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Visit

Mrs. Wilson Has Whale of A Time, Visits Marine Center

By Jason Ross
Staff Writer

It's not every day that a governor's wife gets to hoist a 30-year-old lobster from a tank and say howdy, but yesterday was Gail Wilson's lucky one.

Wilson made a jam-packed, one-hour VIP tour of UCSB's Marine Biotechnology Center on Thursday to promote education and research in the sciences. Wilson, who graduated from Stanford with a degree in biology, said she was "very impressed" with the one of a kind facility.

"It's certainly not something that my husband wanted to do."

Gail Wilson on 40% fee hike

Accompanied by a parade of aides, professors, police, reporters and Chancellor Barbara Uehling, Wilson was swept from room to room, treated to glimpses through microscopes, ocean views and numerous video productions on topics ranging from marine larvae to bioluminescence to high-tech submarines.

Wilson and company were later escorted to the marine biology saltwater tanks, where she watched a biology professor expel a shark embryo from its egg sack. Animal fondling *en masse* then ensued, as even the stoic state police officer poked at sea cucumbers and aides shrieked at the tactile eccentricities of a sea anemone.

Then Wilson started wrestling with a lobster the size of a beagle.

"I'm impressed with the basic research of the facility," Wilson said. "And I'm also impressed with the practical applications they're doing to solve the various problems that go on in the oceans."

Wilson cited the center's work on plastic degradation — the process of biologically reducing plastic to other materials — as a useful application of marine biology research.

Asked what she suggested students do to cope with the imminent UC fee increase originally proposed by her husband, Wilson replied, "We're hoping this is a

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Easy Fella

WARREN NAKATANI/Daily Nexus

While her husband Pete wrestles with the budget crisis, Gail Wilson found a lobster to keep her busy at UCSB Thursday.

UC Heads Fight Bush Plan For Grant System

New Eligibility Proposal Unfair, Critics Say

By Naomi Martin
Reporter

UC officials in Washington, D.C., are lobbying against a Bush administration proposal which would give larger Pell grants to low-income students at the expense of students in the middle-income range.

The plan, which is part of the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, has met with heavy criticism from both the educational community and Democrats in Congress, who say it demonstrates the Bush administration's willingness to put cost-cutting above education. And while all agree that the 19-year-old Pell system, the largest national student-aid program, needs to be updated, few seem happy with the administrative plan to do so.

Citing the fact that the plan would deprive Pell grant aid to as many as 600,000 students nationwide, organizations such as the National Education Association

and the UC president's office have been vocal in their opposition to it.

While the maximum amount of grant money available to individuals would increase by more than 50 percent, rising from \$2400 to \$3700, it tightens eligibility requirements to favor those students whose household income is less than \$10,000 per year, eliminating many middle-income students. In addition, it stipulates only a 7-percent increase in Pell grant aid, which would be funded by massive cuts in on-campus financial-aid programs such as work-study and Perkins loans.

Of the 75 percent of UC financial-aid recipients who get aid from the Pell program, at least 25 percent would be left out in the cold by the Bush proposal because they do not qualify as "low income," according to UC officials. Over 3,000 students at UCSB alone receive Pell grants.

"Ten thousand dollars a year is very poor. Our Pell grants are all

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College of Engineering Hit by \$20,000 Computer Heist

By Joel Brand
Staff Writer

An estimated \$20,000 worth of computer equipment, including three Macintosh computers and a printer, was stolen last weekend from a College of Engineering office.

The computer equipment was taken from the College of Engineering's publications office in Engineering I, Room 1001, sometime between last Saturday afternoon and Monday morning.

The office was locked at the

time the equipment was stolen and there were no signs of forced entry, College of Engineering Publications Coordinator Peter Allen said.

Staff members who work in the College of Engineering's administrative office and campus employees who have master keys would have had access to the office, Allen said. He added that employees from years past could have kept a key which could open the office.

Phone calls to campus police for comment on the investigation were not returned.

Stolen from the office were two Macintosh II computers, a Macintosh SE computer, a color laser printer, several computer peripherals and some expensive software and data files from the department. Insurance is expected to cover most of the lost equipment.

Allen was frustrated with the loss of the department's data and work files. Many of the files had been stored on floppy disks which are of relatively little value.

"The part that gets me the most is that they took stuff that is obviously of no use to them, that was

very valuable to me, that will have to be redone," Allen said.

The computers were used by the Publications Office for college presentations as well as technical reports, artwork and illustrations, Allen said.

"We can get by using other people's computers until the replacements come," he said.

However, he added, "It is not so much the immediate loss, but its down the road when someone comes to get a file that was done two or three months ago" that the loss will be felt most.

Summer-Time Job Market Not So Hot, Experts Say

By Anita Miralle
Reporter

The collegiate job hunters who flood the market each summer will find their quarry scarce and their competition fierce this year, as the recession forces businesses to cut down on employees.

Summer jobs in the Santa Barbara area are becoming somewhat of an endangered species, as prospective employees will be drawing a bead on 75 percent fewer positions than last summer, said Gloria Abshere a consultant from Landmark Person-

nel Services.

With the decreasing availability of jobs, students have found stiff competition as they stalk summer employment. Where tracking down a job used to take a few days, now it can mean up to two months of searching.

"My roommate and I started looking a month ago for a job, and we still have not found anything," law and society senior Sheri Annis said. "We've made up a board for rejection letters, which is quickly filling up. I think that the recession has something to do with all this."

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WARREN NAKATANI/Daily Nexus

Junior Hillary Berk scans the sparse listing of jobs at UCSB's Job Center.



WORLD

Federal Army Given Power To Quell Yugoslavian Unrest

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — The army was given permission Thursday to try to end the ethnic conflict tearing at the Yugoslav federation, while Serbs took to the streets to demand arms to defend their ethnic brothers in Croatia.

The presidents of Serbia and Croatia, Yugoslavia's two largest republics, said they supported the unanimous decision by the collective federal presidency to grant the military more authority to deal with ethnic conflicts.

President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia urged ethnic Croat protesters to end their 2-day-old blockade of a military armored convoy in neighboring Bosnia.

Serbia's hard-line Communist president, Slobodan Milosevic, called the agreement "the first sign of encouragement, and a step in the direction of solving the country's inter-ethnic clashes."

But a demonstration by about 10,000 people in Belgrade, the federal and Serbian capital, showed it will be difficult to cool the ethnic passions whipped up by a conflict that has killed at least 20 people the past week.

U.S. Military Closes Down Guerrilla Checkpoint in Iraq

ZAKHO, Iraq (AP) — U.S. military police on Thursday shut down the biggest Kurdish guerrilla checkpoint in occupied Iraq, indicating growing impatience with Kurdish leaders for not helping move refugees down from the mountains.

The allies also said they had received Iraqi assurances that the Iraqi army would avoid shooting incidents, like the anti-aircraft guns at a U.S. Navy plane early Wednesday.

Allied officers said Thursday they were heartened that local Kurdish guerrillas leaders had met for the first time with a high Iraqi officer to discuss reducing tensions. Participants at the meeting Wednesday night said both sides agreed to try to form a joint police force for the security zone.

The Kurds' meeting with Brig. Gen. Nushwan Danoun, Saddam Hussein's liaison with coalition forces in northern Iraq, came after the general met with allied officers to give assurances Iraqi troops would avoid firefights.

If was not clear if Gen. Nushwan actually admitted the Iraqis had fired at the plane. Officials in Baghdad denied Iraqi forces had anything to do with the attack.

