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## Regents, Others Submit Recommendations Despite UC Policy

By Tim Molloy  
Staff Writer

Letters of recommendation from influential supporters of UCSB applicants have received special attention from campus admissions officials in nearly 20 cases since 1992, according to

documents obtained by the *Daily Nexus*.

Officials said letters from UC Regents, politicians and donors to the campus rarely helped students who did not meet UC eligibility requirements to gain admission. But officials did keep and read the letters despite a UC policy against accepting them.

Office of Admissions Director William J. Villa said that in only one case did a letter help win admission for a student who was not UC eligible and previously had been rejected.

The case involved an early 1994 letter from Regent Clair Burgener, who recommended that the campus admit a student

he said had low grades but excellent SAT scores. Burgener said he writes three to five standardized letters of recommendation for students each year.

"I mention outside activity and something good about them. I wouldn't recommend them if I didn't think there was something meritorious about

them," he said.

But Burgener said he did not pressure the campuses. "I have never followed up with a phone call. I think that would be a little bit of pressure," he said.

The student for whom Burgener wrote the letter ultimately

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## A.S. Voting Contest Pits Current VP Against Rep

By Tim Molloy  
Staff Writer

This year's Associated Students runoff for Internal Vice President is a contest between an incumbent who thinks he's doing fine and a rival who believes he could do better.

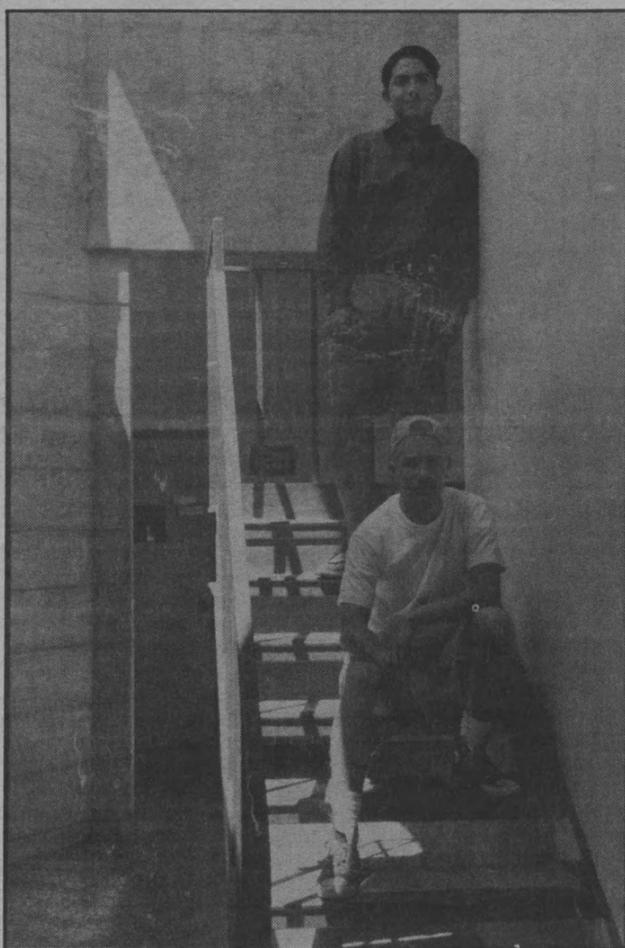
The runoff pits incumbent Bo Thoreen against Frank Orellana, an on-campus rep who has criticized Thoreen's performance for much of the year.

"I think that Frank has good intentions with running," said Rep-at-Large Nicole Meyer-Morse, who has served with both candidates this year on A.S. Legislative Council. "However, I think the best candidate is still Bo."

Meyer-Morse added that while Orellana's campaign has a pro-student message, at council meetings he seems more anti-Thoreen.

But Orellana supporter and

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Voters will decide today and Wednesday whether On-Campus Rep Frank Orellana (above) or incumbent Internal Vice President Bo Thoreen will come out on top in the A.S. runoff election.

## Cuts in Education Programs Less Than Initially Expected

By Rachel Howard  
Staff Writer

While calls for budget cuts last year have had students and administrators bracing for losses in financial aid, many are now relieved by milder reductions in federal education money recently approved by Congress.

Congress passed the Omnibus Appropriations Bill Thursday. While several Republicans last year called for a sharp reduction in federal aid to programs such as student direct loans and Pell Grants, the approved bill eliminated or lessened many of these cuts.

"[The funding] is not as good as we hoped or as bad as we were afraid," said Lehua Marking, director of UCSB governmental relations. "We'll do the best with what we can."

The approved federal budget will provide the following:

- The maximum Federal Pell Grant will increase \$130 to \$2,470. House Republicans had proposed to raise the grant to \$2,440.
- The volume of direct loans will not be capped. An earlier House bill would have capped direct loans at 40 percent of total loan volume, significantly limiting the number of schools eligible to

participate in the program. In direct lending, the government loans students money through their school, leaving banks out of the process.

• Federal Perkins Loan funding will be cut from \$158 million to \$93.3 million. Several legislators had pushed to eliminate Perkins Loans.

• The State Student Incentive program will be cut in half from \$63.4 to \$31.4 million.

• Funding for the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant and Federal Work Study programs will be frozen at current levels - \$583.4 million and \$616.5 million, respectively.

While disheartened over the losses, Financial Aid Director Veronica O'Dette said she is thankful the budget cuts weren't harsher.

"We didn't lose a lot of ground," she said. "The Perkins was substantially reduced, but it's not really going to hurt us too much because we don't receive too much Perkins Loan allocations anyway."

The university typically received only \$8,000 to \$9,000 in Federal Perkins Loan monies, O'Dette said.

But O'Dette expressed concern over the Work Study and

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## Increased Fuel Cost Topic of State Senate Committees' Meeting Today

By James Fagen  
Staff Writer

A state Senate hearing today will examine several recent gasoline price hikes that have caused Santa Barbara County rates to jump by as much as 20 cents.

Though 18th District state Sen. Jack O'Connell (D-Carpinteria) will not be present at the meeting, he responded to what he sees as greed by the oil industry in a letter to the Energy, Utilities and Communication and the Transportation committees. The two Senate committees will join to hear testimony on the issue at the Capitol.

"I have a hunch that the forces of greed, gouging and rip-off are at work here just like in the 1970s," O'Connell wrote. "It is also of interest to note that all of the major oil companies have ex-

perienced record profits and their stocks have been trading at very high levels on the major exchanges."

Thirty-fifth District Assemblyman Brooks Firestone (R-Los Olivos) said he doubts the hearing will develop any ideas that could successfully remedy the price hikes.

"What can we do about gas prices?" Firestone said. "There was talk of a hearing, but I don't think it will go anywhere."

Mobil Public Affairs adviser Carolin Keith attributed the rising prices to economic factors that make the hikes necessary.

"It's basically supply and demand that's affected by how much gasoline is available. We have had difficulties with some refineries, as well as the rise in the price of crude oil. That was

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POWZIA KARIMI/Daily Nexus

Large increases in gas prices around the state have some motorists, as well as State Sen. Jack O'Connell (D-Carpinteria), up in arms.

# HEADLINERS

## Arafat, Clinton Plan to Conduct Talks

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Looking toward new talks with Israel beginning in early May, Yasser Arafat will try this week to persuade President Clinton to join in the dream of a Palestinian state with its capital in Jerusalem.

The Palestinian leader's visit tests Clinton on one of the most sensitive issues in on-again, off-again Middle East negotiations. Arafat will see him at a time when the president's popularity among Israelis is sky-high and moves are under way toward a defense pact between the United States and Israel.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres, on his own visit to Washington, said Monday that a study group would be set up soon and that Israel might ask for American technicians to help enforce its peace accords with the Arabs. But he said at a news conference: "We do not ask for American soldiers to come and defend our Israel."

In the meantime, the administration is expanding

cooperation with Israel on missile defense, promising more intelligence warnings of enemy rocket and missile launches. Washington also is to step up development of a new laser weapon to shoot down the kind of rockets extremist Muslim guerrillas fired on northern Israel this month. The cross-

children "will never again face that fear."

Clinton's attendance at the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's funeral last November and a subsequent supportive trip to Israel amid a series of terrorist bombings in March captivated Israel and its supporters in the United States.



*We do not ask for American soldiers to come and defend our Israel.*

**Shimon Peres**  
Israeli prime minister

border conflict that erupted was stopped last week by Secretary of State Warren Christopher with an agreement protecting civilians in northern Israel and in Lebanon.

