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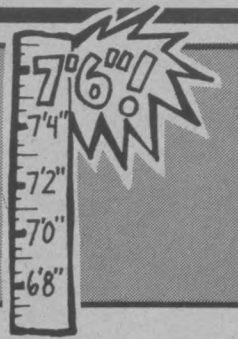
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- Anytime between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.



GENEVIEVE FIELD Daily Nexus

Elections hit the campus again Tuesday, as students voted in the A.S. presidential run-off.

Final Day to Vote for New A.S. President

UCSB students will be asked to choose between A.S. presidential candidates Michael D. Chester and James Siojo today in the last day of a two-day run-off election.

All undergraduates will be allowed to vote, but a reg card with a current sticker is required.

In last week's general election, Chester received 1,271 votes and Siojo received 914. Because the numbers did not reveal a clear student mandate for one candidate, a run-off was scheduled.

The candidate receiving the most votes will be sworn in as the 1990-91 A.S. president later this quarter.

Voter turn-out from Tuesday was not available.

Uehling Calls for New CalPIRG Vote in Summer

By Jennifer Ogar
Staff Writer

Although nearly 75 percent of student voters in last week's election decided to keep CalPIRG's current reusable/refundable funding system, Chancellor Barbara S. Uehling has decided to call a second election on the issue, to be carried out during a mail-in summer ballot.

Uehling's move comes under a request from UC President David P. Gardner, according to Bryant Wieneke, assistant to the chancellor. Wieneke explained that Gardner wants another vote because UCSB students voted to uphold the existing collection system for the California Public Interest Research Group in the April 24-25 General Election.

Gardner has publicly stated his opposition to the reusable/

refundable fee system, which assesses a \$3 quarterly fee to each student's BA/RC statement unless a student has opted to waive the fee. Gardner has labeled the system "a devious way of raising money," arguing that it benefits from student apathy.

Students and CalPIRG supporters protest Gardner's involvement, saying that the issue is one of student rights, since students have repeatedly voted to assess

themselves the fee.

Of the 24 percent of UCSB graduate and undergraduate students who participated in last week's election, 74.7 percent voted to keep the reusable/refundable system. The ballot measure, entitled the Interim Voluntary Fee Measure, was to have gone into effect for Fall Quarter 1990. Uehling and Gardner, however, hope to

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Blood Drive to Be Held Today For 19-Year-Old With Leukemia

By Adam Moss
Staff Writer

On February 5, first-year UCSB student Krista Thorne went to the Student Health Service to find out what was causing her recurring headaches. Why worry, though? In most cases, students like Krista would be told to take two aspirin, get some sleep and maybe relax a little.

But subsequent tests confirmed dire suspicions. Krista Thorne was told she had leukemia.

Thorne, a 19-year-old biology major, would otherwise have been enjoying her recent acceptance into Delta Delta Delta sorority. But instead, she has spent the last three months at home in Santa Cruz undergoing chemotherapy to stave off the disease which chokes the body's blood supply by attacking its blood-forming organs.

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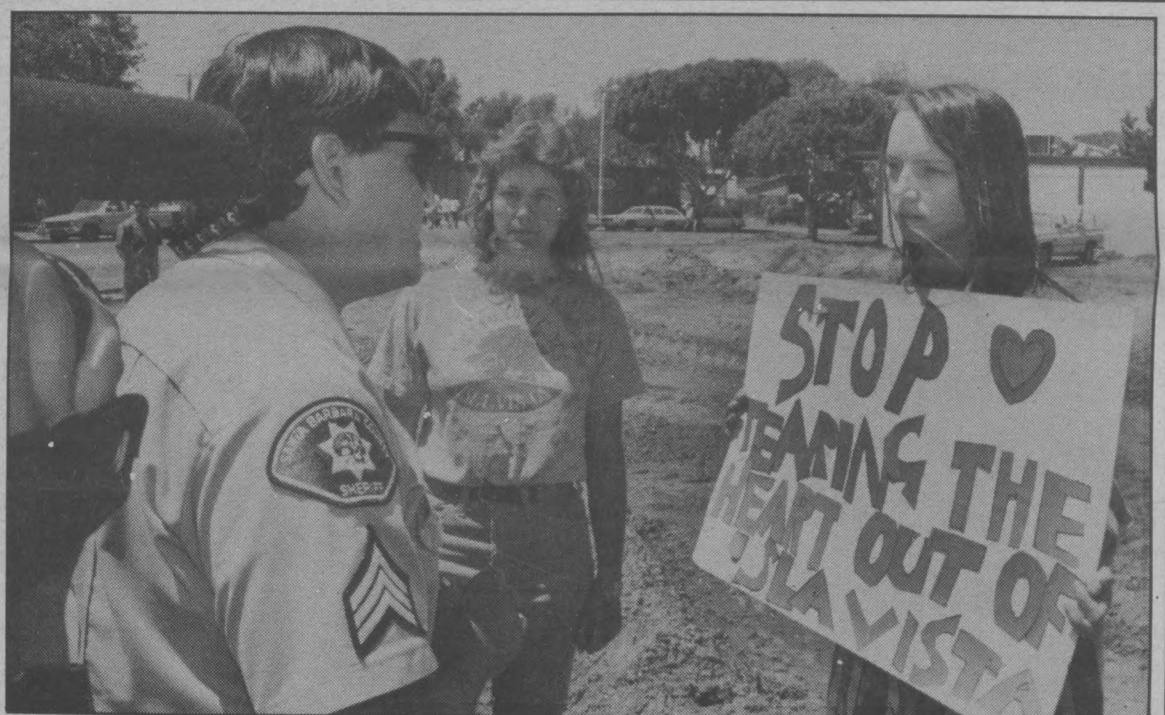
A.S. Council to Solidify Annual Budget Tonight

The outgoing Associated Students Legislative Council will debate the 1990-91 million-dollar A.S. budget at their meeting tonight.

Council will consider budgets submitted by A.S. President Mike Stowers and A.S. Finance Board, and will hear appeals from student groups or others present at the meeting.

Among the provisions in the Stowers budget are \$7,000 of new funding for a bicycle safety program and approximately \$1,500 for a new Community Relations

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MATT SUMNER Daily Nexus

Protester Robin Bolle is asked by police to leave Perfect Park due to trespassing regulations. See Related Story, p.4

Park Construction Draws Protest

Two Arrested in Attempt to Delay the Blacktopping of Perfect Park

By Charles Hornberger
Staff Writer

Two protesters were arrested for trespassing Tuesday while demonstrating against ongoing construction at "Perfect Park," an Embarcadero Loop parcel of land adjacent to and owned by the St. Athanasius Church.

Robert Puddicombe and Scott Wexler, members of the Committee to Save Perfect Park, refused requests from both the police and St. Athanasius Church to remove themselves from the property and were subsequently arrested by Santa Barbara County sheriff's deputies at approximately 1:15 p.m.

The protesters oppose the church's plan to develop a 61-space parking lot and an addition to the church on the land. The demonstrators argue that the property is one of the last remaining open parcels left in Isla Vista and has historical value

"I've been standing on this land for 20 some years and as far as I'm concerned, it belongs to the people of Isla Vista."

Robert Puddicombe member, Committee to Save Perfect Park

since it was the site of anti-war protests during the Vietnam War.

Puddicombe and Wexler were two of about 10 who attended the protest. Police arrived at the park about 12:45 p.m., after church representatives had reported that the protesters were preventing a construction crew from working on the property.

The other protesters retreated to the roadside when approached by deputies, but Pud-

dicombe and Wexler refused to move. "I've been standing on this land for 20 some years and as far as I'm concerned, it belongs to the people of Isla Vista," Puddicombe said.

The entire group was first approached by a representative of the construction company, who declined to state his name, asking that the protesters leave. In approaching protester Robin Bolle, the construction worker tore off half of the 'I' of "Isla Vista" that was pasted on a sign she carried, and said, "Will you move out before we call the police?"

Deputies later arrived and informed the protesters they were trespassing on church property and requested that they leave, at which time most of the group left the area.

