

# A week of losses for strike

By John Davidson

Supporters of SF State's marathon strike appear to be losing ground, if actions this week are any indication.

Three elements of the strike—the Associated Students, the proposed Black Studies Department and striking faculty members—have suffered set-backs in this, the first week of the spring semester.

On Monday, Superior Court Judge Edward F. O'Day ordered strike-supporting AS leaders removed from their posts and put a freeze on spending of all student funds.

Also on Monday, Acting President S.I. Hayakawa removed Nathan Hare as chairman of the proposed Black Studies Department. Hayakawa also has served 187 striking members of the American Federation of Teachers with their termination notices.

#### 'Violated Trust'

The action against AS, which had been threatened since last December, was taken in response to a suit by the state attorney general's office charging that the student government had violated its trust and spent money for "unauthorized" purposes. A "show cause" hearing was scheduled to begin this week.

Hayakawa and Executive Vice President Frank Dollard officially cut off AS funds on Monday.

The suit against AS charges that the student government had received about \$193,000 this year while spending approximately \$272,000.

"Unless restrained by this court, the AS will continue to spend more than it earns and to exhaust reserves that have been built up over many years," the suit said.

To meet expenses, AS allegedly withdrew \$114,000 from a

Third World Liberation Front leader Roger Alvarado charged Wednesday that Acting President S.I. Hayakawa is blocking a proposed Carnegie Foundation grant of \$180,000 for community education programs.

Alvarado also charges that Hayakawa is blocking the appointment of Joe White, black dean of undergraduate studies, to a position as director of the proposed Carnegie program.

The SF State administration said that Executive Vice President Frank Dollard is in the process of choosing an administrator to be accountable for the funds.

The Carnegie grant was requested by five black and white student programs in September, 1968, which plan to serve both the community and the campus.

fund accumulated over the years to finance construction of a new Student Union.

AS funds totaling \$410,000 have been put under control of the Bank of America, and cannot be withdrawn without that bank's permission.

College officials have attempted

to gain control of AS funds since last December, when there was a flap about money allegedly turned over to strikers.

#### Funds For Strike?

Campus officials charged that AS funds were used to buy a high-powered rifle and pay for a lecture by Rev. Cecil Williams, a strike supporter. Williams allegedly turned his \$400 "lecture fee" over to BSU leaders.

AS President Russell Bass has denied that student leaders misused the funds.

"The expenditure of AS funds is a question of judgment," Bass said. "In our judgment we spent the money as it should have been spent."

If Hayakawa can make the charges stick against AS, funding of organizations and programs like Black Students Union and Experimental College will be placed in administration hands.

#### Control Of Papers

In addition, funding of the Daily Gater and Open Process, the two campus papers most critical of Hayakawa, will come under administration dictate.

AS officials yesterday were consulting with their attorney to seek ways to combat the attorney general's suit.

Hayakawa took action against Hare following the black professor's participation in disrupting Hayakawa's address to faculty members last Friday. During the address Hare and several other black students and faculty members leaped upon the Main Auditorium stage where Hayakawa was speaking and harangued the president.

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Acting President S.I. Hayakawa tries to out-shout Dr. Nathan Hare and Jerry Varnado. Confrontation between black faculty members and Dr. Hayakawa

came last Friday during a traditional presidential address to the faculty. The police moved in and cleared the stage while arresting four persons.

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Hayakawa has vowed that the college will have a Black Studies Department in the fall, but without Hare. Hayakawa said that he has already begun interviewing black educators around the country for a successor to Hare.

This week Hayakawa announced that 187 striking faculty members have been terminated for missing five consecutive days of teaching.

All will be rehired without loss of pay or position, if they immediately re-apply to the college.

SF State's striking teachers met their classes Monday and Tuesday, but resumed their strike yesterday.

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Gary Hawkins, president of AFT Local 1352

## AFT considers negotiation

By Walter Couick

The SF State administration has offered a proposal to the striking American Federation of Teachers Local 1352 that may end the teachers' six-week-long strike.

Gary Hawkins, Local 1352 President, called the move "a step forward."