Recalling the Iraqi missile attacks on Israel during the 1991 Persian Gulf War, Clinton vowed Sunday night that with U.S. help in building the Arrow antimissile system, Israel's

The trust Clinton built could make it easier for the United States to drop its opposition to a Palestinian state, as Peres' Labor party did last week, and even to support an arrangement for a Palestinian capital in Jerusalem. Some of Peres' closest aides suggest a formula eventually may be worked out, although Israeli policy is that an undivided

Jerusalem will remain as Israel's capital.

Christopher said Monday the administration has more limited objectives during Arafat's visit than to take up statehood and the question of a Palestinian capital in Jerusalem. Rather, Christopher said, "we want to work with him" to make productive the talks Israel and Arafat's Palestinian Authority open May 5.

"I am sure that will be part of his agenda as well," he said.

A Palestine Liberation Organization spokesperson in Washington said Arafat is arriving this afternoon and speaks tonight at the Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation.

Peres is meeting with Clinton at the White House Tuesday afternoon, and Arafat and Peres may meet Tuesday night, spokespersons for the PLO and the Israeli Embassy said.

## Abortion Law Evades Revival in South Dakota

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — As three justices fumed over a "stealthy" abortion agenda, the Supreme Court refused Monday to revive a South Dakota law that required young girls to



notify a parent before ending a pregnancy.

The state law had been invalidated because it did not allow most girls to avoid telling a parent by getting a judge's permission instead. The court voted 6-3 to leave those rulings intact.

The action was yet another signal that the court, which in 1992 reaffirmed its landmark *Roe*

*vs. Wade* decision legalizing abortion, is not eager to plunge again into that divisive debate. Four votes are needed to grant such review.

Sharp disagreement resurfaced Monday as Justices John Paul Stevens and Antonin Scalia exchanged statements accompanying the court's rejection of South Dakota's appeal.

At issue was the standard of review that judges should use in deciding if an abortion law is constitutional.

Writing for himself, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice Clarence Thomas, Scalia said the issue "virtually cries out for our review" because of confusion in lower courts.

He added: "Today's denial serves only one ra-

tional purpose: It makes our abortion ad hoc nullification machine as stealthful as possible."

Stevens said any asserted confusion was based on "rigid and unwise" and "properly ignored" language contained in an opinion Rehnquist had previously written.

A ruling on parental notice laws could have had substantial practical impact. Of the more than 1 million legal abortions performed annually in the United States, since 1973, about 12 percent are for minors.

"We are pleased that the best interests of South Dakota minors will be protected," said Colleen Connell of the American Civil Liberties Union.

South Dakota Gov. Bill Janklow called the court's

action "crazy."

He said state law now requires girls to get a parent's permission before getting their ears pierced, but not before getting an abortion. "That makes no sense to me at all," Janklow said.

And a state legislator who led the fight for the invalidated 1993 law promised to "go back to the drawing board" to come up with a new parental notice law.

Two issues loomed in the South Dakota case. One was whether a state can ban abortions for unmarried girls under 18 unless a parent is notified.

South Dakota was the only state with a one-parent notification law limiting its judicial-bypass option to cases in which a girl showed she had been abused or neglected.

## Medication Battling Obesity OK'd by Federal Regulators

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Food and Drug Administration approved the first new anti-obesity drug in 22 years Monday, a controversial medicine that essentially fools patients into feeling full so they



lose weight.

Dexfenfluramine won FDA approval over the objections of consumer advocates and some doctors, who fear it could cause brain damage or a rare but dangerous lung disorder.

But the FDA said the brain damage so far has been found only in animals, and the lung ailment is rare. Consequently, obese Americans can use dexfenfluramine longer than is allowed for any other appetite suppressant, the agency ruled.

"We believe the benefits outweigh the risk," said Dr. James Bilstad, FDA's chief of metabolic drugs.

Dexfenfluramine, created by Interneuron Pharmaceuticals, will be sold by Wyeth Laboratories under the name Redux.

Obesity, defined as more than 20 percent over ideal weight, causes such ailments as high blood pressure and diabetes. Obesity-related diseases kill 300,000 Americans a year.

Doctors typically urge patients to diet and exercise to drop the pounds, but almost all who succeed regain the weight within five years. Until now, patients could take amphetamines, which can be addictive, or the drug fenfluramine to help them lose weight — but none are supposed to be used for more than several months because of potential side effects.

## Incriminating Bills Lead to Bust of Marijuana Business

**FOLSOM (AP)** — A man who allegedly turned rental homes into indoor marijuana farms was arrested after a clerk sniffed marijuana on \$1,000 in cash used to pay a monthly electrical bill.



Sheriff's deputies in Sacramento and Placer counties said Cornelius Lambregtse, 56, had marijuana plants in each of the three homes he was renting. The owners of the properties — all in middle-income neighborhoods — were unaware of Lambregtse's activities, and neighbors rarely saw him, authorities said.

Lambregtse was arrested April 17 following raids on the rental properties. He was taken into custody at his hillside

home — also rented — in the affluent Granite Bay area, and held on \$2 million bail.

He has pleaded innocent to cultivating and selling marijuana.

Deputies seized 600 marijuana plants and \$55,000 in cash in the rental homes. They also found \$20,000 and a jar of marijuana at Lambregtse's home. They estimated the operation was a \$3 million-a-year business.

Officials said Lambregtse's elaborate indoor business was a year-round venture kept secret from landlords. He allegedly was spending about \$1,000 a month at each house on electricity for the sophisticated heating, lighting and watering of the plants.

"He was making four or five 'grows' a year. That's unheard of," said Placer County Sheriff's Sgt. Larry Webber.

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## Weather

Unless the smoke from an extensive fire to the south is blotting out the sun, today should already be as balmy as ... well, yesterday. Remember, however, that hot means dry and dry means flammable. Like the bear says, only you can prevent forest fires. It seems like a heavy personal burden, I know. I'm sure you're up to it.

If you're nice about it, you can share my flotation device.

### Corrections

Monday's Nexus story "Presidential Hopefuls Win Support Through Issues, Campaign Tactics" misquoted Associated Students presidential candidate Russell Bartholow. The quote should read, "Every debate they say the students are apathetic. ... Humor brings a little interest [to the election]." The Nexus regrets this error.

Friday's Nexus story "Transit Program Aims to Lower Pollution" incorrectly identified Metropolitan Transit District bus line 11 as receiving new bicycle racks. Bus line 12 is receiving the racks. The Nexus regrets this error.

## Grad Students Voting on MTD Service Contracts

By Brian Norton  
Reporter

Sixty-eight graduate students can decide today whether students will receive unlimited local bus services for the next four years.

Graduate students will have until noon to vote on a campuswide contract — reaffirmed every four years — that would continue the \$5.90-per-quarter student lock-in fee for unlimited local Metropolitan Transit District bus rides. The measure needs a 20 percent turnout of the entire undergraduate/graduate voter population for the contract to qualify, according to Campus Elections Commission Advisor Naomi Johnson.

"I'm 99.9 percent sure that we have the 20 percent we need, so [Tuesday] I'll just be counting the votes to see whether it passed or not," said John-

son, associate dean of students.

The 3,305 undergrads who voted on the measure in last week's A.S. election represent 19.6 percent of the total undergrad and grad population. Now only 68 graduate students out of 2,112 need to turn out Tuesday to reach the required 20 percent, according to Johnson.

If 20 percent to 20.8 percent of all eligible student voters turns out, the reaffirmation needs at least a two-thirds vote to pass. Once the percentage rises above 20.8 percent, a simple majority is required for approval.

The Campus Elections Commission has publicized the vote by sending information to students' local addresses. A.S. and the Graduate Students Association have also worked to inform the campus about the measure, according to Johnson.

The revised contract

will be particularly beneficial to grad students because it includes Summer Session bus service, according to Paul Mutolo, Graduate Students Association vice president of administrative affairs.

Under the current contract, students must be registered for classes to have bus privileges. But the university offers no courses to graduate students during summer quarter, according to Mutolo.

"We were looking for a mechanism where we could still give the same fee to MTD and have access to the buses, because we are still here during the summer," he said.

Mutolo said many grad students need ready access to campus to work on theses, take advantage of the library's resources or use the university's laboratories.

"I'm in chemistry, and for people working in the sciences, obviously we

have to come to campus in order to get to our labs," he said.

Tallying the votes Tuesday afternoon will conclude a process which began months ago when university representatives — including Mutolo and A.S. President Leo Treyzon — began to negotiate the MTD contract renewal.

Treyzon said this year's bargaining session went more smoothly than the last round of negotiations in 1992.

"Four years ago when UCSB negotiated with MTD, it was really hectic and frustrating because there was a conflict with what UCSB wanted and what MTD was willing to give. This year we expected the same kind of process," he said. "But the negotiating process went very smoothly and even more things were offered this year than we had expected."

