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UC Regents Vote to Police Themselves in Admissions Letters

By Michael Ball
Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The UC Board of Regents opted Thursday for the less stringent of two measures addressing public concerns about regental involvement in helping well-connected students gain UC admission.

The only opponent of Regent

Ward Connerly's successful measure was Student Regent Ed Gomez, whose stricter proposal failed. Connerly said he forwarded the measure in response to public criticism generated by a *Los Angeles Times* investigation that found several regents and elected officials had written letters of recommendation for family members and friends applying to the UC.

In some cases, the letters

helped applicants gain access to the UC ahead of more qualified individuals, according to the *Times*. Connerly said the regents need to quickly respond to the issue.

"I think it's extremely important that we publicly respond," he said. "I think it's important [for each campus] to eliminate any special processes."

While the resolution does not prohibit letters from regents, it

calls for the board to be careful in the use of correspondence, leaving it up to individual members and admissions officials to police their own actions.

"Members of the Board of Regents should not seek to influence the outcome of admissions beyond sending letters of recommendation, where appropriate, through the regular admissions process and officers," the resolution states.

Several regents agreed they should not try to influence admissions, but said they should have the right to inquire campus officials and forward correspondences relevant to individuals' applications.

"I really hope that everybody understands that it is the obligation of a regent to inquire," said Regent Tirso del Junco, citing

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Unity and History Combine in Step Show

By Nicole Milne
Staff Writer

Sororities and fraternities from around the state will be bringing an African tradition to UCSB while using profits to help community organizations in the annual Step Show on Saturday evening.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated is sponsoring the event, which has been moved from its past location in Storke Plaza to Campbell Hall. UCSB greek-lettered organizations will be joined by other nationally prominent African-American sororities and fraternities from across California, according to Stephanie Harris of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated.

"Campbell can encompass all of the 'Great 8' sororities and fraternities," she said. "There will be [participants] from San Francisco and San Diego."

The Step Show goes far beyond dancing, according to Harris. Stepping as a form of expression

originated with coal miners in South Africa, but it has an earlier connection to tribal dancing, Harris said.

Stepping works on various levels of meaning in the African-American community, according to Turhan Davis, president of the UCSB chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated. It is a way in which sororities and fraternities communicate their ties to African traditions and a vehicle for the congregation and community bonding of various greek-lettered groups, he added.

"The tradition of stepping is not just for show, or just to entertain," he said. "It is a way to communicate with each other and a great time to socialize and enjoy each other."

An abundance of time, energy and creativity goes into a step show, according to Davis. The stepping groups change their routines frequently, rarely staying with the same step setup for a long time.

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Cherrie Moraga lectured Thursday on the power of stories and storytellers in a talk that also addressed her own experiences as a Chicana, lesbian and mother.

Lecture Looks at Speaker's Lesbianism and Motherhood

By Emma S. Pollack
Reporter

Poet, playwright and essayist Cherrie Moraga discussed her feminist outlook and the hardships she has faced as a lesbian Chicana mother in the third annual César Chávez Memorial Lecture Thursday night.

Moraga co-edited *This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color* and is the author of several award-winning plays, including *Heroes and Saints*. Her lecture honored the memory of civil rights activist and agricultural labor leader César Chávez.

Moraga focused the lecture on the revolutionary potential in both the story and the

storyteller, frequently relating the theme to events in her personal life.

"It is essential to recognize the power of the story to change lives," she said.

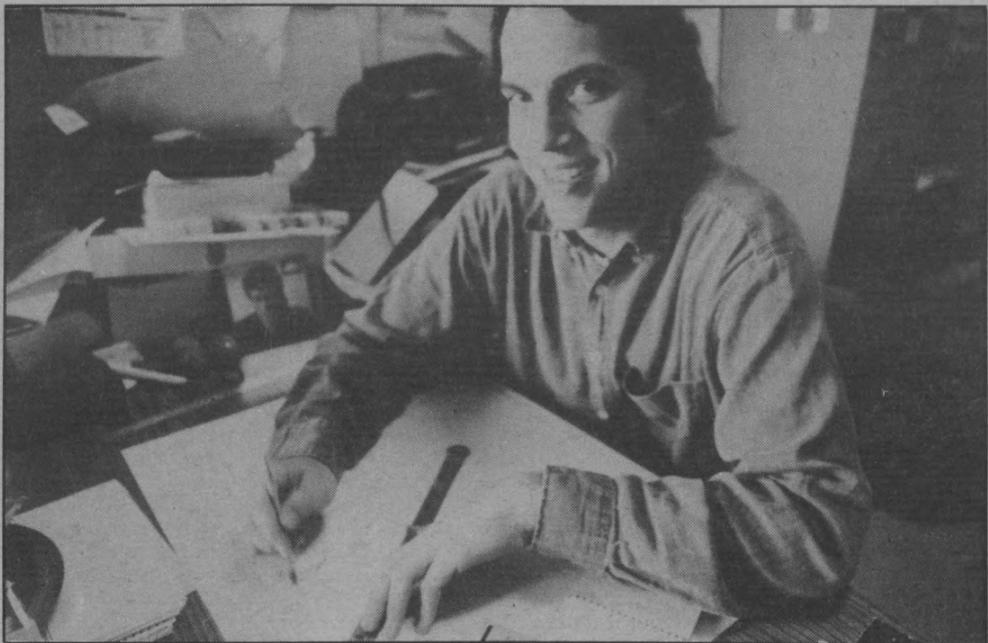
She shared her personal journal entries about her own experiences with motherhood, describing conception and delivery in great detail.

"I realized how lucky I was to be a lesbian, to have it all — a mother, a sister and a lover," she said.

Moraga said motherhood connects women of all classes and addressed what she called the queer familia, a homosexual couple with a child.

"As a Chicana lesbian femin-

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Opinions Editor Nick Robertson was appointed Daily Nexus 1996-97 editor in chief by the chancellor's Press Council Thursday after an inconclusive staff vote.

Group Makes Decision on New Nexus Editor in Chief

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

The chancellor's Press Council has unanimously selected the *Daily Nexus* opinions editor to be the next editor in chief after one of the paper's closest races for the top position.

Nick Robertson, a junior English major, will assume the post for the 1996-97 academic year after the five-member council reviewed applications from

Robertson, current News Editor Jeff Brax and current Campus Editor Tim Molloy.

According to Press Council member Linda Bowen, the decision was especially tough this year because the council usually guides its selection based on the Nexus staff's vote, which was inconclusive this year.

"This year was very unusual," said Bowen, a Santa Barbara City College journalism teacher. "There were three clear-cut strong candidates and the Nexus

staff did not give us a mandate for a particular person. We had a very difficult decision to make by trying to reach a consensus when the staff couldn't do it."

Robertson and Molloy each received 14 votes in the staff election while Brax garnered 11.

