

Media Advisory on disciplinary hearings for 10 students

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MEDIA ADVISORY

RE: Disciplinary hearing for 10 UCSD students involved in anti-CIA demonstration during campus visit of University of California President David S. Saxon

DATES: Monday through Wednesday, Feb. 23-25

TIMES: 9:30 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m.

WHERE: Conference Room of UCSD Recreation Gym

WHO: 10 students - names have not been released

Hearing officer - Robert Lugannani, UCSD associate professor of applied physics and information sciences

Attorneys for students- J. Thomas Bowden, Peter Schey and Donald A. Nunn

Attorney for university- Milton H. Gordon, associate counsel, office of the general counsel for University of California, Berkeley

COVERAGE NOTES: No photographic or electronic media equipment will be allowed in the hearing room. Interviews may be conducted outside the room during the lunch hour (probably noon to 1:30 p.m.) or breaks (mid-morning and mid-afternoon of each day). Admission to the hearing will be on a space available basis (no standing room). A member of the public information staff will be present throughout the hearing to provide assistance or information to media representatives.

BACKGROUND: Eleven students were charged with violating university standards of conduct during President's Saxon's visit to the UCSD campus (Nov. 25, 1975). The charges were determined by George S. Murphy, UCSD Vice Chancellor and Dean of Student Affairs, following his investigation of the events which occurred that afternoon. In his report, Murphy said the students appeared to have violated university rules which prohibit "physical abuse or conduct that threatens the health or safety of any person on university-property" and "failure to comply with directions of a university official ... or resisting, delaying or obstructing such ... official in the performance of or the attempt to perform (his) duties." Students charged with a violation of university policy may choose one of three types of disciplinary hearings. One of the 11 students chose to have his case heard by Murphy. The rest elected to have an open hearing. According to university policy, open hearings are conducted by a hearing officer chosen by Chancellor William D. McElroy. The responsibility of the hearing officer is to determine the facts and to report his findings to the Vice Chancellor and Dean of Student Affairs. The Vice Chancellor takes (or recommends to the Chancellor) appropriate disciplinary action.

The hearing was originally scheduled for January 29 and 30 but rescheduled at the request of the students' attorneys to allow for time to prepare.

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