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Lock-Ins For Child Care, Bike Shop Pass; FACES Defeated

By Shira Gotshalk
Staff Writer

After defeat at the hands of voter apathy last month, new lock-in initiatives for four campus organizations were approved Tuesday and Wednesday during the Associated Students Special Election.

The A.S. Election Committee's strategy of offering Blow-Pops in exchange for ballots seemed to pay off as voter turnout topped 25 percent. Making the trip to the ballot box this time around were 3,867 students — 800 more than during last

month's general election, when many initiatives were defeated because voter turnout fell below 20 percent.

One of the highest-profile organizations on the ballot, the University Children's Center, succeeded in grabbing 81.6 percent of the vote for a proposal giving \$3 in student registration fees to the center each quarter, up from its current allocation of \$1.

Center Director Mary Ray was ecstatic about the vote, which will allow the center to keep its tuition rates down for students. "This is wonderful, it's going to make the biggest differ-

THE WINNERS

Campus Media	80%
UCSA	79%
Program Board	79%
Bike Shop \$.75	89%
Student Health \$12	68%
Spec. Svcs. \$1	87%
Childcare	82%
Mem. & Appt.	68%
Init., Ref., Recall	79%
V.P. Ext. Affairs	68%
Petitions	70%
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ence. It means that student-parents can continue their studies at the university," she said.

The A.S. Bike Shop's lock-in of \$.75 was approved by an overwhelming 88.7 percent of the voters. These funds will help bail the shop out of its \$105,000 deficit and allow it to purchase more supplies, manager John Mooy said.

With 68 percent of the students voting in favor of a \$1 lock-in, the Special Services Program will be able to continue to provide help to temporarily and permanently disabled students.

The program provides trans-

portation from Isla Vista to campus, specialized equipment for the hearing-impaired, as well as many other services.

Perhaps the most surprising success was the 68 percent approval of Student Health Services' \$12 lock-in. The initiative had received only 39.5 of the votes in the last election.

A.S. Elections Committee Chair Ansel Kanemoto did not understand the swing in voter support of the issue. "It's crazy to me and it bothers me that Student Health passed and they haven't even guaranteed that they

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Splitting Headache

Rescue workers gave a graphic demonstration in front of the UCen Wednesday of what can happen if you drink and drive. The mock accident was sponsored by Students Teaching Alcohol/Drug Responsibility.

Oil Companies Sue County Over Ban on Tanker Usage

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — A group of oil companies sued Santa Barbara County in federal court Wednesday for banning the use of tankers to ship crude from the offshore Point Arguello Field to Southern California refineries.

The lawsuit, which claims delays have costs the companies more than \$100,000 a day, seeks to prevent the county from barring future use of sea tankers and bring about an order forcing the county to grant a tankering permit.

Santa Barbara County denied all the allegations in the lawsuit, which was filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles. "We haven't caused them any damage," said Jana Zimmer, deputy counsel for the county.

The county denied a tanker permit for the Santa Barbara Channel last November, saying that the companies should ship the oil by pipeline. The decision was later

upheld by the California Coastal Commission.

"The damage that ensues from a tanker accident is much, much greater than from a pipeline," Zimmer said.

The Santa Barbara Channel was the site of a devastating oil spill in 1969, when a platform blowout 5 1/2 miles south of Santa Barbara spewed more than 3.25 million gallons of oil over 800 square miles of water and covered 100 miles of coastline with crude, according to the CCC.

The Point Arguello project partners, which are headed by Chevron USA, estimate that the field holds reserves of 300 million barrels of oil and over 500 billion cubic feet of natural gas, the largest find in the western United States since Alaska's Prudhoe Bay.

The lawsuit claims Santa Barbara County's actions have caused a project valued at more

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Early Retirees Expected to Leave Departments Shorthanded

By Ellie Mason
Reporter

Academic departments may begin to feel the repercussions of the UC funding crisis this summer when they are unable to afford replacements for many of the 52 full professors who will leave campus this year under a special early retirement program.

"No special actions are being taken to ensure that each faculty position is being reinstated," said John Cardy, chair of the Academic Senate's Committee on Education Policy and Academic Planning. Instead, departments will have to compete for the limited funding to hire new assistant professors.

"The departments have to come to us with faculty requests and if we feel they have met the criteria for recommendation, we will

bring their requests in front of the vice chancellor (for academic affairs)."

Under the Voluntary Early Retirement and Incentive Program, professors who would normally retire in five years have been en-

Additional Benefits to Profs

■ The Voluntary Early Retirement and Incentive Program is designed to save the University money by bringing in new professors who earn less. See story, page 5.

couraged to leave early in order to free up money that would otherwise go to their salaries.

Because so many faculty are leaving this year, many department chairs are concerned about the impact such losses will have on their departments, especially with respect to what courses will be offered next year.

Some of the departments which

will be heavily affected by the early retirements are the history department, which will lose seven out of 42 professors; Germanic, Oriental and Slavic languages, which will lose four of 16 professors; and the classics department,

which will lose two professors out of 10. A total of 23 departments will have faculty retire under the new program.

Germanic, Oriental and Slavic languages department Chair Laurence Rickels is among those concerned about how the departures will affect classes in his department.

The retirement of German liter-

ature Professor Richard Exner will be one of the biggest blows, Rickels said. "He is very prestigious and it has been our pride and joy to have him in our department."

Rickels' department will also be losing its only two Russian professors, Donald B. Johnson and Mstislav Kostruba. "We do not know what we are going to do about Russian beginning next quarter," he said.

It is unlikely that the department will be able to get enough money to replace those professors, Rickels added.

The fear that many empty positions will not be filled is well-founded because only 18 departing faculty will be replaced, Cardy said.

If Cardy's committee is to recommend that a faculty member

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Indian Students React to Prime Minister's Death

By Chris Ziegler
Staff Writer

Indian students at UCSB reacted with shock at the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi Tuesday, but were confident India's democracy would remain strong.

Gandhi, 46, was killed Tuesday night when a bomb exploded as he campaigned for his Congress-I Party in the village of Sriperambudur in Southwestern India during the second phase of the national parliamentary elec-

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WORLD

Gandhi's Widow Chosen to Lead India's Congress Party

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — As her husband's body lay in state, the Italian-born widow of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was chosen Wednesday to lead his Congress-I Party through national elections.

In many parts of India, violence replaced sorrow over Gandhi's assassination. At least nine people were killed. The army was called out and curfews were imposed in several towns after Gandhi supporters attacked police and members of rival political parties.

At Gandhi's childhood home in New Delhi, hundreds of mourners filed past his body, weeping and beating their chests.

The 46-year-old former prime minister was killed in a bomb explosion Tuesday night in the southern Indian town of Sriperambudur, minutes before he was to address a crowded election rally. At least 15 other people also died.

Police said Gandhi appeared to have been the target of a suicide assassin who had strapped explosives to her body and detonated them as she approached him with a bouquet. The body of the woman was unrecognizable.

Horns, Wreaths Greet 40th Anniversary of Chinese Rule

BEIJING (AP) — Tibetan monks blew horns and children waved colored wreaths as government officials paraded in Tibet on Wednesday to celebrate 40 years of Chinese Communist control of the mountainous region.

The remote region has been under tight security for the sensitive anniversary, and Beijing-based foreign journalists have been barred. But Chinese television Wednesday showed Education Minister Li Tieying walking along a street in Lhasa, Tibet's capital, to start the festivities.

Tibetans and Chinese lining the street shouted "Warmly welcome!" Li is the highest-ranking central government official to visit Lhasa for the anniversary.

The celebrations mark the May 23, 1953, signing of a document by Tibetan representatives bringing their homeland under Communist Chinese rule.

Before that time, China claimed authority over Tibet, which it invaded in 1951, but the region was administered by a religious government under the Dalai Lama, Tibetan Buddhism's spiritual leader. The Dalai Lama fled to India in 1959 during a failed uprising. He is an outspoken critic of Chinese rule.

Central government, Communist Party and military authorities sent a joint message Wednesday to Tibet warning against separatism.

U.S., European Negotiators Tell Japan Open Up or Else

TOKYO (AP) — Japan must make urgent efforts to open itself to foreign investment and trade or be hurt by rising protectionist sentiment in other major industrialized nations, U.S. trade negotiators warned Wednesday.