Palestinian Terrorist Escapes Swedish Prison With Partner

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — A Palestinian convicted of terrorist bombings escaped Thursday by using a sheet to scale a 23-foot prison wall and a shotgun hidden outside to commandeer a car, the warden said.

Marten Imandi, sentenced to life for a 1985 bombing that killed one person and wounded 37 in Denmark, escaped from Kumla prison with Ioan Orsut, a Romanian-born convict serving time for attempted murder, police said.

Police found the stolen car abandoned near the Svarta forest about 21 miles west of the prison, but tracking dogs lost the scent, the news agency TT reported. The car appeared to have been damaged in an accident.

Authorities warned people in the area of south-central Sweden around the prison to stay indoors and not to open their doors to strangers.

Warden Arne Granell said the shotgun the prisoners used to steal the car had been left outside the prison wall in a plastic bag. He did not say whether police had any clues about who left the gun.



NATION

Rape Charges Finally Filed Against Kennedy's Nephew

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — William Kennedy Smith was charged with rape on Thursday, nearly six weeks after a 29-year-old woman reported he attacked her at the Kennedy family's seaside estate.

State Attorney David Bludworth said a warrant had been issued for Smith's arrest, and police said the 30-year-old Georgetown University medical student was expected to surrender early next week.

"I'm very confident that when this thing is resolved that I'll be able to stand by my original statement, which was that I didn't commit an offense of any kind," Smith said in Washington.

In a statement, the woman, stepdaughter of a retired Midwestern industrialist, said: "I feel a profound sense of relief and vindication."

Relatives Remember Fallen Challenger Crew at Cape

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Families wept and others struggled to hold back tears. All stood proud Thursday in front of a glossy granite memorial carved with the names of the 15 astronauts who lost their lives during their quest for the unknown.

Dozens of astronauts and 123 family members, each wearing a red rose, joined 2,000 others at Kennedy Space Center to dedicate the 4-story-high wall called Space Mirror.

"It has awakened all these wonderful, and sad, 23 years of thoughts," Beth Williams, 52, said afterward, her voice breaking.

Her husband, Clifton C. Williams Jr., was killed in a training jet accident in 1967. She was pregnant at the time with their daughter, Jane Dee.

"It brings a bunch of old baggage, but it's not necessarily bad. It's a little sad, it's happy and it's proud," said Miss Williams, 22.

Grace Corrigan, mother of school teacher S. Christa McAuliffe, one of seven killed in the 1986 *Challenger* accident, described the memorial as "very fitting ... a beautiful tribute."

President Begins Radioactive Iodine Treatment for Heart

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush took a dose of radioactive iodine Thursday to begin bringing his overactive thyroid under control and doctors said his health could be fully restored within a matter of weeks.

Bush was diagnosed as having Graves' disease, a common thyroid condition that also afflicts his wife Barbara, and doctors at Bethesda Naval Center immediately prescribed the radioactive iodine.

The president sipped a small glass of the solution from a straw and then returned to the White House, declaring he felt "perfect."

"The heart is perfect ... so I'm very very lucky," said Bush, whose doctors told him the erratic heartbeat he began feeling while jogging Saturday was due to the thyroid condition.

Clarification:

In an article run Tuesday May 7, the Daily Nexus incorrectly reported that the Metropolitan Transit District would cut-off services to students if they were unable to raise fees. According to MTD officials a total cut-off of student service was never considered, though a reduction may be necessary.



STATE

Survivors Describe Flames, Blinding Smoke in Collision

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The cabin of a USAir jetliner filled with blinding black smoke seconds after it collided with a Skywest commuter plane on a runway earlier this year, a surviving flight attendant testified Thursday.

Attendants began emergency procedures even before the wreckage of the Boeing 737 and the Skywest Metroliner skidded to a halt at Los Angeles International Airport on Feb. 1, said flight attendant William Ibarra.

Ibarra and attendant Patricia Hodges testified on the final day of a national Transportation Safety Board inquiry into the causes and survivability of the accident.

Both narrowly escaped with their own lives after helping passengers flee. Ibarra was hospitalized for 17 days for burns and lung injuries.

All 12 people aboard Skywest Flight 5569 were killed. Twenty-two passengers, the captain and one flight attendant aboard USAir Flight 1493 also died while 63 passengers, the copilot and three flight attendants survived.

Detectives Seeking Clues in Locke Dismemberment Case

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Homicide detectives investigating the discovery of a severed human leg are trying to determine whether their case is linked to a Kansas City probe of the dismemberment deaths of three teen-agers.

The *San Francisco Examiner* reported Thursday that Sacramento County sheriff's investigators found a single left leg belonging to a female in a secluded channel near Locke in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. An angler made the grisly discovery on March 11.

In Kansas City, a special police task force is investigating the killing and dismemberment of three teen-age girls. In that case, the legs of all three victims had been carefully removed before the bodies were dumped in the Missouri River. Unlike the Kansas City case, in Sacramento, authorities have found no body — only the single leg.

"It really is a mystery," said Kay Maulsby, a homicide investigator with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

"Our fear, or course, was that this guy had moved out of here," said Maulsby.

Carver of Carousel Animals Dies in Santa Barbara Home

SANTA BARBARA (AP) — William H. Dentzel II, who carved carousel animals in the tradition established by his great-grandfather in Germany, has died. He was 70.

Dentzel died of cancer Tuesday at his Santa Barbara home, a spokesman for Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapels said.

In the 1830s, German wheelwright Michael Dentzel began building carousels when he saw his sons play on the spokes of a giant wheel he had made. First he added benches then began carving wooden horses.

One of his sons, Gustav, brought the craft to America where he invented animal designs that became known for their realism as opposed to the highly ornate carousel figures.

An attorney by training, William Dentzel practiced the family trade in a basement workshop in the evenings after working at his law practice.

He carved mainly small merry-go-rounds, no larger than 9 1/2 feet across.

His horses, dogs, cats, lions, ostriches and bears have been donated to the Santa Barbara Zoo, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, the Smithsonian Institution in Washington and many other groups.

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Weather

If you thought I was going to bash the *Inside Wave* unmercifully today, YOU'RE WRONG! Hey, we love the Wave, and, hey, they won the old mud-slinging bout. While we were standing here in all confidence (being mainstream and all), Kezia Jauron — obviously a pseudonym for Eric Jensen — drew first and called us "Storke's Testicles!" Clever. And we were mulling over stupid things like 'poophead' or 'A.S. Tool.' Extend the metaphor and our editors are "Storke's Crabs." Maybe someday the rest of this "alternative" (which means they only work when the work is light) newspaper will catch up to Kezia's wit. Oh, and we're glad to hear that you readership swelled when Rachel "Stowers" Doherty signed on!

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

High 68, low, 44 Monday: Why F.A.C.E.S. is doomed to dumbness!

What's an Apex? Does the UCen have one?

IV Landlords Sue IVRPD to Prevent Open Space Purchases

By Dorothy Merifield
Staff Writer

Five local landlords are suing the Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District in an attempt to halt the district's purchase of Del Playa bluff-top property, a buy which would be financed in part by taxing landlords for the rooms they rent.

The IVRPD is planning to raise \$1.4 million in taxes to purchase and retain the property as open space. To pay for the land, I.V. landlords would be taxed \$21.22 per year for every bedroom rented out, while private homeowners would be granted a 2-bedroom allowance before being charged.

