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Two UCSB paramedics check their equipment for what may be the last time as budget cuts threaten to close down the service.

Budget Crisis Threatens Paramedic Unit

By Debbie Hake
Staff Writer

The campus paramedic unit that serves approximately 25,000 residents in and around UCSB could be given the axe if a proposal from university administrators is approved by Santa Barbara County and UCSB.

Prompted by the UC's devastating budget crisis, the proposal would eliminate the UCSB Paramedic/Rescue Office, whose three full-time paramedics and seven student emergency medical technicians respond to approximately 780 calls in Isla Vista, Goleta Beach and on campus each year.

If the station is closed, paramedics might not be able to respond quickly enough to "advanced life support" emergencies — situations in which victims require assistance in five minutes or less. "Our response now is approximately three to four minutes, this could double

if we are eliminated," Rescue Operations Supervisor Guy Bull said.

The calls would be picked up by Unit 11, a private rescue service located at Storke and Hollister in Goleta. The unit's workload is expected to double if the UCSB paramedic service is discontinued.

But John Eaglesham, manager of Mobile Life Support, the company which runs Unit 11, doesn't foresee a problem. "Our response-time now to the area is an average of 4.38 minutes," he said. "If the fire department responds before we do, they can stabilize the patient by the time we get there."

Bull disagrees, claiming that the time taken in getting the patient to the hospital could make a big difference. "A lot of the emergencies — especially in Isla Vista — are people falling off roofs, balconies and cliffs. In situations like this, timing is everything. The single most important thing is to get the patient to the

hospital," he said.

Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services David Sheldon, whose office forwarded the proposal, isn't sure how the county is going to react to the elimination of the rescue team. However, he feels assured that service would continue. "We would get the same support as any other member of the county," he said.

Sheldon stresses the fact that the proposal is in no way a reflection of the performance of the paramedics. "This does not communicate that the paramedics are not living up to our expectations, it's simply a matter of money," he said.

The proposal is still under consideration by the county and UCSB, but it is making the paramedics very nervous when it comes to their job security. "The only thing that is going to save the paramedics is concerned people who voice their opinion on this thing," Bull said.

New State Budget Cuts \$12.5 Million From UC

University Grapples With Latest Funding Loss

By Bonnie Bills
Staff Writer

Although the state Assembly approved a budget plan containing \$12.5 million in cuts to the UC last week, the University stands to lose even more funding if several key bills are not passed in coming days.

Without the approval of several "implementation" bills, Governor Pete Wilson's \$56.4-billion spending plan will be rendered inoperable and the Legislature will have to revamp the budget, Assemblyman Jack O'Connell (D-Santa Barbara) said.

The bills, which include several tax increase proposals and welfare program cuts needed to finance the spending plan, will be voted on later this week.

Cuts to the University could be even worse than the projected figure of \$12.5 million if new revenue-producing measures, such as higher vehicle registration fees and tax increases on retail sales and cable television, fail to be approved and legislators have to rework the budget, UC Public Relations Officer Mike Alva said. Although UC officials do not know which campuses and what areas will be hit by the new cuts, administrators hope to present a report detailing how the cuts will be distributed to the UC Regents in late July, said Mike Lassiter, a spokesperson for the UC Office of Budget and Public Relations.

According to UCSB Assistant Chancellor for Budget and Planning Robert Kuntz, the implemen-

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UCSB Alumnus Reminisces About Role in Diplomatic Fight With Iraq

By Jason Ross
Staff Writer

In the months leading up to the Persian Gulf War, UCSB alumnus Joe Wilson's job as *charge d'affaires* of the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad often had him speaking on behalf of a nation perched on the brink of war, but he seldom used the typical, dull diplomatic language.

"I taught the Iraqis 17 different conjugations of the 'F-word' in a single paragraph," Wilson boasted during a talk at the UCSB Faculty Club on Tuesday. He calls it "In-Your-Face Diplomacy."

Funny, flippant, frank and often vulgar, the 1972 graduate spent an hour blending political analysis with offhand observations; mixing off-the-record pre-

dictions for the Middle East with wistful anecdotes.

Wilson and other embassy staff met with Iraqi diplomats "at least once a day," last fall in an effort to gain the release of American hostages held as "human shields."

"Saddam Hussein had attempted to intimidate the coalition's diplomats, but he ended up intimidated by them," Wilson said, referring to the hostage release.

Employing the principle of "plausible deniability," Wilson and a few other diplomats secretly dropped information to selected sources without informing higher-ups.

One such move they made was an intentional "leak" to CBS news anchor Dan Rather stating that

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State Programs to Shift to County Control Under Budget

By Bonnie Bills
Staff Writer

Governor Pete Wilson's plan to shift several important programs from the state level to the counties has sparked debate among county officials who disagree on what the long-term consequences of the move will be.

Wilson's \$56.4 billion budget, recently passed by the state Legislature, transfers the responsibility for providing \$2.2 billion in social programs to county governments in an effort to help erase the state's \$14.3 billion funding shortfall.

Funding for the shift of programs for mental health care, public health care and other social services, however, depends on

two "implementation" bills that must still be approved by the Legislature.

Santa Barbara County Health Care Officer Sarah Miller expressed the concern that if the bills, which call for increases in taxes and motor vehicle fees, do not pass, the county may receive cutbacks in funding. "If there is no source for giving us the money we could be in serious trouble," she said.

However, Assemblyman Jack O'Connell (D-Santa Barbara) said that it is unlikely that the county will have to take responsibility for funding the shift. "We could pass the obligation to the counties, but that is not our intent," he said.

Although some local officials

feel that the shift in funding will be beneficial to county health and social service programs, many believe that the shift will only cause financial strife in the future.

