large guy staring at me from across the hall. At least I think he was talking to me. Why me? There was only one thing I could say to that man in reply.

"Hi, my name is Brian. I am from the U.S. Census Bureau and I would like to ask you a few questions."

"Huh?" he said.

"Here, I need to fill out your information on this individual census form," I told him. "We do this every 10 years to get an accurate count of everyone who lives in the United States."

"Oh," he said. "Sorry for swearing at you. I did not mean it, Brian. I did not know what you were doing here." I handed him the form and he filled it out and returned it to me. He even pronounced my last name correctly from my census identification badge.

I finished my hallway and left with the other enumerators to check our collected works in a fast-food restaurant.

9:40 p.m.: We returned to the hotel to pick up a few forms we had left behind for residents to complete. "I do not want to answer any census question because I'll

probably be in jail shortly and I will fill out the census forms there," said a man to Maurice as he disappeared into the stairway with a small television set.

10:05 p.m.: We finished our building and headed back to the district office. The fourth enumerator left us to go to his car and check on his dog. On the way back to the office, we passed a number of sleeping bodies covered with tattered materials. A second shift of enumerators would be assigned to interview them, beginning at midnight. "The owners of those shops would sometimes pay these people a few dollars to sweep the sidewalk in front of those stores," recalled Theodore. "The owners would also let these people sleep in front of their closed entrances."

Several businesspersons who probably worked late this night walked warily past us. "Wait, I am not who you think I am!" I wanted to

reassure them. "I could be examining your upper first bicuspid someday!" But tonight I was just another anonymous face in the night of San Francisco.

12:25 a.m.: After finishing my job and turning in my badge, I was stopped by two men as I left the census office building. "Can we ask you a few questions," asked a reporter. His cameraman quickly turned on his lighting system and blinded me.

The day after: "We didn't run into any problems and most of the people were very cooperative—some of the people we had contacted were actually happy to talk to us," I said, looking tired, on the channel 5 evening news. They spelled my last name wrong. They even spelled my first name wrong. That's fine, I did not remember the name of the television reporter who interviewed me that night. However, I still remember the name of the man who began to swear at me, but then changed and politely answered my questions and apologized several times for his rude behavior. I even remembered that he pronounced my name correctly. Even my last name.

Brian Hsu is a first-year dental student.

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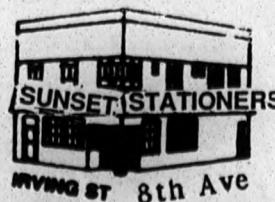
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Is it Real or is it Rivera?

Each Day Dies With Sleep

By Jose Rivera, through April 13 at the Berkeley Repertory Theater, 2025 Addison in Berkeley.

By Rebecca Crandall

Magical-realism is a term that describes a type of writing where absurd or even impossible events are portrayed as ordinary and mundane. Until recently, this term has been associated with Latin fiction writers, such as Gabriel Garcia-Marquez and Carlos Fuentes, but with his last play "The Promise" (produced at The Magic Theater last year), Jose Rivera achieved magical-realism in the theatrical milieu. In "Each Day Dies with Sleep," he does it again. Unfortunately, despite the

husband Johnny because she dreams winning lottery numbers. Rivera amusingly presents L.A. as a paradise where an orange tree actually grows out of the wall in Nelly and Johnny's living room.

Nelly becomes very successful and lives happily until she begins to feel sorry for her sick father and invites him to live with her in L.A. He proceeds to destroy Nelly's paradise with his evil mental power, feeding thoughts into her husband's head and wearing her down to where she again starts to speak primitively. Augie's thoughts are revealed via slides projected on the walls of the house. In the presence of her father's evil, the oranges turn into black balls of gasoline right before our eyes.

Tom Kamm's set design is the star of the production. Two large flats cut into abstract shapes make up the side walls, while the upstage wall features a half circle protruding from the center, upon which slides are projected. The recurrent image is a huge eye, staring out at the audience and echoing the theme of Nelly's clairvoyance. All of the images Rivera and Kamm project are intense and haunting, adding to the play's mysticism. In L.A., the semicircle retracts to reveal the orange tree, and the stage effects are overall quite amazing.

Unfortunately, the acting is only adequate, although with the lack of humanness in Rivera's portrayals, it's difficult to judge some characters. Alex Colon is very good as Augie, and Randy Vasquez does a good job with the relatively lifeless character of Johnny. Nelly is played by Erica Gimpel, best known for her portrayal of Coco on the TV series "Fame." Nelly's painful struggles and transitions from victimization to survival seem too easy for Gimpel.

