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ANGELA DAVIS SPEAKS

by Chris Ellis

On Friday, May 23, at the Cal State Recital Hall, one of the major Black activists of the past twenty years spoke before a capacity crowd on the subject of the prospects of peace in our time. That person was Angela Davis.

This event was sponsored by The Special Events Committee, Associated Students, Black Student Union, Black Alumni, Black Faculty and Staff, and The Program for Cross-Cultural Perspectives in the Curriculum grant project. Few campus events have had wider support.

Angela Davis opened on the subject of fear over the possibility of nuclear war, saying there is a similarity between now and the days of the bubonic Plague when there was fear that the human race may be annihilated by the disease. Only now it will come in a rain of nuclear warheads. This has resulted in feelings of desperation over broad sectors of the world's population.

She went on to say that war is based on deception, while peace is based on truth, and also upon the elimination of poverty by guaranteeing the rights of all to live by not forcing payment for the basic necessities of life.

Ms. Davis also spoke about much of her experiences, including the time when she lived in Los Angeles at the time the L.A. Police Department first initiated the use of the paramilitary SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) squads, in particular, the use of one of these squads to launch a massive attack against the L.A. headquarters of the Black Panther Party. She said the attack was made while they were serving a warrant for the arrest of one member on charges of disturbing the peace. Documents released years later under the Freedom of Information Act revealed that this attack was coordinated by the F.B.I., considering the many rounds of ammunition that were fired into the buildings, it was remarkable no one was killed.

She pointed out the fact that the peace movement has always been a multiracial concern, in fact it has been generally stronger among minorities, but the U.S. government has consistently made it appear to be only a white concern in the media.

She also talked about hospitals for profit, and how the Reagan administration is trying to move health care more into the private sector.

She got down to the roots of warfare and the nuclear arms race when she moved into the issue of violence and aggression in a society dominated by the macho, saying she compared it to rape by comparing aggressor nations that control and/or invade other nations with men that commit rape, calling them "international ejaculations".

She called for the outlawing of the Ku Klux Klan and other extreme Fascist groups because they continuously commit and are the cause of violence against minorities.

Ms. Davis concluded by saying that "Achieving world peace will bring world prosperity. Friendship between the U.S. and Soviets will guarantee peace for the future. Now is the time to act for disarmament. We will be able to make the claim that we were present when the nuclear threat and racism were eliminated."

On the Saturday following her appearance at the Recital Hall, Ms. Davis addressed various faculty representatives at a seminar about reconceptualization of the school's curriculum from a cross-cultural standpoint. She recalled how she was alienated as a Black woman student by the lack of Black culture, faculty and students at the universities she attended. She especially detailed her experiences at University of California, San Diego, explaining how she helped create the third college dedicated to minority and poor students. She also covered her experiences in jail and the letters she received from George Jackson who was suspected of killing a prison guard at Soledad State Penitentiary and how he was severely affected by society's stereotypes of blacks being "pathological" and also by its assumption that black women had "too much power" in the family. She also conducted research of black women under slavery, but was hampered by lack of information. She warned that while Black and women may be benefiting from the gains that were made in the struggle for equality, they are slipping away under Reagansim and may be lost if action is not taken to stop the decline.

Nurses Give Free Examinations
Nurses from the Department of Nursing will give free physical examinations from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., June 2, 4 and 9. Available to faculty, staff and students, the exams take about an hour. Appointments should be made in advance with the Nursing Department, Ext. 7346, or the Health Center, Ext. 7641.

Library Book Sale
The Library will hold a book sale on Thursday, June 5, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hundreds of used and new books on all topics will be for sale at bargain price. Although a few "treasures" will be specially priced, most of the books will be sold at 50% for hardcover books, 30% for large paperbacks, 20% for small paperbacks, and 50% for textbooks.
Golfer Gary Oechsele Finished

Gary Oechsele shot a 307 at the NCAA Division III National Championship tournament to finish in a tie for 26th, but one shot away from earning All-America honors.