Landlords Dean Brunner, Anthony Romasanta, Charles Eckert, Marvin Trevillian and Donald Harcourt filed suit against the IVRPD on April 18, charging that the district does not have the authority to tax landlords for the purchase.

"The fact that a governing board has taken this action doesn't mean it's legal," said Thomas Dankert, attorney for the plaintiffs.

However, IVRPD Board of Directors Chair Mike Boyd claims that Dean Brunner, who is also a deacon of the St. Athanasius

"The fact that a governing board has taken this action doesn't mean it's legal."

Thomas Dankert
attorney

Church in I.V., is seeking to set a legal precedent so that the district cannot follow through on plans to buy the church-owned "Perfect Park" property. "The buying of Perfect Park will be financed by a similar assessment, so they want to make sure it's illegal," Boyd said.

Local voters will decide next month whether to authorize the IVRPD to buy the controversial Embarcadero loop property from St. Athanasius.

Neither Brunner nor any of the other plaintiffs could be reached for comment.

Mitch Stockton, chair of a local committee involved in plans to buy the bluff-top land as part of I.V. redevelopment, claims the landlords are merely trying to ward off the taxes, noting

that the district has purchased bluff-top lots in the past without being sued.

"These landlords claim they are going to have to raise their rents to cover a \$21 tax per bedroom once a year when they are charging \$600 a month for each bedroom they rent," IVRPD General Manager Glenn Lazof said.

"They simply do not want to be taxed to improve the community," he added.

However, Dankert said that the purchase will not benefit the landlords, and therefore the tax is invalid. "The purpose for the special assessment is not an 'improvement' as used in special assessment practice," he said.

Past taxes have only funded community services, such as street maintenance.

But Boyd cited precedents from counties such as Ventura and San Diego that bought land for environmental purposes by taxing landowners.

In the summary judgment next month, Boyd hopes the case will be thrown out of court as "frivolous." However, since property values continue to rise, any delay in purchasing the bluffs will cut down on the amount of property the district can afford.

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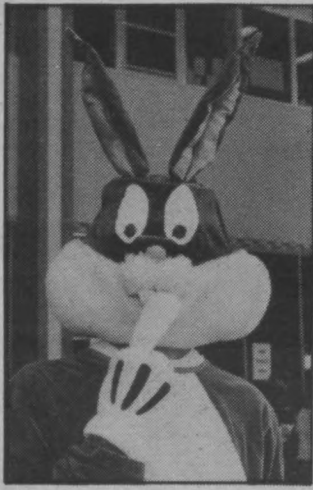
"Probably Phil Collins, just because he's got a good sound. He's been around for a long time. He's got a good sound and he's pretty stable."

Christina Cosmides senior, speech and hearing



"I'd probably bring Public Enemy. They have a message for all races. ... Public Enemy would wreck Santa Barbara."

Stewart Thompson junior, law and society



"Carl Stalling (composer of Bugs Bunny Theme)."

Bugs senior, film studies



"The Red Hot Chili Peppers because they're wild, and Jane's Addiction because I love Perry. My dream is to be with Perry."

Bonnie Theodore sophomore, sociology



"Wayne Newton. My grandmother is going to see him in Vegas. ... I'd like to know what he's all about."

Ernie Lopez senior, environmental studies and anthropology



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Creston Creswell junior, English

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JOBS: Summer Employment Sparse

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 Employment agencies also say the recession is the predator responsible for the lack of summer jobs. "The county is going through its first wave of layoffs. If the general trend continues, there may be more cutbacks in the job market. They probably will not come in the form of layoffs, but the empty positions made during the war will not be filled," Abshere said.
 At UCSB, the summer job market slump has shown up on the job board at Counseling and Career Services, said John Hodge, an administrative assistant for the Applied Learning Program. From January to April of this year, there have been 175 fewer part-time jobs available when compared with January to April of last year.
 According to Hodge, the most popular types of game for student job hunters include clerical, marketing and child-care positions. Students tend not to go for jobs in general services, such as yard work, although they are the most available.

Those jobs which are the most popular are not only the most competitive, but the ones with the least amount of positions open, he added.
 Rob Tucker, manager of the downtown State & A restaurant, said more people have been filling out applications this year, but many of his current employees plan on staying.
 "Last year, people would flake on work thinking it would be easy to find another job. I think that this year people realize that the recession has made an impact on the job market and that staying at their present jobs would be a smart move," he said.
 Chevron gas station manager Richard Baptista finds this same attitude is prevalent at his station. He has been getting more applications this year, but his crew is solid. "People seem to be staying because it may be harder to find work this summer," Baptista said, adding that during the war he either cut back on schedule times or on people because he had fewer slots for

employees.
 Although junior business economics major Rick Schuberg already has a job, he said he could probably bag a new one even in the recession-weakened market. "Personally, I'm not worried if I get laid off because I have enough experience to easily get rehired," he said.
 In general, students don't seem to be very worried at this point about finding work. But both Hodge and Abshere agree that with job-hunting season rapidly approaching, there will be some anxiety when people realize job opportunities are not abundant.
 "Those who have planned ahead and have started to look for (summer jobs) are the smart ones. I urge students who have not yet begun to apply for work to do so very soon," Abshere said. "Your best bet is to get an internship. Not only do you gain experience, but (interns) are always in demand. Either that or take a vacation to Europe," she added.

WILSON

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 short-term solution. Right now revenues are way down for a number of reasons. It's certainly not something that my husband wanted to do."
 Reacting to the information that minority enrollment in math and science at UCSB was lower than in other disciplines, Wilson

said, "It's a problem nationwide, not just here at Santa Barbara, and it's something that we need to work on."
 "We have a California Academy of Math and Science at Cal State Dominguez Hills that's working on that problem directly, and I've visited that and I'm learning more about how to attract minorities and women to science," Wilson said.

Wilson's Santa Barbara stopover included a speech at a luncheon for Girls Inc. prior to her campus visit. She left town soon after her tour of the biotechnology center.
 Wilson, whose husband was a U.S. senator prior to his gubernatorial tenure in Sacramento, has made a priority of using her position to enhance scientific education and research.

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They All Really And There's Rats in the

Jason Ross

The other day I walked into a campus bathroom and saw a guy shaving his head. He was just standing at the mirror, backpack on the tile, shearing his black curls to the floor with an electric clipper, carving out wide swaths of stubble.

And I know why: the elections. The Associated Students election was a *tour de force* in boredom, a smorgasbord of tasteless political rat shit served up by the same rodents who'll be running the kitchen next year.

With such a yawner of a campaign season, who can blame a guy for mowing his head bare after, say, Music 15? We should have expected it.

I get the feeling that I could have approached either of this year's presidential run-off candidates and said, "Hey, save the sheep, man! No lambskin rubbers in the UCen!" and the next day you'd see the sign, "Terz for Prez: no lambskin rubbers in the UCen." Or how about, "A vote for Doherty is a vote for the sheep; no lambskin rubbers in the UCen." Little pickets would have sprung up like weeds along the bike paths saying, "Terz for Prez, he's not bah-ah-ah-d." Maybe Doherty could have come back with "No woolies for weenies: Doherty for prez."

It could have happened. And all because someone told them to.

It's too bad that Jon Barron was the only one out of the group who had the nards to stick by an unpopular position. His opposition to the Child Center lock-in, justified by his dubious contention that "most women who have children in the world have them by choice," was ruthless and abominable, but it took nards. Barron got drawn and quartered at the polls for that plank, but he did what he wanted and he stuck by that.

Marc Brown had really cool hair and he ran on some good A.S. bashing, but that's easy stuff. I never heard him say anything that the average Jane or Joe would gasp at or even take exception to.

