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## SAAC Chairman Blasts EOP to Visiting Lobbyists

A decrease in UCSD Educational Opportunity Program enrollment and an increase in the program's drop-out rate, the UC Student Lobby was told yesterday, justify a lobby effort to correct EOP's alleged shortcomings.

"The EOP program at UCSD is not doing a good job. I'm proposing that you (the Lobby) mention that the UCSD program is screwed up. Talk about this issue. You're a lobby, you've got leverage," said Robert Tom Tambuzi, the chairman of the Student Affirmative Action Committee here.

Tambuzi noted that this year's SAAC Interim Report on the EOP shows a low student enrollment and a high student drop out rate.

EOP director Bill Byrd was unavailable for comment last night but he told *The Guardian* last week that he was receptive to any ideas that would help increase minority enrollment at UCSD.



Lobby Coordinator David Schontz

*Guardian photo by Matthew Giedt*

Third College Provost Joseph Watson said last night that he couldn't corroborate Tambuzi's charges but that Third College was dissatisfied with the number of minority students being enrolled. Watson added that he wasn't sure EOP was totally responsible for the low minority enrollment.

The UC Student Lobby, which studies issues affecting UC students and lobbies for them in the state legislature, was here to "inform the Associated Students and other student organizations what we do and to gather facts about issues interesting students," David Shontz, Lobby Coordinator said.

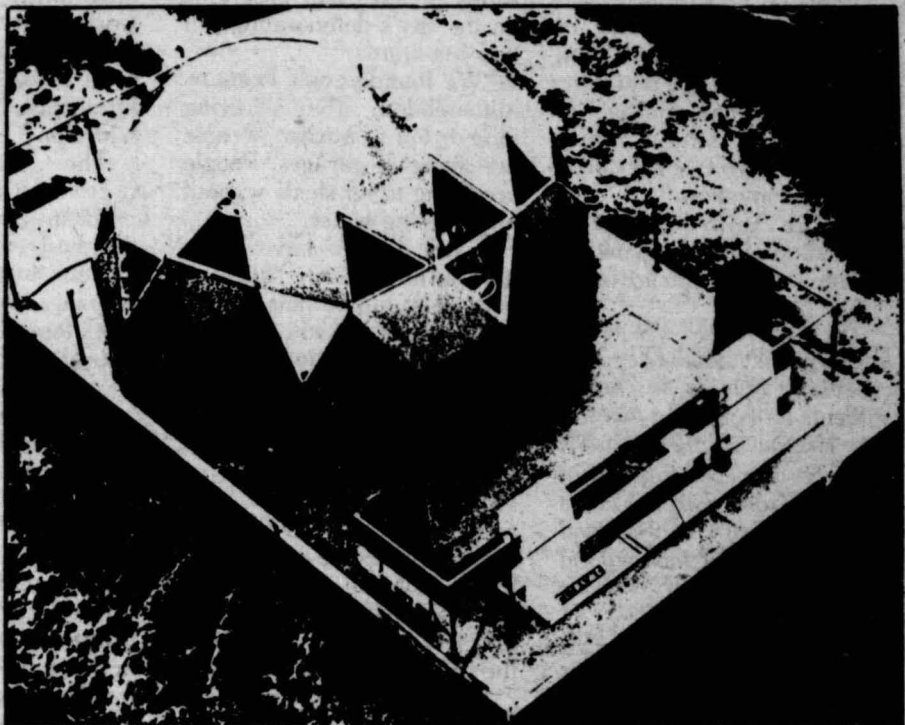
Vincent Harris, the Lobby Campus Coordinator, said the EOP student retention rate at UCSD is "one of the worst of the UC campuses" but added that the Student Lobby is not "the organization that can do what you (Tambuzi) want."

Active minority organizations would be "more effective," according to Harris. "What keeps them (EOP officials) accountable when there isn't a minority community up here watching them?" said Harris.

The Student Lobby has been working on getting money for minority opportunity programs in the summer to increase student retention rates, said Schontz, adding, however, that the state is now questioning more expenditures for EOP.

"The students have to go to the community," said Harris. "The community has to know about problems like this or the campus is isolated. The students themselves are the most effective force for doing that."

—By Paula Ambrosius



Are Geodesic Domes in UCSD's future?

## Geodesic Domes Planned As Alternative Housing AS, Adm'n Disagree on Date for Installation of Energy-Savers

By Gail Merton

Motivated by both environmental and economic concerns, the ASUCSD Student Township Task Force has come up with a rough draft for the construction of an undergraduate geodesic dome community just north of Third College.

Construction of the project may begin as early as winter quarter, according to the Student Health Information Program's Michael McDonald, who has done much of the work behind the proposal.

Geodesic domes are hemispherically-shaped buildings.

According to the preliminary proposal for the four domes, the floors will be wood platforms. The rest of the domes will consist of a network of interlocking triangles made of metal or wood covered with a fire retardant plastic.