Oechsele, a junior from Ventura, averaged 75.88 throughout ChanqMooship toofnament to NCAA Division National season play.

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Coach Gr^ Price. "We never dreamed that we would be this that which I fed is pretty good.

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Don't lose your priority, send your fees in early

by Eileen Cramer

Because this is the first year of CAR (Computer Assisted Registration), many students may not be fully aware of the new procedures. Please read the following information and suggestions in order to maintain your priority scheduling status and save yourself some potential problems.

For those students who made a $20 deposit, the balance of all fees are due no later than August 18th.

For any reason the mail is delayed to receive in the University Accounting Office by August 18th, then a student's priority will be lost.

*(An August 18th postmark date is definite and irrefutable. The deposit must physically be there.)

*(If priority status is lost, student must participate in a walkthrough registration, September 22 & 23rd)

*(Class selection at walk-through will be late.)

The Accounting Office recommends that students mail their balance and all appropriate forms early, around the end of July.

With an early mail-in, the Accounting Office will have time to return incorrect registration materials back to students for correction and a second mail-in.

*(For your own sake, insure that all forms are completely and properly filled out. Make sure the amount due is correct and the check, Visa, or Mastrcard bill is signed.)

Above all, don't chance it! If for any reason the mail is delayed or forms are incorrectly filled out or forgotten, your priority status maybe is jeopardized. Don't delay! Send your packet to the designated registration drop box. All instructions are found in the Fall Class Schedule. In case you have any questions or doubts, don't guess! Call the infornation fee Hotline (714) 887-7505 or stop by the Accounting Office, AD-115.
by John Parcell

Noted sportswriter Peter Gammons recently arranged a meeting, but then three great hitters in the game of baseball. Don Mattingly and Wade Boggs, currently the top hitters in the game, met with the last player to hit over 400, Ted Williams.

I wished I had come up with the idea first but they probably wouldn't have met with me since I don't write for Sports Illustrated. So I'll tell the next best thing. I set up a meeting between three of the movies biggest hit-men, Rocky, Rambo, and newcomer, Cobra. Dying Out With Automatic Weapons

I didn't have to do much to get the conversation started. And after Rambo broke out the chicha and I downed a glass, I was happy I had brought my tape recorder along to record this momentous occasion since I passed out and was no use to anybody for about a week. It wasn't until later that Rambo told me chicha is an extremely potent alcoholic beverage made by the warriors of the local town. It is made from corn that has been chewed by these local women and then fermented along with their saliva.

Rocky: Heyo!
Rambo: Not until they're out of the ring.
Cobra: You shouldn't drink that stuff. Try some milk.
Rambo: You want milk—right here in the ring! How can we drink water when you beat us up on a regular basis?
Cobra: Violent! You can't call us violent. You made four movies where you beat up on guys. Rocky: Yeah but I didn't kill anybody. You guys killed more guys than I could count.
Cobra: It's number 1 at the box office.
Rocky: But you have signed for a sequel yet?
Cobra: Well, the studio hasn't finished cleaning up the mess from the original yet. And my agent is having trouble negotiating the contract because the director said I had an attitude problem.
Rocky: Why did he say that? Cobra: Oh, he just listed off a few things I wanted instituted on the set.