I sincerely wish that Doherty had stuck by her "build the UCen in the plaza" position from last quarter, even though it was a dumb idea. It would have been political suicide, and she's way too slick for that, but at least she would have been holding her ground. The personality dies when a candidate flip-flops like that, and boredom is sure to reign when political expediency becomes the norm on a college campus.

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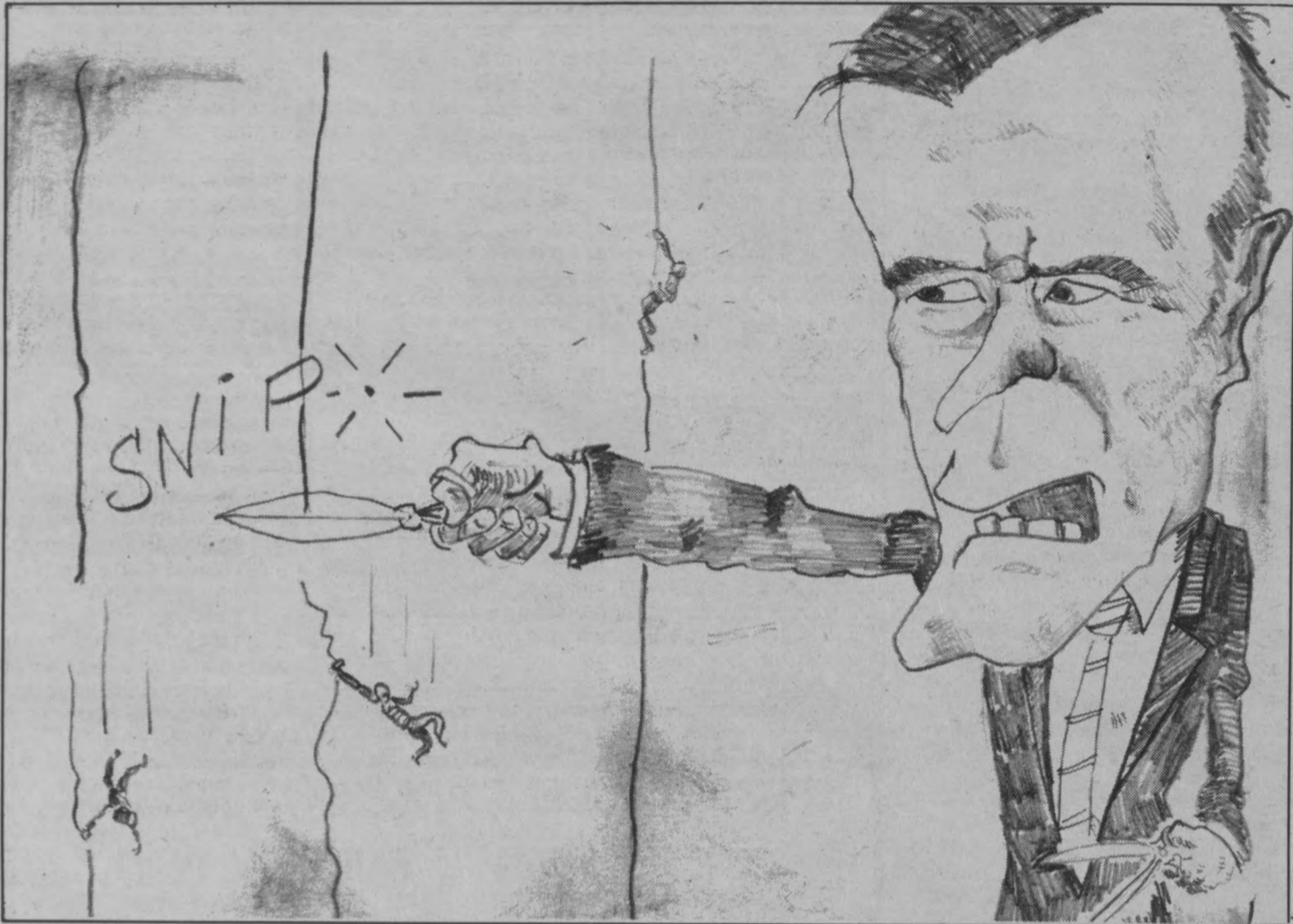
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For Whom the Pell Grants

Editorial

George Bush has long touted himself as the "Education President," but a recent proposal from his administration demonstrates that Bush would rather play a shell game than actually help education.

Congress is currently examining a reauthorization plan for the Higher Education Act, which would shuffle around the distribution of Pell Grant monies while scarcely increasing the total fund. The plan would distribute more of this federal assistance to students whose households' incomes fall below \$10,000, while outright disqualifying approximately 600,000 middle-income students.

There is little question that those in the lowest-income bracket are in need of more assistance, but increasing their aid should not force other needy students out of the picture. Those who earn less than \$10,000 are obviously in need of aid, but so are those with incomes of \$12,000, \$15,000, \$20,000 or even more. And considering these difficult economic times, the \$10,000 mark seems a ridiculously outdated figure to determine the "most needy." As college costs have increased (40 percent at the UC, mind you), families are having harder times all around. Washington needs to quit pretending that middle-income students will be able to take care of themselves.

As national economic health has declined, more and more agencies have decided that middle-income students are less important. Few are willing to take care of these students, falsely assuming that they will have an easier time finding the money on their own. But middle-income students are

trapped in limbo: Their families are scarcely able to help out, but at the same time they fail to qualify for most forms of financial aid. In fact, it is often easier for students in the lowest brackets to find assistance as they are eligible for nearly every type of funding.

Approximately 75 percent of financial aid recipients in the UC system rely on Pell Grant funds; the Bush administration proposal would disqualify 25 percent of these students. With many sources of financial aid and scholarships drying up, plus the recession causing a decline in the job market, where does the Bush administration expect these students to go? Well, one can only imagine.

It is easy to see the political motivation behind the proposal. If it is approved, Bush will be able to say, "As the Education President, I increased aid to the poorest students." Bush could also claim to have raised funding for Pell grants. Indeed, it would be true. But what he won't say is that he raised Pell funding by only 7 percent, or that he forced 600,000 students to do without.

Thankfully, UC President David Gardner and National Education Association officials are vocally opposing the plan, as are several agencies. Many key Democratic leaders have also spoken out against the proposal. With the reauthorization proposal still in its early stages, there is a chance to develop a better option. Hopefully, federal legislators will find it. Surely *someone* can come up with a more realistic proposal that helps *all* needy students rather than just a small minority.

If Bush really wants the public to see him as the Education President, he should invest his energy in finding more money for financial aid and not in shuffling numbers.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



The Reader's Voice

"Fee"ling Poorly

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Students often complain that they don't understand where their student fee dollars are going. The Student Fee Advisory Committee is the group which makes recommendations to the chancellor as to which student services most need financial support. We, as a committee, are dedicated to making recommendations that will reflect the priorities of the student population at UCSB. In order to more accurately assess what these priorities are, we have drafted and distributed a student opinion survey addressing the various student services available at UCSB. Last week, approximately 2,000 randomly selected students received the survey. We'd like to sincerely thank the 23 percent who completed and returned the survey already. If for some reason you received the survey and haven't yet filled it out, please do so, as your input is valuable to us and to the other students on this campus who use student services. As the survey states, it's your money! Please take the few minutes necessary to tell us

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Editor, Daily

I just though how much I a that your repo wrote regardin ("Bike Shop C Large Debt, I April 29). Her cise, accurate freshing chang experiences I h verbatim and said comment cord. She shou her objectivity her wonderful again my thank ful period for

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gn by Bert Watters to tag Heidi Brasch a racist. The issue for voters here was whether Brasch was a racist — a high thing to prove given her record — whether they wanted to vote for a candidate who's campaign was virtual slandering against an opponent. Negative campaigning is the unfortunate standard out real politics, and it's a shame that this simple of it in a college campaign is the only thing voters had to sink their teeth into this time around.

