

Friday

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A Little Bit of Seoul

The Korean Cultural Awareness Group will present Korean Culture Night, consisting of music and storytelling, Saturday at 7 p.m. in Girvetz 1004.

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Apocalypse Now?

The Indian subcontinent erupts in nuclear tests, astronomers may have discovered another planet and Phil Hartman is dead. Find out what the universe is coming to by reading the latest on the Associated Press wires.

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The lowdown on the best choices for June 2's state primary election.

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Pomp and Circumlocution

It's the last *daily friday* magazine, and what is more fitting than a graduation theme issue? A graduation theme issue full of long-winded diatribes, of course!



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This Is the Big One

Erin Buescher has already been named Big West Player of the Year, Conference Tournament MVP and Freshman All-American. Now she receives the highest accolade possible ... *Daily Nexus* Female Athlete of the Year!

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Take a hike! The hiking club will be doing just that in the local mountains tomorrow. Meet at the Events Center at 9 a.m. and bring food, water, a bathing suit and gas money.

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Press Conference Sees Battle Over Proposition

BY IAN BARKER
Reporter

Workers' rights, union influence and campaign finance may all be affected by a proposition on Tuesday's ballot.

Opponents of Prop 226 held a press conference on Tuesday in downtown Santa Barbara to convince the public to defeat the initiative, which would require employee unions and employers to obtain their members' written permission to spend any portion of their dues or wages for political purposes. According to conference speaker and No on Proposition 226 Communications Director Joy Ginsberg, the proposition would have a negative effect on working families.

"Proposition 226 is bad because it increases the government bureaucracy and would restrict working families in California from having a voice in the political process," she said. "[Prop] 226 sets up a requirement that all union mem-

bers and anyone with a deduction from their paycheck sign a waiver. It sets up a crazy maze that working families have to go through to get their voices heard."

Yes on 226 Press Secretary Kristy Khachigian said that the measure is necessary because it protects workers' rights.

"Proposition 226 will require unions and employers to get workers' permission before spending any portion of dues or pay on politics. It's necessary because right now, union members don't have the right to stop a portion of their union dues from going to politics," she said. "They have no protection under California law."

No on Proposition 226 Assistant Communications Manager Brian Walsworth said that 226 would establish a legal right that already exists.

"Proposition 226 is unfair and unnecessary — unnecessary in that it gives people a right they already have," he said. "It creates a com-

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1998-99 Parking Rates

Daily rates to remain at \$5 per day and \$3 for three hours	Current Monthly	New Monthly	Current Annual	New Annual
Faculty/Staff/Students	\$20	\$23	\$240	\$276
Reserved	40	50	480	600
Motorcycles	3	3	36	36
E-Plate Vehicles	10	12	120	144

Source: Office of the Vice Chancellor-Administrative Services

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Increase in Parking Fees To Raise Money for Structure

BY SCOTT LYON
Reporter

Students planning on using campus lots for parking their motor vehicles will be soon facing an increase in fees.

On the recommendations of Associated Students, the Graduate Student Association, Staff Assembly, the Chancellor's Staff Advisory Council and the Academic Senate, Vice-Chancellor David Sheldon approved a measure which will raise monthly campus parking fees from \$20 per month to \$23 per month, effective July 1. Parking and Transportation Services Director Melba Ortiz, who served on the subcommittee respon-

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Parade, Concert To Fill Isla Vista Streets This Weekend

BY TED ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

A procession of costume-clad Isla Vistans accompanied by the sound of local bands will attempt to bring residents together this weekend in a year-end blowout party.

The second annual Isla Vista Spring Festival will begin Saturday at 11:30 a.m. with a parade that will march down Del Playa Drive to a concert at 1 p.m. in Anisq' Oyo' Park. Parade coordinator and senior English major Nick Robertson said that the pre-concert march will once again be a time of bonding between Isla Vistans.

"People will begin gathering at Dogshit Park at 11:30 a.m. There, we will gather and prepare to march down the street in unity," he said. "The I.V. Parade is a unique event because it allows all community members

from all walks of life and backgrounds the opportunity to unite and have a good time."

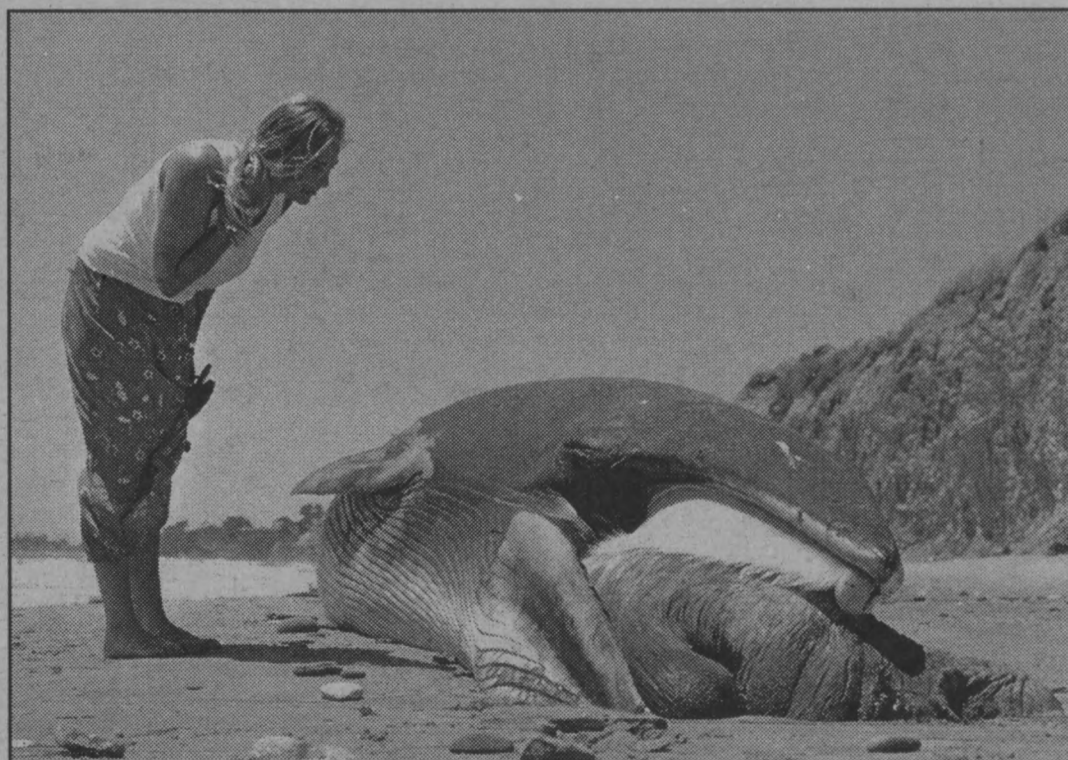
According to Associated Students Program Board member Michelle Rodrigues, the music of One Fine Day, Tight Pants and Animal Liberation Orchestra will serve as the festival's soundtrack.

"We decided that a free show in the park would be a good idea," she said. "The sentiment with Program Board, that we didn't get to put on the second stage at Extravaganza, was we wanted a chance to show good local talent."

According to former A.S. External Vice President for Local Affairs Leila Salazar, coordinators are trying to make this more than just a party by allowing time for representatives from I.V. organizations to speak.

"We want it to be an educational event for the community, so we are

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Whale Watching

This woman looks over a dead 26-foot adult Minkie whale that washed ashore near San Rafael Hall. Before the body of the dead whale was disposed of, the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum removed parts of the animal for research and educational purposes.

