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Sit-in Defendants Found Guilty of Trespassing, Deem Verdict 'Bogus'

By Jason Ross
Staff Writer

The first 10 UCSB students to be tried in the "Cheadle 200" case were found guilty of trespassing Friday, but the defendants will return to court next month in a bid to get a second trial.

The students, who were arrested at a January anti-war sit-in at Cheadle Hall, are now claiming that Judge Harry J. Loberg slanted the case against them when giving instructions to the jury.

"We think the verdict was pretty bogus," said defendant Miles Gordon, who graduated in June, in a telephone interview from his Ukiah home. "The ambiguity of the law really gave us a good case, but by his own defini-

tion of the law, (Loberg) eliminated the ambiguity."

The students' defense rested on the argument that the circumstances surrounding the sit-in — the impending Persian Gulf War and an allegedly unresponsive university administration — made their after-hours protest "lawful business." Trespassing law states that a defendant cannot be convicted if he or she had lawful business on the property.

But Gordon claims that Loberg improperly told the jury that "lawful business" can only be conducted during business hours or if administrators are present, convincing the only two dissenting jurors that the defendants were guilty of trespassing.

The prosecution argued that the sit-in was an act of civil disobedience and should be treated the same as any other breach of

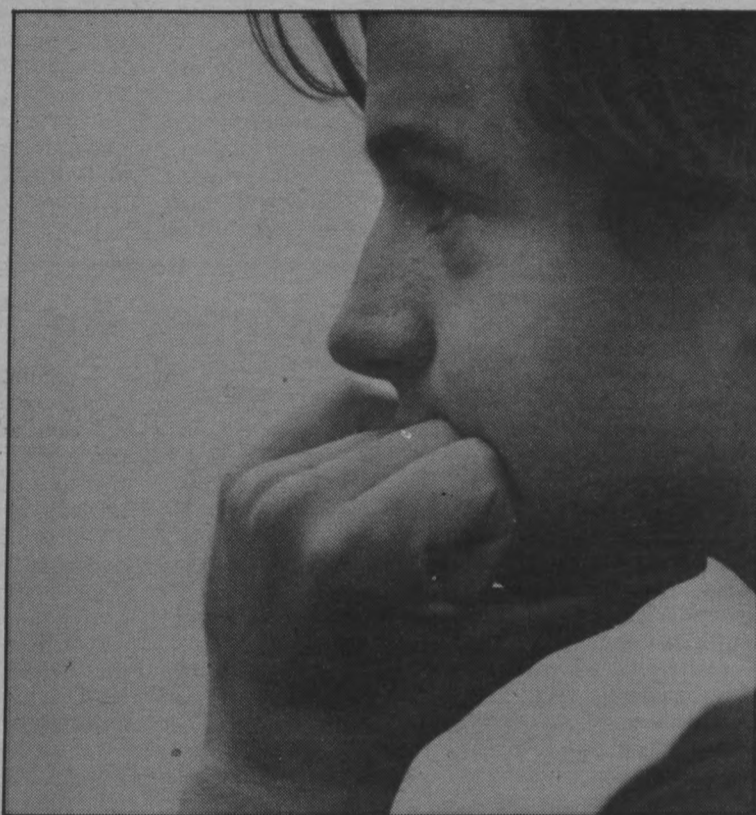
the law. Prosecutor Jeffrey Gittler argued that to deem such behavior legal would be tantamount to "anarchy."

Defense attorney Alison Adams said she will request that Loberg declare a mistrial at an Aug. 19 hearing. She said she will appeal the verdict if Loberg refuses.

The decision ended the first of 11 group trials scheduled for the 118 defendants in the case. The court proceedings are scheduled to last through November.

Defense attorneys representing the remaining defendants met with Gittler on Monday in an attempt to reach a settlement before the next trial begins Thursday, but were unable to reach a plea bargain. They will meet again today at 1:30 p.m.

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"Cheadle 200" defendant Martin Boer patiently awaits verdict.

Potential Loss of Rescue 7 Draws Protest

By Anita Miralle
Staff Writer

A cry to save the budget-threatened university ambulance service is coming from as close as student government and as far away as state government, as concerned officials try to convince the administration that the program is crucial to local safety.

Administration officials recently announced that the Rescue 7 ambulance service is on the tough-times chopping block, but many in the university community have reacted with outrage to the plan, claiming the move could lead to more emergency-related deaths in the area.

Though most of the anger has been directed toward Chancellor Barbara Uehling, the chancellor denied responsibility for the proposal, and even had trouble remembering what Rescue 7 was.

Assemblyman Jack O'Connell (D-Santa Barbara) has sent Uehling a letter asking her to spare the service, arguing that the dense population of Isla Vista and UCSB requires the special attention and knowledge provided by Rescue 7.

"This action will likely result in an increased response time and presents the potential for an increase in crippling and fatal accidents," O'Connell said.

Closer to home, Associated Students Legislative Council last week unanimously passed a bill which "strongly recommends that Rescue 7 be removed from the list

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Holy Smoke!*Brian Martin turns over mounds of burning grass and dirt with a bulldozer during a blaze supervised by the fire department.*

Regents Approve School for Environmental Science Study

By Joanna Frazier
Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The UC Board of Regents unhesitatingly approved Thursday the creation of a "one of a kind" professional School of Environmental Science and Management at UCSB.

Geared toward developing a new breed of graduate students in environmental studies, the new school — a \$17.9 million venture scheduled for construction in 1994 — will offer several different academic programs.

Chancellor Barbara Uehling, who proposed the school to the regents, said the school is the first of its kind in California. "Although some universities in California offer this Ph.D. in related

fields, including several in public health, no professional school or Ph.D. school for environmental science management exists in the state at the present time," Uehling said.

Part of the campus's Long Range Development Plan, the school will be the first professional school created at UCSB in 24 years, joining the Graduate School of Education and the College of Engineering.

Murray Schwartz, UCSB's interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, said that rather than producing more graduates who will go out in the field to clean up the environment, the school will aim to "assure the best we can that we prevent disasters."

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Geologists Go to Antarctica for a Look at Piece of 'Supercontinent'

By Sandra Brilliant
Reporter

When UCSB geology professors Stephen Richard and Bruce Luyendyk step into the classroom, they bring with them an experience few geologists can lay claim to.

The two scientists returned from an expedition to Antarctica earlier this year after spending two months studying the unique geography of that continent in hopes of discovering how ancient "supercontinents" have broken apart to create the present-day geography of the Earth.

Richard and Luyendyk, based

at McMurdo Scott (one of two research stations on the virtually uninhabited continent), spent the two-month southern-hemispheric summer looking for answers about Gondwana, a former supercontinent whose pieces now make up present-day Antarctica, Australia and New Zealand.

The purpose of the expedition was to determine how and when the division of Gondwana occurred. "By going to a place where the rocks were deep and are now on the surface, we are able to see how the Earth ticks," Richard said.