"This is the first time we have been approached with an offer to negotiate," Hawkins said.

The offer by the administration was still under consideration yesterday by the 10-man AFT negotiation committee.

The proposal included these main points:

\* Establishment of grievance procedures that would include an appellate panel above that of the present college level.

\* Any matters of amnesty, arrest and other problems resulting from the strike will be a matter of discussion between the administration and striking teachers.

\* An agreement that Black Studies and Ethnic Studies Departments should be funded independently in addition to funds already allocated.

\* Agreement that teachers who are assigned a reduced teaching load will not have their pay docked, as has been the case in the past. Deans who authorize these reduced teaching loads "will have to answer all questions."

#### Rehiring, Reinstatement

\* In case of rehiring and reinstatement, the college will recommend that teachers be rehired and reinstated regardless of their normal strike activity.

\* Agreement that, if this proposal is accepted, then AFT strikers will go back to work and the union strike sanction will be withdrawn.

\* Open personnel files. Faculty who wish to see their own personnel file may, but files will remain confidential to other sources.

If AFT negotiators agree to the proposals, they will then be presented to the full State College Board of Trustees in Los Angeles and to the union membership for final approvals.

Striking teachers began the spring semester this week by holding classes Monday and Tuesday, then walking out on strike again Wednesday as planned.

Hawkins explained the teachers' move back to the classroom.

"We have to establish the classes and preserve the structure in order to have something to come back to when the strike is settled," he said.

Last week 187 instructors lost their jobs for being out of class for five consecutive days, as stipulated in the state education code.

Acting President S.I. Hayakawa emphasized that all the instructors would be rehired without loss of pay or position if they immediately reapply. They would, however, lose tenure and seniority rights.

Local 1352 advised instructors to reapply. Most of the 187 instructors applied for rehiring but now must apply for reinstatement before the state personnel board if they want to retain all former rights.

Hawkins said that "no decision on applying for reinstatement would be made until the AFT lawyers could determine if the five-day absentee rule was legal."

Hawkins indicated that the applications for rehiring did not mean the strike would be ended, but that they were "available."

to teach this semester.

"We outlined 23 strike issues in December," he said, "and returning to work hinges on a negotiated settlement of those issues."

The Committee for an Academic Environment, an SF State student group, compiled a list of striking teachers at the beginning of the semester to aid students in choosing their classes.

#### CAE List

CAE spokesman Ron Varney said the list of approximately 80 names was compiled by students who had striking teachers' classes last semester.

"We tried to get help from the administration," Varney said, "but they refused. So we decided to do it on our own."

The purpose of the list, he said, was to inform the students whose teachers might not finish this semester's teaching load because of the strike.

"Names of non-striking teachers were submitted in some cases in an effort to get back at teachers who were disliked.

"In these cases if the teacher notifies us, we will take his name off the list," Varney said.

Another complication resulting from the AFT strike is the withholding of grades for a possible 8,000 students.

"Approximately 200 striking teachers," Hawkins said, "have refused to issue grades and have placed them in trust, pending the outcome of the strike."

The teachers have, however, made arrangements to give grades to individual hardship cases such as those needing draft deferments or scholarships.

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By Steve Hara

The SF State Drama Department's cancellation of the musical "Little Me" has left the School of Creative Arts with a dangerous shortage of funds. The AS Legislature froze Creative Arts' funds last spring, but the department went ahead with its production schedule. "Little Me" would have provided money to pay off existing debts and to fund operations this spring.

The musical was beset by threats of a strike by a group calling itself Drama Strike Caucus. On Jan. 10, six hours before curtain time, conditions were judged by Creative Arts officials to be "potentially dangerous" to the public. According to Creative Arts As-

sociate Dean Robert Graham, money "wasn't always a problem."

In previous years, the departments estimated expected costs and income and requested an AS subsidy to cover the difference. The subsidy, because it was granted before actual debts were incurred, provided initial working funds.

#### Contingency Fund

A contingency fund filled by profits was established about 20 years ago and originally was set at a maximum of \$10,000. The fund was controlled by AS. But three years ago, by mutual consent of the school and AS, the maximum was lowered to \$5,000.