## Police Make Three Arrests for Recent Beating of Local Teen

Three juvenile suspects have been arrested in the April 11 assault of a local high school student outside an Isla Vista restaurant.

Police arrested two 14-year-old brothers in Isla Vista last Thursday and a third suspect in Ventura this weekend, according to Sgt. Gary Spiegel of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept.

The three are accused of attacking 15-year-old Jonny Ortiz and his friend with two-by-fours as the pair exited Burger King. Ortiz suffered a fractured skull in the attack.

"We believe at this point there were three and we believe we have them all," Spiegel said. "The person we picked up in Ventura was the one we really wanted. He's the one who did the most damage. The second one hit him in the body and the legs, and the third served as a lookout."

Santa Barbara police issued a warrant for the main

suspect, described in police reports as a 6-foot, 150-pound black male, and traced him to Carpinteria and Inglewood. Ventura police later apprehended the 16-year-old on a separate charge and transported him to Santa Barbara.

The two main suspects have been charged with assault with a deadly weapon, while police charged the third with conspiracy to commit assault with a deadly weapon. Spiegel said he believes Ortiz knew his attackers.

"I believe that they did [know Ortiz] and I don't believe the incident was random," he said.

Although police arrested the two brothers April 18, they did not release the information for fear of tipping off the third suspect, according to Spiegel. He said police have a theory regarding the crime's motive, but refused to comment further.

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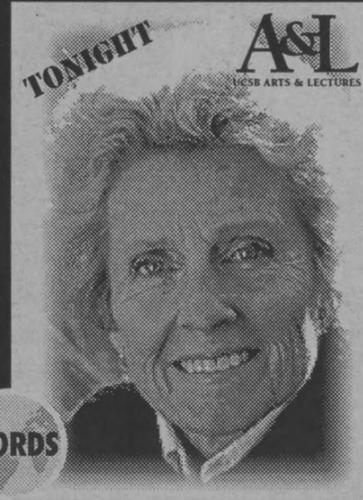
## Asian/Asian American Pacific Islander CULTURE WEEK

presents:

**Tuesday, April 30**

- ▲ 12-2pm Storke Plaza: Performances by Hmong Student Union, Indus, Kapatirang Pilipino, Chi Delta Theta, Vietnamese Student Association, and Smakom Thai-Lao
- ▲ 2pm Phelps 3534: Asian American Social Movements Class (Professor Fujino), guest lecturer; Yuri Kochiyama, long time movement activist, speaks about the origins of Asian American movements during the 60s and 70s. The talk highlights how the Asian American movement emerged out of anti-Vietnam, Black liberation, Civil Rights movement, and was sparked by the struggle to establish ethnic studies.
- ▲ 7pm MCC Theater: Jude Narita, L.A. performance artist, hosts theater workshop for interested students.

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# LETTERS: Gauging Impact of Letters From the Prestigious

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mately opted not to attend the campus, according to Villa.

The Nexus received 18 documents that included copies of recommendation letters written by regents, elected officials and other well-connected individuals in response to a March Public Records Act request.

The documents were originally released to State Sen. Tom Hayden (D-Los Angeles) for a Senate Select Committee on Higher Education inquiry into UC admissions.

Hayden launched the inquiry after the *Los Angeles Times* reported that regents and other prominent Californians have successfully lobbied campuses to admit students, in some cases ahead of more qualified applicants.

Because the Office of Admissions did not release the names or academic records of the UCSB applicants referred to in the letters, it was impossible to determine whether they were UC

But information from Assistant Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Ernest Lopez suggests that letters may be incidental even when submitted because of the overwhelming majority of UCSB applicants are admitted with or without them. UCSB has admitted most students who have applied to the campus since 1992, according to Lopez.

He said the campus rejected 400 of the 15,510 eligible freshmen in 1995, and turned down 800 of the 15,560 eligible this year.

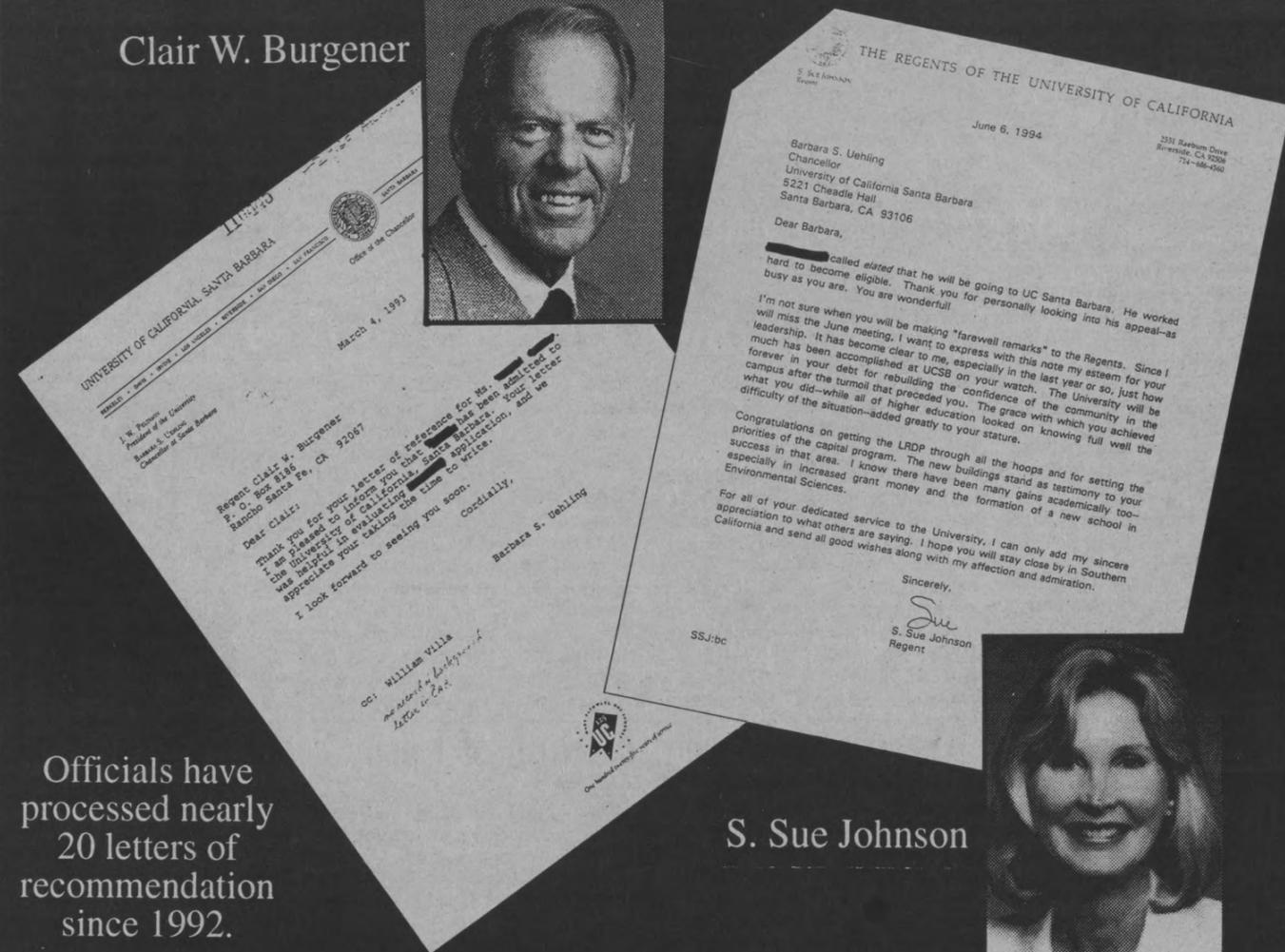
Stephanie Rubin, consultant to the Senate committee, said most cases of unqualified students gaining admissions with the help of letters from prestigious individuals occurred at the more popular UC campuses, but that some incidents occurred in the rest of the system as well.

"It seemed that the most egregious cases were at UCLA and Berkeley, and there was clearly evidence on other campuses that donors and other officials tried to get special treatment," she said.

While Villa said letters of recommendation did not help an ineligible student get accepted in any case besides the one involving Burgener, some believe it is unfair for the

**Clair W. Burgener**





**Officials have processed nearly 20 letters of recommendation since 1992.**

**S. Sue Johnson**



campus to handle recommendations at all because UC applications expressly forbid them.

This year's UC application brochure reads: "Do not include letters of recommendation, transcripts, test scores reports, and other supporting documentation such as awards, photographs, poetry, etc., to the [appli-

sending letters of recommendation, as specified in the UC's application," Rubin said.

