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## Cooperman Verdict Hinges on Lam's Credibility

In a murder trial where the final verdict hinges heavily on whether or not the jury believes the defendant is lying, no mention has been made of a lie-detector test. Asked if such a test had been suggested or given to Lam Van Minh, accused of shooting and killing CSUF humanitarian Physics Professor Ed Cooperman, the prosecuting attorney Mel Jensen told the Observer he could not comment. The same non-answer was given by Fullerton Police Detective Rick Ritter, leaving this observer to conclude that if

physical evidence gathered in Dr. Cooperman's office, together with the "absurdity" of the defense claim that Cooperman, characterized by his wife and other prosecution witnesses as a prudent and peaceful man, would place a loaded gun in the hand of his student Lam and then force him to point it at the Professor.

The prosecution theorized that the young Vietnamese student had come to Cooperman's office with a loaded gun in his pocket, shot him in cold blood, and then proceeded coolly, if clumsily, to establish his alibi.

To support this cold, calculated picture of the defendant, Jensen asked, "If it was an accident, why did Lam not call or

seek help for his wounded friend?"

"If it was an accident, how could he have so casually called his girlfriend to arrange a date, stopped to wash the blood off his hands and shoes, played a video machine, and attended a movie with his date?" Jensen asked rhetorically.

The defense attorney Alan May, former Green Beret and Pentagon Papers prosecutor, hammered incessantly on the rules which jurors must follow in considering circumstantial evidence, such as the prosecution had presented.

Taking each piece of evidence separately, May developed two contrasting interpretations, both of which he described as reasonable, one which favored the defense and one which favored the prosecution.

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### Judge Declares Mistrial

A jury of 12 has been unable to reach a unanimous verdict in the shooting death of humanitarian CSUF Physicist Dr. Ed Cooperman, after 4 days of deliberation. As a result Judge Richard Beacom has been forced to declare a mistrial.

Assistant District Attorney Mel Jensen has indicated that he will be refiling a new set of charges against accused Vietnamese student Lam Van Minh.

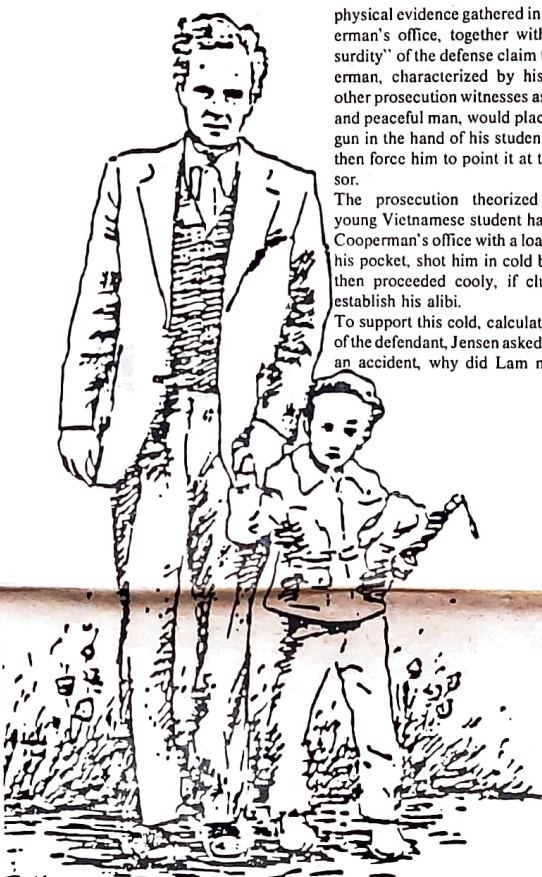
According to the jury Foreman Otto Christensen, they decided their task was impossible when 7 jurors voted for second degree murder, 2 for involuntary manslaughter, and 3 for acquittal.

The report on the trial, elsewhere on this page, was written while the jury was still out, and has been included to give Observer readers some insight to the issues facing the jury as it sought in vain to arrive at an unanimous verdict.

such a test had been proposed by the prosecution, it was apparently refused by the defense.

The relatively quick murder trial ended with Assistant District Attorney Jensen asking the jury for a first-degree murder conviction for Lam, whom he described as "a cold-blooded killer".

He based the people's charge on the



This drawing of recently-murdered CSUF Physics Professor, Dr. Ed Cooperman was made from a photograph showing Dr. Cooperman with a Vietnamese child.

## Fisler Calls For Improved Richman School Facilities

"Take a number, please."

No, you haven't happened into the local 31 Flavors Ice Cream Parlor. More likely you are a teacher, parent volunteer, or classified worker at Richman Elementary School who must wait their turns to go to the bathroom.

Or at least this is the way Fullerton Board of Education Chairman Bob Fisler envisions the situation at Richman, where from 90 to 110 adults, mostly women, now share what he describes as inadequate toilet facilities, built originally to accommodate about 30.

"There is a very negative effect upon teacher morale when they can't go when they have to," he told the other Trustees. Later he told the Observer that we have to make sure that the teachers have good working conditions and fringe benefits. "We're not the highest paying District in the County," he explained.

District Business Manager Bill Moore was at a loss to explain Chairman Fisler's concerns.

"We did an overhaul of the lavatories at Richman a couple of years ago," he said. "Bathroom facilities were not listed this year amongst the five priority capital

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## Class Size Reductions Advocated

In a recent interview by Kenneth Lane, U.C. Berkeley CATE Legislative Chair, William Whitehead, senior consultant to the Senate Education Committee of the California Legislature, argues that the same money being spent on lengthening the public school day/year over the next 5 years could more productively have been spent on reducing class sizes in key academic subjects from 32 to 20 students.

Whitehead was instrumental in drafting provisions of Senate Bill 786, which would have reduced the sizes of writing classes at several grade levels to twenty students.

Although State Senator Gary Hart succeeded in gaining passage of SB786 in

the Legislature, it was vetoed by Governor Deukmejian.

Whitehead calculates that reducing class sizes, grade level by grade level, would cost about \$140 million each year for the first 6 grades.

"By the time we reduced the first 6 grades, we would have spent a billion dollars, but we would have increased our per-pupil expenditures by less than \$500," Whitehead explained.

"We now spend about \$2900 per student per year, at \$3400 per student per year, we would still rank about 15th or 20th from the top in annual state expenditures per pupil," he added.

