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Look out Ted Turner, here comes KHCL

BY JERRY EVERARD
News Editor

Hastings' acquisition of KGO-TV's former abode last month has prompted much excited speculation over the future use of the studio.

Not only did American Broadcasting Co. donate the 52,000-square-foot building to the College, it also left behind most of the equipment necessary to run a television station, radio station, and recording studio. The equipment provides, "nothing less than the potential to make Hastings the leading institution in innovative legal education," exclaimed an excited Richard Dillman, Hastings director of television operations.

Although the administration is only in the early phases of developing a plan for the building's use, Dean Bert Prunty said that it is certain that the facility and much of the electronic equipment will be utilized by the College in its academic programs. "The overall plan is that it will be incorporated into the mainstream of our educational program," he explained.

Specific proposals for integrating the Golden Gate Avenue building and its contents into the College's education programs include: producing a nationwide education program, producing video recordings for use in classrooms around the country, expanding the College of Advocacy, relocating the school's Moot Court program, and providing new class and office space.

Prunty, stressing that all proposals for the building's use are only speculative, said that the College may be able to become a broadcaster of legal programs to points across the United States. Currently, every weekday morning at 6 a.m., Hastings provides the facilities for local lawyers to congregate and watch morning programs broadcasted out of New York. The programs provide a forum for discussion of issues the legal community finds interesting, and allows persons in all parts of the country to telephone the panel in New York and pose questions. KGO-TV's former home may be able to provide a West Coast point of origination of some of these programs.



When ABC donated the former KGO-TV building to the College, it left behind hundreds of thousands of dollars of television, radio, and recording equipment. Hastings plans to use the equipment to produce legal education programs that someday may be broadcasted nationwide.

Photo by Jim Partridge

According to Dillman, "There is a void there, which Hastings could quite easily fill."

The building and its contents have the potential to provide the campus with a student-run radio station, according to Dillman. It is even feasible that a system could be created whereby a student who missed a class lecture, could telephone the University's recording department and up-date his notes.

While the building's fate is not yet known, Prunty said he "hopes we will be able to move in before the fall." Before this can be done, Prunty stressed, the College will have to raise between a quarter and a half million dollars. The building's interior needs to be cleaned and refurbished. Walls will also have to be cut in order to connect the structure to the halls of the adjoining 198 McAllister building.

Protesters keep vigil for 101 days



Demonstrators, protesting the government's lack of concern for AIDS and ARC victims, have camped out for 101 days in this tent city on United Nations Plaza.

Photo by Jim Partridge

BY DANIEL SMITH
Staff Writer

Today the ARC/AIDS Vigil is 101 days old. Over 100 days of living in a tent city set up on a lawn in United Nations Plaza. Over 100 days of taking turns being chained to the door of a federal office building. Over 100 days of being rained upon, hosed down, and hassled. Over 100 days of scrounging meals, toilets, tents, and support.

The Vigil had its roots in a

Mobilization Against Aids overnight rally held in U.N. Plaza on October 27 and 28. The rally was to commemorate AIDS victims and protest the lack of federal support for AIDS victims and AIDS research. In the morning as the protesters were packing up, several decided that one night was not enough. They chained themselves to a door at the federal office building in U.N. Plaza.

Today the Vigil has grown to nearly 20 protesters and about a dozen tents.

Durant said the Vigil's purpose can be boiled down to one word: "recognition." The Vigil's specific demands have been distilled into what are called its "Four Moral Appeals." The first asks that the federal government commit the equivalent of one hour of federal spending to find a cure for AIDS.

The second appeal requests the federal government to recognize ARC as a "critical dimension of the AIDS crisis." (Please see page 5 for an interview with an ARC victim.)

The third appeal asks the Federal Drug Administration to make available to American physicians medicines and treatments available in other countries. The last appeal is directed to President Reagan and government officials at all levels. The Vigil asks that they publicly condemn AIDS-related discrimination and repudiate "all incitements to fear and hatred which exploit the AIDS crisis."

