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Italian Art

Local artists chalked up the pavement at the I Madonnari street painting festival, held Memorial Day Weekend at the Old Mission downtown.

Report Urges Caution Concerning Clearview

By Brett Chapman
Staff Writer

Although a university task force has expressed serious concerns over a proposed oil development located just west of campus, company officials believe they will receive the go-ahead to pursue their project.

The 13-member UCSB Clearview Oil and Gas Task Force released its *Preliminary Draft Clearview Report* May 23, detailing to the campus the specifics of Mobil Oil's proposal to construct two 175-foot drilling towers near West Campus.

According to the report, currently there are important considerations to take into account before allowing Mobil to pursue the project.

"The Clearview task force has serious concerns about the advisability of the project proposed for the Ellwood Marine Terminal Site," the report states. "Foremost among the task force's concerns is the health and safety of the campus and the surrounding community. Secondary, but also significant, are concerns about the quality of life and the environmental impacts, including the visual impacts of the project."

The facility's proposed location is the Ellwood Marine Terminal, property the university is purchasing. Mobil currently leases its portion from the property's present owner, University Exchange Corporation. UCSB will obtain the lease when escrow closes later this month.

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Changes in State Law May Reduce Committee's Power

By Michael Ball
Reporter

The Santa Barbara City Council will debate the future of the community's Environmental Review Committee, possibly resulting in an alteration of decision-making responsibilities, Tuesday.

The ERC, founded in part as a response to the 1968 Santa Barbara oil spill, is a five-member board of citizens which, until recently, was responsible for public review and certification of Environmental Impact Reports. These reports detail possible environmental consequences of land development.

Under changes in the California Environmental Quality Act made by the California Legislature, environmental review certifications must be appealable to an elected decision-making body. Before these changes, which took effect last January, the ERC's decisions were final, said Dave Davis, Community Development Dept. director.

At Tuesday's meeting, the council will consider whether or not to transfer the committee's decision-making responsibilities to the

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Overwork and Stalling Health Care Open Call for UCLA Unionization

By Martin Boer
Staff Writer

Recent calls from a majority of UCLA student university employees for unionization have instilled hope in local organizers that UCSB students will take up the cause as well. Head UCLA organizer Suzan Markens believes recent fee increases, coupled with a poor working atmosphere, have driven students to seek union support.

"People are unhappy with their workload and health care, which are working conditions," Markens said. "We are workers, not serfs."

Last week, 3,100 out of 3,400 UCLA students employed as teaching assistants, readers and research assistants opted to sign on with a union, the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, to acquire collective bargaining power.

UCLA is the fifth UC campus after Berkeley, Santa Cruz, San Diego and Davis to have a majority of its students unionize. Drives for a majority of student employee signatures are currently underway at UCSB and UC Irvine, despite lack of recognition from the University in previous student efforts.

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Officials Stress Caution as Fire Season Arrives in the SB Area

By Nick Robertson
Staff Writer

Local officials are taking measures to reduce the high risk of brush and grass fires threatening Santa Barbara County's open spaces as fire season brings potential hazards.

Beginning May 23, fire season will continue through November unless the county receives at least two inches of steady precipitation, said Kathy Good, U.S. Forest Ser-



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Grasslands such as these pose an increased fire risk during the coming season. County officials are taking steps to reduce potential hazards.

vice spokeswoman.

"The presence of brushy vegetation across the county makes the area very flammable," Good said. "The chapar-

ral is very old and dense; once a fire gets started, it can really take off."

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Weather

I stand on my little hill looking out on my little world. I see the little man in the beat-up hat coming to get me. I know I could go on, but feel that I want to stop. I look around at the fans who have watched my every move, some cheering my work, others dismissing me with a contemptuous squawk. I look at the ones surrounding me, supporting me. The ones that I have grown to know and love, the ones that have stood with me, ignoring, or perhaps just kindly overlooking, my flashes of wildness.

I think back to the long nights, the long mornings. The feelings of bitterness, the pleasure of exaltation. The satisfaction of a job well done.

I hand my ball over and walk off my little hill with the sounds of bells peeling in the background and the lilting voice of Kermit the Frog singing us about Rainbows. A tear falls.

I look back at the faces behind me, the friends and the enemies, the ones that have made me where I am today. I cast the past aside and create a clean slate. I say goodbye.

Outlook for the rest of the quarter: Sunny until your finals end, immediately cloudy afterwards, except for seniors, whose days will be perpetually filled with sun upon their escape from this place.

HEADLINERS

L.A. Officers Still on Three-Day Strike

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police officers frustrated by stalled contract talks recovered from the "blue flu" Wednesday, but city and union negotiators appeared to be no closer to agreement on officers' demands for higher pay.

The Police Dept. reported normal staffing levels for its day shift, signaling an end to the three-day sickout that kept hundreds of officers off the job during some shifts.

Officers, who have worked for two years without a contract, acknowledged the sickout may not have helped negotiations.

"I don't know it's going to make a difference, but we needed to make a stand. We needed to say something. It's about time we got treated fairly," said Officer Ray Perez.

Police Protective League union leaders met in closed session to con-



sider Major Richard Riordan's request, made on Tuesday, for a mediator.

"If it were binding I think we would be willing to do that, and I may call upon the mayor's office and the council to make that decision, to make this a binding type of arbitration," said union President Danny Skaggs.

Riordan said the city was facing its "gravest fiscal situation since the Great Depression" and couldn't afford more than a 3% raise spread over two years.

Union members overwhelmingly rejected that offer last week.

The union, which denied responsibility for the job action, planned an evening protest demonstration against Riordan. One union board member angrily insisted the city had enough money to meet the union's salary demands, including a 2% bonus for patrol officers.

The union hasn't released other details of its latest salary proposal.

"We say the city has so

many pork barrel projects that they're continuing to fund," said board member Dennis Zine. "The money is there. The problem is that the priorities aren't there."

The sickout forced the Police Dept. into a modified tactical alert as hundreds of officers called in sick every other shift during a three-day period. Calling the alert allowed commanders to keep officers from a previous shift on overtime to make up for those calling in sick.

During some shifts more than 50% of those scheduled to work stayed off the job.

The action ended with the graveyard shift that ended Wednesday morning. Forty-nine percent, or 256 of the 458 officers and sergeants scheduled to work the shift, did not show up, said Cmdr. Dave Gascon.