Burgener said he did not know of the part of the application that required students not to send in letters of recommendation.

"I was not aware of that," he said. "If they came out with a policy that they'd rather not have let-

the letters.

Villa said officials keep the letters because they sometimes contain information that does not come through in application materials.

"We'd like to think that the information in the application is adequate, but we don't ignore those letters because sometimes there's substantive information that ... was not captured in the application, and that information could be useful," he said.

But while many of the letters do indeed include personal or academic information about students, others that do not still reach the Office of Admissions by way of other offices.

Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement John Wiemann forwarded one such letter from Bruce C. Corwin, a UCSB Foundation trustee who Wiemann said has donated more than \$200,000 to the campus. Part of Wiemann's job is eliciting donations from the foundation, a private group that financially supports the campus.

While Corwin's October 1995 letter makes no reference to the academics, extracurricular activities or background of the student, it does note that the student's father "is one of the leading theatre owners in Georgia" and that "this family has the potential to be a major supporter of our university."

Wiemann passed the letter to Villa with an attached note to "please call me ... so that we can discuss the specifics of this situation" in order to let him decide how to deal with it, he said.

"Just as a matter of course, I just send everything down [to the Office of Admissions]," he said. "I didn't treat it as a big deal. ... I don't think it's my place to edit what goes in and out of a student's application packet."

Wiemann added that he has never tried to influence an admissions decision.

"Villa makes these decisions and I don't think it's my place to press him to do something he wouldn't do ... and I don't know if these people making the inquiries really expect us to do that," he said.

Wiemann said that letters usually serve no purpose beyond allowing people to feel they've done a favor for friends or acquaintances. But responses to letters written by then-Chancellor Barbara S. Uehling hint that letters may have helped some students' chances.

"Your letter was helpful in evaluating [the] application, and we appreciate your taking the time to write," she wrote in response to Burgener's letter for the ineligible student.

In a letter responding to a December 1993 recommendation from Regent Leo Kolligian, she wrote: "I am informed that [the prospective student] is a very strong applicant, and

*"I don't think it's my place to edit what goes in and out of a student's application packet."*

**John Wiemann  
vice chancellor for  
institutional  
advancement**

your letter certainly enhances his admission portfolio." Kolligian declined to comment.

Uehling, now executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based American Council on Higher Education, was unavailable for comment. But Villa said the chancellor was only trying to be polite in her

correspondences with Kolligian and other regents.

"I think in that case ... the chancellor was just thanking him for his letter," he said. "There might be similar paragraphs [in other letters]. Sometimes she just does that for all the regents."

A June 1994 letter from Regent S. Sue Johnson to Uehling also suggested that the chancellor had made an inquiry into a student's admissions status at Johnson's request. The letter thanked Uehling "for personally looking into" an appeal for admission. Johnson was also unavailable for comment.

Chancellor Henry T. Yang said that he had received two letters of recommendation from top UC officials since taking the chancellorship in July 1994.

One of them, a January 1995 recommendation from UCLA Chancellor Charles Young, did not prevent the applicant from being rejected. Yang said the letter was forwarded and that he did not read it.

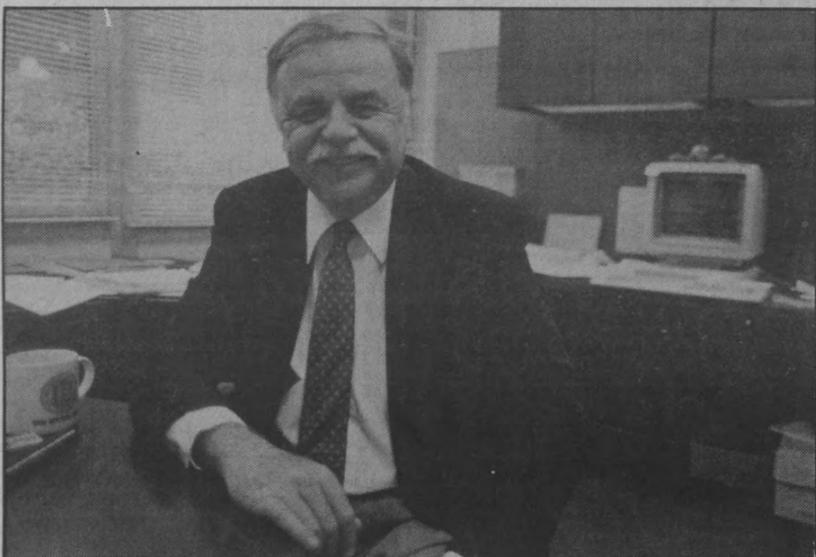
He said another student who had a March 1995 letter written for her by Regent William T. Bagley was admitted, but that the letter did not impact the decision.

"My assistant checked with the admissions office and was told that the applicant had been admitted five weeks earlier and was a top student," Yang said.

Young and Bagley were unavailable for comment.

Yang said he does not believe letters should affect the admissions process on the basis of who wrote them.

"The recommendations should not have any bearing on the decision to admit just because the person writing the letter is influential," he said. "But if a letter provides new ... information, I will leave it to the admissions office to make a judgment."



Director of Admissions William J. Villa believes letters of recommendation can sometimes include important information that doesn't come through in applications.

ERIN DERBY/Daily Nexus

# Improvements Sought for Old Town Goleta

By Michael Ball  
Staff Writer

Dilapidated housing, deteriorating streets, vanishing businesses — a coalition of government and community leaders faces a host of problems in trying to lift Old Town Goleta out of two decades in the doldrums.

Sprawling along both sides of Hollister Avenue, roughly bordered by Fairview Avenue and Highway 217, Old Town is a mixture of family businesses and vacant lots, low-income homes and auto dismantling yards.

Now, with two big box malls ready to commence their journey through the Santa Barbara County planning process, a committee of local business owners, landlords and community members is working to lift what some call the heart of Goleta out of a 20-year economic slump.

"It's in a stage of de-

cline, blight," said Rich Meyer, co-founder of the Goleta Old Town Association. "We're seeing people move out, vacant store fronts. Right now at 5 o'clock Hollister starts closing down. By 7 or 8 there's no one down here."

With the addition of a new shopping center on Calle Real in the late 1970s, the downtown area began to suffer an economic and aesthetic decline, according to county planner Matt Dobberteen.

"The area was deteriorating long ago. For the last 20 years there has been a gradual downward trend," he said.

The current push to reclaim Old Town began in 1993, when the county Board of Supervisors mapped out future development with the Goleta General Plan and appointed the Goleta Old Town Advisory Committee, made up of business

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# OPINION

"I accept chaos, I wonder if it accepts me."

—Bob Dylan

# The Future f

Dan Saltsburg

Last weekend I got a call from my dad. There was hesitation in his voice. He said there was something important he needed to talk to me about. I knew right away that it wasn't good.

My dad, who frequently smokes one to two packs a day, told me he had gone in for his yearly physical a couple of days ago. They did the routine chest X-ray they give him every year. They said there was a tiny little spot on the X-ray of his lungs. The doctor said it was a tumor, but just a little one. It was only about 1½ cm in diameter.

My dad was very fortunate. They had spotted it early. The doctor said they had many different ratings for seriousness of tumors and this was least serious. It was only in one spot and it was very small. They did some other tests and they were all OK. Things looked pretty good.

If you just have a little tumor in your lungs and they take it out, your chances of survival are better than 80 percent. I was a little relieved, I guess. He went into the hospital on Monday of last week. Tuesday morning they did some preliminary surgery. They cut into his neck and under his arm to take samples of his lymph nodes. If there is cancer in the lymph nodes, it is bad. It means

the blood and this some cancer cells. cancer could be They had already i all sorts of radioac done CAT scans an any cancer in the where, but it is im where it could My dad was try the seriousness of maybe to protect m of pure denial. Wh Dad? "Well, son, i thing it means I hav cent chance of sur to cry, but I mainta



KEVIN GLEASON/Daily Nexus

## Pulling Rank

The Regents and Others Shouldn't Use Their Clout for Admissions

### Editorial

The University of California system *hypothetically* exists to offer a free higher education to the top percentile of our state's high school graduates, but as we all know, operations around here often don't work as they should.

For instance, we are all given a painful reminder that this education is far from free every quarter when we have to sign over almost a grand and a half in fees. And, as recent investigations have proven, individuals outside the top percentile have been sidestepping the admissions criteria.

How do these denied yet diligent pupils avoid such piddly matters as minimum gpa and SAT score requirements? They have a friend with clout in the UC system.