After 101 days of cold and rain and harassment, do the protesters plan to give up? It doesn't appear likely. The Vigil will stay, Durrant said, until the government responds to the Four Moral Appeals.

Business club threatens to sue ASH

BY BOB YATES
Editor-in-Chief

Lance Bury, president of the Business and Tax Club at Hastings is threatening to sue ASH officers and representatives over alleged misallocation of ASH funds. Bury contends that "LEOP groups" were given a disproportionately greater share of student fees than "non-LEOP groups" and, consequently, BATCH was unjustifiably denied adequate funding.

The allocation of the 1985-86 ASH budget was conducted early last fall when 37 student groups vied for a share of the \$12,000 budget. BATCH requested an allocation of \$600 but received \$50.

ASH President Donna Cole-Wallen explained that BATCH's funding was limited due to several factors. First, she explained, last year BATCH spent only \$32 of its \$200 allocation. Second, Cole-Wallen said that the ASH Finance Committee felt that Bury had not

adequately demonstrated a need for funding in 1985-86.

Cole-Wallen said that a final factor in the allocation decision was a perceived lack of interest on the part of BATCH representatives. She said that a BATCH officer failed to show up at a scheduled Finance Committee interview and that Bury was late and unprepared at a second, rescheduled interview.

On January 13 Bury filed a non-academic grievance with acting Academic Dean Gail Bird alleging misallocation of ASH monies and contending that five "LEOP groups" received a disproportionately greater share of ASH funds than "non-LEOP groups." In the grievance Bury requested that unspent ASH funds be frozen and redistributed "to more accurately proportion monies between LEOP organizations and non-LEOP organizations" with BATCH receiving an

additional \$300 to \$350.

Bird appointed an advisory committee headed by Professor Warren Shattuck. The committee advised that the dean take no action on the grievance, stating in its report that allocation of funds is "a discretionary function of ASH and one which the faculty and administration of Hastings cannot rightfully control." Bird concurred with the committee and dismissed the grievance.

Bury said he is disappointed but not surprised at the advisory committee's decision.

"Practically speaking, the committee members probably didn't want to spend the time and the energy that was involved in handling the grievance," Bury said.

"There is a likelihood of a lawsuit," he said, adding that ASH officers and representatives would be named as defendants.

in brief . . .

Graduation applications

Applications for May degrees should be submitted to the Records Office by February 15, 1986.

Important open meeting of curriculum committee

The faculty curriculum committee will hold a meeting open to all students on Friday, February 14, at 11:40. Two proposals for major curriculum changes are on the agenda: 1) the abolition of the off-campus fieldwork component of clinics and the curtailment or elimination of credits for externships, and 2) moving Moot Court to the first year.

Students will also have the opportunity to discuss with the committee the proposed graduation requirement mandating completion of either a seminar or writing and research project.

Watch the *Weekly* for the location of this meeting.

Blue book distribution

Blue book distribution will begin Tuesday, February 18 and continue through 4:00, Monday, February 24. Blue books may be picked up in Room B-8, 198 McAllister. Any books not picked up will be destroyed through a controlled system of shredding.

1986-87 financial aid applications available

Financial aid applications for 1986-87 are now available in the Financial Aid Office, Room 215, 200 McAllister. Financial aid statements must be filed by March 14. Other required documents must be filed by April 16. All returning financial aid recipients must reapply for 1986-87.

State Graduate Fellowship

California State Graduate Fellowship applications for 1986-87 are now available in the Financial Aid Office, Room 215, 200 McAllister Street. To be eligible for this fellowship, a student must be entering his first or second academic year of graduate school during 1986-87. Deadline date for filing is February 11.

Public Interest Career Day

The second annual "Opportunities in Public Interest and Public Sector Law" will be held on Friday, February 21, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Louis B. Mayer Student Lounge and Classroom B. More information is available in the Office of Career Services.

