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Council's Reduction in Productivity Is Unclear

■ Amount of Reps' Honoraria Unchanged

By Nicole Milne Reporter

While Associated Students Legislative Council has passed exactly half as many measures as it had at this time last year, members have received the same honoraria stipend for their jobs.

The current council has passed only eight of 10 proposed measures, while last year's group had approved 16 of 20 bills by Feb. 1, 1995

Internal Vice President Bo Thoreen, who served on last year's council and presides over this year's group, had no one ex-planation for the drop-off. However, he said many reps are still gaining experience and may need to boost their commitment to creating new proposals.

"There is a lack of direction. People should be interested and dedicated and have at least one

issue," Thoreen said. Other members have just been inactive, according to Thoreen.

"Some people were slackers," he said. "We had dead weight [Fall Quarter], like every year and in any organization."

The discrepancy in the number of legislation has not led to any differences in stipends for the two councils, according to Thoreen. Both years, all council members received their full honoraria of \$250 for Fall Quarter, according to Off-Campus Rep Tom Beers.

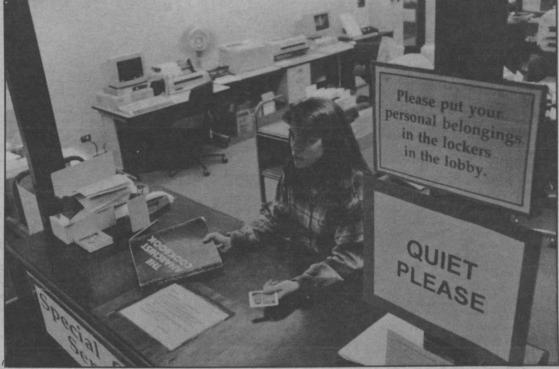
Whether individual reps receive their honoraria depends on if they fulfill their duties on the council, according to Thoreen. A special honoraria committee composed of council members evaluates reps on whether they fulfill certain criteria, including attending of-fice hours, joining committees, submitting reports on activities and participating at weekly meetings.

"There is a broad base of additional requirements that encourage members to get involved in things. They shouldn't balk at

it," Thoreen said.

Beers, also serving on this and last year's council, said it is largely up to the honoraria committee to determine whether a rep has done his or her job adequately enough to receive the stipend.

"You do your work and you get a stipend at the end of each quarter. It's objective through the guidelines, but it's subjective to the honoraria committee," Beers said.



Rare and unusual materials are available on the third floor of Davidson Library at Special Collections Services, which includes the largest assemblage on the West Coast of books on Abraham Lincoln and the American Civil War.

Rare Works Are Library's Hidden Treasure

By Yier Shi Staff Writer

Tucked away in a quiet section of the third floor, Davidson Library's Special Collections houses some of the campus' rarest learning resources, on subjects ranging from Abraham Lincoln to homemade bombs.

Among the more than 250,000 books, manu-See REPS, p.5 scripts and other rare and valuable materials housed in Special Collections are a 4000-year-old cuneiform tablet from Mesopotamia and the largest collection on the West Coast devoted ex-

clusively to Lincoln and the American Civil War.
"The emphasis of Special Collections is unique collections," said university Librarian Joseph Boisse. "Many people rely on the services as a source for primary research material."

However, such offbeat items as The Anarchist

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Winter Storms May Wash Up Debris, Disease on Local Coast

By James Fagen Reporter

Along with pounding wind and rains, the winter storm season can also bring debris to local beaches and pollution to coastal waters.

Waterwatch organizer Emily Creely, an Americorp intern working with the California Public Interest Research Group, said the storms flush a large variety of rubbish from local streams to beaches.

"The things we find are TVs, tires, children's toys and a lot of little trash," she said. "And if we don't clean that up in the creeks, it ends up in the ocean and all over the beaches."

Local creeks are targeted for cleanup as pre-emptive strikes on the storm debris that accumulates in the ocean, according to David Bluth, also of Waterwatch.

"We don't do beach cleanups, but we do a lot of creek cleanups because when it rains, garbage and things in the creeks will flow into the ocean," he said.

See BEACH, p.5 watchers say.



Rain-swollen creeks may carry garbage and disease-causing bacteria to local beaches after heavy storms, some water

Blufftop Property Purchase Almost a Reality for Group

By Michael Ball Staff Writer

goal, a local land preservation he said. group hopes to raise enough money by the end of the month to may include a Campbell Hall facilitate the purchase of a piece of coastal property.

With help from the San Francisco-based Trust for Public Land, members of Small Wilderness Area Preserves are trying to purchase the Wilcox property, located at Las Positas Road and Cliff Drive in Santa Barbara. The trust has agreed to buy the deed from the current owners if it can be assured by Feb. 29 that it will be reimbursed, according to Jim Higman, SWAP member.

'The Trust for Public Land's mission is to facilitate and expedite the transfer of land from private ownership to public ownership for the benefit of the public," he said. "What we're trying to do now is raise enough money to come up with \$3.5 million by the deadline."

The 69-acre blufftop land is owned by David Grotenhuis and Wayne Siemans, who intended to build a 125-unit retirement complex on the site before a Santa Barbara City-imposed construction deadline passed, thereby killing the project, according to Higman.