The task force, which initiated the project, consists of members of the AS, food co-op and SHIP.

As Vice President Nancy Laga says the pilot project will be located on Hopkins Rd. and will be capable of housing a total of 16 to 20 students. It will also provide a central utilities dome to provide a solar-heated water and wind-generated power system, she says. The domes require minimal heating because they maximize volume per surface area, according to Laga.

Laga estimates that each residential dome will cost about \$400 to build, and according to McDonald, residents will pay in the range of \$100 a month in rent.

Laga estimates the completed project will cost between \$2,000 and \$3,000. Funding for the domes will probably come from state Appropriate Technology grants presently under UC jurisdiction, she says.

The AS is hoping that the atmosphere will be conducive to a progressive, community-oriented lifestyle for their inhabitants, which would make the domes "more than just a place to live," Laga says.

The community will also function as a UCSD "living lab" to research "environmentally sound energy alternatives."

Geodesic domes have been built across the country since their invention in 1951.

Before construction can begin on the domes, the plan must be reviewed by the campus Environmental Health and Safety department, campus architects and engineers and the UC Regents, who must approve the project, according to campus architect Chuck Powers.

Chancellor William McElroy will also be consulted on the project, Laga says.

Powers, who was unaware of the project until yesterday, says the winter quarter target date is "extremely unreasonable."

According to Powers, the proposed community will require "substantial review" before construction can begin. While he says the project is feasible, Powers says zoning laws and state regulations must be studied carefully before the geodesic domes could be built.

But Laga says the final proposal, due at the end of this month, should be sufficient to allow construction winter quarter.

Similar to Davis

Several years ago UC Davis built a geodesic community similar to the one proposed at UCSD. Food co-op member Mike DeBell is currently in Davis studying the project and will report to the task force later this month, according to Laga.

According to Claire Wagner, a student who worked on the project at Davis, the domes are "well-equipped, well-designed" and have proven "very energy efficient."

She cites a "community-type feeling" and says the only problem has been that "there aren't enough of them to go around."

Because of the limited spaces that will be available at UCSD, Laga says residents for the domes will be chosen by a special board of students and

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## Computing Switch Causes Inefficiency for a While

By Devin Seifer

Delays in the mailing of grades and inefficient academic record-keeping are anticipated here this year because of a change in UC's method for compiling and processing student data.

Until two years ago, all information regarding admissions, registration, financial aid and student academic records was contained at the Berkeley and Los Angeles campuses.

But the systemwide recordkeeping is currently undergoing decentralization, a process which will allow each campus to maintain and process their own student data, according to Ronald Bowker, UCSD registrar and admissions officer.

This system will be less time consuming, more efficient and may save UCSD an estimated \$1.2 million within six years, Bowker says.

Bowker added, however, that although UCSD will be "up and running" in the new program by next July, UC is currently in a transitional phase and service is "extremely poor."

Bowker attributes this problem to the "lack of experienced personnel."

"All the experienced systemwide computer people are being sent to the individual campuses, and, as a result, the centralized computer centers still in

operation are not being handled efficiently," he says.

Inefficiency in this transitional phase has already caused many problems at UCSD and according to Bowker, is expected to cause more. Last Spring's diplomas, normally available prior to commencement exercises, were not mailed out until last month, he says.

In addition, the academic records of several hundred students who had fulfilled the Subject A requirement incorrectly stated they had not taken the required courses. These records are presently in the process of being corrected, Bowker says.

A major cause of the lengthy transitional period is that the San Diego, Davis, Los Angeles, Santa Cruz and Riverside campuses are working on an agreement to purchase computer software (programs) from an outside company, Information Associates. Each campus wants its own specific features in the system, and consequently an agreement is difficult to reach, Bowker says.

Although UCSD may sacrifice efficiency during the transitional period, Bowker feels the end will justify the means.



# Housing Crunch Traps Poor of Sunbelt

## Government Subsidies Called Necessary In Cities...

By Thomas Brom

In the booming cities of America's sunbelt, a housing crisis is taking shape that is far more serious than shortages of rentals and single-family homes or skyrocketing costs. The crisis involves:

—The unprecedented dislocation of poor and middle income families who are being

The shortage of rental housing in San Diego is especially obvious to college students looking for a place to live. But according to Pacific News Service economic editor Thomas Brom, there is a crisis in the country's sunbelt and coastal cities that goes beyond high rents and condo conversions.

pushed from their neighborhoods into overcrowded housing, a process economists call "immiseration."

—The beginnings of disruption in the urban labor market — that mix of jobs on which the city economy is based.

—The inability of government — which in the past sought to balance the market through subsidized housing programs — to respond to the crisis.

—A wave of tenant organizing and rent control measures, especially on the West Coast, polarizing many communities and scaring off would-be lenders for new construction.

Although the housing picture is complex and differs from city to city, the pressures are most intense in broad belt of America from Atlanta to San Francisco — where recession is just a Yankee rumor.