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Educational programs planned

Student escorts rejected

BY MARIANNE BOWERS
Staff Writer

After considering several proposals for creating a formal escort service, a committee appointed by Dean Bert Prunty decided to continue using the present informal system of providing security guards on demand. The committee, however, did approve of an extensive informational program to supplement the informal escort service.

The committee, headed by Director of Student Services Patsy Oppenheim, rejected proposals calling for an escort service staffed either by student volunteers or work-study students. Security guards will continue to be available to escort students within a two-block radius.

Oppenheim said that using students as escorts would have been impractical. She said that it would be enormously expensive to train students on escort techniques and students, particularly volunteer students, would not be as reliable as the current security personnel.

New to the escort service is an educational

program to be coordinated by the Office of Student Services and Hastings Security. According to Oppenheim, this program will educate the Hastings community about the dangers of an inner-city neighborhood and will provide instruction on safety. This information will be disseminated through fliers and notices in school publications. Oppenheim said she also plans to provide self-defense demonstrations and mace training workshops.

In making its decision to retain the present escort service, Oppenheim said the committee considered the issues of school liability, insurance costs, and program costs. The committee also studied escort services at other schools.

Concerning liability, Oppenheim explained that the school has a duty to warn members of the Hastings community of the potential dangers of the Tenderloin neighborhood. With respect to school liability insurance, Oppenheim explained that the new program will be covered without any increase in insurance costs.

Registration around the corner

BY THOMAS TOLLER
Staff Writer

Registration for next year's classes will soon be upon us. In fact, sooner than most students expect. A new registration process will commence in less than four weeks. A significant feature of the new registration procedure is that it starts long before the advent of exams. Students will no longer be faced with choosing classes amidst the turmoil of finals. The following is a description of the tentative 1986-87 registration process gleaned from an interview with Director of Records John Nichols:

Step 1. During the week of March 3, just before spring break, students will receive a list of course offerings and descriptions. The Records Office staff will be available to answer questions and give advice. Random registration numbers will be also assigned and given to students at that time. The numbers will indicate which order schedule requests will be processed. For the first time it will be possible for a student to gauge the likelihood of success before choosing a schedule.

Step 2. During the week of March 17, just after spring break, second-year students hand in registration forms. The Records Office will put these in numerical order for processing; but any second-year forms handed in after the 21st will automatically go to the end of the numerical order, so students are encouraged to turn them in on time.

The same week, first-year students will have an opportunity to enroll in "second-year preference

courses" by submitting a request to be placed in a Multiple Enrollment Pattern (MEP). A MEP is a structured schedule of recommended second-year courses. The MEPs are merely an option and students are free to put together their own schedules without the aid of a MEP.

In the past, MEPs contained five courses; this year they are being limited to three: Constitutional Law, Corporations, and Evidence. Once enrolled in the MEP, none of the three classes can be dropped without dropping the entire MEP. (See the Op-Ed article "To MEP or not to MEP?" on page 7.)

Step 3. During the week of March 24, first-year students will hand in registration forms for non-MEP courses.

Step 4. During the week of April 7, copies of class schedules will be delivered to

students' SIC folders and waiting lists for closed courses will be created.

Step 5. The Add/Drop period will be from April 7 through the first week of fall classes. There will be open class adjustment, so students can go onto the waiting list for any class. Since Add/Drop continues over summer, it is very important that students have a summer address on file with the Records Office.

The extended Add/Drop period is the system's most obvious change, and the one students are most likely to appreciate. Nichols said he believes that this feature, along with the open waiting lists, will eliminate the hours of waiting in line students formerly faced. "We've made the paper the line," he said, "and the number system guarantees the student a place."

Faculty cuts editors' credits

The faculty voted on Friday to cut the number of credits received by third-year editors of the school's law journals. The faculty also approved a mandate requiring the journals to publish "on time" by next year or face sanctions, including the possibility of further credit reductions.