The stern verdict was delivered as part of a progress report on a historic U.S.-Japan trade agreement signed a year ago. But it was only the latest blow to Japan in a week of renewed frictions with the United States and Europe.

Also visiting Tokyo is EC Commission President Jacques Delors, who on Wednesday pressed Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu to shrink Japan's surging surplus with the European Community.

In Tokyo earlier this week, Vice President Dan Quayle urged Japan to buy more American automobiles. The request came as U.S. automakers suffer through one of the worst periods in history.



NATION

Bush Expresses Unexpected Optimism on Weapons Pacts

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — President Bush expressed unexpected optimism about U.S.-Soviet arms control talks Wednesday and suggested that Mikhail Gorbachev might be invited to a London summit of industrialized nations "if his coming there could help with reform" in the Soviet Union.

Bush said he was confident that Soviet military leaders, who have been blamed for an impasse on arms reduction, genuinely want to resolve differences on agreements to cut conventional weapons in Europe and to slash long-range nuclear stockpiles.

He said he hoped disputes on putting the already-signed first agreement into effect could be worked out by week's end, opening the way for final negotiations on the nuclear treaty which would be signed later at a U.S.-Soviet summit in Moscow.

State Department officials had expressed disappointment about talks in Washington with the Kremlin's most senior military official, Gen. Mikhail Moiseyev, but Bush said his own meeting with Moiseyev gave reason for optimism.

Admitted Killer Gets Death Penalty From Jury in Utah

COALVILLE, Utah (AP) — A jury late Wednesday gave admitted killer Von Lester Taylor the death penalty on each of two counts first-degree murder in the December slayings of two women during a cabin burglary.

The 3rd District Court jury deliberated about 4 1/2 hours before delivering its verdicts to Judge Frank Noel shortly after 5 p.m. Jurors had begun deliberations at 12:30, charged with deciding on either death or life in prison for Taylor.

"I'm very happy. I know now that Taylor won't be able to do this to any other family," said Linae Tiede, who witnessed the slayings of her mother and grandmother and was herself abducted by their assailants.

Taylor, a 26-year-old former Washington County resident, pleaded guilty May 1 to two counts of first-degree murder in the Dec. 22 killings of Kay Tiede, 49, of Humble, Texas, and her 76-year-old mother, Beth Potts, of Murray. In return for the plea, prosecutors dropped other felony charges.

Bush Says Now Is Time to Reinvent Schools' Classroom

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — President Bush sent Congress his request Wednesday for \$690 million worth of education revisions, saying, "It's time we got down to the business of inventing new schools for a new world."

"Our challenge now is one of reinventing the classroom," Bush said in remarks at the Saturn School of Tomorrow, a magnet school that he used as an example of his call to "break the mold" through innovative education techniques.

Bush has set six national goals for the nation's students — including increasing the high school graduation rate to 90 percent, making U.S. students first in the world in science and math, and making every adult literate — as part of his America 2000 strategy to revamp education.

"No one says it will be easy," he said, "but it's a battle for our future that we must and will win."

The White House sent to Capitol Hill Wednesday the legislative proposals to carry out Bush's plan, which includes \$690 million in spending, much of it for \$1 million seed grants to open prototype "New American schools."



STATE

Wilson Attacks Democrats' Planned Cut of Jail Funds

FOLSOM (AP) — Standing in front of the stone arch and iron gates of Folsom Prison, Gov. Pete Wilson on Wednesday condemned a Democratic proposal to cut \$320 million from the state prison budget as "a dangerously uncertain way to save money."

Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti disparaged the Republican governor's prison news conference as "a political media show." The democratic chairman of the Assembly's budget-writing Ways and Means Committee, John Vasconcellos, repeated his assertion that California is spending too much on prisons.

The \$320 million proposed cut in the \$3 billion prisons budget is part of a Democratic-sponsored alternative to Wilson's package of \$12.6 billion in new taxes and spending cuts.

But Wilson said prisons are already taking a \$100 million cut which will delay construction of one new prison, and that the additional cuts proposed by Democrats would reduce prison staff to dangerously inadequate levels and "place high-risk criminals back in the midst of potential victims."

Parents Arrested in Death of Infant Found Behind Salon

ORANGE (AP) — A couple who reported their 3-month-old Down's syndrome baby kidnapped last weekend were booked for investigation of murder after the child's body was found, police said Wednesday.

Police called Rocio Cazares Huerta and Oscar Aguilar Lezema in for questioning and arrested them late Tuesday, Sgt. Stan Gabel said.

A preliminary report indicated the baby died from "blunt-force trauma," said Sgt. Jim Hudson.

Cazares, 23, had told police that two men in a tan sedan grabbed the baby as she was on her way to a neighborhood supermarket Sunday night.

The baby, Yeni Lezema, was found dead early Monday behind a beauty salon on Tustin street, one block from where she was supposedly kidnapped.

Police said the baby suffered from Down's syndrome, a congenital disease which causes mental retardation and physical deformities which can range from mild to severe.

Man Gets Hungry, Bored, Comes Down From Bridge

LONG BEACH (AP) — A man climbed to the top of a 180-foot-tall bridge and sat there for more than 24 hours, forcing police to close the structure until he decided to come down Wednesday, authorities said.

Ralph John Whaley, 28, descended from the Gerald Desmond Bridge about 6 a.m. Wednesday after refusing earlier pleas from police and relatives, said police Lt. Hen Schack. He was taken to Harbor-UCLA Medical center for 72 hours' psychiatric observation, Schack said.

Police closed the bridge to traffic, forcing commuters to take alternate routes from Long Beach to Terminal Island, home to the Long Beach Naval Shipyard and Long Beach Naval Station.

Whaley had climbed to the bridge's pinnacle twice in 1989, police said.

He told officers Wednesday he was not contemplating suicide, but gave no explanation for his behavior.

"He got cold, got hungry and got bored. We suspect he wants to make some sort of statement," Schack said. "We asked him if he wanted to jump and he said, 'No, I'm not going to jump.'"

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Weather

The sun will break out through the previously overhanging clouds. Accompanying this burst will be a flush of campus-based literature threatening to make UCSB a new publishing capital. Paltoqaq is back, Spectrum is still chugging along, and eM Space should fit the stands as soon as the editor wakes up. Oh, and the *Inside Wave* just refuses to go away, and even gets a little better. And they got two things that we should have but didn't: A photo of the giant burrito roll, and 50 inches of Tony Pierce without a single instance of the 'F-word' (that's fuck).

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

High 70, low, 50 Tony loves everything now! Is it a phase?

Two More Bomb Threats Hit Campus

By Bonnie Bills
Staff Writer

Two bomb threats interrupted classes on Wednesday, angering students and teachers while forcing the temporary evacuation of Campbell Hall.

The first bomb threat came from an unidentified male caller, who told Campus Police officers Wednesday morning that a bomb would explode in Campbell Hall at 1:15 p.m.

The second threat, called into Chancellor Uehling's office around 1 p.m., claimed a bomb would explode in South Hall sometime between two and five Wednesday afternoon, according to Campus Police Lt. Bill Bean.

Campbell Hall was evacuated from 12:45 p.m. until 1:15 p.m., disrupting the first 15 minutes of Sociology 152, which was scheduled to have a human sexuality midterm.

Although South Hall was not evacuated, Campus Police posted a notice on all of the building's locked outer

doors that warned about the threat, and encouraged students and professors not to enter the building.

The man who called in the South Hall threat claimed to be a member of the Creative Underground Network of Truthful Sisters, a feminist organization responsible for several protests against sexism recently, according to staff in the Public Information Office. The caller for the Campbell Hall threat was anonymous.

The Campbell Hall threat may have been made by a student trying to get out of the midterm, according to Professor John Baldwin. A similar threat occurred last Friday when the midterm was scheduled to be given, he added.

"I think the university should refund some of our money for the classes we're missing — we're paying to be here," said junior accounting major Jeff Lawrence, whose South Hall class was cancelled.

"I think it's a shame we have to live under this fear. Some students were very upset (by the bomb threat) and literally went home crying," said Carmen Valencia, a coordinator in the South Hall file room.