Puddicombe and Wexler remained, however, and police as well as a representative of the

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WORLD

Government, Rebel Forces Still Battling 30-year Clash

MASSAWA, Ethiopia (AP) — Day and night, heavy artillery and tank barrages thunder along a 90-mile front, in what might be the decisive battle of the nearly 30-year-old Eritrean civil war, Africa's longest-running conflict.

The battle raging between Ethiopian government troops and Eritrean rebels in Ethiopia's northernmost province is possibly the most destructive conflict in the world today, resulting in thousands of casualties on both sides.

The rebels appear to have the upper hand in the fighting along what is called the Ghinda front. So fierce are the artillery and tank exchanges that their distant rumble can be heard clearly in the strategic Red Sea port of Massawa, about 37 miles away.

Massawa, now in rebel hands, was the target of six Ethiopian air raids in April by Soviet-built MiG fighters. Rebel spokespersons say at least 110 people, many of them civilians, have been killed in the cluster bomb attacks.

The antagonists in the fight are the Marxist government of President Mengistu Haile Marima and rebel forces dominated by the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, which seek independence for the province of 3.5 million people.

Gorbachev Actions Draws Thousands to Demonstrate

MOSCOW (AP) — Tens of thousands of protesters in Red Square unleashed their fury at Mikhail S. Gorbachev Tuesday, turning the traditional May Day parade into an outpouring of complaints about the economy and the blockade of Lithuania.

The Soviet president has allowed free debate in the press and politics and endured public criticism. But never before has he had to personally face such an outburst of discontent over his policies, from both right and left.

The criticism included jeers to the faces of Soviet leaders.

Gorbachev, 59, tapped his fingers on the parapet of the red granite reviewing stand during the protest, showing his impatience, but otherwise was impassive. He and the other officials left after enduring the unofficial demonstrators for about 20 minutes.

Neither Gorbachev nor any of the other leaders on the reviewing stand spoke to the crowd.

Freed Hostage Celebrating In Reunion with Son, Wife

WIESBADEN, West Germany (AP) — Frank Reed, malnourished but energetic after his 3½-year ordeal as a hostage in Lebanon, celebrated his freedom Tuesday with a beer, a large steak and a long-awaited reunion with his wife and son.

A special State Department team began questioning the 57-year-old educator at the U.S. Air Force hospital in Wiesbaden, hoping for clues about the 16 remaining Western hostages in Lebanon. Six American hostages are still being held.

Reed, who said he spent much of his captivity blindfolded, is the second American hostage freed since April 22. The former captive has indicated that he was held with other hostages, but has not elaborated.

After performing some preliminary medical examinations, including X-rays and blood tests, Reed's doctors said the former captive showed no initial signs of serious medical problems.

Reed lost "significant weight and muscle mass from a lack of exercise and a marginal diet" during his 43 months in captivity, the doctors said in a statement released by the hospital.

They added that Reed is "weak and tired," but "otherwise feels well and is talking with family and medical staff."

NATION

House Adopts 1991 Budget Rejecting Bush's Program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Tuesday adopted a Democratic \$1.2 trillion 1991 budget that would cut President Bush's defense program, as Democrats taunted Republicans for abandoning the administration's own spending plan.

On a 218-208 party-line vote, the Democratic-controlled House adopted a plan that would provide \$295.5 billion for next year's military programs. That is \$8.3 billion less than Bush proposed and \$11.5 billion below the amount needed to keep pace with inflation, a step supporters said was merited by eased tensions with the Soviet bloc.

"The budget here provides for a transition from a Cold War economy to a peacetime economy, and that is what we need to do for the future," said the plan's chief architect, House Budget Committee Chairman Leon Panetta, D-Calif.

Republicans opposed the package en masse, criticizing it as weak on defense and arguing that any budget will be meaningless unless negotiations with the White House first yield agreements on its components.

Savannah River Reactor to Be Restarted in December

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government will restart in December the first of three nuclear weapons reactors shut down for two years over safety concerns, Energy Secretary James D. Watkins said Tuesday in announcing resumed production for the nation's atomic arsenal.

Watkins said the Energy Department will also resume building atomic warhead triggers this July at the Rocky Flats plant in Colorado.

Watkins said the K reactor at the Savannah River plant in South Carolina will be restarted in December and, after a period of low-power testing, begin producing tritium for nuclear weapons in January.

The P and L reactors at Savannah River will be restarted in March and September of 1991, respectively, Watkins told a subcommittee of the Senate Armed Service Committee.

He said facilities at the Rocky Flats plant, shut down since last November over concerns about safety, will reopen in June and July to resume production of plutonium triggers for atomic warheads.

"At this time, there does not seem to be any alternative for the nation other than keeping Rocky Flats on line to deal with warhead management," Watkins said.

Pentagon Nudges Spurned System to Anti-drug Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — A \$242.8 million radar system that Congress refused to approve as a military necessity has resurfaced as the costliest item in the Pentagon's proposed anti-drug budget for the coming year.

Congressional investigators question whether the shuffle is really a Pentagon salvage operation to save a costly program that otherwise would be scrapped.

"I categorically deny" that allegation, said top Pentagon anti-drug official Michael A. Wermuth.

But Wermuth acknowledged that the Pentagon still sees the southern-looking "backscatter" radar as primarily needed to shield against an attack by enemy bombers flying from Latin America.

Defense officials were unable to persuade Congress to finance the southern portion of the "over-the-horizon" radar system in the 1989 and 1990 fiscal years — when it was touted on military grounds.

Now the Pentagon is promoting the system as a way to locate small planes smuggling drugs over the southwest U.S. border.

Suspect in Police Custody After Random Shots Kill 1

DALY CITY (AP) — A gunman went on a wild shooting spree early Tuesday, killing one man, injuring two police officers and firing randomly at several vehicles in San Francisco and Daly City before he was shot and apprehended.

The alleged gunman, Paul Bellazain, 46, was shot in the thigh during a confrontation with a Daly City police officer, said Daly City Police spokesperson Jim McHenry. Bellazain was reported in fair condition at Kaiser Hospital in South San Francisco, a hospital spokesperson said.

One man was shot to death at John McLaren Park, according to San Francisco Police spokesperson Dave Ambrose, who did not release the victim's name.

Another victim, James Newman, 41, was in serious condition at San Francisco General Hospital after a bullet entered his right arm and lodged in the right side of his chest, said hospital spokesperson Gloria Rodriguez.

Skinheads, Nazis No Show Opposition March Anyway

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Nazis and skinheads failed to appear at a planned "White Workers Day" march on Tuesday, but about 250 people who gathered to oppose them staged a noisy march of their own.

"No Nazis, no KKK, no Facists in the USA," the group chanted as they marched down Haight Street toward Golden Gate Park under the watchful eyes of police.

One youth with a shaved head apparently tried to attack one of the marchers, but was struck on the head with a sign and then kicked as he lay on the ground. Police led him away and he did not appear to be seriously injured.

The opposition march, organized by groups such as the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee, the Bay Area Anti-Racist Action and Direct Action Against Racism, may have scared the skinheads off, one man suggested.

"They may decide not to show up," said Ray Gratt of the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee. "Cowardice will keep them away. They don't like to lose fights."

At Bosco's sandwich shop at the corner of Haight and Ashbury streets, an intersection made famous during the "hippie" era of the '60s, owner Leo Martay hung a sign reading "Pity the poor dumb racist Facists" to protest the white supremacist parade.

"Somebody's got to stand up to these people," Martay said.

L.A. Councilperson Rallies City's Cabbie Dress Codes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — All dressed up with no place to go, a covey of cab drivers looked on Tuesday as City Councilperson Joel Wachs hailed the city's new cabbie dress code.

"What we have tried to do is make sure that cab drivers are clean and neat, and that they don't have objectionable odors," Wachs told reporters at a downtown hotel taxi stand.

Effective May 1, the ordinance forbids cab drivers from wearing tank top T-shirts, cut-off shorts and dirty clothes. White socks are out. Thongs are out. Chest hair displayed beyond the second button from the neck is out.