The vote was an endorsement of five proposals submitted by an ad hoc committee created to investigate the administration of the journals. The new rules will result in the following changes for the law journals:

*Third-year editors will receive one less credit than they currently earn. Students may make up the lost credit by successfully publishing a student note.

*Journals must take steps "to place themselves on a schedule of timely publication." If the journals fail to publish "on time" by May 1987, actions will be taken in the way of "sanctions and increased faculty control."

*The first-year writing competition for journal selection will be moved from spring break week to the first week of summer vacation. This year's writing competition, scheduled for the week of March 10, has been postponed until late May.

Tenderloin tycoon makes it an even dozen

BY JERRY EVERARD
News Editor

The number of buildings owned by Hastings climbed to an even dozen last month. The property owned by the College covers nearly all of the two city blocks bordered by McAllister Street and Golden Gate Avenue and Larkin and Leavenworth streets. The 12 structures contain three-fourths of a million square feet of space and are valued at more than \$46 million.

If the school obtains the necessary

government approval, four of the buildings currently owned by the College will be demolished next year to make way for a proposed office building on the corner of Golden Gate Avenue and Larkin Street. The site currently houses the Hastings MBA program, Merchandisers athletic store, the Public Interest Clearinghouse, Knight's restaurant, and a parking lot.

The proposed plan calls for a six-story, 150,000-square-foot office building with underground parking, according to Dean Bert Prunty. He

explained that if the plan for the building is approved, most of the space will be rented to the state on a 30-year lease. The purpose for building the structure will be to generate income for the College, Prunty stressed. It will not be an academic facility.

In addition to the construction of the office building, Prunty said that the narrow garden on the west side of the 200 McAllister Street building will be widened and made accessible from the Dining Commons. Tables will be added to the new garden for out-of-doors dining in good weather.

Prunty said that over the years the school has considered and rejected other plans for the use of some of its property holdings. At one time, the College had proposed renovating the

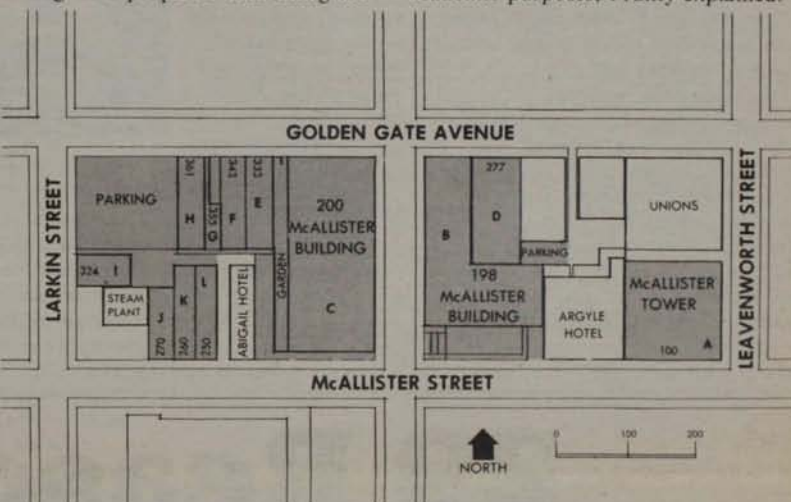
Madonna Hotel at 270 McAllister Street into student housing. Prunty said that the school was considering remodeling the hotel because it was looking for ways to meet the waiting list at McAllister Tower. The dean said the plans were scrapped when estimates for renovation exceeded by three times the amount the College found feasible.

The College also owns two apartment buildings on McAllister Street and one on Larkin Street. Prunty said that these buildings will continue to be held as income-generating properties.

The most recent acquisition of the College, the former KGO-TV building on Golden Gate Avenue, is being studied to determine its best use. The former TV studio will be used for academic purposes, Prunty explained.