Evaluation Spurs Efforts To Clean Campus Grounds

BY ZACK MUSA
Staff Writer

While students and educators go about their daily routine learning how to clean up society's ills, the university has undergone reforms to maintain the cleanliness of more immediate surroundings.

In 1995, a peer evaluation was performed on UCSB's Facilities Management by the Association of Physical Plan Administrators, a national professional organization of physical directors. While the review was critical of several components of how the campus was maintained, the university has since tried to mitigate the shortcomings perceived by the APPA, according to Associate Vice

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Top of the News

Pakistan Retaliates, Tests Nuclear Bombs



ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan matched India with five nuclear test blasts of its own Thursday, then declared a state of emergency citing unspecified threats of “external aggression.” Both acts raised fears of a nuclear arms race — or worse — with neighbor and rival India.

Pakistan was mounting nuclear warheads on missiles capable of striking most targets within India, according to an official close to the nation’s nuclear program.

In a midnight appeal by telephone, President Clinton had urged Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif not to carry out the tests.

After the blasts, Clinton immediately pledged sanctions against Pakistan’s already struggling economy, saying South Asia was poised to “repeat the worst mistakes of the 20th century.”

“Today, we have settled the score with India,” Sharif declared, announcing the

tests in a nationally broadcast speech.

He chastised the international community for failing to punish India. “The world should have sanctioned In-

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— Bill Clinton president

dia fully ... but they didn’t,” he said.

Hours later, President Rafiq Tarar declared a state of emergency, suspending Pakistan’s constitution and legal system. The order gives extraordinary powers to the government and suspends civil rights.

The terse announcement, carried by the state-run news agency, did not identify who the aggressor might be, but Pakistan has accused India of threatening to attack its nuclear installations.

“Any such act would warrant a swift and massive re-

taliation with unforeseen consequences,” the Foreign Ministry said in another, earlier statement.

India dismissed the allegation. “Our prime minister has said again and again over the last few days that these reports are ridiculous,” said

K.C. Singh, spokesperson for India’s External Affairs Ministry.

In New Delhi, the Indian capital, news of the tests sent parliament into an uproar, with opposition lawmakers leaping from their seats to accuse the Hindu nationalist government of setting off a nuclear arms race on the subcontinent.

Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee maintained Thursday’s tests “vindicated” India’s decision to test nuclear devices to counteract Pakistan’s secret weapons program. He suggested

that India may reconsider its self-imposed ban on further nuclear tests.

Pakistan did not offer any information about the type or strength of the devices Pakistan exploded near the border with Iran and Afghanistan, but said they released no radioactivity into the atmosphere.

Clinton tried, but failed, in a telephone call just before midnight to persuade Sharif not to carry out the tests. “Two wrongs don’t make a right,” he said Thursday after the tests. “I cannot believe we are about to start the 21st century by having the Indian subcontinent repeat the worst mistakes of the 20th century.”

The United States had no choice but to impose sanctions against Pakistan, which include trying to block lending from international financial agencies, Clinton said. Washington said the sanctions were imminent.

Pakistan has been under enormous domestic pressure to explode a nuclear device since the Indian tests.

First Photo Taken of Planet Outside Solar System



WASHINGTON (AP) — By sighting and photographing a planet outside our solar system, astronomers said they have made an important advance toward perhaps finding another Earthlike world that could support life.

Susan Terebey, a California astronomer, announced Thursday that she has found what may be an image of a rogue planet that has been ejected from a double star system some 450 light years away from Earth. A light year is 6 trillion miles.

NASA officials said a rigorous peer review of her findings strongly supports Terebey’s interpretation of the image as a planet, but more sightings are needed for absolute confirmation.

“Although the data are compelling, they are preliminary,” said Edward Weiler, a NASA science program director.

If the object’s identification is confirmed, it would become the first planet beyond the solar system to be sighted and photographed. The presence of at least eight other planets

has been implied by other researchers who detected a distinctive wobble of the parent stars.

It also would be the first planet discovered by a woman. Terebey told a news conference the planet is much too hot to support life, but she said the discovery is an important advance for a basic human urge: to find life beyond the Earth.

“This is part of a journey, exploring the universe, looking for intelligent life out there,” said Terebey, president of Extrasolar Research Corp. in Pasadena, Calif.

Weiler agreed, noting that NASA is planning telescopes that will be able to find and analyze Earth-sized planets orbiting other stars.

“In the next 10 to 20 years, we’ll get a lot closer to the ultimate goal of finding a planet like Earth with an atmosphere that will support life,” he said.

Other astronomers, although cautiously awaiting confirmation that the object is a planet, hailed Terebey’s discovery.

“This is a watershed event,” said Anne L. Kinney of the Space Telescope Science Institute. “We have seen for the first time the image of another planet outside the solar system.”

SNL Comedian Phil Hartman Dead, Possibly Killed By Wife



LOS ANGELES (AP) — Comic actor Phil Hartman of “Saturday Night Live” and “NewsRadio” was shot to death at his home, apparently by his wife, who then killed herself Thursday while police were inside investigating.

Police could offer no motive for what they described as a possible murder-suicide inside the \$1.4 million, eight-room Encino mansion of the comedian known for his anchorman’s voice, his comically smug, insincere grin, and his impressions of President Clinton and Ed McMahon.

Police had gone to the home after getting an early morning 911 call about a gunshot. They were removing Hartman’s two children — a 9-year-old boy and a 6-year-old girl — for their safety when they heard a shot in the master bedroom, police said.

There, they discovered the bodies of Hartman, 49, and his wife, Brynn Hartman, 40. The actor had been dead “for a while,” said police spokesperson Lt. Anthony Alba.

“We are investigating this as a possible murder-suicide,”

he said. “We know for sure that the female inflicted her own gunshot wound.” Friends and relatives said the Hartmans had been married at least since the early 1990s.

“We’re still in shock,” Brynn Hartman’s mother, Constance Omdahl of Thief River Falls, told the *Grand Forks* (N.D.) *Herald*. Mrs. Omdahl declined to comment when reached by The Associated Press.

An Encino neighbor, Susan Kaplow, said she had no sense of trouble in the house and that Mrs. Hartman was happy on Wednesday.

Hollywood expressed shock and sadness, saying Hartman’s specialty in playing annoying, acerbic, morally challenged characters ran counter to his real-life personality as an upbeat, devoted family man.

“He was one of those guys who was a dream to work with. I don’t know anybody who didn’t like him,” said Joe Dante, who was directing Hartman in the movie “Small Soldiers.” He said Hartman would often ask about the shooting schedule so he could work in trips to the zoo with his children.

“Phil was a deeply funny and very happy person,” said frequent “Saturday Night” guest Steve Martin. “This is a great tragedy.”

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Weather

Everyday, when I sit down to write this column, usually after a hellaciously long day at school or the other job, I stare at the trademark Mycro-Tek black screen until those faint lavender twinkles magically morph into lines and circles, eventually maturing (using that term very loosely) into words and phrases that make the readership shake their already confused noggins, along with other fun body parts.

Fishing for sympathy and compliments? Usually, but that’s not the case today. No, today marks the end of my esteemed stint as your humble Weatherperson. I’m lucky to have been heard these last two years, more lucky than you’ll ever know. Thanks for all the eyes, ears and memories, y’all...

P.S.: Fuck El Niño.

Correction

In an article in Wednesday’s *Nexus* titled “RHA Honors Student Contributions,” two incoming Residence Halls Association reps-at-large were misidentified and two were omitted. The list should have read: Pieter Arnout, Anne Davis, Suzanne Gehrich, Kimberly Sanfilippo and Lindsay Stevenson. In addition, Sal Soto is the current RHA and National Residence Hall Honorary advisor, not the incoming advisor. The *Nexus* sorely regrets these errors.