Wachs, dressed Tuesday in a gray suit with blue tie, had steered the legislation through the Transportation and Traffic Committee and persuaded the City Council to give it a green light.

A television newscaster in designer sunglasses asked if it was true that the city had cited a cabbie for wearing white socks.

Wachs replied that fines for dress code violations would be paid by the taxicab companies under a complex formula, which allows each company to amass a certain number of points before fines would be imposed.

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Weather

Ah, manipulation. As long as there are dipshit a-ha-hell-with-it students walking around stopping only to frequent outdoor pitchers establishments, unethical heavies like Barbara Uehling can blatantly ram their bony fists through the metaphoric student rectum again and again and again. Will anyone care? If they do, then maybe a student union would be feasible. If not, then have fun in meaningless technocracyville. But let's not be pessimistic, shall we? Instead let's start examining how many times the administration has rammed its agenda past temporary student objections, at least since the heady MTD days. Or lets drink and enjoy the warming sunny weather.

WEDNESDAY

High 76, low 46. Sunrise 6:10, Sunset 7:44

THURSDAY

High 74, low 49. Duck....

IVRPD Questions Barn Storage Areas

By Morgan Freeman
Staff Writer

Drug paraphernalia and potentially hazardous wastes allegedly found in a Red Barn storage area designated for use by homeless citizens led members of an Isla Vista Recreation and Park District subcommittee to question the future of the storage "cubby holes" at their meeting Monday.

The Facility Users Group subcommittee met to discuss the safety of the storage facilities, used by local homeless people, and recommend possible solutions to the IVRPD board of directors. FUG is responsible for overseeing existing facilities as well as developing new ones, according to its members.

"The homeless store items that are unsafe to the public. The area around the Red Barn is a public park," said Scott Abbott, IVRPD administrative assistant. "They leave food on the shelves that rots and they store

objects which are dangerous to children like motor oil and cleaning solvents," he claimed.

However, according to a local homeless man who goes by the name "Snake," the storage of such items is not a problem near the Red Barn, located on Estero Road. The homeless do not store food on the shelves for any extended length of time, he argued in an interview — he did not attend the meeting. "First, if we were to save our food for longer than a day, mice will eat it," he said. "Second, food usually doesn't last too long among us homeless people. We eat it."

Likewise, the homeless do not store motor oil or cleaning solutions on the shelves, according to Snake. "We keep our clothes in there. Why would we want oil or cleaning solution on our clothes? We have a hard enough time keeping ourselves clean. We store items like that elsewhere," he said.

Currently the IVRPD sends out ground workers to

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use the results of the summer mail-in vote to determine whether the \$3 fee will be assessed in the fall.

UCSB CalPIRG organizer Tom Powers believes Uehling is abusing the student election process by asking for another vote. "Isn't 75/25 good enough for her?" he asked, referring to last week's election results.

"It's unfair, we just voted on CalPIRG and it's ridiculous that the administration is going to impose an additional vote (on the matter)," said Associated Students President Mike Stowers.

Both Michael Chester and James Siojo, the two final candidates for 1990-91

A.S. president, harshly criticized Uehling's action. "To suggest a second vote on this same issue is an insult to the UCSB student body and is a direct affront to the integrity of the student election process," they state in a letter to Uehling.

"The notion of conducting any election in the summer and in the mail is unacceptable. A summer mail-in vote does not allow for debate, discussion, or campaigning," the letter states.

Wieneke explained that the vote will be held in the summer because "all the chancellors and (Gardner) want to have clarity on this as soon as possible."

Wieneke added that the move to have the permanent decision made during the summer is intended to give more time for CalPIRG to

educate student voters. Gardner and the chancellors "would have preferred to have the permanent vote in the spring, but CalPIRG wouldn't have had enough time to inform students," he said.

"That's a lie," Powers countered. CalPIRG had informed UCSB administrators in February, when the group submitted a permanent ballot proposal to the Campus Elections Committee, that they would be ready for a permanent vote by spring, Powers said.

Although Gardner previously bowed to student demands, and gave the decision to each campus' chancellor, Uehling states in a letter to Stowers and Graduate Student Association External President Reinhart Lutz that she does

not believe she has the authority to make the final decision. The ultimate decision will be made by the Board of Regents after hearing Gardner's recommendation.

Uehling's statement has led local CalPIRG organizers to charge that she has not acted in good faith since she has failed to inform them of the change in decision-making power, according to Powers.

If the summer vote is held, student leaders have vowed to campaign for a boycott of the election. "We will not be party to a process that makes a mockery of a legitimate student vote," Chester and Siojo state in their letter to the chancellor.

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PROTEST: Progress Briefly Halted by Residents

Continued from p.1 church, Father Steve Thomas, approached the two men once more, asking that they leave. The men said they would not leave unless forced to do so. When Thomas asked Puddicombe to leave, he responded, "I'm not going to condone the church raping this park that belongs to Isla Vista."

"I've been chased off this land by cops before," Puddicombe said, referring to the protests in the late 1960s and early '70s.

Wexler also expressed his commitment to the protest. "This is the community's park," he said. "We are here to protest and it makes no sense for us to be anywhere but here."

Thomas, an assistant pastor of the church, who had filed the complaint against the protestors, said the arrests were "distressing. I wish it didn't have to come to this ... (but) we had gone through all the possible legal processes."

Protesters claimed that they were there to increase public interest in the construction, hoping that public pressure might convince the church not to develop the land.

"As soon as this park gets paved over it's the end of downtown Isla Vista as an acceptable place for a human being to live," Puddicombe argued.

IVRPD Requests Injunction To Halt Perfect Park Paving

By Charles Hornberger
Staff Writer

The battle over development on the Embarcadero Loop moved to the courtroom Tuesday when the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District asked the Santa Barbara County Superior Court to step in and force the St. Athanasius Church to halt construction on the land.

The initial request for a restraining order was denied by Superior Court Justice Bruce Dodds in a preliminary hearing Tuesday afternoon because there was not enough time available to consider the matter adequately, said Tom Stone, attorney for the IVRPD. A full hearing has been scheduled for May 11 at 1:30 p.m., at which time the order will be reconsidered, Stone said.

The district requested that the court place a temporary restraining order on the St. Athanasius Orthodox Church, the owner of the parcel of land located at the tip of the Embarcadero Loop. The district's goal was to prevent the church from continuing construction of a parking lot and an addition to the church building that began Monday, IVRPD Director Mitch Stockton said.

The IVRPD will seek to obtain a permanent court in-

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struction," he said. "I think they ought to be able to build on their own property."

Deacon John Finley of the St. Athanasius Church said he was concerned about public opinion of the church's construction. Finley said Tuesday's arrests were "very unfortunate. I wish that hadn't happened."

"I hope we don't get cast as insensitive to the community," Finley said. "We wouldn't do anything that would hurt Isla Vista because we're permanent residents here ourselves.... This doesn't have to be all centered on controversy. Has anyone considered what this is going to look like when it's done? It's going to look good.... This has the potential to set the standard for redevelopment in Isla Vista."

Finley said that the church has been supportive of residential open space in Isla Vista in the past and believes that the construction will better the downtown area, citing how the church has maintained open space for the IVRPD in the past.

"We have put our money where our mouth is and our hand to the plow," Finley said. "We are all for the parks district making this a sane place to live."

"I'm out here because I've played in this park since I was 13 years old," said Isla Vista resident Kelly Pritchard. "I just don't think it's right."

Signs carried by protesters displayed such anti-development slogans as "This Land is Your Land," "St. Athanasius Church? Park Killer," "Bill Wallace Memorial Parking Lot," and

"Stop Tearing the Heart Out of Isla Vista."

Jamin O'Brien, a junior English major at UCSB, agreed with the protesters. "The construction is taking away needed land," he said. "This is one of the last pieces of open space."