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C LIBRARY BUILDING 200 McAllister	10/81	190,000	18,077,709
D FORMER KGO-TV BUILDING 277 Golden Gate	12/85	52,185	5,200,000
E MBA/NASA PROJECT 333 Golden Gate	9/74	11,352	331,675
F MERCHANDISERS STORE 343 Golden Gate	7/74	5,016	185,835
G PUBLIC INTEREST CLEARINGHOUSE 355 Golden Gate	3/74	945	100,360
H KNIGHT'S RESTAURANT 361 Golden Gate	3/74	4,752	220,533
I LARKIN APARTMENTS 324 Larkin	11/73	15,124	309,984
J MADONNA HOTEL 270 McAllister	1/75	15,200	375,000
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Ex-director is new GC

BY JERRY EVERARD
News Editor

The office of the General Counsel, vacated by Aletha Owens last semester, is now occupied by Max Jamison. Jamison resigned his position on the College's Board of Directors in December after 20 years, in order to vie for the \$74,610-per-year position.

Jamison, smiling affectionately, conceded that, "Hastings is one of the things I've been closest to for the longest part of my life." He is a Hastings alumnus, starting law school during the years of World War II. He remained active in the Alumni Association, spending some time as its president. In 1965 the governor appointed him to the Hastings Board of Directors. Jamison was the director with the longest tenure when he resigned two months ago.

According to Jamison, his roots with Hastings run deeper. Leaning back in his chair with an affable countenance, he related the story of his first connection with Hastings. While still in grammar school, he accompanied his father to the Federal Courthouse. At the courthouse, they encountered a



General Counsel Max Jamison

federal judge, of whom his father asked where he would send his son to law school. The judge replied, "Hastings."

Jamison has been a senior partner at McCutchen, Black, Verleger & Shea as well as counsel for USA Petroleum. Dean Bert Prunty's sentiments were that the College is, "extremely fortunate to have a lawyer of that caliber working at this institution."

Interviews for the position were conducted by Dean Prunty and Chairman of the Board Harold Dobbs last month. Jamison was selected as the most qualified of five finalists for the position.

Tax jocks can come back for more

If three years of law school is not enough, the tax department has devised a way to keep you here another year. This fall Hastings introduces its Graduate Tax Program. The program provides a rigorous schedule of advanced tax courses leading to an LL.M. in taxation.

There will be openings for both full-time and part-time students, according to the program's director, Professor William Hutton. Hutton said he anticipates full-time students will be able to complete the required 24 units in two semesters. He said that part-time students are expected to take six to eight semesters to earn the degree.

The program is described as "intensive" and includes such courses as Real Estate Taxation, Corporate Planning, and Civil Tax Procedure. In addition to the required 24 units, an LL.M. candidate must write a substantial paper and earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.3.

Hutton explained that the LL.M. program provides an alternative to experience that would otherwise be obtained through several years of tax practice.

"Almost anybody gets a good head start with an advanced degree," Hutton said. "It would take three to five years to get to the same point substantively."

Hutton stressed that another factor that should be considered is the graduate degree's marketability. "This is more subjective," he explained. "You have to ask: 'Will it be a worthwhile advantage in career opportunities?'"

Hutton said approximately 30 full-time and 30 part-time positions will be available in the fall. Tuition for 1986-87 will be \$4100 per semester or \$350 per credit. There will be no tuition reduction for California residents but Hutton said he is exploring the availability of grants and scholarships.

Applications for admissions to the Graduate Tax Program are available from Professor Hutton. The deadline for application is June 1.

features

Wicked Witch of the West evicts Auntie Em

BY MARK S. COON
Staff Writer

"Dorothy. Dorothy. Where the f--- is that Dorothy?"