Whitehead's figures do not include any costs for additional facilities, apparently

assuming that the additional classes could for the most part be accommodated by better utilization of existing surplus space and adjustments in school attendance boundaries.

But then his calculations also omitted the lowered expenditures for assorted school specialists, which advocates argue would most probably be possible if class sizes were to become significantly more manageable.

Asked about future prospects for bills aimed at reducing class sizes, Whitehead predicted that the writing program proposals will be re-introduced by Senator Hart, and that there may also be other bills aimed at a general reduction in class size.

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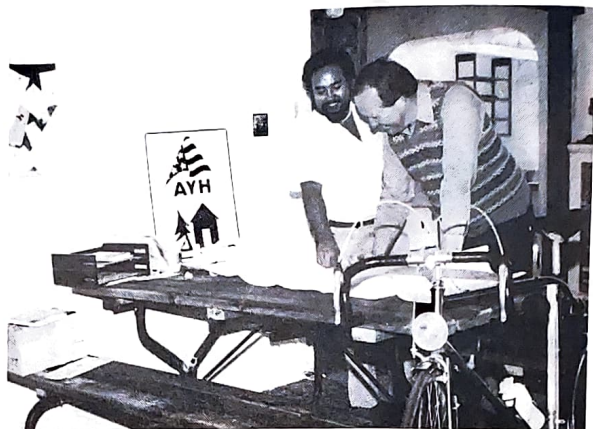
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## Fullerton Hostel Approved

More than 2 years after the American Youth Hostels decided to convert an old Spanish style house and adjacent barn near the Brea Dam to a Fullerton Youth Hostel, the planned bicyclist inn will soon be ready for occupancy. Instead of 60 beds, the first phase of the Fullerton Hostel (the only two other Orange County hostels are located in Huntington Beach and San Clemente) will open about June 1st with 15, according to Los Angeles Area Hostel Development Chairman Tony Stanton. The first bicyclists will be housed in the main house, which will include 3 dormitory rooms, a comfortable lounge, plus bath and food-preparation areas. Occupancy is limited to 15 because waste disposal will initially depend on the existing septic tank.

In Phase Two, after the Hostel has been connected to the Local sewer system, a large 60 bed dorm will be built to replace the current barn structure. The house will then be used exclusively for dining, lounge, and as the home of the resident house parents. Much of the two year delay has been caused by initial uncertainties about whether the City or the Army Corps of Engineers would be the lead Government Agency, explained Stanton. In addition it has taken quite a bit of time to make it through the City approval process. "Now that we have an approved concept, we look forward to a busy Hostel by the end of this summer," predicted John Estrada, Executive Director of the AYH Los Angeles Council.



American Youth Hostel Executive Director, John Estrada, and AYH Development Committee Chairman, Tony Stanton, are reviewing the latest plans for the Fullerton Hostel, to be built near the Brea Dam on North Harbor Blvd.

## Railroad Advocates Decry Cut of San Diegan

by Kirk Schneider

A high official in the Deukmejian administration has confirmed that the State will do all it can to preserve Fullerton's "San Diegan" passenger trains, even if President Reagan is successful in his efforts to eliminate all of the nation's intercity rail service.

Reagan proposes elimination of Amtrak in his 1986 fiscal year budget proposal,

despite a 24% drop in federal grants to the rail system over the past four years. When asked if the State would allocate more money to keep the trains running in the event of Amtrak's demise, Dana Reed, Under Secretary of California's Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, said "We would have to work with the Legislature to add funding," and then added, "More ridership would

guarantee additional funds."

He also said that the seven daily round trips which run between Los Angeles and San Diego with seven intermediate stops, including Fullerton, are needed. Reed was the keynote speaker at a February 9th meeting of 80 California and Nevada members of the National Association of Rail Passengers held at the "Old Spaghetti Factory" restaurant near the Fullerton Transportation Center.

Reed defended the Deukmejian administration's policy toward rail passenger service by noting that farebox recovery was up on the "San Joaquin" Amtrak service between Bakersfield and the San Francisco Bay area, which is also state supported.

He said ridership is up after a successful marketing campaign and told the group that the "San Diegans" will be the next service to be targeted.

Advertising, reduced fares, and a simplified schedule were mentioned as possible methods the State will use to increase ridership, which has stagnated at around 16,000 per day since a peak during the 1979 gasoline shortage. The Deputy Secretary was probably reflecting his boss's underlying transportation philosophy when he stated that while train service is a viable alternative to driving, it "never will replace cars or airplanes."

This philosophy becomes clear when looking at Deukmejian's record on State supported rail passenger service. In his campaign for the Governor's Office, Deukmejian called the Brown administration's efforts to balance the State's auto-dominated transportation system with public transit, trains and other energy efficient modes "exotic experiments" and pledged to return to an emphasis on freeways.

Shortly after he took office, the Governor blue-penciled State funds from trains that the Southern Pacific never wanted on its tracks. The Los Angeles-Sacramento overnight "Spirit of California" and the Los Angeles to Oxnard commuter trains were eliminated.

In addition, the Governor threatened to cut the "San Joaquin" service if the farebox recovery didn't improve. The "San Joaquins" survived, but only after a large effort by California rail advocates, NARP, and central valley communities to save the trains.

At one time, rail advocates were paying for train advertising out of their own pockets in a last ditch effort to bring up ridership. The "San Joaquins" now recover 58% of their operating expenses from fares, up from 42% of only two years ago.

In contrast, the "San Diegans" already generate about 75% of their operating costs from fares. The remaining 25% is paid by Amtrak and Caltrans. NARP points out that rail passenger subsidy pales in comparison to the 90% federal share common during the interstate highway building program.

## Council Reverses Commission Approval of Office Building

by Naej Mahksa

It's a developer's dream that's not working out, and the neighbors are glad. The large 65,000 square foot four-story building which City Council approved almost two years ago will probably never rise on the site along the west side of Brea Boulevard between Marion Drive and the road that winds up to the Elks

Lodge.

The property is up for sale because the project is "not economically viable", according to information given to City Manager Winter by former State Senator John Briggs, one of the investors. Nevertheless, the developers had asked for and received from the Planning Commission a two-year extension of the project's conditional use permit and parcel map.