SWAP has received \$1 million

in Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund money from Santa Barbara County and \$350,000 in local donations in an effort to Closing in on a decade-long reach the \$3.5 million price tag,

> Future fund-raising efforts concert featuring a local band, according to Sue Higman, SWAP member.

"I'm very pleased with people at the college age who are really gung-ho about this," she said. That shows they care about open space."

The blufftop site is a popular place for visitors to jog along oak- and eucalyptus-lined trails, and its view overlooking the beach attracts hundreds of people a day, according to Virginia Kuhn, who lives near the property.

"It's a great place to run or walk and enjoy the view," she said. "It's nice to take your boyfriend or girlfriend out there."

SWAP is now trying to raise \$1.5 million to complete the funding the group will need to reimburse the land trust once it purchases the deed, according to Chrisanna Waldrop, aide to 35th District Assemblyman Brooks Firestone (R-Los Olivos).

State funds earmarked for environmental preservation and traffic mitigation costs have

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HEADLINERS

Dole Works to Gain Support of Voters

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Trying to distance himself from his GOP rivals, Sen. Bob Dole offered himself to Iowans on Monday as the Republican presidential contender with the strength to defeat President Clinton in November.

Dole, reaching out to undecided voters just a week before Iowa's caucuses, used November electoral math to make his case and said the Midwest "will be the battleground" with Clinton.

"It seems to me that with the opportunities we have in the Midwest, a strong Midwestern candidate would certainly be helpful," the Kansas senator said in a morning campaign stop at Iowa State University.

While the other candidates focused on each other — and Dole — Dole made the case that "it's important to focus on the race in November."

Dole is better known than most of his rivals and has a much longer campaign history in Iowa.

Aides said focusing on the general election would appeal to a substantial group of voters who have not made up their minds.

"It's a nice contrast." said spokesperson Nelson Warfield.

There was fresh evidence Monday that GOP hopeful millionaire Steve

Dole suggested voters would reject Forbes as untested.

"I think that what it boils down to is experience, getting things done,"
Dole said. "I like to get
things done."

The GOP presidential race has turned contentious in recent weeks as it

I think that what it boils down to is experience, getting things done.

> Bob Dole presidential candidate Senate majority leader

Forbes has gained ground, at least in New Hampshire. A poll released by WMUR-TV showed Dole and Forbes in a very tight race, where Dole had been the clear leader only a month earlier.

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While Forbes has grabbed campaign momentum, Dole supporters say they have put together a better campaign organization to deliver activists to Iowa's caucuses next Monday.

has tightened. Most of the contenders have sought to outdo each other with sharply conservative rhetoric appealing to party activists.

Dole did his best to sound like a generalelection candidate unconcerned with such things.

"If we want confrontation day after day after day, there are probably other candidates out there who will give it to you every day, and America won't move one inch forward," he said.

Dole praised his campaign organization and declared, "We believe we're right back on track." He later assured reporters he was referring to the country, not his campaign. "We've never been offtrack," he said, discounting Forbes' challenge.

"It's not going to last," Dole said. "In the end, the American people aren't going to say that someone with zero experience and a lot of money ought to be president."

While Dole was moving through central and eastern Iowa, Forbes was rolling across the state in his campaign bus.

"This is the real world, not the fantasy land they have in Washington," Forbes said during a stop in Sioux City.

He urged Iowans to study how his flat-tax plan would affect their personal balance sheets, saying: "Inoculate yourself against all who don't want you to know you'll come

out ahead." Trial Resumes in High-Profile Kidnapping

SAN JOSE (AP) — The tumult over the O.J. Simpson case got the blame on Monday as a judge refused to allow cameras in court for the trial of the man ac-



cused in the kidnapping and murder of 12-year-old Polly Klaas.

Santa Clara Superior Court Judge Thomas Hastings' ruling was the first order of business as the trial of Richard Allen Davis resumed in its new setting of San Jose.

The trial was moved from Sonoma County after a judge there conceded, two months into the jury

selection process, that it would be impossible to get an impartial jury pool in the county where the crime took place.

Court recessed at midday Monday and was to resume today to take up the issue of whether Hastings would adopt rulings al-ready made by the previous judge or rehear them.

While that decision is still pending, Hastings indicated he is ready to get to the "real work" of selecting a jury. Jury selection could begin as soon as next week.

However, there was one other pending matter that could slow things down another change-of-venue motion from the defense. Assistant Public Defender Barry Collins said he does not know if the judge will hear his motion before jury selection begins.

Collins, who lost an earlier effort to have the trial moved to Southern California, said he fears attorneys will run into juror problems in San Jose as well, which is about 100 miles south of the original trial site.

Davis is charged with kidnapping Klaas from her bedroom in Petaluma during a slumber party on Oct. 1, 1993, strangling her and dumping her body beside a highway. She was missing for two months, prompting a nationwide search. Davis finally told authorities where to find the body.

Davis, 41, has a history of kidnapping, rape and robbery and was on parole at the time of Polly's death. If convicted, he could get the death penalty.

His case prompted sev-

WASHINGTON (AP)

pear to have a genetic pre-

disposition to diabetes

that may be triggered by

obesity or other health ha-

bits — but simple lifestyles

changes could lower the

risk, diabetes experts said

can beat, and it's time to

begin," said Dr. James Ga-

vin as he unveiled the

American Diabetes Asso-

ciation's African-

campaign will cover how

to prevent and control

diabetes, a disease where

the body either doesn't

produce enough insulin or

can't use the hormone

The \$500,000 education

American Program.