CAC Leaders Appointed at Meeting

BY MEGAN SOLOW
Staff Writer

A new Isla Vista committee is now fully staffed and proceeding with its goal of advising the county on issues relevant to the community.

At Thursday's meeting, the I.V. Community Advisory Committee appointed Yasmine Vetter as chair and Dave Fortson as vice chair. Third District Executive Assistant John Buttny began the meeting by announcing that the full-time housing inspector for I.V. has been chosen.

"The inspector for the housing program has been hired and is going through some training right now," he said. "We expect to have him in place in the next few weeks."

There are also plans for a brand new position in I.V.,

Buttny said.

"We have a half-time inspector that will be working solely on the trash issue," he said. "This person will be 20 hours per week in Isla Vista and will work out of the same office as the housing inspector."

Buttny said that the Fire Dept. plans to make rounds during the next few weeks to ensure that trash fires are kept under control.

"The Fire Dept. will be going through every night and spraying down the dumpsters," he said.

The I.V. Teen Center will open its doors in the near future, according to I.V. Recreation and Park District General Manager Derek Johnson.

"We're close to the final stages of opening the doors of the Teen Center," he said. "Habitat for Humanity has been coming in on weekends

and volunteering putting the final touches on the center. The whole community has been coming out to help."

Rabbi Steve Cohen brought the first land planning issue of the year to the commission, with plans for a new building for Hillel on St. Michael's Church's property. Cohen said that while the project is still in the early stages, the community will benefit from the addition of a new facility for the group.

"Hillel is a Jewish student organization, with cultural and religious components," he said. "We desperately want to be a part of the I.V. community."

The CAC, which meets twice a month, will convene again on June 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the University Religious Center, 777 Camino Pescadero.

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sible for projecting a 10-year budget model for the parking fees, explained how the increases were decided upon.

"The budget subcommittee went over the proposal and they made their own recommendations from the first proposal that we gave them," she said. "Then we made some of the changes that they recommended, basically most of them, and then we came up with the new budget. Then the committee got a report from the subcommittee and approved the budget at the \$23 rate."

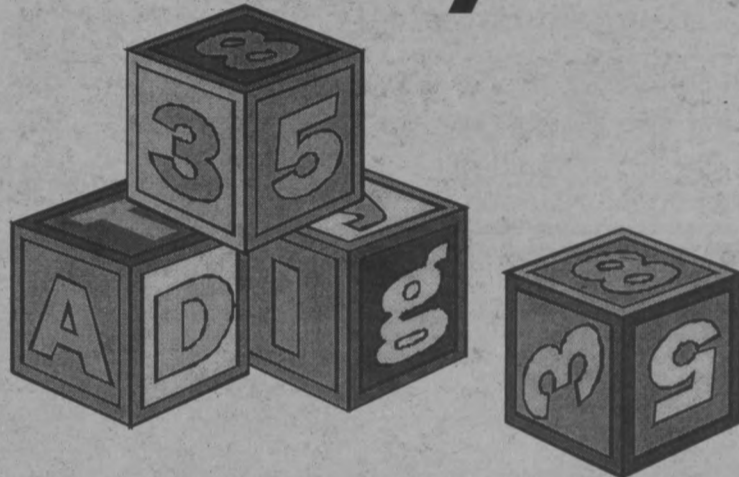
The adjusted campus rate will help pay for

the new parking structure scheduled to open by Winter Quarter 1999, which uses assets from a 27-year construction bond. The bond will be paid for by increasing parking rates over the next 10 years on a model recommended by the budget subcommittee, according to Ortiz.

"We base the rates on a projected budget, so we have an idea what our expenses will be for the coming year," she said. "We look at what it will take to cover the operational expenses, as well as to cover the debt service that we will be absorbing for the payment of the parking structure."

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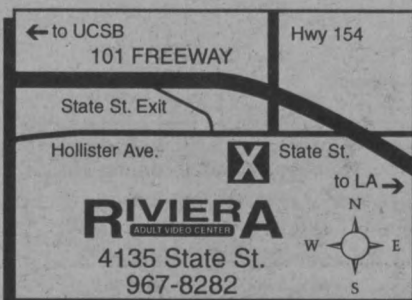
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plete bureaucracy — taxpayer-funded — for employees, employers and unions.”

Ginsberg said that a previous U.S. Supreme Court decision already establishes workers’ authority regarding their dues.

“The Supreme Court decision was *Beck vs. Communications Workers of America*. The Beck decision says that if you’re a union member and you don’t want your money to go toward politics, you can go to the office and fill out a form,” she said.

Gov. Pete Wilson, chairman of the campaign for 226, has been working closely with the project, according to Wilson campaign director Mitch Zack.

“[Wilson says] it is unfair and morally wrong to take money from somebody’s paycheck and spend it on politics without his permission,” Zack said. “Just because you’re a union member doesn’t mean you give up your rights as a citizen.”

Nonprofit organizations, which could also be affected by Prop 226, worry that the proposition would affect the payroll contributions they receive, according to American Heart Association Director of Public Affairs Marc Burgat.

“The way the proposition is written, it would affect any employer that uses automatic payroll deductions. The supposed intent was to impact only unions,” he said. “We feel [226 would have] a negative impact on charitable giving. We would be

forced to have documentation. We’re talking tens of thousands of documents have to be stored and signed.”

Thirty-second District Assemblyman Tom Bordonaro said that he supports the proposition as an equitable improvement to the current situation.

“I support Prop 226. It’s fair. It still allows employees to fully act in the political process,” he said. “It preserves — in fact strengthens — [employees’] rights to participate in the political process, while at the same time giving them the right not to participate in the political process.”

Twenty-second Congressional District press secretary Lisa Finkel said that

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The increased rates will affect only those current students who will be using on-campus parking when the new parking structure is opened, according to Jim Dalton, the GSA represen-

tative on the committee.

“We got a bond to build the structure. That’s a loan that the parkers begin paying for next year,” he said. “It’s not that we’ve been paying for it this year. We start paying for it next year with the people who are using it.”

In addition to paying the

bond on the existing parking structure, part of the funds raised by the increases will be diverted to a fund reserved for future maintenance, according to Ortiz.

“We’ve been trying to build a reserve to deal with

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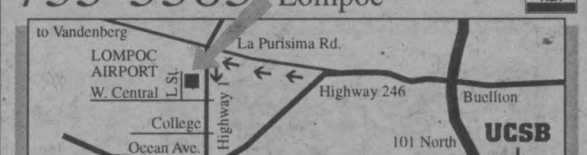
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asking reps from the Teen Center and I.V. Peace Monument to speak," she said.

Robertson said that Saturday's parade will be just as successful, if not more so, than last year, when the event was first introduced.

"Last year's parade was an incredible experience in the annals of community history," he said. "People sang

and danced in the street. Bubbles filled the air as musicians kept the spirit alive.

There will be a break in tradition this year, according to A.S. External Vice President for Local Affairs Alonso Gonzalez.

"The tradition before this was to go couch burning, but we've gone beyond that, so we are going to party in the community without causing damage," he said.

According to I.V. Foot

Patrol Lt. Butch Arnoldi, the size of the crowd at the festival may create a safety concern.

"If there are 150 people, then you will probably need traffic control," he said. "It all depends on the size of the crowd. In the past, there were instances when people were trying to run people over. Our primary concern is to keep the people on foot safe."

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Chancellor of Administrative and Auxiliary Services Everett Kirkelie.

"It said as far as our grounds are concerned, that basically our grounds were unkempt and need major improvements, which we have been working on," he said. "The purpose of it was to actually go in and look at every area and make recommendations for where we needed improvements, and we did that."