In recent weeks, many letters of recommendation have surfaced that advocate UC acceptance of high school graduates who just didn't seem to be qualified based on their applications. These letters have been authored by donors, politicians and, most disappointingly, our own regents, and have often been a deciding factor in the students' successful appeals.

If these students had adhered to the admissions guidelines, however, they would know that no letters of recommendation are to be submitted, and that even if they were, they would be promptly

disregarded.

But why weren't they in so many cases?

It seems that University campuses are placing weight on many letters, even though application directions explicitly indicate that they will not receive any attention. By doing so, officials have cheapened the entire acceptance process, proving that those with political influence can sneak their cronies' kids through a supposedly fair process.

The authors of these letters also deserve to be publicly chastised for their arrogant and slimy (yet frighteningly correct) assumption that their name can get prospective college students into the state's higher learning institution. The regents are especially at fault because they *should* be very familiar with the acceptance policies and know that letters have no place in them, as well as the conflict of interest their position places them in.

There is a level of sanctity that UC admissions must strictly adhere to, as the reputation of the University depends on maintaining the credibility of its standards. As determined by the UC officials who devised admissions criteria in the interest of fairness, letters of recommendation have no place in the University system. Both the regents and the nine campuses need to begin adhering to their own guidelines.

# Daily A.S. Endorsements

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### Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



the cancer got into the blood stream and is probably spreading. The tests came back negative. My dad was really happy.

Wednesday he was scheduled for the major surgery. Even though it was small, you can't remove just the tumor. Each lung is comprised of three lobes. They were going to remove a complete lobe. My dad was scared. He had been on tranquilizers all week long. My mom was upset. It was hard for any of us in the family to think about anything else with this on our minds.

I was unable to be there for the surgery, but I called the hospital and my mom several times each day. They assured me everything went OK. They removed nine lymph nodes located around the lung during the surgery, just as a precaution. They all looked OK.

Friday night was college night at Magic Mountain. My friends asked me to go with them. I thought it would be good to get my mind off the cancer for a while. I tried to have a good time, but it just kept popping back into my head. My dad was in the hospital with lung cancer. I hope he is going to be OK. Which roller coaster would we go on next? I hope my dad gets better.

Saturday I went to visit him in the hospital. He was out of intensive care already. What a relief. He looked pretty good considering what he had just gone through. They had to make an incision 20 inches long. Then they broke a rib, just to get to the part of the lung that had to be removed. My dad said he felt pretty good but there was something he needed to tell me.

The tests had come back from the lab. One of the nine lymph nodes they removed during the surgery came back positive for cancer. Cancer cells had gotten into the blood stream. Lymph nodes filter

sure. My mom w didn't want to up The doctor said tion treatment, the prove to 15 to 15 p pretty wide range. everybody is differ dies deal with hes rent ways. To ne, seems like a way of It doesn't sound ve doctor who died of a prolonged, pain My dad starts ment in two weeks 25 days. The radiati cause some scarri Short-term side eff tion treatment are long run, radiation kinds of cancer. good for you, but t best hope of killing cancer if there is I'm overwhelme week. I think my o ill, but not even th for sure. They'll giv tion treatment and

# Prayer for Smokers

and this one had filtered cancer cells. That means the could be anywhere now. already injected him with radioactive isotopes and scans and they didn't see er in the brain or else- it is impossible to know could be.

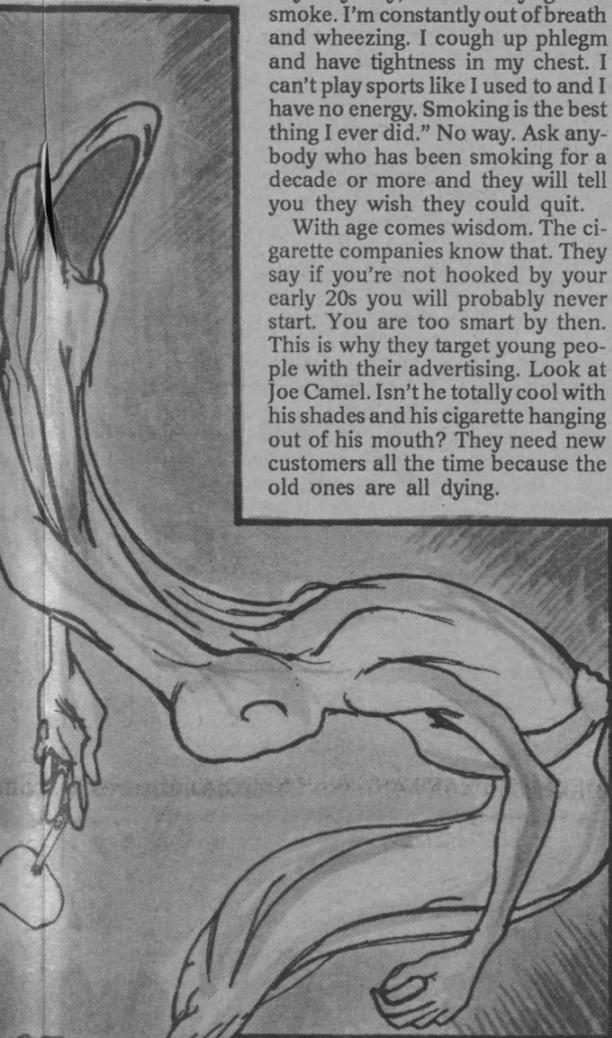
I was trying to downplay sness of the whole thing, protect me and maybe or nial. What does it mean, ell, son, if I don't do any- eans I have a 15 to 60 per- ce of survival." I wanted I maintained my compo-

they can do. They'll give him chest X-rays every six months. If there's no cancer for two years then it is probably gone. Two years is a long time to be kept in limbo.

I have always believed that life is too short to worry about risks all the time. I race cars for fun. It is my true passion. I can't ever imagine giving it up.

Smoking is different. I don't think it is anybody's true passion. Do you know anybody who lives to smoke? It is an addiction. Experts say it is harder to kick than heroin or cocaine. Have you ever heard anybody say, "I'm really glad I smoke. I'm constantly out of breath and wheezing. I cough up phlegm and have tightness in my chest. I can't play sports like I used to and I have no energy. Smoking is the best thing I ever did." No way. Ask anybody who has been smoking for a decade or more and they will tell you they wish they could quit.

With age comes wisdom. The cigarette companies know that. They say if you're not hooked by your early 20s you will probably never start. You are too smart by then. This is why they target young people with their advertising. Look at Joe Camel. Isn't he totally cool with his shades and his cigarette hanging out of his mouth? They need new customers all the time because the old ones are all dying.



RYAN AUTOON/Daily Nexus

All of you are at the critical age right now. The decision you make now about smoking will most likely last you the rest of your life. If you don't quit now you probably never will. You will hate it the rest of your life. I pushed my dad to quit so many times. I moved out of the house because I have chronic bronchitis partly attributable to both of my parents smoking.

The more educated you are the less likely it is that you will smoke. This is a fact. When you get out into the professional world, people will look down on you for smoking. Smoking isn't glamorous like it used to be.

There is a lot of litigation going on against cigarette companies right now. Some sources within big tobacco companies have gone public and admitted the truth. The cigarette companies have known all along how deadly their products are. They have also known all along how addicting they are. In fact, they have intentionally manipulated nicotine levels to make you more addicted to their cancer sticks. Joe Camel doesn't care about you. He wants to take all of your money before he kills you.

If you think you are going to be the lucky one, you're kidding yourself. If you smoke long enough, you will die a slow painful death. Quit now before it is too late. I hope none of you have to go through what my dad and my family are facing now.

Dan Saltsburg is a junior environmental studies major.

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## The Reader's Voice

### What Is...Leg Council?

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Does anybody know how the Associated Students government works? I tell you, that was the biggest question on my mind as I approached the polls last Wednesday afternoon.

I can't say that I was particularly motivated to vote for anyone particular; in fact, I went to cast my ballot with the intentions of only voting yes on the MTD contract extension. I found myself transfixed with the number of candidates and the number of elected positions on the ballot.

I've heard there was a thing called the Legislative Council, but I don't know what it is. I had seen signs for this Russell guy and decided not to vote for him because he obviously got Daddy to finance his campaign. But who were these people running for off-campus rep and rep-at-large and whatnot?

Now I consider myself to be a well-informed person. I try to stay abreast of current issues. I read the Nexus and try to understand local and statewide campus issues. I follow some campus organizations and I think I might have the G.E. requirements figured out (no easy task). But what does A.S. do? I know they have several organizations like the A.S. Bike Shop and the A.S. Program Board, but back to my original question, HOW DOES THE A.S. GOVERNMENT WORK?