Debate Clouds Future of 'Windamajig' Sculpture

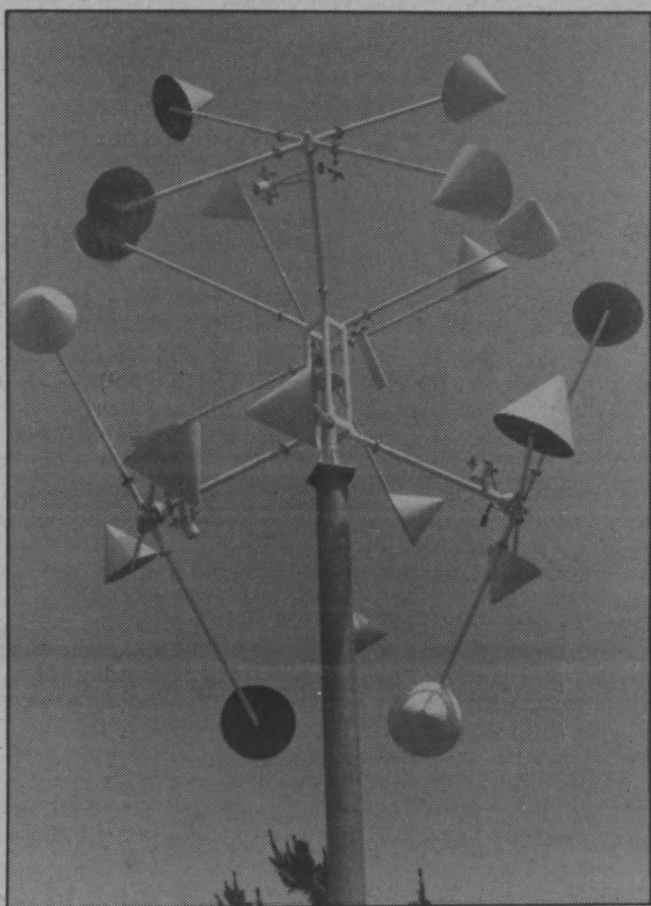
By Kenneth Klein
Reporter

The multi-armed "Windamajig" sculpture at Goleta Beach park has caught the public's ears and eyes recently, raising questions about its cost and just how appropriate it is in the sandy environment.

The sculpture was installed last October by artist George Rhoads. Owned by David Bermant, director of the David Bermant foundation of New York, the piece is made up of a concrete base with an attached pole, from which several arms marked with different colors spin out on all sides. Bells attached to the spinning arms chime with the wind.

The "Windamajig" stands next to the beach's playground, and is part of last year's People Using Light and Sound Energy II art exhibit. It was loaned to the county and installed at no cost by the foundation.

However, if the county wants to keep the piece, a \$10,000 price tag, as well as the cost for upkeep and maintenance come with it. The financial difficulties in-



DAVID POTTER/Daily Nexus

The chiming "Windamajig" sculpture at Goleta Beach is an eyesore (and an earsore) to some, but others say they really like it. The final decision on whether it will stay or go lies with the County Board of Supervisors.

involved have raised questions over whether the sculpture is worth the expense, and focused attention on the public's reactions to the piece.

"There is no money available, particularly during this time of very severe cutbacks in the county," Santa Barbara County Park Commissioner Judy Johnson said.

Due to alleged concerns raised by members of the community that the exhibit is unsightly, a public opinion poll regarding the "Windamajig" was supposed to be collected by the County Park Department over the last few months. The County Board of Supervisors would then have used

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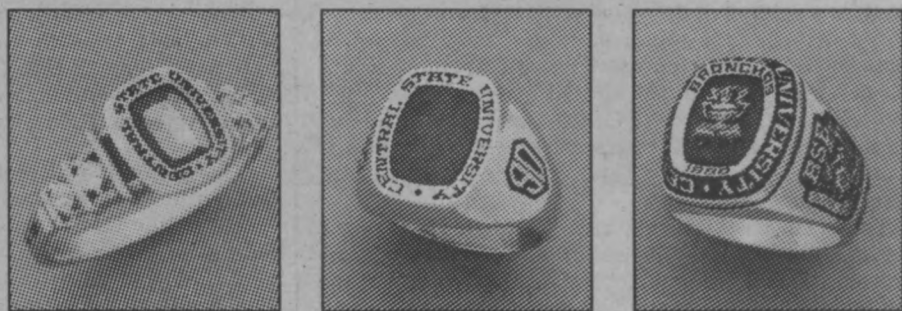
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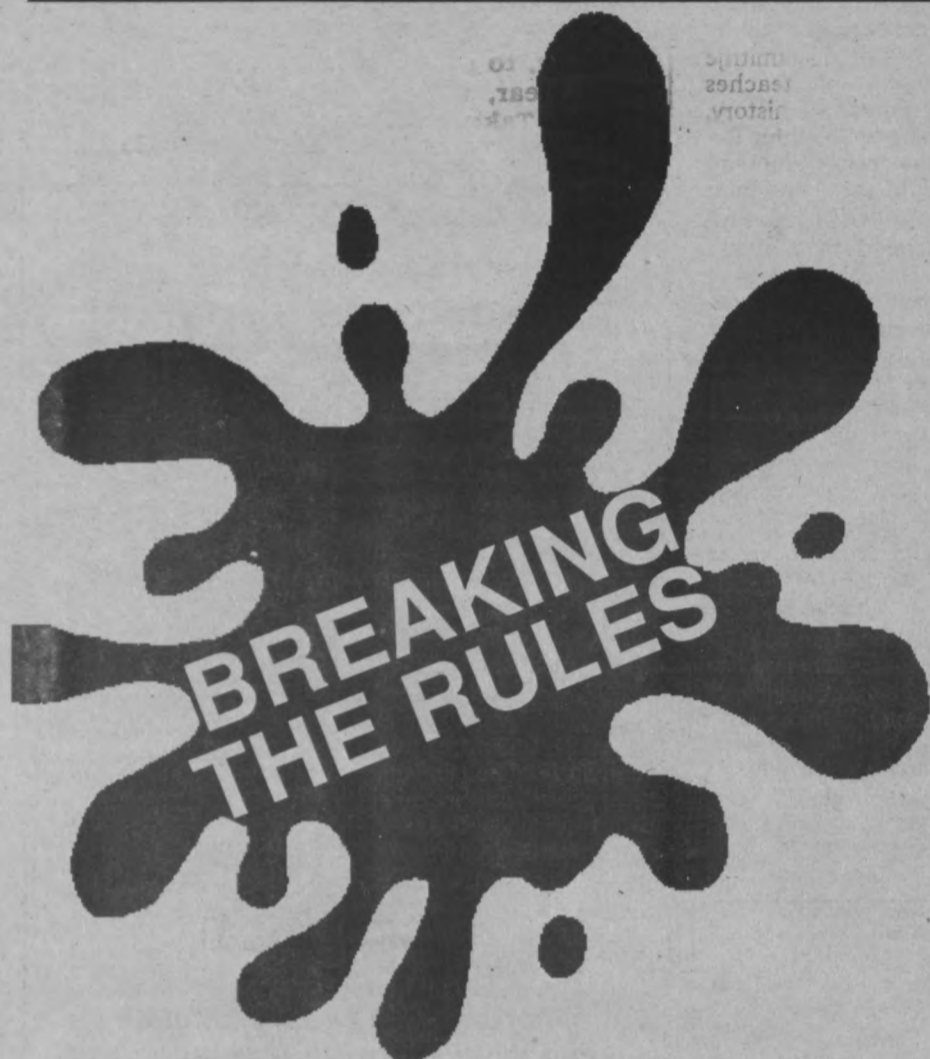


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FACULTY: Departures Hurt Languages, History

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be replaced, the department must prove that filling his or her post would further the goals of the university, and that the work load in the department demands new professors, he said.

For example, professors who teach General Education courses will be replaced, but upper-division classes will have to wait until the university has more money.

However, the process of deciding where those 18 professorships should go could take up to four years, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Gordon Hammes said.

As a stopgap measure to deal with so many faculty retiring at once, departments are being asked to hire temporary guest lecturers, to ask old staff to return as guests professors and to hire assistant professors at lower salaries, according to various department chairs.

"I'll be very surprised if we get the money to hire enough faculty members to fill all of the empty positions," history department Chair J. Sears McGee said.

The history department will be hit especially hard by the early retirements because, aside from the empty positions left by the retirees,

Budget Crisis Gives Push to Faculty Retirement Program

By Ellie Mason
Reporter

In response to the UC budget crisis, the Voluntary Early Retirement and Incentive Program now offers additional benefits to University professors who are approaching retirement age in order to save money.

