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## Selected letters from a dead city

By DR. SWee chal ang EDITOR'S NOTE: The following eyeuilness account of the devastation of Beirut and the massacre at the SabraChatila refugee camps is excerpted from the diaries of Dr. Suee Chai Angand her letters to
her husband in London. Dr. Ang is a Singapore-born British orthopedic surgeon who volunteered, along with a handful of other international medical workers, to provide medical care for the thousands of casualties of the invasion of before the Jerusatem Commission of Inquiry investigating the Israeli role in the Sabra-Chatila massacre and now is back in Liassacr

21 August - Am now in West Beirut. Every where I go hig red posters were put up: you."
Lord, what has happened to Beirut, completely war-torn. completely broken down Dearest husband, I wish Id taught first aid and I wish you could drive an ambulance, and I wish I had brought you along In the American University Hospital and lots of other small places, expensive
private practice is still going on, but out in the evacuation centers people are crying out for help due to lack of medical expertis
26 August - The four major charity hospitals are heaps of rubble. Fortunatelv the local population is so used to war and attacks that they evacuated to the basements but many things have been destroved. Although the air
attacks have ceased, unexplod ed mines, shells and bombs are still a major source of problem
West Beirut has no Ministry of Health, but runs entirely on a system of private practice As a country which has been at war so many times, the standard of war surgery is really upsetting High velocity gunshot wounds are being closed, and worse still, blast fractures are being internalls fixed - leading to a lot of unnecessary amputations the A.U.H. took me around this morning and expressed concern at the very poor standards of war surgery; he

Begin's planned speech draws protest. Page 5
NFL back on the gridiron this weekend. Page 7
Tritons open basketball season Friday. Page 7

## Opinion



Athletics: valuable and worth the money
Recently the Guardian ran an extensive article on
the situation of the financing of UCSD's athletic program.
Undoubtedly there are many among you who had not realized the facts on athletic funding, and are you - athletes and coaches included, know all too increased coverage of the problem will yield some
improvements. Finally, there is a third group of readers who, after being informed of the situation,
don't care. There are the readers who say "I don't care. There are the readers who say, "I came to
UCSD specifically because of its academics, and
nothing else. I am glad we don't spend money on nothing else. I am glad we don t spend money on
athletics, because athletics is nothing more than diversion. It is of no value a
These readers are wrong.
Athletics is intrinsically valuable. It is good for physical as well as mental conditioning, since these
two facets of health are directly related two facets of health are directly related. This fact has itself enough to discredit the statement, "athletics is of no value at all." Beyond this are the less easily
documented values of the promotion of qualities such documented values or the promotion of qualities such
as comaraderie, competition, and sportsmanship,
which cannot be denied. Of course, the element of recreation and excitement, for fans and participants
alike, is also very important.
However there is aneven stronger idea that exists

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 sports programs, UCSD will be diverting its attention
away from academics, thus weakening its status as one of the finest academic institutions in America.
Here the supposition is made that athletics Academics cannot exist side by side. But look around. Within our state alone we have the University of
Southern California, Stanford University, and our renowned for excellence in academics as well as for their outstanding athletic programs. Smaller UC
schools such as UC Santa Barbara and UC Irvine have built respectable UC San Diego, the fifth largest school in the system
and set within on of the fastest growing, most sportsminded areas in the country, can, with time and support, develop a similar athletic reputation. The
foundation is already set. Though deprived of
adequate funding, the administration of adequate funding, the administration of the athletic
department itself is solid and well run, and several of the coaches have made the Triton teams into winners through their hard work and loyalty to our school. It to make the commitment to bring UCSD's reputation for athletics up to par with its academic reputation, This means gaining the financial support of students and administrators alike. The first step is to increase administration and the Reg Fee Committee will get
the message. the message.


Letter to the Editor
Shared grief over election results Editor:
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## Letters from Beirut

continued from page 19 nearer and by about $3: 30$ to 4 p.m. was about a half to one kilometer away
By nightfall, the shelling gradually diminished, but it was clear to us that we were entirely surrounded by Israeli tanks.

16 September - We were woken at 5 to $5: 30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. again by aircraft flying across us at low height. Shelling and explosives continued after that. In addition, there were (rifles).