By studying Gondwana, the

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Floundering Russian Department Feels Sting of Budget Cuts

By Aaron Santell
Staff Writer

Ask Randy Magee what position he holds at UCSB and he might well say, "I am the Russian department."

As state funding cuts continue to slash away at the UC's budget, the UCSB Russian program has fallen victim to the fiscal knife, leaving Magee as the only university professor teaching Russian next fall.

Because of the cuts, the university can afford to fill only one of the two recently vacated teaching positions in the department.

Magee said the cuts to the floundering department will hurt students pursuing majors in the language. "I think we have to hire more staff, because there are students who will be graduating and they need to have certain courses. It's an absolute necessity," he said.

A temporary instructor will be hired to help bear the brunt of the course load, but the program will offer little variety and only a few core courses will be taught. However, the Germanic, Oriental and Slavic languages department is considering allowing students to take courses from related disciplines to fulfill graduation requirements.

"My hope is that we can at least still offer a full language sequence," Magee said. "As it is right now, the program cannot be in any way considered competitive with other programs in other schools. It is more like an 'area studies'

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Randy Magee
Russian professor

than a Russian major."

"Most people who go through the program only have access to me as a Russian professor," he added. "Students should really have access to more than one professor."

There are currently fewer than 20 Russian majors at UCSB, Magee said, adding that there are other departments with fewer majors that are not having similar problems with a shortage of teachers.

Laurence Rickels, chair of the Germanic, Oriental and Slavic languages department, agreed that the Russian program is operating at a bare minimum. So far, the department has only been granted enough money to cover the additional temporary position for Fall Quarter and is still waiting for the go-ahead to fill a second post, he said.

"Until then, we are being given just enough to help us graduate the existing Russian majors," Rickels said. "If and when we are given permission to fill a permanent position, we will be in the clear."

Recommendations for hiring new professors are made

by the Committee on Educational Policy and Academic Planning, and by the College of Letters and Science provost. The vice chancellor of academic affairs then determines the priority for replacing or hiring new professors.

The decision to hire a second professor hinges on whether Russian is seen as an important area of study, Magee said.

Rickels added that the Russian major will face a difficult struggle if members of the campus community do not begin to show much-needed support for the flailing department.

"Colleagues in political science, history and comparative literature, for example, are not fighting hard enough for the Russian program," he said. "It is very much up to them to make sure that Russian exists."

"We in the Germanic, Oriental and Slavic department feel that Russian is an area of study that is worthwhile to teach. It appears that the administration doesn't feel the same way," said Rickels.

Julius Zelmanowitz, associate vice chancellor for academic personnel, said he is not sure that students and faculty are dedicated to saving the program.

"We don't know how much of a commitment the campus is prepared to make," he said. "I believe this campus would like to continue to offer Russian courses to its students, but the budget poses a problem."

Regents Vote No Money for Merit

By Joanna Frazier
Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — In an effort to cope with crushing budget cuts, the UC Board of Regents reluctantly approved its final cost-cutting measure Thursday, eliminating all merit salary increases for faculty and staff this year.

Facing new cuts of \$17.5 million in state funding to the UC, the regents saw no other option but to eliminate merit increases — which go to especially dedicated professors — to offset the funding shortfall.

The state funding cuts come in addition to the \$295 million shortfall initially included in Governor Pete Wilson's January budget proposal.

UC President David Gardner said the freeze on merit hikes, which will be lifted at the beginning of next year, represents a necessary evil.

"Merit increases based on performance are a key feature of our personnel programs. ... Their elimination in 1991-92 represents one more difficult fiscal decision

"For some faculty, the lack of money creates a hardship and I hope it can be reinstated after a year."

Julius Zelmanowitz
associate vice chancellor

that we have been obliged to take in order to balance the University's budget," he said.

Julius Zelmanowitz, UCSB's associate vice chancellor of academic personnel, said the decision may pose difficulties for faculty who rely on the money.

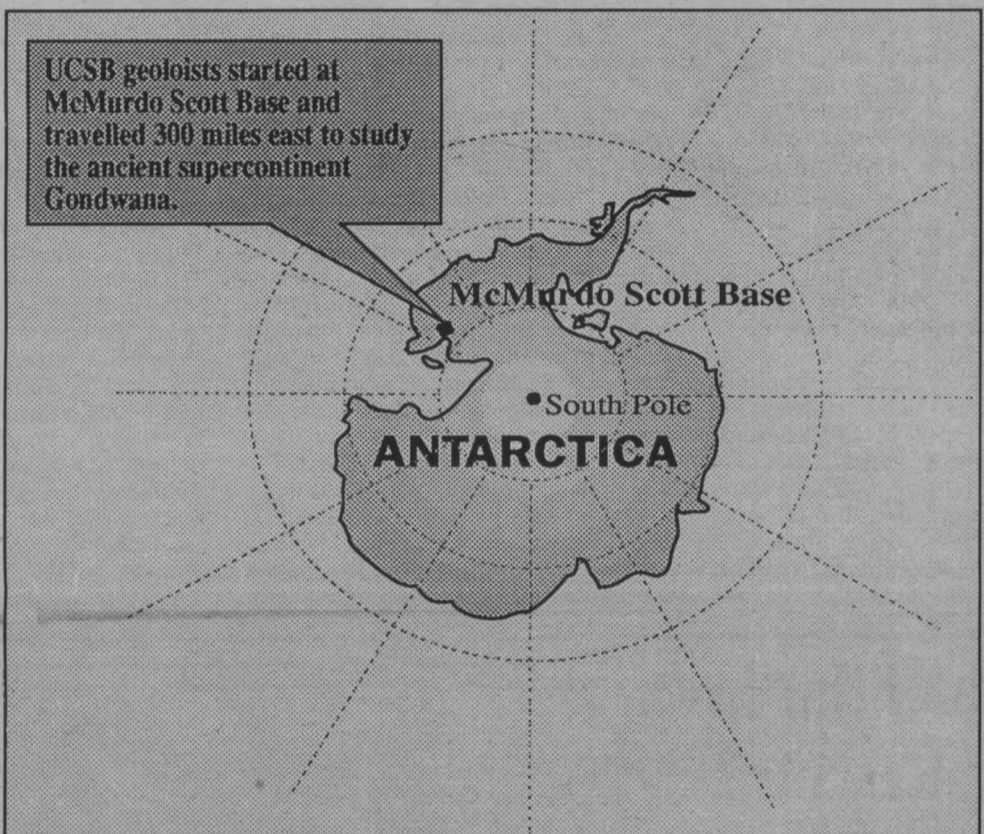
"It certainly is not good for the morale of the faculty. For some faculty, the lack of money creates a hardship and I hope it can be reinstated after a year," he said.

"Roughly every faculty member is reviewed every two to three years and this is something they look forward to."