But we political aesthetes should be thankful that Watters got the Internal VP. This is a position where power can be abused, where personal agendas can be furthered at the expense of good government. If Watters goes into the job with a quarter of the spite and crassness she brought to her campaign, we're really going to see some hair fly next year with Leg Council reps continually getting stomped by Watters and plotting weird power plays to oust her. Could be fun. Could be, but right now we're stuck with electric clippers if we want any joll around here. Almost nobody came out to vote and, as a campus, we got what we deserved for.

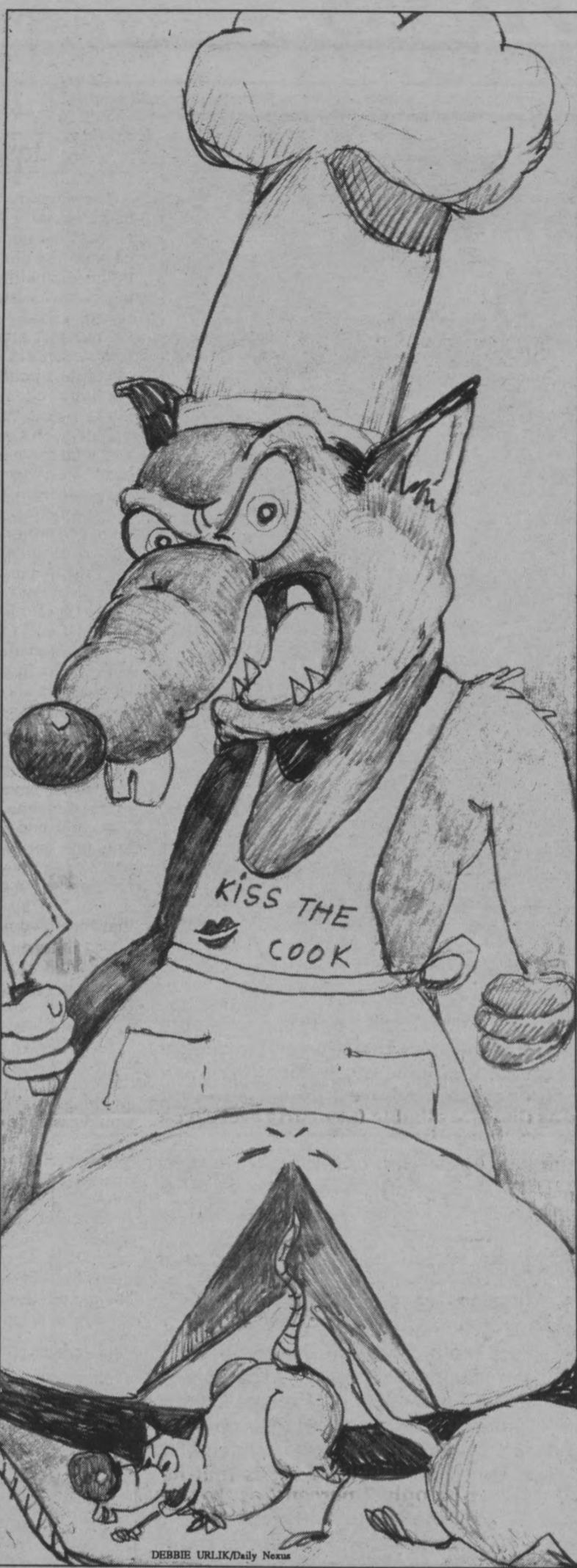
And where was the run-off between

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ester and "None of the Above" for external VP? If this new ballot option is to have any legitimacy, if it is to be more than a mere statement, then candidates should be forced to run against it. I don't know what we'd do if "None" actually won, but it could be fun finding out. As it stands, the one who actually voted "None of the Above" might as well not have voted at

but the fight is fought, the race is run and the shit is shat. We got Doherty, we got Watters, we got Chester, we got a scattering of green Leg Council reps, utterly unknown to most of their constituents, and we got God above who might come holy act dump a million shrimp tails on the UCen and make things interesting around here — if we're lucky. It doesn't do well to have the student body tearing off their own hair between these

on Ross, a junior majoring in English is a Nexus associate editor.



Weak-O A.S. is Dull

Get Movin' or Get a Real Job

Chris Ziegler

We sat plotting, my friend Adam and I, in a greasy spoon-type Chinese restaurant somewhere in the gray zone between the gay district and the Latino neighborhood of Adams-Morgan in Washington, D.C.

We were plotting how the *Daily Nexus* could insidiously influence the Associated Students April 23-24 election in its favor. Every spring I grumble about how we at the Nexus should run for the seats, endorsing ourselves, of course, and then, after winning, either never go to Legislative Council meetings or simply disband council.

This conversation got me to thinking about A.S., its purpose, and its difficulties in achieving that purpose. And, considering that elections were recently held, and were so pathetic that another election needs to be held in a couple of weeks, I've decided to take the Nestea Plunge and put my two cents in.

Unlike the Nexus staff, which has the very real task of producing a daily newspaper, A.S. has the vague mission of "student representation," further plagued by vaguely defined constituencies, and so no accountability. Redistricting will hopefully clarify the constituencies, but an uninterested public will most likely not give reps an incentive to improve accountability. Petty internal politics also severely hinder council from real action. The most persistent criticism of A.S. is that it "never does anything."

I don't want Leg Council to "do something," I want council "to do something productive," which will contribute to the overall quality of life at UCSB.

Either during summer or before Fall Quarter begins, Leg Council should sit down at its retreat and select a realistic goal toward which it will work collectively all year. Then, each council member should select a special project which contributes to achieving this broad goal, and most important, *establish by what means and time the project will be completed.* At the end of each quarter, reps should submit to the internal vice-president a written progress report on his/her project. For instance, if the council plan is on the environment, special projects might include beach, Isla Vista and lagoon cleanups; water conservation in I.V. and in university housing; mural painting in I.V. and on campus; campus and I.V. recycling; and the paper-versus-styrofoam cup issue, among many others.

If Leg Council reps actually complete meaningful projects, the Nexus will have

a lot less to bitch about next year and concrete improvements will also be made in improving students' quality of life, and that should be one of A.S.'s chief goals.

My second observation, and chief criticism of Leg Council, is its inefficiency and pettiness in its meetings. For those of us required to care, Leg Council meetings are infamous for taking googleplexes of time. I have read many a Leg Council agenda and there is usually very little which merits the average evening-long discussion. The only part of the meeting which should take a good deal of time is *vox populi*, the time in which students and community members can address the council.

To be more efficient, Leg Council needs a lot less talk and a lot more action, and this requires a strong chair. There is a lot of lip service paid to the republican ideal of separation of powers, but in real politics a great deal of overlap occurs. Leg Council is modeled after the U.S. Senate, where the vice president or, more typically, the president pro tempore, has the power to recognize (or ignore) speakers, set the agenda and manage the meetings. While I hate Robert's Rules of Order, the liturgical language of parliamentary procedure has its place.