Arafat Calls for War to Free Jerusalem

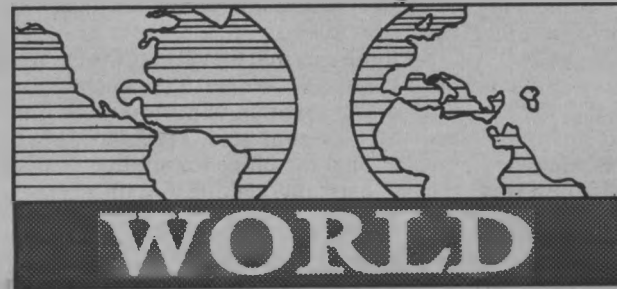
JERUSALEM (AP) — Yasser Arafat has threatened a "holy war" to liberate Jerusalem. Yitzhak Rabin warned he may boot key PLO offices out of the city.

A war of words is escalating between Israel and the PLO over the future status of Jerusalem, the most sensitive issue on the Arab-Israeli agenda.

Sharp words are everywhere: in Israel's parliament, on television talk shows, in newspapers and the cafés of the spiritually divided city of 560,000 people.

Arafat stirred anger among Israelis with a speech last month in a Johannesburg, South Africa, mosque in which he called for a "jihad," or holy war, to free the city from Israeli rule.

"Jihad" means genocide. It is inconceivable that the one who made



peace ... talks of genocide," said Shmuel Meir, the city's fervently devout deputy mayor, explaining why he called for the assassination of Arafat.

Jibril Rajoub, the new PLO security chief for Jerusalem and the West Bank, recently told Arab villagers in Israel's Negev Desert that Palestinians "will continue the struggle until we establish a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital."

"The Israelis must withdraw from the eastern side of Jerusalem because Jeru-

salem is a red line for us," he said.

Each side accuses the other of trying to create "facts on the ground" that will reinforce competing claims to the city in advance of negotiations, which under the Israel-PLO accord do not have to start for another two years.

PLO officials complain that Israel has sealed off Jerusalem from the West Bank, barring Palestinians from jobs, markets and the al-Aqsa Mosque — one of Islam's holiest sites.

"We are fighting a battle

to end the isolation of Jerusalem from the other parts of the occupied territories," said Faisal Husseini, the PLO official in charge of Jerusalem policy.

Husseini spoke at the Orient House, the three-story stone building that has been a focus of Israeli unease because of its role both as a PLO foreign ministry and a spawning ground for PLO policy.

Palestinians also complain that Israel, to strengthen its hold on the land, is building new Jewish neighborhoods in the eastern sector of the city captured from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war.

Since then, Israel has taken nearly 40% of the land in the Arab sector and built 70,000 apartments for Jews with 60,000 more planned. As a result, Jews now slightly outnumber the 150,000 Palestinians in the east.

Officers Spared from Punitive Damages

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The jury that earlier ordered the city to pay Rodney King \$3.8 million for his police beating declined Wednesday to order punitive damages against any of the officers, closing a chapter that wracked the city for three years.

The jury, addressing a countersuit by one officer, Theodore Briseno, ruled that King did batter the policeman, but said that punitive damages were inappropriate.

The jury deliberated 11 days before finding that former Sgt. Stacey Koon and ex-Officer Laurence Powell — both serving prison terms for the beating — committed violations but shouldn't have to pay punitive damages.

The jury said four other defendants, former Officer Timothy Wind and Officers Briseno, Rolando Sol-



ano and Louis Turriaga, did not violate King's rights and did not act with malice.

Those defendants had not been convicted in any other court, while Koon and Powell were found guilty of violating King's federal civil rights in a trial last year.

The courtroom was hushed as the verdicts were announced by U.S. District Judge John Davies, who gave no advance word that verdicts had been reached.

Only one of the defendants, Wind, was present for the announcement that they were held not liable for any personal damages.

King's attorney, John Burris, called the verdict surprising. "It appears the jurors concluded enough is enough and the officers had suffered enough," he said.

Burris said the jury appeared confused about Los Angeles Police Dept. policy and whether it imposed liability on individual officers.

"It sends the wrong message to police officers," he said of the verdicts, "that they may not be held accountable for acts of misconduct if they blame it on the city."

Burris said he never anticipated a significant monetary verdict of punitive damages but hoped that all six officers would be held liable.

The jury's action was likely the last act in a searing political drama that consumed Los Angeles for more than three years. The videotaped image of King, a black motorist, being beaten by white policemen came to symbolize racial division in the nation's second largest city.

A subsequent riot and outrages against police brutality toppled a mayor, a police chief and restructured the face of city government.

Potential Board Shift Raises Doubt Over Previous Environmental Votes

By Jeff Brax
Staff Writer

The state Court of Appeals' April 21 decision declaring Bill Wallace 3rd district supervisor has left Willy Chamberlin out in the cold with his affirming votes as supervisor in limbo.

Although the county decisions Chamberlin cast while supervisor will stand, the Board of Supervisors reserves the option to revisit votes. This power becomes especially important should Wallace regain the seat.

Wallace is presently at odds with the decisions of the current pro-growth majority on the board. "I think it's gone from an understanding and an appreciation of our natural resources in relation to building to a scant appreciation of our natural resources," he said.

Specifically, Wallace would like to review the creation of the Agriculture and Environmental Management Dept., accomplished under Chamberlin's role as acting supervisor.

The department was created by consolidating the Air Pollution Control District, the Dept. of Environmental Health Services and the Agricultural Commissioner into one agency with a new head. Motivation for the consolidation has been the subject of debate.

Wallace believes the unity took place to remove Jim Ryerson, APCD head at the time. "He was just a thorn in the side of the business community, they thought," Wallace said.

Both Chamberlin and Supervisor Mike Stoker supported the original consolidation, opposing a potential revisitation.

"I would oppose this coming back for all the reasons I supported the consolidation in the first place," Stoker said. "There will be substantial economic savings ... when all the departments are integrated into one building. This consolidation was

all done without sacrificing any environmental protections."

Although a recent grand jury report ruled the unification of agencies was based on political motives, Chamberlin believes the jury also had political motives in mind.

"When the grand jury report ... has politics in its introduction, it is a disgrace and they have a political agenda in mind," he said.

As Mobil Oil's Project Clearview is next up on the supervisorial board, Wallace believes he should be supervisor when that decision comes before the board.

"Willy has already said that he doesn't have a problem [with Clearview], which I think is obscene," Wallace said. "It's a terrible project."

Chris Lange, representative of environmental organization Save Ellwood Shores, agrees with Wallace's assessment, hoping Wallace obtains the post.

"[Chamberlin has been] totally pathetic in terms of environmental concerns," Lange said. "Wallace will make it clear that there are no lands in the immediate ecosystem available for industrialization by Clearview on this part of the coast."

However, Wallace is not guaranteed the seat. Tuesday, Chamberlin filed a petition with the state Supreme Court, requesting that the court overturn the earlier decision of the state Court of Appeals.

"I am optimistic that they will hear it," Chamberlin said, adding that the appeals court ignored a state policy concerning the practice of counting absentee ballots.