Although she supplies a lot of energy to her performance, she prances and hops around the stage as if she were a headstrong high school girl, not a burdened victim. The final scene shows Nelly falling to her knees after her father's legacy destroys her husband, only to find her own inner strength to stand again. For Gimpel, it is hardly a struggle, and when she bounds up in victory, we feel somehow cheated of the drama.

The subject of "Each Day Dies With Sleep" is partially autobiographical. Rivera describes his aunt and uncle as having a large family similar to Nelly's. "It occurred to me that I was related to them, but there were so many, I didn't even know most of their names." He also grew up in New York and later moved for a period to L.A. However, one feels a distance from Rivera and his characters—their bizarre attributes make it hard to empathize with them or to understand their motivations. Rivera seems to want to present Nelly's struggle as Oedipal in nature. This is alluded to through events, but never conveyed through the drama of human interaction.



Randy Vasquez (Johnny) and Erica Gimpel (Nelly) celebrate their arrival in Southern California. Photo by Ken Friedman

beautiful poetry of his dialogue and breathtaking sets at the Berkeley Rep, there is something missing in this play. What we miss are the human connections between the characters that create drama.

The plot centers around Nelly, the eleventh of 21 children in a Puerto Rican family in New York. Her dominating and carousing father Augie has weakened her will by mental manipulation and negligence to the point where she walks on all fours and speaks in stuttering, incomplete sentences. In fact, he can't even be bothered to remember her name. For Nelly, life is a continual struggle for an identity. Rivera dramatizes her struggle to overcome her father's dominance with unique staging directions and fantastic incidents.

For example, Nelly, who frequently has prescient dreams, finally leaves home after she dreams that her father will be hit by a car. Suddenly, her life turns around as she begins to walk and talk normally. She is able to move to Los Angeles and set up a car repair business with her magnetically handsome

A not-so-psycho party

Psycho Beach Party

By Charles Busch, at the Zephyr through April 21.

By Jill N. Lederman

Charles Busch's show is no existential tour de force. But it raises the issue of why theatre in general, and "Psycho Beach Party" in particular, exists.

Like most productions these days, it is not dreadful, but not terribly entertaining either. The people are caricatures out of the 1950s, the plot is easily recognized as a sort of Gidget meets Sybil. As the big end-of-the-summer beach blowout draws near, each of the caricatures reveals him or herself (sometimes both) to be a little more complex than we were originally led to believe.

The macho surf bum Kanaka really wants to be enslaved by a woman. His sidekick Star Cat is a budding psychoanalyst, and their buddy Yo-Yo, who is maybe a little too interested in home-decorating, finally reveals he's in love with his lunky shack-mate Provolone. That's the problem: they're all a little more complex, and that's not much. They are still boring caricatures whose various comings out reveal nothing.

Just marginally more interesting is the play's central character Chicklet. A cross-dressed role created by the author for himself, Chicklet is well acted by Van Hausman in the Zephyr production. Chicklet, a flat-chested and thoroughly repressed wannabe surfchick, shares Van Hausman's versatile body with a few other personalities, including Kanaka's dream dominatrix, an evidently black cashier, and an early version of Dr. Ruth. Apparently, her repressed and traumatic childhood forced Chicklet to sublimate her unconscious impulses into several mutually exclusive personas. It's enough to make you want to stand up in your chair and shout, "Seen It!" at the stage.

Psycho Beach Party is not nearly as shocking as it seems to think it is.

It all seems familiar. That may be why people are willing to accept mediocrity in the theatre. It is utterly unchallenging; the audience knows when to laugh; they've heard the jokes before. "Psycho Beach Party" is not nearly as shocking as it seems to think it is. There are some fine moments, as when Star Cat waxes more profane than poetic about his nights on the beach with the local bimbo (another cross-dressed role), but in San Francisco in 1990 you have to do a little better than that to raise an eyebrow, much less raise consciousness.

The gender-bending cross dressing is purely gratuitous. Yes, Mr. Busch, we know that sex roles are confusing. If the point is simply camp, it falls even shorter of its intent. Camp this contrived isn't fun, it's

annoying and condescending.

Again, the play is not horrible. In New York, it was a big hit with an extended off-Broadway run. Some of the performances are actually very good. Catherine Pleis as Chicklet's angst-filled, philosophy-quoting friend provides a wonderful chorus of sorts, and Sarah Rossell is hilarious as Chicklet's hysterical mommie dearest. But the question remains: why?

We continue to go to the theatre in the vague hope that someday we'll see something worth our attention, something thoughtful or innovative, or even just a little entertaining. It happens, there is art out there, but it certainly is not at "Psycho Beach Party."

