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Former U.S. Senator Beams Into Lecture Hall

McGovern Discusses Vietnam Involvement From D.C. Satellite

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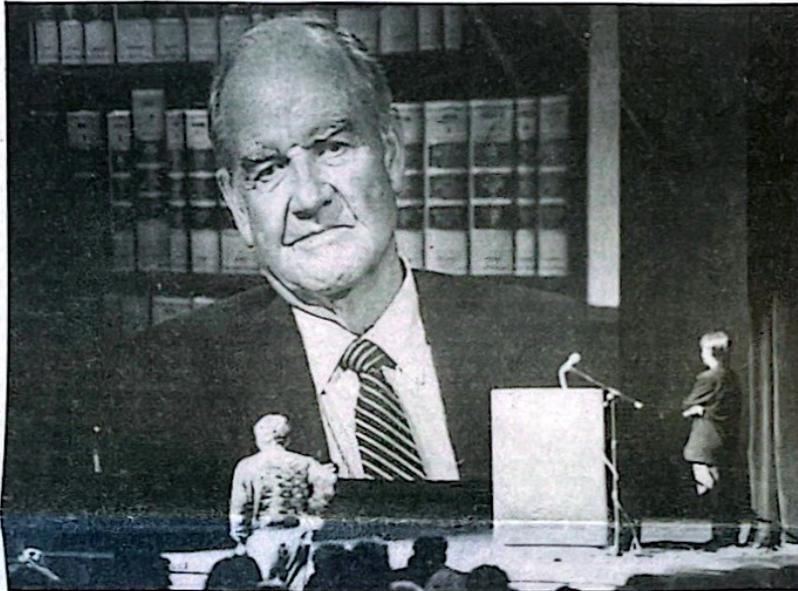
Voting for the Tonkin Gulf Resolution was George McGovern's biggest regret in 18 years as a legislator, the former senator and one-time presidential candidate told a Campbell Hall class Tuesday.

In the first live satellite interview in UC history, McGovern discussed where American policymakers went wrong during the Vietnam War, stressing that the resolution authorizing limited use of force in the region was never meant to be a declaration of war.

"I didn't want to endorse the war," McGovern told the packed Religious Studies 155 classroom. The renowned class, taught by religious studies Professor Walter Capps, studies the religious impact of the Vietnam War.

"We were told it was not a declaration of war and would not lead to an escalation of the war. I didn't see the resolution as a blank check to escalate the war, but that's the way it was used," he said.

Capps joined McGovern and a group of UCSB students in a Washington, D.C. television stu-



One-time senator George McGovern furrows his brow via satellite while a Religious Studies 155 student poses a question.

dio, while students in Campbell Hall questioned the former senator from a telephone hook-up.

"We couldn't have found anyone more qualified to speak about Vietnam than George McGovern," Capps told the

class. McGovern, now director of the Middle East Policy Council in the nation's capital, ran against Richard Nixon in the 1972 presidential election. Because the Vietnam conflict

was never officially declared a war, the 1964 Tonkin Gulf Resolution was often interpreted by policymakers as Congress' approval of the war, McGovern

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'Cheadle 200'

First Stage of Protestors' Sit-in Trials Almost Over

By Ross French
Staff Writer

The "Cheadle 200" has just become the Cheadle One.

When defendant Helen Meloy pleaded no contest to a charge of disturbing the peace in Municipal Court Tuesday, rather than fight the charge of trespassing, she left graduate Kate Lundquist the only remaining member of the initial 198 arrestees who hasn't resolved her case.

However, Lundquist will also take the plea bargain, according to her attorney, Clare Conk.

The trespassing charges stem from a peace demonstration on the eve of the Persian Gulf War last year, when hundreds of students staged a sit-in at Cheadle Hall.

Tuesday's proceedings brought the first phase of the case to a close. Of the original 198 arrestees, 12 were found guilty of trespassing and 181 pleaded no contest to the lesser charge. All but one of the sentences was stayed pending an appeal.

Four protestors have failed to appear and are being sought on warrants.

Judge Harry Loberg told prosecutor Jeff Gittler that he owed the defense attorneys and their clients "a great deal of thanks" for not pursuing a jury trial. Thus far, the case has cost the county around \$100,000.

Focus now shifts to the appeal of 11 of the initial convictions. Under an agreement presented by Judge Loberg, if any of those convictions are overturned, all of the 198 cases will be thrown out.

If the verdicts are upheld, then the protestors will be hit with a \$160 fine, which they can either pay or work off by 16 hours of community service. They will serve no actual probation, and the infraction will only stay on their record for three years.

"It's just like a traffic ticket," explained Loberg during the proceedings.

The paperwork for the appeal should be turned over to the Superior Court in about a week, with a ruling expected anywhere from one to six months down the road.

Despite accepting the plea bargain, the entire case struck a disappointing chord with Meloy.

"I think it is ironic that we had to plead guilty to disturbing the peace when what we were doing was demonstrating for peace," Meloy said. "What this says to me is that the cost of speaking out is very high."

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'Jeans Day' Planned to Support Homosexuals, Bisexuals

By Bonnie Bills
Staff Writer

Supporters of UCSB's gay, lesbian and bisexual community have got the blues today. The 501 blues, that is.

It's Jeans Day, a day for the campus to don their Levi's to show support for the campus gay community. The controversial day began many years ago as part of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Celebration Week, and it is an event which is often misunderstood.