Wallace's lawyer, Phil Seymour, is aware of the absentee ballot issue, but does not believe the court will take the case.

"It's unlikely that they'll take the case. ... Seeing how this case wasn't published and it doesn't present an opportunity for precedent," Seymour said. "I'm sure they'd love to keep the office for another year ... they're basically stalling for time."

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Islamic, Middle Eastern Studies Receive Substantial Grant

By Matthew Nelson
Reporter

The royal prince of Saudi Arabia, a UCSB alumnus, recently presented a \$1 million gift to the university for the continuing advancement of Islamic and Middle Eastern studies established by previous donations from the royal family.

Fahad A. Somait, personal adviser to Prince Mohamad bin Fahad bin Abdul Aziz, presented the donations at a UCSB Foundation meeting. An initial pledge of \$200,000 was made by the prince with the promise of continuing donations of \$200,000 for the next four years.

Donations initially provided in the 1980s were geared to improve the Islamic studies program, said religious studies Associate Professor Juan Campo.

"This is in the context of the gifts that were originally given to the university back in the 1980s to establish an endowed chair in Islamic studies, which we did [in 1990]," he said.

Campo hopes the monies will be used to establish a complete undergraduate program using already available instructors.

“We take it that they [the Saudi Arabian Royal Family] have been pleased with our efforts because they have given supplementary gifts.”

Duncan Mellichamp
engineering professor

“We have about 11 full-time faculty on campus and four or five lecturers that are involved in some area of Islamic or Middle Eastern studies,” Campo said.

“We have drawn up a program proposal that we are presenting to the university this quarter that will lay out the groundwork for an undergraduate program that would offer a B.A. degree in Islamic and Middle Eastern studies,” he said.

According to Campo, the donated funds can also be used to support graduate students and provide students with opportunities for education abroad.

“We have a large education abroad program and we have a number of students interested in studying in

Egypt and also in Jerusalem, so the money could also be used for promoting a student that wanted to participate in one of these programs,” he said.

Engineering Professor Duncan Mellichamp, who instructed several members of the royal family during their attendance at UCSB, interpreted the gift as a sign of appreciation for UCSB's development of comprehensive Islamic and Middle Eastern studies programs.

“We take it that they have been pleased with what we have tried to do,” Mellichamp said. “We have tried to build a very broad program, as broad as resources will allow. We take it that they have been pleased with our efforts because they have given supplementary gifts.”

Sophomore Lee Davis, an anthropology major studying Arabic, hopes to benefit from the donation. “It's possible that if they have the department by the time I would go to grad school, that I'd be willing to go,” he said. “Where I would want to go would be Yemen, to the language institute there. I couldn't do it if they didn't have that department.”

Mellichamp expressed hope at the prospect of such a program. “Preliminary indications from the [university] administration are favorable, but obviously the disposal of this lies in the future,” he said.

UC System Plans to Preserve Santa Cruz Redwood Forest

By Henry Kumagai
Staff Writer

The University of California has chosen to maintain a plot of redwoods, nearly sold to private enterprise, as bids to purchase the university-owned forest were rejected.

UC President Jack Peltason announced last month the University's decision to turn down all bids and retain the 410-acre plot of redwood forest located in Santa Cruz County.

“He felt it was in the best interest of the University,” said Tom Debley, the University's assistant director of News Services.

According to Debley, the decision to keep the forest followed a recommendation by UC Santa Cruz Chancellor Karl S. Pister prompting the University to refrain from selling the property.

The Miller Property was donated in part by UC Berkeley's Professor Adolph C. Miller in the 1940s as a gift, lying just outside the UCSC campus, three miles north of Boulder Creek.

“Professor Miller did not intend the property to be a cash can for the University when he made the donation.”

John Dewitt
executive director, Save the Redwoods

“One thing special [in the Miller property] is the 30 acres of old-growth redwoods,” said Michael Houlemard, UCSC director for Community and Land Development.

According to Houlemard, the highest bid for the land came from Eel River Saw Mills, Inc., bidding \$2,380,000. Another sawmill owner, Rodger Burch, submitted the second-highest bid, followed by a bid from the redwood conservationist organization Save the Redwoods.

Houlemard suggested to Pister two years ago that the University sell the land after the community lost interest in its use. “We were spending \$20 to \$25,000 a year to keep people from vandalizing it and dumping refrigera-

tors and things on the property,” Houlemard said.

The University has reopened negotiations with Save the Redwoods and another undisclosed party, Houlemard said. “We are currently negotiating with two entities who would match our highest bids,” he said.

Pister has already committed the proceeds of the sale to a scholarship fund for UCSC undergraduate students.

Committed to conserving redwood forests since 1918, Save the Redwoods raises funds to purchase redwood forests and turn them over as public park areas.

Under the supervision of UCSC, University staff, faculty and students have utilized the land for recreational purposes for the last 25 years, Houlemard said.

Save the Redwoods Executive Director John Dewitt considers the University's refusal to release the piece of forest into private hands to be in accordance with the desires of the original provider of the land.

“The University should retain the property as public property,” Dewitt said. “Professor Miller did not intend the property to be a cash can for the University when he made the donation.”

Houlemard assured that the property will end up as a state park or protected redwood forest after its sale.

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Tourist Industry Blossoms During the Sun-Filled Months of Summer

By C-J Conklin
Staff Writer

The appealing Santa Barbara climate lures students, parents and tourists alike, adding benefits and complications to the low-key vacation spot.

A highly weather-dependent industry, the peak tourism season flourishes in approximately six months out of the year, with the off-season in the winter. The summer months receive the greatest tourist population, said Margie Ranc, Santa Barbara Visitor's Bureau executive director.

Reeling in approximately five million visitors a year, the average Santa Barbara stay lasts about three days, as some remain in town for an entire weekend, while others opt to visit for an afternoon, Ranc said.

According to Visitor's Bureau statistics, the market mix is composed of 70% from Southern California, and the remainder travel from other regions of the country.

According to Ranc, 17% of tourists are foreigners. "Santa Barbara, in comparison to the rest of the community, has a strong appeal for Europeans because of the sophisticated, charming atmosphere," she said. "We've done surveys and it has always been the same;

[tourists are drawn by] the weather or the climate, the beach atmosphere, the historical sites and the museums and architecture."

According to Sally Young, supervisor of the Santa Barbara chapter of the Automobile Assn. of America office, the Courthouse, the Old Mission, Paseo Nuevo and El Paseo are featured attractions for visitors.

"I think [tourists] come here because there's not much to do, to some degree," Young said. "People can relax, they're not pressured to do things and it's pretty and clean."

Although tourism often results in additional traffic, there was no indication of an increase in accidents or tickets during the busy months, said George Myers, California Highway Patrol Public Information officer.

