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Dear friends,

The momentum is building for demilitarization of the UC (for example:
<http://www.dailynewsex.com/article.php?a=13918>, www.freetheuc.org), which

will be a major step in our resistance to militarism, imperialism, and environmental desecration. Please copy and paste the info brief below and send to anyone who might be interested. Non-UC students are certainly welcome to participate in or support this effort (there are endless ways to support it!). Anyone interested in doing so can contact me.

Best wishes and solidarity,

Will

UC Student Hunger Strike: No More Nuclear Bombs In Our Name!

May 9th will see the beginning of a hunger strike to demand that the University of California stop engineering, testing and manufacturing nuclear bombs. This bold act of civil resistance is being coordinated by students and community members across multiple UC campuses. Some of us have pledged to go without solid food - permanently, if necessary -- unless our demand is met!

The hunger strikers' basic position is this: At this critical time in our world, with the survival of our planetary ecosystem hanging in the balance, it is imperative for the UC Regents to stop providing a fig leaf of academic respectability to the creation of the world's most toxic and deadly weapons, and instead use their position of political leverage to spur the US toward genuine nuclear disarmament, democratization, and demilitarization.

What Political Leverage? The UC has been the primary nuclear weapons lab research contractor in the United States for over six decades. It has managed the Los Alamos (NM) and Lawrence Livermore (CA) nuclear weapons compounds since their inceptions in 1943 and 1952, respectively. Hence, every nuclear weapon in the US arsenal was researched and designed by a UC employee.

Why Now? In March, the US Nuclear Weapons Council, an interagency committee of executives from the Departments of Defense and Energy, announced that the UC's Livermore facility would develop a new hydrogen bomb. Officially, this is to be the first new US nuclear weapon since the end of the Cold War. Los Alamos is slated to manufacture the plutonium bomb cores, or "pits," for these weapons. Owing in part to its technical complexity and political baggage, pit manufacturing is the pivotal step in creating modern nuclear warheads. It is also perhaps the most polluting stage in the nuclear weapons production process.

These developments are part and parcel of a US government plan to revitalize the entire nuclear weapons complex, so as to begin producing dozens of new nukes every year. Other nations rightfully view such plans as a bellwether of US imperial ambitions and are responding in kind. The danger of a nuclear exchange has rarely been greater.

Why Else? As you read this, US nuclear attack submarines roam beneath the waters of the Strait of Hormuz, outside of Iran, ready to launch "small yield" nuclear weapons at "hardened underground targets" on virtually a moment's notice. An assault of this type would kill tens of thousands of innocent people, irradiate Iran's natural environment for generations to come, and almost certainly escalate tensions among many of the world's nations of the world so as to lead to even more catastrophic future wars and bombings of this type.

The type of nuclear weapon in question, the B61-11, was created by UC employees at the Los Alamos laboratory in the mid-'90s. UC administrators, faculty members, staff, and students will be directly complicit in this massacre, should it occur.

Political Leverage, Revisited: If The Regents decline to support the labs' hydrogen bomb initiative, due to critical grassroots pressure applied by UC students and their supporters, the political consequences will be vast. The labs' new weapons program will very likely die. The US nuclear enterprise will have been dealt a major setback, from which it is unlikely to fully recover.

The US is a signatory of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, a United Nations pact mandating the nuclear powers to work in good faith toward the cessation of the arms race and toward nuclear disarmament. Since ratification of the treaty in 1970, US intransigence has been the primary barrier to its full realization. If the US is brought into compliance with its international law obligations, global nuclear disarmament will instantly transform into a genuine possibility.

How, Exactly, Will The Hunger Strike Make An Impact? For several years, the multi-campus UC Demilitarization Coalition has worked on several fronts to sever the UC's nuclear ties. We have written letters, generated petitions, spoken politely during Regents meeting public comment periods. We have spoken angrily during public comment periods. We have held rallies. We have held press conferences. We have protested. We have dumped paper cranes on the Regents' meeting room floor. More recently, we have physically disrupted Regents meetings. Clearly, most "legitimate" channels for trying to change UC policy are closed to us. A more drastic action is needed. The UC demilitarization campaign has progressed to a point where such an action is possible and can be successful, particularly in light of the recent creation of a Student Nuclear Weapons Labs Oversight Committee by the UCSB student government. The time is now.

The UC Regents' next public meeting is May 16-17 at UC San Francisco. The hunger strike will apply critical public pressure to force the Regents to consider a resolution to sever ties with the weapons labs. Any such resolution must stipulate that the Regents withdraw support from the labs based only on principled opposition to current US nuclear weapons programs.

The Regents have rarely been more politically vulnerable with regard to their role as nukes lab managers. The labs' new hydrogen bomb program has no technical justification and is clearly contrary to international law. It is deeply unpopular even among many long-time nuclear weapons supporters.

Hunger strikes have a long history of success at UC campuses. There is historical momentum on our side.

What Are The Health Consequences of Hunger Striking? By making a few basic physical and mental preparations, participating in the hunger strike is unlikely to have any long-term health consequences for anyone without major existing health deficiencies. If you would like to consult with seasoned experts regarding various potential health implications of your participation, e-mail youth@napf.org or call (805) 965-3443.

Each participant is free to decide the duration and variety of their fast on an individual basis, or in consultation with other hunger strikers. Some participants will fast for a few days; others are fasting for an open-ended time span.