The outcome produced visible strife among some staff members, although none would discuss concerns on the record.

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HEADLINERS

Freemen Negotiate With U.S. Officials

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) — After tentative handshakes on a muddy road, FBI agents and members of the extremist Freemen group met face-to-face Thursday for the first time since their standoff began on March 25.

Four Freemen negotiators talked with two FBI agents and Colorado Sen. Charles Duke for almost two hours in a steady rain near the gate of the 960-acre ranch in eastern Montana. Duke had met separately with the Freemen for 2½ hours Thursday morning before returning with the agents.

Two Freemen sentries kept watch in a pickup truck nearby, and a corps of reporters and photographers about a half a mile away observed the talks through long-lens cameras and binoculars.

A local resident at the scene identified two of the Freemen as Rodney Skurdal and Edwin Clark, who are among the leaders of the extreme right-wing group. Clark appeared to

be doing most of the talking.

Clark is a member of the farming and ranching family that owned the land before a bank foreclosed on it in 1994. Skurdal, of Roundup, Mont., was identified earlier by negotiator James "Bo" Gritz as one of a few hardcore members of the group who

tape recorder. Observers could not determine whether the FBI agents or the Freemen were armed.

The Freemen have also met with Montana state Rep. Karl Ohs, three other Montana legislators and the state's top prosecutor, Assistant Attorney General John Connor Jr., with-

"A coordinated nonviolent strike against all four areas deep on a moonless night might well result in capture of all 21 occupants without bodily injury to either side," the newspaper quoted Gritz's report to the FBI as saying.

Gritz said the group in the farm complex numbers 21, not the 18 to 20 cited by the FBI.

The Freemen contend they are not subject to state or federal laws and subscribe only to their own interpretation of common law. They are believed to be heavily armed, and some are wanted on federal and state charges ranging from writing millions of dollars in worthless checks to threatening the murder of a federal judge.

"My goal there is to enforce the law and not have anyone get hurt," FBI Director Louis Freeh said at a hearing in Washington, D.C. on Thursday.

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Louis Freeh
FBI director

would be least likely to want to surrender.

A television reporter identified a third Freeman involved in the talks as Russell Landers, a North Carolina man and fugitive from Colorado who is accused of filing phony property liens against officials.

One FBI agent carried what might have been a

out reaching a surrender agreement.

Gritz, who gave up in frustration after twice meeting with the extremist group, has since urged the FBI to stage a nonviolent nighttime raid on the complex of buildings where the fugitives from justice are staying, the *Denver Post* reported Thursday.

U.S. Naval Joint Chief Dies in Probable Suicide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's top Navy officer died Thursday from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound just hours after learning that a news magazine was



raising questions about the legitimacy of some of his combat medals.

Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda, the chief of Navy operations, was to have met about the time of the shooting with the Washington bureau chief of *Newsweek* magazine, which was working on a story concerning his medals.

Administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was no evidence the shooting was accidental and no suspicion of foul play. Two notes were found at Boorda's residence; they were sealed by investigating police.

Colleagues and lawmakers who had spoken with him in recent days expressed shock and dismay. Several referred to the 56-year-old admiral as "a sailor's sailor."

At the White House, President Clinton praised Boorda, the first enlisted sailor in the history of the Navy to rise to its top position, as a man of "extraordinary energy, dedication and good humor."

The questions about the legitimacy of Boorda's combat "V" award came at a time when the Navy as an

institution has come under fire from critics for moral lapses, starting with the 1991 Tailhook sexual assault scandal and more recently focusing on drug use at the Naval Academy and sexual harassment in the officer corps.

Rear Adm. Kendall Pease, who was with Boorda a little over an hour before the shooting, said Boorda was to have met with *Newsweek's* bureau chief in his Pentagon office at 2:30 p.m. to discuss questions about his Vietnam combat medals. The implication was that *Newsweek* was investigating whether Boorda for years had worn a combat "V" decoration that he was not authorized to wear.

Pease said that when he told Boorda, at about 12:30 p.m., what the subject of the interview was,

the admiral abruptly announced he was going home for lunch instead of eating the meal that had been brought to his office.

"Adm. Boorda was obviously concerned," said Pease, the Navy's top public affairs officer. Pease declined to characterize Boorda as distraught.

In a statement, *Newsweek* Editor Maynard Parker said the magazine "had not reached any conclusions" about the medal controversy.

Boorda was to have joined Clinton and other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the White House on Thursday for announcement of an initiative seeking a permanent worldwide ban on land mines.

Thirty-Year Island President Moves Aside for Elections

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Dominicans spent hours in crowded voting stations Thursday to select a successor to President Joaquin Balaguer, even as



critics suggested the longtime strongman wasn't ready to leave office.

Police said two shootings marred otherwise peaceful balloting: A provincial official of the ruling party killed a rival in a dispute about voting credentials and the gun of a soldier guarding a polling station discharged accidentally, grazing the ear of a 9-year-old girl.

For the first time since 1966, Balaguer isn't running. The 89-year-old president agreed to cut his

term in half and not seek re-election in order to end protests that he won the 1994 election through vote fraud.

The front-runner in the polls was Jose Francisco Peña Gomez, a Social Democrat with the Dominican Revolutionary Party. Many people believe he won the last election.

Centrist Leonel Fernandez of the Dominican Liberation Party was close behind, and trailing was Jacinto Peynado of Balaguer's ruling Social Christian Reformist Party.

"We are here for a change in our presidency," said Nedra Agramonte, 71, among hundreds of women who waited hours to vote at the Paraguay School in a working class neighborhood of this capital.

A runoff between the top two vote-getters will be held June 30 if no one wins a majority.

Pacemakers Interfered With by Cell Phones, Study Finds

SEATTLE (AP) — Cellular telephones — especially digital ones — can change the pace of pacemakers or speed up people's pulses when used near the heart-regulating



devices, researchers said Thursday.

The interference occurred in more than half the 975 patients tested in a clinical study, according to the first large-scale U.S. study of the subject.

"Whatever kind of phone you're using, it's best to avoid carrying it around turned on in your breast pocket," said Dr. David Hayes, a co-author of the study, which was funded by Wireless Technology Research, a Washington-based organi-

zation that is funded by the telecommunications industry.

Interference occurred most often when a phone's antenna rested directly over the pacemaker, and only rarely when a phone was held at the ear, said Hayes, director of pacemaker services at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Phones using North American Digital Cellular technology, the type most commonly available in the United States, caused interference in 28 percent of the tests, the study found. NADC phones also showed interference when the phone was ringing or being dialed, Hayes said.

Tim Ayers, a spokesperson for the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, said the study contained "no surprises." He said new methods to shield medical devices and cell phones are helping to lessen the problem.