Among the changes issued was the appointment of David Gonzales as Acting Director of Physical Facilities in Facilities Management and the formation of a task force by Chancellor Henry Yang to implement the APPA's recommendations, Kirkelie said.

While in the past the campus was partitioned into 16 zones divided among the groundskeeping staff, Gonzales has consolidated them into four zones. Each zone is the responsibility of four groundskeepers, according to Gonzales.

"There is a need, in my opinion, for the organization to sort of change its thinking about how we do the work and how we schedule the work," he said. "So the groundskeepers are still going to be doing groundswork all day, but we're trying to organize projects, and that's why we implemented the

grounds reorganization for teams, so we could apply more resources to some of the real problem areas. ... We've already had some really good feedback from people who've seen the initial results from some of the projects that we've implemented in the last month."

In addition to this team approach, Facilities Management has created a Special Projects Team of three people, which can be moved about as different problems arise, Gonzales said.

"We can bring a maximum of seven people together to work in any given area," he said. "The four [people] for the zone, plus the three for the Special Projects Team, and we've done that with success already."

According to Environmental Studies Professor Marc McGinnes, the university's appearance remains an eyesore.

"The campus doesn't look the way it ought to," he said. "It's the worst-looking campus of all of them, according to this [APPA] report, and I'm alleging that the reason for that is not because of being understaffed and stuff like that, [but] because there is just an attitude that 'Well, the way it looks is good enough.'"

One of the issues McGinnes brought up was the policy of having different departments responsible for the cleanup of adja-

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Opinion

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FOR GOVERNOR: GRAY DAVIS

As lieutenant governor, Gray Davis was one of the few critics of many of Gov. Pete Wilson's ideas and actions during his governorship. As candidate for governor, Davis is the sole would-be leader of our state whose qualifications match his ambitions.

Davis' main area of focus lies in education, as he places a great deal of emphasis on the importance of public education and its reformation. He served as an ex officio UC Regent while lieutenant governor, and listened to the needs and wants of students at UCSB and throughout the UC system. During this time, Davis consistently struggled to keep fees down and represented the student voice to the best of his ability. He understands students and their needs, and is willing to sacrifice for the good of education.

Davis also has shown strong support for

the environment, an issue that several of his opponents have neglected to address. Combined with his passion for education and the environment, Davis' 25 years of experience in Sacramento has proven his ability to move up in the ranks and to get things done amidst an often-dysfunctional state government. Davis also supported Affirmative Action during its long climb to the top of the political ladder.

Davis is the candidate who speaks best to the student population and who is willing to take the chance and invest in something many politicians too often neglect — the younger generation.

The Daily Nexus endorses Gray Davis for governor.

The Reader's Voice

NOW'S THE TIME FOR ACTION

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

The end is near, my friends. For the last month and a half, you have been bombarded by "clipboard people" waving their various petitions all around campus. Horses, utilities, education ... you name it, we've seen it. Probably more than any other, however, the oak initiative petition has seemed to hang around campus for much longer than the rest. For good reason.

You see, we currently — at this very moment — have in our hands over 16,000 signatures in Santa Barbara County. The goal from day one has been 17,000 signatures countywide. With the June 2 deadline fast approaching, the "oak people" are turning it on for a final run. Here in Isla Vista and UCSB, over 7,500 of you have signed after being approached by us. We now need 1,500 more of you to step up and help us reach 9,000 in I.V.

Seems impossible, right? Well, if all the people who have said "not now, I'm late to class," or "I don't have the time" actually took 10 seconds to sign it, we would beat 9,000 very, very quickly.

In the process of collecting these 7,500 signatures on campus, we must admit that we have noticed how many of you seem annoyed at this whole spectacle. Please accept our apologies if we ruin your day by simply asking you to sign. Maybe we asked you three times, maybe five. The point here is we need 9,000 signatures, and we will ask anyone and everyone 20 times until we reach that goal to put this in-



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itiative on the ballot. If this sounds harsh, again, we're sorry. But in the name of saving our greatest oaks in the county, we cannot back down.

The time is now to sign on to this initiative if you haven't already. If you know people who haven't signed, please get them to. At this point, it's a game. Isla Vista is down by 1,500 points with about five days remaining ... out of time outs and no fouls left. Every point counts here, my brothers and sisters. Let's show the county and the people of Santa Barbara that when Isla Vistans join in a collective effort to accomplish something, we cannot be defeated. Can this happen? Yes, indeed. Please sign the oak initiative today!

ERIC CARDENAS

EBSTEIN IS THE RIGHT CHOICE

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

It is not easy to label the politics of Lanny Ebenstein. He has shown a capacity to reason and analyze issues; he also researches them fully. His solutions to problems are based primarily on the long-run impact on the public good. Dr. Ebenstein provides solutions that ap-

peal to Democrats, Republicans and all political groups because they are rational answers. Let us not fear his intellectual solutions.

As a school board member, Ebenstein provided data that proved major policy changes were needed to empower all students. He has championed a school system that cares for all the students and one that better prepares them for success in life.

Throughout his life of public service, Lanny Ebenstein has shown an eagerness to listen to all groups and to reason with them. These are exceptional qualifications for a representative in the California Assembly. Let us thank Dr. Ebenstein by voting for him on June 2, 1998. Assemblyman Ebenstein will serve us fully and with distinction.

WAYNE TOSCAS

IT'LL BE A REEL GOOD TIME

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

On behalf of the UCSB Filmmaker's Co-op, I would like to invite you all to an evening featuring an action-packed collision of sight and sound — the 7th Annual Reel Loud Film Festival, which will be held tonight in

FOR CLERK-RECORDER-ASSESSOR KEN PETTIT

The Santa Barbara County clerk-recorder-assessor's race may very well be the most obscure on the ballot. But it's the most important vote you can cast on June 2, and that's largely due to incumbent Ken Pettit.

As clerk-recorder-assessor, Pettit runs county elections, assesses property values (whence come all taxes that fund county and state services), keeps county records and, in the capacity that recommends him most to this campus community, serves as registrar of voters.

As registrar, Pettit has consistently fought for students' right to vote in this district, battling those who would brand us as "transients" and suggest we only be allowed to vote in our parents' districts. Why we would want to be prohibited from voting in the place where we spend 90 percent of our time for some four-odd years — the campus community, our home — is beyond understanding. The student population, revol-

ing or not, constitutes unique interests, and serves representation where they live —

To that end, Ken addressed students to vote and need not because they constitute the best group, but because everyone else. Just in 1996, Pettit set the turnout at UCSB, allowing turnout to soar.

Pettit alone among candidates displayed the dedication to the principle of representation in our interests of the county and of the state. Re-elect this man.

The Daily Nexus endorses the election of Ken Pettit for Santa Barbara County clerk-recorder-assessor.

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Campbell Hall.

The event features silent student films accompanied by live music. If you haven't been to the festival before, you are in for a reel treat — we have an incredible ensemble of student films that are unlike anything you've ever seen. Expect the unexpected.

Reel Loud will feature several terrific live bands: you will see performances by Cool Water Canyon, The Leftovers, Tight Pants, O.S.L., Pulse, Alex's Cane, and Copperpot (Las Vegas), to name a few. We have lined up incredible DJs, including Fro Dog and Paul Martin, and hip-hop acts such as Tyrants and Wisemen. On top of that, you will see other wild and zany live acts which you will have to see to believe, including avant-garde live performance and a special guest comedian.