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Black Americans ap-

eral get-tough crime measures, including California's "three strikes" law that mandates 25 years to life in prison for anyone convicted of a felony after two serious or violent prior felonies.

Hastings did say he may allow cameras to take background shots of the courtroom when witnesses and jurors are not present. He also said he may reconsider the use of cameras during portions of closing arguments and possibly for the verdict.

Earlier, Klaas's father voiced support for allowing cameras into the courtroom.

"No weapon of education guaranteed by the First Amendment should be suppressed during the course of this trial," Marc Klaas said.

Campaign Aims at Greater **Black Awareness of Disease**

CHICAGO (AP) - caught the attention of She gets straight A's and family law experts swims like a champion, but Galatea Kapsimalis is a lot like other teenagers when it comes to being

Teenager Might Be Jailed

for Refusing to Visit Father



told what to do.

Not even the threat of jail has persuaded the 15-year-old to visit the father she says deserted her family in a bitter divorce battle.

The threat came from the same court that in July ordered a 12-year-old girl jailed for refusing to visit her father. She was released a day later, pending the outcome of an appeal that could determine how far Illinois judges may go in trying to resolve visitation disputes.

The two cases have

nationwide.

"Ordering children to obey their parents ... is, except in rare circumstances, no business of the court," said Benjamin Wolf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, which filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the appellate case and is watching the Kapsimalis dispute. He called the judges' decisions in both cases "an intrusion of the privacy of the family." Galatea agrees.

"It's definitely not fair," said the teenager, who lives in the Chicago suburb of Bolingbrook. "We have our rights. He can't force us to see our father."

Judge Robert C. Lorz has indicated he will await the appeals court ruling before deciding whether to send Galatea and her 14-year-old brother, Peter, to jail. He held the youngsters in contempt on June

Insulin carries sugar from digested food into cells. Without it, sugar overloads the bloodstream before being excreted, thus depleting the patient's

main energy source. Black Americans are twice as likely as whites to get diabetes. At least 3 million blacks have it, although many more are thought to be undiagnosed. Black women in particular are vulnerable one in four over age 55 has diabetes.

Black diabetics also suffer more complications than whites with the disease. They are about twice as likely to go blind or have a limb amputated, and up to six times more likely to suffer serious kidney

disease. 'We think we can reset the body, to at least postpone the disease," said Dr. Kwame Osei of Ohio State University, who had conducted a three-year study on the topic.

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Weather

So I still haven't been called up to jury duty. Well, as of last night I hadn't. As you read this, I might be inside the American judicial system. Chances are, however, that I'm asleep (I know the two aren't mutually exclusive).

Most people I told about my summons responded with a groan and an encouraging anecdote about how to get out of it. "But," I would say, "I don't want to get out of it. I want to be a juror." That was in the beginning. Each day of hearing that prerecorded evening message saying to phone again in the morning, only to call in the morning and be told to dial in again in the evening has started to wear thin. These people should know that they need to use me right away or I spoil like a bad onion in the guacamole. Oh well, I still have hope of deciding where justice lies. I'm looking for something like a "has-been celebrity attempts pathetic crime but fails miserably" kind of case.

Our recent storm has been a little feisty and uncooperative as far as scheduling is concerned, but this is why we can apply the term "stormy" to people and have it mean something. Nevertheless, it should be gone by now and we're looking at some more weather to make the tourists jealous for the rest of the week. Except for I.V., which may see a thick fog developing here and there. Maybe not. Lo: 49. Hi: 72. (By writing "Lo", we forecasters save a whole

Sometimes Sharing a Room Is a Scary Adventure

By James Fagen Reporter

When existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre wrote, "Hell is other people," he expressed a sentiment some oncampus residents can relate to.

While some students are paired with a roommate who becomes an instant best friend, trusted confidant and source of endless generosity, others discover life with their new living companion just isn't working out.

People can get a new room if there's space open.

Jill Hurd assistant director Housing and Residential Services

San Nicolas Hall Resi-

dent Assistant Morgan Carley recalls an incident illustrating just how painful roommate relations can be.

"This girl's roommate "We try to make the best was an alleged witch and match, so we look at big

punched her ... and then all the time she was doing incantations and curses on her," she said.

While few roommate experiences are quite so sinister, personal conflicts, personality differences and other problems can often mean an unenjoy-

able living experience.
San Nicolas Resident Director Pete McGraw remembers one ill-fated pairing of two students from vastly different backgrounds.

"I had one incident where this guy was 32 years old and living in a residence hall with a freshman," McGraw said. "He was essentially an alcoholic and he was very intimidating. He had the whole floor intimidated, and his roommate had to leave the room a couple of weeks into the semester."

To prevent roommate pairings gone awry, the university takes precau-tionary measures to promote compatibility, according to Serene Nispiros, Residence Halls Contract Office manager.

The process of pairing roommates begins when incoming residents fill out personal data forms that the Contract Office uses to arrange room assignments, she said.

We try to make the best match, so we look at big issues.

Serene Nispiros Residence Halls Contract Office manager

issues: smoking and nonsmoking, night and day person, messy and not messy," Nispiros said. "What we are looking at is someone they're compatible with, so you're com-fortable when you're at home.'