In Houston, the critical issue is over-crowding in low-income neighborhoods as both rich and poor flood to the central city looking for work. "The first thing I discovered," says architect Adele Santos, "is that the housing problem in Houston is endless — which astonished me only because this is a new city." Santos collaborated with

filmmaker James Blue on a series of television programs on the city's deteriorating 4th and 5th wards.

"We found people living in automobiles. They're living nine or ten to a room. People are living in garages. People are living in tin sheds without any running water."

Poor people have been moving into the city "because of the vast opportunities here," according to Cindy Rheinhardt of the Houston Housing Authority. But the Houston Chamber of Commerce reports a parallel trend from the other side of town. "The survey data that are available," says Skip Kasdorf, "indicate that the immigrants to Houston are disproportionately young singles and young couples, well-educated and in the white-collar professions."

The resulting competition — most intense in low income neighborhoods — is just the tip of the iceberg. Along the West Coast, the housing crisis is pushing out even middle

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income residents, leaving some cities with shrinking labor markets for critical mid-level jobs.

In Santa Barbara, where the average home sells for well over \$100,000, housing costs and scarcity of apartments are contributing to a high turnover of bank tellers, nurses, secretaries, and police.

Housing professionals — even those who initially favored bringing middle-class couples back to the city — are beginning to worry that major economic disruptions may occur if workers can't find affordable housing near enough to make the commute to work worth the effort.

"Santa Barbara still attracts mid-level employees," says economist Lynn Morecraft of the General Research Corporation, "but once people discover it's so expensive to live here, they move on. Electronics firms such as Infomag are shifting their assembly plants to Tijuana, while many research and development companies are moving to northern Santa Barbara County where the labor market is better."

By checking driver's license changes for those leaving Santa Barbara County, General Research found that many families were moving on to Oregon or Arizona.

Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara has had such difficulty attracting registered nurses and medical technicians that it provides apartments for new employees for up to three months.

"Mid-level workers arrive here with the aspiration to buy housing," says Greg Schnepel of the hospital administration. "Instead they find a one percent rental vacancy rate, and they can't

even afford the condominiums. Many of our lower level workers have accommodated to the high housing costs by living four and five to an apartment that rents for \$500 a month."

The county government faces such recruitment problems that it has turned to the husbands and wives of present employees to fill job openings, creating a "spousal work force," according to one official.

Santa Barbara is becoming an enclave for the rich," says Jennifer Bigelow of the Community Housing Corporation, a private, non-profit sponsor of cooperative and rental housing for low-income and elderly families. "The county and city governments better get their act together — along with local businesses — if this is to remain a balanced community."

Bigelow admits that some of Santa Barbara's housing problems stem from the city's

to UCLA, and often all the way from Riverside to the Irvine campus on the coast.

"In March, we started a faculty home loan program using \$25 million in tax-exempt revenue bond sales for capital. We were able to offer about 160 faculty members home loans at only 8 percent interest."

The modest UC program, however, immediately drew the wrath of national savings and loan associations. "They kicked up a fuss because they thought we'd undercut their loan market," says Blakely, who fears the new program will die this fall if a U.S. Senate committee forbids the use of tax-exempt bonds for housing finance.

The government solution to a crisis in housing has traditionally been subsidy for low and moderate income families. Current programs range from Section 8 rent subsidies — paying the difference between what families can pay and what

long lines of qualified applicants, will reach just 295,000 households nationwide in the coming fiscal year.

"Local communities are just not too keen to provide housing for low and moderate income people," says Steve Horn, a planner for the California Coastal Commission. "The housing section of the Coastal Act is very sensitive and very controversial, because it states that we should protect and encourage low and moderate income households."

The lack of institutional help has produced an angry and increasingly effective tenant movement in California that has enacted rent control measures in 30 cities in the state. Tenants are so strong along the coast — comprising more than 60 percent of the population in San Francisco, Berkeley, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica and Los Angeles — that landlord groups are now circulating petitions for a so-called "fair-rent" statewide initiative that would in fact prevent sweeping statewide controls.

"Landlords and realtors in the state are responding to the fact that tenants have made enormous gains in recent years," says Lenny Goldberg, administrative assistant to Assemblyman Tom Bates.

"The squeeze will get a lot worse," says Neil Mayer, a housing economist at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. "In these cities, the private housing market is not working for low income people. Massive federal intervention could provide the necessary housing units, but that would require courageous political steps by the administration to counter special interests. I just don't see that happening."

## But While You Are Waiting...

By David Harris

Finding a place to live is often frustrating for students, especially in the communities around UCSD. With the housing vacancy rate below two percent in San Diego, students must scramble in a tight market to find a decent home.

Harris is on the UCSD staff of the California Public Interest Research Group.

The problem is compounded by the severe shortage of affordable student housing and by the many landlords who refuse to rent to students.