The event is hosted by the UCSB Filmmaker's Co-op. The organization is run by the students, for the students. The executive board, including myself and Director Steve Olaerts, have worked hard all year long to bring you this showcase. The co-op execs donate our time because we care about the filmmakers on this campus. As an organization, we provide camera and editing workshops and equipment to students who wish to make films for any reason. We take pride in providing a way for anyone who has an interest in filmmaking to learn how to shoot and edit a film.

Reel Loud is a way for people within the co-op to exhibit their work, although that is not the only reason people produce their shows. This year, over 30 films were submitted and 21 films will be jam-packed into the festi-

val. If you are interested in joining the UCSB Filmmaker's Co-op, you should contact the film studies office at 893-2347.

Don't miss this year's show — it promises to be a blast!

PETER KOTECKI

IT WAS A REEL BIG MISTAKE

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

So, Reel Loud is this Friday. A festival of students' films accompanied by students' music put on by students almost seems democratic. Almost. It also sounds interesting, which is why I decided to make a film for this year's festival.

Unfortunately, however, in making my film, I cast my cynicism aside. I thought that people's stupidity, shallowness, biases, closed-mindedness and elitism, which occur so often in life, would perhaps be absent from this festival. I know this starry-eyed optimism was a bit stupid on my part. The Reel Loud staff is only human. But what a stupid, shallow bunch of humans they are.

The film which I made for the festival will not be shown. The other films which were cut from the festival were supposedly too long or technically poor (out of focus, etc.). Reel Loud, after all, has time constraints. The average film submitted is five to seven minutes. Mine is two — not too long by any means. And my film is technically perfect. It is just how I envisioned it to be: it is in focus; it is light, colorful and exact.

But it was cut. Why? I have been looking for an explanation. So far the best one offered was by a member of the Reel Loud staff: "Your

endorsements

ASSESSOR:

PETTIT

constitutes a group with its own interests, and it, like everyone, deserves representation. Students should vote to elect a representative — here.

At the end, Ken Pettit has consistently supported students' and Isla Vistas' right to be heard and need for voter registration — because they constituted a special interest. But because they are citizens like everyone else. Just one example: In March, Pettit set up a satellite voter booth to allow our community's voter turnout to soar.

None among county officials has the dedication to the American principle of representation that not only serves our interests, but also for the good of the county and of democracy as a whole. This man.

The Daily Nexus strongly endorses the re-election of Ken Pettit to the office of Santa Barbara county clerk-recorder-assessor.

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in film didn't get in because you didn't kiss ass." Pardon me for neglecting to kiss ass. Pardon me for being optimistic, for attempting to give the staff some credit. They didn't give me credit, not even enough to view my film before cutting it out of the festival.

Now is that democratic? No; it's stupid and elitist. I'll bet that the staff members who made films didn't get theirs shown at censorship time either. However, their films made it in. No questions asked.

Now is that interesting? I believe my treatment by the Reel Loud staff, their closed-mindedness, shallow excuses, stupidity and fascist elitism is interesting. I have seen some of their films. They are all similar and boring. So my point is as follows:

The staff of 1998's Reel Loud deserves little more than your sneers of disapproval. Scorn them and don't attend the festival on Friday. If you have a friend who kissed ass or simply made a bland film, one which the staffers saw and liked, then go. If you are in one of the bands, go. Otherwise stay at home. Perhaps read the Constitution instead. Dream of democracy because it won't be at Campbell Hall on Friday.

Finally, Reel Loud staff, I have this to say to you: your reason for being staff members is not merely to be nice Nazis. You either wanted to make a film for your fascist festival (which would not be cut) or you wanted a taste of the elitist Hollywood life which you strive toward. If the shallow, biased, kiss-ass reputation of Hollywood is true, then you will fit right in.

JEFF HASSAY

YES ON 219

If passed, this measure would prevent future initiatives from selectively affecting state or local government according to how each local jurisdiction voted. Future state and local initiatives, if passed, would apply uniformly to the jurisdiction affected by the measure, regardless of how any individual part of that jurisdiction voted. Prop 219 also does away with ballot measures whose provisions would vary according to the percentage of voters approving the measure.

In plain language, Prop 219 would prevent some insincerely worded initiatives from unfairly extorting passage from the electorate. More initiatives would have to say what they wanted instead of hedging their bets. By no means is Prop 219 a cure-all for bad initiatives, but it's a good start.

The Daily Nexus strongly supports Proposition 219.

No ON 220

This measure is a rip-off and a power grab all wrapped up in one, and deserves swift defeat at the polls. It proposes to allow superior and municipal court judges to merge their courts, if they so choose, consolidating employees and operations into superior court. This, say the measure's backers, will save the state \$23 million — but all municipal court judges and employees will automatically receive superior court salaries and tasks without matching training nor qualifications. Reject this ill-advised judicial mega-merger plan.

The Daily Nexus strongly opposes Proposition 220.

YES ON 221

Proposition 221 grants the California Commission on Judicial Performance the authority to discipline subordinate judicial officers to the same extent that they can judges, and is subject to review by the state Supreme Court. Voting yes on the measure allows the commission to oversee and discipline court commissioners and referees — minor judicial officials that can handle traffic, family, juvenile and small claims cases. A no vote means that presiding local court judges will maintain their responsibility to preside

above court commissioners and referees.

The Commission on Judicial Performance should have the ability to watch over both judges and their subordinates. This measure would limit possible corruption and ineptitude on the local level and provide a more open environment where commissioners and referees would continue to do a lawful job.

The Daily Nexus strongly supports Proposition 221.

YES ON 222

Proposition 222 provides that the second-degree murder of a peace officer will be punishable by life in prison without the possibility of parole. The measure also prevents any person convicted of murder from earning credits to reduce his or her prison sentence through good behavior.

The crime of murder, even if committed without any previous thought, is still a crime and its perpetrators should pay dearly for it. The murder of a peace officer is something that should not be tolerated, and a life sentence is a justifiable consequence. Committers of violent crimes, such as murder, receive harsh sentences for a reason, and good behavior should not buy convicted murderers early parole.

The Daily Nexus strongly supports Proposition 222.

No ON 223

Proposition 223 prohibits school districts from spending more than 5 percent of all their allocated funds on administrative costs. A yes vote on the issue would mean that school districts would get to spend the 5 percent on administrative costs, while the remaining 95 percent would have to be spent on direct services to students, school employees, and facilities. A no vote entails that school districts will continue to decide what portion of their funds go to central administration and direct services.

Many school districts have the best understanding of where their funding should go. Imposing a measure that requires them to allocate a certain percentage of their funds to services other than administrative ones only prompts school districts to combine them both, thereby reducing the amount of on-site benefits. The measure would serve to aid large school districts, who have more students and larger funds with which to work, at the expense of smaller districts. At best, it's poorly written; at worst, it's the legislative version of the schoolyard bully beating

lunch money out of the smaller kids. Vote no.

The Daily Nexus opposes Proposition 223.

224 ... ???

Proposition 224 imposes restrictions on state-funded design and engineering contracts. Voting yes on the proposition means state and local governments would have to implement a new process before they could contract out certain government related services, whereas voting no would keep the current system intact.

What's the new process? Well, it was so damned complex that we couldn't figure it out. In a democratic republic, voters shouldn't have to wade through extensive legislative analyses complete with tables, let alone be asked to consider one that, if passed, would become an amendment to the state constitution — as Prop 224 would. Such tasks are what elected representatives are for.

However, we can't fairly condemn what we can't understand, so we're throwing up our arms on this one.

The Daily Nexus refuses to issue an endorsement on Prop 224.