"We don't see any real benefits in the shift," Miller said, adding that she believes county health care services will be financially stable next year when the shift is enacted. She feels that in future years, however, increases in the costs of providing services may be greater than the revenues raised by the sales tax hike.

But Deputy Director of Administration for Mental Health Services Caryl Andrew disagreed. "We expect the future to be better under the governor's proposal because there should be a growth in funding over the years," she said.

Andrew also said that the shift in funding will be beneficial because it will bring all of the management for county mental health care programs together, creating a better managed and more responsive service. "Leaving the county in control will be much better because they answer more directly to the public," she said.

Sharing Andrew's viewpoint is Deputy of Finance for Social Services Michelle Fitzpatrick, who believes the county will be better able to handle responsibility for social services than the state. "We will have more flexibility to structure these programs to meet the needs of the local community," she said.

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A one-year anniversary —
a look back and a look
ahead. Page 8

Power Blackout Throws Campus Into Disarray

A blackout darkened UCSB for over an hour Tuesday, causing minor inconveniences for some and briefly trapping a few others in an elevator.

The blackout resulted from a disruption in underground electrical lines near the Public Safety Building, shutting down the library and throwing a giant wrench in the well-oiled machinery of UCSB.

"The status was that there was a blackout. Things that needed electricity wouldn't work," Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services David Sheldon said. "There was lots of inconvenience. There was worry about elevators, and also lab work when the ventilators shut down. Lots of people had to work to make sure that no life or limb

was in peril."

The worry over elevators was justified, as several students were caught between the fifth and sixth floors of the library.

"One person got upset," said Library Assistant Rosanne Barker. "She said she couldn't breathe so I told her to take a few deep breaths. There was an emergency light so they were OK."

While the library was shut down, the rest of the campus remained open for classes. "Any classes that were cancelled were by a case-by-case situation," said Public Information Office Director Margaret Weeks.

— Dan Hilldale

Five Professors Honored by Students

By Ross French
Staff Writer

Five UCSB instructors have been named Professors of the Year by Mortar Board after undergrads cast their votes for the awards during the Spring General Election.

Taking the honors were English Professor Frank McConnell, environmental studies Professor Marc McGinnes, political science professor Manoutchehr Eskandari-Qajar, computer science and engineering Professor Roger C. Wood, and College of Creative Studies Lecturer Harry Reese.

The selections were made by members of the Mortar Board senior honor society, who tallied the 1,500 ballots with respect to each instructor's class size, and also considered student comments on the ballots.

"Professors don't have a lot of opportunity to get feedback about how they are doing, and this is a way to let them know," Bret Jonas of Mortar Board said.

Following tradition, each winner was notified of the award by an in-class visit

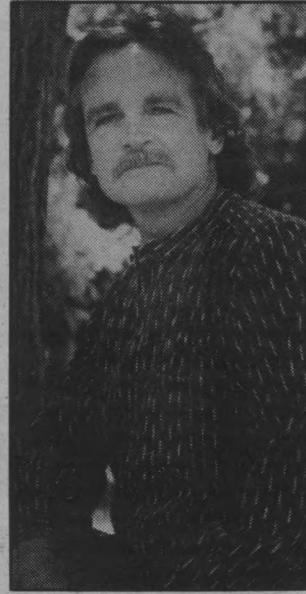
from Mortar Board representatives, who halted class to announce the professor's receipt of the honors.

"Someone called and asked if they could take some time from my class to present an award," said McGinnes. "When I found out it was to me I was truly flabbergasted and overwhelmed. It's a great honor."

McConnell, who also won the award in 1985, teaches the immensely popular Science Fiction and Art of the Narrative courses. He was cited not only for a captivating teaching style, but, according to one ballot, "for being the only professor with enough guts to stand up for what he believes in regardless of what the administration thinks."

"(The students) are the reason I'm still in this racket; I love teaching," McConnell said. "I like to feel I'm doing something worthwhile, plus it's a hell of a good way to make a living."

Past winners of the eight-year-old award have included Black studies Professor Gerald Horne, biology Professor Barry Tanowitz and religious studies Professor Walter Capps.



Professor Marc McGinnes is one of the five UCSB faculty members honored by campus undergraduates as the 1990-91 Professor of the Year.

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tation of Wilson's budget could result in more cuts to student services and additional staff reductions on campus, although he did not anticipate that any salary decreases will be instated.

"We don't know what the implications of (the cuts) are for the campus, but obviously any additional cuts are problematic," Kuntz said.

O'Connell added that some of the state money which will be lost under Wilson's budget will be made up through the 40 per-

cent fee increase already slated for UC students.

According to Lassiter, UC President David Gardner has stated that he will not increase student fees beyond the 40 percent hike even if new cuts are handed down by the Legislature.

Instead, cuts in UC fund-

ing will impact the same areas of the University which were hit when the system faced a \$295 million shortfall earlier this year, said Meredith Khachigian, chair-elect for the UC Board of Regents. "We won't touch the student fees anymore, I'm sure it will be an across-the-board kind of thing," she said.

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Judicial Council Edict Restores A.S. Attorney General's Honorarium

By Anita Miralle
Staff Writer

In a recent court appeal, Associated Students Judicial Council overturned a decision made by last year's A.S. Legislative Council and granted A.S. Attorney General Bruce Nater the \$100 honorarium which Leg Council had tried to withhold.

At its last meeting of the academic school year, Leg Council voted unanimously to withhold Nater's pay on the grounds that he did not fulfill his duties. The next day, Nater appealed his case, saying that he had completed the necessary work as specified in the A.S. Constitution and therefore deserved his money.

Judicial Council sided with Nater, stating in a written opinion that "although Nater did not do as much as he could have, and didn't inspire much confidence in his performance, we feel that prorating his honorarium to a less amount than \$100 is not something the council would feel comfortable doing."