"The program ... was a direct result of the University's need to meet with the budget problems of the coming year," Academic Senate Faculty Welfare Committee Chair Gene Lucas said.

"It was designed to encourage eligible faculty members to retire early and reap the benefits of an early retirement, and to also free up money for the budget," he said.

Faculty members who opted to retire early under this plan have gained up to an extra five years of "service credit." Under the plan, faculty members receive one year of bonus money toward their pension funds for every year of full-time work completed, UC Faculty Benefits Department official Bob Jennings said.

"Under the plan, the retirees benefit by receiving larger pensions without having to work, and the university benefits by being able to hire new faculty at cheaper wages," Jennings said.

UCSB Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Gordon Hammes explained that the plan allows departments to hire assistant professors at annual salaries of \$35,000, as opposed to full professors, who earn approximately \$70,000 a year.

Although the program was initially designed to help modernize the University by bringing up new faculty, the plan is now simply a means of getting funds to deal with the existing deficit problem, Hammes said.

six professors will also be on sabbatical next year.

"We have only been given enough funds to hire three guest lecturers for the coming year, and we have approximately 35 courses that need to be filled," McGee said.

McGee believes the Modern Europe section of the department faces possible problems because it will be losing Professor Dimitrije Djordjevic, who teaches Eastern European history, and Professor Joachim Remak, who teaches modern German history. Professor Immanuel Hsu, who teaches modern Chinese history, is also retiring.

Hammes said, however, that the current problems are temporary, predicting that they will be solved within the next few years.

"Next year will be problematic because we may have to recall a lot of faculty or to hire temporary faculty to teach some of the important classes," Hammes said. "After that we will have at least a third of the faculty replenished."



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than \$2 billion to stand idle while violating state and federal laws and depriving the partners of constitutional rights.

Three offshore platforms on federal leases, two pipelines, an onshore processing plant and a marine terminal were built after the county made many decisions between 1984 and 1988 that authorized the project, the suit says.

The partners complain that the county adopted ordinances allowing the crude to be transported to Los Angeles-area refineries by tanker but then misapplied the ordinances to deny use of tankers.

They contend the county-supported plan for moving the oil by pipelines is not feasible for economic and environmental reasons.

Zimmer, however, said the companies have known since 1985 that they would have to use a pipeline, and tankering could only be considered under strict findings of a lack of pipeline availability or capacity.

County officials believe an existing pipeline could carry 40,000 barrels a day, the attorney said, but the companies have not accepted an offer which would allow them to transport the excess oil by tanker if they agree to use the pipeline.

Oil companies among the Point Arguello partners include Chevron USA, and units of Texaco, Phillips, Pennzoil, Union Pacific Resources, Oryx, Koch, Simmons, Oxbow and Harvest, as well as three pipeline companies.

Tuesday that the "Windamajig" decision will be delayed until June 18. In the meantime the sculpture will stay just where it is.

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the results to decide the fate of the "Windamajig."

However, according to Second District County Park Commissioner Pam Strickland, the county lacked the funding to take such poll.

An informal poll of 50 people taken at Goleta beach Monday by a Daily Nexus reporter — who asked whether the "Windamajig" should stay or go — revealed that 28 of those polled wanted to get rid of the sculpture. However, 22 people were in favor of keeping the piece on the beach.

"It is not appropriate for a natural habitat, it offends my aesthetic sensibilities, let's get it out of here today," said Goleta resident Dale de Bow, who spends every morning jogging on the beach.

The supervisors decided

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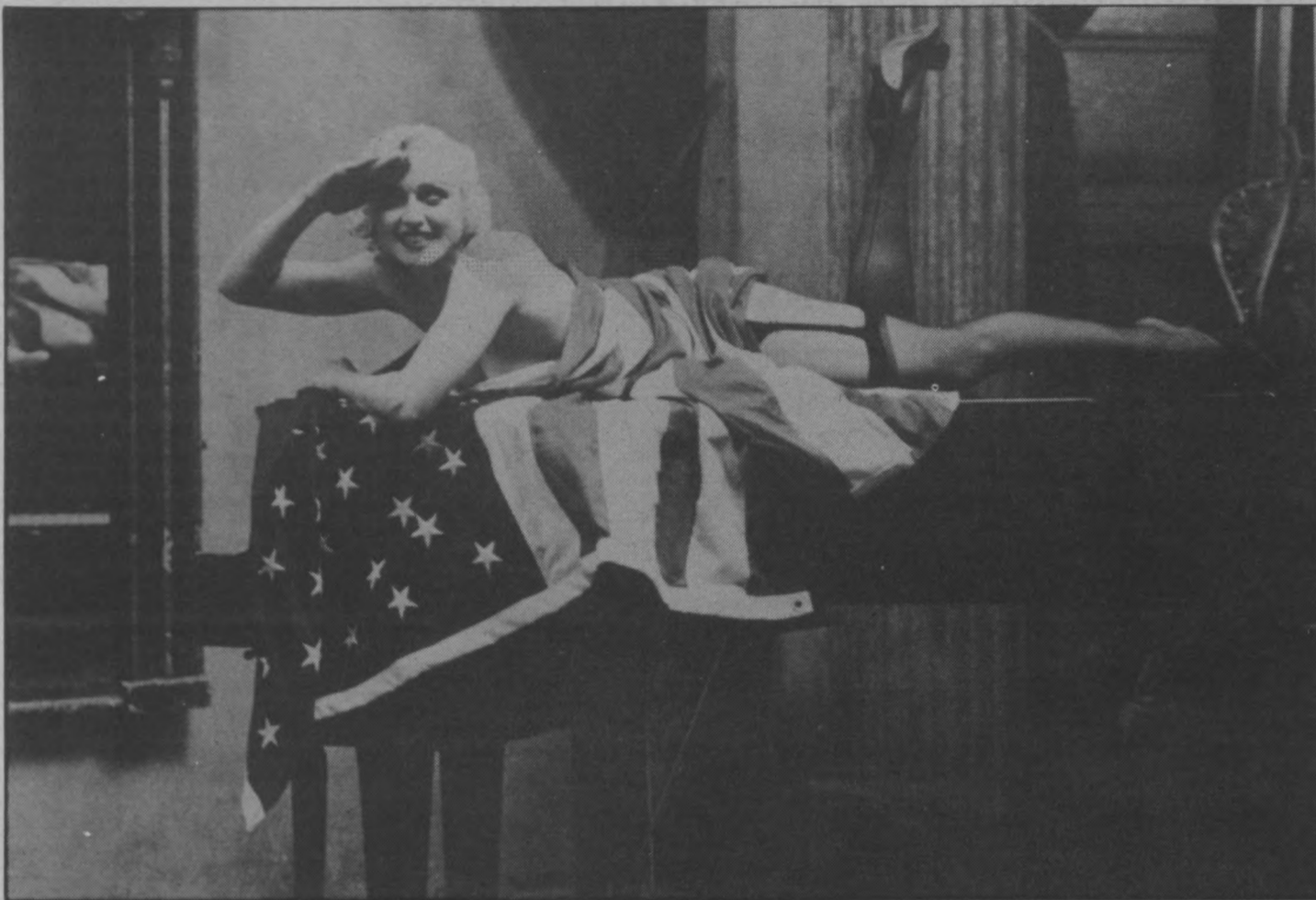
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OPINION

"A woman who cannot be ugly is not beautiful."

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Madonna Figure

Editorial

Madonna — normally not a subject debated in the halls of academia. Normally a subject reserved for the stuff of pop magazines and entertainment talk shows. Normally considered little more than a pop star. But Madonna is not the normal pop star.

Currently on the cover of newspapers and magazines, Madonna has once again proven herself to be symbolic of Western pop culture. And as such, she should be examined. For nearly a decade this performer has ridden the tide of media idolatry and not only ridden it, but has seemingly done the impossible — taken its reins and directed it. She decides how it will carry her, portray her, record her. Madonna is clearly a creature of control. A creature of control.

Madonna uses her chameleon charms to change faces and persona. Each new costume enables her to escape pigeonholing, forcing us to wonder what she will turn up as next. And in doing so, she has managed to keep the limelight glowing, and to hold us captivated at the same time.