Rocky: Like?
Cobra: Public floggings for people who didn't pay their coffee dues. Death penalty for parking violations — oh and I wanted to execute any of the stunt men who hit me during the fight scenes.
Rambo: And for that he said you had an attitude problem?
Cobra: Yeah.
Rocky: What did you tell him?
Cobra: I sent him a letter bomb with a note that said it was just a little one.
Rocky: You know, you guys are too violent.
Cobra: Violent? You can't call us violent. You made four movies where you beat up on guys.
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Cobra: It's number 1 at the box office.
Rocky: But you have signed for a sequel yet?
Cobra: Well, you're forgetting that. I can also go up against organized crime, bank robbers, kidnappers and the Minnesotan Twins.
Rocky: What did the Minnesotan Twins do?
Cobra: Well Stallone's idea is that they aren't trying to win—you know—throwing games and making big bets in Vegas. I get to take care of them. He promised me a great fight scene in the front office.
Rambo: You're gonna fight civilians?
Cobra: Hey they drew first blood.
Rocky: Yeah, well I can understand that.
Cobra: Besides it's just between me and the owner. You know as "I'm coming to get you," type of thing.
Rambo: That sounds familiar.
Rocky: What surprises me about you guys is that you're totally given up the idea of setting up a good reason for knocking the stuffing out of crooks.
Rambo: We do it because they are crooks. That's provocation enough. Besides people don't care why we blow people up. They just want to see us kill enemies and criminals.
Cobra: Besides, why waste good time writing a plot when you can make millions without one.
Rambo: Hard to say—What's that sound—INCENDING!!! HIT THE DECK!!! Get that civilian (pointing at me) out of here.

I woke up from my drunken sleep a week later. The rest of the conversation was erased from the tape but they promised me it would be used as a concept in the next movie.

I offered to write it but they were afraid that I might actually have talent and they couldn't have that in any script. Sylvester Stallone used. It might make less money for them.
CSUSB RECREATIONAL SPORTS PRESENTS:
SUMMER RECREATION

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Volleyball  Thursdays, June 19 - August 28, 6:30 to 9:00 pm.
Basketball Tuesdays, June 24 - August 26, 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

● Escape Trips: (Information & registration at the Student Union.)

Angel Baseball  Friday, August 8th. $6.00 per person.
                Van departs from the main lot at 5:45 pm.

Beach Trip & Weenie Roast  Thursday, July 24th. $4.00 per person.
                            Van departs from main lot at 10:00 am.
                            Cost includes weenie roast. BYO lunch
                            and/or spending money.

Backpacking/Day Hike  T.B.A.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!
**SUNDAY**

**LITURGY**
- Newman Club Mass begins at 11am in the Pine Room (C-125)

**MONDAY**

**MEETINGS**
- Finance Association meets from Noon - 1:00 p.m. in the Alder Room (C-219)
- Accounting Association Officers Meeting is from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in S.U. room A
- Sigma Chi Omicron meets from 8:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the S.U. Senate Chambers

**TUESDAY**

**MEETINGS**
- A.S. Board of Directors meets from 10:00 a.m. in the S.U. Senate Chambers
- Phi Beta Sigma meets from 10:00 - 11:00 p.m. in the S.U. Senate Chambers
- FINALS BEGNNINT!!

**FRIDAY**

**MEETINGS**
- Toastmasters Club meets from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. in the S.U. Senate Chambers
- Campus Crusade for Christ meets from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in S.U. rooms A & B

**SATURDAY**

**SPORTS/LEISURE**
- Gay and Lesbian Union Dance from 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. in the SUMP. For more info. call x7824

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HAVING A BIT OF A BREAKDOWN MAYBE?

Health Corner
HOW TO SURVIVE FINALS!

No one will argue with you that studying is hard work. Mental work may keep you in a state of hyperexcitability which later prevents sleep; the resulting insomnia may cause even more tension and anxiety. Mental fatigue is also caused by the setting of the head, neck and shoulders in a tense position as you sit at a desk. One self-help method may be to quit studying (just a suggestion)! But unless measures are taken to reduce physical tension and mental fatigue, the stress will continue to affect your other activities.

What to Do for Mental Fatigue:
1. Take a cool shower and wake up.
2. Do a headstand to bring blood back to the head (make sure you know how to do this correctly).
3. Take a brisk walk outside or jump rope.
4. When you are confined to a desk, reduce muscle strain in the shoulders and neck by laying the top half of your body on the desk top and consciously relaxing.
5. Release tension after bending over a desk for a long time by rolling your head slowly front to side, back to side. Bend torso back and forth at the waist. Raise each shoulder and let drop.
6. An unobtrusive exercise no matter where you are is to wriggle your toes, circle your feet by rotating them at the ankles, tighten your buttocks and relax, tighten and relax your stomach muscles, inhale and exhale slowly and deeply.