This opinion was drawn from the fact that Nater did indeed hold the required amount of office hours each week as outlined in the constitution, and assisted in two cases brought before him in an "equitable and reasonable manner."

The method in which Nater handled these two cases — Bedrosian v. A.S. Elections and a Leg Council mandate that he petition for the dismissal of then-Daily Nexus Editor in Chief Larry Speer — was the basis of Leg Council's argument against the former attorney general.

However, Judicial Council believed that Leg Council should not have applied these instances "as a basis for Mr. Nater's honorarium approval or denial."

In the latter of the two cases, Nater refused to follow Leg Council's instructions and did not seek Speer's dismissal.

"A.S. is upset that I did not follow their directive... (on) a personal problem between (former A.S. Communications Board Co-chair Eric) Jensen and Speer," Nater said, adding that he believes the matter "should not have ever been brought up in public forum."

A.S. President Rachel Doherty agrees with both Nater and Judicial Council, stating that the final decision made in this disagreement was sound and unbiased.

"This problem seems to come from someone who had a personal opinion on the performance of Nater's work and was unsatisfied with the actions Nater took," Doherty said. "The individual who brought this matter before Leg Council was the only person who had ever worked with Nater."

Doherty also commented that the fact that no Leg Council members showed up for the appeal hearing was indicative of Leg Council's lack of commitment to their own decision.

Jensen, who initially brought Nater's questionable performance to Leg Council, disagreed with Judicial Council's verdict, saying that "Nater obviously did not perform to his potential."

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Weather

This summer, the weather will consist mostly of some early morning clouds, and cool sunny afternoons. (Actually, that's the same sentence we used last time, get used to it.) Anyway all this hype over winning the cold war is neglecting one simple, but overwhelmingly important development. Tetris. When was the last time you sat down, intending to do something important, and just flipped on Tetris for a second? Then another game? When was the last time you actually did anything important? If it weren't for Tetris, America would be doing something really important now, like watching television.

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THURSDAY
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UCen Budget Cutbacks Trim Staff; Price Hike Unexpected

By Brooke Nelson
Reporter

Although prices in the University Center rose last year despite administrators' pledges that they wouldn't, UCen staff are delivering the same promise this year, saying students won't be opening their pocketbooks any wider when they enter the Country Store.

The center's 1991-92 budget, approved last quarter by the UCen Governance Board, totals just under \$17 million and reflects a \$2 million decrease from this year's projected figures.

"We will earn just enough revenue to offset the expenses of running the building and paying bills," UCen Director Alan Kirby said.

While the UCen is not directly affected by state budget cuts, next year's lower expected revenue total is indirectly caused by a current slump in consumer spending and increased student fees. With less money to spend, students and departments will be less willing to purchase UCen merchandise, Kirby said.

Even though administrators had said last year that no price increases were planned, a four percent price hike on food items was implemented in February, after Dining Services was hit with three price increases from suppliers, Dining Services Director Doug Garner said.

According to UCen policy, food services, which provide 16 percent of the UCen's revenues, may raise or lower their prices by five percent annually, Garner said. "We never go into a new year with any planned increases in prices," he said. "Our pricing is purely driven by the cost of raw goods."

The bookstore is the largest source of revenue in the UCen, comprising 56 percent of total income. Bookstore Director Ken Bowers said profits from computer sales, which may account for as much as \$2 million of the budget, have dropped this year.

Unlike Dining Services, bookstore administrators may raise and lower costs at will in response to changes in wholesale prices and inventory. "The bookstore changes its prices every day," Kirby said.

"Spending \$97 on one class is kind of a bummer," senior law and society major Anthony Romero said, as he emerged from the bookstore. "I've kind of just succumbed to it," he added.

Kirby said that the projected decrease in revenue has prompted the UCen administration to make cuts in personnel and some services. The bookstore has held sales and trimmed its staff to hold down textbook prices, he said.

Kirby emphasized that this year's cuts in staff and services should not be noticed by the public, but he added that UCen customers may have to wait in longer lines.

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However, Mental Health Services Union Representative Frank Allen feels that the county may take advantage of the shift in responsi-

bility for the money, using it for purposes other than mental health care. "Knowing the way the county operates, there is a question of whether the money would be truly used for mental health and not be siphoned off to other programs," he said.



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OPINION

"... if I get too mellow, I-I ripen and then rot."

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in *Annie Hall*

Peace by Pe

David Braun

I am pleased to see the Nexus devote an editorial (June 24) to the extremely important issue of UC's mismanagement of the only two U.S. labs authorized to design and test nuclear warheads. The prospect that the regents may relinquish the contracts appeals to me. The editorial would have been more compelling without several errors that the regents love to propagate. I'll reply to the editorial, paragraph by paragraph:

Paragraph 1: Yes, the UC will not participate if the Dept. of Energy puts the contracts out for public bidding.

Paragraph 2: Yes, there is hope that the ties will be cut.

Paragraph 3: Last year's votes dealt with management of the labs at Livermore and Los Alamos along with the Nevada Test Site, *not* the Lawrence Berkeley Lab. No classified research occurs at LBL. No foreign policy lobbying. No nuclear weapons tests. No superfund-size toxic leaks. LBL is an integral part of the UC campus, and nobody wants a new manager for LBL.

Paragraph 4: Profit is not and never has been an issue. On page one, the Nexus quotes David Gardner saying, "We do it at no profit..." The University actually loses out in the deal after accounting for opportunity costs. Time top administrators spend dealing with laboratory issues prevents them from dealing with matters relating to education or research

UC's management of the nuclear weapons laboratories cloaks the nation's weapons work in a veil of legitimacy to placate a few non-inquiring souls.

programs. UC Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs William Frazer estimated that he spent approximately 20 percent of his time dealing with laboratory issues.