CalPIRG's consumer assistance department has compiled a guide to help students find a place to call home. A summary of the guide follows; you can get the whole thing by calling or writing CalPIRG.

### Hunting Tips

First, some places and agencies you can check:

- Bulletin Boards in neighborhood drugstores, laundromats, food stores and community centers often have vacancy listings;
- Ask friends, acquaintances, co-workers and relatives to get the word out that you are looking for a place;
- Local mail and newspaper carriers often know in advance where vacancies can be found;
- Drive, bike or walk around the

neighborhood you want to live in, looking for vacancy signs, or let your fingers do the walking by looking in the yellow pages under "Apartments";

— If you are receiving social services from the welfare department, talk to your worker about vacancies;

— Use the UCSD housing office (452-3670). They publish a booklet entitled "UCSD Off Campus Housing" that contains a comprehensive list of local apartment units, along with information about rents, facilities and restrictions. The housing office also has maps of the San Diego area, renter rights information and counseling, and a list of real estate offices that handle rentals. The office is located in Building B of the Student Center.

### Rental Agencies

Avoid going to a rental agency that charges a fee for its services. Many of these businesses have been the targets of consumer complaints and law enforcement agency law suits. Getting a refund of your fee after the service has failed has, in the past, not been easy.

Three agencies provide vacancy listings free to the prospective renter: Apartment Finders (299-1730), Apartment Selector (275-3871) and Relocation Services (299-4702). Each provides large vacancy listings throughout the area. If you find a rental through one of these agencies, check with the landlord before Please turn to page 4

# ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS BRIEFS

## INTERNATIONAL

### Viets Blast US Line

BANGKOK, Thailand — Vietnam accused the United States yesterday of distorting recent events in Cambodia and said talk in Washington about normalized American-Vietnamese relations was "just a face."

The Communist Party newspaper *Nhan Dan* also claimed the United States and China are working hand-in-hand against Vietnam and that Washington was spreading word about a Vietnamese threat in order to increase its military aid to Thailand and other non-communist Southeast Asian countries.

Senior Carter administration officials are making a "frantic call" for emergency aid to Cambodia to "cover the Sino-American scheme of creating the picture of two different administrations in Cambodia, thereby lending a hand to the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique to oppose the Cambodian people," *Nhan Dan* wrote.

The newspaper quoted a recent editorial in the *Washington Post* which called on the U.S. government to disassociate itself from the regime of former Premier Pol Pot and his deputy, Ieng Sary, ousted by Vietnamese invaders in January.

The newspaper said the Carter administration "under public pressure," was making believe that it was willing to contact Vietnam to normalize relations.

"This is just a farce. No positive measure has been taken in this direction so far," *Nhan Dan* said in a commentary carried by the Vietnam News Agency and monitored in Bangkok.

### USSR Want Answer

MOSCOW — Western failure to respond to Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev's newly announced military cutback proposals could "plunge Europe into a new dangerous round of the arms race," a joint Soviet-East German communique said yesterday.

The official Soviet news agency Tass carried the communique after Brezhnev returned to Moscow following a four-day visit to East Germany on the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Communist state.

In a speech Saturday in East Berlin, Brezhnev disclosed that the Soviet Union within a year would withdraw 20,000 Red Army troops and 1,000 Soviet tanks from East German territory.

## NATIONAL

### Quiet Protest Tried

SEABROOK, NH — Hundreds of sign-carrying protesters walked peaceful picket lines outside the Seabrook atomic power plant yesterday in a change of tactics aimed at preventing workers from re-entering the construction site.

About 800 of an original 1,500-strong anti-nuclear force remained at the site after state troopers and National Guardsmen thwarted repeated attempts to occupy the facility over the weekend.

The protesters massed at the main gate yesterday, walking picket lines or blocking the gate and saying they would try to keep workers from re-entering the plant. The workers, however, were not scheduled to return to work until today following yesterday's holiday.

A 30-person contingent from a Massachusetts group called "Amesbury Parents Against Nukes" joined the protest. Many pushed baby carriages.

Nearby shops reported a booming business from protesters seeking dry socks and flannel shirts as the temperature dropped to the low 30s during the night and the low 50s yesterday.

"I think we'll tolerate this for a while," said state Attorney General Thomas Rath, standing behind the gate with a contingent of troopers and guardsmen.

He said he was "not terribly concerned about it," as long as order was maintained and traffic was kept moving on US Highway 1.

### Columbus Doomed

PHILADELPHIA — The president of the Leif Ericson Society says he thinks "eventually they'll do away with Columbus Day."

"You can't have two guys discovering the same thing," insists Ivar Christensen, who says he received a proclamation from President Carter last week designating today as Leif Ericson Day.

"I was surprised how much the president really knew about our Viking hero," Christensen said. "It was the first time we've really had some recognition from the top."

Christopher Columbus reached the New World in 1492 and is often credited as the first to cross the Atlantic, a claim Norwegians have long tried to correct.