The City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency, was expected to follow suit by extending their approval of the Development Project to the same December 1986 expiration date.

Persuasive arguments by two residents who spoke at the required public hearing changed the picture, however, and the extension was denied by a 3-2 vote. Agencymembers LeQuire and Ackerman supported the extension, but were outvoted by Catlin, McClanahan and Norby. Project approval will expire as planned in July '85.

Residents in the area had opposed the project from the beginning. Several of them were in the Council chambers in obvious support of Hal Beddows of Helen Drive and Jan Flory of Elsa Drive who spoke against any extension. They argued that conditions under which the original approval had been granted had changed because there is no longer any arrangement with the Elks providing an access easement and parking for 10 cars.

They reiterated their belief that the project was too big for the site, overburdening it, causing congestion and being visually incompatible with the one and two story structures nearby.

Residents had wanted to have their case heard by the Planning Commission before they approved the extension, said Jan Flory after the hearing.

The Planning Commission chairman had denied her permission to speak, however, because the item was a routine matter on their consent calendar, not a public hearing.

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### THE GOLD & SILVER ADVISOR

by PETER WOJDAK

Q. I have a 25¢ piece from Hawaii dated 1883. Is this an actual coin and does it have any value?

A. In 1883, King Kalakaua issued silver dimes, quarters, halves and dollars bearing his bust and showing the Hawaiian coat of arms on the reverse. They were used as small change on the Islands. Since most of these silver coins were withdrawn and melted, the remaining few have become quite rare.

Q. I have a 1976 Bicentennial quarter that appears to be silver. Is this possible?

A. Bicentennial coins were made in silver, but these were sold to collectors at a premium by the mint. The Bicentennial coins released into circulation by banks were copper-nickel clad and contain no silver.

Q. I have an 1830 five-cent piece in good condition. It is smaller than a dime!

A. Five-cent pieces were not made of nickel until 1866. Before that they were known as half-dimes and made of silver. In good condition, they can be worth from \$8 to \$50. \*\*\*\*

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The Christians are coming! The Christians are coming! And you, sir, humanist fuzzy-thinker that you are, had better find a hole into which you can crawl. It's separation time; the sheep and the goats routine. And you, sir, are one of the goats.

This time through, it's a dress rehearsal by the religious right just to make sure that when the time comes, God will know what He/She is supposed to do and not mess up the operation with some bleeding heart act of forgiveness.

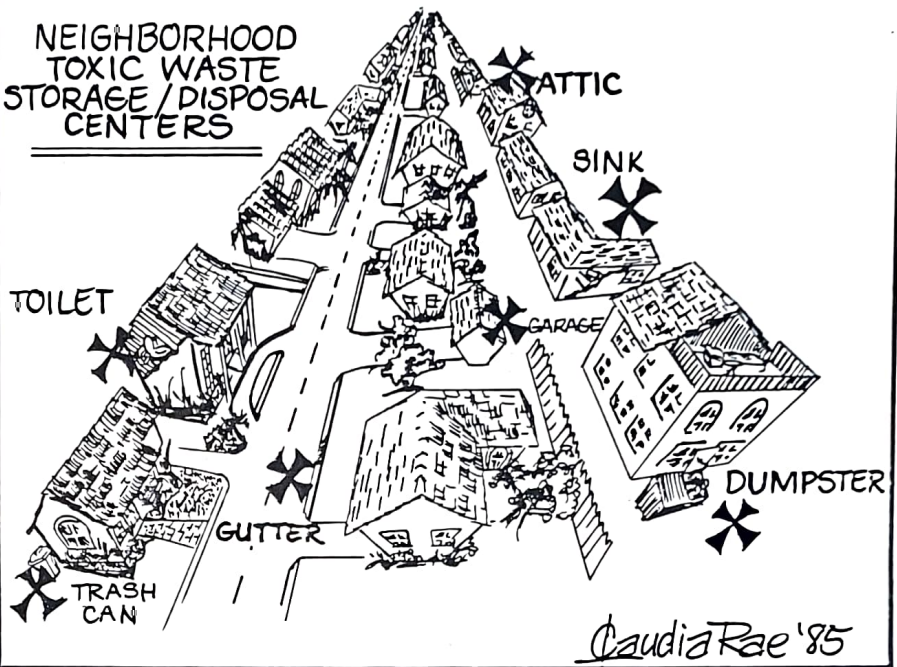
I am referring to the news item that the religious right is going to take over Saddleback Valley School District. And if Saddleback goes, can Fullerton be far behind?

If that fails to set your teeth on edge, Senator Jesse Helms, the last of the red hot True Believers, is going to buy out CBS, baptize it, and send it forth to preach the true doctrine. And if CBS goes, can the Observer be far behind? There you have it, sir. It's the Charge of the Right Brigade right up Saddleback Valley to storm the battlements of an infidel school system and make it safe again for Christian sensibilities.

With sword and buckler and halberd, they destroy the feminists, the humanists, the gays; and the Realm of God arrives on earth.

And the Right Brigade are just the boys to get the job done. (Girls can't go, except as camp followers. They have to

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stay home and take care of the new little crop of Christians.)

The religious zeal which drives wedges between people; which myopically closes off debate and any difference of opinion and faith experiences is a beguiling, but deadly sin.

It looks and sounds Godly while doing

the work of the Devil.

An observer of the Thirty Year religious war in Europe which fine-honed every hatred and atrocity wrote: "Only Christians are permitted to rage against each other with every variety of inhumanity provided it be for the advancement of one party and the detriment of another.

Those who are moderate are held suspect." (Christian Attitudes Toward War and Peace by Roland Bainton) There are none so blind, said Jesus, as those who refuse to see. Nor are any more dangerous.

Yours,

SIMEON STYLITES III

## LETTERS To The EDITOR

### Blamed for Unsuccessful Arms Talks

Dear Editor:

I read with interest Rose Hamilton-Gottlieb's report on the recent Arms Control Forum in the Fullerton Library and would like to share some of my thoughts with the Observer's readers. We are led to believe that the lack of progress in past arms control talks has been solely due to the unreasonable Soviet attitude. However, impartial studies show that both sides must share the blame.

The story is well told by Strobe Talbott in "Deadly Gambits." For those without time to read the book, this letter will set forth some of his conclusions.