A new Contract Office policy that began with the Fall Quarter allows prospective roommates to release and receive personal information from each other, according to

"We're letting students find out who they're going to live with," she said. "We give them the choice to check on the card 'Yes, send my information to my roommate,' and about 99 percent of students filled out 'Yes."

However, no matter what measures are taken to place students in comfortable living environments, different behaviors or attitudes between two

roommates can still make cohabitation uncomfortable. One former Santa Ynez resident recalls a clash with a roommate.

"I woke up one morning and I saw my roommate sleeping on the floor in my brand-new \$300 sleeping bag," he said. "I don't understand why he was sleeping on the floor instead of his bed, but I decided to let him sleep and talk about it later. When he woke up, I found out he slept in it naked."

Such incidents can often lead to a room change request. However, students sometimes need to wait before they can secure new accommodations. according to Jill Hurd, assistant director of Housing and Residential Services.

"[It] all depends on availability," she said. "People can get a new room if there's space open. Usually, there are open rooms, but it depends on university enrollment."

While some students encounter conflict with those they live with, though, most residence hall occupants stay with their assigned roommates, according to Nispiros.

"Over the year we have 2,617 students living in on-campus housing, and we have about 200 room changes for the year," she

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Aries (March 21-April 19). There's a big job to be done, and you may get to do it. Remember to play your part exactly the way it was rehearsed. A group of friends will be relaxing and informative tonight. If you're looking for love, it may be in your own back yard.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Reconsider an option you've been resisting. A compromise now could result in more security later. Take your sweetheart out to visit friends tonight, but get home early. There are things that must be done, in the privacy of your own home

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You'll have to listen with your heart this morning to hear an older person's unspoken request. Travel may be in your near future, but there's something at home to be handled first. Make plans, while taking care of your other responsibilities.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You'll learn new material easily today, but you may not know everything yet. A partner can help you solve a problem this morning. Let people know what you're working on, so one of them can offer to help. The old-fashioned type of romance is best for you. Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't use your best arguments today, even if

you think up some pretty good ones. It's more important to get the job done quickly. Also, do whatever's necessary to keep things squeaky clean. If you want a new toy or component, shop for it later tonight.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Things could move fast today, but you should be able to handle whatever happens. If you can't do a new procedure perfectly yet, don't worry. It'll be easier if you relax. Have dinner with a person who can help you achieve a goal tonight.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Although you may not agree with a perfectionist, now is not the time to argue. If you adapt to the routine, your life will be much easier. If your sweetheart wants something expensive, stall. She or he may figure out a way to pay for it!

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Make a bold move in business or education. Luck will be on your side. That, and a little help from your friends, should get you there. At home, however, there may be a problem. Your roommate may want to discuss an issue you'd just as soon ignore.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you're under pressure to get better organized, stop arguing. A new electronic gadget might make it fun. This is a good time to learn how to use one. Your sweetheart might be worried about impending changes. Together, your faith will pull you through.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Be prepared to move quickly today. You can justify your actions after you win the prize. If you need to discuss sensitive details, a visit might be required. Sometimes a phone call alone

just won't do it. Let your sweetheart teach you tonight. Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you're doing anything that involves another person's money, get your accounting straight. You could be asked about it soon, and you'll look better if you know the answers. Money may

be a little tight, but buy something your sweetheart wants. Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Get together today with a person you respect and admire. The two of you might be able to accomplish a goal that's too big for either of you alone. If you're under pressure to change, you may have to comply. It may turn out to be for your own good.

Today's Birthday (Feb. 6). A plan you're formulating now requires action in March. Restate your love then, too. A tough problem in July could * cause you to work overtime. You'll be stronger once that's finished. Get expert help with a financial matter in September. If you're debt-free, you may qualify for what you want then. Clean up an old misunderstanding in December. Private information can help you achieve a dream next



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Dunk Magic

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The staff editorial about Magic Johnson's "heroic" return to the game did NOT inspire me, contradicting

your subtitle "... an Inspiration for All" (Daily Nexus, "He's Magic," Feb. 1).

The media glorifies irresponsible, immoral, "I want what I want and I want it now" behavior, especially by little boys such as Mr. Johnson. Since he is a male athlete, "boys will be boys," etc. excuses his knowingly screwing thousands of women and having the lack of shame to brag about it. He's almost a murderer, by being a human AIDS-spreading machine.



I don't believe that AIDS is a "punishment from God." Magic Johnson wasn't wrong for getting AIDS; that is rather sad. Instead, he was wrong by not being faithful to his wife. "Magic" got AIDS because he fucked around like a dog in heat—without considering the real consequences for himself or anyone

Who gives a shit if he can dunk a damn ball in a basket? In the long run, these things don't matter. "What is essential is invisible to the eye." WHAT IS IT TO GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD AND LOSE YOUR

AMY SEMINGSON

No Choice

In response to Loren Nickel's letter (Daily Nexus, The Reader's Voice, Jan. 29), let me begin by stressing that the origin of homosexuality is still unknown. According to Henry Gleitman (Psychology, 1995),

studies have attributed homosexuality to anything from childhood experience to genetic inheritance pat-terns, and more theories continue to develop. What is certain is that no conclusive evidence has yet been discovered. Choice, however, has been dismissed as a suggested source as it is a clearly ineffective hypothesis.