The many faces of Madonna have also allowed her to escape stereotype. Yet, many of her critics charge that she has exploited stereotypes, female stereotypes, for profit. She presents herself as the Boy Toy, a whore. She sells sex. But what society is coming to know is that it is the buyer who must beware. Madonna is in control.

Critics argue that Madonna sells herself in the face of the gains made by the feminist movement. That she has prostituted herself in order to make it in male-dominated society. Her use of sex-goddess stereotypes are antithetical to true feminism.

As Madonna might say, "Fuck that!"

She has, if anything, strengthened the meaning of feminism. She has refused to hide her gender, or

to see it as a handicap. She glorifies qualities that were once considered characteristics of the 'weaker' sex, demonstrated that real women can have curves and at the same time wield power.

In the late 1960s, when the feminist movement was entering a vocal stage, the ideal look was exemplified by Twiggy. She was an adolescent figure — more boyish than girlish. In the '80s, powerful women were expected to dress like men: pinstriped business suits, a red power scarf round the neck and sensible shoes. Shoulder pads were thought to make women more 'manly' and thus, more 'competent.' All through this period, a 'womanly' body was seen as a hindrance. How could any woman with cleavage expect herself to be taken seriously, after all?

Madonna spent the '80s kicking this misconception in the ass. A woman didn't have to try to look like a man in order to be successful. Her refusal to allow 'feminine' costumes to be seen as something frivolous has destroyed the concept that 'reasonable' women are not interested in sex. Madonna has set out to prove that a woman can be a genius at business and still enjoy sex. She has also made it clear that it's OK for a woman to desire a man, or another woman — sexuality is a matter of personal choice.

Madonna has ridden the top of the media wave because she does not allow herself to fall back on tired images. She recreates herself, borrowing from old, in order to become entirely original. Comparable to no one. She does not allow herself to become victimized or used. She does what she wants to do. And no matter what topic Madonna chooses to address — and subsequently lead the media to — she has always made it clear that the "Boy Toy" label is an ironic joke — for she is in control.

Know the Pov

Julie Taylor

To Greg Maier,

I believe that your opinion column on language and political correctness reflects both an ignorance of or an insensitivity to the issues of both people of color and women. You claim "persons of color" cannot decide what they are because they have, over time, decided to claim or reject labels such as Negro, Colored or Hispanic. Perhaps you should look into the origins of those terms and the ties terms have to colonization and systematic discrimination. The power of language cannot simply be dismissed or denied in the abstract, platonic fashion you propose.

Many African-Americans are choosing to identify themselves this way because the term encompasses both their African and American inheritances. Whereas the label "Black" groups millions of people globally into one category according to skin color, the term African-American reflects a more specific history and culture. Indeed, Greg, African-Americans and other people of color do know who they are and that is why many reject terms reminiscent of the "Jim Crow" era such as "Negro" and "colored." Those terms were applied to Black people in the United States when they lived under the "separate but equal" farce which legalized segregation.

Isn't freedom of speech when people of color and women decide to speak for themselves in their terms? Isn't censorship when U.S. history is only described in terms of white Euro-Americans?

Lumping all people who have Latin American heritage under the term "Hispanic" may be fine with you, but for many Latinos the term "Hispanic" is erroneous and problematic. Since Spaniards and Portuguese raped and colonized Latin America, why would Latin American peoples want to continue to be known in terms of them? Or should we white folks be the ones to decide what they call themselves? After all, according to the logic of your article, aren't we all the same anyway?

The voices of people of color and of women are finally starting to be heard in this country and the reaction from some whites is to label them militant and police-like and to use buzz-words such as "McCarthyism." Isn't freedom of

Of Course I Knew
Thou
Shalt Not Steal
But No One Ever Said
Anything About A Little
Shoplifting

Mike Scott

"What do you mean I'm under arrest?!"

Shoplifting? My mind was reeling. What have I done? This can't be right, I thought. I'm supposed to be a bright, promising student with the world in front of me — I am not a criminal. Criminals are bad people. They carry guns, hurt people, steal from people.

Oh, wait a minute, that's right — stealing is a crime. Of course it is, but I always thought that meant stealing a car or someone's wallet or something like that. Good God, I would never do that, so why am I being treated like a criminal, a thief? Shoplifting can't be in the same category because it deals with faceless companies that get ripped off all the time. Nobody gets hurt, I'm not a thief, right?

That is what I used to think.

Let me explain what all this is about. You see, I was walking home one night, when I decided to stop in at the Com-

I noticed that nobody was looking in my direction. That's when the thought crossed my mind to steal the CDs I was looking at. However, the word "steal" never entered my mind: nor the idea of stealing, nor the consequences involved. Candidly, if I thought of anything, I thought of it as some kind of challenge.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



pact Disc and Tape Store. You know, the one on Pardall; the one right across from the I.V. Foot Patrol office. It has been there all year, but I had never gone inside. So I thought I would go in and take a look around, maybe buy a new CD. As I flipped through the selections, I noticed that nobody was looking in my direction. That's when the thought crossed my mind to steal the CDs I was looking at. How-

Power of Words: Labels Do Have Significance

Laura B. Johnson

This column is a response to Greg Maier's May 15 column "Why Should We Allow Words to Get in the Way":

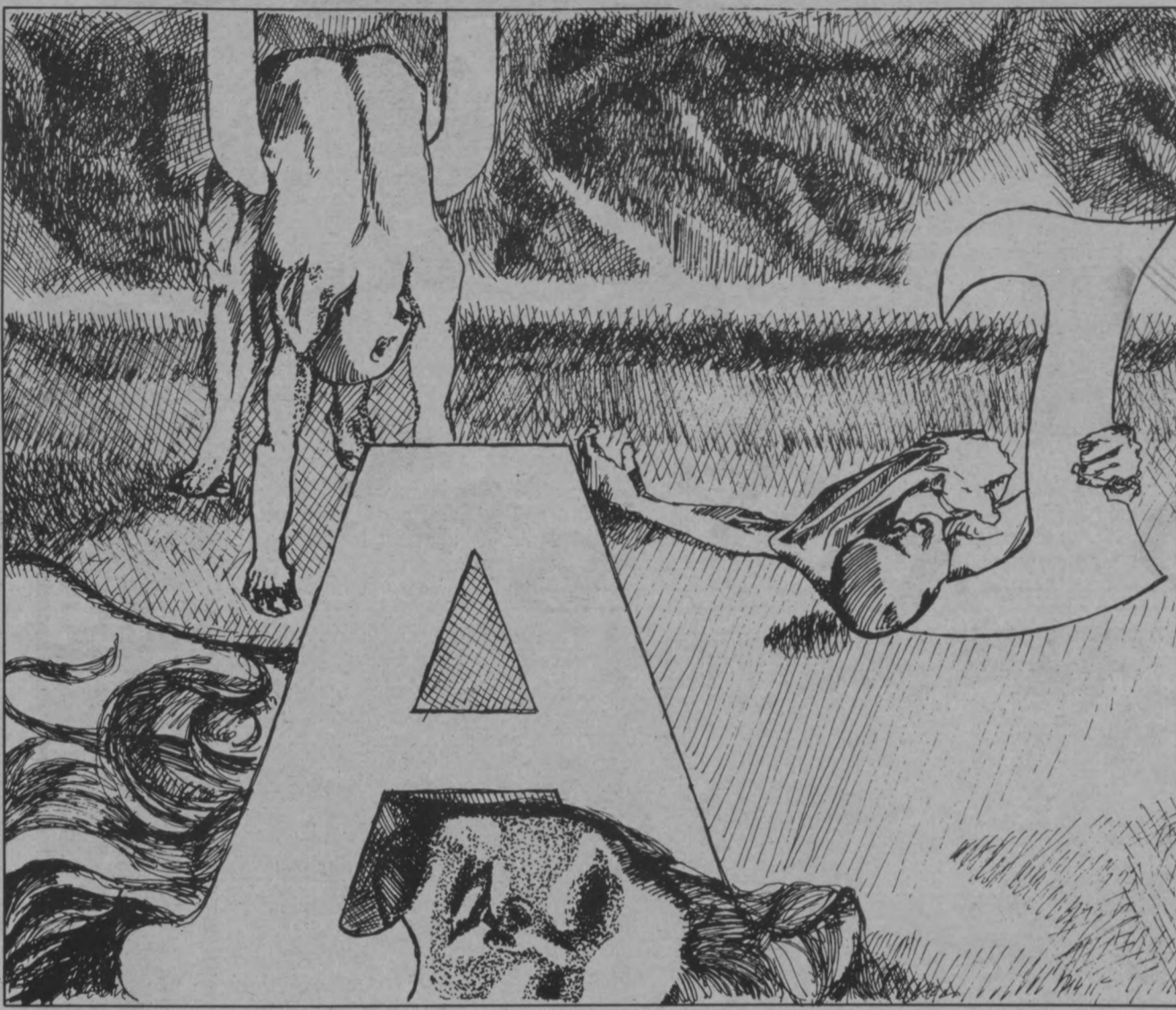
Maybe you're right, Greg. Maybe all of us African-American/Black/Negro/Colored/"Niggers" should just shut up. Perhaps we Chicano/Mexican-American/Hispanic/"Wetbacks" should quit hollering about silly semantics. What does it matter that all these Disabled/Handicapped/Incompetent/"Side-show Freaks" and Womyn/Women/Females/Hysterical Bitches want the simple human dignity to name ourselves? After all, what's in a name anyway?