The picture that emerges is of an administration that has no national security policy. Rather, it has several policies, each supported by a bureaucratic group: office of the Secretary of Defense, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, National Security Agency and the office of the Secretary of State.

Negotiating positions are determined after bitter bureaucratic infighting, ideological conflict and personal antagonism. The resulting positions taken are always so one sided that there is no chance of their being accepted by the Soviets.

The one exception was Paul Nitze's famous "walk in the woods" proposal in Geneva. It was quickly disowned in Washington.

Since most of the people who stalled arms negotiations during Reagan's first term are still in place, why should we expect anything different this time around? Do the results at Geneva point to better things? There is not much reason to think so.

The way agreement there was reached was by making it very ambiguous. Thus, the Soviets believe that Star Wars will be on the table at the next meeting while Washington says the subject is non-negotiable. One of them has to be wrong,

and trying to settle that problem will not be a good way to start negotiations. During the coming talks we will be hearing a great deal about Star Wars, or the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), as Reagan prefers to call it. Just what is it?

He says it will be an "impenetrable shield" which will protect us from nuclear attack. However, his own Under-Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering has said, "Any defensive system can be overcome by proliferation and decoys, decoys, decoys, decoys." However, the Pentagon backs the idea because, however penetrable, it can be used to protect some of their defense installations. This, of course, would destroy the ABM Treaty, our most important arms control treaty.

The fact that it would cost \$26 billion just for research during the next five years is a plus for the military-industrial complex.

As citizens of the United States we have a grave responsibility to do our part in improving the relations between our two countries and ending the arms race.

Of course, this is a two way responsibility, but we should take the first step. We had the first ballistic missile, the first MIRV'd missile, the first cruise missile, etc.

The Soviets have followed our lead in the arms buildup. It is only appropriate that we should lead in the other direction.

Before this can happen, both sides must rid themselves of certain fables, it is not true, as we are frequently told, that the Soviets are willing to risk their own destruction in order to reach world domination.

They are having enough trouble dominating Poland and Afghanistan without reaching out for more.

It is also not true that they lead us in nuclear weapons. In some categories

they have greater quantities, but we are so far ahead in technology that they are continually trying to catch up.

On the other hand, the Soviets should not believe that we are run by a bunch of mad men who don't really want to end the arms race.

We have seen that public opinion can force both sides back to the negotiating

table. Now it is up to the public to take the lead in fostering better relations between our countries.

You are a part of that public. Let your feelings be known where it will do the most good. If enough people do this, our leaders will follow.

Jim Henley, Fullerton

### Norby Chastises Observer

coming.

Chris Norby, Fullerton

Dear Editor:

I always look forward to my monthly Observer. With the demise of the Daily News Tribune, the local coverage you provide is more needed than ever.

I was somewhat startled, however, by February's front page. Right under your masthead motto "Exclusively Reporting Fullerton News" was a huge photo of a Stalingrad war memorial!

I value the Observer because most of your local news is unavailable through other sources. Yet, coverage of Soviet-American "peace missions" has been so extensive in both the Los Angeles Times and network television that Rose Hamilton-Gottlieb's stories of her Russian trip come off as just re-hash of old themes. While the author's sincerity is beyond question, the only point of her long series seems to be that the Soviet people want peace. Isn't this re-stating the obvious? I mean, what people don't want peace?

Her accounts of 10 million Russian war dead are moving, but unmentioned are the other 10 million killed by the Soviet system itself—in Stalin's purges, in Gulag, in Poland and Afghanistan. Simplistic bromides do not mask the Soviet system's fundamental hostility to our long cherished western values.

Let's face it—a certain degree of Soviet-American tension is unavoidable. That will not necessarily lead us to war however. We have co-existed as nuclear super powers for nearly 40 years, and we have no choice but to continue to do so indefinitely.

In the meantime, keep that local news



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# Citizens Attack Park Litter

Girl Scouts and senior citizens would seem to have little in common, but the Commonwealth School Girl Scouts and the members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program share a common interest: litter.

The Girl Scouts and the RSVP are two of 11 community organizations which have entered into agreements with the City of Fullerton in a unique program aimed at combating the perennial litter problem in city parks.

Called "Adopt-A-Park," the program hires community groups to provide weekly trash pickup services in city parks over a four-month period.

In return, the groups each receive \$500 from the city. The contracts begin in March and run until June.

The agreements were awarded by the City council this week. The groups and the parks they will maintain are: Commonwealth School Girl Scouts, Chapman Park; Western Youth Services/Day Treatment, Hillcrest Park tot lots; Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Amridge Park; Fullerton Police Explorer Post 204 and 349, Laguna Lake Park; Fullerton College Latter Day Saints Student Association, Lions Field and parking lots; YMCA Sunshine Company After School Child Care, Orange-thorpe Park; West Fullerton Little League, Woodcrest Park; Fullerton Kiwanis Club, Acacia Park and Fullerton Creek Greenbelt; Handicapper Stroke Club, Ford Park; and Sigma Gamma Chi Fraternity, Gilman Park.

Criteria the groups had to meet to qualify for agreements were: the majority of

their members must be Fullerton residents; the organization must be based in Fullerton and provide activities in the Fullerton area; the groups must be non-profit; and the groups must have a sufficient number of members to be able to complete the work.

Felz said the groups will pick up litter only, and will not be involved in more extensive projects such as equipment maintenance. Those tasks will be handled by city park crews. However, Felz said the community groups will be asked to report any dangerous objects, broken equipment or suspicious circumstances they may notice while policing their parks.

In addition to providing a fund-raising source for the community groups, Felz said the program will "recycle money back into the community by helping the organizations provide on-going services for the citizens of our community.

Felz said the program will also benefit the city in that it will free city crews from the time-consuming process of collecting litter. The crews will then be able to concentrate on making necessary equipment repairs and improvements.

Felz said the Community Services Department will begin approaching businesses this spring to try to secure financial backing for the groups in the next series of agreements.

Applications will also be taken then from other groups interested in participating in the program.

Further information about Adopt-A-Park may be obtained by calling Felz at 738-6589.



Members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in Fullerton demonstrate how they plan to keep Ford Park clear of litter over the next 4 months, as part of their agreement with the City under the new Adopt-A-Park Program.