"Columbus came to America nearly 500 years after Ericson and the Italian sailor needed three ships for the trip," Christensen said.

## STATE

### Movie Workers Sign

LOS ANGELES — Behind-the-scenes film and television workers ratified a new three-year contract yesterday that union officials estimate will cost Hollywood producers \$374 million over the life of the agreement.

The vote by the 24,000-member International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees came as another Hollywood union, Office and Professional International Union Local 174, was due to vote on a similar three-year agreement and thus end a two-week-old strike against film studios and processors.

Local 174, representing some 2,200 secretaries, mailroom clerks and others were voting on a proposal that would grant them a more than 27 percent wage increase over three years. Current salaries range from \$5.30 to \$8.25 an hour.

The contract is retroactive to Aug. 1. An IATSE representative said that 63 percent of the union's delegates representing camera, sound, costumer, and stage hand workers cast ballots in favor of the new pact, 121 for and 69 against.

The popular vote was much closer, however, as only 53 percent of the rank and file voted to accept what has been a bitterly debated agreement.

St. Johns said that a seventh, separately bargaining local, the Transportation Drivers Teamsters, would vote Thursday.

### Wastes No Problem?

SAN FRANCISCO — Long-term storage of highly radioactive nuclear wastes poses less health risk than exposure to natural radiation from space and other sources, a reactor manufacturer told a federal panel yesterday.

"It is hard to believe that public concern over waste disposal would long continue if it were generally known that risks are so infinitesimal in comparison to natural background," said John Van Hoomissen, manager of spent fuel operations for General Electric Co.

But a Stanford University professor described burial of nuclear wastes as "a temporary expedient...forced upon us by an urgent situation."

Professor C. Frederick Hansen, who is also a senior staff scientist at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center, said a frank admission of disposal costs will provide reasons for a nuclear moratorium.

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# How to Run a Protest in the 70s

By Peter Mortensen

It isn't everyday that someone has the opportunity to plan a major anti-nuclear rally, so for UCSD Cal PIRG Co-ordinator David Harris the on-campus demonstration he led last spring was as much as education for him as it was for the crowd that turned out to listen and watch.

"For one week of organizing, we pulled off a really good rally," said Harris, adding that "a rally doesn't have any more effect than just being a rally, generally."

According to Harris, the things which made the UCSD rally a success are usually the basic ingredients in any successful protest.

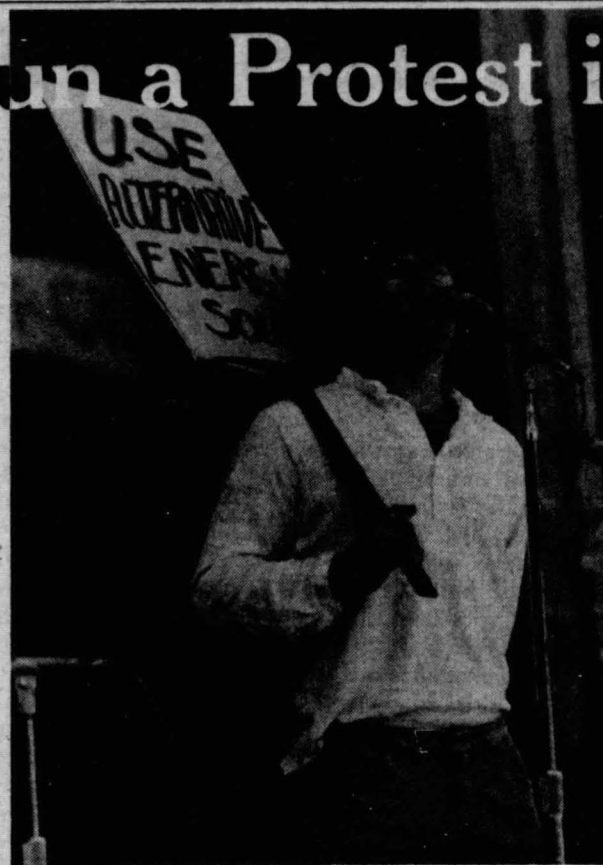
The first prerequisite to such a demonstration is the need for organized groups in support of it. "For instance, last spring when there was the Three-Mile Island incident, I went to talk to the Associated Students as well as other progressive student groups on campus to see if we could get rally together and if they wanted to help me organize it."

Harris found that "there was definitely the interest." The major question was when to stage the rally. It was decided that the danger which had roused the student interest was immediate, and that the protest should capitalize on that current upsurge of public concern.

Since the incident just happened, we wanted to have it as soon as possible because the highest interest would be maintained at that time," Harris explained. "The action of the people protesting against it needed to be taken then, and not delayed."

After securing a site — the gym steps — Harris determined that the next thing to do was to get knowledgeable speakers to address the crowd. He pointed out that with larger demonstrations, such as those at the site of a nuclear plant, it is often the popularity of the speakers themselves which draws large crowds.