In addition, the regents last month approved salary and merit freezes for all top management staff for 1991-92.

UC Vice President of Budget and University Relations William Baker reported that the State Budget Act of 1991-92 also specifies that next year's huge student fee hike should be considered a one-time surcharge. "The language obviously will have to be reviewed next year in relation to funding that is actually provided by the Legislature and the governor," he said.

Gardner hopes that with the most recent cuts, the 1992-93 fiscal year will bring a large enough budget to deal with an increase in enrollment. "I hope that in 1992-93 the state will once again be able to fund basic costs such as inflation, enrollment growth, and salary and merit increases," he said. "We hope, also, that the budget environment will allow renewed support of our planning efforts, focusing on the development of a 10th campus, as well as some modest new programmatic initiatives."



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TRIP

Continued from p.1 scientists may also be able to predict how the Earth's constantly changing surface — which rest upon molten rocks flowing "sort of like the caramel in a Snickers bar" — will reshape itself in the future.

The cooled rocks may also tell scientists more about the location of natural resources. Although this was not their main objective, John Goodge, a geologist from Southern Methodist University who has made four trips to Antarctica, said that such studies can make the search for natural re-

sources go more easily.

"The more we know about the Earth, the more we can apply that knowledge to other areas such as the location of other resources. ... We are well beyond the days where you can find something really easily," Goodge said.

This trip was a continuation of another expedition made by the same team of scientists during the previous southern-hemispheric summer, both of which were funded by the National Science Foundation.

"It probably cost about \$250,000 for the trip," said Dave Kimbrough, a geologist from SDSU who also

participated in the expedition. "Ninety percent going towards the infrastructure, the upkeep of (McMurdo Scott), and 10 percent to the scientists, for supplies."

Their research took them about 300 miles east of the base into 20-30 degree weather and left them entirely cut off — except for a radio — from civilization. The isolation might have taken its toll on some novice travelers, but for Richard, the only comfort missed was a lounge chair.

"It's one of those things you just can't haul around with you," he said. "But it would've been nice to just flop down and be comfortable."

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"It's in everyone's interest to reach a settlement — everyone's, that is, except the university administration's," said defense lawyer David Krieger, who represents defendant Eric Jensen, a senior.

Krieger said a fair settlement of charges would be "a reasonable amount of public service in exchange for a dismissal of charges," but added that no such deal had been struck.

Three past offers from the District Attorney's office have all included varying combinations of fines and

probation in exchange for guilty pleas.

Krieger said that while Friday's verdict was "unfortunate," it won't harm his case. He admitted, however, that the publicity surrounding the first trial could make for difficult jury selections in subsequent trials.

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Nabokov once wrote about how, in a quiet town bathed in bright sunlight, a man's shadow lingered behind him on a whitewashed wall as he rose from his sleep to help a young boy find his way. However, since today will probably be cloudy like yesterday, don't expect to see anyone's shadow lingering on any walls. Although the amorphous grey masses hanging over our heads do stand a chance of dispersing, at least partially, into the radiance of sunlight, don't expect that either. Also don't expect Gates to step down in April.

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Faculty Reviews Uehling's Performance

By Jeff Kass
Staff Writer

A review of Chancellor Barbara Uehling's performance as head of UCSB has reached its midpoint, with a confidential committee reviewing critiques from faculty.

The customary four-year review is headed up by a five-member Confidential Review Committee made up of four UCSB Academic Senate members and a chair from another UC campus. The committee began soliciting faculty responses regarding Uehling on April 26.

"The faculty had been pressing for this (review) for some time," UCSB Academic Senate Chair Duncan Mellichamp said, echoing the feelings of many professors who are dissatisfied with Uehling's tenure at UCSB.

According to a memo circulated to members of UCSB's Academic Senate in April, the committee has collected information from

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Gerald Horne
chair, Black studies dept.

the faculty on Uehling's leadership ability, definition of academic goals, managerial skills and other areas of concern.

Mellichamp said the committee members know what to look for in a college administrator. "These are people, ... such as senior faculty and people who have served in a number of roles, with some view of what one would expect in administration," he said.

The deadline for confidential faculty critiques was June 15.

According to UC officials, the confidentiality of the review is necessary to protect both Uehling and faculty. "The policy to keep comments confidential is to

protect the individual," Public Information Officer Rick Malaspina said.

"The process is confidential so people can be candid without losing their jobs," added Patricia Thomas, administrative officer of the UC Academic Council.

However, UCSB Black studies department Chair Gerald Horne, an open critic of many administration policies, had mixed reactions to the confidentiality of faculty reports. "I think tenured (faculty) could criticize without fear. There is a trend toward openness, yet some faculty have tried to hide behind confidentiality," Horne said.

Horne also said that a wider range of people

should be able to contribute to the review. "The committee should be more receptive to faculty without tenure as far as criticism. I view the process like a country forming a constitution — ideally, there would be lots of grassroots discussion," he said, adding that students should be asked their views on Uehling's competence.

"There are complaints about a number of issues: diversity, recycling, skateboarding (and) sexual discrimination. The benefits of a review are to give guidelines and recommendations for improvement," Horne said.

The final results of the review will be sent only to UC President David Gardner, and the chair and vice chair of the UC-wide Academic Council. Ultimately, the council's copies of the committee's report will be destroyed, but Gardner will probably keep a copy of the report, according to Malaspina.

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"Severe global problems like climate change, preservation of ecosystems and balancing conflicting uses of the environment demand urgent attention. So there is a real need for decision-makers who are grounded in environmental science,"

added John Melack, chair of the campus committee that drafted the proposal for the school.

Uehling added that the school will build upon existing environmental studies programs at UCSB to develop a master's program with emphasis in either environmental science or management, a research-oriented doctoral program, and a

three-month-long program geared toward providing mid-career professionals with an associate's certificate.

"Our proposal seeks to (create) a school that would be the beneficiary of the existing environmental expertise of our faculty with the expectation of bringing in new faculty," she said.

Melack estimates that the

school will hold about 70 master's students and 35 doctoral candidates with about 20 mid-career professionals.

The state will pick up the majority of the funding for the school, he added. "One would hope and expect that the faculty would be able to obtain substantial funding but the bulk will have to come from the state."

