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Groups to hold anti-nuke fair

By Mandy Baucum Emerald Contributor

The Student Campaign for Disarmament will host Nuclear Free Friday on March 13 to inform people about participating in a protest against nuclear weapons testing, as well as to heighten awareness of environmental issues.

SCD, along with other organizations, will be at the event's awareness fair with sign-up sheets for those who want to participate in the protest, which begins April 10. Environmental groups such as BRING Recycling and the Solar Energy Center will also be at the fair to give out free environmental information. The fair will take place in the EMU

Courtyard Friday afternoon.

Also, Raymond Yowell, chief of the Shoshone Indians, and tribe member Carrie Dann will present the film To Protect Mother Earth Friday night at 6 in Room 177 Lawrence. The film depicts the difficulties the Western Shoshone face in their land struggle. Comments will also be made by Yowell and Dann.

Yowell and Dann have a "very unique point of view we want to share with members of the community," SCD co-Director Jake Wagner said. "It will be very empowering to see someone who is there all the time come and say what is going on down there."

The protest will begin near

Las Vegas, with a two-day opening ceremony featuring international speakers and performers

Participants will walk 65 miles from Las Vegas to the Nevada Test Site from April 13-17. A nonviolent demonstration will be held at the site. In all, the events will last 10 days, including Earth Day on April

The federal government in 1951 established the Nevada Test Site on a piece of land the Western Shoshone have been living and herding their cattle on for years.

The impact of nuclear radiation has reportedly caused the Shoshone to suffer increasing incidents of birth defects, mental retardation and cancer. The Shoshone want an end to the nuclear testing and hope that the protest will force action on the issue.

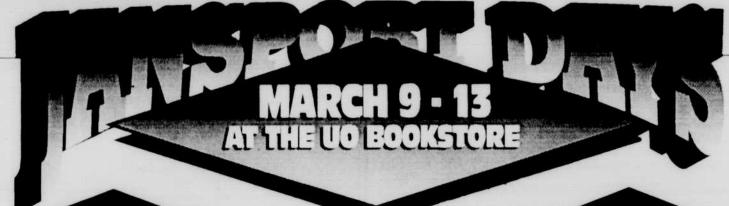
SCD wants to help the Shoshone keep their land and prevent it from being destroyed by nuclear testing. By hosting Nuclear Free Friday, the group hopes to raise awareness and gain support for this cause. Groups such as The Mad Farmers and singer Peter Wilde will be performing in the Courtyard from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In addition to the Shoshone's fight against nuclear testing, they also face a battle to keep their native land. In 1973, the government accused Dann of trespassing on its land—land the Shoshone have been herding their cattle on for

The Shoshone have taken their case to the U.S. Court of Appeals three times and to the U.S. Supreme Court once. The Supreme Court ruled against the tribe because its members have supposedly been paid for the land. The U.S. interior secretary, who serves as spokesman for the Western Shoshone, accepted the \$26 million dollars and deposited it into a U.S. Treasury Department trust

However, the Western Shoshone have refused to accept the secretary as a guardian and haven't received any of the money. The Shoshone still plan nonviolent resistance against any government attempts to drive them from their land.

For those who are unable to attend the Nevada Protest but would like to support it, a benefit concert featuring African marimba music will be at the WOW Hall on April 3.



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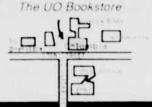
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