Maybe they should offer a workshop during freshman orientation. Otherwise it is only a small group of people deciding the fate of the campus, if that is indeed what A.S. does.

The whole affair is reminiscent of high school. In fact, the student government elections on 90210 when Brandon won president of CU was more exciting than our own A.S. elections. Remember that? If you can't remember those elections, don't worry, you're just a normal American with an attention span that can just barely last through the next tampon commercial.

A few suggestions. One: Nexus editorial staff — don't blame the general public for not showing up to a candidate debate because there was not sufficient advertising by A.S. or for being apathetic. I hate to break it to you guys, but it is the media's job to keep the public informed. That means running articles about the debates before they happen. After all, you do it for sporting events!

Two: Candidates, find a more creative way to advertise yourself. As apathetic as I am, I still like to know what someone thinks before I vote for them. I applaud the fellow who held office hours at the bike turnout in front of the UCen; I think it was that Russell character.

Three: A.S., don't gripe about a low advertising budget. Post fliers, have someone yelling in Storke Plaza around noon, or even hold a debate in Storke Plaza at noon. I always see plenty of people down there.

Four: students, as the saying goes, if you're not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem. The UC Regents — that's right, the people you sign every check over to — are doing horrible things. Even if you are against Affirmative Action, I'm sure that we can all agree that higher fees are bad. If you really need to spend the extra money, send me a check care of this newspaper.

Let's get it together, people!

ERIC MEHIEL

### A Prayer for Peace

Editor, Daily Nexus:

In response to Michael S. Garcia's letter (Daily Nexus, The Reader's Voice, April 23), it's letters like yours that prompt the need for Holocaust Remembrance Week.

Had you bothered to read Jason Prystowsky's column (Daily Nexus, "Don't Just Say 'Never Again,'" April 16), which set the tone for Holocaust Remembrance Week, you would have seen that the emphasis of the week was not only to remember Jewish Holocaust victims, but to focus on how this genocide mentality continued in the 20th century, and to focus on our individual role in questioning political situations to make sure that genocide of any type never happens again.



DEBI RAMOS/Daily Nexus

Had you attended the panel discussion "The Holocaust, Then and Now," or "A Tunnel of Oppression," you would have again noticed the emphasis placed on learning from the past and applying that knowledge to our present situations.

Had you discussed the bombing of the U.N. refugee camp with a group of students, both Jews and non-Jews, involved in Holocaust Remembrance Week, you would have found that most, even those on the right wing politically, were horrified and shocked at the loss of innocent life. They are frustrated at the failure of Israel and the Hezbollah to come to some kind of cease-fire.

Had you attended the services that are open to the public at Hillel on Friday night, you would have heard a

debate about Israel's responsibility in the bombing, given the fact that it was Holocaust Week. Had you asked, you would have found that many students included the refugee victims in the mourning prayer for the victims of the Holocaust.

Had you attended services the next morning, you would have heard a plea in the weekly prayer for the peace of Jerusalem: "We need it now more than ever."

Had you thought about it you would have seen that there is a vast difference between the tragic destruction of life as the accidental outcome of a military conflict, and the destruction of life as a planned program of genocide. Both need to be addressed, but not in the same way, or even in the same forum.

If you are going to criticize, be familiar with what you are criticizing!

CHRIS CARNAHAN

### Come on Down

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I'm writing in response to Teresa Cutter's column (Daily Nexus, "Can You Afford to Eat Here?" April 18).

It really must have been "one of those mornings" for Teresa. I'm not sure if it was because of the early hour, or maybe her vision was blurred by her "spiritually enlightening" hunger pains, but the prices quoted in the article are a far cry from reality.

Maybe this was one of the Nexus' April fool's jokes — you know, where they print fiction rather than fact. Why else would a newspaper designed for university-level reading allow such gross errors among its pages? But wait, wasn't the first of April four weeks ago?

As a student of UCSB, I am embarrassed by the Nexus, our school journal, and the blatant lies that they have printed. Some of the misquoted prices I find "personally



VINCENT LUCIDO/Daily Nexus

outrageous" include all of those used in the column. Allow me to provide the correct prices for some of the mentioned items.

Let's start with croissants: there are no croissants for \$2.25. The most expensive that UCen Dining sells are \$2.20, and that's for those filled with meat or tomato. It's only \$1.60 for fruit-, chocolate- or cheese-filled. And, a plain croissant costs \$1.20. What did Teresa say about not being able to eat anything under \$1.50?

The price on juices range from 99 cents for 100 percent apple juice to \$1.60 for fresh squeezed orange juice, not \$2. Admittedly, smoothies cost \$1.95, but the Naked Foods delivery person personally told me that we sell their products lower than any other store in the Santa Barbara area. Pre-made salads from Naked Foods cost \$3.99, not \$5, and include more than just "leaves, my friends." Any salad made in our in-house kitchen costs \$1.50 for five ounces and \$2.50 for 10 ounces.

Teresa (and the Nexus) really fogged out when it came to coffee and sandwich prices. The only way one could possibly pay \$3.50 for coffee would be to get a double mocha (\$2.25) with a shot of flavored syrup (25 cents) and TWO extra shots of espresso (2 x 40 cents). No wonder she's had "better tasting stimulants" — after four shots of espresso, any beverage would taste foul.

Plain-brewed gourmet coffee, however, with all the cream and sugar one wants, costs 90 cents for 12 ounces and \$1.10 for 16 ounces. Bring your own cup, Teresa, and get a refill for 75 cents. And, if you're really hurting for caffeine and are short on cash, walk on inside the Arbor and get Superior coffee (70 cents for small and 85 cents for large).

And what about those \$6 sandwiches that I've never seen during my years at UCSB? Pre-made sandwiches range from \$2.75 for veggie to \$3.05 for torpedo subs (\$2.95 less than Teresa's sandwich). In Montague's, one can purchase a made-to-order full sandwich, with the meat of choice, for \$3.05. Try doing that at your favorite I.V. sandwich shop! Once again, I'd like to question the integrity of this newspaper for printing Teresa's nonsense.

I'd like to take a few more lines to demonstrate to Teresa just what she could have eaten for breakfast for \$1.50: milk carton, doughnut and Fruit Booster bar, \$1.40; gourmet brewed coffee and French roll with butter and jam, \$1.47; Superior coffee and banana, \$1.25; Tree Top cranberry apple juice and an orange, \$1.49; bagel and Ross Swiss yogurt, \$1.50. And for lunch, small soup and a roll at Romaine's, \$1.50.

I've been working in the UCen stores for a while now, and I've always been able to "afford the food there." Yeah, Teresa, I would say you were being a little more than "a little cranky." Bon appetit!

RAYLEEN LITTLE

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## MONEY

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Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant freezes.

"Anytime funding is held at the same level, it doesn't provide an increase when cost goes up," she said. "But at least they didn't do away with it."

Assistant Financial Aid Director Bill Shelor said he was particularly relieved that direct loans were not capped.

"We were surprised that on such a huge budget direct loans were seen as so important," he said, referring to President Clinton's threat to veto the bill if it contained a cap. "But we're glad. Bills are getting paid more quickly and I think students are less confused."

The university joined the direct loan program in 1994. The previous Stafford

Loan program, in which loans were handled by individual banks, often created difficulty for student borrowers, O'Dette said.

"Once we certified the loan, we were out of the loop, and we couldn't help the student with tracking the loan," she said. "It was out of our control."

"That the cap was completely eliminated was a result of students calling their congressmen and lobbying and calling the president and financial aid offices around the nation," O'Dette added.

Several banks aggressively lobbied Congress to approve the cap because Stafford Loans provide significant revenue, Shelor said.

"In a sense, it was private sector vs. government," he said. "All the people who were anti-big government saw this as another government scheme, which is always

an easy thing to put out there because people are skeptical of government."

While direct loan availability will not be affected for the following year, surviving federal aid cuts will be deeply felt, Shelor said.

"We don't need any decreases because each year there's more students applying for financial aid and each year the cost of school increases," he said. "Students are just going to depend more and more on borrowing."

Efforts to decrease federal financial aid are not likely to cease with the passage of the current budget, according to Marking.

"The fight over direct lending isn't over," she said. "I've heard cynical people say that Congress isn't upset about the direct loan cap not making it because now the banks will give them money for their campaigns next year."

## GAS

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unexpected," she said. Fires also hit two major refineries earlier this year, Keith added.

Goleta Chevron station supervisor Andreas Duran said the main offices have provided the gasoline at more expensive rates and forced the service stations to charge higher prices.

"We get no control over the prices. They come directly from Chevron," he said. "We try to make 10 to 15 cents a gallon. Right now they give it to us at about \$1.60 a gallon."