Let me propose this: Our society has been conditioned to hate and despise homosexuals, and the media continues to support this hypothesis with negative, stereotypical or, even more abundantly, total lack of

recognition of positive gay role models.

Being gay in our society also carries the extra stigma of gay-bashing, a truly terrifying experience. Homosexuals have been killed in the United States just

Cockamamie Constables

Brad de la Busch

A few nights ago, while my friend and I were returning (burritos in hand) to our Del Playa apartment, we experienced not only police harassment, but what I might bluntly

call police inanity.

As we were strolling, as innocuously as two sober, hungry college students can possibly stroll, a car with lights on top approached us at a slow speed. As the car languidly moved past us, the officer sitting in the passenger seat said to us, in a petulantly authoritarian tone, "Does this look like the sidewalk? Why don't you use the sidewalk!?!?"

Had this been the benign banter of an impudent Isla Vista carouser, we would have walked on without giving it a thought; however, this remark came from a marked police vehicle. I looked, just to make sure, to the left and right sides of the street and found that, as I had suspected, there were no sidewalks at

On one side, a robust hedge flanked by cars prevented pedest-rian progress, and on the other, cars were parked adjacent to a wall that, unless one were a waif, prevented ambulatory motion. Having discerned the police officer's error, I asked him, "What sidewalk?? There is no sidewalk!" — to which he replied, "Well, you ain't walking on no sidewalk!"

Though the officer's grammar horrified me, I scrupled not to further question the legitimacy of his admonition. After all, if one considers the average educational background of an Isla Vista police officer, it would be foolish to expect them to speak perfect English or to have mastered the tenets of reason.

In fact, this incident shed light on

the multitudinous complaints against IVFP — we demand too much from these officers! We expect these officers not only to be sentient, but also courteous, fair and most unreasonably, dignified! It's like expecting one's pet baboon to compose glorious poetry - it's just not realistic.

These people are brutes, but as learned college students, our perspective is unfairly skewed; and besides, these very mustached men in blue, were they not in the force, would (having failed a semi-

tions, are inexorably bound to be-have in a manner which bespeaks ill of them. All the indignant clamor in the world will not alter the conduct

My point being, in short, that the officers of Isla Vista, by dint of an

unwholesome upbringing or certain untoward genetic predisposi-

promising boxing career) probably be involved in some odious rightwing militia.

I propose, as an antithesis to their "No Tolerance" Halloween policy, an enlightened student policy toward them — one in which their intellectual foibles and shortcomings are treated with a leniency and allowance similar to the way a zookeeper silently tolerates the capricious excretory habits of caged of these officers - the conduct arises from their very nature, which is incontrovertible.

Crocodiles will sooner be domesticated and hailed as wonderful house pets than will cops assume the role that the fatuous idealists of ages past had laid forth for them — namely, "to protect and to serve."

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not among heterosexuals who "have experimented with homosexuality" and are so ashamed that they kill themselves. Rather, it is the increasing suicide rate among the young homosexual community that results from feelings of isolation and mass rejection.

These youths have no positive gay images to refer to, and as such, death often appears to them to be a comfort in a world where they feel there is no one to turn to. (For more information on this, check out The Adbeautiful and special. So what gives you the right to tell me how to live mine? I trust that if you really had "the courage to change the things that" you could, you would re-evaluate your opinion about homosexuality.

JOSHUA KRAKOFF

In Moderation

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Heidi Tinsley's letter about eating disorders was certainly true and well-intentioned (Daily Nexus, The Reader's Voice, Feb. 1), but I would like to remark upon her comment that if a person answered "yes" to any of the four questions she provided, he or she

If everyone sought help for answering "yes" to one of those questions, there would be a fire hazard at Student Health Service! If someone eats a chocolate chip cookie every once in a while as comfort food when he or she is upset, this person does not have an eating dis-

order simply because of that fact.

I also think it is possible for people to exercise mainly for the sake of burning calories if this goal does not lead to extreme overexercising. I just didn't think that some people would see the line between calorie consciousness and food obsession in Ms. Tinsley's letter, and answering "yes" to one little question should not lead a person to seek help for an eating disorder



when there may not be any real problem.

Perhaps Ms. Tinsley should have added that people

who live solely to lose weight, have a preoccupation with or fear of fat, have a very poor body image or whose food habits disrupt other areas of their lives may have a problem and need to seek help.

And thanks to her for providing the eating disorder number at Student Health. I'm sure it will help those

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for loving someone of the same sex. Is this a lifestyle anyone would covet? How can you compare that to

Your reference to the testimony of "ex-homosexuals who have returned to heterosexuality" is obscure. Who are you referring to? Strangely enough, you forgo citing sources.

The selfsame argument is propounded in the film The Gay Agenda, which uses the same style of debate you seem to: omission and manipulation of information when it does not support your thesis. The film is circulated among religious radical groups in an attempt to censor homosexuality by building a wall of fear and ignorance. Using the "authority" of "exhomosexuals" as evidence, it attempts to prove that homosexuality is an abnormality that can be cured, the same mind-over-matter technique that you endorse.

Let me remind you, Mr. Nickel, that homosexuality is no longer considered to be a psychiatric disorder and was omitted from the Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSM IV) as of the mid-1970s. Homosexuality is not an abnormality. A minority, yes — an abnor-

In addition, it is clear that you have misinterpreted Ms. Perez's argument. The suicide she is referring to is vocate, April 1994.)