The chair needs to run the meetings efficiently, which means stepping on reps' toes and calling members who waste Council time with unnecessary talk out of order. Another problem, one which falls under the pettiness category, is reps' propensity to use Robert's Rules as a means of attacking other council members. This is immature and intolerable; the internal vice-president should immediately publicly emasculate any rep who attempts to use Robert's Rules for his/her own agenda.

My final suggestion to council reps is not to be afraid of power. A.S. has a budget of over a million dollars, which can equal a great deal of power if those who control it, like Leg Council, want to. Too often I hear people involved in A.S. shy away from language that connotes power, which only makes them appear weak and helpless. Power is a neutral force, it can be used for good or evil; to say one has power means simply one has the ability to get things done. And that is all I expect from my elected representatives.

Chris Ziegler, a senior history of public policy major, is a Nexus associate editor.



your priorities are so that we better represent your interests in recommendations to the editor. Thanks!

ICA VAN STEKELENBURG
Student Fee Advisory Committee
Vice Chair

Thanx

r, Daily Nexus:
I thought I would let you know how much I appreciated the article your reporter, Jennifer Walker, regarding the A.S. Bike Shop Closure Possible Due to Debt, Lock-In Invalidation," (2/9). Her time, effort and con- accurate reporting was a re- change from past newspaper ences I have had. I was quoted im and was respected when I omments that were off the re- She should be commended for objectivity and respect, as well as wonderful writing style. Once my thanks during a very stress- period for the A.S. Bike Shop.
JOHN MOOY
Manager, A.S. Bike Shop

Scamsters

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The latest reported outbreak of mayhem in the management of UCSB's financial system prompts this letter.

A few months ago my daughter, class of '88, was conned into paying about \$338 based on an accountant's allegation that, during some month prior to graduation, this amount had been credited in error to her '87-'88 BARC account.

It occurs to me to enquire whether anyone else has, or knows someone who has, been similarly "victimized." If so, please write to me at Box 50018, Santa Barbara, CA 93150.

PHILIP THRESHER

Clean Up

Editor, Daily Nexus:

OK, the election's over. All of you candidates, you've either won or lost. No matter. Please don't let the legacy of your campaign clutter up the campus for the rest of the quarter. If you care about this university, please take

the time to remove your campaign posters from the walls, trees, lawns, kiosks, bulletin boards, etc. (Don't forget the telephone poles in I.V. either.) You put them there, it's up to you to show your commitment and prevent them from creating a further eyesore. The paper can even be recycled — there's a collection bin in the library lobby opposite the elevators.

Thanks for caring.

Dummy Dummy

Editor, Daily Nexus:

To Jason Ross, re: "A.S. Hopefuls Questioned on Equality Issues During Forum," April 19.

Part of being a responsible journalist — whether the Nexus hires as such or not — is making sure your facts are accurate. In referring to one of the student groups represented as "the Gay and Lesbian Student Alliance," you not only showed a lack of campus knowledge, but by not checking your article for accuracy, showed a blatant disregard for detail, a detail that I can assure you is impor-

tant to many people. As one of the members of the student group in reference who debated the name change from the Gay and Lesbian Student Union to the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Alliance, I see this as a significant issue. By tossing off "that gay and lesbian group, or whatever," once again, the Nexus reaffirms — by your article — its status as just another student-run paper; true excellence comes from actually knowing about, caring about and respecting whatever you write about. It's a reflection on you and your paper.

I don't mean to chew your ass out for seemingly nothing. I really liked your article; for the most part, it was good reading. But when everything I, as a gay man, stand for is often devalued or ignored, it just gets hard not to say something when I see something that could use changing. Sure, this may seem like a detail to you and most readers; to some of us, these are very important details. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to get in touch with me at the UCen Administration office.

ANTHONY REED

DP Dork

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Hey you, yeah you dorks who live on the 6500 block of DP, you know who you are — you can't enjoy the view enough on a Sunday afternoon, so you get your kicks launching water balloons at people walking on the beach. I just wanted to let you know how mature you are and how much I admire your skill and precision. Yeah, you saw it. Nobody within yards of me and my friend, and you hit me smack dab on the top of my head. You must have been at least 50 yards away. Think of the pressure that built up — good shot!

Five hours later, as I was recovering from a collapse and blackout, all I could think of was how cool you are and how proud you must be. Just think, you could have even put me into a coma or killed me! And the next day, as I tried to take a midterm, I could only think of how good you must have felt to have hurt a stranger.
E.B.

PACIFIC HEIGHTS

For NCAA-Bound High Jumper
Colman Conroy, the Sky Is the Limit

By Scott McPherson, Staff Writer

The high-jumping career of Colman Conroy almost never got off the ground.

As a freshman at St. Ignatius High School in San Francisco, when he tried out for the track and field team, his initial interest was the long jump. However, after his first few leaps, it became obvious that he should choose a different event.

"I almost killed myself," Conroy said, laughing at the memory of his inauspicious track debut.

Conroy's high school coach advised him to find an event where he would be less of a danger to himself. After meeting the high jumpers, he decided to give vertical leaping a try.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Conroy, now a junior English major at UCSB, emerged from these humble beginnings to become one of the best collegiate high jumpers in the country. He is currently ranked fourth in the nation, and this weekend will be pursuing his second consecutive Big West title. He has broken, *and rebroken*, the school record and will be in Eugene, Oregon, at the end of this month to compete in the NCAA Championships.

"He's the best jumper on the West Coast," teammate Andy Sheaffer said. "No one jumps with the consistency that he does."

Last year, Conroy shattered the UCSB high jump record by more than three inches when he topped 7'3 1/2". That jump qualified him for the national meet, where he finished 10th with a 7'0 1/4" mark.

A year later, Conroy broke his own record when he topped 7'4 1/2" on April 15. The mark again puts him in the NAAs, where his goal this year is to place in the top eight. Such a finish would make him UCSB's first track and field All-American at the Division I level since long jumper Hank Visser in 1960.

See CONROY, p.9



DAVID ROSEN/Daily Nexus

SEEING DOUBLE — Seven-feet four and a half inches is quite a leap for 6'4" Gaucho high jumper Colman Conroy, who eyes himself (?) taking a jump.

BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

GaUCHO Men Are Healthy for Meet

By Scott McPherson
Staff Writer

For the UCSB men's track and field team, all systems are go for the Big West Conference Championships this weekend at Irvine, even though several team members were recently sidelined with illness.

"Hopefully it's in the past," Head Coach Sam Adams said of their bad health streak. "Hopefully we hit it at a time where it won't impede us in the conference championships."

The strongest individual event for the GaUCHO team will be the high jump. Defending conference champion Colman Conroy should take first place again this year, and with seniors Chris Conte and Chris Findley, the squad boasts a strong trio. Conroy predicted he and his teammates could take three of the top four places in the conference meet.

"Three of the top six is more realistic,"

Adams said of Conroy's prediction. However, the coach indicated that he is certainly not ruling anything out.

The team's other top contender, senior Andy Sheaffer, will face some tough competition in the hammer throw from Utah State's Greg Carter. While Carter has outdistanced Sheaffer this year and is considered the favorite in the event, the two remain close in ability.

Another athlete to look for at Irvine is UCSB's Jason Munoz. Munoz, a Big West Conference champion in the 110-meter high hurdles two years ago, has an opportunity to go to the NCAA Championships at the end of this month as a competitor in the decathlon. Although it would take a strong showing at the Big West meet, Adams said that "if he does really well" this weekend, Munoz could earn a trip to Eugene, Oregon, for the NCAA finals.