Bill Christy, a senior, double-majoring in English and chemistry at UCSB, disagreed. "I'm all for (the con-

THORNE: Freshman Diagnosed with Leukemia

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The Tri-Delts, who say they have been brought together by Thorne's illness, will hold a blood drive today from 3-6 p.m. at 6510 Picasso Rd. in Isla Vista to help defray Thorne's medical expenses. The cost of Krista's treatment has been a double burden for the Thorne family whose home was damaged in the October San Francisco earthquake. Each pint of blood, regardless of type, will be credited to Thorne's account and save her approximately \$100 per pint of blood used in her treatment.

Thorne, who underwent chemotherapy treatment last week, did not feel well enough to be interviewed Tuesday. But her mother Cherie, speaking in her place, said there is reason to be hopeful. Krista, who is now awaiting a \$250,000 bone marrow transfusion, has responded well to treatment.

She was also fortunate to find a donor with the same bone marrow type in her immediate family — her brother Scott. While the odds of finding matching bone marrow in a sibling is about 25 percent, the

chances of finding it in the general population is estimated at one in 20,000.

In addition, Krista has a relatively treatable strain of leukemia — acute lymphoblastic leukemia, Cherie said. "That is considered a much more treatable one," she said.

Krista will go to Stanford Medical Center for a pre-transfusion evaluation Friday, Cherie said. Insurance will help pay for the operation.

She has received letters and gifts from her sorority to keep her spirits up, and was visited by two sisters last

week. They say she is "determined that she's going to live," and will eventually return to UCSB.

"They have been just wonderful," Cherie said. "(The visit) was a good day for her."

Krista believes she contracted the disease for a reason, although she is not yet sure what that reason is.

"She has a really positive outlook," said Christine Covarrubias, Krista's Tri-Delt big sister.

Despite the diagnosis, the Thornes also feel positive. "We just feel very fortunate," Cherie Thorne said.

BUDGET

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Next year's budget will also include funds for a full-time assistant for the A.S. main office. Currently, stu-

dent assistants staff the office and there have been problems, according to A.S. Internal Vice President James Siojo. "Working in the office for 40 to 50 hours a week, projects get delayed and messages get lost because students are students," Siojo said.

In other action tonight,

Council will debate a bill urging UCSB Chancellor Barbara S. Uehling to approve the Faculty and Course Evaluation Survey registration fee lock-in. The project narrowly missed passage in last week's election. All bills within two percentage points of passage are sent to the chancel-

lor for consideration. The bill is expected to meet stiff opposition over the question of whether Uehling should have a say in student voting.

"I don't know if it will pass at all. It depends if the council feels that the

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IVRPD: Court May Halt Church, Lot Expansion

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junction against construction on the area in a trial to follow the May 11 hearing, when they hope to win a temporary restraining order, Stockton said.

If the permanent injunction is enacted by the court, the district will not have to acquire the land because development will be indefinitely prohibited, Stockton said.

The park district has been unsuccessful in its attempts to acquire the land from the church. Since December, the district has offered to either pay the church \$500,000 or trade for other property in Isla Vista.

However, Deacon John Finley, spokesperson for the church, said that St. Athanasius is willing to consider development of an al-

ternative site, but has not yet received a satisfactory offer from the IVRPD.

"If they were to pose for us an alternate site with water and development permits, we would listen to the offer, (but) they haven't done that by now and, frankly, I don't think that they will," Finley said. He also said that the district has not offered them a land exchange deal in writing as of yet.

In an IVRPD board meeting Tuesday evening, it was decided to postpone efforts to condemn the land until May 17 in order to pursue the injunction, Stockton said. The IVRPD's power of eminent domain enables it to condemn the land and then take it over.

According to Stone, the district will also appeal to a

"doctrine of implied dedication" in requesting the injunction. "The underlying claim of the district is that the property is subject to a right of the public to use the property for recreational purposes (because) the owner is deemed to have dedicated the property to public use" by allowing it to be used for an extended period as if it was public property, Stone said. "The work that the church is doing interferes with that right."

Finley, however, countered that he has rarely seen the land used by the public, and that only lately has its use been increased — a move he attributes to the recent controversy.

The injunction that the park district is requesting is "after the fact," arguing that it is "untimely" because the

district should have brought up the "public use" issue at any of several previous meetings concerning the development, he said.

Finley also disputes the claim that the land should be protected since it is one of the last existing open spaces in downtown Isla Vista. "The IVRPD already has three parks adjacent to the area ... I believe that is adequate for the downtown area," Finley said.

He noted that development of the land would include a "comprehensive landscape plan that includes trees and shrubs to act as a buffer zone from the parking lot."

Additionally, the church simply needs to develop the property, he said. "We have to expand — we're in there like sardines."

STORAGE

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monitor the shelves but, according to Abbott, "(the ground workers) do not enjoy doing the checks. They feel like they are invading people's privacy."

"There is a sign posted on the shelves explaining that all items must fit completely inside the cubby hole and no unsafe objects are to be stored there," he said.

However, Snake noted that the sign has little effect on many transients. Many of the homeless are illiterate and cannot read the sign, Snake said.

One solution proposed

by Let Isla Vista Eat President Joan Saniuk was to install doors on each cubby hole and distribute locks to the homeless. "This would guarantee that items would fit and it would keep harmful things out of reach of children," she said.

This would also make it easier for the users to store illegal and dangerous items, however, noted IVRPD Chair Lisa Rothstein. "We don't want to provide a place for drug dealers to store their stuff. We have found needles on the ground around that area," she said.

Another problem is that there should not be permanent private lockers in a

public park, Abbott said. "The shelves were built for the homeless to temporarily store their belongings," he said.

A suggestion to hire the homeless to monitor the area themselves also met with dissension. According to Rothstein, hiring the homeless would not work because they "spend 12 hours a day drunk."


Snake believes, however, that the IVRPD has been improperly monitoring the boxes. "They go through the shelves and throw out items that the homeless need," he said. "The people who work (for the IVRPD) live in homes. To them it is junk,

but to us it is our belongings."

The ground workers throw away items that they believe to be useless, Snake said. "To them they are useless, but to us they are things we need to survive. The workers would never consider using any of the things they find there. They should just stay away," he said.

Additionally, Snake would like the IVRPD to listen more to the homeless' opinion on the matter. "The issue deals with us, let us talk about it. They insist on making all decisions by themselves and behind closed doors."

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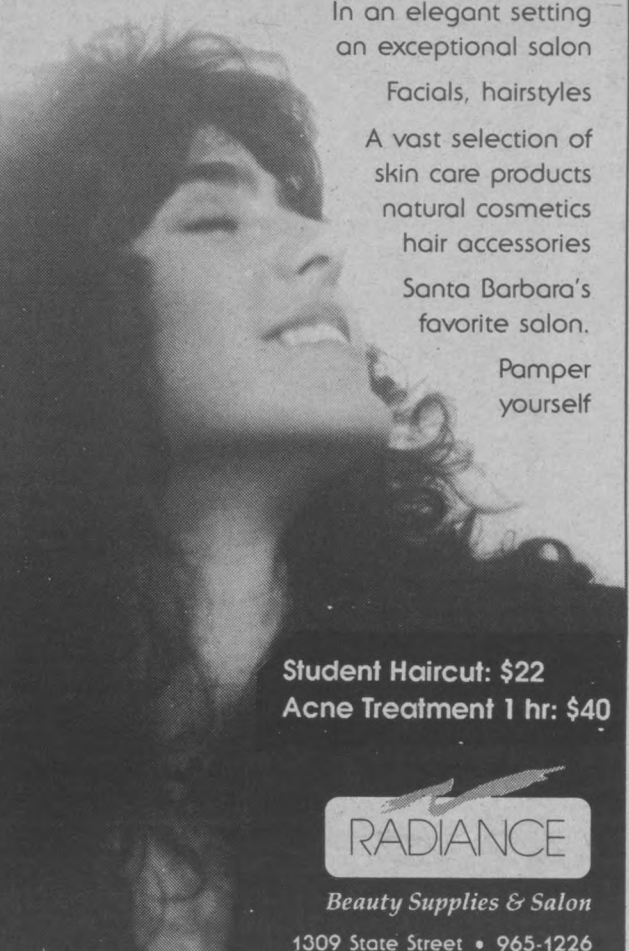
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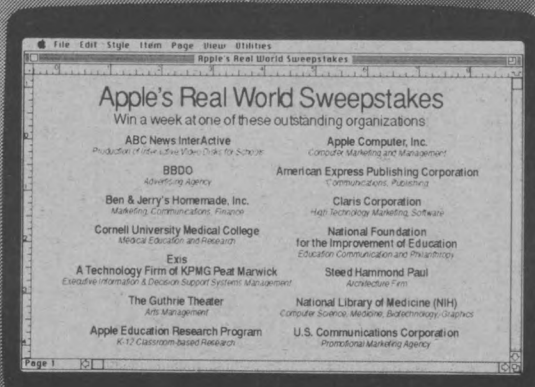