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Students Protest Seastrand's Conservative Views

By Brian Norton
Reporter

Students, environmentalists and senior citizens joined a constitutional liberties organization Thursday to release an unflattering profile of a local congresswoman's voting record.

A report titled "The Freshman Rush to the Right" includes a detailed analysis of Congresswoman Andrea Seastrand's voting record over the last year and claims the San Luis Obispo Republican has not represented her constituents.

Michael Hudson, vice president and western region director of the People for the American Way Action Fund, a nationwide group dedicated to protecting citizens' rights, said the report is designed to educate the constituents of the 22nd District. After realizing Seastrand's

faulty track record, voters are encouraged to contact the congresswoman and urge her to better represent the people who elected her, he said.

"If we are able to shine the light of public attention on her record of voting in Congress, and help

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We believe the record of her votes and her activities in Congress show without a doubt that she has aligned herself with the extreme religious right.

Michael Hudson
vice president and western region director
People for the American Way Action Fund

the citizens here understand who she's really representing, then they can get in contact with her," he said. "It will be good for the district, good for Congress and good for the country."

Hudson said Seastrand has voted to slash funding

for student loans, Medicare, family planning assistance for low-income women, environmental protection and literacy programs. Her record has also proved to be extremely conservative on issues such as reproductive health, church-state

separation and violence and safety.

Hudson believes this voting pattern has been influenced by the Traditional Values Coalition and other Religious Right groups.

"We believe the record of her votes and her activi-

ties in Congress show without a doubt that she has aligned herself with the extreme religious right," he said. "And to us, that seems somewhat in contrast with the mainstream values of the 22nd Congressional District."

As an example, Seastrand received a perfect score of 100 percent on the Christian Coalition's 1996 election year scorecard, indicating she voted in line with the coalition's position on every issue to come before a House vote, Hudson said.

Senior political science and Asian American studies major Erin O'Brien, who serves on the United States Student Association Board of Directors, said Seastrand's voting record received a 0 percent rating from USSA, indicating she has consistently voted against student interests.

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Candles, Quilts Will Be Carried in Memory of AIDS Victims

Family, friends and concerned citizens will gather Sunday for a candlelight vigil and march in memory of those who have lost their lives to AIDS.

Sponsored by AIDS Project Central Coast, the memorial is part of a 290-city, worldwide effort, according to Rafael Coslo, APCC director of volunteer services and coordinator of the vigil.

The rising number of AIDS cases in the Santa Barbara County area makes the march and vigil especially important, he said.

"Roughly here in our agency we have over 300 people who are HIV-positive, ranging in age from 9 years old up to 60," Coslo said. "And we keep getting more and more each week."

This year's theme is "AIDS Discrimination Is a Global Epidemic."

AIDS-related discrimination in the area has also added significance to the event, according to Coslo.

"There have been cases of discrimination with landlords, with employment — [it's] institutional discrimination as far as access to appropriate health care, appropriate benefits, access to low-income housing," he said. "The guidelines for someone to get disability and supplemental Social Security income are different for someone with HIV or AIDS."

Participants will light candles in Alameda Park and march through the downtown area. Each marcher will carry the name of an AIDS victim during the walk and post it upon a large board at the end, according to Coslo.

Participants will also carry panels of the Santa Barbara Names Project AIDS Quilt, which bears the names of local citizens who have died of AIDS. After the march, these panels will be mailed to Washington, D.C., where quilts from across the country will be put together.

Shira Epstein, a junior psychology major and APCC volunteer, urged students, faculty and community members to participate in the memorial vigil.

"I think it's important for everyone to show up and show support," she said. "AIDS is so devastating. It's basically probably touched everyone in some way. It's out there. It's really scary. You just want to bring attention to it and help those who need it."

—Brian Langston

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Oxnard's 13th annual California Strawberry Festival will celebrate strawberries and all their plump, luscious goodness this weekend.

Event to Transform Oxnard Into Strawberry Fields This Weekend

By Bryce Baer
Reporter

Strawberry lovers will gather in Oxnard this weekend for two days of charity fund raising and fruit-sampling fun during the 13th annual California Strawberry Festival.

In addition to heaps of shortcake, ice cream and pie, the two-day event will offer live music by Eddie Money, The Rembrandts and Billy Vera and the Beaters. Younger festival patrons are invited to explore Strawberryland with such youth-oriented entertainment as Jimbo the Clown and juggler Dave Cousins.

Organizers hope the event will introduce those unfamiliar with Oxnard to the "Strawberry Capital of California," according to Lisa Carey, California Strawberry Festival Committee spokesperson.

"The purpose was to create a festival to pay tribute to the strawberry industry and to introduce people to the local community, which is a nice tourist area," she said.

The event has raised about \$1 million for local charity groups during its

12-year history, Carey added.

"Each year we raise about \$100,000 for over 30 non-profit organizations," she said.

Patty Salini, chair of the St. Anthony's Elementary School's Parent Club, one of the groups benefiting from the festivities, has been a participant for the last six years and said she looks forward to this year's event.

"I think it's very rewarding and a lot of fun," she said. "We've done real well in the past, as we've raised between \$3,000 and \$9,000."

Santa Barbara resident Dave Zell, who has attended the festival in the past, said the sampling of strawberry delicacies made up for a lack of quality entertainment.

"I found the proceedings to be really cheesy, but with so many strawberry delights, I found it difficult to contain myself," he said. "It's a great place for food, folks and fun ... and other cliches."

The festival will be held Saturday and Sunday at Strawberry Meadows of College Park in Oxnard. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children age 2 to 12 and senior citizens.

Weekend Fest to Raise Cultural Awareness

By Tiffany Pham
Reporter

A local organization will present a cultural celebration featuring martial arts and dancing at its Fourth Annual Chinese Festival downtown Saturday.

The Santa Barbara Chinese American Association, a local non-profit group, is organizing the event and believes the community should be aware of its own diversity, according to President Henry Tai. The increase in Santa Barbara's Chinese population in the past few years has raised the need for cultural awareness, he added.

"We want to show the

community the Chinese culture so they could appreciate it," he said.

Sheng Chen, association member and festival coordinator, believes the celebration provides a community service and hopes it will attract more Asian volunteers.

Festival highlights include a demonstration of Chinese martial arts, the lion dance and a traditional Chinese costume fashion show coordinated by the UCSB Asian Pacific American Student Union, Chen said. Special attention will also be given to children's music and fairy tale, he added.

APASU's fashion coordinator Kelly Yip aims to display the variation in Chinese costumes from

one dynasty to the next.

"People need to be aware of the different types of Chinese Americans as well as the history of these people," Yip said.

Christina Yang, Chinese Student Union president, expressed similar views about Chinese culture.

"This will be a chance for us to introduce the Chinese traditions and culture to non-Chinese," Yang said.

