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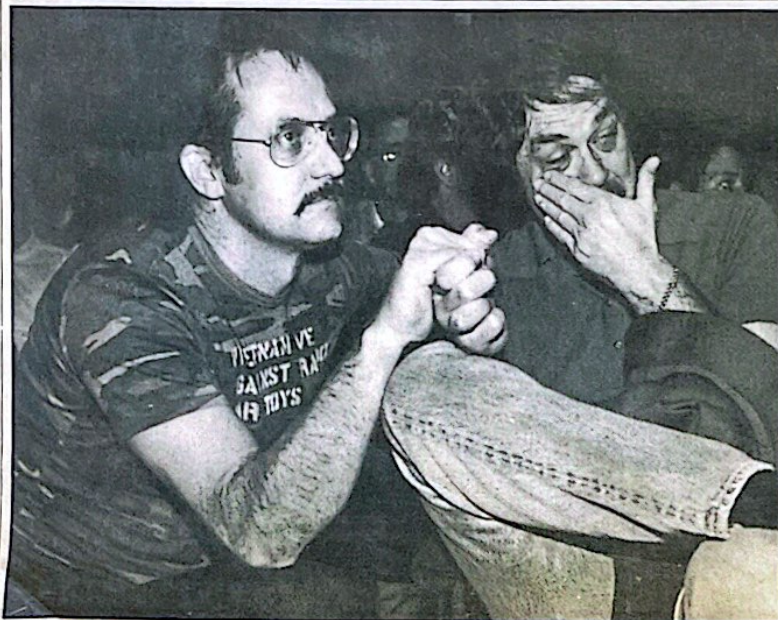
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Steve Schleigh (left) comforts Ed DeWitt during Vietnam veteran Shad Meshad's emotional lecture on the impact of the war.

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Campus System May Provide New Source of Energy and Water

By William Diepenbrock
News Editor

A private corporation, asked by UCSB officials to investigate the feasibility of an alternative campus energy system, is now part way through that process, having located financiers for the approximately \$160 million project.

Applied Cogeneration, a subsidiary of Applied Companies — run by Hope Ranch resident Barney Klinger — agreed to probe the possibility of building a cogeneration plant in April 1984. Such a plant would burn methanol, a gas which produces far less pollutants than the current natural gas boiler system.

"If we were to go ahead on that, they (Applied Cogeneration) should be able to handle it all in two years," said Dick Jensen, vice chancellor of planning and analysis.

Handling it all means Applied Cogeneration will supply all funds for the costly project, acting as a third party. The university would take the cogenerator's profits, using them to eventually buy the plant, Jensen said.

This investigative phase is set to end in December 1986. If an agreement is made then, work will begin to get the plant under way by 1988 or so. Construction of the plant now faces a long series of "ifs" which Klinger must resolve.

A plant could be built "if it's feasible, if a contract can be drawn, if the money is forthcoming, (and) if

the oil companies agree to it," explained Klinger, who said his motivation for the project is to sell offshore oil rigs a less polluting energy source.

So far, Klinger has obtained letters of commitment from three lending institutions for the project.

In addition, campus officials need to conduct a number of consultations, impact reports, and receive approval from the county, state, and UC Regents before a plant could begin operation. Financiers will forward 2 percent of the project's estimated cost to cover these expenses.

Other members of the campus administration have had problems with the plant's feasibility. Vice Chancellor Raymond Sawyer, a physicist, resigned his administrative post over the matter, Jensen explained.

"I talked to him about that, and I asked if that was the reason he resigned and he said yeah," Jensen said.

"I don't know what aspect in particular (he objected to), although he assured me it was over cogeneration," he added later.

Sawyer, a Harvard graduate, will not leave his post until the 1986-87 academic year. His secretary said Wednesday he declined to comment on the subject.

An alumni magazine Sawyer has includes an article about Harvard's \$400 million cogeneration plant, Jensen said. That plant cannot operate, he said.

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Retiring County Clerk Endorses Candidacy of Current Assistant

By Amy Siegel
County Editor

Assistant County Clerk-Recorder Kenneth Pettit announced his candidacy for County Clerk-Recorder Wednesday, proposing to improve quick access to county records.