Casualties poured into the hospital. It was evident from the casualties that gunmen had gone into the homes of the people in Sabra-Chatila camps... The medical teams worked nonstop.
Meanwhile, the shooting and shelling continued outside.

17 September - People wounded by gunshot contin ued to be brought in. At about 10 a.m. the hospita administrator left to contact the International Red Cross a well as make radio contact with the Israeli defense forces to protect the foreign medica staff and to control the terrorists now rampant in the refugee camp. She returned about midday and told the foreign medical worders that something very terrible wa something wa instructed happen. She instructed alrespital was no that the hospital was no longer a safe area. The Kataeb (Christian the Haddads (an independent Lebanese force under Israeli said. The refugees evacuated rapidly. She then proceeded to personnel to leave while there

## was still time.

The hospital quieted down that night, although shootings were still taking place outside in the camps.
18 September - At 6:45 a.m., an American nurse spotted some soldiers outside Gaza hospital. The soldiers identi-
fied themselves as Lebanese forces and their officers requested that all foreign medical personnel be assembled to be taken up for interrogation
the left behind to look after the intensive care. The rest of other was soon passed on to other troops who escorted them down Rue Sabra (the main road through the camps to the patio of the UNICEF On both sides of Rue Sabra On both sides of Rue Sabra women and children had bee rounded up by soldiers

We saw large bulldozers at work tearing down partly shelled buildings and burying bodies into the rubble.

A woman tried to pass her baby out into a foreign doctor's arms but was forced to lake the baby back by the soldiers At the courtyard of the UNICEF building, our papers were checked. We were held in the courtyard for more than an hour, (then) taken to the Israeli headquarters, on a road parallel to Rue Sabra.
A Canadian film crew arriv ing around $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. filmed Rue Sabra with numerous dead bodies piled on top of each other on either side of the road When we were shown the video later that same day, we could identify some of them as the people who were rounded the people who were rounded up by the troops on either side of Rue Sabra which we passed at 7 a.m. that morning.
19 September - Friday night (Sept. 17) a group of young men came to Gaza hos pital, not previously known to the hospital workers. They were well-clothed and not dis-
tressed. They conducted contressed. They conducted con-
versations with the foreign versations with the foreign medical staff, first in Arabic but having been unable to get across in Arabic switching to German. They asked for the whereabouts of "the children whose throats were to be slit by the Kataebs (Phalange) in the morning." There was a strong impression made on us that the soldiers present just before the...Sabra massacre were Haddad men with the presence of a few Kataeb (Phalange).
It seems strange that both groups would make themselves so obviously noted by us and ot her journalists, and then subsequently deny direct involvement in the killings. This induces much doubt that these soldiers were exactly who they appeared to be.

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Sabra-Chatila camps this afternoon but found the whole camp sealed off by Lebanese lanks and troops. We witnessed 10 to 15 Israeli tanks withdrawing from the scene.
There is a curfew every night from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. During the curfew, Israeli soldiers do house-to-house searches. Palestinians who managed to escape from the camp, squatting with Lebacamp, squatting with Lebanese friends or living in
streets, are all picked up. Every day I walk through the streets - going to the the streets - going to the familiar joints to see if my riends are still there, and each day, fewer and fewer of them are found. Even our hotels are checked.
22 September - Two
cal team returned to SabraChatila camps and found out from the few survivors of the massacre that many of the soldiers who did the killings did not speak Arabic... My own subjective feelings are that the massacre was directed by Israelis using possible mercenaries of their own army. Already people are coming int Gaza again for treatment. One patient was in the middle of patient was in the middle of weing treated in the casualty the Lebanese army. With the Israelis officially gone, the Lebanese army conducts house-to-house searches
within the camps, within the camps, tearing up people's mattresses, breaking Homes belonging et
Homes belonging to poor

Lebanese and Palestinians are being officially declared illegal by the army and inhabitants are given two-day notices to quit before the bulldozers come in.
The southern end of Rue Sabra is completely bulldozed flat - including bodies. Two weeks ago the bulldozers were Israeli, now they are Lebanese. You may call the war genocidal, you may call the massacre genocidal, but the destruction of all means of livelihood for these once proud and dignified people is the biggest crime of all, because they have to live on international aid forever. Last night I heard the first thunderstorm. You know, the Lebanese winter is cold, wet and terrible. Where on earth are these people going to live?

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