The festival is sponsored by local doctors and professionals, local newspapers, radio and television stations, and will be held at the Santa Barbara Oak Park from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free.

REGENTS: Board Waits for CCRI

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the case of a co-worker he said was turned down from UCLA medical school despite outstanding scholastic achievement. "But I've had to tell that person that I could not call UCLA because of the implication."

Lt. Gov. Gray Davis, a regent by virtue of his elected office, said the University will be safe from any public criticism as long as letters are forwarded to admissions officers in a manner open to scrutiny.

"The most important thing the University can do is be honest and straightforward about its admissions process," he said. "We all have First Amendment rights. We can recommend anyone we feel has merit."

But Davis said Connerly's resolution should have included an explicit mention of letters from all sources, not just regents or elected officials, as outlined in the proposal.

Regent Designate Richard Russell questioned all letters by regents in light of the board's July 20 vote to abolish Affirmative Action-based admissions preferences that benefited underrepresented and disadvantaged applicants.

"Is it appropriate to intervene on behalf of family, friends ... or business partners?" he said. "In light of what this board has done in the last year, it just doesn't seem appropriate."

Kris Kohler, Associated Students external vice president for statewide affairs, said Connerly's measure does not go far enough in addressing un-

fair admissions practices.

Kohler said there should be greater restrictions on letters from UC donors because some campuses admit students to ensure financial contributions.

"The general theme of the meeting for me would be personal disgust with the privatization of the University ... by defending the practice that gives undue influence to people who can offer resources to the University," said Koh-

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I believe the corpse of the University of California has been very damaged in the last few months.

Roy T. Brophy
UC Regent

ler, who is also chair of the UC Student Association, a systemwide advocacy group.

The vote came after a presentation by Provost C. Judson King on the submission of letters by prominent individuals such as regents, legislators, University donors and corporate officials to influence the admissions process.

According to the report, less than 1 percent of all inquiries have come from prominent people.

"Undergraduate applicant inquiries from prominent individuals University-wide average 215 per year, representing 0.7 percent of approxi-

mately 30,000 inquiries received overall and 0.3 percent of the nearly 74,000 undergraduate applicants," King said.

A full report on the matter is due to the Office of the President on Monday and may include recommendations for further board action, according to King.

The regents also postponed again a proposal by Gomez to rescind SP-1, the resolution passed in July that repealed Affirmative Action policies in UC admissions.

Regent Roy T. Brophy moved to postpone consideration until after the November vote on the California Civil Rights Initiative, which would roll back Affirmative Action programs statewide. Brophy believes seeing the initiative pass or fail will let regents gauge whether they are acting in accordance with taxpayers' interests by curtailing Affirmative Action.

Brophy said bringing the issue before the board month after month has damaged regents' ability to conduct University business.

"What has happened since [SP-1] has been a very difficult happening," Brophy said. "I still believe it was a mistake when we voted that thing ... I believe the corpse of the University of California has been very damaged in the last few months."

Brophy said if CCRI fails, he plans to bring a proposal before the board to modify the University's previous Affirmative Action policies, without abolishing them completely.

STEP: Event Goes Beyond Dancing

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"Routines are made up monthly, weekly, daily," he said.

The "Great 8" sororities and fraternities involved with the Step Show will include four UCSB greek-letter organizations. To prepare for the show, the organizations have dedicated serious efforts to be innovative and precise, according to Davis.

"It takes a lot of work and creativity," he said. "Brothers practice for months to make sure it's crisp and tight—it's a continuous process."

The best stepping organization will be recognized for its hard work. The show is actually a competition, and profit from ticket sales will go primarily to other community service organizations—the Black Graduation Committee, the Minority AIDS Project and the Red Cross, according to Maria Fovos, treasurer of Alpha Kappa Alpha

Sorority Incorporated.

"The only reason we will charge this year is to cover the cost of the Step Show. Whatever's left will go to these organizations," she said.

Steppers will be sharing

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We hope they get a sense of diversity and they get something out of it besides dancing.

Maria Fovos
treasurer
Alpha Kappa Alpha
Sorority
Incorporated

the stage with Shaluza African Boot Dancers, a Los Angeles-based group from South Africa. The group's specialty, boot dancing, is

an offshoot of stepping, and the dancers will perform as well as provide information on the background of stepping, according to Harris.

"They'll tell the history, give examples of the origins of stepping, how it's done and why it's done," she said.

In addition, UCSB's Style Line Dancers, whose repertoire ranges from modern to African dance, and a comedian will round out the show.

Ultimately, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated expects that people will come away from the show with a deeper understanding of the roots of stepping and enjoy themselves in the process.

"We hope they get a sense of diversity and they get something out of it besides dancing," Fovos said.

The Step Show will be held in Campbell Hall Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m.



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MORAGA: Draws on Experiences

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ist, I took the right, claimed the right and live the right to have a child," she said.

Chicano studies Professor Yolanda Broyles-González described Moraga's lecture as "deeply visionary."

"It really inspired me," she said. "I think she is a deeply humanistic intellectual."

Sophomore psychology major Kelley Towey said she appreciated the discussion's liberal stance and felt Moraga's personal tone strengthened her message.

"Moraga's lecture was very enjoyable," she said.

"Her personal stories were incredibly inspiring, and I am sure her work will help

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I thought the lecture was enlightening for this homophobic, right-wing, conservative society we live in.

Laura Orozco
junior

— " —
break ground and counter many of our society's often too conservative

ideologies."

Junior Laura Orozco also felt Moraga's discussion combatted what she considered oppressive aspects of today's political scene.

"I thought the lecture was enlightening for this homophobic, right-wing, conservative society we live in," she said.

The Corwin Pavilion lecture was sponsored by the Center for Chicano Studies, the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Alliance, the College of Creative Studies and the Women's Center. It will be broadcast at 6 p.m. Monday on campus radio station 91.9 KCSB.

EIC: Staff Vote for Post Indecisive

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Press Council member and junior philosophy major Christofer Lustig said he anticipated the reactions to the results.

"I've heard at least a half-dozen people from the Nexus who said, 'I wouldn't want to be you today,' so I knew there was added pressure on this decision," he said.

Despite the tensions, Robertson, a two-year staff member, was optimistic the situation will be resolved soon.

"I sincerely hope more than anything that all internal struggles within the staff can be overcome so we can continue the high level of journalism without infighting," he said. "I believe that in the year ahead, the Nexus has the potential to really excel as a college paper with everyone working towards a common goal. The stability of the staff is right now

my greatest concern."

He added that his chief objective next year will be improving dialogue.

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I hope the Nexus can get together and work as a team to produce the best paper we can.

Alex Nugent
sports editor
Daily Nexus

— " —
"My main goal next year is to improve the communication between editors, writers, staff at large and the readers, who really affect the paper more than anything," he said.