If you can't understand why marginalized groups are sick and tired of being described solely in terms of a society that built its empire on their backs, then you need to go and educate yourself. Instead of wasting your time writing inflammatory editorials directed at us alleged minorities, there is a wealth of knowledge in the Black Studies and Chicano Studies libraries that *you* could be learning about. You also have the Women's Center at your disposal, right around the corner from your office. Go pick up a book on feminist theory. Go read a journal or book or something that addresses the subject of colonialism and its psychological effects on the colonized.

Or perhaps this is too much. Since you are a student trying to get an education, maybe your time is too precious to waste. If that is the attitude you take, and from your article, that's what it seems, then you have nothing to say about the importance of dumb old words. You see, it is sentiment like yours that impedes the process of true communication and dialogue. It has nothing to do with the "PC Police" or any other false construct of the white supremacist guilt-ridden imagination. It has everything to do with knowing your history and of whom you speak.

But you know, on second thought, maybe you'd learn more by simply calling the wrong person by the wrong name. With an attitude like yours, I'd be real careful. If you insist on going around saying whatever it is you please, addressing groups of people with offensive terminology, you just might get a hold of some baaad brother or sister — one who doesn't care about your display of ignorance, but only that you called them what they did not want to be called. Then you can come back and write your opinion about the meaningless of the abstract concept of words. You know, the more I think about it, it just might be worth your while to listen to the PC Police after all.

Laura B. Johnson, a junior majoring in religious studies, is a Nexus staff member.

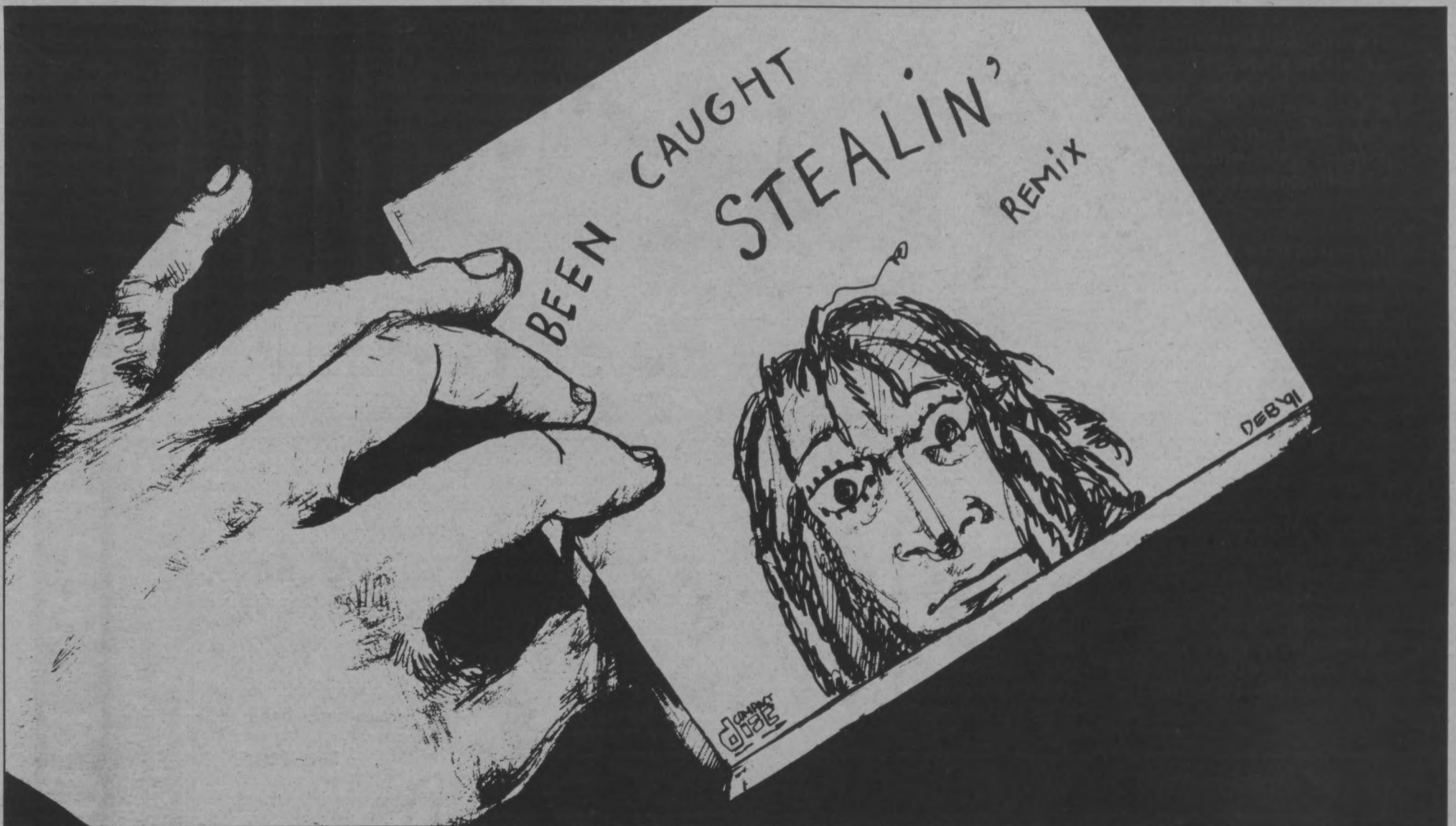


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speech when people of color and women decide to speak for themselves in their terms? Isn't censorship when U.S. history is only described in terms of white Euro-Americans? Is it you, a white writer of a white-dominated newspaper, who will decide what terms are frivolous and which are expedient and acceptable?

You have the right to say what you want. We, those of us who are African-American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, Asian, Native American and women, have the right to disagree — loudly.

Julie Taylor, a senior majoring in religious studies, is a Nexus staff member.



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ever, the word "steal" never entered my mind: nor the idea of stealing, nor the consequences involved. Candidly, if I thought of anything, I thought of it as some kind of challenge — the "let's see what I can get away with" sort of mentality.

Needless to say, I didn't get away with anything. Not anything except a soiled record and perhaps some soiled shorts. Not only was I unaware that the sales clerk was casually watching every move I made, but a Foot Patrol Officer was even on to me from across the street. You would be amazed at how those people can see around the curve, so to speak. While you may think you are being sly, others see a neon sign that says "thief" flashing over your head.

The next thing I know, I have been shuffled into the Foot Patrol office. Then into a smaller room in the back were I am

advised of my rights and sit through a lengthy interrogation, all the while in complete disbelief. I can remember thinking that this kind of thing could never happen to me. Then again, I suppose those are among the most famous of last words.

Please understand that my goal here is not to preach to you the concepts of right and wrong. That was your parents' job a long time ago. However, what I would like to do is make everyone aware of the serious consequences of shoplifting. In my case, I have been informed that the maximum penalty for a shoplifting *misdemeanor* is \$500 AND six months in jail, and in case you were wondering, I had a perfectly clean record before this. On the other hand, if I had walked into the store with the intent to steal something (in advance), the crime would become burglary, a *felony*. Even

if my jail sentence is suspended, I will be placed on probation for three years — that is a long time to be walking on eggshells. Also, if someone that is with you is aware of your intentions to steal, whether they are involved or not, they will be arrested with you; same charges. The most striking effect of all this is that for the rest of my life, on job application forms, formal resumes, etc., I will have to admit guilt to one of the most embarrassing questions, which essentially asks, "are you a thief?"