Pettit, who has served as current clerk Howard Menzel's assistant for the past nine years, has secured Menzel's endorsement in the race against Ken Saxton, a public relations consultant, for the four-year term.

"Because of his (Pettit's) performance and experience, I think he's earned the right to the job," Menzel said. "He's maintained a high level of performance and demonstrated sensitivity to the people who use our services."

"He's got years of experience in the job" and has earned the respect of other county employees, Menzel added.

Menzel will retire from the position he has held for the past 11 years when his term ends Jan. 5, 1987.

If elected in June, Pettit plans to enhance automation for record-keeping to speed access to county records.

"We live in this age of automation," Pettit said, adding, "We'd like to implement speed into our automation."

Although the election system is computerized and some records are also on computers, Pettit said he would eventually like all court documents to be placed into a computer system to increase storage capacity. Court records are currently stored on microfilm.

Pettit also hopes to increase communication between the recorder's office and the Santa Barbara community. As a "custodian of records for the supervisors and the courts," the office must be made aware of community complaints and receive community input to function efficiently.

Saxton, who became well-known in Santa Barbara in fall 1985 for his efforts against the oil initiative, has not previously held public office. However, he feels qualified for the

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Vietnam Veteran Speaks on Rehabilitation

By Jennifer Sanchez
Reporter

Vietnam War veteran and founder of the Vietnam Veterans Outreach program, Shad Meshad shared his stories and ideas with students, faculty, veterans, and friends Tuesday to show that Americans can learn to deal with the tremendous emotional impact that the war has left.

Meshad encouraged students in Professor Walter Capps' Religious Studies 155 class, Religion and the Impact of Vietnam, to "get your hands on every book and to speak with every veteran you can in order to make sense of this (the war). It might be easier for you to look and listen, so you don't have to experience it."

Trying to make sense of the war is like taking a preventative medicine, he said.

Meshad recalled a class he had when he was in college 20 years ago. The sergeant teaching the course, a Vietnam veteran himself, showed Super 8 color slides of killings he had participated in in Vietnam.

"We watched human beings butcher human beings," Meshad said. By the end of the class only Meshad and one other of 36 students remained.

"It's like for any of you that ever had the opportunity to go to Ethiopia to really see people starving. It's not just this TV show that comes on cable, but you smell it and you see the flies and you watch the kids die," he said.

Meshad believed at the time that if he did not attend graduate school, the film would become a reality for him. He went on to continue his education, delaying for four years his "meeting with Vietnam," but said that he had a strong guilt complex over his decision.

"That film stuck in my mind. You know that there's something nasty out there. Something that isn't Disneyland, mom's apple pie... you know, a candy store," he said.

By January 1970, Meshad was in Vietnam as a psychologist officer. "I knew I wasn't guilty anymore. I knew right there, I'd never be the same," he explained.

Meshad hung on, remembering the words of his teacher; that in war you have one mission, and that is to survive.

One experience that Meshad will never forget is a massive casualty that occurred while he was working as a hospital director. While he sweated and waited, unprepared for medical work, helicopters delivered 35 injured soldiers. "I was freaked," he admitted. Meshad was covered with blood and body matter and



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his knees began to buckle. An officer slapped him repeatedly to keep him on his feet, saying, "If you pass out, they're dead."

At the close of Meshad's speech summarizing the past 15 years of his life, Professor Capps said that Meshad "is more responsible than any other human being for establishing a rehabilitation program for veterans."

Faced with public hostility toward Vietnam veterans upon his return to the United States, Meshad wanted to return to the war. "I wanted to go back to Nam. It was the only world I knew. Such a contrast — I was an officer, I had an education, I had a great family that loved me, but I was still angry and confused. I had lost the American dream," he said.

Working through his own anxieties, Meshad met veterans hanging out on piers or living in caves in the L.A. area and began informal conversations with these men. His experience as a psychologist officer in the war gave Meshad a firm basis for listening to people and helping them overcome fears, Capps said.