Harris said he "tried for the big name people, like professors on campus who were members of the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS)." Because the UCS members he contacted "either could not do it or refused to do it," Harris turned to students and the



David Harris

Community Energy Action Network (CEAN) for help, and they agreed.

Next, Harris had to structure the speakers and their topics in some logical order. He scheduled a speaker from CEAN to lead off the rally, addressing the crowd on the general topic of nuclear power and its suspected dangers.

Harris asked three students to tell of the geological, medical and political implications of nuclear energy use. "I had one student to talk about the chance of an earthquake and a pre-med to tell about the health effects. For what students could do about it) nuclear energy. I got a member of student government, Linda Sabo, to speak," he recalled.

"I had finally gotten the speakers together and I set up the date with University Events," Harris said,

"and I also contacted a local progressive folk band to be there. I figured with the entertainment coupled with the speakers talking on a real timely issue that a lot of students would come."

To some extent, Harris was correct. Over 200 students showed up for the rally and joined in the active verbal protest.

At the same time Harris was putting the finishing touches on the rally plans, he also directed an anti-nuclear petition drive to be ultimately submitted to the nuclear authorities.

"We immediately set up a table on campus for petitioning," he explained. "Petitions have a double effect. They not only get someone to sign a document to be sent to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), but also raise the general student awareness of the problem and that something is being done and organized about it."

Harris said that he was able to accomplish his job of informing students of the facts surrounding the nuclear energy industry so that they might be able to draw their own conclusions.

"You have to realize that this is a pretty conservative campus," said Harris. "We found that only about 10 percent of the students are behind stopping nuclear energy, referring to the percentage attending the rally."

When asked whether this was simply because the students at UCSD were uneducated in the subject, Harris replied, "maybe 10 percent was too low, but only 10 percent will actively support anti-nuclear events, and maybe 20 percent total are opposed to it. The rest believe that the alternatives aren't realistic — that nuclear power is probably safe and it's just a lot of scare tactics."

"Basically, if you read up on the issue, it's not real clear whether nuclear energy is safe or not — and we can't take that chance," Harris concluded.

"If I were to do a rally again, I would do it the same way, only I'd use a much larger time period to organize it," Harris reflected. "I would say it takes a good two to three weeks to organize a good rally."

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moving in to make sure that he does not charge a non-refundable fee (which is illegal) or a higher monthly rent to cover the owner's cost of the listing service.

If you are looking for low-cost housing, try the communities of North Park, Linda Vista, East San Diego and parts of Hillcrest.

### Newspapers

Another good source for rental listings is newspapers, both the large dailies and small community papers. Try the *San Diego Union*, the *Evening Tribune*, the *Los Angeles Times'* local section, the *La Jolla Light*, the *Sentinel* (Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach and Clairemont), the *Del Mar News Press*, the *Coast Dispatch* (North County), *The Reader* and *The Daily Guardian*.

### Other Agencies

—Center for Women's Studies and Services (233-3088), a feminist

organization serving women only. It has a bulletin board of listings of rentals and rentals to share;

—The Community Service Center for the Disabled (293-3500) provides lists of accessible housing for disabled people and gives assistance with filing for subsidized housing;

—The Gay Center for Social Services (232-7528) has a bulletin board of vacancies and roommates wanted;

—The Neighborhood House (439-5726) provides vacancy listings in the North San Diego area, and helps with landlord tenant problems;

—San Diego Apartment Association (297-1000).

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## Finding Housing

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faculty. Applicants will submit a written proposal stating their interest in the project and will then be interviewed by the panel.

Recycling will be an important ecological feature of the project, according to Laga. AS plans to utilize the county's recycling centers for aluminum and paper and will place collection bins on all of the college campuses, she says. According to McDonald, the experimental domes may also include dry toilets which process human waste into compost within the toilet.

These toilets aren't approved by the San Diego County Health Department because of potential maintenance and odor problems. But because UCSD does not fall under the Health Department's jurisdiction, the project may be approved, a department spokesperson said.

# Shepard Mauls Film World 'Angel City' is Hellish

By Bill Gibson  
Staff Writer

*Angel City*, a recent effort by award-winning playwright Sam Shepard, currently playing at the Marquis Theatre, resembles nothing so much as a nightmare. The play's action is disjointed, quixotic, loaded with myth and stuffed with ideas that hint at a profound despair. Like much of the post-war European drama, *Angel City* is plotless. But unlike the works of Beckett, Ionesco and Sartre, from whom Shepard borrows extensively in style and substance, *Angel City* has a specific place of action, Hollywood. Shepard conceives of tinsel town as a smoggy, sizzling dream machine where the artifacts that mold our collective sense

of reality are manufactured and dispensed.