Despite an initial chill in business, Duran said

drivers came back when they realized all stations were increasing rates.

"At first, when the prices started rising, a lot of people were caught by surprise and they left, but when they looked around and saw the prices were the same everywhere, some of them started coming back," he said.

High fuel prices may remain a common sight for motorists, despite hopes that the prices fall back down to earlier levels, according to Keith.

"We try not to speculate, but they will probably go down. But I don't know if they will ever go down dramatically to the levels in January," she said.

## RACE

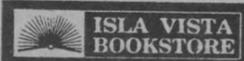
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On-Campus Rep Colin McCarthy, who also has served on Leg Council with both candidates, said Orellana has valid complaints about Thoreen's performance.

"I don't think he has a personal vendetta against Bo," he said. "I think he has a vendetta against the position and the fact that internal issues aren't getting done." These duties include filling empty council seats, McCarthy said.

Orellana attributed his

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# RACE

Continued from p.8 making it to the runoff to the work he has done and voter discontent with Thoreen.

"Many of the students of UCSB are just fed up with the internal vice president and the way he conducts his business," he said.

Students see Orellana as a better candidate, he added.

"They see someone who

can actually do a good job for UCSB, an average student who has the necessary experience to hold the office of internal vice president," he said.

Thoreen believes he made it to the runoff partly because students appreciated his experience as internal vice president, an off-campus rep and Student Lobby Corps chair.

"Discounting the fact that they've gotta vote for someone, I'd like to think that there is also a recognition for the dedication and

ability I put in," he said. "If somebody didn't think I was efficient or competent, I wouldn't have gotten this far."

Orellana said his top issues are fee hikes, protecting campus diversity with outreach programs, ensuring a strong student voice in A.S. and protecting student-funded buildings such as the UCen and RecCen from what he called administrative mishandling.

He shares many of these issues with Thoreen, parti-

cularly fee hikes and the protection of the UCen and RecCen.

Thoreen said his issues also include A.S.'s relationships with its staff and the University. He said he hopes to focus on Affirmative Action and help in establishing a resource center for underrepresented students.

Thoreen said dealing with these issues has become a part of his life while he has been in student government. "This is what I do," he said.

# GOLETA

Continued from p.5 owners, property owners and community members, to address the area's decline and come up with solutions.

"The goal, in general, is to try to make it a friendly environment for people who do business here or want to do business here," Meyer said. "We feel like Goleta Old Town is the heart of Goleta."

If all goes well, revitalization plans could be adopted by spring 1997. The result will hopefully aid area business and provide local residents with a more attractive location to shop and dine out in, according to Mark Chaconas, aide to 3rd District Supervisor Bill Wallace.

"We're trying to make the downtown a vibrant area for people to go and enjoy a night on the town as opposed to going to downtown [Santa Barbara]," he said.

Although the committee has set no formal plans,

ideas under consideration include a new design style for the area, public improvements such as bike-ways or narrowing Hollister down to two lanes and adding shuttle bus service for Isla Vista residents.

"We're looking for comprehensive guidelines that would shape an identity for Goleta," Meyer said.

To help fund the improvements, the supervisors hope to establish a financing option at their May 21 meeting, according to Chaconas. The county could set aside future property taxes for redevelopment, but Chaconas said this option is dependent upon findings from a committee survey of local crime, rent and community services.

"They would have to come up with findings that the area does indeed need to be revitalized," he said. "This would result in the ability to capture property taxes."

The survey will also help create a detailed map of where Goleta's problems lie, according to Dobberteen.

"Nobody's ever really looked at Old Town as a whole and said ... what's good about it and what's bad about it," he said.

The committee is also looking outside for possible solutions because Old Town's problems—a lack of adequate housing, loss of property taxes and a high rate of business turnover—are similar to many other areas, according to Dobberteen.

"This is a struggle that communities across America are facing now," he said.

Committee members recently completed a second bus tour of other areas which have addressed similar problems, Meyer said.

Though some have expressed concern over the prospect of at least one, and possibly two, large malls on Hollister—one at Storke Road and the other near Los Carneros—Meyer said the type of shops in Old Town and large retail outlets in the malls may not be in direct competition with each other.

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- ★ **Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 6 - Beware of distractions from a beautiful person. You don't agree on everything, but you're good partners anyway. A promise - if you mean to keep it - will propel you further in romance than flowers.
- ★ **Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 7 - You won't be able to get what you want through sheer luck alone. It'll take work. Luckily, you're good at that. Get a Libra to speak for you, and concentrate on more interesting matters.
- ★ **Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is an 8 - Your love life's much better now. A contact this morning could lead to a fascinating encounter later. A foreigner's idea seems strange at first, but opens up interesting possibilities.
- ★ **Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is a 7 - Hopefully, you've been paying attention to what's going on. You'll have to make a decision and take quick action now. You may be tempted to quit your job and stay home. Instead, do the job from home.
- ★ **Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 7 - This would be a great time to play with your friends, if you didn't have a day job. Your boss will be on your case to get something important done. Don't procrastinate; conditions get worse later.
- ★ **Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is an 8 - You could find just the thing you've been shopping for. If you're going to buy it, you'd better do so now. Money gets tighter all week; if you wait, you'll talk yourself out of it.
- ★ **Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** - Today is a 7 - You're better able to express yourself now, but there are still difficulties. There's a general slowdown in effect. Push for what you want - this may be your best chance for a while.
- ★ **Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 6 - Inquiring minds want to know what you've been up to lately. Don't mention anything that should remain confidential to a talkative co-worker. Comply with a bureaucrat's unreasonable demands.
- ★ **Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 6 - You get a little more leeway, although you're still very busy. Commiserate with a friend over lunch. Don't be late getting back, though. Your full attention's required at work this afternoon.
- ★ **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is a 7 - Consult with higher-ups today. You could qualify for a promotion. Figure out what they need done and tell them how to do it. Make time to listen to a roommate's complaints tonight.
- ★ **Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is an 8 - You're in a much better frame of mind. Writing or educational projects will be easier, too. Consult with peers and present new ideas this morning. Tonight, relax with a congenial companion.
- ★ **Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 7 - You need to bring more money in, so you can spend more - not for yourself, but for a worthy cause or thoughtful gift. You can do it. Let friends help you market more of your many talents.

★ **Today's Birthday (April 30)**. Your service this year puts you on the right path. Romance improves when you pay off a bill in June. Get out of your memories and into your work in July. A strange twist of fate helps you settle down in August. Write an important letter in October. A secret is revealed in December. January's lucky, but somewhat confusing. Changes on the job affect your career in February. Take quick action based on experience in April.

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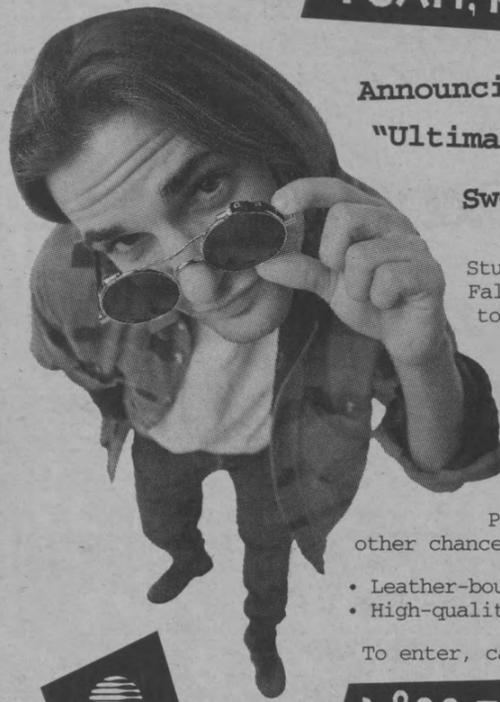
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## Gauchos Suffer a Tough Road Trip, Falling to the Spartans and Pacific

■ The UCSB Softball Squad Is Denied a .500 Finish After Losing Four

By Michael Cadilli  
Staff Writer

In one game they pounded out 12 hits. And in another they pitched a two-hitter going into the seventh inning of work.

But it was all for naught as the UCSB softball squad dropped all four games on the road this weekend to San Jose State and University of the Pacific, killing any chance of finishing above .500 for the season.

The Gauchos (19-27, 8-20 in the Big West) fell 8-4 in the first game against the Spartans on Saturday — almost getting mercy-ruled in the process. Santa Barbara came back in the nightcap and promptly lost 3-0 at PAL Stadium.

To make matters worse, UCSB had to travel to Stockton on Sunday and scored no runs on a measly seven hits, losing both games, 5-0, 3-0.