In recent weeks religious rhetoric has been tossed back and forth in response to Kurt Waggoner's original question. I am gay. I did not choose to be, but I refuse to torment myself for the rest of my life in an attempt to change something I have no control over.

I am also Jewish, but I will be the first to attest to the atrocities that have been justified under the guise of religion: the Crusades and the death of thousands of Jews and Muslims, and in our own national consciousness, the ruthless murder of thousands of Native Americans at the hands of Christian settlers who thought that "conversion of those heathens" by force was a good thing. I guarantee you, Mr. Nickel, that most of these were heterosexuals. Would you consider this one of the "great benefits" of heterosexuality?

Diversity is the essence of our country, where the majority of the population is of immigrant origin. We are made up of a great many nations and homelands, colors and creeds. Homosexuality is another aspect of this, and in your suggestion that homosexuals should be "cured," you are equating yourself with a vast legacy of hatred, fear and ignorance that has gone on for too

As you said, Mr. Nickel, life is a "great benefit." It is

REPS

Continued from p.1 Although this year's council has passed fewer bills, the measures that were approved have been valuable to the campus, according to On-Campus Rep Allen Shiu.

Shiu said the council has dealt with important issues this year, including Affirmative Action and use of the RecCen by intercollegiate athletics teams.

We have done what we are elected to — to fight for student rights. The Affirmative Action bill is another example of that. We could pass 10 bills every meeting and they would be fluff," he said. While Shiu considers

the passage of a position

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> Bo Thoreen **Associated Students** internal vice president

paper opposing the UC Board of Regents' dismantling Affirmative Action programs to be a positive act by the council, On-Campus Rep Frank Orellana said fallout from the bill hurt the group's productivity.

"Once a student government has taken an extreme political tendency, the stu-

dents will hesitate to approach that government. There has been a decrease particularly in student interest in student govern-ment," he said.

"If you want your issues to be addressed and you're on the other side of the fence from where A.S. stands, you can't get anything done," Orellana added.

Lack of interest in A.S. has led to the council writing fewer bills this year on students' behalf, according to Orellana.

"It's pretty sad — probably all of us are trying to get people involved in A.S. and get people's concerns to student government," he said.

Thoreen said infighting over Affirmative Action has not caused the drop in the number of introduced bills or distracted the

"We are not over here broiling over Affirmative Action or not moving forth because of Affirmative Action," he said.

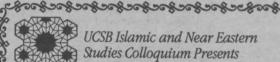
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WILCOX: Local Reps Help Fund-Raising Effort

Continued from p.1 been approved for purchase of the Wilcox property through joint efforts by Firestone and 18th District state Sen. Jack O'Connell (D-Carpinteria), according to Waldrop.

"We have been working hard to secure grants of \$282,000 from the state Habitat Conservation Fund," she said.

Also on tap for SWAP is a \$500,000 grant from the state's Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act. That money must be approved by the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments at its Feb. 15 meeting, Waldrop said.

This is not the first attempt by SWAP to purchase the Wilcox land. Bond measures in 1987 and 1988 intended to raise money for the purchase each failed to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority for passage.

Though previous efforts have faltered, the current atmosphere surrounding the project suggests SWAP's attempt to pre-serve the land will succeed, according to

"There have been so many false starts on the project. ... Now there's some real impetus for the project," she said. "The community is really coming together on this."

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done after every storm, however, because the frequent winter rains make it too difficult, according to Larry Austin, Goleta Beach park ranger.

"In the wintertime when there is a series of storms, we clean up the beach about twice," said Austin, who added that on rare occasions, safety hazards have forced special cleanups.

Although many local surfers are concerned about possible infections af-

By Loigh Rubin

ter winter storms, most local waters are not overly dangerous, according to Pat Allen, coordinator for the Surfrider Foundation's Blue Water Task

"We don't want to make people too afraid, because most of the waters on the South Coast are safe," he said.

Nevertheless, Allen said a number of incidents have indicated a possible danger, although he added they have not proven to be linked to water pollution.

"It's hard to make a causal relationship between going in the ocean and getting sick, but at the

2-topping pizza

end of the year, we could make a nice report on the number of cases we hear about," he said.

Disease-causing pathogens can be found in fecal coliforms and total coliforms, two types of bacteria that often make their way into the ocean after being flushed out of creeks during storms, according to Allen.

"You get high counts [of bacterial after the first two big storms of the year," he said. "These episodes usually last a couple of days to a week.'

Besides helping keep the creeks clean, CAL-PIRG also tests the water for pollution. The group is performing fecal coliform tests on local creeks to determine the bacteria level in nearby waters, according to CALPIRG member and junior environmental studies major Melanie

"Right now we're testing the water by the creeks that are running straight into the ocean to see if it's

polluted or not," she said. Although the likelihood of becoming ill after exposure to ocean bacteria is small, anyone who spots an environmental problem in the water can contact the Blue Water Task Force, according to Allen.

