

# Calif. killer slain

## He shot, humiliated hostages

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**BERKELEY, Calif.** — The last "message" Iranian immigrant Mehrdad Dashti got yesterday was a deadly fusillade of bullets from a police SWAT team.

The SWAT team moved in after Dashti, 32, killed a college student and sexually humiliated several hostage coeds in a twisted seven-hour

ordeal yesterday.

Dashti told his captives the government had been using him to transmit "telepathic" messages. His ransom demand: \$16 trillion and the state of Alaska.

The terror began shortly after midnight when Dashti, an unemployed carpenter who had been diagnosed as schizophrenic, walked into upscale Henry's Bar & Grille, a block away from the University of California campus, and opened fire on about 90 students, police said.

In the wild scene of screaming and blood, senior John Sheehy, 22, president of the hockey club, was hit in the chest, and died about two hours later at Eden Hospital.

During the first volley and another about 3:15 a.m., Dashti wounded six other students in the arms or legs, and shot out windows. Sgt. Ron Barela, who had pulled over a car outside, was grazed on the side of the head by a slug or flying glass, police said.

Students fled from the bar in a panic, while others pleaded with Dashti to allow them to remove the wounded. About a dozen carried out Sheehy.

### 50 held

For the next seven hours Dashti held about 50 students hostage, the number gradually dwindling to 33 as others managed to sneak out.

Dashti put students in windows as shields, and then drinking Jack Daniel's, railed at the CIA and the U.S. government for using him in "mental communications experiments" and raged at police.

Bizarre letters of complaint to President Bush and the Supreme Court were found later in his room. "I am used as a combination message center and loudspeaker," he said in one letter. "I am asking for justice and to find out who is conducting these experiments."

### Asked for Alaska

He made his demand for \$16 trillion dollars and the State of Alaska.

He raged at women students who were "just teases," and forced several to remove their slacks and panties. He ordered his male hostages to sexually humiliate them. He later let them go, still in a state of undress.

Dashti also demanded that former CIA Director Richard Helms and San Francisco Police Chief Frank Jordan "drop their pants" on TV.

During the ordeal, Dashti blasted away at a light fixture, needing 25 shots to hit it, and told the terrified students to drink up because, "If you're all going to die, you might as well be having fun."

### SWAT team in

Members of the Berkeley police SWAT team meanwhile sneaked into the kitchen behind the bar, and at 7:20 a.m., a "flash-bang" grenade was thrown into the bar.

The SWAT team burst into the bar shooting, police said. Dashti tried to return fire but hit no one and died of numerous wounds to the head and body.

They "pumped him full of holes," a shaken student witness said.