However, local crime has reportedly been dependent on the weather, not on an increase in out-of-town visitors, said Officer Tom Rigali of the Santa Barbara Police Dept.

"The fluctuation of crime changes with the weather. There are certain criminal elements associated with [tourism]," Rigali said, adding that generally tourists are the ones being victimized rather than being the perpetrators.

"One thing the police

department tries to do in the spring and summer months is make the community and the merchants aware [of crime]," Rigali said. This includes public warnings to hide packages inside cars and to lock doors, he said.

According to Rigali, the SBPD prepares in advance for the annual increase. "Especially down in the beach area and in the downtown shopping district, we schedule more officers on bikes and motorcycles," he said. "[Fiesta and the Fourth of July] are the two events that call for beef-up of scheduling."

The effects of tourism on Santa Barbara businesses fluctuates with the season, said Nate Rostro, manager at Santa Barbara Resortwear, which sells T-shirts and Santa Barbara-based merchandise.

"We don't struggle in winter but there's definitely a downfall," Rostro said. "Tourists keep us going all year toward the end of spring."

According to Nadine Turner, Pacifica Hotel Corporation director of marketing, business slows during November through April, with the exception of holidays.

"[Graduation] is considered a 'special event' — people book a year in advance. In general, most hotels are promoting maximum rates."



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OPINION

"Once the government gets hold of a truly bad idea, it tends to cling to it."

—Dave Barry

Life Transcends Education

Duke Conover

Huddled together in a makeshift barracks, several German privates contemplate if going back to school is what they want to do with their lives after the war is over.

"At school, nobody ever taught us how to light a cigarette in a storm of rain, nor how a fire could be made with wet wood — nor that it is best to stick a bayonet in the belly because there it doesn't get jammed, as it does in the ribs," Bäumer said.

"[If we do go back,] what then? A student's life isn't any better. If you have no money, you have to work like the devil," Müller said.

"It's a bit better. But it's rot all the same, everything they teach you," Bäumer added.

Bäumer's statement is then supported by a question from his buddy Kropp: "How can a man take all that stuff seriously when he's once been out here?"

I hope I didn't do too much damage to this segment from Erich Maria Remarque's *All Quiet on the Western Front*, but it's how I feel as I prepare for the pomp and circumstance called life.

Where I come from, in the Antelope Valley — 50 miles northeast of Los Angeles — I was considered by the academics there to be to the political left of Hegel. While in Santa Barbara, I have been perceived by my contemporaries to be to the right of Limbaugh. Overall, I'm a centrist and this is the reason why after four years of higher education I'm even more confused than when I began.

The one thing that truly stands out in my mind, though, is the incredible "factionalism" I've experienced within the hallowed halls of the university. Everyone is right and no one is wrong. Just ask

any of the groups on campus and they'll tell you that's true.

The Latino community is convinced that if you eat California-grown table grapes and you don't support Chicano studies that you are a racist. If you support a women's right to choose an abortion but favor protests outside of clinics then you're unwilling to take a stand. And if you believe in God — and try to live a churchgoing lifestyle, than you're a closed-minded religious bigot with your head in the clouds of mysticism instead of keeping your feet firmly planted on the terra firma of reality.

Not trying to wear out the military metaphor, but I remember one terrible day when the small boat I was aboard was doing security runs in Beirut Harbor. It was September 1983, and the crew and I had been running 12 hours on and four hours off for nearly 30 days. With 26 men in close quarters — the small boat measured 65 feet from bow to stern and 18 feet from port to starboard — little things like politics and religion made for some rather interesting, if not just heated, debate.

On this one day, however, members of the Syrian-backed Shiite militia decided to lob mortar fire into the bay. Some of the more than 20 ships sitting at anchor sustained direct hits, causing small fires to break out on exterior decks. But due to the expertise of our crew and the coxswain piloting our boat, along with the crews working the other boats on security runs, we were all saved any damage — less, of course, for the Fruit of the Looms we were wearing which became stained beyond the help a gallon of bleach could provide.

On this one day, everyone was just a fellow human being and everyone believed in God. We had a job to do, and we got it done. We survived because we were working together instead of opposing one

another.

And as far as I'm concerned, that's what life is truly about. My four years in college have taught me to become a critical thinker, to not accept many things at face value and to challenge the ideals of another if need be. However, my life experience has taught me that we are all the same, no matter what our race, creed or ideology.

For instance, I'm a Catholic. Although there are heavy ideological differences between me and the atheist, we are very much the same. We both believe in a higher power — for me it's God, for the atheist it's mankind or technology. We both believe in salvation — for me it's the kingdom of Heaven and for the atheist it's the perfection of the human existence.

I would not want to live in a world fabricated by atheists, nor would they want to live in a world fabricated by me. But together, we can create a world which is comfortable for us both. This is true of any split factional group: Democrats and Republicans, Jews and Muslims, Asians and Blacks, men and women. Without going to utopia, if we can just learn to accept the similarities we possess instead of working to identify the differences, this world would not be one in which academics may be happy with — one of limited conflict — but one in which we could actually stand some hope of happiness.

So as Bäumer said, all that rot they have taught us may actually be for naught. A college education will help to expand your employment opportunities, but the only thing that will truly expand your mind is life. Good luck.

Duke Conover is ...

No Integrity

Walter Rosenfeld

"The United States, of all countries, should realize that democracy comes from conviction and not from force." Is this the same sentiment that led to the economic boycott of South Africa? I don't think so. And there is no significant difference between communist China and Apartheid. Or is it OK to use the most brutal tactics to repress a populace if they're of the same skin color?

I believe that there is a very dangerous trend developing in the last two years. During George Bush's administration, he was soundly thrashed for his handling of China. President Clinton promised to change the way this country dealt with communist China, a promise that was greeted with cheers from nearly all sides. However, now that President Clinton is doing exactly what President Bush was doing, it is seen as the correct choice? What is up with that bullshit?!

"Who are we to say?" you ask. Why weren't you asking that question in 1989 during the Massacre? Forget that. Why weren't you asking this just two years ago?

I don't want to tie this article to one specific issue. What I want



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to argue isn't whether or not granting Most Favored Nation status to communist China is correct. What I want to know is why we are cutting this President so much slack?

This has nothing to do with political ideologies: being Democrat or Republican, "right" versus "wrong," or conservative versus liberal. It has everything to do with integrity, and with leadership. What seems to be developing is this attitude that Clinton is a likable guy, who is someone we can relate to, who isn't old enough to be our grandfather, and has more policies that we like than the other guy, so we'll let him slide on being full of shit.

Domestically, Clinton has shined, and he has done some very needed things; things that would never even have been brought up by previous administrations: gun control, fetal tissue and gays in the military are examples. There are puh-lenty examples of Clinton mismanagement also.