The story concerns two desperate big-budget film producers who've concocted a vague idea for a disaster film, and who envision the need for a preternatural event, "...something that's never happened before," to insure the success of their \$8 million project. To this end, the two of them enlist the services of someone called Rabbit, a shaman of sorts who has a familiarity with American Indian lore. Rabbit, who rides into town on a buckboard, is the weakest character in the play, an unwieldy mixture of purist naivete and crass opportunism whose account of Indian magic seems gleaned from the pages of an introductory anthropology

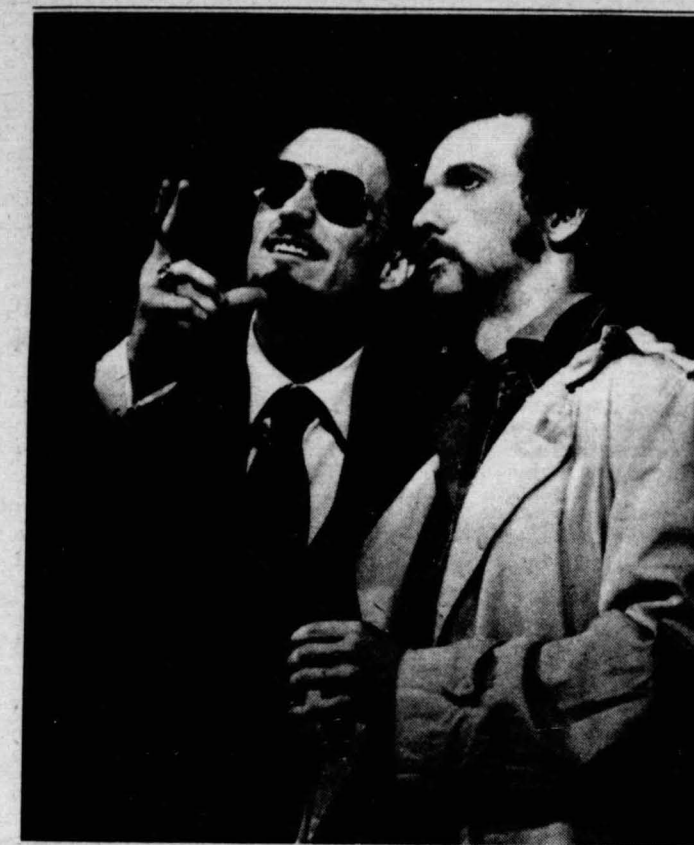
textbook. Michael J. Keils' interpretation of the role is no help; he seems to hesitate between the extremes of Rabbit's character, without reaching the convincing tone necessitated by Shepard's tirades.

For the most part, however, the Marquis actors fill the bill admirably. Matthew Cubitto is great as Lanx, a sleazy, shiftless, New Jerseyite who came out west to make it as a producer. His partner Wheeler (Ken Brisby) is as slimy a character as you could hope to see. Marquis veteran R. Wiley-Pitts has a few excellent moments, and is generally good as Tympani, the coke-blowing percussionist searching for the primeval rhythm.

In act two all person: "y disappears, is subsumed by Shepard's vision of the characters' "true natures." Lanx has become a bloodied prizefighter, Rabbit a chanting medicine-man, the secretary Miss Scoons (Audrei-Kairen) an Irish nun, Wheeler a scaly, green-skinned lizard. Brisby shines here as the degenerate Wheeler, wringing his hands and flashing his eyes as the rest of the cast play their obsessional roles around and on both sides of the neon rectangle, both movie screen and window, which is the set's most imposing and effective prop. Karl Newmeyer, as Saxophone, weaves an aural threnody throughout, a sultry echo of the dialogue's nuances.

This is all quite effective sensorily, but in spite of Shepard's bias there seems to be very little substance to the play. *Angel City* is a shrill and often puerile indictment of the movie industry; it is worthwhile in that it raises many questions about the current mania for disaster, death and the preternatural, but is it a good play? Is it true?

Shepard has thrown together an undeveloped mish-mash of myths (cliches?), obsessions and fantasies, all driven by an extremely bitter, apocalyptic vision based on presuppositions which leave no room for human judgment.



## Something Short of Quality

By Lynette Tom  
Senior Staff Writer

As a title, *Something Short of Paradise* is perfect for American International's latest motion picture. The image is appropriate to the story, as was no doubt intended, but also to the weak and flat production.

The story centers on a romance between two opposite characters: Harris Sloane, the owner of a small New York theater and avid movie buff, and Madeleine

Ross, a newspaper journalist recently of Washington state. Their relationship is reminiscent of Annie Hall, complete with various estrangements and reconciliations. It is told in a series of flashbacks, which are so awkwardly split and spread around that by the time viewers see the couple's first falling in and out of love with each other, they have already seen the entire motion picture. In addition, the main plot is flimsily tied in with a smaller

parallel story about the arrival in New York City of celebrated French actor Jean Fidel Millieu, who has marital problems of his own.