The school's dean, J. Fenton McKenna, said that when financial relations between AS and the School of Creative Arts were broken last spring, AS President Russell Bass acknowledged that "the fund existed and that it belonged to the school."

Bass, however, does not "recall ever admitting the fund belonged to Creative Arts."

"To me," Bass said, "the question of ownership of those funds is an open issue."

"Last year when the AS was determining the budget, we stipulated that Creative Arts give the students a say in how their money was to be spent before the Creative Arts allocation of

\$7,500 would be made. It was then that Dean McKenna decided his school would try to operate on its own.

#### Raising Rent

"Later, we heard that the School of Creative Arts was raising the rents to their rooms and auditoriums—the only such facilities, in many cases, available on campus. We then decided to freeze all CA funds until this issue was resolved," Bass said.

Despite the school's troubles, the department chairmen and deans agreed in a meeting last Friday to attempt "as normal a schedule as possible."

"But nothing will be fancy," Graham said.

## Editorial page

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## Mutiny trials

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces are guided in all phases of their conduct by the Uniform Code of Military Justice. As far as military law goes—it is The Book. It states those actions that are illegal in the military and sets maximum punishments.

The UCMJ allows the governing judicial body, such as a court-martial board, to sentence service personnel to lesser terms in accordance with the circumstances of the offense. An ingredient in dealing out punishments is that the judgments are always "for the good of the service."

Apparently, in the recent mutiny court-martials held at the Army's Presidio of San Francisco, the good of the service calls for punishments of 15 years at hard labor. That was the decision of the court in the case against Private Nesrey Sood and two other soldiers. In all 27 enlisted men are charged in the Oct. 14, 1968 "mutiny" which protested the work detail death of one of their fellows.

It does not take a group of anti-anything protestors to realize that injustices apparently are being dealt against 27 young men by the Army. They may very well have been misfits from military life; but why must the Army have to destroy their lives?

It seems apparent that the remainder of the 27 accused also will be convicted and imprisoned for a major portion of their lives.

One must ask, for what? The soldiers non-violently protested the killing of a fellow prisoner by a guard on a work detail, a death that has gone unpunished.

Sood wasn't even a prisoner in the purest sense of penal laws. He was jailed in the Presidio stockade awaiting the slow, involved red tape which would release him from the service. In nearly a year that Sood was in the Army he ran afoul of military life consistently. The Army had decided that he was to receive an administrative discharge from the Army.

Now Sood is to be off to the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to be released when he is 41.

As the publicity over the court-martials grows so does the sentiment of many citizens. The Army apparently does not want the publicity nor the accompanying protests. A change of venue has been granted in one of the impending trials to Fort Irwin, in the middle of California's Mojave Desert.

It seems that if the Army is going to railroad these men then they want as few as possible "outsiders" to know about the cases.

It is ridiculous to realize that those outsiders are the people of the United States—the same outsiders that are supposedly protected by the military.

## Letters to the Phoenix

Editor:

Dr. Nathan Hare, chairman of the Black Studies Department, and other black faculty members disrupted President Hayakawa's welcoming address to the faculty last week with chants of "Hayakawa has no power" and "Down with the puppet."

Hare's loud shouts may reflect his own insecurity.

If Hare began black studies classes, he might receive worse treatment from his "supporters" than physical abuse.

## BRUCE CAMPBELL

## Hayakawa and 'The Rise and Fall of SF State'

When the "Rise and Fall of SF State" is written sometime in the future, critics may sarcastically credit S.I. Hayakawa as the ghost writer of the last half.

Installed as the acting president of SF State by Governor Reagan, the Board of Trustees and other experts in education, Hayakawa has become a popular figure in intellectual circles with his scholarly habit of crushing campus disorders with the SF Police Tactical Squad and plainclothesmen disguised as students.

Even though Hayakawa has yet to win the hearts and minds of the students, he is considered the Second Coming by the "tax-paying" public, and a master strategist by military experts impressed with his search and destroy missions across the campus.