Students jammed wall to wall in the Old Commons roared with laughter as the opening lines of the Hastings Law Revue "Wizard of Law" skit were yelled from the wings. All eyes scanned the stage, straining to see who had so gleefully belted out her script. When the "actress" at last took the stage, the audience erupted with applause, for this was no student. It was Auntie Em herself, smiling from ear to ear as she jauntily stepped out before the crowd. Once again, Em Chu had carved out her claim to a place in Hastings lore.

Thespian achievements notwithstanding, Em is most well known as the owner of Em's restaurant, located a few doors away from the 198 McAllister Street building. Since 1978, Hastings students have relied on Em's as a place to go for coffee, a bite to eat, and a chance to get away from "campus," yet rest assured that one could hold off on heading back to school until moments before class

started.

Many students have come to the restaurant for Em's cheery banter, delivered without regard to the size of one's purchase. Em is on a first name basis with a lot of her customers, and has never been shy about commenting on one's food selections. She's been known to badger students into eating the salads that she purposefully adds to each sandwich order. "You are what you eat," she warns those who leave their side-dishes untouched. Em isn't just repeating what she's heard on public television either. She was involved in a city-government-sponsored nutrition study while earning her bachelor's degree at the University of San Diego.

Unhappily, Hastings students will soon have to do without Em's. The restaurant will be closing down in two years. According to Em, the owner of the building wants her to abandon the coffee shop format and install a

"white tablecloth" style restaurant. Em has refused to take part in this plan. "I don't want to spend my time serving a bunch of bigshots," she says. Consequently, the landlord will not renew her lease when it runs out in 1988.

Asked about her future plans, Em said that she is looking forward to the extra time she'll have. She hopes to travel and also to write a biography of one of her relatives who fled from China during the Communist Revolution of 1949. She'll also continue to run another restaurant which the family owns — M's, located in the Marina district.

Even so, Em knows that she'll miss the days spent trading stories with her customers. "To me, every day that I work here is like a party, with lots of people to talk to all the time.

"We cover all kinds of things," she said. "Mostly the kids from Hastings

come to share their school problems or their love lives, and I talk common sense to them."

Em said she will particularly miss watching each first-year class as it gradually makes its way from the first day of school all the way to commencement. "You can see the kids' confidence grow as they make it through that first year," she explained.

Em laughs about going downtown and "seeing all those bigshots in their suits, who used to come to the restaurant every day, wondering if they would ever make it through law school. I love it when they see me, and rush over to talk for a while about old times."

Even after the restaurant closes, Em plans to maintain her close ties to the school. She'll continue to attend commencement every year, and perhaps might take part in another Law Revue.

"But I'm not going to do any more X-rated parts," she warned. "My family never let me live down that Auntie Em act."



Em
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Levi hunts for sharks

BY NANCY GEORGIOU
Features Editor

Professor Julian Levi is well-known around the country for his work on urban planning. He explained that he first got into the field by accident when he was asked by the University of Chicago to help out with a planning problem.

"In 1952," Levi reflected, "the University of Chicago was having serious neighborhood problems, and I guess in sheer despair, or fright, talked to me about it. I didn't know what to do, either. But I asked for help and told them that I would look at it for a year."

That "year" stretched into 28 years, and saw the birth of the Southeast Chicago Commission (SECC) with Levi directing the project. Levi initiated legislation to aid the city in receiving the desperately-needed federal grants in order to succeed in its reconstruction plan for the neighborhood. Levi's plan was to have the University of Chicago expand in accordance with the city of Chicago's proposal, so that any money received by the university for this project could be given to the city, without costing the city money from the federal government.

"Without the rare combination of the city, community, and university," Levi said, "nothing would have happened."

Levi subsequently traveled back and forth from Chicago to Boston, examining the latter's redevelopment. In 1963, the University of Chicago offered him a teaching position in urban studies. Levi did most of his teaching in the law school, while continuing to assist and direct the SECC. In 1977 and 1978, he taught as a visiting professor at Hastings. He finally joined the Hastings faculty as a full-time professor in 1978.