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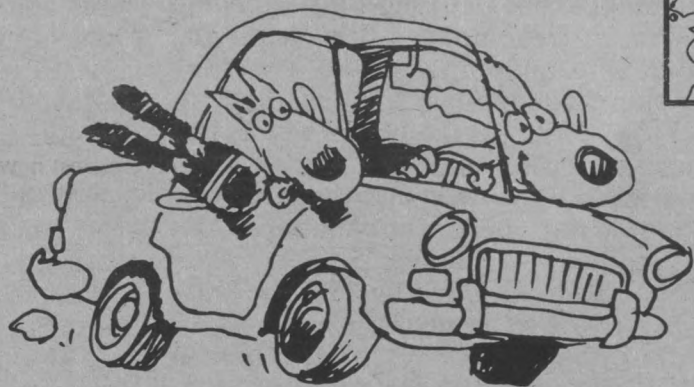


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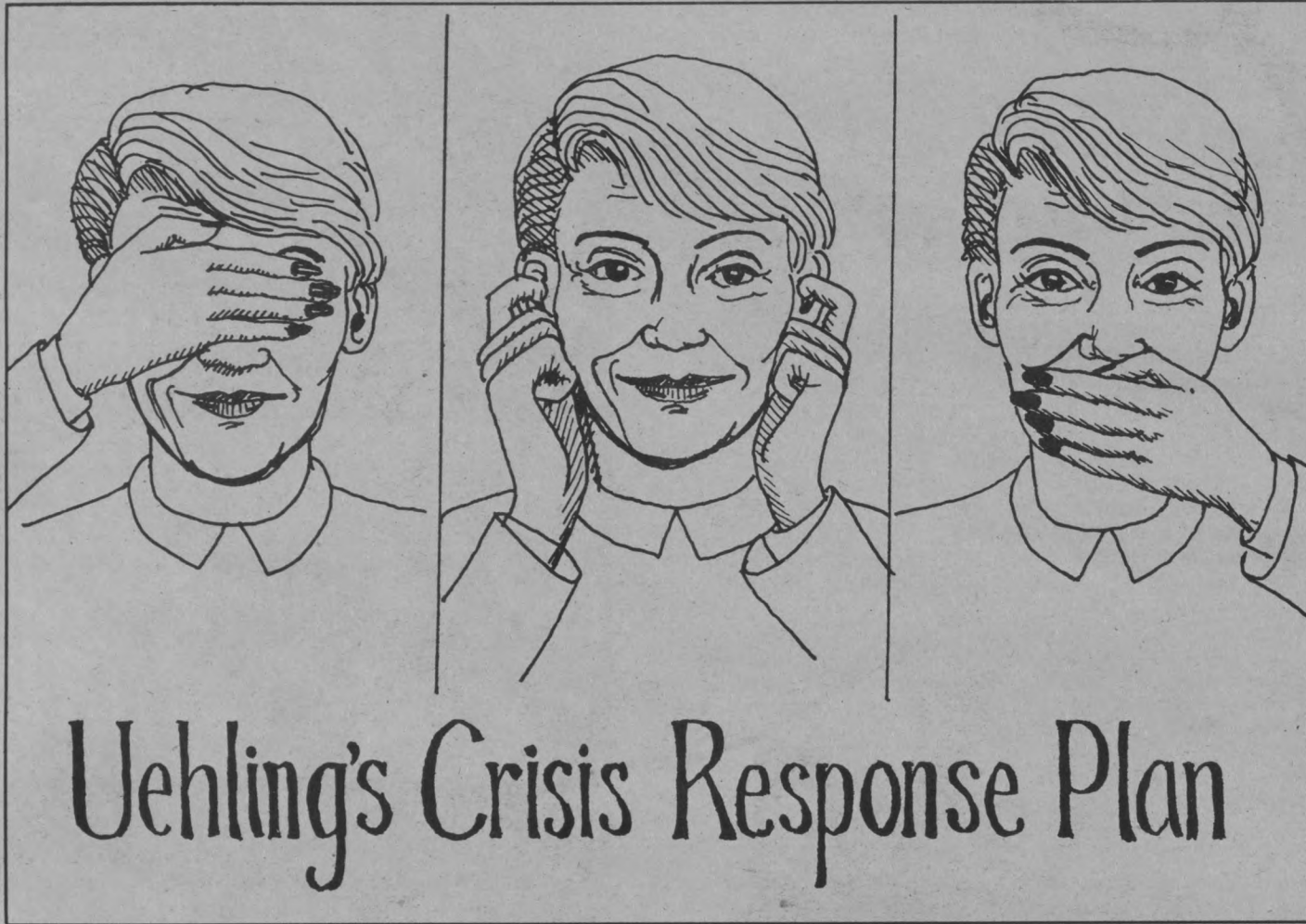
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OPINION

Everywhere there is one principle of justice, which is the interest of the stronger.

— Plato



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Uehling's Crisis Response Plan

Victory Over Independent Thought

Editorial

Congratulations are in order for Barbara Uehling. With the first group of "Cheadle 200" defendants' guilty verdict, she has succeeded in squelching the voice of students. With this victory, she has proven that she is unwilling to respond to student concerns.

The results of the trial are likely to create a chilling effect on student expression and destroy any feelings of trust that may remain between the students and the university. Are students going to feel that they can stand up and say what they feel if this is how the university treats them afterward? Probably not.

It seems ridiculous that Uehling could expect to foster an open environment while testifying against students who stood up and said what they felt. And even more ridiculous is the idea that students will feel they can trust the university. Is Uehling counting on the off chance that students will forget that — prior to the protest of the war and the UC's role at major nuclear weapons laboratories — she urged students to pursue peace?

The students occupied Cheadle Hall because the chancellor refused to respect their efforts for peace. Regardless of what she says in court (something like: "Well, go talk to the regents about it"), the students need a chancellor who will listen to them. Her testimony seemed to prove that she is incapable of and unwilling to represent students. When these students/defendants said that the university, through its complete unresponsiveness, forced them to stage a sit-in, it seems that Uehling is only corroborating their testimony.

It's reprehensible that the university hasn't acknowledged that the students who took part in the

protest demonstrated more independent, intellectual activity than is often witnessed on this campus. Authoritarian pettiness appears to be the principle on campus, stomping on free expression and student concerns as soon as they are spotted. Didn't independent thought used to be one of the most highly touted ideals of educational institutions?

The trials have already wreaked havoc on the Cheadle 200's schoolwork, with court dates stretching from last Spring Quarter through November. However, the administration has done little to assist the students through this ordeal.

Many of the students on trial entered UCSB with Barbara Uehling in 1988. What happened to her promise to make *her* graduating class wonderful? Unable to graduate because of excessive court appearances doesn't sound so wonderful.

Maybe the university is embarrassed by the Cheadle 200's actions. Such liberal, freethinking, peace-lovers are sure to ruffle a few feathers in this community. Perhaps the trial is an apology of sorts, reassuring others that UCSB will not tolerate this type of behavior.

And outside the university, the majority of the Santa Barbara community seems to have turned a cold shoulder to the students on trial. The Peace Resource Center is one of the only community groups willing to show support for these students' actions and principles.

By following this trial through to its unfortunate end and neglecting to engage in any real discussion about what motivated the sit-in in the first place, Chancellor Uehling has proven that her university is unreceptive to students and their concerns, which is indeed disgraceful in a place of higher learning.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



AFFIRMATIVE

What is the Real... Just Who is Getting...

A.E. Dupree

"What can the white man say to the Black woman?"