Hayakawa has championed the cause of an "academic environment" during his tour of duty at SF State. Angry and frustrated with students trying to destroy that environment by making education more relevant to their lives, Hayakawa got his chance for revenge when the Trustees selected him as president of SF State.

In one of his typical outbursts of modesty, Hayakawa later claimed that his selection as president was "scraping the bottom of the barrel."

Sensing Hayakawa has been too hard on himself (along with his critics), I arranged an interview with him so I could ascertain the objective facts—the way some people might see them.

After being searched seven times, fingerprinted and photographed by campus secret police, I was escorted past a bomb bunker and machine gun nest into

Hayakawa's office. The president was seated on the floor delightedly wallowing in thousands of fan letters from Orange County.

Hayakawa was surrounded by his special aides, who stood at attention wearing blue arm bands and brightly colored Tam O'Shanters.

Seeing a gentleman from the fourth estate had arrived, the president dismissed his aides by ringing a cow bell and bid me to

ask him some friendly questions.

"Do you think you're winning against the strikers?" I asked.

Hayakawa climbed to the top of his desk and smiled, a sure sign that a complex thought was coming to flower in his powerful mind.

"I certainly am," he cried from his summit. "The wonderful police have arrested almost the entire student body... and so there's no one left to win but me."

"Is there any possibility of compromise?"

"Are you kidding? If I backed down the Trustees would think I'm yellow."

"Is there any substance to charges you're a puppet?"

"Nonsense! The Trustees allowed me to run this college... no strings attached. And because of this, I think I've brought a new slant to the situation."

"What do you think of Governor Reagan?"

"I think Ronald is even more handsome in person than he is on television."

"What individuals have given you intellectual inspiration?"

"I'm glad you asked that question... I think I'm indebted to William Jennings Bryan, J. Edgar Hoover, Mayor Daley, Spiro Agnew and Eric Hoffer... these men are true Americans and represent everything from the far right to the far left."

"Have you always been such a master of English prose?"

"Not always, I think. My dear wife thinks I gained my marvelous writing ability after my wonderful mother dropped me on my innocent head as a baby. That's very funny of course, but actually I learned to write brilliantly after studying computers and applying their wonderful discipline and logic to my own life."

"Could you give an example?" "Haven't you read my wonderful book, 'Language in Action'? In all modesty its brilliance stuns me."

"Yes, I have read it. Do you have any hobbies, Dr. Hayakawa?"

"Oh, let's see. Among my favorites are racing motorcycles, roller skating, mumbly peg, wrestling, hop scotch, marbles and riding roller coasters... and for reading enjoyment I subscribe to 'Police Gazette' and 'Body Beautiful'."

"What is the role of the policeman on campus?"

"The wonderful policeman is no different from the student—he must adapt himself to the learning situation—something I keep trying to tell those crazy-dissenting-hopped-up-outside-agitating-activist-students, but they won't listen to me."

"Could you elaborate?"

"Certainly. If an academic environment is to be maintained, there can be no difference between SF State and a police state. I've come to this conclusion after long scholarly thought, reading Batman comic books and consulting my Ouija board."

"Do the blacks and Mexican-Americans agree?"

"If they want to become intellectuals like me, they'd better. Actually, the only reason I chose SF State was so I could keep close contact with the lower classes of society. I'm afraid they haven't shown much gratitude for my scholarly sacrifices, however."

"Do you think there's a communication problem?"

"What's to communicate when you have the wonderful cops on your side? Besides, don't the colored people realize I'm a world famous scholar who knows and sympathizes with their problems? Hell, I've even listened to their jazz."

"Does SF State have a creative future?"

"Most definitely. I want this campus to be the warm, swinging place it used to be. I want there to be fraternities and military recruiters and football games and panty raids and friendly, silent students who only want art education and a good job."