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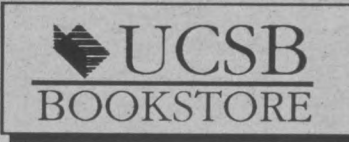


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UCSB Goes Unnoticed By 7-foot Hoopster

The emergence of the quick, agile point guard in college and professional basketball means coaches can now play with smaller lineups and don't have to depend on a big man to lead them to victory. No longer are those 7 foot guys necessary.

OK, but how about 7'6"? Surely any coach in America would love to have a 7'6" player fill the lane, post up inside, hang the nets without a ladder, whatever. With that kind of height on a team, three-pointers would be blocked from within the paint. Opponents would misfire more often than the Russian Air Force. The offensive glass would be so clean you could eat off it.

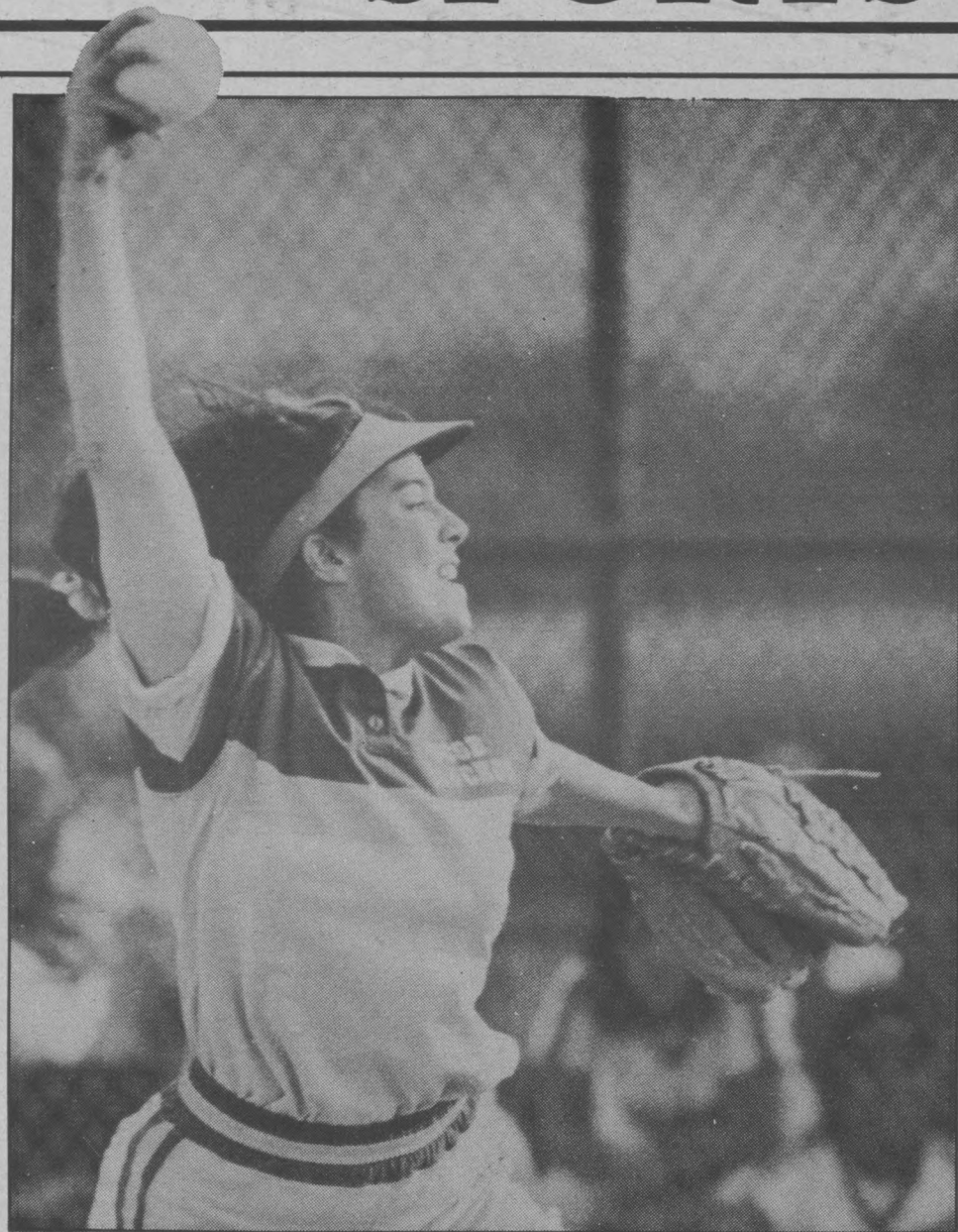
UCLA fans must be doing that damn 8-clap in their sleep. The Bruins received word on Monday that Mike Lanier, a 7'6" sophomore, would be transferring there next year with two full years of eligibility left. He will red-shirt next season, probably so that team managers will have time to stitch two uniforms together for him.

So the Bruins get their man, another in their tradition of southland seven-footers like Alcindor and Walton. It's actually getting a bit boring. Coach Jim Harrick should try something original — perhaps implement a six-foot-and-under rule to recruiters or scout Hollywood Park for walk-ons.

But you can't blame Harrick for wanting a human telephone pole. I am just having a hard time understanding why Lanier chose UCLA over another Southern California, UC, Division I, blue-uniformed institution. Why didn't he pack his big-and-tall bags and head up to Santa Barbara for some real excitement.

It could have been the easiest recruiting job of Jerry Pimm's career. Just show the boy a tape of the UNLV win and subsequent Isla Vista celebration, or, better yet, send him the charred remains of one of the sacrificial futons. Bring the kid to the beach, surround him with a few of those girls who

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DISHING IT OUT — Andrea Serrano helped the UCSB Softball team to a split against Cal Poly Pomona Tuesday.

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Serrano's Shutout Gives S-ball Split

By John Morrissey
Staff Writer

Maybe they just needed the extra pressure. Whatever it was, the Gauchos softball team was able to pull off a split with the Cal Poly Pomona Broncos — a team which was ranked #10 in the nation earlier this season.

UCSB upped its record to 19-30 (7-21 in Big West action) Tuesday night, as the team succeeded in beating Pomona. In the past four meetings this season between the two squads, Santa Barbara has taken three games.

Junior Andrea Serrano allowed just two hits as she threw her fifth complete game shutout in the first of the two contests. She allowed no walks and raised her record to 8-16 as the Gauchos went on to win, 2-0.

"I was a little more aggressive today, more confident," Serrano said. "We had good defense today — and we scored."

In the third inning, Serrano (who went two for four at the plate) and shortstop Kasey Donaghu were on the base paths when catcher Leslie Sheperd stepped up to the plate. Sheperd, last week's hero who delivered a dramatic grand slam homer to win the game, came through in the clutch once again. She lined a two run single into short right field, scoring the game's only runs.

"It was the first hit I liked in a while," Sheperd laughed. "We hit the ball really well today, just right at people. A couple people got robbed because they hit right to people."

The Gauchos' good fortune didn't carry over into the nightcap, however. The Broncos sent UCSB starter Kelli Schott (9-11) to the showers early, as they banged out four hits and scored four runs off of her in two innings. The umpire was really enforcing a new rule that defines how the pitcher is allowed to wind-up. It appears

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Lady Tracksters Post Bests at Poly Royal Invite

By Philip Bowen
Reporter

Amidst the riotous mobs vandalizing Cal Poly San Luis Obispo this past weekend, the UCSB women's track team wrapped up its regular season with some remarkable performances at the Poly Royal Invitational on Saturday.