Paragraph 4: The labs do indeed "employ many University members." By definition of the contracts, lab employees work for the UC. The labs also "provide excellent research opportunities" but mainly to non-UC researchers: In 1989, 90 percent of the Los Alamos budget and 60 percent of the Livermore budget for research collaboration with universities went to non-UC campuses.

Paragraph 4: The Nexus says labs "... garner national recognition and prestige for the UC system." Maybe that's why



STACEY TEAS/Daily Nexus

Keeping Secrets

Editorial

When the Supreme Court ruled Monday that anonymous sources can sue a newspaper if it reveals his or her identity, it did so with the intention of upholding the individual's rights. But instead of providing needed security for sources who are promised confidentiality, the court is unnecessarily setting up roadblocks for journalists when they consider their ethical obligation to their readers and informants.

This ruling encourages individuals to pursue legal action against journalists, who are now more likely to sizzle in the hot seat. In a society where lawsuits run amok, the ruling seems shortsighted. The court will have to choose whose testimonial is more convincing based on vague and ambiguous evidence. Neither side will be able to produce substantial evidence to prove whether an oral promise was made, except in the uncommon case where interviews were recorded on tape.

Media lawyers have assured newspapers they will be faced with more and more cases of sources from previous articles claiming infringements on confidentiality agreements they made with reporters.

By setting this dangerous precedent, the press has been shackled to the court system. It seems ironic that the Supreme Court is ruling that newspapers should *always* uphold confidentiality agreements when journalists have been punished — in the form of heavy fines and jail sentences — for refusing to reveal a source's name to a court. The court has reprehensibly put itself in the ultimate position of authority by deciding when a source should be made public or remain hidden in the shade of anonymity. They have inadvertently stepped on the press' toes and opened the door for

people to attack the print media.

The court said its decision merely enforces state laws that require the press to keep promises they have made and that the First Amendment does not grant the them limitless protection to publish any or all truthful information about a newsworthy event.

But in fact there are laws — including libel laws and other such restrictive regulations — which provide much of the same protection which this ruling was meant to secure. It's obvious that the reputation of an individual should be protected against damage, and these can do just that. However, an informant makes a conscious decision when he or she talks to a reporter. If confidentiality is granted, it's in the best interest of the press to uphold the source's wish — unless an ethical obligation makes revealing the name of that source absolutely necessary. However, providing individuals with the right to sue is expanding the reach of the legal system into the daily workings of the free press.

In some circumstances, a news source becomes central to an article and without identifying the source, the story loses validity. But more importantly, some sources may turn out to have provided slanted or biased information and their identity becomes a story in itself — as was the situation which led up to this ruling. The ultimate decision to reveal a source is a judgement call and has traditionally rested with the newspaper itself. Although there needs to be some mediation provided through outside agencies such as the courts, the current laws provide more than adequate protection. This new ruling serves to extend the reach of the courts even further into the workings of the press — an extension which may ultimately prove to work against the ideals of a truly free press.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



WANTED:

A Summer Subletter for My Brain

William Toren

I've decided it's time to be realistic and stop thinking for myself.

Y'see, the realization that making my own decisions just isn't worth it has been slowly building in my brain for some time, and now it's time to stop resisting it. Yup, time to grow up. Brainpower is such a valuable commodity these days, for one thing, that using mine when I'm not getting paid for it seems like a waste — after all, who flips burgers for four to eight hours a day unless some kind of monetary compensation is in the offering? It's the same thing.

Add to that the fact that the effort itself isn't worth it. It's just too hard on the old grey matter to look at the world around me and try to make sense of it on my own. There really seems to be, try as I might to deny it, much more than one side to every issue. How do I decide which is the "right" or "true" one, and still have time for school, work, and what passes for my social life these days? What is the "right" or "true" position to take? Why the hell should I have to figure it out for myself? Yeah, OK, some decisions are easier than others — "Get Smart" reruns are of absolute value — but what about some of the more fuzzy areas of our collective human experience? Was the Kings' trade worth it? Could Reagan have really been that bad if, even now, he remains one of our most popular presidents? Should I read comic strips that feature mothers and housewives? Who wrote the Book of Love and wouldn't we all be better off if I kill him or her when I find out? Life isn't about finding answers to these stupid questions, it's about being happy.

My decision to give up control of my intellectual/political/social self-determination leaves me with a dilemma, however — I still have one more choice to make before I'm home free. In whose loving hands should I place my

faith and who have tunately I Well, lo more than my decis claiming

Peace: Tearing Down The Labs

Livermore Lab spent \$86,000 on a study that concluded that it has a public image crisis (*San Francisco Chronicle*, May 10, 1990). I bet you know some people who could have provided that information more economically. UC President Gardner's own spokesman says the management "hasn't benefited us in any tangible way and hasn't resulted in a lot of positive public relations." (*Los Angeles Times*, June 12, 1991). Some of the "positive" public attention arrived when Roy Woodruff, a high level Livermore Lab director, was assigned to a windowless office for pointing out that Edward Teller made exaggerated claims about Star Wars to ensure Reagan would send big bucks to the Lab. The public enjoyed watching a UC Berkeley professor battle UC lawyers in court for five years before being allowed to give a lecture in the public, unclassified auditorium at Livermore. Livermore voters were slightly perturbed when they had to stop a UC-backed plan to build an incinerator to burn radioactive waste. Many other scandals are well known.