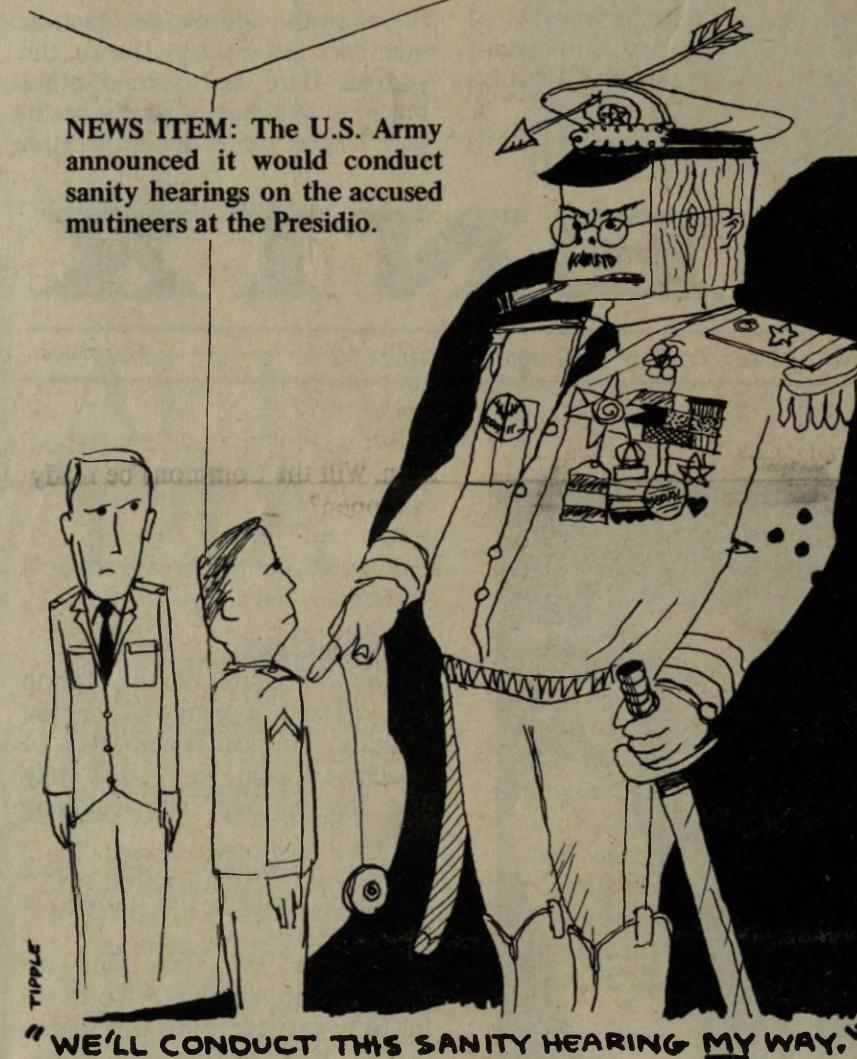
"Wouldn't that be returning to the past?"

"There you go... all of you are ganging up on me and asking hostile questions."

"But Dr. Hayakawa, there's only one of me..."

"Yes, yes, that's what all you paranoid say when faced with hard facts... Now if you'll excuse me, I have an important appointment with one of my wonderful millionaire friends from Chicago... he's promised to build me a really super-duper roller coaster on the college commons, and I can hardly wait to ride on it."

NEWS ITEM: The U.S. Army announced it would conduct sanity hearings on the accused mutineers at the Presidio.



assume—and that the chances for a black studies program will ebb more and more.

If Hare realizes this and is saddened, he could begin classes—but the revolutionaries would not stand for it. Or he could transfer to another school and start a black studies program there—but who would hire him?

Who is powerless? Who is the puppet? Dr. Hare, perhaps?

Name withheld on request of writer.

guerilla war is most interesting and gives rise to the hope that he sees the folly of having some 540,000 troops in that country.

In the Middle East Nixon seems to be taking a more even-handed approach. For nearly 1½ years the Soviet Union built up the strength of its Arab allies. However, the Russians have seemed to indicate a willingness to cool off the situation, which may be getting out of their hands.

While supplying arms to legitimate Arab governments the Russians pretty much could call the shots. Now that guerilla forces are rivaling the legitimate governments for power, the Russians are worrying. So are the Americans.

President Nixon seems to have less than a partisan zeal toward the cause of Israel. While giving the Israel government verbal support, Nixon has endorsed the idea of four-power discussions to resolve the controversy.