Some of it is only hearsay: Whitewater, his wife's malfeasances (yes, plural), haircuts on runways, not inhaling, and some very questionable speculations regarding the legality of "Thomas-like" conduct to give a brief list. But what about the snafus by his aides: Brown and Vietnam and the transfer of money from Vietnam to his accounts, this latest with the helicopter, Stephanopoulos' ineptitude resulting in his needing to be replaced by a Republican, the firing of travel office employees, and Hillary Clinton, in her "official" capacity — an even briefer list.

Problems Clinton's had nominating cabinet positions, or keeping cabinet members, or how, once accepted, cabinet members have performed. International relations under Clinton has been a disaster. Military in Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia, an inability to form a coherent policy towards North Korea, trade talks with Japan, and now China. I was amazed to learn that President Bush actually had a better record for appointing more ethnically diverse ambassadors than President Clinton. Also, Clinton has given ambassadorship, in what is considered the "prize" ambassador placements — like England, Sweden and Switzerland — to his top campaign contributors.

Candidate Clinton told us, "It's the economy, stupid." We believed him. But it turns out ol' fuddy-duddy George was right; we really weren't that bad off. Candidate Clinton said he vehemently objected to our policy towards China. We believed him. Candidate Clinton said that he wanted to end the old ways of "business as usual." And we believed him.

Earlier, I said that this had everything to do with integrity and leadership. How many of you thought that I was full of it when I threw those out, and got ready to read a bunch of pompous bullshit? I don't blame you. C'mon, "integrity" and "leadership" have got to be two of the most overused words in the political arena.

They are outdated, meaningless words suited only for hollow political campaign promises. The mention of them is like an early warning system to flip the channel: a politician's running an ad and more political dribble is on the way.

And that's why I'm so disappointed. Because "integrity" and "leadership" are still just dribble, and I was promised that, this time, they would mean something. Why aren't you disappointed? "Who are we to say?" — How convenient.

Walter Rosenfeld is a frequent contributor to the Nexus.

One Matt Too Many

Matt Nelson

Would this feel a little weird to you? You are reading through the roster of names for people who have paid to pick up their copy of *La Cumbre* and just for the heck of it you decide to look up your name. When you do so, you find it right where it's supposed to be, except there's one problem: you didn't order one!

All right, it's no big deal really, but this is what happened to me the other day. I'm looking through the Nexus only to find that somewhere out there in this great big school of ours is another Matt Nelson. Some other guy has got my name!

This might not be so strange for some people. I'm sure that there are lots of John Smiths out there who are sick of death of meeting some other John Smith around town, but it's new to me. There is someone else out there who has the name "Matt Nelson" shouted across a crowded room and turns to see who called him — that blows my mind!

The strangest thing about it for me is that it's almost like a violation against my sense of self. All my life I've had a name that belonged to only me and now I have to share it with someone. I've been duplicated, in a sense. It's eerie, a "Twilight Zone" sort of way.

I also have to realize that Matt probably feels the same way. He's wondering why the Nexus keeps printing stories with his name on it. Then he realizes the same thing, did, that he is no longer alone in his name. It's like an episode of "Star Trek" — the evil Captain Kirk gets in a fight with his good guy double and the whole universe hangs in the balance.

It brings up all kinds of worries. I now have this recurring nightmare that someday soon I'm going to hear a knock at my door and the police will be standing there.

"Are you Matt Nelson?" they'll ask.

"Why, yes," I'll reply innocently.

Then BAM, the cuffs go on and I find myself sharing a cell in the Santa Barbara jail with a guy with "Mom" tattooed on his arm named "Rocko, the human mountain" desperately trying to explain that I don't even own a car and therefore could never have accumulated that \$5,400 in unpaid parking tickets. And I don't like the look Rocko is getting in his eye. It could happen!

I wonder what this other Matt Nelson is like. I've heard from some of those new age people that everyone on this planet has a duplicate out there, so does that make him mine? Or is he completely different from me in every way? You think about it. All your life you're the only one to have your name and now someone else does too, how would it make you feel?

I do have some company in my feeling of name duplication however. You see, I have this friend named Mike B.

The Reader's Voice

It Was A Very Good

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I just wanted to take the time to tell all you fellows I have had a great year, so for those of you that want to read on the construction taking place on campus, or on the funny humor, then move on to the comics.

As I reflect on the year that has passed so quickly, I feel one of fulfillment and excitement. In high school, my friends and I thought that college would be the best years of my life, but I realize myself, "How could life get any better?" Well, I found college, I have been involved with many student organizations (Hillel), not to mention the sorority in which I am a member (would have thought that, me, Sara Auspitz would be a member?). Honestly, when I received the fall rush packet I was sick to my stomach, but being a member of AEPi has been a great opportunity. I have also met my closest friends here (Hannah and Kelly. Okay, I mentioned your names in my article?), with whom I could never imagine life without.

In addition to my list of positive aspects of college, I know what you are all thinking, "This freshman life is mind-blowing," but I'm really serious. I am one of the lucky 66 people on the ninth floor at Francisco Torres. Barbecues, ice cream movie nights is how I will remember my freshman year.

Okay, well, now that I had my chance to share my thoughts with you, I hope you guys enjoy and appreciate the year. These are the best years of your lives, so don't miss out on any.

Beautiful Irony

Editor, Daily Nexus:

It's Dead Week, and good jokes have gone the way of spring, so when I heard this one the other day I thought it was a good one to share with you: Mobil is claiming to have a good safety record. They are trusted to drill next to Sands Beach!

Oh, beautiful irony. Yes, there seems to be an irony in what they say and what they've done. It appears that Mobil is a company that we are gullible enough to bite everything they force-feed us. A good safety record? I don't think so.

Let's take Mobil's oil refinery. It is in Torrance, and has been plagued by major explosions, fires and toxic gas leaks for years. Four people have been killed at the refinery, and an elementary school near Mobil's plant was overrun, sending eight children and one teacher to the hospital.

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who lives on the same floor as I and has a radio show on KJUC on Thursdays. Mike Ball also works for the Nexus. The only problem is that they are two different guys. They're fellow victims of name duplication! I've asked them both about it and both of them say it's no big deal. NO BIG DEAL? Don't they worry about the Captain Kirk thing? Isn't it strange to have your sense of self dented in such a way? "Naw" they reply, "It's kind of cool." Personally, I don't think that they really get it.

So I would like to offer an invitation to the sharer of my name. Come on down to the Nexus office, Matt, and ask for yourself. I'd love to meet you, and then we can see what Matt Nelson looks like without having to look in a mirror. Then you can have the chance to explain all those parking tickets and I'll give you your copy of the yearbook that I had no problem convincing them I had bought fair and square. Come on down!

Matt Nelson is a Nexus reporter.