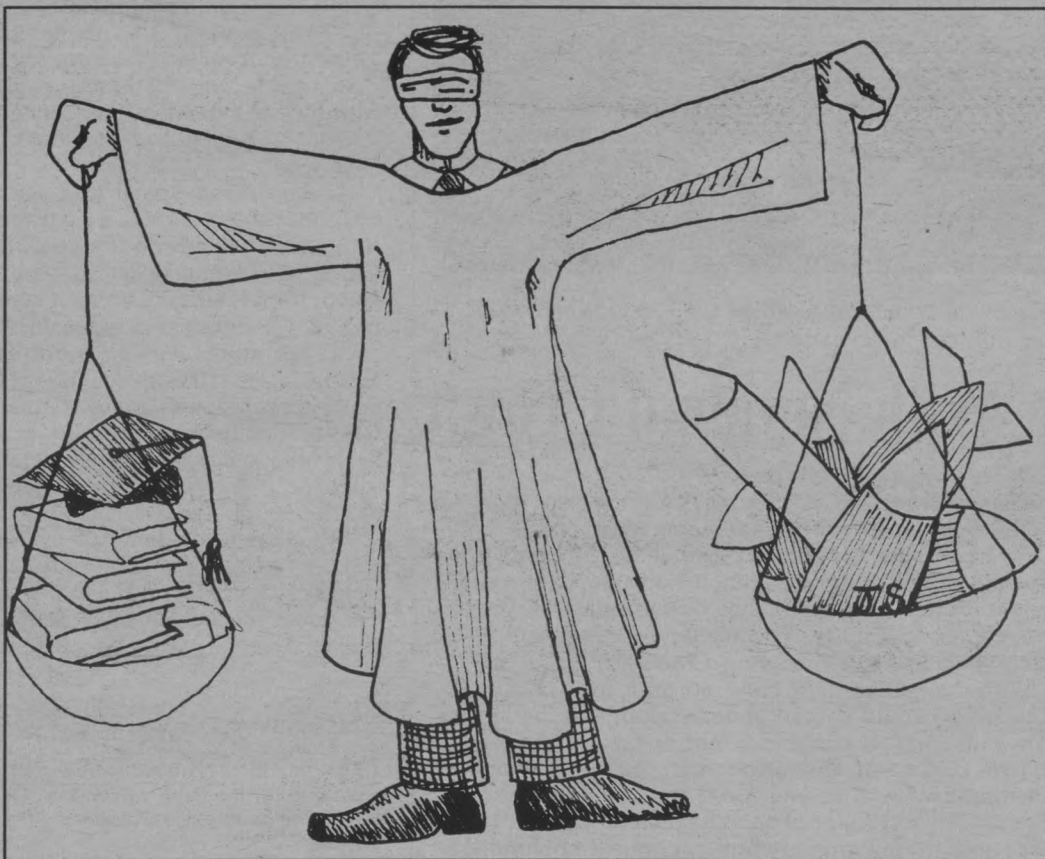
Paragraph 5: UC protects the labs from "unscrupulous corporate claws." The regents probably enjoyed escaping that description for once. Professor Dane Archer of UC Santa Cruz has characterized the labs as "defense contractors in scientists' clothing." UC's management of the nuclear weapons laboratories cloaks the nation's nuclear weapons work in a veil of legitimacy to placate a few non-inquiring souls.

Paragraph 6: "The regents are refusing to take an active stand against participation in the nuclear arms race." That sure is a weak way to say that the regents use UC management to protect the labs that drive the arms race in its de-

structive direction rather than ponder peaceful means of conflict resolution and sustainable resource management. Compare, for example, the labs' \$2 billion annual budget to the roughly \$2 million spent every year by the regents on the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, which manifests itself at UCSB as the Global Peace and Security Program. A factor of 1,000 separates the regents' commitment to *study* peace from its commitment to *produce* a nuclear war.

Because the labs drive the arms race, we have a military-industrial society that threatens (in the words of President Eisenhower) "to destroy from within what it tries to protect from without." Without the efforts of the labs to derail peaceful arms control strategies, we wouldn't have such an unbalanced military establishment.

Some question whether ending UC's management would make any difference, if, in the end, someone else would just



take over in its place. To a certain extent I agree, and it really does make no difference *who* manages the nuclear weapons labs unless they are held *responsible and accountable* for what takes place there. Currently, the University is *not* held accountable, but, ironically, that may be the excuse they use to sever this relationship. If required by the DOE to be liable

for lab activities, the University is concerned about the consequences they and, ultimately, state taxpayers would bear for the toxic and inhuman events that occur behind the fences, and sometimes leak out. The regents realize that these consequences exceed our capabilities and even theirs. As the saying goes, "Do it or it will be done to you." Let me offer some suggestions, applicable regardless of who runs the labs.

- 1) Remain informed on developments at the laboratories. The Jendresen report provides a thorough introduction for those events prior to 1990.
- 2) Support efforts to establish nuclear-free zones.
- 3) Promote efforts to reduce our reliance on nuclear power and fossil fuels such as energy efficiency and alternate energy strategies. Stop using cars when they are not needed.
- 4) Write to the regents of the UC to ask them to stop managing the labs.
- 5) Write to the president and congressional representatives to urge their support for a comprehensive test ban treaty

Without the efforts of the labs to derail peaceful arms control strategies, we wouldn't have such an unbalanced military establishment.

ty which would *improve global environmental security*. Even Livermore Lab verification specialists agree that such a test ban is feasible. The United States remains the only country that refuses to sign a CTB. In the January meeting of the Partial Test Ban Treaty Amendment Conference, the U.S. even threatened to boycott any U.N. sessions that merely *discuss* a CTB. David Braun is a graduate student in electrical and computer engineering and a member of LABWATCH.

The Reader's Voice

All Right Alfonso!

Editor, Daily Nexus:

As a former Nexus writer (from the middle ages - the 1970s) and current professional editor, I want to advise you that you have a genius on your hands. Please let Alfonso Kelly ("Surfers: Right on the Marxist!"; May 22) know that if he ever gets up here to the lands of true extremism in water temperature and political theory, he's entitled to a beer or three on me. Brilliant.

STEVE HEILIG
Surfers' Medical Association



group mentality I'm looking for. There are various religious organizations that could help me out, but it's just not the same without the *Index of Banned Books* telling what to read and think.