As for the team, Adams predicts his

See MEN, p.10

Youthful Ladies Race to UC Irvine

By Rob Carpio
Staff Writer

The day before heading down to UC Irvine for the Big West Championships, the UCSB women's track and field team took the afternoon off from workouts. Head Coach Jim Triplett felt his team spent enough time fine-tuning itself over the last week and a half, so he sent his athletes to Goleta Beach to relieve some tension. According to senior Karen Courter, they did so by jumping off the middle of the pier and swimming back to shore.

This weekend's two-day event is the culmination of a season that met the expectations of a very youthful team. The 20-member squad consists of 13 freshmen — two of which are in their first year of competition.

Triplett said the goal is mainly to "con-

centrate on individual performances," but stressed his team will definitely give its best effort this weekend.

"We just want to go in and compete well," he said. "We want to come away with a real positive feeling that we gave the absolute best that we could have."

Freshman Julie Thomas is anxious to run against "the older talent" in her 1500-meter and 4x400-meter relay races. "I'm ready as I'm ever going to be," Thomas said. "I feel pretty focused (and) I know what I have to do. Hopefully I'll just do it."

Jill Barton, also a freshman, hopes to turn in a good performance and possibly set a personal record in the 400-meter and 4x100-meter relay, while expressing the general feeling of the team's younger members toward the upcoming meet.

"It's going to be really good, team-wise,"

See WOMEN, p.10

Baseball Playing For Pride Vs. Fresno St.

By Andrew Paul
Staff Writer

Who: UCSB and Fresno State. What: Final Big West Conference baseball series of season. Where: Fresno's Beiden Field. When: Friday and Saturday 7 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. Why: Good question.

A year ago the answer would have been simple. The Gauchos and Bulldogs entered their three-game showdown in Santa Barbara separated by just one game in the standings for second place, with a more-than-likely invitation to the NCAA Regionals awaiting the series' winner.

The squads split the first two games before Fresno took a 4-3 lead into the bottom of the ninth inning of the finale. UCSB put two runners on base with no outs, but then saw FSU retire two straight batters. Sophomore third baseman Jeff Antoon then came to the plate, and with an 0-2 count against Bulldog's Steve Wolf — the nation's leader in strikeouts — Antoon made GaUCHO history.

Antoon blasted the next pitch over the scoreboard in left field for a three-run homer and a Santa Barbara victory, but more importantly a second-place finish and a ticket into the postseason.

Welcome to 1991.

FSU still is going strong, returning this year as the Big West Conference leader with a 14-4 league mark to go along with a 34-17 overall record.

As for UCSB, well, let's just say it would love to play the role of the spoiler this time around. The Gauchos find themselves with a 28-24-1 record in 1991, 6-12 in Big West play, without any hope of a repeat trip to the regionals.

"This year (the FSU series) doesn't mean a lot, except that we're going at it with everything we got," UCSB Head Coach Al Ferrer said. "I want to make sure we finish over .500."

Fresno is expected to start junior Bobby Jones in tonight's opener. Jones posts a 12-1 record and a 1.28 ERA on the season. In Big West action, he is 6-0 with a 0.50 ERA. Opposing Jones, will likely be GaUCHO senior right-hander Tim DeGrasse, who at 7-3 with a 4.03 ERA, missed his last start with a tender right elbow. The Bulldogs' Robbie Saitz (7-5) and Jim Patterson (7-5) are expected to start the final two games against UCSB's Scott Longaker (6-7) and either Tom Myers (9-4) or Mike Woodward (2-3).

EXTRA INNINGS

The next stolen base by Jerrold Rountree (187 career steals) will put the GaUCHO center fielder into sole possession of second place on the all-time NCAA stolen base list. ... All three games can be heard on KCSB 91.9 FM.



WARREN NAKATANI/Daily Nexus

AIR BORNE — The UCSB men's and women's track and field teams take off for UC Irvine this weekend. The Anteaters are hosting the Big West Conference Championships today and Saturday.

UCSB Fencing Team Sends Four to Nationals

After completing its finest season in 10 years, the UCSB fencing team will have a chance to gain national recognition when it sends its men's epee team to the U.S. nationals this summer after placing second in the qualifying competition in Los Angeles.

The epee squad, which consists of captain Scott Neel, Rich Lee, Brendan Byrne and Deric Horn, finished second in Southern California and second in the Western region and now are looking forward to the nationals, July 4-7 in Chicago.

"We're all really excited about going to the nationals," Neel said. "I think we have a chance to do really well there. We have the right frame of mind for it."

No UCSB fencing team has ever made a trip to the na-

tional. The epee team finished first this season in Southern California, while the men's team finished second overall. Since the squad will be going to the U.S. nationals and not the collegiate nationals, they'll be facing competition of all ages — not just college students.

"We're going to have a low ranking going in, so we'll probably start off against a top-ranked team," Neel said. "But I think we'll do really well. We have a good chance to make it."

The UCSB women's fencing team finished fourth in Southern California this season with an overall record of 8-6. The men finished at 12-2.

— Jonathan Okanes

CONROY

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Despite his success, Conroy remains modest and soft-spoken with only his 6'4" height giving any clue that he hurls his body into low-altitude orbit for fun.

"He's intense during training sessions," UCSB Head Coach Sam Adams said, "and then he's a relaxed guy." The coach indicated that, while Conroy gets as frustrated as anyone after a miss, "In ten minutes he's back on an even keel and tries to understand what he did wrong. That's important."

Conroy attributes his success to a variety of factors, but stressed the coaching he's received from Adams and former assistant coach Ron Woolpat. He also cited high-jumping teammates Chris Findley and Chris Conte as steadying influences and predicted that the trio could take three of the top-four spots at the Big West Championships.

At the championships, Conroy also has his eyes on the conference meet record of 7'2 1/2" set by Dwight Stones in 1976.

"I'd really like to break that one," said Conroy, who cleared 7'3" last week. His real ambitions, however, are in the NCAA's.

"This year there's a lot more pressure," he said. Still, a little pressure shouldn't deter Conroy since he has learned to thrive under the gun.

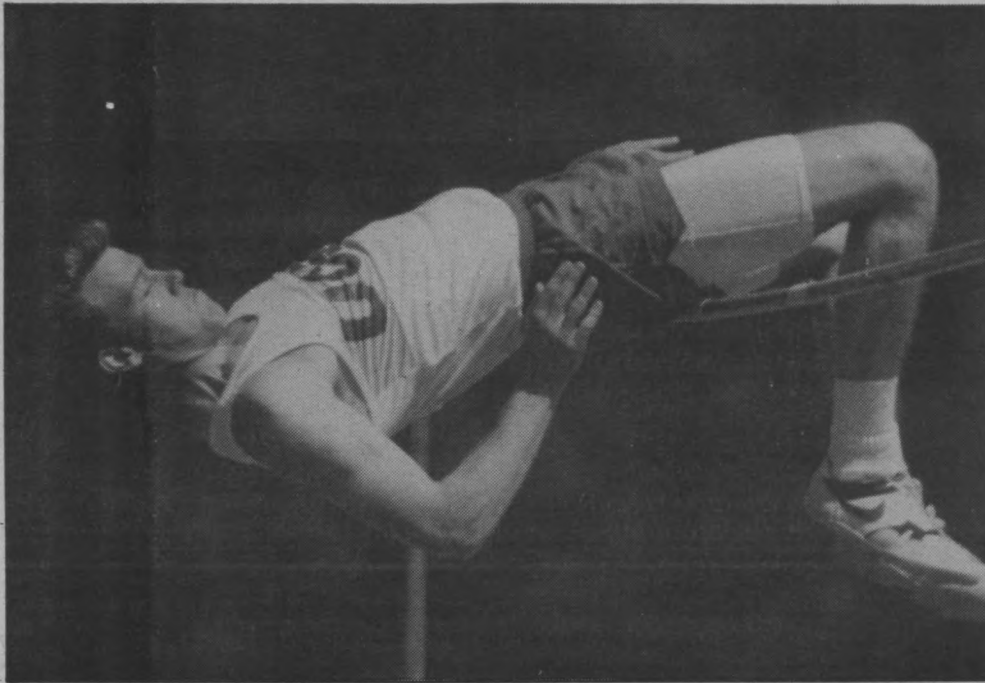
"I didn't use to, but now I kind of like it," he said of the pressure.