"Jeans Day is very controversial. People take it out of context. They think it means if you wear jeans you're gay, and that's not true," said LGBA Political Director Jay Groth.

Groth added that in past years people have gone out of their way not to wear jeans or even changed out of their jeans when they found out what day it was.

Junior art studio major Casey Caston said that jeans are used to symbolize support for the gay, lesbian and bisexual community simply because they're so com-

mon. "We're just like everyone else. Being a gay, lesbian or bisexual ... is as common as wearing jeans," he said.

Not everyone thinks the symbolic day is worthwhile. "Usually what happens after Jeans Day is we see letters to the Nexus saying what a bad idea Jeans Day is," said Ron Alexander, a counseling psychologist for Counseling and Career Services.

In order to let students air out their feelings on the day, Alexander will be sponsoring a colloquium entitled "Why a Gay Jeans

Day?" today from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the San Miguel Formal Lounge.

Despite workshops like this, the campus is often hostile to gay, lesbian and bisexual students, especially around Jeans Day. "Anti-gay sentiment has been a problem on campus for a long time," Caston said, adding such sentiment usually takes the form of verbal abuse and graffiti.

So far, negative responses to this year's Celebration Week events have included the tearing

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Open I.V. Facility for Convicted Criminals in Students' Backyards

By Steve Hudson
Reporter

Though many students over the years have compared Isla Vista to a prison, they probably didn't know how close to the truth they were.

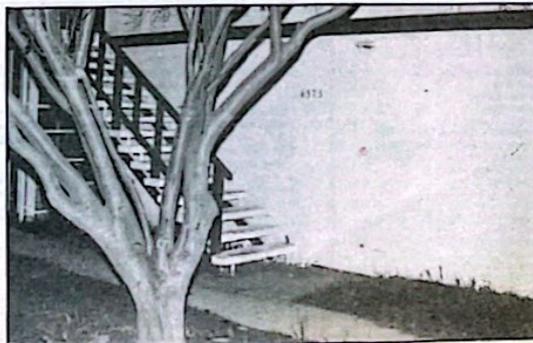
Unknown to most residents, an open facility for convicted criminals near the end of their sentences has been operating in I.V. for the past 15 years. Operated by Eclectic Communications Incor-

porated, the building at 6575 Trigo Rd. looks like any other typical I.V. apartment building.

"Basically, it's a halfway house for prison inmates. Technically speaking, they are still inmates but now they are in a residential setting," said Lt. Ken Shemwell of the I.V. Foot Patrol in describing the ECI program.

"We provide a social service designed to help people with the transitional process when they are

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This facility for convicted criminals serving the last few months of a sentence is nestled inconspicuously along the 6500 block of Trigo.

Public Education Head on Campus This Month to Meet With Students

By Don Frances
Reporter

The nation's schools are struggling to stay afloat while politicians and the public stand by and watch, a leader in public education said Tuesday at the MultiCultural Center.

Ernest Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, will be in residence at the department of education throughout the month passing on his knowledge and outspoken views to faculty and students.

"You can't have an island of excellence in a sea of indifference," he said at the Tuesday press conference.



Education specialist Ernest Boyer will be in residence at UCSB throughout February.

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SENATOR

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When McGovern realized that American policymakers had no intention of withdrawing troops from Vietnam, he began to criticize the war in 1965. He said the Cold War blinded many politicians to the history of the Vietnamese conflict, and that Ho Chi Minh, North Vietnam's Communist leader, was primarily a nationalist.

"We bought the line that the Vietnamese were stooges of Red China," McGovern said. "We failed to realize we were bumping up against the George Washington of Vietnam."

McGovern said Vietnam has been a "searing experience" in the American conscience. "The leading super-

power was defeated by a country with one-third the resources of the United States," he said.

McGovern added that the Persian Gulf War was generally seen as a cure for the "Vietnam Syndrome," but expressed concern about such an attitude.

"Once again, we don't have to exercise the caution and restraint of the Vietnam War," he said.

McGovern emphasized the importance of organizations such as the United Nations in ensuring that unilateral actions are restrained by international consensus.

The U.S. can avoid future conflicts like Vietnam if students become more politically active, McGovern said. He noted the role of public opinion in ending the Vietnam War, and agreed with a student that many anti-war protesters

alienated the public by attacking soldiers.

"It was a civilian-planned war. The officials were elected and appointed," he said. "It was a costly mistake to attack the soldiers who were, in some sense, victims."

"It's important for people to realize that their votes, and their knowledge, are important in determining what kinds of leaders we have," McGovern added.

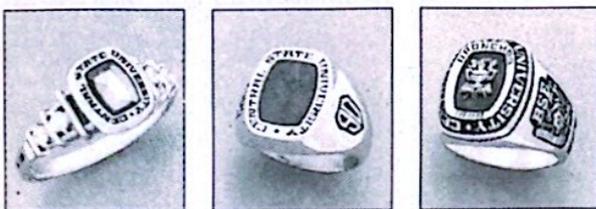
Students in the class enjoyed the lecture, saying it was an informational and entertaining way to present the class.

"I've never heard from anyone in the political realm who felt the way I feel about the Vietnam War," said Lori Shapiro, a senior sociology major. "This gives us a chance to talk with people who are more directly related to the policies."

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