Bowen said the council

was acting in the best interest of the paper by selecting Robertson.

"We felt we did what was best for the *Daily Nexus*," she said. "In terms of the EIC, everyone has a different perception of what that person should be. We just wanted a person who can take the Nexus on into the future."

Some of the staff put their full support behind Robertson.

"I think Nick will do a good job," said Sports Editor Alex Nugent. "All three candidates were well-qualified and it went down to the wire. In the end, the Press Council chose who they felt was the best qualified applicant. I hope the Nexus can get together and work as a team to produce the best paper we can."

Brax, Molloy and current Editor in Chief Suzanne Garner declined to comment.

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OPINION

"It is a luxury to be understood."
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

CCRI Could

Raymond Huerta

One needs to consider the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI) in the historical context of how far we have come since *Plessy v. Ferguson*.

On May 18, 1996, it will be the 100th-year anniversary of that ignominious United States Supreme Court decision of 8 to 1 which established through law (*de jure*) the apartheid system of race relations in this country. In that decision, Mr. Plessy was required to change railway cars on the basis of his race within the state of Louisiana, even though he was seven-eighths Caucasian and one-eighth African.

It was not until 1954, when a unanimous court decision in the seminal *Brown v. Board of Education* case overturned the judicial doctrine of "separate but equal." However, implementing the promise of the Brown decision, equal educational opportunity has been a difficult task for Americans.

Savage Inequalities — Children in America's Schools by Jonathan Kozol, written several years ago, only points out how segregated we have become and how we failed the promise of the Brown decision. Likewise, *Two Nations Black and White: Separate, Hostile and Unequal* by Andrew Hacker provides sufficient statistics to convince us of the factual inequalities along racial lines that confront us in the '90s. And if that were not enough — beyond that we have international commentators on the subject of inequality in the United States. In 1993 the United Nations Development Programme, Human Development Report noted,

"In the United States with the Human Development Index [HDI] of white, black, and Hispanic populations separated, whites rank number one in the world (ahead of Japan), blacks rank number 31 (next to Trinidad and Tobago), and Hispanics rank number 35 (next to Estonia). This even despite the fact that income levels are considerably discounted in the HDI calculations. So full equality is a distant prospect in the United States."

This failure certainly cannot be attributed to Affirmative Action, a remedy for historical discrimination. The concept of Affirmative Action grew out of the tumultuous '60s civil rights movement as a band-aid to a cancerous open



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A Nice Attempt

O'Connell's Intentions to Freeze Student Fees Are Noble but Unfeasible

Editorial

A drowning student thrown a rope is going to grasp a hold of it before giving any thought to what's at the other end. But while the recent cycle of student fee hikes at California's colleges and universities appears to be an overwhelming undertow, the situation is not so dire that a close examination of proposals to halt this tide cannot be afforded.

Carpinteria's own state Sen. Jack O'Connell, who has been a vigorous champion of educational funding as UCSB's voice in Sacramento, has proposed a constitutional amendment to bar student fee increases of the UC and other state college tuitions until June 2000.

If passed, the amendment will not only freeze student fees for the next three years, but will also set guidelines for future increases. Fees will be raised only in accordance with a concordant increase in the personal income index of Californians. Unless this index grows by at least 2.5 percent, the cost of public higher education will remain fixed.

It's hard not to welcome this step as a long overdue move to restore sanity to an out-of-control cash-sucking bureaucracy. If only it were that simple.

The problem is that public universities need to compete with a host of other government-funded programs for money from the state. When the economy generates enough revenue for the state, as has been the case this year, the budget barons in the Capitol sometimes feel reasonable enough to adequately support things like higher education. When the figures don't add up, however, the college systems have to make up for the shortfall in whatever manner they deem appropriate.

More often than not, this has meant fee hikes. As unpopular as they are, and as needlessly and

shamelessly as they've been used, fee hikes just might become necessary within the time frame outlined by the O'Connell proposal.

Current estimates for next year's economic growth have been positive, but the O'Connell amendment is betting that this trend will continue. There is no guarantee that it will occur.

This means that the potential exists for a more dismal economic situation to develop. If that occurs, school officials may find their hands tied with regard to obtaining operating funds through fee increases, and cost-cutting measures will most likely mean scaling back already bare-bones programs.

However, a usable facet of the plan exists in its clause on how to approach future fee increases. By having a set scale for what tuition raises will occur as based on the actual monies available to taxpayers, the UC can avoid any random jumps in fee hikes. It will also tie the system's hands, appropriately this time, from raising fees if economic growth is not evident.

No University student welcomes the idea of a fee increase, and therefore it would seem insane not to wholly support a measure to freeze them, but in this case, to do so would potentially present more problems in the long run. While we loathe to accept fee hikes, the simple fact is that sometimes they are a necessary evil to bear.

For best results, what this amendment needs to do is let go of the idea of freezing fees for three years into the future without knowing what the economic situation will be, and focus on what hikes are necessary from year to year. For the past year, there has been no need for fee hikes and we would all like that to continue. But if a situation develops where a fee increase is absolutely necessary, then we need to be able to do so.

Doonesbury Flashbacks

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



The Reader's Voice

Skating History

Editor, Daily Nexus:

"What are you, some kind of asshole?" asked the non-skating pedestrian as I skated by him with enough room to park a mack truck between us. My reply in this case doesn't matter (it was rude, in fact), but what does matter is the negative sentiment that another skater has to put up with at times. Why?

Skateboarding started off as something young surfers in the '60s would do to while away the time on fleecy days, or while hanging out at the local surf shop. Surfing and skating are two different sports with linked origins, but currently you don't hear much (if any) griping about surfers, just skaters.

Surfing's popularity is a product of hard work by surfers to gain acceptance in the mainstream society and that popularity can be seen in publications, film, TV and art. Basically, it's now acceptable to be a surfer.

Skateboarding went through a period of high popularity during the mid to late '70s and once again during the mid to late '80s, with the latter period proving that skateboarding can be a challenging, technical sport while maintaining its soul and roots.