No ON 225

Proposition 225 seeks to establish California's official position that state and federal legislators support the U.S. constitutional amendment that would establish Congressional term limits. Also, all candidates for federal or state legislative office who do not provide support for term limits will be identified on future ballots. Voting yes on the measure shows support for the proposed two-term limit (12 years) for U.S. Senators and three-term limit (6 years) for U.S. Representatives. A no vote denies the California's acceptance of term limits as the state's official position.

Although the bulk of Prop 225 involves California's stance on term limits, the clause that will display supporters and nonsupporters of its passage on future ballots denies candidates a fair chance to run in a nonpartisan election and is probably unconstitutional. One could ostensibly favor even harsher term limits over the proposed Constitutional amendment's and still be branded as anti-term limits on the ballot by Prop 225.

Put simply, this is ridiculous. The Daily Nexus strongly opposes Proposition 225.

No ON 226

Among other things, Proposition 226 proposes to require labor unions to

seek the annual written approval of their members to use member dues for political contributions.

Now, labor unions are groups of workers ostensibly organized to act for their members' collective good. Action, in any reasonable definition of the word, includes political action, and while labor unions often sink large sums of their members' dues into political causes seemingly unrelated to their members' immediate best interests, so does every other organization on the planet.

Besides, no one has to work in a union job — there are plenty of open shops out there, and an ever-increasing number of nonunion joints in which to seek employment. Short of quitting a union job, disgruntled union members can take up complaints with the leadership's political practices through existing means, like voting for new leadership.

Finally, if it's such a hot idea to make unions jump through hoops in order to spend their own cash, why not make corporations, political parties and other special interest groups do the same?

Because it's wrong, that's why. Vote no on 226.

The Daily Nexus opposes Proposition 226.

YES ON 227

Proposition 227 requires all public instruction to be done in English, unless otherwise requested by parents who display unique circumstances. It also mandates a short-term English immersion program for non-native speakers and funds community English instruction. Voting yes on the proposition means that students with inadequate English skills will be taught in special classes in which the teacher speaks primarily in English. After a year, the students will be integrated into regular classes. Casting a no vote means that schools will continue to teach students with poor English skills in a variety of ways, such as remaining in native-speaking classes for a period of up to several years.

Allowing non-native-speaking children to develop a sense of isolation through classes where they speak only their primary language is detrimental to both the students and society. Many children who remain in these classes for years never fully learn English at home or at school, and as a result do not earn jobs that are denied them due to their language barrier. Overall, it is time that educational systems take stock and realize that immersion — a harsh but necessary step toward ensuring that all California's students learn English — is preferable.

The Daily Nexus supports Proposition 227.

Remember:

VOTE JUNE 2!

Opinion

A.S. It Is



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An A.S. Executive Officer's Reflections

Leila Salazar Takes a Trip Down Memory Lane As She Contemplates Her Service

LEILA SALAZAR

I can't believe this year is almost over! This year has just flown by! As Associated Students external VP for local affairs, I've done everything in my capacity to try to represent you, "the students," on issues that you all care about. Now that I'm almost out of here, I want to let you all know what I did to try to make a difference for all of us.

I began my term by working on the A.S. Electric Shuttle. I helped finalize the schedule and figured out ways to let people know how and why they should take advantage of the A.S. Shuttle. I've been working on this project all year and I think that it has the potential to be a great example to the entire campus about how alternative transportation works.

I also began my term by working directly with the Park District and volunteers on the Measure A campaign to "Save the Parks." Other campaigns I worked on throughout the year were voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives, and, currently, the Oak Initiative, which I'm glad to say that A.S. truly supports.

I have worked closely with the Environmental Affairs Board on many projects. Some of those include opposing the I.V. seawall, opposing the Ellwood Shores and North Campus housing developments, working on Isla Vista curbside recycling and Earth Day. I have dedicated much of my time to EAB not only because I have a personal connection to this group, but because I feel that the preservation and conservation of our local environment is essential and it is our responsibility!

"So, to all of you incoming leaders, if you want to get something done, just do it. Don't wait for anyone or anything to push you or lead you. That is the only way you'll learn."

I also support respect for the community. This is why I tried to educate the students about the history of "our" community by organizing the Isla Vista Day of Peace in conjunction with A.S. Program Board, CALPIRG and the Perfect Park Peace Monument Implementation Committee. We all worked together to have a drum circle for peace, a screening of "Don't Bank on Amerika" and "Beyond The Barricades" (movies about the history of student activism and protest in Isla Vista), and organize a concert to benefit the Peace Monument in Isla Vista. We did this to teach the community about what happened when the community was unsatisfied with the system.

We stressed that the activism of students changed this community. Student activism brought services and programs to I.V., like the I.V. Recreation and Park District, the I.V. Medical Center, the I.V. Co-op and the I.V. Foot Patrol. These are services that should be respected as valuable community resources.

Another soon-to-be community resource is the I.V. Teen Center. The Teen Center will benefit local teens in the community. It will provide tutoring, mentoring, and social and recreation space for local teens, things highly needed in our diverse community. As a member of the I.V. Youth Task Force, I have worked tirelessly this whole year on fund raising for the Teen Center. I helped organize the Teen Center Walk/Run in the fall and the A.S./I.V. Community Improvement Drawing during winter and spring. Through this drawing, we all helped to raise over \$3,500 to benefit the Teen Center and I.V. Youth Projects.

Because of all the fund raising I did this year, I realized that I didn't think it was the responsibility of the A.S. external VP for local affairs to spend so much time on fund raising, although it is so important. So I worked with A.S. Legislative Council members and I.V. Community Relations Committee members to install a student lock-in fee to benefit the Isla Vista community. Fortunately, this lock-

in of 75 cents per quarter passed and now there is a big pool of money that can be accessed by community and student groups that need funds for I.V. services and projects.

I also feel really proud that I took part in bringing Halloween back to "our" community. This year's Halloween/Dia de los Muertos festival was a true community event. It was well-planned, well-managed, lots of fun and it set a precedent for how a Halloween festival can run smoothly in Isla Vista. It worked because everyone (the Park District, the county, the sheriff, the Foot Patrol, Associated Students, the I.V. Liaison's office and the Office of Student Life) worked together. We all worked together because we really wanted to bring back Halloween to Isla Vista and not to outsiders. We wanted to get respect and to have fun, and that's what happened.

If anyone wants to participate in the planning of next year's events, please come to the Park District office June 3 at 6 p.m. or call 968-2017 for more info.

Right now, I'm working on a concert in the park to end a great year. The concert, THIS SATURDAY, will be part of the I.V. Spring Festival, an Isla Vistan tradition.

The Spring Festival will begin with the second annual Isla Vista Parade at noon at Dogshit Park on the 6700 block of Del Playa. Dress up and bring your instruments. Once many people have gathered, the parade will begin. The parade will travel through DP and end up at Anisq' Oyo' Park, where a list of great bands will play, including Animal Liberation Orchestra, Tight Pants and One Fine Day. In addition, the festival will serve as an educational event about community projects that need your help and support, like the I.V. Peace Monument and the I.V. Teen Center.

I'm also working on the I.V. slide show of the 1990s with the Parks District and some students from Sociology 134. We are currently collecting pictures/slides of the 1990s in Isla Vista. These pictures will be brought together for a slide show that will be shown in Soc 134 and also be left for the community to see for all time. If anyone has pictures of floods, concerts, environmental projects, Take Back the Night, seawalls, the Teen Center and Youth Projects, the I.V. Co-op, Halloween, etc., please bring them to the A.S. Office or the Park District office by Tuesday, June 2. Your pictures will be returned.

OK, so the last thing is *alternative graduation*. If you don't know by now, alternative graduation is a 30-year tradition that students really enjoy. It is a graduation ceremony that is very informal and personal and that is organized for and by the students. This year we are having alternative graduation in Anisq' Oyo' Park in Isla Vista on June 13 at 11 a.m.

