

Nationally known alumnus dies

Author: AIDS claims leader in gay activism

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Randy Shilts, one of the nation's first openly gay reporters and a University alumnus, died of complications from AIDS early Thursday morning in his California home.

Shilts, 42, was the best-selling author of *And the Band Played On*, a book highlighting the AIDS epidemic and the plight of the gay community in the United States.

"Randy Shilts paved the way for AIDS coverage in the media," Dean Arnold Ismach of the School of Journalism and Communication said in a press conference Thursday afternoon.

Shilts attended the University in the early '70s, and was open about his sexuality from the very beginning. He began his journalism career as a student reporter at the *Emerald*.

"He was in the first class I ever taught at the University, and he was the most memorable student I ever had," said Mike Thoele, a former adjunct University professor. "He was so far ahead of the curve that he intimidated me as a first-term professor."

He was the managing editor of the *Emerald* in 1975 when he won more awards than any other student journalist that year.

In 1975, he won second place



Randy Shilts poses for his 1993 best seller "Conduct Unbecoming." The former *Emerald* editor and nationally best-selling author died Thursday from complications from AIDS.

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IFC, MEChA battle over increase

Budget: Member calls Cornwell "insensitive" for fighting increase

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Emotions flared in the EMU Board Room Tuesday night when members from the Incidental Fees Committee and MEChA went head to head over the Chicano/Latino student union budget.

MEChA's requested budget for the 1994-1995 school year drew heated debate because of IFC concern that the increase could be justified. By the end of the meeting, MEChA was granted 100 percent of their request.

The student union proposed a budget of \$14,719, a 16 percent increase from their current budget. IFC members sought to cut the overall request, but MEChA members were adamant about the quality of their programs and the necessity of their request.

Additions to MEChA's proposed budget included funding for their campus radio program, a community outreach program and money for a youth conference.

The IFC debated cutting the requests, voicing concerns that student funds couldn't support the increases. IFC members suggested fund-raising as an option.

One proposed increase included allocating \$135 for reference materials. MEChA cited that the University library

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Groups take up China/Taiwan debate

Associations: Two different campus societies both have titles using word 'Chinese'

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Mail addressed to the Associated Chinese Students and Scholars is frequently sent to the Chinese Student Association by mistake.

Chinese Cultural Night, organized by ACSS, and China Night, organized by CSA, were thought by many people to be the same event.

Even the *Emerald* last month mistakenly stated in a photo caption that the ACSS' Chinese Cultural Night was organized by CSA.

"People don't know there are two Chinese groups (at the University)," ACSS President Tao Tang said. "When we performed Chinese Cultural Night, everybody thought there was just one Chinese group. We are all Chinese students, but actually we are from Taiwan and China."

The CSA is made up of mostly Taiwanese students, and the ACSS comprises students from China, Tang said. Both associations use the word "Chinese" in their names because of historical and political reasons, he said.

In 1911, the Kuomintang gained control of China and founded the Republic of China. Between 1911 and 1949, there was only one Chinese government.

The communists defeated the

Kuomintang in 1949 and renamed the country the People's Republic of China. The Kuomintang fled to Taiwan.

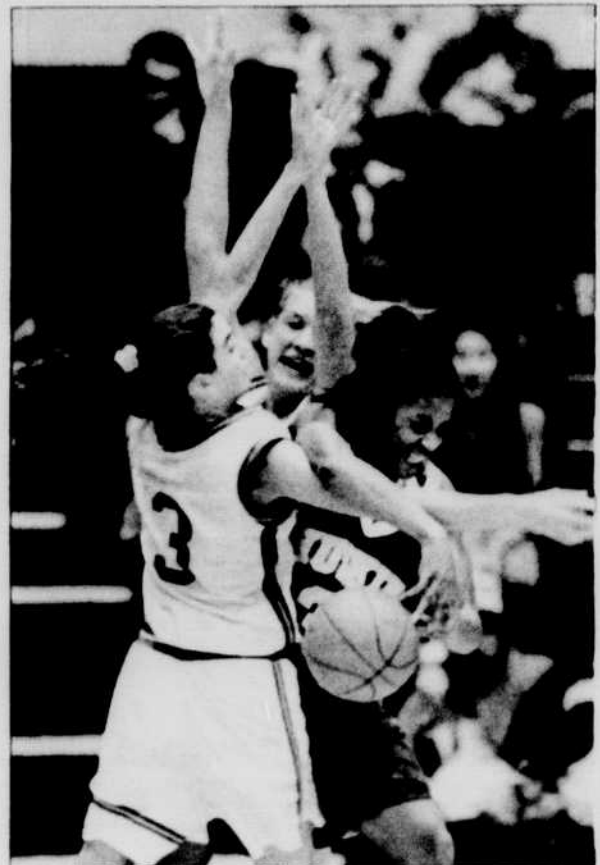
"The government of Taiwan still claimed it was government of the whole of China," Tang said. "It still keeps the name Republic of China, which was founded in 1911."

"We both insist on being the only China in the world," said Bin-Cheng Yao, president of CSA. "That's the reason why we have the same name."

Yao said it is common to have more than one Chinese society in a college. He said that at the University of Washington, there are more than four associations that represent

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Up for grabs



Karen Healea, number 3, and another Oregon player try to pull the ball away from the University of Washington guard Tara Davis, number 34, Thursday night.

GOOD MORNING

► Today is the last day to change grade options, to drop a class with a mark of W on transcripts and to change variable credits with a \$10 charge per credit or grade option change.

► NEW YORK (AP) — There may not be a kiss-off for Roseanne after all.

ABC said Thursday it will air an episode of the popular comedy March 1 that features Roseanne Arnold exchanging a kiss with Mariel Hemingway in a gay bar.

Exactly how that encounter will play remains to be seen, according to ABC spokesman Steve Battaglio, who said the segment had been shot but postproduction was not complete.



"There have been discussions concerning how the kiss will be depicted," Battaglio said. "Those talks are continuing."

He said the episode will also carry a parental discretion advisory.

In the episode, titled "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," Arnold's character, Roseanne Conner, goes to a bar with bisexual friend Nancy, played by Sandra Bernhard. After dancing with Hemingway, Roseanne makes a wisecrack that is misinterpreted. The kiss results.