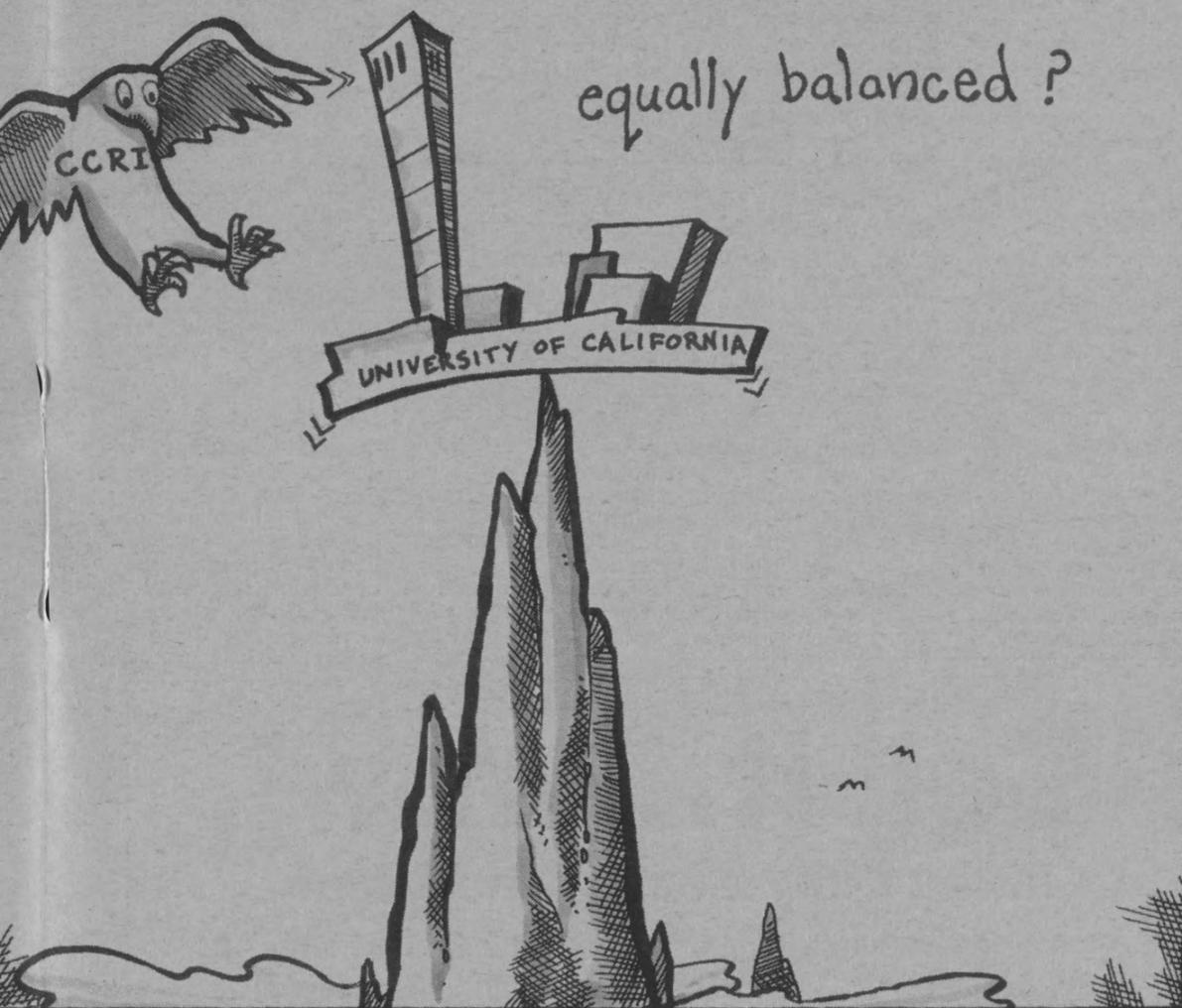
Now we are witnessing a third resurgence of skateboarding, but unfortunately it's being met with negative opinion for many unrelated reasons. Unfortunately, skaters are also lumped with taggers and gangsters, and all too commonly, people fall for stereotyping since it's so easy to do.

Skaters get labeled as vandals because of the mark left by their boards on obstacles such as planter curbs and walls, which is meaningless when compared to the damage done to our environment by major industries (including the surf industry, which uses resins and solvents to produce their products).

Skaters are considered reckless because of the ability to move through a sidewalk at a decent speed while those that don't skate, thus can't relate, walk on, not realizing that this person they fear is in total control.

It's so easy to point at a group of people and make assumptions, but assumptions usually lack fact and

ould Have Explosive Effects



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of societal racism. If CCRI passes and the band-aid is removed what remedies or prescriptions are proposed? The problem with the supporters of CCRI is that they offer no prescription to the inequalities in our society, ignoring that we have come some distance since Plessy in 1896. How far, however, is the question.

In 1965, when President Lyndon Johnson issued Executive Order 11246 amended, requiring federal contractors to insure equal opportunity and Affirmative Action, he realized that with recognizing race and gender, the progress toward meaningful equality in this country would be far off in the dis-

tance. We now have a good deal of information that we are becoming in fact (*de facto*) an apartheid nation.

The recent task force report commissioned under former President George Bush in the "glass ceiling" suggests that despite our feelings for our mothers, sisters and wives, we as a society have limited the opportunities of our women to enter the top echelon of our corporate board rooms.

We need to take time to review our history on race relations. This not about white, male bashing. In fact, a white president, Harry S. Truman, in 1948 desegregated the United States Army. A white male president, Lyndon Johnson,

in 1964, signed the most comprehensive legislation on civil rights since the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation of Abraham Lincoln. Yet despite these efforts we have a long way to go in race and gender relations.

We need to take care with CCRI. In the absence of a comprehensive program to achieve equality, it's a time bomb ready to go off. One cannot provide a surface solution to a major illness.

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substance.

Granted, there are skaters I can do without, but to say all skaters are alike is tantamount to saying all blondes are dumb.

Yes, I skate, but I also work 40 hours a week, pay my bills and respect those around me. It's all I can do as a person.

I also know that there is a time and place for anything, and this involves recreational or transportation skateboarding. On campus, my mode of skating is purely transportation, but after a hard day of work I'll go to the parking lot at the Embarcadero

joy life, but in a different way, and different is good.

As for myself, I'll continue to skate as well as surf, snowboard and mountain bike until I no longer can. Skateboarding is something I've done for many years, competitively and recreationally, and through it I've met many cool people. Some of those people didn't skate, but they understood anyway. Maybe that's all some of us need to do. I know I understand more every day.

HENRY SARRIA



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Loop to skate recreationally. I must admit that I have done some recreational skating on campus, but this is due to lack of legitimate skate spots, and due to the current sentiment toward skaters, I don't skate on campus anymore.

If skating is to be banned on campus, don't blame the guy on his board going to class. This is a legitimate mode of transportation and banning it is, in a word, over-regulative or unconstitutional. Also, don't try to use the lawsuit ploy because it falls apart when you research how many lawsuits UCSB has undergone due to skateboarding injuries. One big fat zero!

I guess the point that I'm getting at is don't ban something based on false belief and assumption. I'm sure if many non-skaters would take the time to talk to that intimidating-looking skate rat, they would probably find that there's a nice person just out to en-

Condolences

Editor, Daily Nexus:
 "April is the cruelest month ..."
 On April 30, 1996, Dr. Eloise Knapp Hay died. She was a wonderfully talented and dedicated professor of English at UCSB.