I would encourage anyone who is graduating to participate. You get to have whoever you want present you with a "diploma" (whatever that may be) and speak a little about you. You even get to see and hear performances with your fellow classmates. So, if you want to participate, sign up today at the A.S. office.

I think that I have probably told you more than you ever wanted to know about what my job entailed this year, but I think that it's important to say regardless. I am very easily motivated and tend to work too much, so I know I'm a tough act to follow. I do whatever it takes to get stuff done. That's my philosophy.

So, to all of you incoming leaders, if you want to get something done, just do it. Don't wait for anyone or anything to push you or lead you. That is the only way you'll learn. Good luck and thank you to everyone who supported me during this crazy year.

Leila Salazar recently completed a year as A.S. external VP for local affairs.

Conspiracy!

HENRY SARRIA

I've never been too keen on conspiracy theories. I don't really have the time or energy to pursue things that don't amount to much. But then there's the issue of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors' vote to approve the Isla Vista seawall and 2nd District Supervisor Jeanne Graffy's vote in favor of such an aberration to our coast. All I can ask is "why?"

It was no surprise that Urbanske and Staffel voted in favor of it. Anything they can do to piss off those "spoiled, liberal environuts" at UCSB they'll do. Besides, it's hard to care about the South Coast when you have to deal with a dung hole like the North County.

All they know is cows, and with cows comes lots of manure. They know their manure as well as a function of slinging it. But why did Jeanne Graffy shift her swing vote in favor of the seawall, especially when she claims to be pro-environment? This move on her part amounts to a case of political suicide, but *maybe* there's just more than politics involved here. Could the dollar signs be clouding her view? This is where the conspiracy theory part comes in, and please keep in mind that this is just a theory.

What if (key words here) there's some vested financial interest by Jeanne Graffy in the seawall contractor? Or could it be that some of the property owners along the affected area of Del Playa live in the 2nd District and they bought her vote in favor of the seawall? The only way to tell would be to have Jeanne Graffy make her political contribution files visible to the public, but that won't hap-

"This move on [Jeanne Graffy's] part amounts to a case of political suicide, but *maybe* there's just more than politics involved here."

pen. Apparently, someone broke into Jeanne Graffy's daughter's office and took those particular files. No other ones, just the files listing the contributors to her campaign.

This sounds pretty fishy, but it doesn't stop there. There's more weirdness.

I wish someone (preferably Jeanne Graffy) would tell me, and all concerned citizens, what went on in that "meeting" (fundraiser?) a couple of weeks ago at the Beachside Restaurant. It seems that the only guests invited that morning were none other than "Isla Vistans for a Better Government." The whole matter was kept very hush-hush to the point where not even the media was allowed access.

I guarantee you that the only thing these "guests" had to do with Isla Vista is their property ownership along the area of Del Playa that will be affected by the seawall. Nothing to do with better government, just putting up something that's (pardon the Southern expression here) "as useless as a wooden titty with a kickstand."

Thanks to Jeanne Graffy's antics, I've now started believing in conspiracy theories. I'm also confused.

The source of my confusion comes from Brooks Firestone's support for Jeanne Graffy. I like Mr. Firestone, and he has shown nothing but excellence and honesty in his career as a politician (and is one heck of a wine maker to boot!), but this time, with all due respect to Mr. Firestone, he's backing the wrong candidate for 2nd District Supervisor. In any case, now you know why I smell a conspiracy of sorts brewing here. Possible concealing of records, secret meetings and mass conflict of interest do bring up warning flags for a conspiracy theory, but it's just that — a theory.

Only Jeanne Graffy can say whether or not it's fact, but she won't do so until after the June 2 elections. Maybe the voters will conspire on their own and cast their votes against Jeanne Graffy. Maybe the missing, "stolen" files will surface and the California Coastal Commission will consider Jeanne Graffy's seawall vote null and void because of conflict of interest.

I don't watch the X-Files very often, but I do believe in the show's credo: "The truth is out there." I hope the voters can find it.

Henry Sarria is a longtime resident of Isla Vista and a Nexus columnist.

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Representative Lois Capps opposes Prop 226.

"She feels that the proposition is unnecessary," Finkel said. "It's a redundant measure and it unfairly

harms working families." Thirty-Fifth Assembly District Candidate Allan Ebenstein said the proposition is a needed step toward real campaign finance reform.

"I think that Prop 226 will more accurately reflect what

union members want to contribute to political campaigns," he said. "I'm open to further campaign reform that would influence the amount of money that corporations and political action committees can contribute to campaigns."

PARKING

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major maintenance projects that we might have in any one year that we couldn't cover out of our regular operational budget," she said.

A.S. External Vice Presi-

dent for Local Affairs Leila Salazar, who represented A.S. on the committee, felt that the increased rates could affect student attitudes toward driving and parking on campus.

"The basic reason why we raised the rates was because

of the high demand for parking here," she said. "My personal opinion is that if you make rates higher, people might think twice about driving onto campus, as opposed to carpooling or biking to school. That's why I voted for it."

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ent areas. Parking and Transportation Services, for example, is in charge of cleaning up trash in the parking areas while Facilities Management cleans the surrounding grounds.

"I have complained several times about the appearance of the area behind the Arbor," he said. "There is one man — I don't know his name — and he will with a hose wash off the concrete area where deliveries are made, and he'll wash the trash over onto the asphalt area where there are some service vehicle parking spaces, and he'll just wash it over there and leave it. Then the wind will come along and blow it somewhere else, and it'll just sit there for several days until I pick it up."

Groundskeeper Joe Mason offered an explanation

for the untidiness of the contested ground.

"That area is used by several people," he said. "The Arbor puts a lot of things out there, [and] of course a lot of the trash from the custodians goes there. In other words, a lot of things go in from a lot of the departments, pretty much, and so what happens is they don't dump everything in the dumpsters and there's paper around there. Over a period of time, paper will accumulate around those dumpsters and [people will] see a groundskeeper out there edging or mowing — and they'll think immediately, because they see them, 'Well, how come you're not over here cleaning this up?'"

Gonzales acknowledged that some of the processes used to keep the university shipshape are still in need of revision.

"Of course, we need to

work closely with [PTS] and housing for those areas where the responsibilities overlap, as well as the UCen for some of the eating areas," he said. "All of the other departments have been very eager to cooperate with Facilities Management and have dedicated staff to addressing these areas. So I'm encouraged that we'll get ahead of this problem if we dedicate ourselves to it."

Gonzales said that his future plans include the development of teams who would patrol the campus twice a day collecting litter.

"As we start planting more areas and cleaning up some of the areas that haven't been addressed, as we work more closely with [PTS] in particular for the parking lot areas, I'm thinking that the appearance of the campus will be upgraded," he said.

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Powerful Pigtails

Hoopster Erin Buescher, with her trademark hairdo, has silenced the "skeptics" and amassed a trophy case worth of awards during her rookie season at UCSB.

By BEN ALKALY
Staff Writer

If you ask women's basketball freshman phenom Erin Buescher, she'd probably tell you first impressions are overrated.

Her teammates, who first saw Buescher play during a high-school tournament held in Santa Barbara in December 1996, are likely to concur.

"I just remember sitting in the stands, and we were like, 'how could they recruit this girl?'" recalled junior guard Stephanie Shadwell. "She said that was one of her worst games and she was really struggling, but we just looked at her and said, 'this girl needs a lot of work.' Little did we know she was going to surprise us."