Leaving Chicago was not terribly difficult, Levi said. "At SECC, I had developed a remarkable staff. If they were going to do anything on their own, I had to leave."

"Also, my enthusiasm for shovelling snow had diminished," he added.

Levi said he enjoys the students whom he has taught at Hastings. In particular, he noted that his Corporations class is always lively and made more interesting with the appearance of "one charming shark in the water."

"For the last 3 years she has been a lady, with an honors degree from a liberal arts college, who married and furnished her husband with a blonde or brunette scholarship to graduate school," Levi explained. "He graduates, and it's her turn to go to law school. In the interim, she has had



Professor Julian Levi

extensive business experience. As a result, she burns up the turf. Someone with that kind of background adds enormously to the vitality of the class."

In addition to his teaching, Levi is involved with the Public Interest Law Institute, in conjunction with a "fine library staff, exceptional students," and the support of the legislature in Sacramento. He explained that the Institute is nearing completion on a project that may have profound impact on planning by state and federal governments in the future.

"This is a formal political achievement," Levi enthused, "and a perfect example to show how one uses legal skills and intellectual skills to solve public problems."

ARC: Forgotten side of AIDS

BY DANIEL SMITH
Staff Writer

Aids-Related Conditions, or ARC, is a side of the AIDS epidemic being ignored by virtually everyone, except its many sufferers. ARC patients are denied Social Security Disability benefits, despite the fact that many are too ill to work. ARC sufferers are not currently eligible for Medicare or MediCal benefits. The medical profession refuses to prescribe anything stronger than aspirin and Actifed for ARC's painful symptoms.

What is this disease which everyone seems to ignore? The ARC sufferer has the AIDS virus in his body. He develops many of the same symptoms as AIDS patients, but usually less severe. ARC patients are currently estimated to have a life expectancy of 5 to 10 years, according to Evan Durrant, an organizer of the ARC/AIDS Vigil and an ARC victim.

What is the difference between these two diseases? There is none according to Durrant. "ARC involves the same process of dying, the same process of pain," he said. What ARC patients lack is a diagnosis of AIDS. This diagnosis is all important. It allows the ARC patient to receive Social Security disability, Medicare and MediCal benefits. It allows the victim to receive care in the public hospitals.

ARC patients are unable to receive these benefits because of a technicality. "Nobody has defined ARC," Durrant explained. "All the physical disabilities are there, but nobody knows what to do with them because the person does not have AIDS."

One area in which ARC sufferers encounter problems similar to AIDS patients is in rejection by friends and family. Loneliness looms as a large factor for ARC sufferers. Loneliness forces ARC patients to dwell more and more on the pain of their illness, Durrant explains. "You become obsessed with the pain," he said. "Your family and friends won't have anything to do with you. The pain becomes too much, and you want just to blow your brains out and get it over with."

The neglect has one last tragic effect according to Durrant. The neglect follows ARC victims even to their death. "We are not even allowed to die with dignity," he said. "At least AIDS patients can do that. We die of the same causes as AIDS patients, but nobody pays us any attention."

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Op-ed

End to apartheid not in our best interest

BY DAVID DANIELS

"Possession is rather more than nine points of the law," according to Lord Mansfield, and I suppose that explains why people are always killing one another for possession of things.

In South Africa we have a govern-

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ment controlled by a minority. It doesn't matter that the minority is white, but so it happens to be. Such a state of affairs seems to surprise some. It shouldn't. The minority in South Africa today took possession of the country in the early 17th century; and, at that time had the cry been for "one man, one vote" it is unlikely that the white settlers would have had reason to object. The black peoples did not migrate to South Africa in great numbers until the middle of the 19th century. Thus it should surprise no one that the white minority, having had possession of South Africa for some three hundred years, would fight to go on possessing it. Nor should it surprise anyone that the black majority would fight to wrench possession away from the whites. Acquisitiveness is a perfectly natural human impulse.