So how high will Conroy be able to jump in the future?

"I hate to put a limit on people. I know he can jump higher than he has," Adams said, adding that he expects Conroy to reach the 7'6" level very soon.

Conroy hasn't made any concrete post-graduation plans, but would like to put his English degree to good use. Before he does, though, he admits, "I'd like to see how far I can go with track."

And what about Barcelona, Spain — the sight of the 1992 Olympics?



DAVID ROSEN/Daily Nexus

Colman Conroy will attempt to break the Big West Championships meet record of 7' 2 1/2" this weekend at UC Irvine.

"Everyone always asks me that," said Conroy, apparently embarrassed at the thought of being considered a potential Olympian, adding that such a goal is "not very realistic."

While talk of the Olympics in his future is a bit premature, Conroy will have an opportunity to go to the Olympic trials if he obtains All-American status this

year and next. "No one has control over that," Adams said of Conroy's chances on making the national team. "It all depends on the level of competition ... of the field at that time." Adams did say that if he continues to improve like he has over the last three years, Conroy may reach the 7'8" range, which would give him a legitimate

shot at making the Olympic team in 1992 or 1996.

For now, it's just one jump at a time for Conroy, the likable young man whose track career nearly ended before it started in a high school long-jump pit seven years ago. Somehow, though, he manages to remain down to earth while throwing himself into the stratosphere.

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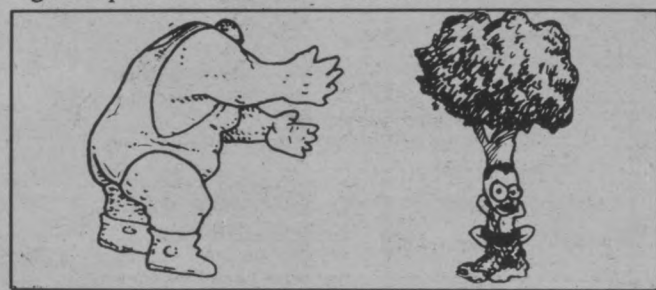
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squad should take fifth place in the seven-school conference for the second year in a row.
"That's where we should finish," he said. However, Adams also added that he expects the difference between the second through fifth place scores to be relatively close. Fresno State is the clear favorite to take first.
"Fresno can't be touched," Adams said and predicted Fresno would capture its ninth consecutive conference title. The competition will take place all day today and Saturday.

WOMEN

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Barton said. "Even though we're all young, we're really looking forward to getting our first experience at (the championships)."
Aside from the experience the younger Gauchos hope to gain, there are special incentives for the veterans of the team, as well.
Courter will run the 3000 meter for UCSB for the last time on Saturday, concluding an impressive intercolle-

giate cross country and track career.
"I feel healthy, I feel ready," Courter said. "I'd like to finish with a (personal record) because, actually, I'm close (to doing so)."
Junior discus thrower Micheline Sheaffer's goal is to throw in the 170-foot range in order to reach the NCAA Championships. Although her recent efforts have produced shorter throws, she has "trained hard," and feels confident about her chances of qualifying for nationals.

Drew Martin



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RHA Elects New Officers, Raises Quarterly Fee

With write-in candidates throwing their hats in the ring at the last minute, the Residence Hall Association held its elections Wednesday and Thursday to elect next year's officers.

In the race for president, Tyler Miller was elected with 119 votes over Cori Stillson's 104 votes; Eric Cheung gained the administrative vice presidency with 123 votes over Calvin Gladen's 55; and write-in candidate Amy Baker was elected programming vice president with 67 votes.

Because there were more seats than candidates at the beginning of the race, some people ran as write-ins.

Next year's representatives at large are Jennifer Dietrich, Tegan Anderson, John Tripp, Todd Witteles, Heather Rayburn and Raphael Hernandez.

RHA treasurer will be Darryl Leong, and the national

committee coordinator will be Armine Khachatryan. Residence hall students also voted strongly in favor (108 to 38) of increasing hall fees from \$21 per quarter to \$27 in order to fund more hall activities.

The elections drew 264 students to the polls, half as many as last year. "Last year we had a real heated presidential race," and thus a higher turnout, RHA member Scott Holder explained.

"I feel it went well, but I feel more people should get involved in the elections," Holder said.

RHA President-elect Miller echoed that sentiment at an RHA candidates' forum Monday night, saying, "If you want to have something done right, you have to do it yourself."

— Martin Boer and Chris Ziegler

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GRANT: Congress to Change Grants

Continued from p.1 already going to needy students," UC Principal Analyst of Student Financial Support Tamra Sulow-Ortiz said.

UC officials also maintain that the plan would unfairly favor students at more expensive private institutions due to the fact that grant eligibility is determined in part by tuition. "UC costs aren't high enough to make many students eligible," Sulow-Ortiz said, adding that the students who would benefit would be those with very low incomes who attend very costly schools.

"I'd like to see the program funded more fully for the full spectrum of students," UCSB acting Assistant Director of Financial Aid Chris Collins said, adding that several aspects of the proposal would be difficult, if not impossible, to administer.

UC officials are just a few of the many national education organizations that oppose the system.

"What the administration has been trying to do for the last few sessions (of Con-

gress) is to decrease funding and just shift the money around," Marilyn Rogers of the National Education Association said. "Our lobbyists are on Capitol Hill actively working to increase both the amount and the eligibility range."

Despite opposition, Education Secretary Lamar Alexander defended the plan before the U.S. Senate last week, saying that it provides for those most in need. A resolution regarding what changes will be made to the Pell system is expected some time this summer.

Democratic Senators voiced objections to the proposal by pointing out that it places an unfair burden on middle-income families.

"In your heart of hearts, do you believe this should be the tradeoff as we try to develop good public policy for education?" asked Senator Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.).

Other voices in Washington are more resigned to the imbalance. "It's basically a good news-bad news situation," said Thomas Wolanin, who is the staff director

of the House Subcommittee on Post-Secondary Education and is ultimately responsible for devising a plan to be approved by Congress. "On the one hand, we're all for increasing funding for low-income students. On the other hand, we're not too crazy about the idea of taking the money away from other students to do it."

The plan is expected to be presented to the subcommittee some time this week and a final congressional decision on the Pell grant structure should appear this summer.

According to UC sources, because of the negative responses the plan has received, there is little possibility that it will be put into effect without major alterations. "I don't know how much influence the (Bush) administration is going to have in Congress this time around," Sulow-Ortiz said. She added that, due to their slowness in putting together an adequate plan to present to Congress, top government officials had little say in last year's education budget.

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