## Letters Influence Most, But Not All Legislators

Whether people write their lawmakers—Senators, Congress members, President—in the hope of effecting change or in the need to vent rage, it is important to communicate.

To help citizens use their power, the North Orange County League of Women Voters hosted a "Write Now" Seminar on February 8, 1985, for Leaguers of Orange and San Bernardino counties. These women were urged to go into their communities and conduct similar workshops to share their new-found expertise.

Facilitators from Palo Alto provided the following guidelines for effective letter-writing to Senators, Representatives and the President:

- \* Write clearly or type
- \* Be brief and specific
- \* Address only one issue in a letter
- \* State the bill number or issue
- \* Give your opinion in the first sentence
- \* Say why you are concerned
- \* Use your own words, not a form
- \* Close by urging your representative to take a specific action (Voting your position, calling a committee hearing, answering your question)
- \* Be sure to include your address

House Majority Leader, Jim Wright,

was quoted on the subject of letter-writing: "If you are wondering whether or not it is really worthwhile to communicate your views, consider this fact: Others who disagree with you are doing so constantly...Your congressman is one person to whom your opinion is definitely important."

Highlighting the Fullerton Workshop was a talk by William Dannemeyer's administrative assistant, Margaret Brumley, describing their method of handling constituency mail.

All communications are forwarded to the Washington office to be tabulated by subject and opinion. Unlike many other legislative offices, Dannemeyer's office does not differentiate among postcards, letters or forms when tallying. All are given equal importance. Mail is coded and tabulated by interns and responded to by computerized letter when the issue is a popular one. This explains the need for single issue communications.

When Ms. Brumley was asked if the Representative had ever changed his vote in response to a great volume of mail, she was unable to cite a specific instance.

## Junior Highs to Get More \$

A long-time inequity in the relative funding of Junior High Schools in Unified vs. Elementary School Districts may be on its way to correction, according to a recent report by Dr. Duncan Johnson, Superintendent of the Fullerton School District.

Assembly Bill 79, which would equalize the average daily attendance funding levels of the different districts, will be

considered by the current State Legislature; and so far no active opposition has been encountered, Johnson told the FESD Trustees.

The existing funding difference of about \$500 per student per year began about 1972, when school districts were no longer allowed to permissively raise taxes to make up the cost differences between educating K-6 vs. junior high school students.

If AB-79 is passed, it is estimated it will cost \$73 million to implement. It will produce about an extra \$272,000 of State funding for the Fullerton District, according to an FESD Administrative report to the School Board.

## Library Magazine Sales Scheduled

Friends of the Fullerton Library are holding their Spring Used Magazine Sale on March 9, 10.

They will be recycling hundreds of titles—math, science, computer, automotive, hobbies, Sunset, Gourmet, Nat'l Geographic, and collectible. There will be something for everyone with most bargain priced at 15 cents each. All collectibles will be priced higher.

The Sale will run from 12 to 4:00 p.m. on the 9th and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday the 10th, at the Fullerton Main Library, 353 Commonwealth Avenue.

All proceeds benefit the Fullerton Main Library and Hunt branch, and from 3:30 to 4:30 on the 10th you can take home a bag full of magazines for a buck, according to Betty Salstrom, Friends President.

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East Fullerton homeowner, William Bentley, is telling the City Council how close his 3-yr. old daughter came to being seriously injured, when revelers, assumed to be from nearby fraternity parties, threw a rock through her bedroom window.

## King Neptune on the Volga

by Rose Hamilton-Gottlieb

**Sunday, August 5**  
**Cruising through the Tsimlyansky Reservoir**  
**1:00 p.m.**

We cruise all day today. The sun is warm, and the top deck is crowded with sunbathers. I can see, on the distant shore, three men on horseback, riding fast. There are dry hills rising in the background, and if I halfclose my eyes I can believe they are Cossacks on a raiding expedition.

I can believe anything after this morning's rehearsal for the traditional Neptune pageant, which is to take place tomorrow on Don Cossack's Island. Imagine forty Americans putting on a play after two hours of rehearsal with Claudia, the ship's Recreation Director who speaks only Russian.

Actually, the cruise leader asked Deborah Lubar, a Smith College drama teacher, to direct the production, and although she admitted to some apprehension about what this extravaganza might do to her portfolio, she initially agreed.

Things started smoothly enough. We crowded into the music room where Claudia explained the story to Larissa, our Intourist guide, who translated. Claudia looks to be in her late fifties, blond, of generous build and great energy. I could see by her manner that the Neptune Pageant is the highlight of the cruise for her and that she is used to running the show.

As she told the story of King Neptune arriving with his entourage to discipline the drunken ship captain and errant passengers, she paced about, gesturing wildly and barely pausing to give Larissa time to translate. She had us in stitches the whole time; the actual performance has to be anti-climactic.

The main outlines of the story told,

Claudia then proceeded to choose the cast, pulling people from the sidelines and arranging them in clusters of mermaids, harem girls, and devils. Too impatient to wait for her translator, she communicated by acting out the various parts.

Not understanding English, Claudia could not hear the dissension in the ranks as she lined up several feminists to be mermaids, chose three older women for a harem of cast-offs, and picked a young beauty for the role of Neptulina.

Nor could she know that some of the American men were salivating at the idea of putting on a flimsy net skirt and a set of falsies. Open rebellion threatened when she indicated to Russell Johnson, the tour leader, that he was to play the part of one of King Neptune's physicians.

Russ stood firm, arms folded across his chest, and said, in measured tones, "But I understood that I was to play the part of a swan."

At this point Deborah stepped in, indicating politely that she had other people in mind for the key roles and that we Americans would prefer to choose for ourselves the lesser parts.

It was clear that Claudia had no idea that Deborah had been asked to direct the pageant, and that she found the idea of male mermaids and harem girls repugnant. We had two directors and the potential for a play within a play.

The end result was that Claudia retreated, sobbing, to her stateroom. I understand that peace was later restored when it was decided that Claudia would direct and Deborah would be her assistant in charge of casting.

Deborah is no doubt relieved that she won't have this impending fiasco on her record; more important, Claudia is again happy.

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## The Walls Come Tumbling Down

Vehement protests of an overflow crowd of renters and condo owners has persuaded the City Council to reverse its previous decision to build two walls separating a single family neighborhood in East Fullerton from a multi-family one.