What to Do for Insomnia:
1. Eat a light supper.
2. Drink a glass of warm milk before bedtime.
3. Take a warm bath.
4. Exercise.
5. Try reversing the end of your bed and sleep at the foot.
6. Consciously divert your mind from problems and fears.
7. Initiate the slow, deep rhythmic breathing of sleep.

BYE BYE

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Spring Quarter is almost over, with final exams just around the corner. Since this is the final issue of the Chronicle, we at the Health Center would like to congratulate all the students who will be graduating on June 14th. To those of you who will not be returning to our campus in the fall, we wish you the best of luck and much success in all your endeavors.

The Health Center will remain open during the months of June and July, but will be closed from August 4th and reopen on September 2nd. The hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students who were registered this Spring Quarter and who will be returning next Fall Quarter are eligible to use our services during the summer. Also, those students enrolled in summer session will be able to use the Health Center throughout the sessions in which they are registered.

Appointments are encouraged during the summer hours since the staff will be reduced. There will be a pharmacist on duty, so you can continue to receive medications at cost. Once again, have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing many of you in the fall.

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"What's a few beers?"
"Did you have too much to drink?"
"I'm perfectly fine."
"Are you in any shape to drive?"
"I've never felt better."
"I think you've had a few too many."
"You kiddin', I can drive with my eyes closed."
"You've had too much to drink, let me drive."
"Nobody drives my car but me."
"Are you OK to drive?"
"Who's a few beers?"

DRINKING AND DRIVING CAN KILL A FRIENDSHIP

U.S. Department of Transportation
Economic Dining

A very special dinner took place in the university commons on Friday, May 23.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

The Omicron Delta Epsilon, Honor Society in Economics, held its first dinner in honor of the initiation of its new members.

Dr. R. J. Chaitkin, Associate Professor and Chairman of the Economics Department, opened the evening with opening remarks. Dr. Mayo Torrens, Assistant Professor of Economics, followed by welcoming the new members of Omicron Delta Epsilon.


The Alpha Delta Chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon is an affiliate of the University of California, Riverside.

PLACEMENT TESTING

by Jackie Wilson

On September 25 and 26, placement tests will be conducted for students enrolled in Math 90, 110, 120 and 200 courses. These tests are primarily for the purpose of seeing that students, according to their mathematical performance, are enrolled in the appropriate course. This is to ensure maximum success.

HEALTH

CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

The recently formed Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) needs you. This organization is directly involved with you, the CSUSB student, and your Health Center. This is one way to represent students on our campus by voicing your concerns, suggestions, opinions concerning Health Center policy. The committee not only promotes health education and student awareness of Health Center programs, but it represents student opinion. Two undergraduate and one graduate student are needed on this committee, so if you are interested, please contact the Student Health Center. Have a say in Health Center policy and help others learn more about good health by becoming a member of the Student Health Advisory Committee.

B A H A ' I C L U B

Representatives of the Cal State San Bernardino Baha'i Club and the city's Baha'i community will present a statement on world peace to Dr. Anthony Evans, President of California State University, San Bernardino, today at 2:00 p.m. "Reception for World Peace" will be held in the SUMP. The public is invited.

On December 10 the same statement was presented to President Reagan at a special White House Human Rights Day program to which all nine members of the governing body of the Baha'i's of the United States were invited. A personal presentation has also been made to Secretary General of the United Nations Javier Peres de Cuellar and to more than 80 heads of state or their representatives.

"The Promise of World Peace" is the first formal document to be addressed by the Baha'i's to the peoples of the world. It was issued on the occasion of the United Nations International Year of Peace. In more than 200 countries, the statement is being delivered by Baha'i's to leaders of political, academic, religious and social organizations and to state, national and international officials.

