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UCSB STUDENTS TO VISIT VIETNAM MEMORIAL

Approximately 120 UCSB students will travel to Washington, D.C. Friday, March 3 to visit the Vietnam Memorial, a trip that has become an integral part of a popular class taught by religious studies Professor Walter Capps.

The course, about the impact of the Vietnam War on the American conscience, is taught through the words of combat veterans and nurses, conscientious objectors and Vietnamese refugees, who describe their experience in the war to the students. Approximately 1,000 students take the class each time it is offered.

About 40 UCSB alumni, Chancellor's Council members and Vietnam veterans will join the students on this year's trip.

While in the nation's capital, the group -- led by Professor Capps -- will take a tour of the White House, visit the memorial and meet with Senators Alan Cranston and Bob Kerrey.

The students who travel to the memorial will report their impressions to the class at large when they return.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Some members of the group will leave from Santa Barbara Airport Friday at 6:45 a.m. and meet the remainder of the travelers at Los Angeles International Airport for a 9 a.m. flight to Washington, D.C.