Reckless Disregard

Barbara Langer

The University of California is squandering millions of public dollars by diverting funds intended for education and research to defend illegal employment practices. Although the UC is entitled to defend itself, it has spun the costs out of control in reckless disregard of the state's financial crises.

A classic example of the UC's irresponsible and wasteful litigation strategy was having the California Open Files Act declared unconstitutional. The act enabled the UC faculty to examine the contents of their own academic personnel files intact with only the names and affiliations on reference letters redacted. A responsible university would have integrated the provisions of the Open Files Act upon passage in the 1980s. Instead, the UC fought against the act for decades in courts at every level before it persuaded the California Supreme Court to declare it unconstitutional in 1992. Then, confounding consistency and the taxpayers' millions spent to scuttle it, the UC turned around and integrated the now-defunct law into its own personnel manual. The UC had no choice — the United States Supreme Court had declared years earlier in January 1990, that stronger provisions than in the Open Files Act were fully constitutional (See *EEOC v. Univ. of Pennsylvania*). The UC threw its wealth and power around with customary arrogance and machismo — showing that it alone called the shots — at taxpayer's expense.

After fighting so hard to hide aspects of its personnel decisions from employees, it's not surprising that the UC is covering up the full number and cost of its employment cases. In testimony before the California Legislature on May 18, it reported spending only \$2.4 million on attorney costs and fees defending 44 sex discrimination and tenure cases since 1988. The UC failed to report attorney costs for an additional 30 cases that it acknowledged litigating since 1988. Moreover, it failed to acknowledge the existence of 60 other employment suits active at some time since 1990 for wrongful termination or race, age, disability or sex discrimination or to report the fraction of its legal activity or costs devoted to defending them, according to a cursory search of court records by the University Plaintiffs' Co-op. Minority plaintiffs Rudy Acuña and Gwen Rowe-Lee report that UC spent over \$1 million and \$600,000 respectively so far just on their cases — suits which the UC failed to acknowledge.

No one outside the University knows for sure how much it spends to defend illegal employment practices. The University Plaintiffs' Co-op estimates that UC spends \$6 million for this annually — one-fifth of its attorney costs. At this rate, the UC would have spent \$38 million since 1988, 16 times more than it reported. The

Co-op bases its estimate on the \$30.2 million the UC spent on all attorney fees in 1992, the last published figure. Employee lawsuits make up one-fifth of civil suits filed annually in California (*Sacramento Bee*, P. F1, May 15, 1994) and sex discrimination cases alone make up one-tenth of UC's legal activity, according to UC's May 18th testimony.

The 34 plaintiffs to whom the University admits giving settlements might be surprised to learn that it characterizes these outcomes as "none ... decided in favor of the plaintiffs." For mathematics Professor Jenny Harrison, this misleading phrase actually meant being promoted to full professor with tenure and receiving an undisclosed cash settlement. Harrison would have forgone such legal remedies if she had not sued — and UC Berkeley would still have 79 men out of 80 on its math department faculty. The UC routinely drives employment plaintiffs deeply into debt and compromises or destroys their careers by compounding its illegal personnel practices such as violation of its own personnel rules, retaliation, blackballing and discrimination with its "scorched earth" litigation strategy.

The 60 plaintiffs whom the University failed to mention to the legislature might wonder how the University managed to forget so much expensive litigation at the crucial moment when its litigation budget is at risk of being capped. The Legislature may adopt a measure this session that audits the UC's spending on defending employment suits and caps the UC's attorney fees and costs at one-half the average annual level reported over the last five years. The measure induces the UC to reduce its costs without infringing its right to sue. Passage will be more likely if voters and legislators alike confront the University's contempt for them. The University is hiding the number and cost of employment cases to protect limitless attorney fees for its General Counsel's Office and its cadre of premium-priced private contract lawyers. Such a cover-up also shields responsible members of the legislature from retribution by outraged taxpayers, who want the University to follow fiscally responsible employment practices and defenses. These savvy taxpayers know that if they can save \$3 million this year by capping UC's attorney costs for employment cases, they might be able to save many times that amount in coming years with similar caps at other state agencies. Astute UC students know that adoption of the cap could spare 4,631 of them from paying the skyrocketing, \$650, 17% fee increase that the regents imposed this year and reduce the record-breaking debt that most of them have to assume to remain in school. (*Sacramento Bee*, May 22, 1994, P. A1)

Barbara Langer is coordinator of the University Plaintiffs' Co-op.

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ing criminal charges for this release.

It's too bad that with their "good safety record" they were still charged with over 100 safety violations at this site from the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Assn. Furthermore, over 400 Torrance residents are currently suing Mobil in a class-action suit. The suit is not for money, but is an effort to get Mobil to improve safety conditions at the refinery.

Oh, and did I mention Mobil's good safety record? Yeah, so good, in fact, that Mobil has led the industry in its number of pipeline ruptures, including one just two months ago at Ellwood Beach. These breaks, such as the one in the Santa Clara River in 1991, have killed hundreds of birds and other kinds of wildlife. In several of these pipeline breaks, Mobil was charged criminally for failing to properly maintain their pipelines.

Now, back on the home front, Mobil plans to erect two giant drills and a processing plant in the heart of the Devereaux ecosystem. It will be within easy striking distance to faculty housing, Francisco Torres, an elementary school, a UCSB day care center, and potentially even I.V. These will all be subject to Mobil's "good safety record." A sobering dose of reality. Unfortunately, it's no joke.

JOHN GALLO

Damn Mr. R

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in response to an article published in the opinion section (Daily Nexus, "Corruption, Greed Have Made I.V. a Shithole", May 26).

Mr. R.'s "observations and suggestions" not only reflect his own inability to adequately observe and address the problems with our campus and community, but his suggestions highlight an elitist and segregational position which I believe holds no place in this, or any, community. His message is one of apathy; he excuses himself from the responsibility of action and fails to address the student body's contribution to our community's problems while he expresses superficial criticisms and feeble suggestions for improvement.

Mr. R. is vocal about his problems with Isla Vista, yet his criticism comes as he is leaving the town and can no longer be held responsible for changing the conditions which he makes such a grand effort in portraying as the causes of the "shitholization" of the community. It is obvious that Mr. R. is far more willing to lackadaisically diagnose the dysfunction in our community than he is to take an active role in its reform.

Mr. R.'s complaints of the aesthetic value of the new buildings on campus demonstrate his failure to recognize the significance of campus expansion. Are new buildings being constructed to soothe the eye of the hard-working college student or are they designed to better suit the students' needs for modern facilities?

Mr. R. criticizes the "psychopathic developer" who uses his land as he pleases. He fails to mention the person or group which willfully forfeited their property rights when the right price was named. As if Mr. R.'s attack is not unreasonable enough, he jumps aboard the redundant and annoying Burger King-bashing bandwagon. This debate has gone on too long. Burger

King is here, that's a fact, and as long as people support it, Burger King will probably stay.