More specifically, the R-3 residents and a handful of their R-1 neighbors convinced Councilman Chris Norby to first request a reconsideration public hearing, second, to reverse his previous vote in favor of the so-called Berlin Walls, and finally to sponsor a successful motion to rescind the earlier Council action and institute a parking permit system in the R-1 neighborhood.

Parking stickers, which will only be issued to the homeowners, will be required in order to legally park in front of the R-1 neighborhood homes. Violators will be towed away. The new ordinance will be reviewed in 6 months to decide whether it should be continued, expanded, or cancelled.

Councilpeople and citizen-testifiers all agreed that the only viable long-range solution to the disgraceful fraternity members' conduct, especially during and after parties, was relocation of the seven fraternities from the residential neighborhood to the Campus.

Even CSUF Dean of Students, Dr. Roger Nudd agreed. "If you really want the fraternities on campus, you should lobby for it with the University at the trustees level," he told the Council.

Other irate R-3 residents favored heavy City regulation of the fraternities, e.g., requiring all large parties to be held on campus, and all fraternity party guests to park in University parking lots.

One attorney, representing one of the affected R-3 residents, received the loudest audience applause when she recommended more aggressive enforcement of parking and nuisance regulations.

"What we need is not to build walls between these neighborhoods, but to build a fire under the University to get them to control their fraternity students," she told the Councilmembers. Councilmember McClanahan reiterated her opposition to the walls as divisive and to placing all the burden of the solution of the bad fraternity conduct on the R-3 neighborhood.

She supported the Parking Permit System and also recommended expansion of

the existing City/University Fraternity Committee to include the Mayor, R-1 residents, R-3 residents, and some fraternity alumni.

McClanahan also insisted that the Fraternities be required to pay for the extra police services required to enforce the Parking Permit System, through more consistent and aggressive use of the existing special Events Ordinance.

Only Councilman Ackerman held out for the walls as the best solution. "these are two different neighborhoods, and if they were developed today, there would not have been any access provided between them," he argued.

"The problem is not just the fraternities, but also the parking shortage caused by the high density development in the R-3 neighborhood. This will not be solved with the parking permit system," he concluded.

Councilwoman LeQuire voted for the Permit System, though stating preference for retaining the wall on Teri Place

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## District Seeks Eviction of Non-Paying Tenant

Two rooms at the Maple Community Center have been locked up for about a year, while School District attorneys try to evict the leasing organization for non-payment of rent, and use of the rooms for other than that prescribed in an agreement between the District and Kathryn's Child Care & Development of Orange County.

"It looked like the rooms were used as someone's home. They are still full of suit-cases and clothes," School Board Chairman Bob Fisler recently told the Observer.

"Apparently they were never used for the Daycare Program outlined in the lease agreement between the FESD and Kathryn's Child Care & Development of Orange County," he added.

"Why didn't the Maple Center Supervisor report this different and/or non-use of the leased rooms?" the Observer asked Fisler.

"We had to remove the previous supervisor, who was performing weakly," Fisler said. The New Maple Supervisor, Pat Puleo, is doing an excellent job," he added.

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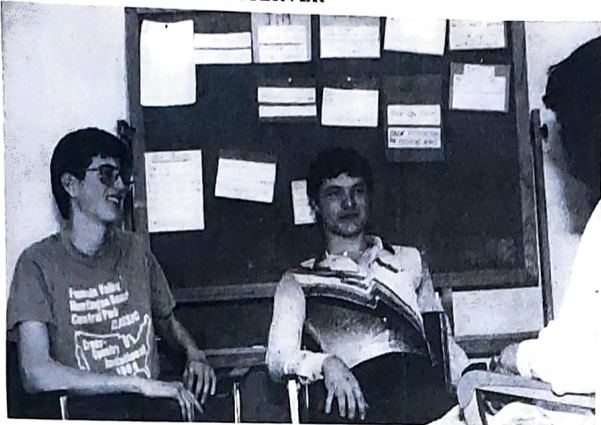
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Western Youth Services DAV Program Director, Yolanda Morales-Dickey, is shown meeting with two of the program's participants.

## Dr. Stone Lectures Women on Comparable Worth

While acknowledging the existence of pay inequities between men and women, CSUF Professor Dr. Barbara Stone in a recent lecture to the local chapter of American Association of University Women presented a pessimistic picture of the most often proposed remedy for such inequities, i.e., comparable pay for comparable work.

Despite difficulties in implementation, Dr. Stone predicted that some form of private sector comparable worth legislation will be passed by the California Legislature within the next two years.

"Even Republican members seem somewhat inclined to support comparable laws," Professor Stone, herself prominent in local Republican organizations, reported.

Amongst the implementation problems described by Stone were the enormous costs of raising women's salaries to match men's, and the extreme unlikelihood that pay equity will be reached by lowering male salaries.

"A study of male/female comparable worth pay in the State of Washington bogged down when it was estimated that it would cost about \$900,000 to correct the inequities," she told the AAUW audience.

"And how do you determine the relative worth of different jobs?" she asked. "Who you are and who your constituency is determines the criteria you would use to establish job worth," Stone contended.

"For example, hard laboring, low skill

men would contend that secretaries, whose work is relatively sedentary and performed in comfortable air-conditioned offices, is worth less than their's," she explained.

Stone also seemed to argue that market

forces of supply and demand might be a preferable way of correcting pay inequities. Teacher salaries will probably rise as the reduced supply comes up against an increased demand caused by another baby boom, she predicted.

## Life Transitions Conference

Adults contemplating career changes or a return to campus may find answers to those perplexing questions about "Life Transitions," the theme of a conference, March 2, at California State University, Fullerton.

The half-day event is sponsored by the university's Adult Re-entry Center for the over-25 student and is open to the public.

"Major life transitions are a part of living in the 1980s," said Cass Majewski, conference organizer and coordinator of the Adult Re-entry Center. "This conference is designed to offer strategies for dealing with those changes constructively."

University President Jewell Plummer Cobb will welcome participants at 9 a.m. following registration and coffee at 8:30 a.m. in the University Center. The conference's keynote address, "Life Transitions: Opportunities for Growth" will be made by Dr. Fraser Powlison, associate professor of teacher education.

Two workshop sessions are then scheduled for presentations by university fac-

ulty and counseling staff members.