I hope that your response to this article is not "this guy's dumb for getting caught," but "this guy was dumb for stealing in the first place," because, believe me, sooner or later you are going to get caught, and the store owners, especially in Isla Vista, will prosecute. I know.

Mike Scott is a UCSB student.

Irate Motorcyclists Vow to Take New Helmet Law to Court

By Jason Ross
Staff Writer

Undaunted by passage of California's first law requiring motorcycle riders to wear helmets, local bikers opposed to the new statute are regrouping for a legal fight they promise will be a doozy.

"The battle is not over," said Jim Garret, President of the local chapter of American Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education, a biker's advocacy group that has fought the bill.

"We're going to do a constitutional challenge in court, and we're going to get a judge to do a restraining order on the enforcement of the law while we're in court," Garret said. "For once this convoluted legal system is going to help us."

Garret said A.B.A.T.E. would seek to reverse the law through the initiative process if the legal avenue did not work.

The law, signed by Gov. Pete Wilson on Monday, requires all riders of motorized cycles to wear safety helmets or risk a \$100 first-time fine. Two similar bills were vetoed by former Gov. George Deukmejian.

"Helmets aren't going to reduce accidents. Only training and experience will."

Kurt Jahnke

A.B.A.T.E. membership chairman

A.B.A.T.E. and other biker organizations claim the law infringes on riders' freedom to choose, and may actually make riding more dangerous for bikers who have trouble seeing and hearing with a helmet on.

A.B.A.T.E. membership chairman Kurt Jahnke pointed out that the plastic face visors of some helmets can become virtual blindfolds when they fog up from moisture in the air or even the rider's breath.

"Helmets aren't going to reduce accidents," Jahnke said, "Only training and experience will."

A.B.A.T.E. supports extensive motorcycle training programs, which they say have reduced the number of accidents in California over the last several years.

Garret predicted that a court battle over the constitutionality of the law will require a test case, which won't be possible until the California Highway Patrol begins enforcing the law next spring after a 90-day grace period.

But the California Highway Patrol, which supported the bill through its passage, claims that helmets are something that every rider could benefit from, whether they know it or not.

"Their personal opinion goes against all the statistical and scientific evidence there is about helmets," CHP spokesman Steve Kohler said, in response to claims that helmets can increase the danger of riding motorcycles.

Characterizing motorcycle riders as "free spirits," Kohler said, "I think what they're doing is responding in a way that is not logical but emotional."

Both sides have produced conflicting statistical information on the impact of helmet laws in the 22 states which currently require helmets.

A.B.A.T.E. claims that training programs in California are responsible for the decrease in motorcycle fatalities in the last three years, a decrease that has not occurred in the so-called "helmet-law states."

They also claim that accidents and fatalities on motorcycles have been higher in helmet law states than non-helmet law states in the past three years.

But the CHP claims there has been "an immediate and significant decrease in fatalities in states that passed helmet laws."

Staffers Attend Forum On Sexual Harrassment In Office Environment

By Christine Edwards
Reporter

UCSB faculty and administrators gathered at a sexual harassment workshop Tuesday to discuss the ramifications of the issue and the campus policies addressing it.

The forum, which was entitled "Shades of Gray" and sponsored by the Women's Center, was aimed at increasing understanding of the sometimes vague definition of sexual harassment in the university.

"It depends on what you think is bad," said Farfalla Borah, coordinator of the Sexual Harassment Prevention Program. "It can range from comments in the classroom to physical assault in the office. ... It all depends on your perspective."

During the two-hour workshop, attended by a handful of campus employees and one student, forum-goers viewed two nationally circulated sexual harassment videos and reviewed copies of UCSB's Interim Policy on Sexual Harassment, a permanent version of which is currently in the works.

According to one of the videos, sexual harassment is a formidable national problem, with 8,000 women leaving federal jobs in the last two years due to sexual harassment. In the past two years alone, the problem has cost the federal government \$189 million in lawsuits, court-awarded back pay and unemployment compensation, the video said.

It is only through increased education, understanding of the problem and improvement of policies that the growing issue of sexual harassment can be clarified and dealt with, forum organizers said.

"'Shades of Gray' is a catching title when dealing with subtle sexual harassment issues. I don't feel there is an overwhelming problem here, but there are subtle (sexual harassment) innuendos perhaps some are unaware of," said one UCSB faculty member at the event.

Saying that the facts in the case are still not clear, Borah specifically asked participants that they not discuss the current situation involving College of Letters and Science Provost David Sprecher, who was forced out of office by a complaint alleging sexual misconduct in the workplace.



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Just Rewards

Recipients of the Margaret Getman Award for work with students ham it up for the camera. And the winners are ... (r-l): Charley Garcia, Student Affairs Officer, EOP Chicano Component; Ombudsman Geoffrey Wallace; and Rhonda Levine, Program of Intensive English Lecturer, English as a Second Language Coordinator. Margaret Getman (left) lent her name to the award.

Borah maintained that sexual harassment is very much an issue at the university. "The policy exists because there is a public pervasiveness across the campus. ... (Sexual harassment) does occur on the campus and it must stop."

Too many facts, too much news, sometimes the best thing is just to relax with a big cup of caffiene bearing liquid and an issue of eM Space.

Rain Added Fuel to Fire Hazards

By Aaron Rudger
Staff Writer

Gusty winds and drought conditions have left Santa Barbara's back country more vulnerable to fire devastation than last summer, when the Painted Cave Fire scorched thousands of acres in the Santa Ynez mountains.

The "miracle rains" of March, credited for alleviating part of the five-year drought, caused dormant seeds to produce large amounts of weeds and grasses which fire experts fear will dry into a volatile tinderbox within weeks.

"The situation this year is rather bad. Our concern is with the extremely high production of light fuels," said Santa Barbara Fire Department Captain John Olson.

Compared to the area where the Painted Cave Fire began, the amount of light fuel in the chaparral surrounding Santa Barbara and Goleta has far exceeded what firefighters dealt with last

June.

Light fuels include assorted weeds and grasses that are highly combustible. As the first rung on the "fire ladder," light fuels are easily ignited and, given the right weather, can burn at speeds of 80 miles per hour, Olson said.

To combat the potential danger, the U.S. Forest Service has limited campfires in the Los Padres National Forest to campsites, and will most likely ban the use of any campfires in the area by July, U.S. Forest Service Public Affairs Officer Earl Clayton said. The ban will stay in effect until the danger subsides, he added.

The Forest Service has also added an additional air tanker and helicopter to their firefighting arsenal in preparation for the coming fire season, Clayton said.

According to Olson, Isla Vista residents should not be too wary of danger posed to houses and apartments by open fields because the county weed abatement programs have cleared most of the brush from areas close to buildings.

GANDHI

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tions. Fourteen other people were killed in the incident.

Sanjit Singh, a senior and member of the Indus Association, called the incident "a real shocker," adding, "It's really hard for people who are first-generation (Indian-Americans like Singh) to understand the full implications of it."

Computer science graduate student Keval Besai, who is from Bombay, said, "It seems that the bombing was to cause unrest because of the election."

Electrical and computer engineering graduate student K. Giridhar speculated that the assassination could be the work of Tamil militants angered by Gandhi's withdrawal of support for their independence move-

ment in the island nation of Sri Lanka and his decision to attack Tamil rebel bases in southern India.

Giridhar, who is from Tamil Nadu, the province where the bombing occurred, said that "law and order has deteriorated" since 1989, when the Tamils became active there.

Physics graduate student Raghavan Rangarajan, who is also from Bombay, was matter-of-fact about the bombing, discussing the future of the Congress-I Party and the elections.

Rangarajan said that the fact that the Congress-I Party had offered the party leadership to Gandhi's wife, Sonia, could be problematic since she is Italian. The Indian people "are not really going to accept a foreign prime minister," he said.

However, Rangarajan doubts that she will accept the post. "It would seem

very unlikely that she would accept since she has been aloof from politics," he said.