Mr. R.'s comments on the homeless are both noble and inconsiderate. He expresses sadness over drastic class division and the need for recycling together with a philanthropic vision of creating a self-sustaining community for the homeless, yet he condemns a large portion of the homeless population. A large percentage of this population is made up of diseased individuals, people who cannot afford to go to specialized hospitals in order to seek treatment for alcoholism or any other disabling condition which they might be subject to. So many like Mr. R. want to ignore this problem in the hopes that it will disappear, go away from Santa Barbara, leaving behind a predominantly spotless, idyllic scenario of upper-class success, devoid of a polluting homeless presence. It is obvious that Mr. R. is no egalitarian. Though some of his beliefs reflect compassion and human sympathy, others express a basic failure to recognize the humanity shared by all individuals, including those far less fortunate than ourselves.

Mr. R.'s segregational attitudes are apparent in his remarks on the members of St. Athanasius Church. His elitist stance is clear; his desire for the Evangelical Orthodox's move to Goleta (a perplexing desire to say the least), is a vivid example of his segregational attitudes.

The greatest oversimplification found within Mr. R.'s arguments is his failure to recognize the self-indulgent, disrespectful student population and its contributions to our community's problems. His criticism of the problem-causing homeless is just as applicable to a percentage of the UCSB student population, yet he does not make this connection. His criticism, with minor word substitutions, yields an image which he fails or chooses not to recognize. "It is true that some of the [student] population is a problem. I know of one who was drinking at the same party as I was on Halloween five years ago and he is still around drinking, begging [for another beer or cigarette] and doing nothing." To avoid recognizing our own roles in the contribution to our community's problems is ridiculous and idealistic; we are just as responsible for the deterioration of this town's respectability and appeal as anybody else.

One final point. Mr. R. complains about overcrowding due to a shortage in university funds, he complains of the allocation of these funds, yet he suggests setting up a university-financed maid service to pick up after all of the unconcerned, disrespectful people who are too lazy to walk over to a trash can and throw away their own garbage. Is this a solution or would his plan propagate the problem at the cost of even higher student fees?

Mr. R. waits until his final days in our community to present superficial criticisms of Isla Vista and our campus, together with feeble suggestions for improvement. My concern rests in questions that are not for Mr. R. to answer alone. Are his views shared by a greater population at UCSB? Do we want to associate ourselves with apathy and inaction? Will we, like Mr. R., refuse to recognize our own contributions to our community's problems? What are the solutions? It's just a hunch, but I think that they have something to do with us.

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SAASB Construction to Begin Soon

By Dan Warren
Staff Writer

The groundbreaking ceremony for the anticipated Student Activities and Administrative Services building, attended by faculty and student representatives, took place last Friday morning. According to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Michael Young, the building, scheduled for completion in 1996, will seek to expand administrative and student service offices and provide aid to productive interaction between student, faculty and administrative communities on campus. Several departments will be relocated to the new building situated behind Cheadle Hall, including the Office of The Registrar, BA/RC, Dean of Students and Student Financial Services. The building will provide spaces designed specifically for student services and administrative and academic

groups, Young said. "Within a few weeks of this groundbreaking, the construction of SAASB will begin," he said. While many student groups, including the Graduate Student Assn. and Associated Students, support the project, some members of the campus community disapprove of the construction. Greg Vogel, a senior philosophy major, objects to the project due to the funding of its construction being taken from student fees. "With the budget cuts, with all the cuts to student services, do we really need another building, or do we need to take some of that money and offset some of these cuts?" Vogel said. According to A.S. President Geoff Green, who spoke at the groundbreaking ceremony, he and other student representatives believe in the project's usefulness. "[SAASB] does represent a greatly and a badly needed thing on this campus," he said.

DISBAND

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planning commission. Should the decision result in handing over responsibilities to the commission, the ERC will likely be retained in an advisory capacity, said environmental analyst Leslie Buford. According to Davis, the transfer of powers is necessary to streamline the environmental review process. Under the CEQA changes, the ERC's decisions could be appealable to the council, advancing the process to the Planning Commission. "The process doesn't work in a straight line ... [the transfer] would reduce the bureaucracy," he said.

The timing of the decision is also an important factor to consider, Davis said. "The ERC played a real important role in the late '70s and early '80s when there was a boom in commercial building," he said. "But today most of the projects we consider are small, so it becomes necessary to look at the cumulative effect of these projects." City Planner Donald Olson supports the transfer of committee powers to the planning commission. "When applications come to the planning commission, it's at the end of the process," Olson said. "Their hands are tied ... they don't feel like they can make the needed changes in the project. It's

a much better process this way." According to Linda Krop, Environmental Defense Center acting chief counsel, the ERC is necessary for maintaining objectivity during the review process. "We generally support an independent Environmental Review Committee. It depoliticizes the process," she said. The proposed expansion of the planning commission's authority could create a conflict of interests, causing the council or commission to neglect possible deficiencies in considered proposals due to outside political pressure, Krop said.

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UNION

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UCSB organizers have acquired 800 signatures, in an aim for 1,000, to reach a definite majority.

Organizer Ted Coe, a graduate student in English, believes local efforts will be greatly buttressed by UCLA's success. "It immediately helps UCSB with both morale and freeing up people from UCLA now that their drive is

completed," Coe said.

According to organizer Robert Caputi, a UCSB graduate student in sociology, the university will not provide him with an exact number of campus-employed students.

"We don't know how many we need based on payroll," Caputi said. "They seem to be beating around the bush."

According to graduate students, the greatest obstacle is the University's refusal to define students

who assist in research and instruction as employees.

In attempts to justify its standpoint, the UC Office of the President cites the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act of 1979, which secured collective bargaining and rights for University employees but makes no mention of students serving as teaching and research assistants.

UC Spokesman Mike Alva said the University is not choosing to refuse to

recognize unions, but is merely following the state court's interpretation of HEERA.

"There was a California court ruling saying that research assistants and teaching assistants are not recognized under HEERA," Alva said. "That's why the University does not recognize research assistants and teaching assistants for the purpose of collective bargaining."

Union organizers refuse to be discouraged by the

University's responses. Coe believes the UC is destined to have student workers represented. "I think there's an inevitability to graduate student unionization in California," he said.

Berkeley organizer Maureen Karpen, currently aiding UCSB's efforts, hopes the UC will eventually be forced to allow for unionization because five campuses have already organized.

"It's fantastic. Every

campus that joins us will be exciting," Karpen said. "UCLA especially so because of its large student population."

David Gonzales, UCSB Labor and Employee Relations manager, does not believe there will be any noticeable effect if Santa Barbara students organize. "The university policy does not voluntarily recognize students as employees," he said. "It is a legal question, not one of whether it is one or six campuses."