The high level of competition in the meet inspired the lady tracksters to rise to the occasion by recording a number of personal bests. Add this to their continued consistency in field and running events and what you come up with is a pumped up Gaucho squad ready to attack all opponents at the upcoming Big West conference meet two weeks from now at UNLV.

Nikki Jones led the arsenal, recording three personal bests in the long jump, 100m, and 200m. She finished second in the long jump, leaping her way to 18'½", effectively crushing her old personal best by over a foot.

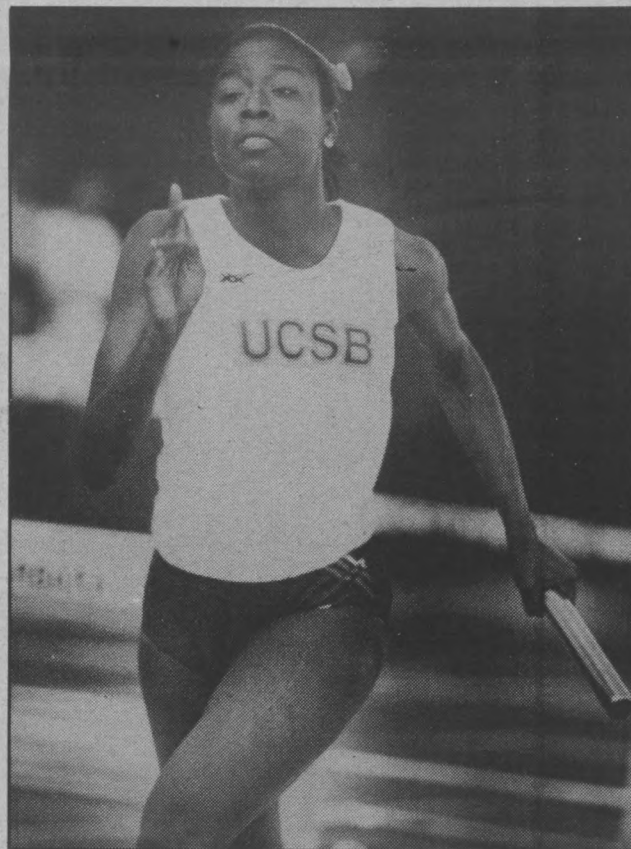
"I was very surprised to break my old record," Jones said. "But I know I have it in me to still do better."

In the 100m she ran an impressive 12.37, finishing second, and took third in the 200m with a time of 25.16.

"I want to break the school record in the 100 and 200 and also try to get another foot in the long jump," she replied when asked what she was planning in the upcoming conference meet. "I'm just looking to see what else I have left in me and going for personal records."

In the distance events there were two other top performances. In the 3000m Cathy Norbutas controlled the race from the early going and went on to take first unchallenged in a time of 10:28.60. Following her was Toni Hartlaub in the 5000m who set a brisk pace and won go-

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CAN'T SLOW DOWN — UCSB's Nikki Jones raced to a second in the 100m and third in the 200m Saturday.

Lady H2O Poloists Off To Nationals

The UCSB women's water polo team will look to defend its national title this weekend at the 1990 Collegiate National Championships. The Gauchos won the crown last year with the help of a home pool advantage, but this time around UCSB will have to travel from Campus Pool to Brown University for its repeat attempt. UCSB last saw action at Berkeley on April 20-22, when the Gauchos managed victories over the host Golden Bears by a score of 12-9 and Commerce, 10-2. UCSB fell to open squads from Cal, 7-5, Long Beach St., 12-5, and UC Davis, 7-5.

"(The meet) really gave us a chance to relax and find out who's playing well," UCSB Head Coach Rob Locke said. "We really figured out who we are and I think it helped us clear our minds. Our last two weeks of workout have been great."

The Gauchos will be the fourth seed in the national tournament. San Diego St. is the top seed.

"I think we have a good chance to win it if we play the way we're capable of playing," Locke said. "We just can't make those mistakes that will give our opponents chances because those other teams will take them."

"I think having the fourth seed will work to our advantage as well," he added. "For once, we're the ones chasing people — usually everyone is coming after us. But San Diego has to be the team to beat this year."

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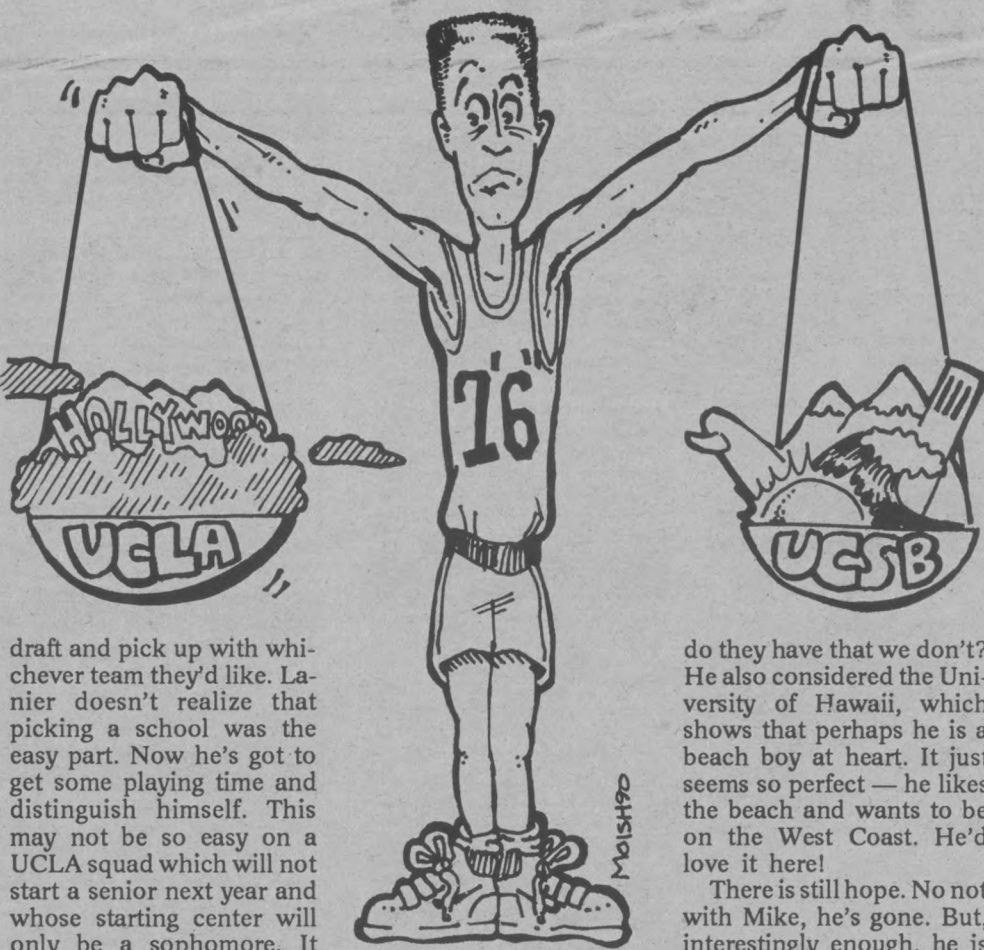
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posed for Playboy, and tell him all about the Thunder-meter. And if worse comes to worse, he'll want to take a little spin on Pimm's yacht.

Lanier obviously does not recognize the advantages of playing at UCSB. He'll get exposure — the Big West is the most improved conference in the nation and is bound to draw more national television, maybe even Dick Vitale ("The big kid's a PTP, baabee"). He'll get playing time — the departure of "The Freeze" leaves 13.1 rebounds a game behind and 7'6" should be enough to bring those down. And he'll get the little things — fun team haircuts after an NCAA tourney win, Big Macs for \$1.08, that all-important "me time" after an early exit from the Big West Tournament, and other bonuses recruiters always seem to forget.