Attendees will choose between "Getting My Act Together" and "Adjusting to Divorce and Single Life" for the first session from 10:15-11:30 a.m. by Powlison, and Suzanne Connett, Career Development Center counselor, respectively.

"Coping With the Stress of Re-entry on Families" and "Mid-Life Career Planning" are the subjects of the second session from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. by Dr. Soraya Coley, associate professor of human services, and Dr. Lee Broadbent, Career Development Center counselor, respectively.

Registration for the conference is \$5 per person and reservations can be made by calling the Cal State Fullerton Adult Re-entry Center at (714) 773-3889.

# Fullerton Families Made Whole Again

by Yolanda Morales-Dickey

A tired, frustrated couple in their late thirties sit in the waiting room with their anxious, withdrawn 16 year old son. They have been referred to Western Youth Services for adolescent day treatment by the psychiatric hospital their son is just getting out of. They have also been referred by their son's special education teacher.

Western Youth Services is a community mental health agency located in Fullerton.

The agency provides comprehensive mental health services to children, youth and families, including individual, group and recreational therapy, pre-vocational

training, family therapy and aftercare planning.

The D.A.Y. Program is an intensive therapeutic program for moderately to severely disturbed adolescents ages 12 to 18 years of age, who are seen daily, Monday through Friday from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Adolescents in the program stay a minimum of four months to a maximum of one year, and are discharged when they can be maintained in their family of origin or other support system with the minimum of psychiatric care.

During their initial interview the parents detail their long struggle with their son's emotional problems. They've been told different and contradictory things by various counselors and therapists about his obvious problems and how to manage them.

They know that this boy has become dysfunctional at home, school and with friends but is not a juvenile delinquent. Their finances are very limited and they can't afford much private help. Their marriage is strained over managing his problems.

They feel guilty about his illness and angry at him and afraid that his coming home from the hospital will cause even more disruption. The adolescent day program feels like one more program that'll probably go nowhere.

### One Year Later:

Both parents are saying good-bye to the network of other families in the multi-family weekly group and to the social worker who had seen their son and the two of them as an individual family. They had to invest a lot of time and sweat in the family work. There were no miracles or cures. But their son was now stable in school, undergoing vocational training and had made some attachments to age mates in the same dilemma he was.

Their marriage was stronger and they had a much clearer sense of their son's problems and how to deal with the inevitable slips in the years ahead.

## Head Start Must Stay

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improvement needs at Richman School," Moore added.

Fisler told the Observer that there is a serious space problem at Richman.

"One children's bathroom is now being used to store supplies," he complained. But Chairman Fisler is adamantly opposed to one solution, which has been suggested for loosening up the overcrowded condition at the school, i.e., moving the Head Start Program to another school.

"Most of the Head Start students at Richman come from the immediate neighborhood, thus greatly facilitating participation by the parents," he explained.

"If the Head Start Program is moved to another school, this will all be lost," he argued; and the very beneficial effects of

this excellent pre-school program on some of the needy students will be lost."

"Better to move the Teachable Mentally Retarded Program," Fisler suggested. "No one likes these kind of changes, but if done with care, the TMR Program, which currently uses 3 rooms plus storage space, could be relocated without hurting anyone," he added.

Another potential solution to the Richman overcrowding, which Fisler believes will get worse before it gets better, would be to send the Richman students, living west of Euclid Avenue to Pacific Drive School.

Richman Principal Minard Duncan likes this solution to what he describes as "a highly impacted school", best. "In addition to the 66 students who could thus be transferred, I would like a portable classroom," he told the Observer.



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# March Fine Arts Calendar

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**March 3.....Fullerton civic Light Opera presents "Gigi"**  
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879-1732 for ticket info.

Through  
**March 5.... "Colonia doors"**  
**Watercolors by Fullerton artist John Koser, Muckenthaler Cultural Center, 1201 W. Malvern, Tues. thru Sat, 10 to 4, Sun. 12 to 5.**

**8-10**  
**14-17.....CSUF Theatre Dept. Presents "You Can't Take It With You"**  
Pulitzer-Prize winning farce by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart.  
CSUF Little Theatre  
773-3371 for times and ticket info.

**9.....CSUF Performing Artists in Residence-Actors from the Royal Shakespeare Co. in "As You Like It"**  
Plummer Auditorium, 2:00 and 8:00 p.m., Tickets \$15., \$13., \$11.,  
Ph. 773-3371.

**March 9-April 6**  
**Karen Innis Reid, Sculpture, and Barbara McLaughlin, Monoprints at Space 57, Gallery, 701 S. State College Blvd., Wed. thru Sat. 11-4 p.m.**

**14-16**  
**21-24.....Fullerton College Fine Arts presents "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas", F.C. Campus Theatre, 871-8101 for times and ticket info.**

**18.....CSUF Concert Bank in concert**  
James Romeo, director  
CSUF Little Theatre, 8 p.m.

**20.....CSUF Wind Ensemble in Concert, Dr. Edmund Williams, director, CSUF Little Theatre, 8 p.m.**

**21.....CSUF Jazz Ensembles in Concert, 771-3371 for times and ticket info.**

**23.....Rima Rudina with the Forum Pops Orchestra, Versatile violinist Rima Rudina in a program of classical and popular works. Leon Guide, conductor. Wilshire Aud., 330 N. Lemon, 8:00 p.m., \$7.50**

**24.....Fullerton Friends of Music Present Michelle Zokovsky, clarinet Zita Carno, piano James Dunham, viola**  
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Sunny Hills high School Performing Arts Center, 3:30 p.m., Free.

**30.....Anna Maria Alberghetti Tony Award Winning Entertainer performs classical and popular selections. Wilshire Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.**

**24.....Linda Maxey, Marimbist, presented by North Orange County Community Concert Association at 3:15 p.m. in Plummer Auditorium.**

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*Michele Zukovsky, principle clarinetist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, will perform in a free chamber concert at Sunny Hills High School on March 24, sponsored by Fullerton Friends of Music.*

## Membership Drive Launched

North Orange County Community Concerts 1985-86 membership drive began recently at a tea at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Fullerton for 44 representatives from Anaheim, Brea, Costa Mesa, Fullerton, Garden Grove, La Habra, Placentia, Orange, Santa Ana, and Tustin.