FIRE

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Considered a desert area, the entire state of California has experienced drought conditions for the past eight years. The worst of conditions are expected during July, August and September, Good said.

The unstable atmosphere, combined with the county's dense population, renders local grasslands into veritable tinderboxes, said Charlie Johnson, public information officer for the Santa Barbara County Fire Dept.

"We are trying to stress that we live in a fire-risk environment," Johnson said. "We're asking people to use common sense ... this is not a fire agency problem, it's a community problem."

According to Johnson, every fire agency in the

county monitors weather forecasts daily throughout the high-risk season, keeping track of what other agencies are doing to ensure safety. Another major aspect of fire prevention includes educating the public of what they can do to keep risk low.

Johnson stressed the importance of working together to prevent fires in urban areas. "You can do everything to make your home safe, but if your neighbor does nothing, you're still in jeopardy," he said.

Isla Vista is also actively involved in reducing the chances of an urban firestorm. The I.V. Recreation and Park District did fire break work Tuesday and Wednesday, which entailed clearing dead weeds and brush at least 20 feet away from the roads, said Brenton Kelly, IVRPD

grounds worker.

"We haven't had any grass or brush fires around here for five years," Kelly said. "Last year we had a lot of rain, but this year, it's barely June and everything's died off."

According to Kelly, this month is a dangerous one for brush fires due to the increase of annual furniture burning taking place around graduation. Couch fires can spread to local parks' dead grasses, creating a hazardous blaze.

According to Johnson, the most recent grass fire took place Wednesday morning next to Calle Real in Goleta, near the Fairview Shopping Center. The fire was apparently ignited by a portable cooking appliance belonging to

transients camping near the highway, he said.

"This fire didn't really have much potential to spread and was extinguished within about an hour," Johnson said. "It just proves that people need to be extra cautious."

PROJECT

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The task force admitted it lacks important documents, specifically the project's final design and an environmental impact report. "The information that might be addressed in such documents *might cause us to modify our views*," the report states.

The report specifies a minimum of 10 concerns, including the impact on faculty housing near the site and compensation and safety issues, which the task force believes must be addressed before UCSB begins consideration of allowing the project on its property, said David Coon, task force member and director of Environmental Health & Safety.

"That list can only be a minimum because we haven't seen the EIR," Coon said. "I don't think the task force has a defined role to put out a campus position."

Mobil Public Affairs Adviser Shauna Clarke believes the university's concerns will be addressed by Mobil's permit application and subsequent EIR.

"I think once the environmental impact report is completed, ... a lot of the things that they are asking for won't be necessary," Clarke said. "I think they will see that the project will be compatible with the needs of the university."

Comprised of a variety of professors and administrators, the committee also included a representative from West Campus Point Faculty Housing. No students were included.

"At this stage of the process, the intent was to form a committee with expertise or administrative responsibility," said Assistant

Chancellor for Budget and Planning Bob Kuntz, task force chair.

Students and others at the campus and surrounding community are welcome to add input and responses to the report through June 6. Additional open discussion will take place later in the process as well, Kuntz said.

Task force member Michael Osborne, assistant professor of history and representative of WCP Faculty Housing, believes most of UCSB's concerns were addressed by the report. "We see no clear advantage to the university to do this," Osborne said.

The Campus Children's Center, located on the property near the proposed drilling location, believes it has been overlooked by task force considerations. No one from the center was included on the task force, and although the center is named in the report, there is no mention of what to do with the facility if Mobil proceeds with its plan.

"I'd say that everyone is pretty alarmed, mostly at not being included," said University Children's Center Director Mary Ray. "I'm concerned that the Children's Center is not mentioned in the conclusion. ... If somehow, some time down the road this thing goes through, the Children's Center will have to be moved."

According to Ray, the report's preliminary status provides time for the Children's Center's concerns to be included in any final document.

"I think they considered [our concerns]; the Children's Center is mentioned. They just didn't go far enough," Ray said. "I think the task force will do what they need to do."

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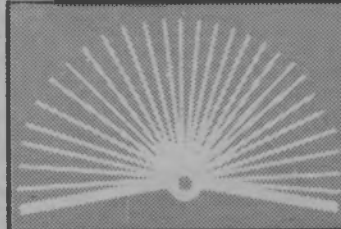
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Commencement

Schedule of Events 1994

Friday, June 10, 2:00-4:00 P.M.

SOCIOLOGY

Honors Reception
2824 Ellison
Invitation Only

Friday, June 10, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

PSYCHOLOGY

Departmental Awards Ceremony
Cliff House
Invitation Only

Saturday, June 11, 10:00 A.M.

MILITARY SCIENCE

ROTC Commissioning Ceremony
1004 Girvetz

Saturday, June 11, 11:00 A.M.

GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Reception
Geological Sciences Lobby

Saturday, June 11, 11:00 A.M.

*Or immediately following
the 9:00 A.M. Ceremony*

SPEECH AND HEARING SCIENCES

Graduation Reception
Snidecor Hall Patio
(near Clinic)

Saturday, June 11, 1:30-3:00 P.M.

ECONOMICS

Economics Award Ceremony
Centennial House
Invitation Only

Saturday, June 11, 1:30-3:15 P.M.

ANTHROPOLOGY

Graduation Tea
2052 North Hall
(Anthropology Conference Room)
Invitation Only

Saturday, June 11

*Immediately following
the 1:00 P.M. Ceremony*

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Reception
Engineering II Courtyard
For graduates, parents, friends and faculty

Saturday, June 11

*Immediately following
Commencement*

PSYCHOLOGY

Graduation Reception
Psychology Building Courtyard

Sunday, June 12, 10:30-12:00 NOON

ENGLISH

Commencement Party
for graduating English Majors
Girvetz Courtyard

Sunday, June 12, 11:00 A.M.

ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

Graduation Reception
Rob Gym Front Courtyard
For graduates, parents, friends and faculty

Sunday, June 12, 11:00-12:30 P.M.

HISTORY

Reception
4824 Ellison
Invitation Only

Sunday, June 12, 11:00-1:00 P.M.

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE

Graduation Reception
4312 Phelps Hall
*For all graduating undergraduates
and graduates, parents and friends*

Sunday, June 12, 11:00-2:00 P.M.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Graduation Honors Award Reception
Music Bowl
By Invitation

Sunday, June 12, 2:30 P.M.

DRAMATIC ART AND DANCE AND

FILM STUDIES PROGRAM

Departmental Reception and
Corwin Awards Ceremony
1101 Snidecor, Studio Theatre
Invitation Only

Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12, 1994

Two seatings daily - 11:30 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

BUFFET MEALS AT THE FACULTY CLUB DINING ROOM

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