In light of the somewhat primitive nature of the struggle for South Africa, one is tempted to suggest that the contending factions be left alone to decide the issue for themselves. The two sides are fairly well matched. The blacks are concededly more numerous, but the white superiority in weapons and organ-

ization easily compensates for such numerical inequality. Regardless of the outcome of the struggle it would seem inappropriate (at least at first impression) for other nations or outside forces to meddle in the internal affairs of the sovereign state of South Africa.

Why then has so much noise been made recently urging the United States both to divest and to intervene? The liberals who are making most of the noise would have us believe that a moral question is involved. This may or may not be true, but in any event is irrelevant. The United States, if it intervenes in South Africa at all, will do so, not on the basis

that such reform serves our own interests. Clearly it is not in anybody's interest (save perhaps a power-broker such as Bishop Tutu) for South Africa to descend into total anarchy. Even if the pro-American minority were ultimately to emerge triumphant, the country would be in ruins. Nor is it in the best interest of the United States to preserve the status quo in South Africa. In its present outcast state, South Africa is of limited usefulness to us, both economically and militarily. Freed from its political difficulties, South Africa would doubtless prove a potent restraint upon Soviet and Cuban adventurism on the

bicameral legislature of which the lower house is elected according to a "one person, one vote" principle. The upper house, as in Great Britain, would serve to represent the legitimate interests of the propertied classes. The struggle for power in South Africa might in this way be transferred from the battlefield to the parliament house. For many decades the upper house, dominated by whites, would control the country; but, as in Britain, by a long and largely bloodless political process, the lower house would ultimately gain both the necessary experience and the prerogative to rule.

Other acceptable proposals for reform in South Africa may well exist. It is only essential that those who clamor for reform keep well in mind the realities of the situation. It is not helpful, as so many so mindlessly propose, to push the present government of South Africa toward capitulation, only to unleash thereby forces largely uncontrollable and completely incapable of responsible government. Instead we must endeavor

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of morality, but to protect its national interests in the region. Clearly this is the only appropriate basis for intervention. We in the United States should make every effort to divest ourselves of the paternalistic smugness which causes us to assume that a system is immoral simply because it fails to comport with the equal protection clause of a constitution which it predates by nearly two hundred years.

We have no moral right to interfere in South Africa, but we do possess the right to protect our interests abroad from the encroachment of communism and anarchy. On this basis it is not inappropriate to work for political reform in South Africa to the extent

continent and would also serve to enhance our own influence in the region.

An essential element of any acceptable proposal for reform in South Africa must be the continuance (for an indefinite period) of the white minority's control of the government. Far too many examples exist of nations thrust into tribal anarchy and economic chaos by the premature imposition of majority rule to admit of the same fate befalling South Africa. Surely even the most emotionally motivated and unthinking armchair agitator (among the many in America today) must acknowledge the need to learn from history in this regard.

Pursuant to the above it is reasonable to propose that South Africa establish a

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to bring about a more reasonable solution in accordance with our own best interests. In doing so we will no doubt serve the best interests of South Africa as well.

David Daniels is a second-year student from San Francisco.

To MEP or not to MEP?

BY JOHN NICHOLS

Multiple Enrollment Patterns or MEPs have been with us for a while, however they are about to undergo a change both procedurally and in content.

The courses appearing as part of a MEP are from the list of courses designated as "second-year preference," indicating that next year's second-year students will have a priority over third-year students. Three of these basic courses have been grouped together in a modular schedule pattern with compatible hours enabling students to enroll in three of their second-year courses at one time. The three courses that will be a part of each MEP are: Constitutional Law, Corporations, and Evidence or Evidence-Advocacy.

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in more detail the concept of MEPs and the procedures involved.

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My recommendation is to go with the MEPs and stay with it. It will make the rest of your registration a lot easier. Now that the MEP contain fewer courses, students have greater flexibility in their overall selection of courses and instructors.

John Nichols is the director of Records.

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