The working chemistry between David Steinberg and Susan Sarandon is excellent. It is too bad their roles as Harris and Madeleine are not written well to exploit it. The critics screamed "Bravo!" for Jean-Pierre Aumont's performance in the farcical *La Cage Aux Folles*. He receives only a lukewarm response as Jean

Fidel. Marilyn Sokol's Ruthie Miller is an exact duplicate of the flaky, loudmouthed girlfriend she played in *Foul Play*, and Richard Hitt and Joe Grafiasco just clutter the screen with their characterizations of advancement Edgar Kent and Harris' buddy Barney Collins.

*Something Short of Paradise* is not offensive.

It is, however, bland and ineffectual, not worthy of any higher praise.

## Around Town

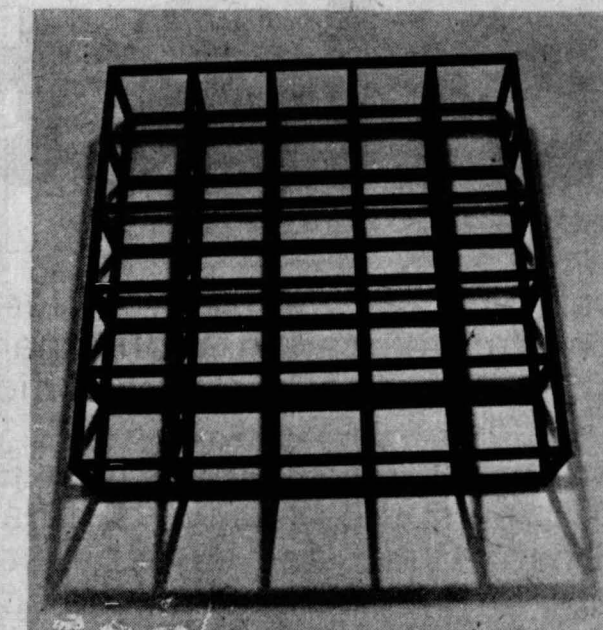
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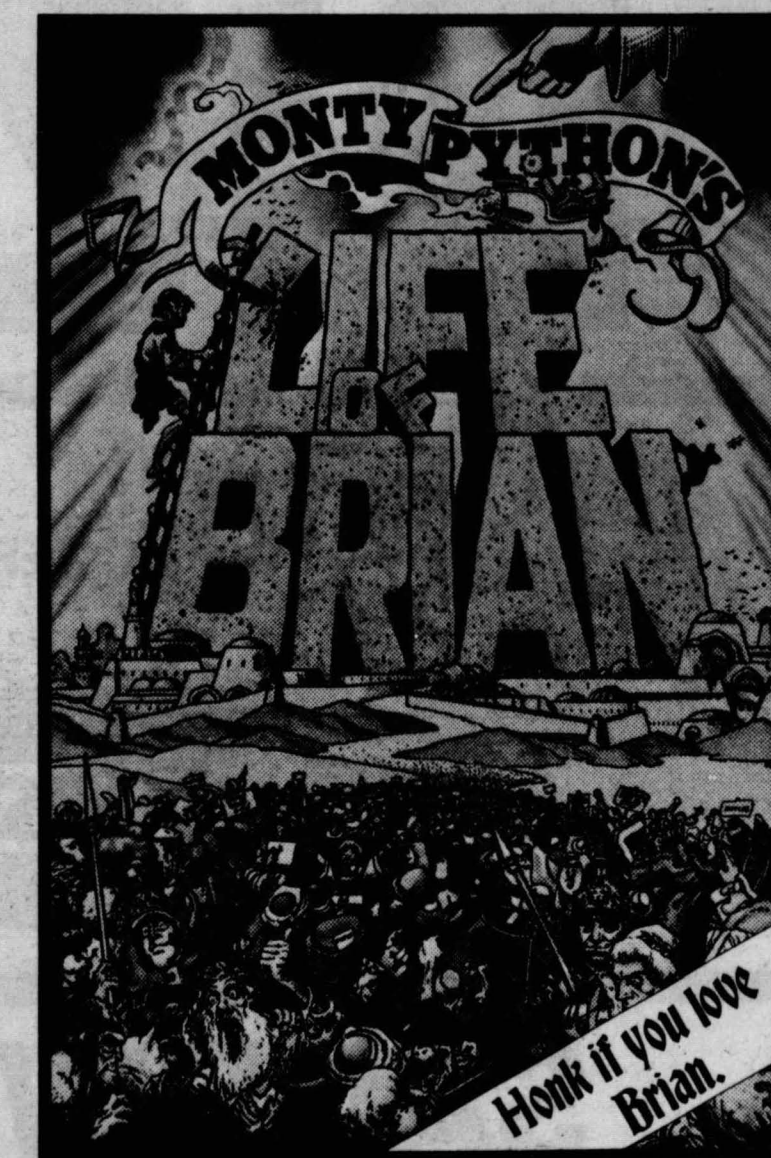
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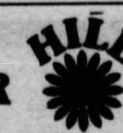
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