Buescher proceeded to create quite a positive impression during her rookie season at UCSB. The 6'3" swing player made an unprecedented clean sweep of the Big West Conference's postseason awards, capturing Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year, and Tournament MVP honors. After helping the Gauchos to an astounding 27-6 record and second-round NCAA Tournament appearance, the Rohnert Park, Calif.,

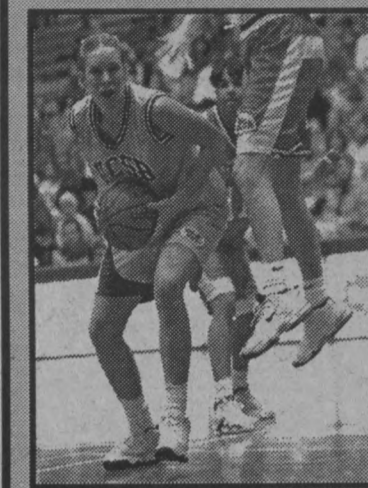
native earned a spot on the *Women's Basketball News* All-Freshman Team, becoming the first Santa Barbara player bestowed such an honor.

Buescher had never considered the aforementioned accolades when she arrived in Santa Barbara over the summer, expecting to be a role player.

"I thought I was going to rebound and I really wanted to go wherever they were going to put me," she said. "I just wanted to contribute in some way. I understood that all the positions were taken, and I might have to cheer."

Her career as a cheerleader didn't last long, especially after pouring in 25 points and 13 boards in the season opener at Arizona State. Buescher was rewarded with her first start five weeks later against Colorado State, and proceeded to record another double-double in the 105-98 road win. The communication major kept turning heads the rest of the season, and became more and more comfortable with her offensive skills. Her 34 points against Cal Poly San Luis Obispo on Feb. 18 tied a school record, and was easily the most ever scored by a UCSB freshman.

"By the time the Arizona State



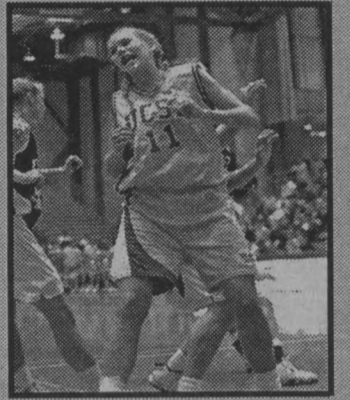
Big West Player of the Year

Freshman All-American



Big West Freshman of the Year

UCSB Team MVP



game rolled around, I don't think any of us were surprised by what happened," Gaucho Head Coach Mark French said. "Her numbers could have been a lot more than they were if she wanted them to be, but I think she wants the team to do well and doesn't care what her numbers are. I think, sometimes, she clearly looks to take over games."

Buescher shined brightest in the postseason, especially when she and sophomore point guard Stacy Clinesmith double-handedly brought Santa Barbara back from the brink of elimination in the Big West semifinals against Nevada.

"We have the same mentality and know what each other is going to do," Clinesmith said. "It became natural to know where the other person was when it got into crunch time."

The freshman's stellar play

down the stretch made her an easy choice as a focus for the ESPN2 cameras covering UCSB's second-round NCAA Tourney game against Illinois.

The national television exposure was only the start of Bueschermania. Her double-pigtail hairdo, which she dons for good luck during games, has been replicated en masse by local schoolgirls. Last month Buescher received an invitation to the USA basketball tryout camp this summer, where she will compete for a national team roster spot against the likes of Tennessee standout Tamika Catchings and All-American Adia Barnes from Arizona.

French likes the chances of his team MVP.

"From what I've seen across the country, she's got to be in the top 10 or 12 [young] players," he said. "It'll come down to what they're

looking for and how she plays down there. If I was trying to find somebody that might be an Olympic-caliber player a couple of Olympics from now, she's got, I think, everything it takes."

Buescher is approaching the highly competitive tryout camp with the same carefree attitude she employed during the Gauchos' record-setting 1998 campaign.

"It's kind of a win-win situation," the former California Interscholastic Federation Player of the Year said. "If I make it, it will be interesting — it will be fun. But if I don't, I get to go home and be with my family."

An outsider might expect a player who receives so many awards so young to carry a bit of a swagger, and create some animosity amongst her teammates. Erin

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Santa Barbara Track Heads to NCAA Finals in Buffalo

Caplis, Bryson and Alexander Star

By NATHAN ELSTON
Staff Writer

A year of sweat has paid off with a trip to the big time.

For the second consecutive year, the UCSB track and field program will be represented at the national championships, the biggest event the sport has to offer on the collegiate level. Three athletes will make the trip to Buffalo, N.Y., which marks the largest contingency of Gaucho athletes to ever compete in the prestigious meet.

Junior Sabrina Caplis will compete in the 800 meters, senior Trent Bryson in the 3,000 meter steeplechase, and senior Eliza Alexander will be in both the 5,000 meter and 10,000 meter fields. Although Alexander had her spot in the 10,000 cemented earlier in the week, none of the athletes knew their final standing until Thursday evening.

Head Coach Pete Dolan was ecstatic after playing a long waiting game to get the final word.

"It's definitely a top-of-the-world feeling as a coach," he said. "I believe so much in what's going

on. I believe so much in the educational experience of athletics."

Caplis was one of the final 800 runners to make the cut, with a time of 2:06.52 in last weekend's event.

"I'm shaking right now. I can't believe it," the German major said. "I'm really excited because I do well in races where I'm the underdog. It's going to be so intense."

Bryson's steeplechase time of 8:47.14 was also good enough to

qualify. The business economics major hopes to become Santa Barbara's second consecutive All-American in this event, following in alumnus Dave Cullum's footsteps.

Alexander's 10,000 time of 35:06.26 had her ranked 16th in the nation for most of the year, and she has had her eye on the nationals for quite a while. Her qualification in the 5,000, with a time of 16:42.47, came as more of surprise.

"Basically, the reason I'm back for a fifth year is to go to nationals," the psychology major said. "To go in the 10,000 is great, but I feel like I deserve it. The 5,000 is the cherry on top. It feels great."

Early on, these runners showed the team's strength to be in the dis-

tance squad, but during the year the sprinters, jumpers, and throwers proved they were catching up.

New Sprinting and Jumping Coach Geoff Bradshaw was rewarded with immediate success when senior Jodi Bailey took the Big West long-jump title. In addition, Bradshaw guided the men's 4x100 meter relay to the fastest time the program has produced in the last five years.

Also enjoying early success was second year Throwing Coach John Amneus, who helped senior Valerie Fleming win the Big West javelin competition in her first year of throwing it. Another mark of Amneus' tutelage is a new school record in the hammer throw, set when senior Jenna Endres got a

mark of 168'7".

Other highlights from the course of the four-month season include:

- Freshman Alex Gomez, who came out of high school with average times, worked hard and finally broke through to run a 9:41 in the steeplechase. His time matched Bryson's best as a freshman.

- Ryan Kwast, who collided with another runner at the Big West Championships during the 110 meter hurdles final — falling hard on his back — still scored points by getting up and finishing. Kwast beat that same runner in the 110 high hurdles later in the meet.

- Also at the Big West Championships, the men's 4x400 meter relay was relegated to the B-heat, and just before the race began, all the other teams in their heat scratched. Despite being the only team on the track, the four men showed tremendous heart in running one of their fastest times of the year.

- No team was louder than the Gauchos when cheering for their teammates. The team was its own biggest supporter, and on one chilly night even cheered for 100 straight laps during four consecutive 10,000 races at the Stanford Invitational.

"We're the brokest of the broke, but at a certain point money becomes irrelevant," Dolan said. "We're on our way no matter what."

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