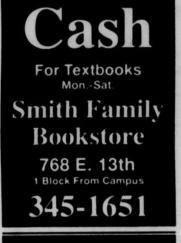
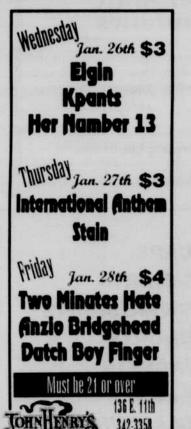
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The winners of an international ballet competition perform at Saturday's Chinese Cultural Night, an event sponsored by the Chinese Student Association.

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Angeles defense attorney. "What it means is the person who buys off a minor gets away

with it. It turns these sex cases into a private dispute." Feldman and Jackson attorneys Johnnie Cochran and Howard Weitzman met privately in the chambers of Superior Court Judge

David Rothman before the announcement. "We signed off on the deal. That was it," Feldman said.

Jackson didn't issue any statement but insists he didn't do anything wrong. He will speak out about the case at an undetermined time, his attorneys said.

"Michael Jackson has maintained his innocence since the beginning of this matter and now, since this matter will soon be concluded, he still maintains that innocence," Jackson's attorneys said in a statement.

"The resolution of this case is in no way an admission of guilt by Michael Jackson. In short, he is an innocent man who does not intend to have his career and his life destroyed by rumors and innuendo."

The lawsuit filed in September alleged that Jackson, 35, committed sexual battery, seduction, willful misconduct, intentional infliction of emotional distress, fraud and negligence in a campaign to entice the boy last year.

Based on the boy's allegations, authorities in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties began a criminal probe that has continued for five months. No charges have been filed. An out-of-court settlement in the civil case

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could severely diminish the state's criminal probe because, in California, victims of sexual abuse can't be forced to testify against their will.

"There's little reason the boy's parents would want to see their child exposed to public scrutiny and media scrutiny in a criminal trial," UCLA law professor Peter Arenella said. "It's very likely the boy won't want to cooperate, and the state lacks the authority to force him to cooperate by threatening him with contempt."

Los Angeles District Attorney Gil Garcetti said the settlement won't affect his criminal investigation.

"The District Attorney's Office is taking Mr. Feldman at his word that the alleged victim will be allowed to testify and that there has been no agreement in the civil matter that will affect cooperation in the criminal investigation," Garcetti said.

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Thomas W. Sneddon Jr. said he had no comment on Monday's events. He refused to discuss the county's criminal investigation of Jackson.

Jackson abandoned his "Dangerous" world concert tour in the midst of the media frenzy over the allegations, saying he was forced to retreat to a drug rehabilitation center in Europe to kick painkilling prescription drugs.

Promoters sued Jackson for more than \$20 million, claiming an addiction to morphine and other drugs destroyed his ability to perform. That lawsuit is pending.

Also pending is a lawsuit by five former security guards. They claim they were fired by the singer, whose net worth was estimatSCHEDULE Continued from Page 1

like the University of Washington and Penn State have already committed to advertising in their class schedules.

The registrar's office normally prints 20,000 to 22,000 copies of the class schedule each term at a price of \$7,000 to \$8,000 a printing.

Exact figures on how much the advertising will yield for the office are not known, but Chereck said he does not believe the advertising money will make up the shortfall in printing the class schedules.

Class schedules were free for students until the University began using Duck Call. When the schedules were given out to students in the spring of 1992, many students lost their copies over the summer. Chereck had to order another printing for students the following fall.

"When I had to order 30,000 schedules for 16,000 students, I decided to start charging for the schedules simply to stop the waste," Chereck said.

Spring term class schedules will be on sale Feb. 7 in the University Bookstore and the EMU.

ed by Forbes magazine at more than \$150 million, because they knew too much about his alleged activities with young boys.

There is also a stigma that settlements imply guilt and Arenella said it could encourage other alleged victims to file lawsuits.

Throughout Jackson's ordeal, he and his lawyers denied the molestation allegations, saying they were the result of a failed \$20 million extortion attempt by the boy's father and lawyer.

But on Monday, prosecutors announced a criminal investigation into the extortion claims was complete and no charges would be filed against the father or his lawyer.

In their statement, Jackson's lawyers criticized news coverage of the case, saying the singer was "subjected to an unprecedented media feeding frenzy."

"The tabloid press has shown an insatiable thirst for anything negative and has paid huge sums of money to people who have little no information and who barely knew Michael Jackson," they said.

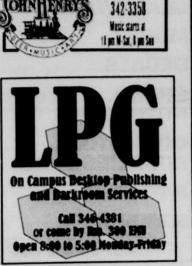
"So today the time has come for Michael Jackson to move on to new business, to get on with his life, to start the healing process and to move his career forward to even greater heights."

Feldman also said the settlement was a first step to allow the boy to put the affair behind him.

"This young boy has been seen by the most prominent psychiatrists and psychologists in America from one side of the coast to the other side of the coast," Feldman said.

"He cannot heal, he cannot get better unless this matter is put behind him."





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