Discussions between Russian, French, British and American representatives are anathema to Israel. This is particularly true since the French have initiated

a total arms embargo against the Israeli government. The Israelis feel any big power talks would sell them down the river.

Kissinger thinks these talks would be beneficial, and Nixon may use them as a springboard toward full scale discussions with the Soviets.

Nixon always has been wary in his dealings with the Soviets. He seems to believe that a summit meeting with the Kremlin leadership would be inappropriate until the groundwork is laid at lower levels. This may be true, but the Russians seem to want conversations, particularly on the Middle-East and the arms race. A usually cautious Nixon may be best advised to strike while the iron is hot.

The President will leave for a European tour this weekend. He hopes to solidify the NATO alliance and possibly lay the groundwork for future discussions with the Russians.

In Europe Nixon will see diplomats, politicians and probably a number of hostile demonstrations. Hopefully, it will be an enlightening experience.

## We welcome your comments

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Richard Nixon has been President a month. To the amazement of many he has turned in a capable performance.

The President has surrounded himself with some sharp minds and new faces in the realm of foreign affairs. Secretary of State William Rogers was an assistant attorney general during the Eisenhower years and has been a close confidant of Nixon. Skeptics complained that Rogers knew little about the field of foreign affairs, but supporters were quick to point to Dean Rusk—who came to the State Department with vast knowledge and for eight years remained a cold warrior in the best tradition of John Foster Dulles.

Another find for the President was his choice of former Harvard professor Henry Kissinger as his national security advisor. A former advisor to New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller, Kissinger's appointment may have been made to soothe the ruffled feathers in the Republican Party's moderate-liberal wing.

In an article published shortly after his Nixon appointment,

Kissinger spoke of de-escalating the Vietnam conflict as a pragmatic move and one which would slow down U.S. involvement in foreign lands. Kissinger thinks America has a large responsibility in the world arena, but not an obligation to come to the aid of every government fighting a nationalist movement.

During the Presidential campaign, Nixon said little about Vietnam. It is probable he was unsure of what course to follow and only with the appointment and advice of Kissinger is the President finding his way.

Substantive talks to resolve the war have been going on for a month. If progress in the talks remains at its almost static rate, one can only hope the new President will listen to his more prudent counselors.

In his first press conference the President said the idea of a ceasefire in a guerilla war is irrelevant. He added only through mutual de-escalation can progress be made toward ending the Vietnam conflict. The Nixon administration that Vietnam largely is a



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One of the play's frequent high points is the marriage ceremony performed by a wacky and treacherous minister (Peter Donat) from the First Existentialist Church, who weds the daughter of any gun fanatic.

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By Bruce Campbell

The city is a cancer of plastic  
and concrete which devours the  
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should join together to advance  
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issues behind the present "strike"  
at the Academic Senate  
to resolve the educational  
crisis at SF State.

# Faculty group eyes budget

# Grapplers' title hopes fade

By Joe DeLoach

The possibility of a third consecutive Far Western Conference wrestling title for SF State appears doubtful following an upset by a strong UC Davis team.

"Davis really surprised us," said Gator coach Allen Abraham. "It looks like they are the team to beat for the title."

"The Aggies are well-disciplined. We were beaten by a better team," he added.

Davis' 22-19 triumph on Feb. 8 was the Gators' first FWC loss in two years.

#### Loss Costly

The loss was even more costly as 130-pound Don Ellison injured his right ankle and will be sidelined for an indefinite period.

"I'll keep Ellison out of our last few dual meets and hope that he'll be ready for the FWC Championships in Sacramento March 1," Abraham said.

According to Abraham, Ellison easily would capture an individual first place in the conference and could win top honors at the NCAA College Division championships.

The transfer student from Diablo Valley College has compiled a 19-2 season record.