Jill N. Lederman is a third-year medical student.



Van Hausman as Chicklet (the liftee) and Blair Sorby as Star Cat in "Psycho Beach Party." Photo by Janet Van Ham

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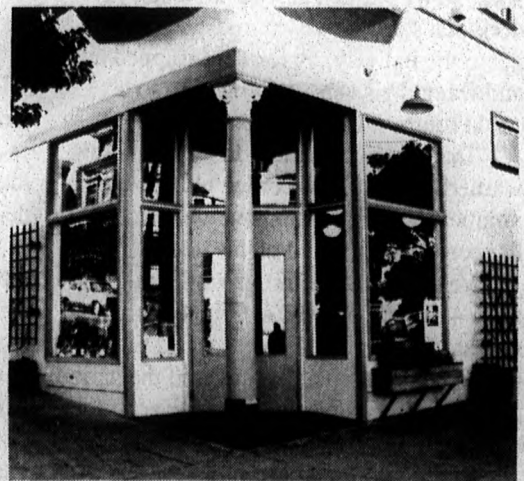
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Chords concert coming

By Michael Yeh

Picture it: On a star-lit eve under the cool lights of the concert hall, you sit back in your seat, sip wine and listen to glorious songs about blue moons, nightingales in Berkeley Square, and ladders to the rooftops.

No, you're not at a premier jazz club. In fact, you're in the Millberry Union Conference Room. And, no, the 20 or so people who are singing aren't professionals, except when it comes to health care. They're people whom you see every day at UCSF in somewhat different guises: as staff members, residents and students.

Together, these 20 people make up the Vocal Chords, UCSF's co-ed singing ensemble. On April 20, at 8 p.m., you'll find them in the MU Conference Center as they give their first solo concert for the UCSF community. Although this is their first solo concert the Vocal Chords have been performing consistently since they were founded in 1987 by two medical students, Vail Reese and Kate Garst.

Reese, now a third-year medical student, remembers that it was difficult to think of a name for the group when it started. "At first, members of the group suggested we call ourselves the 'Heart Beats,' but that seemed too mushy. Another suggestion was the 'Arrhythmias.' We scrapped that because not only did it imply that we had no sense of rhythm, but it was also fairly morbid."

During their first year, the group's repertoire included folk songs and madrigals. In time, it shifted to an emphasis on jazz and pop songs, such as the works of the Nylons and the Manhattan Transfer. Some Vocal

Chords songs are also original arrangements by their members.

The concert will feature a version of the Simon and Garfunkel tune "Scarborough Fair," arranged by second-year medical student Meryl Shapiro. The group sings both a *cappella* and with piano accompaniment by fourth-year dental student Anne Huang, who co-leads the group with Reese.

In the past, the group has opened for UCSF's Arts & Lectures "Just About All Jazz" series and has sung at benefits and campus events, such as the Nursing School anniversary, the Millberry Union Talent Show, and the recent Faculty and Staff Art Show. During December, they traditionally go caroling through Moffitt-Long Hospital. "Last year, the spunky hospital volunteers had us walk and sing through all 10 floors of wards in the hospital. It was pretty exhausting," said Reese.

The Vocal Chords rehearse every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at St. John of God Catholic Church at the corner of Fifth and Irving. "Rehearsals are really relaxed," said one member. "We all lead pretty intense lives, so singing is a great outlet for us." The Vocal Chords hold informal auditions every fall but welcome new members at any time. Currently, the group is seeking a pianist since Huang is graduating in June.

Tickets for the April 20 concert are \$5 general admission and \$3 for students. They will be sold at the door starting at 7 p.m. the night of the show.

Michael Yeh, a second-year medical student, is the Vocal Chord's resident boom box.

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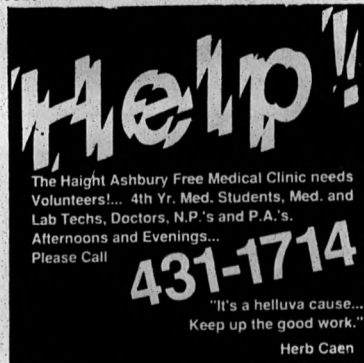
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Students to vote on rise in MU fee

By Charles Piller

UCSF students will vote April 23-27 on whether to increase student fees by \$8 per quarter, in order to boost Millberry Union operating revenues. The fee increase is needed, proponents say, to maintain high-quality service in the newly-renovated and expanded Millberry Union fitness center.