Locally, presentations of the statement have been made to Rep. George E. Brown Jr. (36th District) and to University of California at Riverside's Chancellor Hurlbut.

According to Michael Heister, a member of the local Baha'i governing body, "The Promise of World Peace" defines the root causes of war and disunity and outlines a course of action for their elimination. "We offer it as a source of hope and feel that its message is of special importance to leaders, organizations, and individuals at the grassroots level," Heister said. "Their involvement in the peace process is crucial to its eventual success."

Copies of the statement will be available free of charge at the reception.

The Baha'i Faith began in Iran in 1844 and has more than four million followers worldwide; 100,000 in the United States. Baha'is believe that certain barriers must be overcome before peace can be achieved. Among these barriers are racism, unrestrained nationalism, religious conflict, the unequal status of women and lack of both a universal language and universal education.

BY A J

Every Sunday, Harry C's Riverside.
Don't Quit Your Day Job!
at
The Pub

Wednesday Night - June 4
9:00 pm
CAL STATE - San Bernardino
FRAT OR FRAUD?

Dear Editor:

As Greek Council President for the majority of the 1985-1986 school year, I, along with other prominent student leaders, have worked tirelessly to establish a strong and successful Greek System. I am my belief that a strong Greek System will not only improve the social atmosphere at CSUSB, but perhaps more importantly, supply the campus with a greater number of qualified and concerned student leaders. Establishing such a system has proven to be a great challenge. And, as with any challenge, there have been many frustrations and rewards.

The Chronicle, by printing one article on the front page of the May 21, 1986 issue, has managed to severely blemish this Greek System. It is unfortunate that the three articles reporting positive Greek events were buried away on pages 4 of the same issue. I regret not being able to celebrate the first appearance of the Greek System on the front page of your publication.

The article in reference, headlined "Local Fraternity Denied Campus Recognition," was obviously slanted to promote a group of men calling themselves Chi Tau Omega. Let me provide some information, both fact and personal opinion, to help straighten the article out.

FACT: Chi Tau Omega is not a local fraternity. They are a group of approximately 7 to 10 men wishing to be recognized as a "local" fraternity.

Opinion: Having previously stated two outcomes of a strong Greek System, I believe that the addition of this new group would not only enhance the social atmosphere at CSUSB, but mobilize some quality student leaders.

FACT: Recognizing the new group as a local fraternity could cause problems for the CSUSB Greek System, due to the fact that local fraternities have no national headquarters monitoring the conductiveness of their activities.

OPINION: The Administration and/or the Greek Council must have the power to decide how many Greek Societies the campus can support. The Intercollegiate Sports Program was not introduced to CSUSB with a full spectrum of sports. Instead, the program is being moved to campus with the periodical introduction of additional sports. The same approach must be taken by the Greek System.

OPINION (close to factual): The reported "all campus" party was more like an "all campus" party, with the majority of the participants being high school age.

By not attaching a "by line" to the article, I can only assume that the article reports the opinion of the Chronicle staff. I believe that if the Chronicle had done a more adequate investigation before reporting on this event, the above information would have been presented.

Tom, Derick, Kevin, et al., are excellent people. I have supported their efforts and empathized with their frustrations. I have concurred, though, if the article was a direct result of their efforts. If so, I believe it was poor tactics and has severely blemished them as individuals and as a group.

It is my hope that, in the future, the Chronicle will give more exposure to the positive aspects of the Greek System. It is difficult enough combating stereotypes bandied to society by movies such as "Animal House" and "Revenge of the Nerds." Greek life is a challenging and positive experience. It should be portrayed that way!

Richard Mercado
Past President of Greek Council

WHAT?!

