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NATIONAL PANEL OF JUDGES FOR PROJECT CENSORED ANNOUNCED

ROHNERT PARK -- Twenty-one leading media scholars and critics have been named to the national panel which will select the ten most overlooked news stories of 1993 for PROJECT CENSORED.

The national media research project, conducted annually at Sonoma State University, is now in its 18th year. It locates and cites stories on significant issues which were not widely reported by the major news media.

Judges serving on this year's panel are Dr. Donna Allen, founding editor of Media Report to Women; Ben Bagdikian, Professor Emeritus, Graduate School of Journalism, University of California at Berkeley; Richard Barnet, Fellow, Institute for Policy Studies; Noam Chomsky, professor, Linguistics and Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology;

Hugh Downs, host, ABC's "20/20;" Susan Faludi, journalist and author; Dr. George Gerbner, professor, Annenberg School of Communications, University of Pennsylvania; Edward S. Herman, professor, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; Sut Jhally, professor of communications, University of Massachusetts; Nicholas Johnson, professor, College of Law, University of Iowa; Rhoda H. Karpatkin, executive director, Consumer's Union;

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Charles L. Klotzer, editor and publisher, St. Louis Journalism Review; Judith Krug, director, Office for Intellectual Freedom, American Library Association; Frances Moore Lappé, co-founder and co-director, Institute for the Arts of Democracy; William Lutz, professor, English, Rutgers University, and editor of The Quarterly Review of Doublespeak;

Jessica Mitford, writer and lecturer; Jack L. Nelson, professor, Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University; Michael Parenti, author and lecturer; Tom Peters, nationally syndicated columnist on excellence; Herbert I. Schiller, Professor Emeritus of Communication, University of California at San Diego; and Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld, president, D.C. Productions.

The SSU PROJECT CENSORED researchers, who reviewed and evaluated hundreds of "censored" nominations from throughout the country, are Gerald Austin, Jesse Boggs, Paul Chambers, Tamara Fresca, Tim Gordon, Bill Harding, Courteney Lunt, Katie Maloney, Mark Papadopoulos, Kristen Rutledge, Sunil Sharma, Laurie Turner, Amy S. Cohen, project research associate, and Mark Lowenthal, assistant director of Project Censored.

Carl Jensen, SSU professor of communication studies and founder of PROJECT CENSORED, said the "Top 25 Censored News Stories" of 1993 will be announced in April along with the publication of "CENSORED: The News You Need To Know," the 1994 Censored Yearbook. For more information, please write PROJECT CENSORED, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA 94928.