

UCSD News and Notes

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HELLO, DALAI... Neuroscientist ROBERT LIVINGSTON (534-4662) recently returned from a week in India where he and four colleagues served as tutors to the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists. According to Livingston, the Dalai Lama, who has lived in exile from Tibet since 1959, was interested in learning about western science firsthand from experts in a variety of fields.

HIGH RANKING...UCSD continues to place among the country's top ten in federal funding for research, ranking 5th in the most recent National Science Foundation list with \$133.2 million for fiscal 1986. Johns Hopkins led the nation with \$445.7 million.

REQUIRED READING ...A copy of "Habits of the Heart," a widely acclaimed study of American moral values co-authored by UCSD sociologist RICHARD MADSEN, was presented to Mikhail Gorbachev during the Soviet leader's recent visit to Washington.

PHILIP KITCHER of the philosophy department has been named co-winner of a distinguished international prize, the Imre Lakatos Award presented by the London School of Economics and Political Science. Kitcher won for his book "Vaulting Ambition: Sociobiology and the Quest for Human Nature." As a condition of the award, presented for an outstanding contribution to the philosophy of science, Kitcher will travel to London this year to deliver a public lecture at the school.

BOOK REPORT... Judaic Studies professor DICK FRIEDMAN's book, "Who Wrote The Bible?", continues to sell well, going into its eighth printing... Friedman will spend the spring quarter as a visiting lecturer at Cambridge University in England... Sociologist CARLOS WAISMAN has a new book out, "Reversal of Development in Argentina," discussing the reasons why a relatively prosperous country became an impoverished nation... The collected papers of distinguished anthropologist MEL SPIRO, who holds the Presidential Chair in anthropology at UCSD, have just been published by the University of Chicago Press under the title "Culture and Human Nature: Theoretical Papers of Melford E. Spiro." Spiro is considered one of the most prominent figures in psychoanalytical and psychological anthropology whose career has taken him from the Trobriand Islands to the kibbutzes of Israel.

WIESENTHAL LECTURE POSTPONED ...A talk by famed Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal, which was scheduled for January 27 at Mandeville Auditorium, has been postponed. The University Events Office is hopeful the talk may be rescheduled for May.

ON THE ROAD... Political Science professor AREND LIJPHART, whose field is comparative politics, has returned from sabbatical leave part of which he spent in Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay consulting with government officials about ways to foster democratic systems in those countries... Another visitor to Latin America was his colleague, PAUL DRAKE, director of the Center For Iberian and Latin American Studies, who spent part of last summer lecturing about democracy in Chile after receiving a Fulbright Fellowship. Drake will be part of an American observation team when the Pinochet government, one of two remaining dictatorships in South America, is scheduled to hold elections later this year... Philosophy professor PATRICIA CHURCHLAND took a quick trip to London this week to be interviewed live on British TV about her specialty, philosophy and neuroscience.

UPCOMING AT UCSD

JANUARY 25-28: TOM WICKER, NEW YORK TIMES NATIONALLY SYNDICATED COLUMNIST, WILL BE ON CAMPUS AS A REGENTS' LECTURER. HE WILL GIVE PUBLIC LECTURES JANUARY 26 AND JANUARY 28 ON "THE STATE OF AMERICAN POLITICS ON THE EVE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS." EACH WILL BE IN PETERSON HALL, ROOM 108 AT 8 P.M. ADMISSION IS FREE. Contact: Sharon Taylor, UCSD Extension, 534-0397.

FEBRUARY 6: LECTURE BY LERONE BENNETT, SENIOR EDITOR OF EBONY MAGAZINE, AS PART OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH. HE WILL SPEAK AT 3 P.M. IN THIRD COLLEGE LECTURE HALL, ROOM 107. ADMISSION IS FREE. Contact: Paul Lowenberg, 534-3123.

FEBRUARY 13: EARTHA KITT PERFORMS AT MANDEVILLE CENTER, 8 P.M., AS PART OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH. TICKETS ARE \$12/\$10/\$8. Contact: Sandra Garrett, 534-3120.

FEBRUARY 18: STEVEN JAY GOULD, ALEXANDER AGASSIZ PROFESSOR OF ZOOLOGY AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND AUTHOR OF SEVERAL POPULAR BOOKS, WILL GIVE THE ROBERT C. ELLIOT MEMORIAL LECTURE AT 8 P.M. IN THE MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS. ADMISSION IS FREE. SPONSORED BY THE UCSD LITERATURE DEPARTMENT. Contact: Alixandra Williams, 534-3120.

FEBRUARY 19: DONALD WOODS, EXILED SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNALIST, FRIEND OF STEVEN BIKO, AND SUBJECT OF MOVIE "CRY FREEDOM" SPEAKS AT 8 P.M. IN MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS AS PART OF HELEN EDISON LECTURE SERIES. Contact Sharon Taylor, UCSD Extension, 534-0397.

FEBRUARY 24: PHYSICIST SHIRLEY A. JACKSON, THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO EARN A PH.D. FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT), AND THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN IN THE UNITED STATES TO EARN A DOCTORATE DEGREE IN PHYSICS, WILL GIVE A FREE LECTURE AT 4 P.M. IN CONFERENCE ROOM 111A, MATTHEWS ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC COMPLEX. DR. JACKSON IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE TECHNICAL STAFF AT AT&T BELL LABORATORIES, NEW JERSEY. Contact Alixandra Williams, 534-3120.

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