For 400 years he ruled over the Black woman's womb.

Let us be clear. In the barracoons and along the slave shipping coasts of Africa for more than 20 generations, it was he who dashed our babies' brains out against the rocks.

... Let us take note:

"He has not cared for a single one of the dark children in his midst, over hundreds of years."

— Alice Walker, "The Right to Life, What Can the White Man Say to the Black Woman?"



MARC BERGER/Daily Nexus

To Eric Jensen;

I sincerely believe that, to you, your world is a completely accurate one — one where only the present lives, where merit reigns, where racism is as dormant as its legacies. I wonder if you can imagine a world, however, where history is not that escapable, where exclusion is the rule, not the exception.

Persian Gulf Fa...

Jeff Kass

Dirty and tired, with a sad look in his eyes, the man reminded me of a Vietnam veteran. The fact that he may not have been any of those things is irrelevant, because the haggard image is one that I and many others have come to associate with vets of that psychedelic war. And I began to speculate why this veteran, or symbol of one, should be so sad on the Fourth of July.

It had been a fairly "model" celebration. On the steps behind the courthouse, the local symphony and chorus performed a variety of "American" music and songs, and a local businessman read some heavy-handed excerpts concerning the political philosophy of Abe Lincoln. The most emotional moment probably came when the veterans in the audience were asked to stand up and received a hearty applause.

Yet due to the recent war in the Persian Gulf, this was not a normal Fourth of July applause. It was what I would call a "blanket" applause — done with a degree of enthusiasm probably not seen since the Korean War. I wasn't yet born when World War II was being fought in the trenches of Europe and on the islands of the Pacific, and I was in diapers as Vietnam was broadcast on the television at dinner time. But I knew something had changed. I read that people were now proud to be Americans, that the nation had rediscovered its place as the (free) world's protector and liberator. Buoyed by its newfound strength, the country could now face up to things like Vietnam. "We've finally kicked that Vietnam Syndrome in the butt," said George Bush.

I knew a little about being a Vietnam vet, having taken a keen interest in that war during my high school years. I joined an internship program that allowed high school students to work in the mental health ward of the local Veteran's Administration Hospital. Besides seminars and lectures, there was direct interaction with the patients; the overwhelming majority being from Vietnam.

Of course, there were some men from WWII and Korea, yet why so many from Vietnam? It wasn't simply a question of generation, for the patients in this section had entered the armed forces sane, only to experience something that destroyed their minds. "As early as 1971, the National Council of Churches had reported that 49,000 Vietnam veterans had died after returning to the U.S. Moreover, rough estimates lead officials to believe that Vietnam veteran deaths have continued at a rate of 800 a year. Their deaths have often been of a violent nature ..." state Brende and Parson in their book *Vietnam Vets*. They add, "If these men survived the first 10 years, they were often to be found within the confines of police, prisons, probation officers or parole counselors."

While many may have had predispositions to mental illness, they probably would have been functioning members of society had they not gone to war. "I don't feel like I

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tting Screwed?

I don't think you will be surprised to hear that I knew you were a white male even before seeing your name in your column (Nexus, July 17). That's not to say that you don't have company in the nonwhite or non-male population (everyone has heard, for example, that the anti-Affirmative Action Supreme Court nominee, Clarence Thomas, was admitted to Yale through "Affirmative Action admissions"). And, of course, there are your brothers of the unconscious, President George Bush, Senator Jessie Helms, etc. You are not alone in your opinion.

The trouble with your problem with Affirmative Action: it's too simplistic. You really believe that "all (wo)men are created equal." Of course, those lucky enough enjoy a few moments of complete equality when they emerge from that kind, uterine world into this one. Then everything registers. The ugly machine starts cranking and it's time to face a country built by those it supports — white males. The system is laden with structural and institutional forms of racism, sexism, heterosexism, (insert your favorite "ism").

You never hear things like: "Wow, he was a great candidate, but America's just not ready for a white, middle-class male president." You talk about Affirmative Action "tip(ping) the playing field in favor of one person on the basis of a factor which she or he can neither accept blame nor claim credit." What about the "accept blame" part? What is there to be "blamed" for? Do you not see that people are "blamed" for something as basic as their skin color? Is it so awful to have something trying to address the real atrocity in this picture?

You think that Affirmative Action is a form of "later-on" favoritism. I would submit, though, that Affirmative Action is a simple overture in the right direction and should accompany the type of "essen-

tial tool" acquisition you feel people should get "from the beginning." What about those who have already begun? Should one of these two periods you distinguish — the "later on" and "the beginning" — be privileged over the other?

I couldn't help but notice the frustration you expressed with the "exclusion" of your friend from the schools he applied to. Have you forgotten that, just a few decades ago, racism in America was a legally sanctioned institution? Do you understand what kind of baggage goes along with that kind of exclusion? We're talking about something more complex than economic and political ramifications here, we're talking about entire generations of Americans being systematically and uniformly excluded at such a degree that, I would submit, would out-"I-got-screwed" your friend's "exclusionary experience" exponentially.

What about now, you ask. You feel that you're paying for sins you did not commit. Let's really think about who is still living with legacies here. Look at statistics, look at situations, look at odd discrepancies that somehow work in favor of being white in this country (i.e. proportional jail sentencing). Please don't let the novocained, "Me"-obsessed Reagan (insert dry heave) decade corrode the soul out of you. To not recognize how disturbingly large the problem of racism is today is gross and inexcusable; to deny the "why" and "how" of the problem is just plain sad.

You feel that Affirmative Action is actually antagonizing racist tensions. To you, the problem lies in Affirmative Action. To me, the problem is people who allow Affirmative Action to excite racist fires (and the spark, I think, has to be there already). I guess that makes you part of my problem.

You are right on one note, Eric, Affirmative Action is far from being "the great equalizer" — it's too late and the problem is too big for anything to claim that title. There is no way to bring back those who "died of broken hearts and broken spirits, under the insult of segregation" (Alice Walker). It is, however, a step away from the collective forgetting, from the sad veil of apathy that white America mistakes for redemption. It's the smallest recognition that, yes, shit has happened and that in America, no, people are not "equal."

If you really think about it, Eric, which is the more shortsighted wrong: Affirmative Action or your "resentment" of those who benefit from it?

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Consequences of Cultural Abandonment

Charles De Flanders

Some 300 years ago, a nation of people were brought to a new land as enslaved persons. In the year 1619, these extraordinary people of color never knew that their world would take a turn for the worst for years to come.

However, what came out of this horrible condition was a great number of African-American leaders who would guide their people to the hill-top of freedom. Such persons as W.E.B. DuBois, Harriet Tubman, Paul Robeson, James Baldwin, Richard Wright, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr., Langston Hughes and many more outstanding African-Americans have been influential leaders throughout history.