I'm male and heterosexual, which may keep me from identifying too strongly with the struggle against sexism. On the other hand, I'm far from wealthy, so I can't really follow along with the oppressors. I've tried just giving everyone a certain (yet dwindling with time) basic human respect, but that's too hard — I just need some way of knowing who it's OK to be a bastard to.

Maybe I'm going about this the wrong way. Perhaps existing movements are lacking something, and it's wrong to place my ethics at their disposal. After all, almost all of them focus on a relatively narrow aspect of life — who can give me *whole-life* direction?

Somebody should come up with a list of do's and don'ts, an answer sheet to life's dilemmas, a "correction guide," if you will. I already know not to read *American Psycho*, courtesy of the National Organization for Women, howabout the rest of it? Can anyone out there tell me if the world would be better off if I refused to listen to the latest from NWA or to watch CBS? That it would be better for the UC to drop certain kinds of research, even if the loss of grant money prices me out of a now-ethical education?

Maybe a bunch of people can get together and eliminate those shades of grey that pop up so irritatingly, and provide me with one, and only one, truth. Just give me some absolutes — certain words are *always* bad no matter how they're used, certain people are *always* lying no matter what they say, etc. — that kind of thing. I want to have something I can't give myself — complacency. I want to be able to, by following directions and going through the motions, take a stand without any mental effort, and feel confident in the knowledge that I'm right, to boot.

If it's not asking too much, there's another thing I'd like also. Since there may always be those who insist that there is more than one right answer to any given question (like I used to be), is there any way to silence anybody who disagrees with the absolute truth as it's been formulated? Only by refusing to be exposed to their misconceptions can I remain without doubt of my superiority and correctness. After all, less debate means less thinking, and less thinking means less confusion, and less confusion means an easy, happy life for everyone. William Toren is a junior majoring in philosophy and the Nexus copy editor.

with and empowerment? I know many people who have no problem with this question, unfortunately I haven't been able to join them. Well, let's see what I've got already. I have more than a few problems with relinquishing my decision-making abilities to any group claiming to represent my ethnicity. For one

thing, while I don't understand why any member of a minority group would support the Status Quo (Republican) Party, it strikes me as racist to assume a person's political or social views are oriented in any particular fashion on the basis of her ethnic background alone. That shouldn't bother me, however, having an open

mind is what I'm trying to avoid. What does bother me about total ethnic identification is that, for me, the only role model who comes close to sharing my racial background that I can think of is Tommy Chong. Sorta scary, I think. I don't have the money to go greek, while that system does tend to offer the kind of holistic

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT — Five members of the UCSB women's crew team hit the road to Cincinnati, rowed, and then rode home with a national title in the four with coxswain event.

Women Close Out Season With National Crown

By Ross French
Staff Writer

With one fluid burst of motion, five members of the UCSB rowing team took the women's collegiate four with coxswain event at the National Collegiate Rowing Championships held June 8 at Harsha Lake in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The boat, which consisted of stroke Nancy Sovik, Kathy Graff, Aimee Baker, Kristine Franson and coxswain Jen Perret, overcame a fast start by Brown University, then cruised to a seven-second victory over second-place Mills College to clinch their second consecutive national championship in the event. Purdue was third, while George Washington, Brown, USC and Kansas rounded out the field.

"They started down, but they put together a good piece of rowing," women's coach Jim Henschrow said of the UCSB entry. "It was probably the most impressive bit of rowing in the National Championships."

UCSB has been a notoriously slow starter in races this

year, so when Brown jumped out to an early one-boatlength lead, the Gauchos stuck to their game plan and made their move at the 600-meter mark.

"We have been consistently slow at the start, but I knew it wouldn't be a problem," Henschrow said. "I knew that if they stuck to the race plan, they'd go through everybody."

"People came up to me after the race and said 'What have your girls got in there, a motor?'" he added.

With three-fifths of the crew returning from last season, Henschrow had little worry about repeating as champions. "They just proved that a different lineup could take it. I just said, 'Go out and prove that you're the National Champion crew that you are,'" he said.

An additional factor of encouragement was that UCSB was one of the few entries whose program is not funded by its university. In fact, rather than absorb the cost of taking a boat to Cincinnati, the team instead rented a newer boat from Radcliffe College.

Although the team season is over, Baker has travelled to Boston where she is currently training for the United States National Team, and is, according to Henschrow, "setting the standards for the ergometer scores."

Three UCSB V-Ballers Head to Olympic Fest

By Eric McLennan
Reporter

For the second consecutive year, three members of the UCSB men's volleyball team will compete among the nation's best at the U.S. Olympic Festival, which begins July 12 in Los Angeles.

Returning juniors Todd Ahmadi and Jason Mount, along with former teammate David Leath will participate in the festival — which is considered a steppingstone to the Olympics.

Gaucha Head Coach Ken Preston is pleased with the trio, since they survived a rigorous two-day tryout in May. Ahmadi described the tryouts, which narrowed a field of 140 to 48 in half a day, as "pure hell."


Leath and Mount, both of whom played in the 1988 NCAA Championship game for UCSB, agree they have never encountered competition at this level.

"The fact that they raised the age limit to 23 and under has made tryouts much tougher this year," Preston said.

Additionally, the players from the West — which traditionally produces the strongest teams — will be equally distributed throughout the four regional teams from the East, North, South and West.


"It's going to be damn competitive," said Ahmadi, who will play swing outside hitter for the North squad. "It'll be great experience for us, playing for real big crowds." The festival takes place from July 12 to 21 at Loyola Marymount University.

NOTES: What's the deal with Diehl? According to Preston, former Gaucha Mike Diehl is currently attending summer school at UCLA, but there is no indication whether or not he will be playing volleyball for the Bruins next year. The outside hitter announced last spring that he was transferring from UCSB to play at another school.