Lanier is transferring from a small school because they are going to Division III. He says he chose UCLA because he "definitely wants to play in the NBA." Maybe I'm missing something, but I didn't realize that Bruins got to bypass the



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draft and pick up with whichever team they'd like. Lanier doesn't realize that picking a school was the easy part. Now he's got to get some playing time and distinguish himself. This may not be so easy on a UCLA squad which will not start a senior next year and whose starting center will only be a sophomore. It looks like his best shot at making the NBA would be to hang around with the Bruin towel boys and learn the trade.

Surprisingly, UCSB wasn't even on Lanier's list

of possibilities. He actually considered playing for doormats Washington and Washington State before Santa Barbara. What, besides home-grown apples,

do they have that we don't? He also considered the University of Hawaii, which shows that perhaps he is a beach boy at heart. It just seems so perfect — he likes the beach and wants to be on the West Coast. He'd love it here!

There is still hope. Not with Mike, he's gone. But, interestingly enough, he is one of the tallest twins in the world. Twins? Yes, he has a brother who stands 7'5" and plays at the University of Denver. Really Jerry, how many chances do you need?

ROYAL

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ing away with an untested time of 18:33.20.

Micheline Sheaffer continued to perform consistently, once again dominating the discus throw, gaining yet another first place finish, with a toss of 157'6".

"I'm really happy because I've set some goals and reached a lot of them, and that's all you can hope for," Sheaffer said. "And as a team, I think we've done well. Now all I'm looking forward to is the conference meet."

With the regular season behind them, Head Coach Jim Triplett is looking forward to the conference meet

as not only being a physical battle, but a psychological one, as well.

"I don't necessarily think that the top skilled athletes will win, but rather the most intelligent ones," said Triplett. "Therefore over the next few weeks of practice we will be fine-tuning not only the physical aspect, but the psychological one also."

"We don't really have depth, but what we do have is quality performers and that could make a difference not only in conference, but ultimately in who the top performers are on the West Coast."

The Big West conference meet commences two weeks from now at the UNLV Rebels' track.

S-BALL

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Schott's natural motion was not allowed by the man in blue, and her effectiveness suffered as she tried to adjust.

In the first inning, Pomona pitcher Nickey Luce drove in two runs to start a Bronco rally which led to an early 3-0 lead.

Right fielder Kathy Twisselman followed with a run-scoring double in the second. That was all for Schott, as she and Serrano (serving as designated player in the second game) traded places in the field. Serrano pitched two innings in relief, allowing one run when center fielder Holly DeLuca doubled, and was driven in by her sister, Heather, who plays third base. Allison Brickner came in for the final three innings, allowing only one run.

"We played extremely well in the first game," Head Coach Brenda Greene said.

"That was an exciting game for Andrea (Serrano), it's been a while since she's won. We played really well."

"Unfortunately, in the second game, that wasn't the case. Kasey (Donaghu) had an RBI, and we could have scored more, but when you're down that many runs (it's difficult to comeback)."

"They just scored, and kept scoring!" Sheperd said.

The team will hit the road again this weekend to face nationally-ranked conference opponents San Jose State and Fresno State. The players are confident and hope the win over Pomona will give them the drive to win.

"Hopefully, we'll play strong," Serrano said. "The travelling is going to be hard, but we're playing really well now."

After the weekend activity, the Gauchos will finish the 1990 season at San Diego State, and try to make the Aztecs pay for forcing a split in the UCSB home finale last weekend.

BASEBALL

Opponent: UCLA
When: Today, 2:30 p.m.
Where: Campus Diamond
Records: UCSB 35-14 (10-5, 2nd in Big West), UCLA 32-19 (14-16, 4th in Pac-10)
National rankings: #20 UCLA, #22 UCSB.
Last meeting: UCSB defeated the Bruins 8-5 on March 15 at UCLA in a non-conference match-up.
Probable Starters: UCLA—David Zancanaro (9-4, 2.91 ERA). UCSB—Shawn Loucks (8-2, 5.92).
Radio: KCSB (91.9 FM) will broadcast the game starting at 2:30.
Game Notes

Gauchos:
UCSB is looking to extend its nine-game win streak today, earlier this season the Gauchos won 11 in a row.... Second baseman **Dave Waco** was one of three Big West Players of the week. This comes as no surprise, the sophomore was 8 for 13 (.615) for the week with three doubles, five RBI and three runs scored.... The Gauchos' fielding percentage is .970, and they are on pace to break their record of .969 set in 1984.... **Jerrold Rountree** has had at least one hit in his last 10 games, bringing his batting average up from .270 to .310.... **Quick Stats**—Team batting average: .313 ... Team ERA: 4.83.

Bruins:
UCLA is coming off its final Pac-10 series, it dropped two of three to the Trojans.... Players to watch: **Paul Ellis**, on the year he has 25 home runs — second-highest in UCLA history. He has homered off every team in the Pac-10 and has also collected 69 RBI. **Chris Pritchett**, the first baseman has batted 9 for 18 (.500) in UCLA's last four games. He connected for two homers last week while leading his team with a .373 overall average.... **Quick Stats**—Team batting average: .300. Team ERA: 4.27.

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL TOP 30

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Stealin' Bases!

40	(49) Jerrold Rountree, UCSB
30	(33) Mike Czarnetzki, UCSB
20	(19) Eric Booker, SJSU
15	(17) Cobi Cradle, LBSU
10	(13) Antonio Vernon, UCSB
5	(12) Frank Appice, UCSB

UCSB is leading the Big West with a felonious 138 stolen bases in 187 attempts. Leading the pack is left fielder **Jerrold Rountree**, who is 49 of 66 on the season. Other Gauchos with stolen bases include **Rich Haar**, with 7, **Jeff Antoon** with 6, **Ray Palagyi** with 6 (Palagyi is out with an arm injury); **Nick Satriano** has 4. Lower down the cell block, **Danny Lane** and **Sean Luft** have 3, while **Dave Waco** and **Adam Grant** have 1 stolen base each.

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Briefs

Medfly Continues To Bug California

A scientific committee has been formed to study whether the medflies now in Southern California represent a new infestation or a resurgence of pests that have been in the area for years.

The University of California committee will examine the data which led UC Davis entomologist James Carey to the conclusion that the current Mediterranean fruit flies are descendants of ones found in the early 1980s.

The committee also will make recommendations about the types of research needed to control or eradicate exotic pests in California, said Kenneth R. Farrell, UC's vice president for agriculture and natural resources.

The committee is expected to be a sore point with officials with the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Since last summer, the department has spent \$36.5 million battling the medfly with a program that emphasizes spraying pesticide from helicopters and releasing millions of sterile flies to interrupt the insect's reproductive cycle.

Ugly Mammal In Big Zoo Demand

Looks aren't everything. If they were, zoo curators across the country wouldn't be scrambling to get their own colonies of naked mole rats. The fanged, 4-inch African mammals are desired for their subterranean social habits, not their pink, wrinkled looks. "They're not the most attractive mammal I've ever seen," said James Doherty, general curator at New York's Bronx Zoo, which plans to open an exhibit next winter.

Since March 1989, the Cincinnati Zoo has had the nation's only exhibit of the hairless mole rats, but the Brookfield Zoo near Chicago plans to open its exhibit May 18. Zoos in Philadelphia and London have mole rats that are not on display while zoos in Phoenix and Washington, D.C., are seeking colonies.

"It continues to be a popular attraction, because they catch your eye for one reason or another," said Randy Morgan, an entomologist who oversees the Cincinnati Zoo's 40-rat exhibit. "I don't think of them as ugly. I think they come across as bizarre, animated and comical."

Zoo curators and scientists say mole rats' beauty and significance are in their lifestyles. Virtually blind, they live underground and burrow in a constant search for food, tubers and roots they find by stumbling upon them. They live in colonies of about three dozen. Only one female in each colony breeds, using her sharp teeth to fend off challengers and also secreting a scent that inhibits other females from developing into queens.