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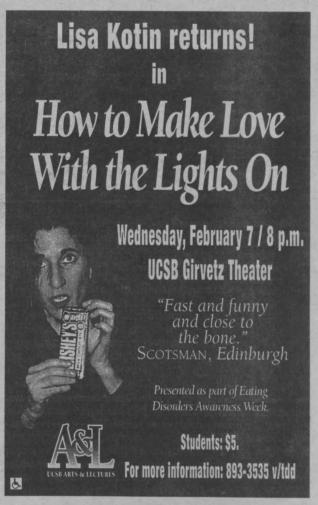
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SPECIAL: Collection Underutilized

Continued from p.1 Cookbook, a how-to book containing instructions on making explosives, also occupy a place in the collection because of their rarity, said Lori Ritchie, Special Collections information services

supervisor.

"Most UC libraries have this book," she said. "It is one of those counterculture things. We have it here and anyone can use it. But it's not the kind of book we are proud of having."

Ritchie is more pleased to note the presence of such items as the cuneiform tablet, limited-print editions of books on Salvador Dali and more than a hundred oral history biographies of Santa Barbara figures.

Special Collections also boasts the William Wyles Civil War Collection, which includes more than 37,000 items about Lincoln, the Civil War and American westward expansion.

These items stay in Special Collections to protect them from abuse, according to Ritchie.

What we have here are items that are extremely rare and beautiful.

Lori Ritchie Special Collections information services supervisor

"What we have here are items that are extremely rare and beautiful," she said. "We have to be very careful with them."

To protect the items, Special Collections maintains strict rules for anyone who wants access to the materials, Ritchie said. Readers can bring only pencils to the room, cannot wear backpacks or jackets and must rely on staff to make copies of materials, according to Ritchie.

"These things can easily be taken because they are so small," she said. "We even have to do all the photocopies because we do not want to damage

anything."

However, the location and close guarding of the collection mean some students are unaware the resources are available.

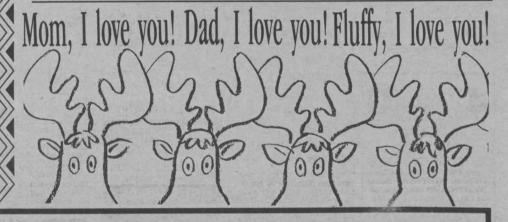
"I had no idea what's exactly in the library," said Melissa Wales, a sophomore Spanish major. "I think people would have a lot of use for it to do research and get general knowledge."

Still, Ritchie said the service is well-used, despite being isolated from other sections in the main library.

"We have students, faculty and local residents that use the facility," she said. "All we require is a photo ID."

Special Collections is funded by both the library and private donations, according to Boisse.

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Red-Hot Gauchos Set to Take On Mustangs

■ UCSB Looks to Continue Its Hot Hitting

By Curtis Kaiser Staff Writer

After being rained out twice in a row for scheduled games at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, the UCSB baseball team will welcome the Mustangs to Caesar Uyesaka Stadium today, hoping that the third time will be the charm.

The Gauchos (3-0), recently picked in a coaches' poll to fin-ish fifth in the eight-team Big West, has raced out to a strong start behind a lineup that has produced a .427 batting average while scoring more than 14 runs per game. The pitching staff has been nearly as impressive, posting a 3.13 ERA thus far.

'A lot of our guys are excited to come up to the plate," said UCSB junior catcher/first base-man Dave Willis. "Our whole lineup can hit and hit for power."

Willis has been the main cog in the Gaucho power arsenal thus far, having belted four homers and knocked in 11 runs in this young season. Justin Lehr has also been impressive in a starting role. The freshman catcher/designated hitter leads the team with eight hits and is coming off a 4-6, four-RBI performance.

Cal Poly (2-0) returns a strong squad in the field, but will depend largely on newcomers to anchor its pitching staff. Jeff Marston (.331 in 1995) will see time at first base for the Mustangs, while University of Arizona transfer Scott Kidd (.358) will hold down second. Jon Macalutas (.309) and Rob Neal (.342 in 1994, redshirt in 1995) will start in the outfield.

The solid performances of returning Santa Barbara players such as Willis, junior second baseman Clark Parker, junior outfielder Brett Hardy, senior center fielder Wynter Phoenix and junior third baseman Lou Tapia, in addition to the stellar play of newcomers Lehr, junior first baseman Brooks Morris, junior outfielder Collin Weitzman and senior outfielder Ryan Kritscher leave UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema with a difficult task every day he comes to the ballpark — filling out the lineup



SQUEEZE!: Hitting .427 as a team, the UCSB baseball team looks to keep its three-game winning streak alive as the Cal Poly Mustangs come to Caesar Uyesaka Stadium today.

UCSB pitching coach Tim Montez is glad the Gauchos have many candidates for starting roles in addition to a strong bench, but he doesn't envy Brontsema's task.

"Having so many solid players is a nice problem to have," Montez said. "But I'm glad I don't have to make out the lineup

Willis agrees. "The whole li-

neup and the bench can hit," he up," he said. "You've got to have said. "I'm sure [Brontsema] has a tough time filling it out every

Montez feels the competition among players for playing time and innings only makes the team

"We're bringing in talent, and guys in the program are stepping

competition — it's the only way to improve."

Upcoming games for the Gauchos will be road matches against Sacramento State, Pepperdine and Santa Clara University. Santa Barbara's next home game will be Feb. 21 against

Women's Gymnastics Suffers Tough Loss to the Titans on the Road, Prepares for Next Match Against Aggies

By Matt Gambee Staff Writer

Going up against the defending Big West champions proved to be too much for the UCSB women's gymnastics team last Friday as the Gauchos suffered their first loss of the season on the road against Cal State Fullerton.