Last year the center was enlarged by 34 percent, redecorated and equipped with state-of-the-art Cybex exercise machines. MU staff members added new fitness and recreational opportunities. The campus community responded with a 35 percent increase in use of the facility, prompting MU Programs, Recreation and Operations (PRO) to extend their hours of operation.

"The idea for a referendum came out of the MU Student Advisory Committee about a month ago," said Steve Lerman, a second-year medical student and chairman of the committee. In the face of concerns that the quality of service and equipment could decline without an increase in funding, the committee voted unanimously to place the measure before the voters.

The Associated Students Executive Board unanimously urges a "yes" vote, according to ASUC Executive Director Arlene Roxas. "The facility needs the money to maintain its high quality," she said.

The Graduate Assembly of the Graduate Students' Association gave its approval to placing the measure on the ballot, but as Synapse went to press, had not yet taken a position endorsing or opposing it, according to Sheila Allen, GSA president. Allen said that she personally supports the initiative.

"The operating budget we have to work with is the same as it was [in previous years], except for new-member revenues," explained Al Minvielle, recreation manager. Meanwhile, expenses have skyrocketed to pay for exercise consultants who patrol the Cybex area, and for increased maintenance and utilities costs.

"[When the renovations started] we informed students that there probably would be increases in operating costs, but it wasn't

possible to project costs when the project was being built," Minvielle added. With six months of experience, PRO is now able to estimate both costs and revenues in the new facility.

Students pay \$27 per quarter (\$81 per year) in MU fees at present. This represents 22 percent of MU's total revenues, while students account for 45 percent of member useage of the facilities. Faculty and staff pay \$300 per year, accounting for 49 percent of revenues and 47 percent of useage. Community members pay \$396 per year, accounting for 7 percent of revenues and 8 percent of useage. Rental fees and other miscellaneous sources contribute the remaining 22 percent of revenues.

The referendum reads as follows: "Should the Millberry Union Student Fees, which are required for all registered students, be increased to cover additional operating costs resulting from the expanded facilities from the current \$27 to \$35 per quarter beginning Fall 1990?" Passage of the measure requires a majority of votes cast; a minimum of 10 percent of students must vote for the election to be official.

Millberry Union student fees have not been increased in five years. The measure is intended to compensate for increased costs due to inflation during that period. This rise of 22 percent would come on the heels of 32 percent increase in fees charged to faculty and staff, and a 25 percent increase for community members.

Minvielle warns that if the referendum fails, MU will probably be unable to maintain or replace current equipment adequately. "It would also mean reductions in things like Cybex floor staffing," he said. "It would certainly mean we could not extend our expanded hours to five day a week."

More memberships could be sold to boost revenues, but Minvielle is reluctant to do that, given the already crowded conditions during peak hours. Students are automatically members of MU, but the waiting list among campus personnel stands at 500, and for community members, 200.

Research day from page 1

nication.

This year's Graduate Student Research Day, coordinated by Caroline Acker, a graduate student in the history of health sciences, promises to meet the standards set by previous competitions. All are invited to a wine-and-cheese reception in the MU west conference room following the presentations.

Robert Cerpa is a graduate student in biophysics and a member of the GSA Graduate Assembly.

GSA from page 1

get the latest information on systemwide issues," according to Allen.

GSA is also involved in the Student Summit conference in Sacramento April 21-23. "The first two days are a student conference, dealing with various issues on the campuses, such as health insurance, and on [the 23rd] we will lobby our legislators on student issues," Allen said. According to Allen, the lobbying effort, coordinated by UCSA, was instrumental in derailing a planned fee increase.

Like most student organizations on campus, GSA finds it difficult to gain the level of participation it would like from UCSF's busy student community. "We sure would like to have more people involved," said Allen, GSA president the last two years. "It seems that there are just a few of us who have been hanging in there, but most of those are graduating or getting on with our studies."

"It would be neat to see more students involved," Acker agreed. "There is an enormous amount of work to do."

But this small group of activists has shown that they can influence policy decisions, Allen contends. "It's amazing to me sometimes what a difference a few people who really care can make." The experience has promoted her to focus her own studies more directly on public policy issues, she added.

GSA will hold its annual elections on May 3. Six executive officers will be selected: president; director, external affairs; director, public affairs; director, finance; chair, basic and social sciences; and chair, nursing.

Allen will not be running for office this year, as she is moving to Chicago after taking her orals in December. But before she leaves, Allen and fellow GSA activists Woodruff and Mitchell Sutter want to accomplish "our lasting legacy... We're trying as hard as we can to get a pub on campus," Allen said. To that end, GSA has initiated discussions with the proprietors of the Terrace Cafe on MU's I-level.

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