"It was one of those weekends you'd rather forget," said junior left fielder Danelle Lovetro.

"It was just terrible. We didn't have any fire," added senior pitcher Stacy Atwood. "The

energy level just wasn't where it was supposed to be."

The weekend started off on the wrong foot right away for the Gauchos. SJSU notched a run in the first inning off an inside-the-park home run and brought in five in the second behind the brunt of a three-run triple by center fielder Pat Martinez.

Santa Barbara tried to mount a comeback in the fourth frame as senior second baseman Michelle Ray had a two-RBI single and Atwood followed with an RBI single of her own. Junior catcher Johnna Mike knocked in another run. All in all, UCSB was able to pound out 12 hits in the game to San Jose's 10, but just couldn't string together enough key hits.

Atwood (8-9) took the loss, giving up seven earned runs on eight hits in three innings of work. "I shouldn't have thrown her a change-up," Atwood said of the pitch Martinez hit for a three-run triple. "I threw her a change-up on the first pitch the first time she came up. I should have mixed it up better."

The Gauchos didn't fare any better in the nightcap, when ju-

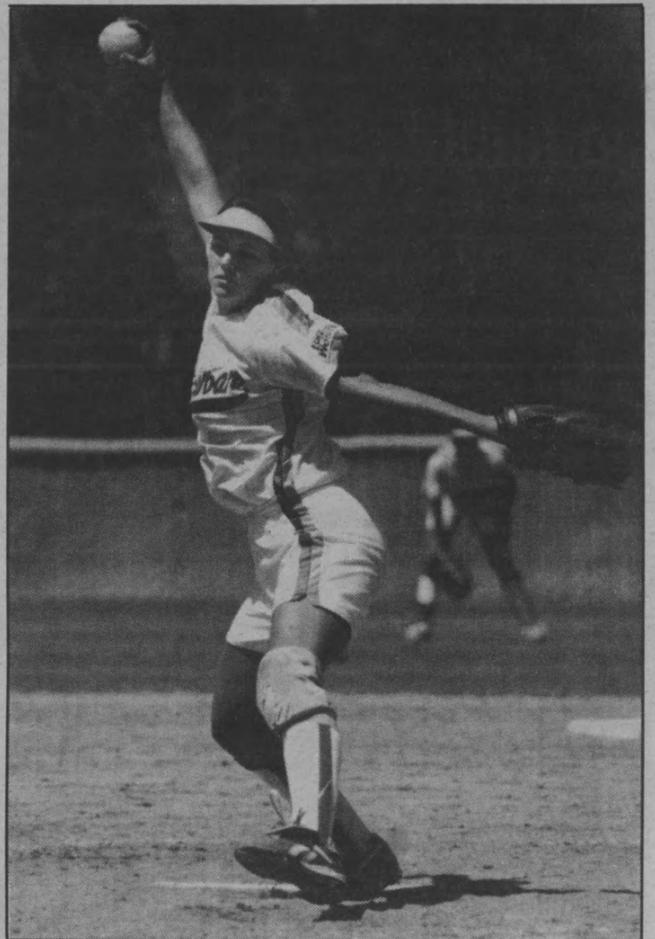
nior pitchers Megan O'Brien and Kacie Ontiveros combined for an eight-hit performance, giving up three runs and striking out seven. But the bats went cold for Santa Barbara, and O'Brien (5-8) took the loss.

"I do good for one or two innings and then I come out weak the next inning," Ontiveros said. "It was frustrating because we just couldn't get it done."

O'Brien threw a gem in the second game against the Tigers, allowing only two hits through the first six innings. But things unraveled in the final frame as UOP tallied three in the bottom half of the seventh inning off a three-run homer by shortstop Tristan Austin.

"We even could have beaten UOP, but we didn't. We didn't play to our potential," Lovetro said.

The Gauchos will honor their seniors this weekend in the last homestand of the year as UCSB hosts Cal State Fullerton Saturday at noon and Long Beach State Sunday at 2 p.m.



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**THE BLUES:** Senior Stacey Atwood and the softball team suffered one of their worst road trips, dropping all four games.

### UCSB Lacrosse Update

By Brian Berger  
Staff Writer

In a sport in which the lead can change in a matter of minutes, the UCSB women's lacrosse A team found itself a few seconds and a couple of goals short of reaching next weekend's Final Four of the Women's Collegiate Lacrosse League.

The Gauchos (8-3 overall) crushed UCLA 19-7 on Saturday but fell to UC San Diego 10-8 on Sunday, ending their season and all hopes of reaching the league finals.

Saturday, #3 Santa Barbara was nearly perfect as UCSB toppled the sixth-seeded Bruins. Leading the offensive barrage was Leslie Fong, who tallied four goals, while a handful of Gauchos also added three goals apiece.

"We were expected to win," said junior goaltender Angela Bernal. "Our defense was excellent and we came together to do everything right. We were more aggressive than we have been all season."

The victory moved Santa Barbara into Sunday's contest with the Tritons, who were seeded second. The situation was simple: The winner ad-

vanced to the Final Four, while the loser saw its season end.

San Diego jumped out to an early start and claimed an 8-4 halftime advantage. However, UCSB responded in the second half and mounted a late comeback, only to fall short. The Gauchos outscored UCSD 4-2 in the second half, but could not muster the final two goals to tie the game.

"In the second half we controlled the ball and took a lot more possessions," Bernal added. "We shouldn't have lost — we did nothing wrong."

One factor that might have derailed Santa Barbara was the ejection of Fong after she received her second yellow card.

"I thought that I could have made a difference," Fong explained. "[The referee] gave me two yellows for calls that aren't usually made. We had a lot of calls go against us in the entire match."

Although UCSB's season ended on a sour note, the team does not feel that the year was a disappointment.

"I thought we had a great season even though we should have gone to the finals," Fong said. "Our coach did an excellent job, and we can come back next year."



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**PASSING GAME:** The lacrosse A team ended its season one game away from the Final Four.

## Men's Gymnastics Finishes Tough Season With Respect

By Chris Oyama  
Staff Writer

At the beginning of the year, the UCSB men's gymnastics team wasn't given much of a chance.

Placed in a conference with such powerhouses as Nebraska, Oklahoma, Stanford and Cal, the squad was to face an uphill battle in which the goal of surviving a competition often superseded that of trying to win it. For instance, four times the team faced Cal, and four times they lost. Similar results came against Stanford.

Despite it all, however, the squad persevered. UCSB battled through what seemed an endless schedule of tough opponents to gain a level of respect that was perhaps more important than their 8-21 record indicated.

Like any team, they had their ups and downs. Undoubtedly, the highlight of the year came in the USA Collegiate National Championships held two weeks ago in Seattle. The team came in third in spite of losing key all-arounder Gray Wetzler to a ruptured appendix and almost losing senior co-captain Reid Holbrook to lower back spasms.

Stepping up their performances in that meet were sophomores Paul Mendoza and Thomas Hyland and senior David Cassie. Mendoza placed first in the all-around, while Cassie finished fifth. Hyland took sixth on rings in the highly competitive individual event finals. All three also earned All-American honors for their performances.

Of course, the season also had its downs.

This came in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Conference Championship, when the squad finished last out of the nine-team pool and failed to qualify as a team for the Western Regionals.

"Overall I was very pleased with the way the season went," said UCSB Head Coach Mircea Badulescu, who liked to refer to his team as his "national investments."

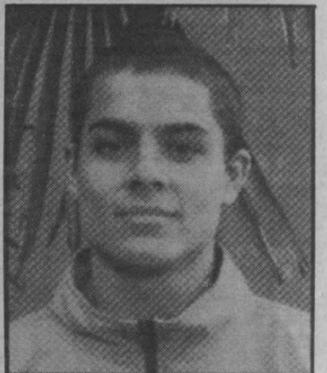
"Like any team, we had our highs and our lows, but the one thing I was glad to see was that the team stuck together. And in the end I think this said a lot about the character of these guys," he added.

Finishing out their careers for Santa Barbara are seniors Andre Zimmerman, Aaron Sanchez, Holbrook and Cassie.

As the team looks toward the future, it hopes to build around a solid group of returning juniors, including Mendoza, Wetzler and Hyland. In terms of recruits, the team has received positive feedback from prospective gymnasts, according to Badulescu.

However, he feels that if Santa Barbara is ever to reach the next level, it will need more scholarships. Currently the team is given only one.

"UCSB has gained a good reputation around the country as a school strongly committed to its men's gymnastics program," Badulescu commented. "But if we are to move forward, we simply need more scholarships to recruit the kind of talent that is necessary to competitively compete with the teams in our conference."



Paul Mendoza