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ALUMNUS: Diplomat Relates Months Before War

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American diplomats didn't think a self-proclaimed "Arabian Knight" like Hussein would "hide behind the skirts of women and children" hostages.
"At first I told him it was off-the-record, and when you tell Dan Rather something's off-the-record, he absolutely salivates," Wilson said.
Rather "convinced" Wilson to let him use the quote

on the air, and when he did, then-British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher repeated it. Two days later, Hussein announced that women and children hostages would be released.
But Wilson didn't take all the credit, admitting, "I don't know if that's what convinced him to do it."
Wilson claimed that hostages were eventually released because the headline diplomacy of the American

Embassy convinced Hussein that keeping hostages would only hasten war, instead of deterring it.
But Wilson's talk often veered from the political into something akin to a stand-up comedy gig.
Wilson said that when he first met Saddam Hussein, Hussein held out his hand low and close to his body, presumably to give the impression that Wilson was

bowing to Hussein when he looked down to shake it. But Wilson, having seen on television that the ploy worked when they first met, made sure not to look down the second time they met, and instead "groped around down there" until he found it.
"That was the closest I ever came to getting Saddam by the balls, and I blew it," Wilson said.



Joe Wilson

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FIRE: Blaze Victims Look Forward on Anniversary of Disaster

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still standing the next morning. Of the 18 homes in the San Antonia Estates, hers was one of only three spared by the flames.
Mason says she owes the survival of her home to her family's fire prevention efforts. "Five years ago we got a tile roof and removed all the external wood from the house," she said. "We just wanted to make the place as fireproof as we could. We knew we were living in a fire-hazard area."
The fire-prevention measures adopted by the Masons' five years ago are now being employed *en masse* by builders of the hundreds of houses currently being reconstructed, replacing the

older models that featured such fire hazards as wood-shingled roofs.
The Hollands' was one of those older homes.
"We got ourselves and our cars and whatever we happened to be wearing at the time," recalled Dale Holland. "We returned at seven or eight the next morning and there was nothing."
Truly committing their home to the realm of history, the Hollands used archeological sifters to locate some family valuables. "Some UCSB students passed out sifters and we were able to find my mother's rings," he said. "That was very nice."
But few of the Hollands'

other valuables endured the flames. "Things that can be replaced, you can just replace. But 30 years worth of memories — wedding pictures, the kids growing up — those kinds of things we regret losing," he said.
And, although much was lost, Holland found that some things can't be taken, even by a fire like Painted Cave. "They are all memories that you've got stored upstairs anyways. You can always think about them," he said.
The Hollands moved into their new home on Feb. 1, making them some of the first in the area to complete the rebuilding process. "We were very fortunate," Holland said. "Our insurance

company was super."
The Hollands had their new house built as an exact replica of the old one. "We located the original builders and got them to come back with the original plans. We built essentially the same house," he said.
"Actually, in many ways it's better. We were able to do some of the things better, things we didn't like about the old house," he said.
The only holdup in the building process was obtaining a county building permit, which they received on Aug. 27, Holland said. "They were totally unequipped to deal with 500 people who wanted building permits. They didn't

know how to handle it," he said.
Throughout the construction of their new home, the Hollands lived in a motor home parked on their property. "We bought a motor home and parked it on the site and watched them hammer in the nails," Holland said.
As they watched from the motor home as their new house took shape, the Hollands used to tell themselves, "We're looking forward to looking back on all this."
For the Hollands, and soon for many others, that day has arrived.

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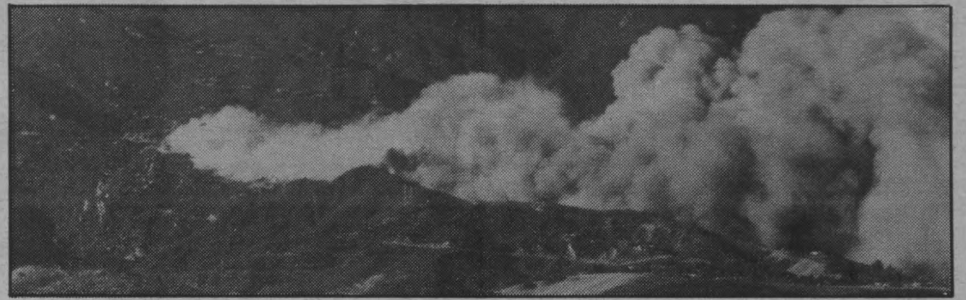
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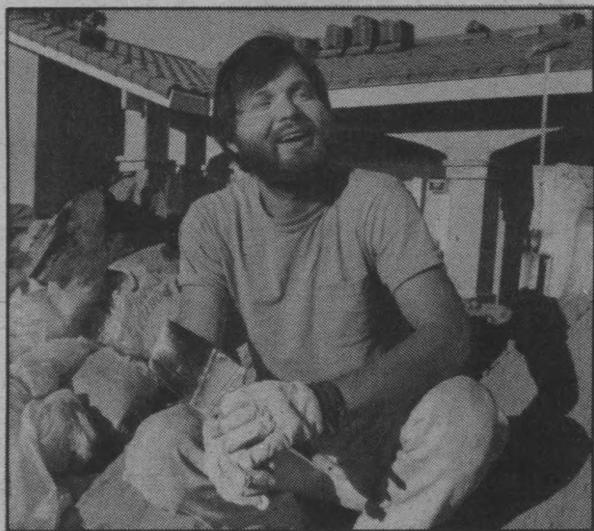
■ **Painted Cave Fire:** On its one-year anniversary, Santa Barbarans remember the devastating blaze while rebuilding for the future.