Although the defeat puts the Gauchos' lifetime record against the Titans at 0-7, Santa Barbara looks to use this defeat as an example of what it should work on, according to UCSB Assistant Coach Janine Robitaille-Filippin.

"The girls have a lot to work on and know the areas they need to improve," said Robitaille-Filippin. "We have our work cut out for us."

Despite another spectacular performance by ju-nior Margie Hoeffler, the Gauchos had only enough gas to cruise into a 183.9 overall score. Fullerton, on the other hand, scored 191.4 points in a strong performance.

Hoeffler chalked up her best all-around score of the year with 38.325, but Fullerton's Cristi Clifford garnered the meet's best score - 39.05.

"After the first event, everyone was a little

shaky," said UCSB sophomore Molly O'Connor. "We have better standards set for ourselves and we were disappointed that we could not hit."

What started Santa Barbara off in the wrong direction was a lackluster uneven bars performance where only two of six gymnasts hit for 9.2 and 9.225 scores. The Gauchos had a tough time regaining their composure on the balance beam and then the vault.

The bright spot for UCSB was its consistent floor routines, which added up to a respectable

The bars proved to be the Gauchos' Achilles' heel, as seniors Britten Murchison and April Sargent chipped in scores of 8.65 and 8.5, respectively. Later in the bars routine, freshmen Alison Giorgetti and Georgina Lillich delivered scores of 8.85 and 8.5, respectively, which combined with the Gauchos' other scores proved inadequate for

The Gauchos are looking to get back on the winning track Friday, competing on the road again against UC Davis. UCSB leads the overall series record 9-2 against the Aggies.

Men's Swimming and **Diving Update**

By Steven Large Staff Writer

Despite putting up a good fight against two of the top 10 teams in the nation this past weekend, the UCSB men's swimming and diving team lost a close meet Friday to #8 UC Berkeley, 138-105, and to #4 Stanford University, 174-120,

on Saturday.
While neither loss could accurately be called a surprise, the Cardinal team left the meet with a new label for the Gauchos, and it spelled out, nice and clear, R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

"[Stanford] had way more respect for us this year than they did last year," UČSB Head Coach Gregg Wilson said.
"Last year we were putty in their hands."

"I was surprised," senior captain Tim Gair said. "It's hard to get respect from a team like Stanford."

The Gauchos the fourth-best team in the nation would come in halfheartedly or not, but Santa Barbara was ready.

"If they were going to swim their off events, we were going to try to beat them," freshman Darryl Gill said.

But the Cardinal showed their Southland opponent some esteem by going all out in the rain Saturday, changing only some of its lineup.

'Stanford came in pretty well prepared," Gair said. "They're so talented and have so much depth. But we have a young team and it's good for the young guys to see the best in the nation."

Santa Barbara recorded some first-place finishes Saturday. Senior Mark Andersen won the 100-yard breaststroke in 57.75 while senior Bob Noe took first in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:08.58. Gill placed first in the 500 freestyle at 4:45.72.

Unlike Friday's match, the Gauchos competed more closely against Berkeley.

"It felt like Cal wasn't as and 1:00.02, respectively.

tough as we thought they would be," Gill said. "They had a little less intensity than we expected."

"We did a good job coming right after [Berkeley]," Wilson added. "They were taking us lightly. I thought we could sneak up on these guys."

Cal may have been thinking about its next meet, against powerhouse USC, rather than concentrating on UCSB, which would explain Berkeley's early lack of intensity. Quick victories by Gaucho swimmers, however, quickly caught Cal's attention.

"Right off the bat we won the medley relay," Gair said. "At



Tim Gair

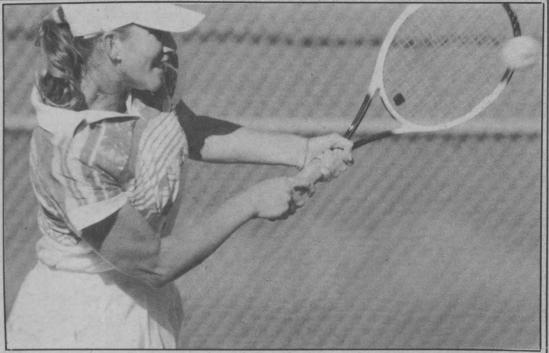
that point we kind of woke them up, but they have a lot of talent in their distance swimmers and they swept us in those

Santa Barbara managed to pull out some first-place wins in the non-distance events, though. Andersen finished first in the 200 breaststroke with a 2:05.5 time, and senior diver Jonathan Kelling came in first in three-meter diving.

The UCSB women's swimming team also competed Saturday, hosting San Diego State and beating it handily 155-112.

"We pretty much handled them," Wilson said. "They have a really young team."

UCSB took all but three of its events against the Aztecs. Senior Wendy Zellers won the 100 backstroke and the 100 butterfly with times of 59.72



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GOTTA MATCH!

The dynamic duo of Amelia White (above) and Kelly Spencer was one of the two bright spots for Santa Barbara, as they won 6-4, 6-3, while senior Jean Okada won her singles match, 6-3, 6-0. The UCSB women's tennis team, however, was defeated 7-2 by the University of Utah.