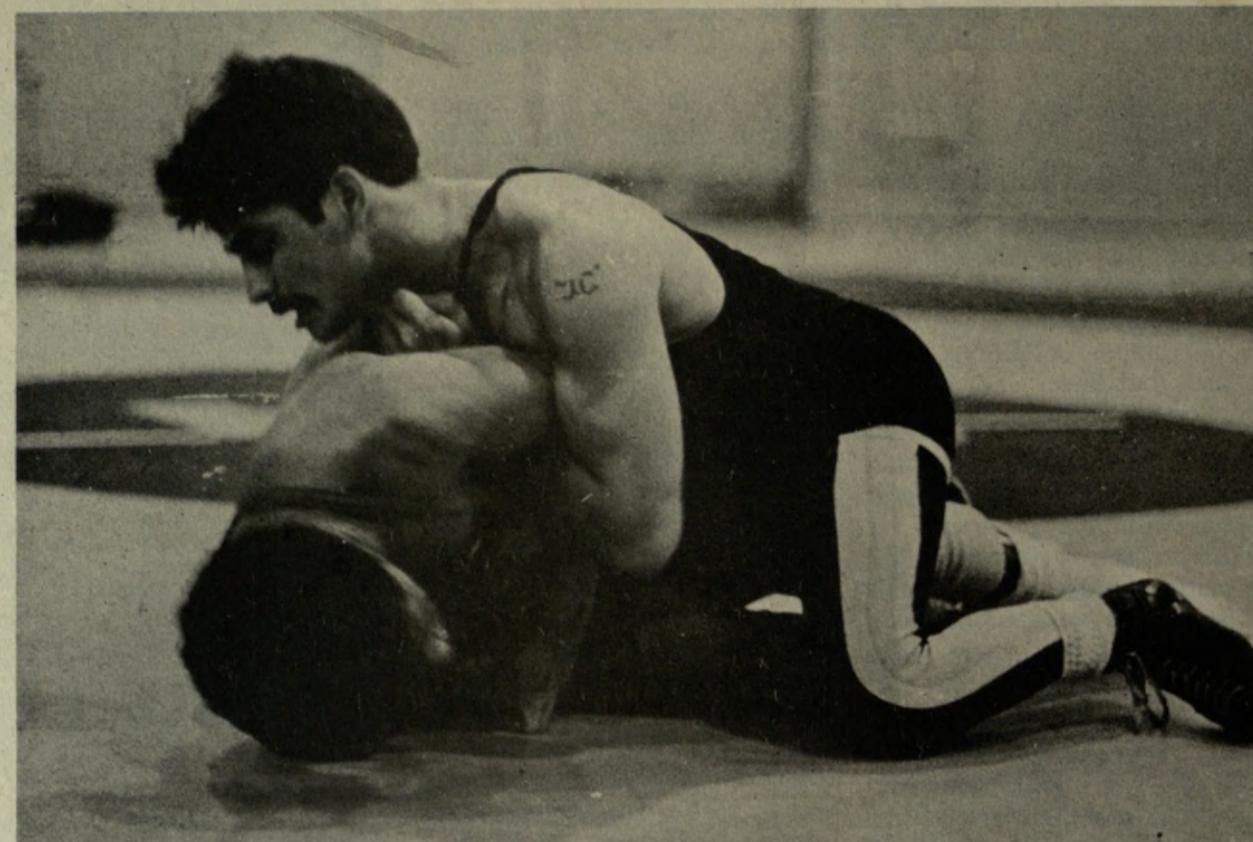
Ellison described how he was injured:

#### Went For Takedown

"I went for the takedown against my opponent. As he turned over, trying to escape, my ankle somehow got pinned to the mat and I felt something give."

"I'm disappointed that we lost, but the season is far from over. And besides, we get another shot at UC Davis in March," said Ellison.

Abraham was "pleased" with the way his wrestlers rebounded in the Davis match after falling behind in the early going.



Speedy SF State grappler Art Chavez in action. The 130-pound Chavez, one of the nation's top collegiate wrestlers, pinned yet another opponent as the Gators upset Fresno State, 18-14, last Friday.

"After Ellison got hurt the entire team, including myself, seemed to go into a state of shock," he said. "At one time we trailed 16-3, but we held our poise and nearly pulled out a win."

#### Takes Blame

Abraham blamed himself for the Aggie defeat.

"I didn't think they would be that strong. We just were not fully prepared, mentally and physically," he said.