T. Hollands (above) stand on the deck of their new home, while painter Greg Harrah (below) takes a break.

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Picking UP THE Pieces



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New Homes Spring From Rubble as Local Residents Rebuild Their Lives and Dwellings After Last Year's Fiery Summer

By Morgan Freeman
Staff Writer

One year ago this Thursday, the disastrous Painted Cave Fire destroyed nearly 500 homes and ravaged thousands of acres of wilderness when it swept through Santa Barbara and Goleta.

In the wake of the merciless blaze, hundreds of families were left with no more than the clothes on their backs, facing the start of a long and painful period of rebuilding, a period filled with material shortages, bureaucratic pitfalls and agony over permanent loss. Everything but their memories had been reduced to a thick blanket of ash that covered the region.

But today, new homes are cropping up from those very ashes as the community moves steadily toward recovery.

"Of the houses affected by the fire, two-thirds have received permits, and half of

those are ready to build," said Mark Chaconas, an aide to Third District County Supervisor Bill Wallace.

Throughout the scorched region, houses are at various stages of development, ranging from a few completed homes to some still bound in the red tape of the county permit process. For a lucky few, homes escaped the inferno entirely, but the horrifying memories of a year ago are still vivid for all in the area.

Marge Mason, whose home is a licensed residential care facility for the elderly, will never forget the day last year when she was forced to evacuate her home.

"It was crazy," she said. "I was driving and the visibility was zero. I couldn't see where I was going. The dear Lord guided us out of there."

Miraculously, the Masons' home was

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Insurance Lawsuits Sparked by Fire Losses

By Dan Hilldale
Staff Writer

Reeling from \$120 million in losses due to the Painted Cave Fire last year, 11 insurance companies intend to sue federal, state and county agencies, as well as property owners, claiming that negligence contributed to the destructive fire.

Claims or notices of intent to sue have been filed against the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, the state of California and the U.S. Forest Service.

Alleging that the dry chaparral blanketing hillsides and surrounding homes fed the fire, the companies contend that the fire would have done less damage if the government agencies and property owners had properly

cared for their land.

The companies intend to sue 50 homeowners, who have not yet been named in court documents, in a Los Angeles federal court later this summer.

"It's unfortunate that the insurance companies are looking for someone to insure them for their poor risks. It sets a dangerous precedent because around the state someone can always be blamed for natural disasters," Chief Deputy County Counsel Stephen Underwood said, adding that legal costs for a case like this could run as high as \$1 million.

Sacramento attorneys Stephen Cole and Bret Culbreth, who are representing the insurance companies, refused to comment.

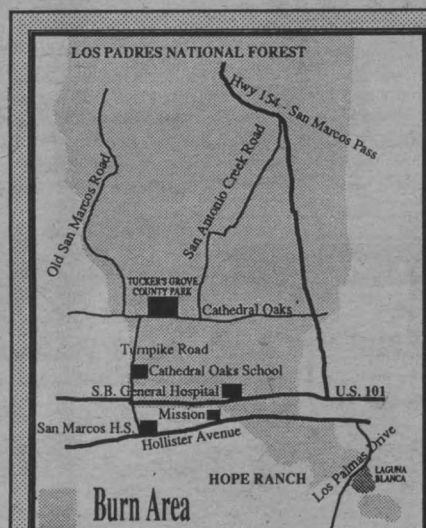
Allstate Corporate Relations Manager Carlos Aurellano claims that the suit will not hurt taxpay-

ers. "The city has liability insurance. The county is on the hot seat so they're of course going to want to point a finger," he said.

But Third District County Supervisor Bill Wallace sees things quite differently. "It's an affront to the ratepayers and the taxpayers. It seems that they would like to have us pave over all of the hills," he said.

"They're going after homeowners, so during the (legal) process they can't sell their houses and they may eventually lose them. Who has \$300,000 to pay for this kind of thing?" he said of the straits which may soon face many homeowners.

"Insurance companies should have to come out, appraise the risk, and charge accordingly," Wallace said.



PAINTED CAVE FIRE:

The blaze started just after 5 p.m. on June 27, 1990 and quickly spread over 4900 acres and 430 homes, while causing \$240 million in damage.

State Faces Worst Fire Danger in 100 Years

By Ross French
Staff Writer

Despite the rains that quenched the state last winter, California is facing what could shape up to be the worst fire season in 100 years.

"It's as bad or worse than it was last year," U.S. Forest Service spokesperson Earl Clayton said. "The rain caused the flash fuels — light grasses and such — to come up thick, fast and tall. This added element is of great danger and can lead to the bigger fires."

But although the fire danger this year has increased, Santa Barbara County's firefighting capabilities have suffered at the hands of the huge state budget deficit. Cutbacks have trimmed the county fire department staff, resulting in the loss of one hand crew and forcing them to rely on "mutual aid response" from neighboring counties. The Forest Service also suffered cutbacks, but, because of the severity of the fire danger, is receiving additional support from the federal government so that it can operate at the same level as last year.

The area was reminded of the potential for disaster Monday when a power mower used to clear brush on the corner of Tracy and Patterson in Goleta struck a pipe, sparking a fire in the tinder-dry brush that consumed a half-acre in 10 minutes.

Such fires are typical, said Santa Barbara County Fire Department spokesperson Charles Johnson, adding that 82 percent of all fires are started, either intentionally or inadvertently, by human hands.

"People tend not to think. When in wildland areas, you need to know the restrictions," Johnson said.

To counter this, the county and Forest Service will use public education and neighborhood watch programs to guard against arson.

"If I were a canyon resident and we got into a 'red flag' (extreme fire danger) situation, I'd put people up at the top of the canyon while the red flag was in effect, take a book and sit there," Clayton said. "Neighborhood watch is the key to preventing something like 'Paint' from happening again."

The county is also going ahead with its weed abatement and brush clearing programs, but Clayton is quick to point out that "you can do all the brush clearing around homes, but if you get a situation like Paint ... there is just no stopping something like that."