The great African-American voices that were heard from slavery to the civil rights movement were individuals who were both liberal and conservative, and yet these men and women found time to contribute to the struggle for freedom. They knew that their success evolved from the struggles of Blacks in America.

I find it appalling that Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas claims to only give credit to his grandparents, nuns and, most of all, himself, for his successes. He has given no credit to his cultural heritage nor to any other civil rights movement or groups in this country, and if he does, he is only doing so as a political move to gain support from the Black community. His individualis-

tic voice has told the Black community, "I have come this far on my own. I really do not need your support, because I have my grandparents, nuns, the white community and, most of all, myself."

I believe a person can be a liberal, conservative, atheist, feminist, or anything he or she chooses to be without sacrificing his or her cultural heritage. In other words, one does not have to deny who he really is for material gain or position. In my view, all the successes that African-Americans enjoy today are a direct result of sacrifices that were made by African-Americans from the time of slavery to the civil rights movement. One must never forget our history as a people; it is unlike any other history, and we, as African-Americans must remember this or we will surely lose our way, if we haven't already.

It is my belief that if any African-American takes the position of self-nurtured success, he will find that the road he is traveling will surely be a difficult one. I do not know if the lessons will be social or emotional, but the lessons will come.

I hope that Mr. Clarence Thomas takes time out and reads Baldwin, Wright and Robeson, if he hasn't already. I believe these great African-American writers would remind him of our history and take him away from his intellectual blind alley.

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Fanfare: The "Welcome Home" Vietnam Veterans Never Received

should have ever been subjected to that experience. You don't want to know that stuff like that exists. You don't want to know how ugly things can be. ... We didn't sleep at night," said one person interviewed by Mark Baker in his book NAM.

And for some of those that made it back with at least part of their well-being intact, even this was eventually lost in the wave of hatred directed against them upon returning to the U.S. It was really too much to take. For anyone. Let alone soldiers from what Time magazine columnist Lance Morrow described as "the nation's first teenage war (average age 19.2 years)."

If they had been born 20 years later, they probably would have fought in Desert Storm. Like the troops in Saudi Arabia, minorities in Vietnam were overrepresented in relation to their numbers in the society at large. In Vietnam, the U.S. fought against the expansion of Communism and the Domino Theory; it was assumed that once one country "fell" to Communism, the rest within the region (in this case, South East Asia) would "fall" too. In fact, surrounding countries, such

as Thailand and Singapore now have booming economies, despite the "Fall of Vietnam" and a war that actually hindered regional economic cooperation for many years. In Kuwait, we fought to reinstall a "democracy" in which half of the cabinet members have the same last name.

Although it is said that every generation has its war, things would have been infinitely different had the Vietnam vets been born 20 years later. While draftees of Vietnam and the volunteers of Desert Storm were both sent off to war on a wave of patriotism, the latter returned to a shower of confetti, the former to a shower of spit.

"When I came back, about six of us were walking through the airport and a girl — maybe 18 or 19, about the same age as me really — she asked me how many women and children did I kill. I told her, 'Nine. Where's our mother at?' I thought it was great fun putting her down like that. But inside I felt, 'Gees, why is she treating me like that?'" recounts another vet in Baker's book. The Vietnam vets became the most visible, tangible scapegoats for the lost war and prestige. While Vietnam ended the political career of

Johnson and tainted Nixon, it destroyed the lives of many of the soldiers. Johnson retreated to his ranch in Texas, Nixon took shelter in the White House, but the Vietnam vet was right next to you in line at the supermarket.

And so a lot of Vietnam vets drifted away from the society that sent them off to war, then punished them for fighting (and surviving) it. While cultivating a respect for these men once meeting them and reading books about them, I could not help but form an image of the Vietnam vet as a haggard, sick outsider, the man I saw on the Fourth of July mirrored that image.

Yet comparison and contrast to Desert Storm is not mere historical jousting. For despite a spate of some admittedly good movies on the experiences of the Vietnam vet, (*Platoon*, *Born on the Fourth of July*), this particular member of society would have probably drifted to the back of the minds of many had it not been for the Gulf War. And that might have been fine.

But Desert Storm has reminded us of the Vietnam vet in a most cruel way. And this is why I believe that man — the symbol of a Vietnam vet — had such a sad look in his eyes. It wasn't because he might have slept outside, had a hangover and have been beaten up the night before, it was that applause in honor of the veterans during the Fourth of July

It was an applause he had never received and now that it was 20 years later, one he could never receive. It was a "blanket" applause, thrown over him by the troops and country of Desert Storm...

celebration. It was an applause he had never received, and now that it was 20 years later, one he could never receive. And it was a "blanket" applause, thrown over him by the troops and country of Desert Storm as it wound back through history to cover the wounds of the past. And even if that applause was directed toward him, it must have hurt to know that his suffering was acknowledged only through the victory of the soldiers in the war of the generation after. What did he know of these new soldiers? That they were literally bored out of their minds in Saudi Arabia. Yeah! They had been fighting boredom. That the Vietnam vet would have had such problems.

But there is more to it than that. They are the people of a country that only gave their recognition once they had a newfound victory in their pocket. That was the true centerpiece of applause, the trophy that allowed George Bush to say we had finally overcome Vietnam. But one has to stop and think, was the legacy of Vietnam so bad? The idea that war is horrible and must be avoided? With great sadness, I don't think that legacy will ever be lost in the mind of the Vietnam vet, and should he stand up to show the ill effects of war, I fear he'd only be applauded.

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FROM THE BATS OF BABES— Could this be the UCSB starting outfield in 2001? Perhaps not, but these little leaguers are getting a jump on the other recruits by honing their skills at a baseball camp hosted by Gauchos head coach Al Ferrer.

JOSH ELLIOTT

Predicting the Sporting World Can Prove to Be Very Unpredictable

Entertainment writers just don't know how lucky they are. Heading into the night's ballet or musical, they don't have to wear themselves out trying to guess how the show is going to end. They don't have to scour over injury reports or mind-numbing stats, all in an attempt to figure if Orlando can upset Charlotte that night in the Heatstroke Dome. No matter where it plays, no matter who is doing the leaping and twirling on stage, the simple fact is that "Swan Lake" will end the same in Kalamazoo as it does in New York. Whether it's Mikhail Baryshnikov on Broadway or your sister in the preschool recital, the show's a sure thing. The business of predictions is a lost art in the arts. In sports, though, a prediction is fuel for the fire — and more often than not, people end up getting burned.

Frustrating as it is for the masses, that's just the way those damn sports work out. Very rarely do even the most knowledgeable of fans know the outcome of the majority of games. Granted, seven times out of 10 Cleveland is going to lose. Yeah, whoever is racing the Cubs to the pennant wire in September will win. But, unlike a music reviewer who reports on a concert that has already been done the same way 50 times before, sportswriters and their ilk are left to prognostication, educated guesses and dumb luck.

It's no big surprise, then, when sportswriters or fans or managers are wrong in their picks. Being wrong, just like losing, is half the nature of their business.