Editorial:

"For Those Who Have Ears Let Them Hear"

At the November 13, 1985 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the California State University the motto on the official CSU seal was changed from "Vox Veritas Vot" (man, truth, voice) to "Vox Veritas Vita" (voice, truth, life). How interesting that an administration council, composed of only one student member (who abstained from voting), set precedent and changed policy that directly affected and will affect students. This writer is concerned that administrators have used the responsibility of trust placed in them to exploit situations and students for personal gain. Administrators are another curious consequence of a bureaucracy which has forgotten its reason for being. In schools, administrators commonly become myopic as a result of confronting all of the problems, the "requirements" generate. Thus, they cannot see (or hear) the constituents the system ostensibly exists to serve— the students.

If schools and universities function according to the democratic ideals they pay verbal allegiance to, the students would long since have played a major role in developing policies and procedures guiding its operation. Students have become and are regarded as tokens within the system. One of the ominous facts about totalitarianism is its seeming "efficiency." Responsibility needs to be delegated, and with it the authority to carry it out, but in order for the democratic system to work— however imperfectly— the responsible authority must be accountable to its constituents. In schools and universities this means the students. Democracy— with all of its "inefficiencies" versus the best system we have so far for enhancing the prospects of our mutual survival. This university, CSUSB must begin to act if this were so. Afterall, we stand for "Voice, Truth, and Life." Let's all have the courage of our convictions to pursue which is true and honorable for all of us.

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**Media over-kill:**

When does enough become too much?

by Jim Long

A teenage girl tells a court of law that she had sex with five sheriff's deputies from one county department while she was under the age of consent. That next day, the largest newspaper in that county has a story about these events on its front page.

A space shuttle carrying seven astronauts, including a schoolteacher, explodes in the Florida skies covered enough. But it's less than the first hour after the crash, a national network repeats footage of the disaster over two dozen times. For the rest of the day, a TV viewer can't watch programming for more than 30 minutes at a time without seeing that same footage.

When stories like these happen, they capture a public's imagination and the media try to suffice it. But as they do, critics ask media people - and media people ask themselves - how much coverage is the stories really worth?

Sometimes, the critics ask the media, "Do you think you might have given too much space or air time to that story?" According to several Island Empire media people, the public media know the question is being asked, but it doesn't have history to give them the correct answer.

"We covered every story," said Bob Ritter, executive editor of The San Bernardino Sun and chairman of the Credibility Committee of Associate Press Managing Editors. "But at the time, knowing what I knew, I printed them.

"Information is history on the run."

Wayne Sargent, editor of The Sun, shares the view of many, "Five years down the road, you may say, 'Gosh, they overdid it.' But you don't count on it. You don't count on what's happening that particular day," he said.

Perspective. It says a lot, according to Sargent and KABC-TV's Bob Banfield, as to whether stories are overdone or not. How much coverage the stories really warrant.

"We don't get the time on the air that, say, The Today Show gives some of our stories are black and white ... we tend to cover a story and drop it."

Exceptions are made for some stories, like the one about the sheriff's sex scandal in Victorville. Or, on a national level, such as the Chernobyl disaster explosion in January. In such cases, when stories capture a public's imagination, it's possible to obliterate the public with the story but not possible to over-cover it, according to at least one media person.

Sargent says stories of great magnitude, if given much coverage because to many Americans there is an interest in them, directly or indirectly. In the case of The Sun, Sargent sold two million copies of a record in two weeks, is that overdoing it? No, said Sargent, believing that it was a matter of drawing a balance between major events like Challenger and Jackson's Poppy story and the number of people thirsting to buy immense numbers of purchases, but not overdoing it if that's the number of people thirsting to buy.

"What's too much? It's hard to know when you're living with history," he said.

Not covering something is believed to be far worse than covering too much.

"To risk lesser coverage is to risk not giving complete coverage to stories," Ritter said.

"When you overplay, you can be criticized," said Sargent. "If you underplay, you haven't served your reader."

In the name of serving readers, newspapers cover major events from a multitude of angles. TV and radio stations often offer special programming.

