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Nebraska Governor Robert Kerrey (above) addresses students in Campbell Hall Tuesday, his first day of co-teaching Religious Studies 155, "The Religious Impact of Vietnam," with Professor Walter Capps. The class is the largest undergraduate course in the UC system.

At left, class members lucky enough to find seats listen attentively to the Vietnam veteran, while below, a number of students crowd around the doors. Though they were enrolled for the class, the students were prevented from entering the building due to fire regulations limiting the number of people allowed inside.

The excessive attendance is attributed to curious onlookers who took up space in Campbell Hall, although they were not registered for the class.

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Speakers Oppose U.S. Activities in Central America

By Tonya Graham
News Editor

United States military intervention in El Salvador is forcing Salvadorans to flee their war-torn country, refugees and student activists told approximately 200 students at a noon Storke Plaza rally yesterday.

Speaking through an interpreter, Salvadoran refugee Marta Alisia Rivera, a former member of a Salvadoran teacher's union, explained the difficult situation facing the Salvadoran people.

Approximately 1 million Salvadoran refugees have fled the country and others have organized to resist the repression of the current political regime, headed by President Jose Napoleon Duarte, which receives both economic and military aid from the Reagan administration, she said.

"It is North American bombs and North American helicopters that are bombing the civilian population and destroying our wealth...this is why we talk to the North American people," she explained.

"North Americans are the only ones who are going to stop the intervention in Central America," Rivera said, "and (Americans are) the only ones to see that there is not another Vietnam in Central America."

Rivera recalled the time before Duarte came to power. "The people had a small hope with the arrival of Duarte (in the 1982 presidential elections) that there would be some changes," she said, explaining that Duarte promised "the humanization, pacification, and democratization of the conflict" plaguing El Salvador.

He also promised to "reactivate" the economy, she said.

"We waited one, two, three years (for this to happen). Now we are going into 1987 and Duarte has done all the opposite of the promises he made," she claimed.

Rivera was an active member of the teacher's union in El Salvador until she was captured by a right-wing death squad, which works for "the same National Guard and same police and same government that is sponsored, directed and administered by the North American administration," she said.

According to Rivera, she was tortured for 32 hours. When her captors believed she was dead, they abandoned her in a cemetery. She called herself "lucky" for not falling to the same fate of the other "60,000 dead people who are dead as a product of the government repression."

Rivera escaped to the United States where, after a court battle, she was granted asylum as a political refugee.

The United States argues that its support is required to aid the Salvadoran government in its fight against leftist insurgents. U.S. military advisors currently guide the Salvadoran forces, but federal officials deny charges of direct military intervention.

Furthermore, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service believes Salvadoran refugees attempt to enter the U.S. for economic reasons, rather than political ones. A number of refugees have been sent back to El Salvador. Random checks by the U.S. do not support claims that any of these people are killed or "disappear" upon their return, INS spokespeople have said.

Reports of a communist threat to El Salvador are completely false, Rivera said. "We don't know what communism is ... we know what (See RALLY, p.5)

Davis Hears Concerns About ARCO Proposal

By Larry Speer
County Editor

State Controller Gray Davis stopped by the Isla Vista Beach park on Del Playa Blvd. yesterday to hear residents' concerns about ARCO's proposed Coal Oil Point Project before attending the State Lands Commission hearing in Santa Barbara scheduled for last night.

Davis is one of three members of the commission, which has final approval authority over the project. The other two members are Lt. Gov. Leo T. McCarthy and Jesse Huff, director of the Department of Finance under Gov. George Deukmejian.

Davis decided to visit Isla Vista after meeting with Sen. Gary Hart (D-Santa Barbara), State Assemblyman Jack O'Connell (D-

Santa Barbara) and Santa Barbara County Supervisor Bill Wallace in Sacramento last week, according to O'Connell's administrative assistant Carla Frisk. "There has been no staff recommendation (from the State

Lands Commission) and no final Environmental Impact Report," she said. "It is as if the commission came here and there was nothing to discuss. When (Hart, O'Connell and Wallace) expressed these concerns, he decided to come

to the areas affected and hear some of the residents' concerns."

Davis spoke to approximately 35 I.V. residents, answering questions concerning the possibility of environmental damage, aesthetic and visual

impact, noise and air pollution, and reductions in the quality of life that might result if the proposal passes.

"The impact of this project will be felt in Santa Barbara more than (See DAVIS, p.12)

Deukmejian Trims Size of UC Budget Cut

SACRAMENTO — The possibility of a Spring Quarter student fee increase died late Monday after Gov. George Deukmejian reduced the mid-year budget cut that forced University of California officials to consider imposing a one-time surcharge of approximately \$140.

UC officials believed the fee increase might be necessary after Deukmejian ordered a statewide 2 percent budget cut in December to combat a projected \$900 million deficit.

Similar statewide budget cuts in 1981 and 1983 forced the university to delay or cancel purchases and to impose a hiring freeze and a

student fee surcharge.

Under a compromise announced Monday, however, the University will cut its budget by \$20.5 million — instead of the \$37.5 million Deukmejian originally ordered cut — and not impose a student fee surcharge, said Lois Wallace, spokesperson for the state department of finance.

University officials did not say what they planned on cutting to meet Deukmejian's \$20.5 million goal. "We'll talk about that at the Regents meeting (Thursday)."

Adrienn Graham, associate director for university affairs for the UC Student

Association, said she was pleased the university would not have to impose the fee surcharge. "I don't like it because it's difficult for students to come up with the extra money in mid-quarter," Graham explained.

Although Deukmejian cancelled plans that would have increased student fees Spring Quarter, a proposal to increase student fees by approximately \$130 Fall Quarter is "all systems go," Wallace said. "There are no plans to delete the proposed 9.1 percent increase in student fees from the 1987-88 budget," she added.

—J.W. Akers-Sassaman

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