While I will be forever grateful for the love of literature she instilled in me, I am even more grateful for the time and effort she took to provide a little "mothering," some 20 years ago, for a young college student who had lost both his parents.

Despite a busy schedule and a family of her own, she found time to do things like attend a karate demonstration I was involved with, to include me in literary gatherings, invite me to family dinners and even, when money was tight, give me gardening work around her house. She made a big difference in my life in so many small ways.

My thoughts go out to Dr. Stephen Hay and Edward Hay, her husband and son, in their loss. I thank them for putting up with my intrusions into their family life so long ago and want them to know that I have not forgotten. And that, in my own way, I share that loss.

PAUL TURNER

PLEASE WRITE LETTERS.

Eric Cardenas

I know there is a way to get us, the students, to simultaneously respond to all of the current problems we are now facing. The problem is, I don't know exactly what the way is. It's really not that hard to understand, I suppose, if one looks at what I am referring to.

You see, now is a time of rapid change. Not in one particular area, but in a broad range of issues. Right now, as many of you are aware, the environment is on the cutting block. So is Affirmative Action. So are women's rights. So are children's programs like Head Start. So are student loans.

So what is going on here? In the name of balancing the budget, we are losing our most valuable resources. If we have no money for education, environmental protection or welfare, **how can we justify mass spending on things we really don't need?** This is not a matter of sides or parties, but one of common sense.

In the past, issues like these were not taken lightly. The civil rights movement officially started in 1960 when a bunch of students, like us, protested discriminatory policies at a Woolworth drugstore in Greensboro, N.C. by staging a sit-in. The force behind the current environmental movement started when, in 1969, Santa Barbara witnessed the largest oil spill the country had ever seen. People didn't just sit there, they got pissed off! Well, the time is here for us to get pissed off!

When corporations are running our political system, like they currently are, will anyone listen to the *people*? I don't think so. If Mobil or the pesticide industry or whoever, is giving thousands of dollars to political campaigns, will those candidates give a hoot about *us*? No! If Mitsubishi or Pepsi or whoever decides that their profits are more important than the lives of thousands of people, will they stop their practices of destruction and murder to satisfy a few people who realize that what they are doing *is* wrong? Again, the answer is no! What the hell is going on here? Is this the way it should be in a country based on the premises of equality and freedom for all?

Many of us have heard the call for equal rights and justice, but most of the time, it is others doing the yelling. Now is the

Revolt Now or Regret It Later



VINCENT LUCIDO/Daily Nexus

time for *us* to call for equal rights and justice, because it is *us* who are under attack. If you don't see this, you are not only blind, but you refuse to see.

As students, we not only hold the right to demand this, we hold the right to change it. If they don't listen, we *will* revolt. If that sounds threatening, get used to it because you'll be hearing it a lot more if things don't begin to change. And guess what, it won't be the environmentalists calling for it, it won't be African-Americans, Hispanics or women. It also won't be the children of today or the elderly or the poor, **it will be all, united as one!**

This is not a time to sit down and idly watch things happen, it is a time for action. It is time for all those who care to get up, get educated and do something to change all this shit that is being thrown at us.

If not now, at our most critical moment, we will lose the opportunity to make right all that is wrong. And what will we tell our children? "We *could* have tried to fight for clean air, we *almost* obtained equality for all people, we *nearly* commanded our representatives to represent us, **but we didn't.** Sorry."

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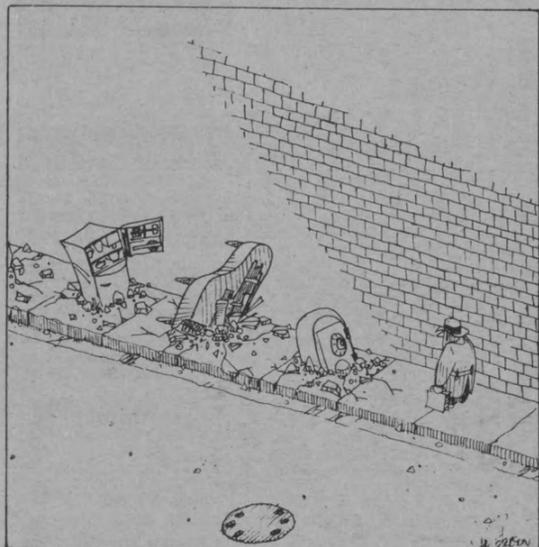


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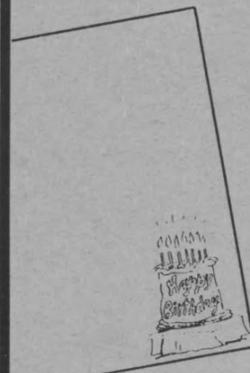
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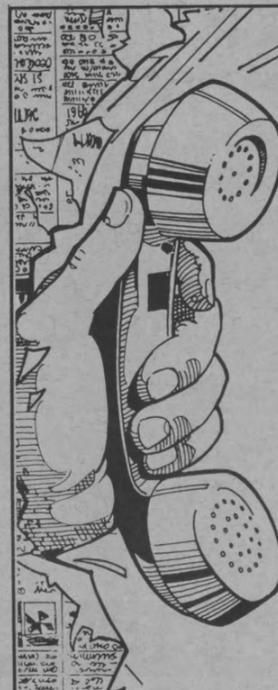


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Santa Barbara lost its second game of the day 9-1 to #1 ranked UCLA. Saturday's games were more of the same, as UCSB lost to San Diego State 15-7 and then suffered a close defeat to Stanford 8-7.

"I think we played our best in the game against Stanford," said Natcher. "We were with them the

whole time, and we didn't really get worn out. The time just ran out when they had one goal on us."

The Gauchos took on UC San Diego in the deciding game for seventh place Sunday, and after a scoreless first quarter, they gave up six goals in the second quarter en route to an 8-6 loss in a controversial match.

Santa Barbara turned up the offense in the second half and cut the deficit to a two-point lead for UCSD. The problem arose

when a Triton player, who should have fouled out for committing three fouls, scored another goal for San Diego.

Play was stopped for 20 minutes as the officials decided what action to take. The final decision was to disallow the ineligible player's goal and permit the game to proceed for the remaining time.

"After we had to stop, it killed all the momentum we had and they ended up winning the game," Jones said.

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Continued from p.12 to Smith. "I did some work in high school, but not nearly as much as we've done here," she said. "This

is a good atmosphere for working with our Lil' Gauchos program and other activities."

Along with the recognition, the scholarship also carries a \$900 prize. Unfortunately for Smith, she will not see one cent of the

money because she is currently receiving a full athletic scholarship and any additional money would be an NCAA violation. The money will most likely go back into the general scholarship fund, according to Close.