John Jackson, President, welcomed the group and told of the illustrious past of the organization which is 40 years old this coming season. Some of the biggest names on the concert stage have performed for North Orange County Community Concerts.

Joyce Gant, representative from Community Concert headquarters in New

York, told about the artists who will perform next season. They are: John Gary, tenor, and Friends; Harvey Pittel's Saxophone Quartet; Robert McDuffie, violinist; and Constantine Orbelian, pianist.

Betty Olssen, Lori Fusari, Richard Kinsey, and Linda Samia entertained the group with operatic and popular vocal numbers.

Refreshments were served by Eileen Jackson, Lois Thomson, Kathleen Heil, and Gretta Wells.

The membership drive will close March 23rd.

Call 871-1808 or 871-6632 for further information.

## Immigration Policy Scrutinized

The Orange County Human Relations Commission and the Chicano Studies Department at Cal State Fullerton will host the First Annual Conference on U.S. Immigration Policy on March 15, 1985 from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at Cal State Fullerton.

The conference will bring together national experts, program directors, church, labor and community leaders to discuss various facets of American immigration law and public policy.

The conference is designed to enable citizens to better understand the political, social and economic factors that have impelled large numbers of people

into the United States seeking refuge. The conference keynote speaker will be Dr. Thomas Muller, Senior Research Fellow at the National Urban Institute in Washington D.C.

Dr. Muller will address the economic impact of immigrants on Southern California's economy.

In addition, Dr. Sheldon Maram will address alternative policies to present U.S. Immigration Laws.

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# Housing Program Debated

by Naej Mahksa  
A decision to raise to \$25,000 the present \$15,000 limit on loans to rehabilitate deteriorated houses was deferred by City Council to its first meeting in April. "I'm ready to approve that tonight," said Councilmember McClanahan. "It's a good investment in the community." "Government being in the housing rehabilitation business is not legitimate," said Councilmember Ackerman, leaving the clear impression that he would never be ready to vote for it.

Fullerton's Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, established in 1976, currently provides up to \$15,000 in loans at 6% interest to qualified owner-occupants of deteriorating homes as well as to the owners of properties rented to low or moderate income families. A bank acts as lender with the city providing funds needed to bring the interest rate down to 6%. Low income owner-occupants who cannot meet standards for the 6% loans may qualify for a no-interest "deferred loan" which is secured by a Deed of Trust payable to the city when the rehabilitated property is sold or transferred.

It has become apparent to city staff and bank officials administering the program that the \$15,000 limit, set in 1977, is now inadequate and not addressing the needs of the community.

A typical example is a deteriorated dwelling on Truslow Avenue which requires \$22,900 in repairs to bring it up to

code. Staff recommended that Council authorize exceeding the loan limit for the Truslow Av. home and then approve raising all loan limits for single family units to \$25,000. For multi-family units, which also have a current \$15,000 limit, staff requested a rehabilitation loan of \$7,500 per unit or up to 50% of the total project cost for multiple units. Councilmembers, by a 4-1 vote with Ackerman dissenting, agreed only to the \$22,900 loan for the Truslow Av. home at this time.

## Music and Dessert For a Good Cause

Child care advocates in Fullerton will rally on Saturday, March 30, 1985, at 8:00 p.m. to raise enough money to continue operation of the **Coalition For Children and Families, Inc.**

The **Coalition's** main project currently is the **Late Day Child Care** program at 845 North Euclid in Fullerton. This program serves the children of parents who need to work and/or attend school between noon and 11 p.m.—the hours when child care is practically non-existent.

Supporters will enjoy an evening of music with Anna Maria Alberghetti at the Wilshire Auditorium in Fullerton, followed by a friendly pie and coffee social. Suggested donation is \$15.00. For info and tickets, call 525-7225.



Fullerton free lance writer, Rose Hamilton-Gottlieb, is shown in right foreground, enjoying King Neptune Pageant on the Volga River in Russia.

## King Neptune Pageant

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**Monday, August 6**  
**Don Cossack's Island**  
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The Neptune pageant was a huge success, at least for those of us who took part. I had great fun being one of King Neptune's "devils," responsible for bringing the "sinners" before him. Most of the "sinners" were absolved after performing for the king, but two—one American and one Soviet—were sentenced to be thrown into the river. Sharp, the Soviet who got dunked, was punished for trying to weaken the Americans by buying them too much vodka and not letting them go to bed at night. We all thought the play was to be over at

this point, but Claudia had kept one role a secret, that of a gypsy dancer. As she took center stage and twirled to the music, she called out the first English I have heard her utter: "Applaud." We did.

Tonight there will be a farewell dinner and a bonfire with dancing on the island, and tomorrow will be our last day on board ship. It will be hard to leave our Russian friends.

This morning, before breakfast, we stood with them for a few minutes of silence to commemorate the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. There is much that divides us, but one thing unites us and that is a desire for peace.

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## Fraternity Walls

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as a fairer compromise.

Mayor Catlin supported the permits, and also asked for a letter to the University expressing the Council's strong sentiment that the University bring their fraternities under control and eventually relocate them on campus.

CSUF Activities Coordinator Chuck Chapin told the hostile audience and skeptical Council that the University had been working with City Staff to alleviate the "fraternity problem."

He announced two new University initiatives aimed at improving things: 1) Campus Police will be responding to complaints against the frats after 6 p.m., and 2) On-Campus parking will be provided for fraternity guests, and the University will make every effort to persuade them to use it.

## Gang Probe To Be Requested

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cumstantial evidence exist, it is the duty of the jury to choose the defense interpretation," he instructed the jurors. The fact that no motive for the murder was proved by the D.A., even though Cooperman's friends consistently have argued that ample evidence existed to suggest that he was politically assassinated by Lam, is considered a weakness in the prosecutor's case.

The facts that Lam initially lied in his report to the police of what happened and that he fled the scene of the shooting are considered to be defense weaknesses.

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No one seems very confident which verdict the jury will choose. Cooperman's friends are hoping for conviction and a stiff sentence, reasoning that this will give Lam a lot of time to contemplate whether or not he wants to continue to remain silent about his co-conspirators.

In any case, the Observer has learned that after the verdict is announced, a group of prominent Orange Countians will formally request that a complete Grand Jury Investigation be conducted of Vietnamese gangs in Orange County.

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