Putting a story on the air or printing it gives that story a certain magnitude, Sargent noted. But, as Ritter points out, there is no easy way to decide what the "proper" magnitude to a story might be. Perspective isn't always available as a simple rule. There are other conditions that factor in how a story is covered.

One example may be competition. Ritter said that if the sheriff's sex scandal had happened in New York, where competition among newspapers is fierce, "It would have been useless sensationalized, Ritter said.

"Sooner or later, the time at maintaining intelligent discourse with the readership rather than swinging it into an unethical situation, Ritter said.

The appearance of items on television poses a particularly difficult problem, Banfield said, especially during a sweeps period for TV stations. A station may, in fact, put too much emphasis on a story, according to Banfield. "I really think all stations go awry ... all are guilty of it," said Banfield.

But the KABC reporter doesn't think that the power of pictures on TV - an exposé is an example - should merit TV journalism the charge that it sometimes sensationalizes or over-covers a story.

"It (TV) may get that image," said Banfield. "(But) People know reporters are going to be more cautious. They know what's going to get in it.

A poll by the Times-Mirror Corporation printed in both the Los Angeles Times and New York Times (as an example) showed on Jan. 16 relayed many attitudes the public has toward the media, including a strong belief that the media was believable.

But the same poll also said a majority of people feel the media emphasized negative news and failed to admit its mistakes. Those feelings, media people admit, often draw out stronger reactions that the media over-covers stories.

Wayne B. Tyson, a San Diego man, aired out one of the public's criticism in an editorial written for the L.A. Times on Jan. 16. He spoke of his concerns about media coverage of events after witnessing a TV camera get a close up of a corpse as it was lifted by helicopter from a plane crash site in Nebraska.

"I shudder at the possibility that the motive might have been commercial," Tyson wrote. "To get better returns by blaring that prevalent psychos, macabre curiosity.

"Searing the crucial distinction between sensationalism and callousness is vital to the survival of the one last quality of our species that makes us worth saving - the taproot of wisdom, discrimination."

Ritter stresses the media, newspapers at least, are using more wisdom in decision making. Banfield, noted special considerations given to parents of a three-year-old Banning boy who drowned, the parent's identity was not revealed because they were "embarrassed," Banfield said.

There's a helluva lot of editors that think that the power of pictures on TV - an often times strong force- think that the power of pictures on TV.

As the editors and broadcasters of the media make their decisions, the public is expected to decide more often if those decisions are correct.

**Cal State blows taps over aging Rumpl plan**

by Midge Thorton

University administrators have decided to abandon a tradition that has served the university since it was founded in 1965. President Anthony Evans has approved the Faculty Senate Committee's recommendation to discontinue the Rumpl plan, which has granted students five units of credit for four hours of class instruction plus one hour of independent study.

The transition is expected to take two years, and the new system of four-units-for-four-hours should be in full operation by fall of 1988.

With classes being worth four units the system will require alterations in curriculum. General education and major requirements will be reviewed and courses will be added to broaden the students' education without increasing the total percentage of time devoted to classes.

According to Associate Vice-President of Academic Programs Dr. Jerrold Pritchard, the Rumpl plan has barely any work.

"From the beginning," he said, "the Rumpl plan was an attempt to do what is normally possible in a private liberal arts school." But due to the increase in student population and the diversity of it, Pritchard said it's time to follow a more practical plan that can suit the needs of all students.

Pritchard stated the fact that although the Rumpl plan does not work as it stands, the university "wants to preserve the benefits of the Rumpl plan." Small classes will continue, along with the quarter system. Students should spend about 35 percent of their time in large and intermediate size lecture classes, with 65 percent of their time devoted to small classes.

Pritchard, who is part of a task force that has studied the issue since November, feels that "student population will be reserved by going off the Rumpl plan." The four-units-for-four-hours plan will better fit the individual needs of our student population, he said.

By dropping the Rumpl plan, "we can provide the best quality of service," he said, "that is our purpose."
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