Considering the fact that Davis has never had outstanding wrestling teams, my boys were probably looking past them to the next match."

Art Chavez did not compete

against the Aggies because Abraham wanted to give him a rest.

"Art was tired so I decided to hold him out. As it turned out, we needed him," Abraham said.

#### 20-1 Mark

Chavez, who will represent the United States in the World Games (amateur wrestling's world series) in the 114.5 pound class, early in March, has compiled an excellent 20-1 mark this season.

SF State's dual meet record is 9-2. The Gators' only other setback came at the hands of the University of Oregon, late in January.

"We gave that match away,"

Abraham said. "A couple of our people did not put out to the fullest of their ability and the Ducks beat us by one point."

The Webfoots are the second-ranked major college wrestling team in the Pacific Northwest.

In the January issue of "Amateur Wrestling News," the Gators were placed among the top 20 small college teams in the country.

"If we don't suffer any serious injuries and Ellison and Dan Lucas can shake off their injuries, we could possibly finish as high as sixth in the national championships," Abraham said.

The Gators will field a full

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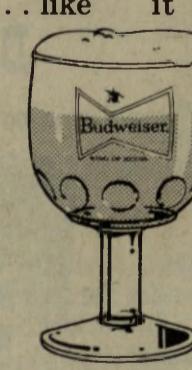
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# 'Disciple' lacks quality

Theater review by Bruce Campbell

George Bernard Shaw's legendary contempt for America was apocalyptic. It was the only country, he contended, that had gone from barbarism to decadence without ever having achieved civilization.

Paradoxically, Shaw's play about the American Revolution, "The Devil's Disciple," seems to be his only literary work to go from beginning to end without ever achieving quality.

Currently performed by the American Conservatory Theatre, Shaw's soap opera history seems perfect for television. One could envision his play turned into a situation comedy equal to the quality of "Gomer Pyle."

Watching "The Devil's Disciple," you almost expect it to be interrupted every five minutes for a commercial. The DAR probably considers it an epic masterpiece—a revolution in a teapot.

"The Devil's Disciple" unfortunately is no more than an opportunity for ACT performers to display their prodigious talents. It's like killing a house fly with a cannon.

Set in Massachusetts in 1777, the story involves a handsome rake named Dick Dudgeon (Paul Shenar) who terrorizes the morality of his kin and other pious folk. Dudgeon, who has a slow-witted brother (James Milton) with a repressed Oedipus complex, fancies himself a cross between Cassanova and anti-christ.

But everyone lives happily ever after when the feuders unite to frustrate the bumbling British forces, led by the droll and fatalistic General Burgoyne (Jay Doyle).

Sweet old ladies wearing chastity belts and tennis shoes get the best seats for this banal mock-epic of revolutionary America.

By Glenn Schwarz

Ol' Doc Naismith probably stirred in his grave, SF State Coach Paul Rundell underwent nervous contortions on the bench and Sonoma State fans acted like it was the greatest thing to hit their city since the new freeway opened.

It all took place last Saturday night in the Rancho Cotati High School gymnasium, where Sonoma plays its home basketball games—or the facsimiles thereof.

When it was all over the Gators had succeeded in surviving a near-disastrous weekend road trip that left their Far Western Conference record at 9-0.

#### Maintain Lead

The Gators' win over Humboldt (72-58) and Sonoma (51-48), however, failed to add to their conference lead over defending conference champ UC Davis.

Davis (8-1) kept pace by nipping Sacramento, 77-74, and disposing of Nevada, 70-57.

Before the Gators made their Sonoma appearance they had to suffer through a long ride and a surprisingly close game in Arcata with Humboldt's Lumberjacks.

#### Frustrated

The Gators were frustrated early in the game by Humboldt's zone defense, but spindly center Girard Chatman began pouring in the points late in the first half to give State a 36-27 lead at the half.

Chatman finished with 30 points and 12 rebounds and Callaghan added 22 points and 15 rebounds despite having a tough 7-for-22 night from the floor.

In the Sonoma tilt the Gators were subjected to some incredible first half calls by the referees and a deliberate Sonoma offense.