How Can I Join The Hunger Strike? To participate, please contact youth@napf.org, call (805) 965-3443, or visit www.ucnuclearfree.org. If you don't want to hunger strike but would still like to support this critical and timely initiative in any way, please contact us.

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The California Natural Resources Committee tabled AB 719 today, ending

attempts to reopen California to nuclear development.

Roger

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Leg Council Backs Nuclear Oversight Committee

By Mackenzie Weinger / Staff Writer

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Cricket Clark presents some of the 1,000 paper cranes passed out at the Legislative Council meeting on Wednesday in order to win support from the council for a student nuclear oversight committee.

Matt O'Leary / Daily Nexus

With 1,000 paper cranes as well as 50 students in attendance, the Associated Students Legislative Council passed two bills and three resolutions last night.

During its three-hour meeting, council members approved a previously rejected bill to create a student oversight committee of the UC-managed nuclear research laboratories. Nearly 50 students came in to support the measure, and leaders threw 1,000 paper cranes throughout the room - a memorial to the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Meanwhile, the council also passed a bill to create a technology committee devoted to such aims as wireless Internet access across campus, and resolutions in support of the Isla Vista Teen Center; International Workers' Day this May 1; and a recent student hunger strike at the University of Vermont.

At the council's April 18 meeting, the bill to create a student oversight committee of the UC-managed nuclear research laboratories failed with a vote of 12 in favor, 8 against and 2 abstaining. The A.S. Legal Code requires a two-thirds vote to create a new committee.

The committee aims "to provide student oversight of UC's nuclear warhead research, design and production labs in order to ensure that the UC and United States government obey their treaty obligations to work toward the abolition of nuclear weapons."

Organizers videotaped the meeting and made presentations for an hour and a half, including one given by a Hiroshima bombing survivor, Shigeo Sasamori.

"My mission is to tell how horrible [it is] once war starts," Sasamori, who was a child during the bombing, said. "Even innocent civilians get hurt."

A representative from the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, Will Parrish, said the creation of the committee would be historic.

"We can play a role liberating our planet from these nuclear weapons," Parrish said. "All future generations are going to be thankful to us. All of us have a chance tonight to play a role in that process."

Fourth-year Spanish major Cricket Clark said she represented the students who are against nuclear weapons. She said this group wished to be officially acknowledged by the council.

"All we're really asking is that Leg Council legitimizes this group of students that want this oversight committee - the UC Regents aren't doing a good job," Clark said. "Our fingers are bloody even now paying our tuition."

Several council members expressed support for the committee and the large group of students in attendance.

"This is a direct UC issue and the creation of a committee directly supported by elected officials is a strong catalyst for change," Rep-at-Large J.P. Primeau said.

The council passed the bill with consent after brief discussion. After the passage of the bill, audience members in favor of the committee, as well as several members of the council, joined in a "solidarity clap."

Meanwhile, the council approved resolutions to support the I.V. Teen Center and close the A.S. offices on May 1 for International Workers' Day. Additionally, the council passed a resolution to show "Solidarity with Hunger Strikers for a Living Wage." According to the resolution, 12 students at the University of Vermont are on a hunger strike until the school's administration raises its workers' wages to a "livable wage." The resolution also demands a living wage for workers everywhere, including UCSB

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Dear friends,

Julia Moon Sparrow of Shundahai Network (www.shundahai.org) has asked me to let you know about this upcoming event, very important in the Western Shoshone land rights struggle and, furthermore, very important for Corbin Harney. As you know, Corbin has been very ill. This event is a crucial way to support him. Please note that Shundahai really needs donations to help cover costs of this event. Julia will follow up with a personal message of her own at some point soon. Read on and *please also forward on*...

To print a flyer and for more information please visit
<http://www.wildernessthx.com/ntsreunionwcorbin>

Best wishes,
will

Mothers Day weekend gathering and reunion at Cactus Springs and Peace Camp, Nevada Test Site, May 11 - 13th, 2007

Corbin Harney invites everyone to a Mothers Day weekend gathering and reunion at Cactus Springs and Peace Camp
<<http://www.shundahai.org/mothersday07.htm#cactus>> , Nevada Test Site,
May 11 - 13th

This gathering is to honor Corbin and all who have participated over the decades at NTS to end the nuclear madness and the destruction of our Mother Earth.

Corbin has taught many to respect and protect Mother Earth and traditional ways through ceremony and non-violent direct action.

We're calling for everyone who loves Mother Earth to join us.

MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND!!!

CEREMONIES

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

PEACEFUL NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTIONS

RAFFLE & MORE ACTIVITIES

Come Self sufficient for desert camping. Be prepared for hot days and cold nights. Bring plenty of water, food, sunscreen, hats and layered clothing.

This is an invitation to Newe Sogbia (Western Shoshone land) where we observe traditional native spirituality.

YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN PETS

NO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, or WEAPONS.

Donations are needed for: expenses of gathering, and food for community kitchen. Bring Raffle Items

To print a flyer and for more information please visit <http://www.wildernessthx.com/ntsreunionwcorbin>

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The main camp and community kitchen will be at Cactus Springs on the west side of Highway 95, 3 miles north of Indian Springs and 15 miles south of Peace Camp and the Nevada Test Site entrance at the Mercury Exit. Look for signs.

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