None of this stops anyone, of course. The entire concept of Vegas sports books is based on the strict belief of every sports fan that he or she knows a little more than the next person. This past year, for example, there have been countless predictions made and hundreds of opinions spouted on the relative merits and chances of just about every game and match and contest this side of Jupiter. Such as:

With their pitching staff, there is no way the Dodgers will ever endure a long losing streak.

Ouch. Being a Dodger fan, this one hits achingly close to home. But, just looking at it, the writing was on the wall the second this blooper was uttered. Sports types should know better than to use words like "no way" and "ever." They should also know better than to assume a pitching staff which claims Kevin Gross and Jay (Disabled List? Where Do I Sign?) Howell as members could ever be trusted to tie its own shoes, let alone protect a lead. Not until Tommy L. figures out a way to have Ramon Martinez relieve himself will the Dodgers be a good bet with any kind of lead in the late innings.

Mike Tyson has gone soft/lost his fury/is washed up.

A classic. One for the record books. Right up there with "Dewey Defeats Truman!" This was some "Monday Morning Quarterbacking" at its finest. When Iron Mike was whitewashed by Buster Douglas in Tokyo, his personal life could be compared to that of, say, Salman Rushdie. Though it's yet to be scientifically proven, word has it that Tyson's only human. Robin Givens took him to the cleaners, so it follows that Douglas would hang him out to dry. For a while, the jury was still out as to whether he was content with taking the money and running. He's here to stay, though, while he hurts people in his spare time. Hearing people say he was no longer good because he wasn't angry

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Ex-UCSB Poloist Has a Splash at Olympic Fest

While many Gauchos spent this past week cursing the bad weather, former UCSB water polo standout Jason Likins spent the last seven days in sunny Los Angeles competing in the U.S. Olympic Festival, playing for the West's water polo squad. The team, made up of players who tried out for the team in April, won the championship after going undefeated in the tournament's round-robin format.

Likins, a geography major at UCSB, and 1980 gra-

duate Greg Boyer were the only two Gauchos to participate in the festival's water polo tourney. Before Saturday's finals, the West squad had defeated the East and South teams twice and the North team once, as the second game with the North ended in a tie. Olympian Peter Campbell scored a goal for the North team with two seconds left to prevent the West from winning. On Saturday, the West defeated the East, 10-8, for the championship. The South

team finished third and the North finished fourth.

"We had a really good team," Likins said in reference to the West squad. "Our bench was just as strong as our starters, so we could (substitute) players freely." Likins wants to continue playing water polo for club teams in California, and will continue to train with Santa Barbara next year while working toward his degree.

— Aaron Santell **Jason Likins**



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RESCUE: Proposed Dismissal of Paramedic Services Criticized

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of services to be cancelled due to budget constraints to reflect the ... importance of the continued reliable, professional and swift emergency rescue services."

According to Representative-at-Large Jesse Wells, author of the bill, Rescue 7 is important to the community because it was designed specifically for the emergency needs and situations within the campus and Isla Vista.

Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services David Sheldon stated in a letter

addressed to the police department that if Rescue 7 was cut, the campus and community "would still have the same level of service available currently to other residents of Goleta and Santa Barbara," through Santa Barbara County services.

A.S. President Rachel Doherty sent a letter to members of the administration decrying the proposal to drop the service.

"We cannot afford to allow the county of Santa Barbara to be responsible for our community," Doherty

said, claiming that "The county service would ... not be familiar," with I.V.

The final decision on the fate of Rescue 7 will be made by Uehling. However, when questioned on the Rescue 7 issue and her response to the letters from various officials, Uehling drew a blank.

"What is Rescue 7?" she asked, adding, "I am not aware of any letters (regarding the service)." When further pressed for comment, Uehling said, "I cannot answer any questions because I don't have any answers," adding that Sheldon

is responsible for the plan.

Members of A.S. are angered that the decision is occurring over the summer when most students are gone.

"They are blatantly doing this while students are away, and, as usual, students are getting screwed," A.S. Internal Vice President Bert Watters said, adding that "students will die and it will be on the administration's shoulders."

According to Watters, a lawsuit may be in the works if the administration drops the Rescue 7 program.

The suit would be based on the findings of the 1970 Trow Commission, which concluded that the university had a responsibility to provide services for Isla Vista, Watters said.

"According to (the Trow Commission) one of the first responsibilities of the university is to provide services and take care of the campus and Isla Vista community," Watters said. "Cancelling Rescue 7 may be a breach of this contract," she said.

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ELLIOTT: Prophets Abound in the World of Sports

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did the trick. He's angry. He's about as soft as a steel girder. And — now for one of my own — he will wipe up the floor with Evander Holyfield.

The U.S. Olympic Festival will be a big hit in Los Angeles.

This prediction comes to us courtesy of the executive producers of *Howard The Duck* and *Ishtar*. This one should have been an easy

call, but, then again, so was UNLV last March. I don't know, but if you ask me, any competition which includes bowling and badminton among its top-o'-the-line attractions is tailor-made for places like Stillwater and Boise. Obscure sports deserve obscure places. The only thing L.A. wants, besides a few Dodger victories this month, is the Olympics. Sans that "Festival" part. And only if the U.S. wins all

the time. "Olympic-caliber" athletes are like off-Broadway plays — comparable in name only. No wonder Angel attendance got so much better last week.

These predictions are just some of the many thousand that wrong-thinking sports fans the world over have entertained this year. But picking the wrong team or betting on the wrong horse goes with the territory. How fun would it be if all of our

sports were choreographed like musicals, or if the favorites won all the time? Sure, underdogs usually lose. But the fact that they sometimes win and, more importantly, trying to figure out when these wins might come is what keeps the sports page the bible of millions. Just remember, never on the Cubs in October, never — ever — on Cleveland and never listen to any sports type who would dare say "never".

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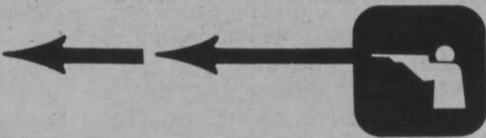
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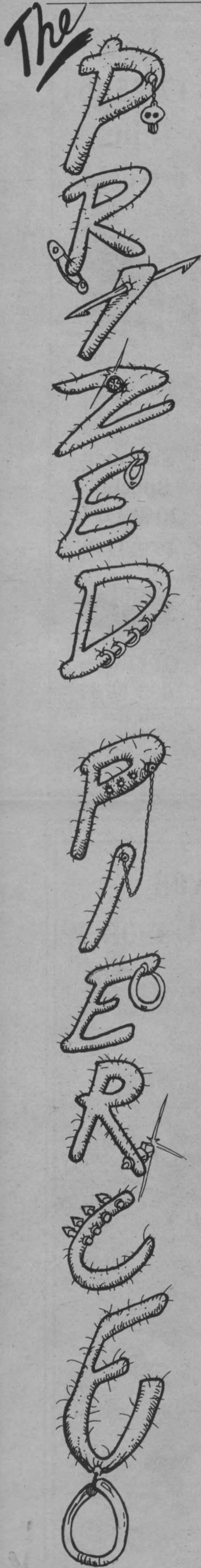
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People are getting pierced. All over. Take a look around: bejeweled lips, bellybuttons, nipples and even penises are popping up everywhere.