Poison Oak Used in DNA Cleaving

Researchers at the Irvine and San Francisco campuses have found that plants such as poison oak and English ivy not only can cause severe allergic reactions in sensitive individuals but are capable of cleaving DNA in laboratory experiments.

If the toxins can tamper with the genetic code in a test tube, scientists wonder if they also may have mutagenic or carcinogenic properties when in contact with skin cells. Possibly even more important, the natural chemicals may someday be used as "molecular scissors" to manipulate particular sequences of DNA.

"Our goal is to expand our investigations of poison oak and other unstudied allergenic plants and better understand the molecular mechanisms of toxicity," said Eloy Rodriguez, UCI professor of developmental and cell biology.

NUCLEAR POWER: Dead or Alive?

On the Ropes, the Nuclear Industry Fights Back With Claims of Safety and Cost-Effective Energy

By Dan Jeffers, Staff Writer

Four years after the Chernobyl accident put a damper on the future of nuclear power, industry journals, science journals and popular magazines have carried a wave of articles heralding the "next generation" of nuclear power.

Environmental problems, increasing power demands, and simpler technology have reopened the book for many people. Full-page ads even tied the nuclear industry into this year's Earth Day celebration proclaiming, "With nuclear power, every day is Earth Day."

Is this the last gasp as the nuclear industry slips under waves of financial problems, safety concerns, and the loss of public trust; one last shot at convincing the public that they really were right all along? Or is it the up-and-coming vigor of an industry which really does have something new to offer, something which could be the answer to the world's problems?

This first part of a series will examine the history of the nuclear industry and how it arrived at its present state. The second part will look at the latest developments in the nuclear power field, the reasoning behind them, and the possibilities for a nuclear future.

The present state of nuclear power in the United States is simple enough — no nuclear power plant ordered after 1974 has been completed. Since 1980, plans for 55 plants have been cancelled. Nineteen plants await completion, most considerably over budget and mired in legal disputes. In 1987, the World Watch Institute, a watchdog group affiliated with the United Nations, predicted that "the late eighties may be the last gasp for the U.S. nuclear construction industry."

In the late 1950s, the American public and industry had abundant faith in technology. The frontiers were gone, religion no longer seemed to have a special future for America, and World War II had been won, in part, by rapid technological innovation and progress.

Engineers had become the new heroes. Who could doubt them when they said that "the peaceful uses of the atom" would transform every portion of the world into a utopian paradise?

Much of the impetus for the initial breakdown in trust came from sources that had nothing to do with nuclear power itself. Protests against the Vietnam War, followed by an aggressive campaign against nuclear weapons swept up anti-nuclear positions without distinction. Watergate contributed heavily to the breakdown in trust of authority. The credibility of anyone who said "trust me" was automatically questioned, and the nuclear industry never developed any other way of addressing the concerns of the public.

The credibility gap was widened by a tendency among industry officials to avoid telling the public exactly what was going on. In almost every incident throughout nuclear history, the first response has been to tell the public that everything was under control. Officials generally view the public as unable to interpret the actual situation,

but a record of misleading statements has, if anything, worsened public reaction in every instance.

The credibility gap cuts both ways, however. Nuclear power insiders have always viewed leading opponents as "uninformed" at best. John Fuller's popular book *We Almost Lost Detroit*, which describes an accident at the Fermi I nuclear power plant in Detroit, is well-researched and contains some serious challenges, but occasionally shows a lack of conceptual grasp and is filled with so much pure speculation that it is easy for insiders to dismiss.

The problem has been aggravated by the tendency of casual defenders to make sweeping statements that just don't stand up. Claims such as "No one has ever died in a nuclear power plant," or "No one has ever died from radiation in a nuclear facility," are patently false, and the major anti-nuclear forces know it well.

First, industrial accidents happen everywhere and nuclear power plants are no exception. At the North Anna Power Station in Virginia, two welders died in a valve pit

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because of a gas leak in their equipment. That was a typical accident which could happen anywhere, but it happened at a nuclear power plant.

More directly, however, on January 3, 1961 three men were killed while performing maintenance on the U.S. Army's SL-1, a prototype field reactor. In a nuclear reactor, control rods made of a neutron-absorbing material are used to regulate the rate of fission reactions within the nuclear core. When the rods are fully inserted, the reactor is shutdown, unable to generate power.

In the SL-1 incident, an operator was lifting one of the rods by hand, a dangerous procedure but one which had been performed before. Apparently he lifted the rod too quickly, allowing the fuel cell to achieve local criticality, a condition in which one part of a nuclear reactor becomes overly active and achieves a self-sustaining nuclear reaction. When this happened, the core's coolant quickly flashed to steam, ejecting the rod completely and allowing the whole reactor to go super-critical suddenly, causing a steam explosion. The ejected rod impaled the operator, hurling him to the roof. The other operators died from extremely heavy radiation.

There have also been casualties in other countries. At least three widows in Great Britain are being paid compensation for their husbands' deaths at the Windscale nuclear reactor.

Other sweeping statements made by supporters of nuclear power set the industry up to take the worst possible damage when the Three Mile Island reactor meltdown occurred.

Prior to the incident, many industry personnel actually believed that a well-built generating plant could not possibly melt down and that anyone who thought so was uninformed. When the Three Mile Island accident occurred, it appeared to contradict the assurances of the "trust me" industry.

The public relations damage produced by Three Mile Island was aggravated by the timing — the accident occurred not long after the release of "The China Syndrome," a movie which raised the specter of a reactor meltdown sending radioactive steam over major populated areas. After the TMI accident, industry supporters quickly pointed out that the safety systems and containment had in fact protected the public, but the critics said that the accident showed that "The China Syndrome" could really happen.

Before TMI, one industry insider said that the public would only lose its fear of nuclear power plants when nothing bad happened after one of them melted down. Three Mile Island has shown that he was wrong.

The final blow for nuclear power seemed to have come when the Soviet reactor at Chernobyl burned up, spewing radioactive ash over most of Europe. What makes the accident especially haunting is the almost inexplicable actions of the operators. With full faith in their technology, the operators disconnected almost every safety device in the plant. The fact that a worst-case accident had occurred did not seem to register even as officials fought the fire in the core. The adjacent reactor was kept online for 16 hours after the accident.

There was plenty of down-playing as well as a lot of overdone hype after the accident, but in the end the picture was pretty clear. Thirty one people are already dead, and the long-term increase in cancer-induced deaths could be between 5,100 and 14,000 individuals. The design of the Chernobyl plant, which did not have the full containment structure required on U.S. plants, was certainly a factor in the severity of the accident. The actions of the operators raise a serious question, however, about how much reliance should be placed on humans to preserve a safe reactor condition.

Public relations and safety considerations are not the only hurdles the industry has to face. Nuclear power has lost the enthusiasm of the utility companies as well. Power generated at a nuclear plant has not turned out to be "too cheap to meter," and nuclear plants have actually driven many power companies to the edge of bankruptcy.

Costs for nuclear-generated power have risen from \$200 per kilowatt in the 1970s to \$3,500 per kilowatt in 1987.

Long licensing periods have kept expensive plants idle for up to 14 years. Along with this, power requirements have not risen as dramatically as predicted.

During the 1970s, nuclear power plants were sold in just two sizes, very big and massive. Most utilities face only small increases in demand over shorter periods, and don't need to build the big reactor plants that the industry loved. Part of the vision, which led to orders of these behemoths, was that nuclear power would replace existing plants, reducing operation costs as well as reliance on foreign oil.

Another problem in the U.S. has been the total lack of standardization in plant design. Of 108 operating plants, there are 101 designs. Each design requires its own training, its own licensing, its own inspection, and its own safety analysis. The complexity of the various plants means that supposedly independent government inspectors become associated with a particular plant, developing a relationship that sometimes inhibits objective evaluation.

In spite of all these problems, the industry believes that it has a serious contribution to make in the 1990s and beyond. New plant designs are simpler, smaller, and intended to be safe even with no operator action. Standardization is also seen as an answer to the complicated licensing process. Next week's article will take a serious look at these new designs.