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Gauchos Travel to Conference Finale

■ Track and Field Battles for Top Spot

By Brian Arbour
Reporter

The time has come for the UCSB men's and women's track and field teams to shine their brightest as the Gauchos head to Utah to test months of training and hard work in the Big West Championships today and Saturday.

Both teams finished third in last season's competition, with the men following titleholder Utah State and second-place Long Beach State while the women came in behind Utah State and the University of Nevada-Reno.

"We're really looking forward to it," said junior Brian Steip, who leads the conference in the 800-meter run. "This is what it's all about, the Big West Championships. This is what we train for."

Men

Led by their powerful distance squad, the Gaucho men have every intention of bettering last

year's third-place finish. The team's three conference leaders — Steip, senior Eli Gladden in the high jump and sophomore Trent Bryson in the steeplechase — all hope to maintain their top position this weekend and help the team grab some big points.

The team has never finished first or second in the Big West, but feels the goal is well within reach this season. While Utah State seems a little more of an obstacle, Santa Barbara is quite optimistic about stealing second place from Long Beach, according to Gladden.

"We've been battling down with them and we've been losing to them by just a couple points," he said. "Hopefully, the team will come together, and if they do I think we can beat Long Beach."

Gladden also feels UCSB should not be counted out as possible conference champs this season. "If we pull together the core guys on the team and take a lot of



DAN THIBODEAU/Daily Nexus

GETTING HIGH: The UCSB women's and men's track teams will head to the Big West Championships today at Utah State, both squads hoping to improve on last year's third-place finishes.

first places, we can win the meet. We don't have the depth that Utah does, but we have a lot of talent."

Women

The lack of depth on the women's side leaves room for some key individuals to really step up and grab some points. The

Gauchos' four big guns — juniors Erika Bornhorst and Mary Wilson, freshman Sabrina Caplis and sophomore Gabriela Rodriguez — are the core athletes that Head Coach Pete Dolan will count on to lead the team this weekend.

"We're looking toward

them to carry our team," he said. "Our goal is to do the best we can and let our team leaders take us to our highest possible level of achievement."

Wilson believes her squad is up to the challenge presented by rivals Utah State, UC Irvine and

Long Beach.

"We're capable of getting a good overall outcome, but we're going to have to work hard for it," she said. "We're not as strong as we anticipated, but it doesn't mean we can't do it."



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ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT: Crew enjoyed a fine championship, as both squads took home medals.

Santa Barbara Crew Takes the Gold, Silver and Bronze at Pacific Coast Rowing Championships

By Steven Large
Staff Writer

With their paddles to the puddles, the UCSB men's and women's crew teams raced to gold, silver and bronze finishes in last weekend's Pacific Coast Rowing Championships at Lake Napoma in Sacramento.

The Gaucho women's novice lightweight four-boat cruised to first place, sinking the competition by coming in 11 seconds ahead of the second-place trailer.

"I wasn't shocked at all," varsity captain Jen Draper said. "The novice teams are good and they had been practicing [with that lineup] for about a week. They're fast."

The win was more than just beneficial for Santa Barbara's ranking, it also boosted the team's camaraderie, according to UCSB Head Coach Patrick Kelly.

"The gold was important in showing the women that aren't as big on the team that they are excellent rowers and they have a lot to offer the team, too," Kelly said.

But perhaps the most powerful performance by the crew team last weekend came from the novice men's eight-boat, which struggled in fourth place for much of the race before powering its way to a second-place show-

ing in the last stretch of the course, finishing just two seconds behind the victors from Orange Coast College.

"It was a really big victory for us," sophomore crew captain Michael Malk said. "OCC gets so much money for crew and we beat schools out there that we wanted to beat. We're really happy about the race."

Also picking up medals for Santa Barbara were the novice men's four-boat, which won the silver, and sophomore Devin Smith, whose third-place finish among seven racers earned a bronze.

This season has been one of ups and downs for the crew team — it had an undefeated record before a big loss in the San Diego Crew Classic over Spring Break, but the loss was all but erased from Santa Barbara's memory following last weekend's performance.

"I think this season went really well," Malk said. "What was most important is that we learned how to work together, we learned how to work as a crew."

UCSB's last competition of the season, the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta will take place in New Jersey from June 7 to 9. Santa Barbara, who will be coached by Alan Renga, is entering one boat in the men's varsity open four-boat event.

UCSB Water Polo Finishes Eighth in the Rankings, Defeats Maryland

By Tiana Cassity
Staff Writer

The end has come for this year's UCSB women's water polo team, which returned home from last weekend's post-season nationals tournament with a successful season behind it and an eighth-place national ranking.

In many ways, last weekend was a success for the Gauchos. Assistant Coach Bob Nutter said the first priority for Santa Barbara (11-25 overall, 2-4 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) was to down University of Maryland, and in a close game that ended 10-9, UCSB realized that goal.

The Gauchos started the game on fire, as junior two-meter player Suzanne Eskilson put the first goal on the board with 6:16 left in the first quarter. Senior driver Calla Allison and freshman driver Juli Monahan also contributed goals, put-

ting Santa Barbara ahead of the Terrapins early in the game.

Both UCSB's defense and offense were strong throughout the game, and although the Gauchos were shut out in the second quarter, two goals by sophomore utility Carly Jones set the fourth quarter score at 5-5 and sent the game into overtime.

In the last minute of overtime, sophomore driver Kristen Slater and junior utility/two-meter player Keri Santos each put the ball in the net to send the squads into double overtime. However, the winner wasn't decided until the two teams battled it out in sudden death and Allison scored the winning goal at 6:11.

"The Maryland game was a lot closer than we thought it was going to be," Jones said. "I think we were a little nervous, because we'd play fine, but then we would just lapse for a minute, and they would

Gaucha Athlete Wins Scholarship

By Brian Berger
Staff Writer

Although the UCSB women's basketball season ended months ago, the accolades keep pouring in for team members. Forward Amy Smith is the latest Gaucho to be honored — she was awarded the Jean Hodgkins Memorial Scholarship on May 10.

The annual scholarship, first given in 1990 in memory of one of the original founders of the UCSB Women's Center, is given to an intercollegiate female athlete who excels in academics, provides leadership, is a positive example for her teammates and serves the community.

During her three years at UCSB, Smith has exemplified all the criteria for the scholarship in addition to being successful on the court. Besides being the team's second-leading scorer and top rebounder last season, the



Amy Smith
junior psychology major also heads the squad's off-court activities.

"Not only does she do more individually, she's

the instigator for the entire team and facilitates all our activities," said UCSB Assistant Coach Cori Close.

Over the past two seasons, Smith and her Santa Barbara teammates have made their presence felt in the local community. The team has participated in the "adopt-a-family" program at Christmas, gathered toys for children, donated money to the Thanksgiving dinner for the Transition House homeless shelter and spoken to local schools regularly.

While her schedule is loaded with activities now, being a good Samaritan is nothing new

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