In body piercing, anything goes. While piercing in our society was once reserved conservatively for the lobes of women's ears, both men and women with ears pierced several times over might not receive a second glance these days. But that's not the half of it. People are now getting pierced in places that normally don't even see the light of day.

Santa Barbara resident Jack Strobel pierced his nipple himself. "One night on MTV, they had a thing on one of their shows on body piercing, and I just decided to do it that night," Strobel said. He searched the house, strung some dental floss through a needle, and "just kind of jammed it in there," he said.

Another Santa Barbara resident, Jeff Rassier, had his tongue pierced three months ago at The Gauntlet, a store in Santa Monica that specializes in body piercing. He said that although the actual piercing was not extremely painful, it was uncomfortable for some time afterward because his tongue swelled up. Rassier also has both of his nipples and one ear pierced.

However, people who want a body part pierced should see an experienced piercer, Rassier added. "Your body's not something you'd want to accidentally mess up," he said.

Like tattoos, pierced body parts are sometimes seen as signs of rebellion and self-destructiveness. Even earrings can be controversial. Although women wearing earrings is a commonality, some men with pierced ears still encounter contention.

Strobel, for example, said his parents didn't allow him to pierce his ear while he lived under their roof, because they said that pierced ears are "feminine." If Strobel's parents ever found out that his nipple is pierced, "They'd freak out. They'd probably never talk to me again."

Earrings for men carry sexual connotations outside the Strobel household, though. An earring worn in the right ear is often symbolic of homosexuality, and one in the left, a symbol of heterosexuality. But even these symbols are fading.

Senior political science major Dylan Davis pierced his right ear when he was in high school, though he is heterosexual. "A lot of guys were getting pierced in their left ear, so I decided to get my right ear pierced to be different," he said. Although Davis

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senior, political science

has never received any propositions because of the earring, he said that people occasionally ask him if he is gay.

More and more men are opting to get one (or both) ears pierced. "Socially, at school and just in general it is fine to have an earring," Davis said, although he added that some of his employers have asked him to take his out while working. "I think the business world still has quite a bit of conservatism left in it," he said.

Aaron Mastro, co-owner of Flashback in Santa Barbara, performs body piercing at his store. He has quite a few pierced body parts himself, including his ears, his septum, his navel, and "below the waist."

He said he decided to do body piercing

because he saw that people who wanted it were doing it themselves with safety pins, and not being safe about it. He added that a license is not required to do piercing in Santa Barbara.

Mastro said that he was surprised at the amount of people who want to get pierced. "I didn't even think that there would be as much demand as there is," he said, adding that he pierces an average of five people a week. He has pierced nipples, septums, navels and genitals, although he said the most popular regions are still the ears and nostrils because of their high visibility.

Mastro does all of his work by hand, with sterile needles designed for piercing. With proper care, body piercings will heal without becoming infected, he said, adding

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that the healing process usually takes about two months for almost all body parts.

Although Mastro tries to make piercing as comfortable as possible for his clients, he said that the procedure can be kind of scary, and that a few of his clients have even fainted while getting pierced.

Mastro also said that he never uses piercing guns because they are not as accurate and the piercings do not heal as easily. "There are a lot of people who have tried to do body piercing with guns, which is totally ridiculous and painful and bad," he said.

Mastro has occasionally been requested to perform piercings at people's homes as part of rituals with candles, altars and music to add meaning to the piercing. "For some people, it is a rite of passage-type thing," he said.

UCSB anthropology Professor Donald Brown said that body piercing dates back to prehistoric times and has been performed for a variety of reasons in different societies. In some cultures, body piercing is considered magical and is believed to lend strength and courage to the body, he said.

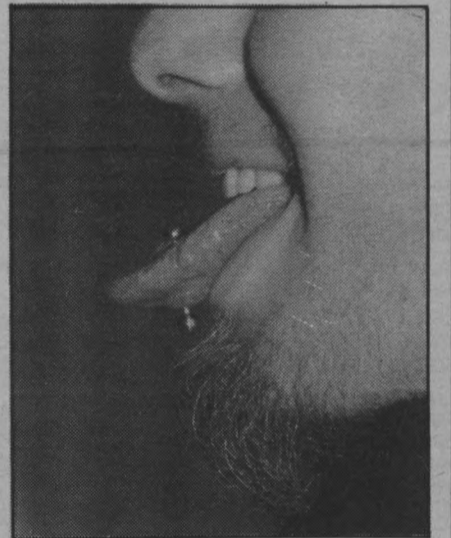
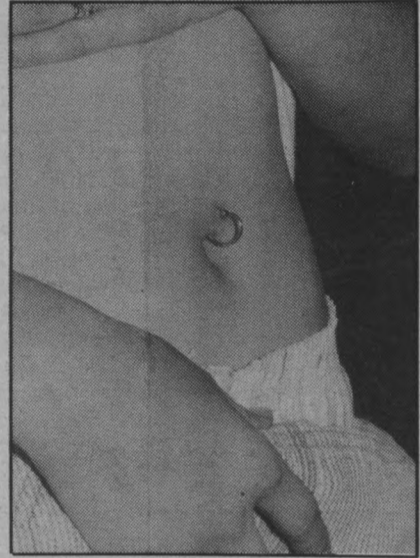
Brown said he believes that the practice has become very acceptable over the last several years. "You see a lot of mature adults that are pierced now in quite ostentatious ways," he said. However, he believes the current phase of body piercing is a fad partially perpetuated by the rock music subculture. "The time will come when it won't be cool to be pierced anymore," he said.

Why the increase in body piercing? Brown said that most people get pierced to make themselves look special or different. He also said, "There has been a slow realization that other parts of the body can be pierced with some safety."

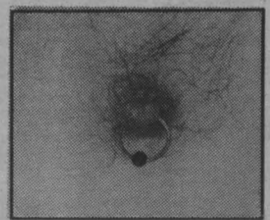
And some people literally do it for the pain. Brown said that a few people who undergo body piercings are masochists who get very large piercings done in very sensitive areas of the body. "They're enjoying the pain," he said.

Mastro said that one reason why people have piercing done is because it increases the sensitivity of the pierced skin. "For some people it is really auto-erotic. That's why a lot of people pierce their nipples. It's the same thing with genital piercings," he said.

But it takes bravery. Strobel, who bravely pierced his own nipple, teeters at the thought of genital piercing. "It kind of makes me cringe," he said.



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