All three Indian students predicted a strong sympathy vote for the Congress-I Party in the next rounds of elections, as happened in 1984 after Gandhi's mother, Indira, was murdered by Sikhs angry over her crack-down on their independence movement in the Punjab region.

UCSB religious studies Professor Gerald Larson agreed with Besai that Gandhi was probably killed by a terrorist group to disrupt the election, since Gandhi and the Congress-I Party appeared to be likely to gain a large percentage of the seats in Parliament. The first phase of the election was on Monday, but the second phase of the election has been postponed until mid-June.

Shooting For A Title

Derek Gilchrist Enters
The NCAA Regionals
With Hopes of Yet
Another Trophy

BY MARK BRUBAKER, Staff Writer

It's hard to believe the UCSB golf team's number-one player almost didn't make the team his freshman year, but nearly three years later, it's even harder to think of Derek Gilchrist without a trophy in his hand.

A junior, Gilchrist won three of the 12 tournaments he entered this year for a gaudy winning percentage of .250, unheard of in college golf.

As a freshman, Gilchrist averaged 81 shots per round, all the while doubting his ability.

"I had no confidence when I was a freshman, basically," the geography major said. "Really, I was just intimidated by everyone. One of my problems was being afraid a lot, being afraid to hit bad shots. I've had to fight that and I still do."

Realizing that he needed some help with his game, Gilchrist turned to his coach at the time, Dave Atchison, and later to current UCSB Coach Topper Owen, to work on both the physical and mental aspects of the game. While Atchison's emphasis was on the physical, Owen's is on the psychological — an equally important part of the game. From Owen, Gilchrist learned confidence and took a more self-assured attitude on the course, discovering how to keep pressure from getting to him.

"When you get in a situation to win a tournament, you need to be able to relax somehow. A few years ago, there's no way. I'd get nervous if we're playing the last hole for a dollar or something," Gilchrist said. "In the tournaments I've won this year, I haven't been nervous. Top-

per has been a big help with the mental side of the game."

Gilchrist also learned the importance of practice, putting in more and more time each year. It is no coincidence that the most successful golfer on the team was also the only one practicing up until the minute he left for this weekend's NCAA regionals. While the rest of the team was busy packing for their trip to Albuquerque, Gilchrist was at the driving range, fine-tuning his game for the most important tournament of his young career.

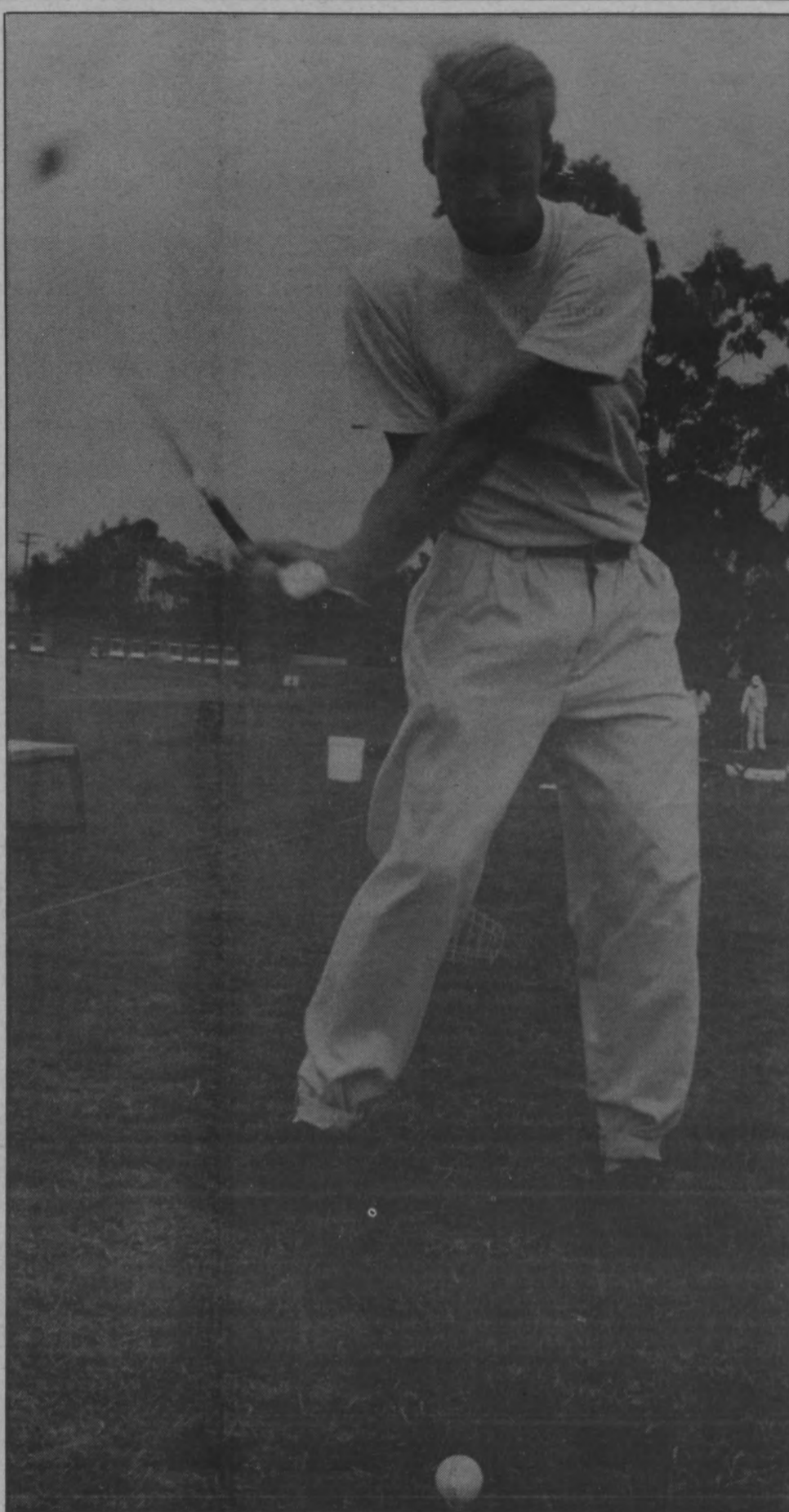
"I've been trying to make the guys realize that if you practice a lot, good things happen. The times I practice the most, I get better luck," he said.

Gilchrist is certainly the hard-working, quiet type. The last thing he wants to talk about is his accomplishments. Even when he does talk about what he has done, he shyly looks away and nervously swings a golf club back and forth. He even claims that this year was the first time he knew that he really had a talent for the game of golf.

"He has his way of getting the job done in a confident, but not cocky, way," Owen said. "He is humble and not inflated or pumped up. Success hasn't changed him; he's still a real team player."

In fact, Gilchrist talks much more easily about the team's accomplishments than his own. When asked about his goals for next year, Gilchrist's first response was about seeing the team do well.

With any athlete's newfound success, there is a chance that the athlete can become arrogant and act



DAVID POTTER/Daily Nexus

CARRYING A BIG STICK — Derek Gilchrist's swing has won him three tournaments already this year, but now he is looking toward the NCAA Regionals this weekend.

superior to those around him or her. Gilchrist, however, is the kind of person who guards himself from such an attitude.

"I'd like to think that I haven't become cocky. I try to be really conscious of that, and I try to stay down to earth," he said.

"I've seen guys who start playing well and they think they're way above you and they won't give

you the time of day. That's just not cool to think you're better than everybody else. I know how intimidated I felt when I was younger," he added, "so if I act like I'm better than the other guys, that just doesn't help."

Being far from intimidated now, Gilchrist puts fear in the hearts of other golfers. Going into this season's Big West Tourna-

ment, Gilchrist was the odds-on favorite for the Big West Player of the Year Award. Things didn't go as planned though, and Gilchrist finished 18 shots off the lead. UNLV's Warren Schutte won the tournament and Player of the Year honors.

"We were pretty much tied so I think if I would

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Regionals

Golfers Shoot For A Trip to Finals

By Mark Brubaker
Staff Writer

UCSB golf Head Coach Topper Owen sees this week's NCAA regionals as another opportunity, not an accomplishment.

"We have an opportunity to stand up and go play," the second-year coach said. "And chances are, if we do it 100 percent, we can advance to the finals."

To do that, the Gauchos will have to finish in the top nine of the 18 teams in the West Regional Tournament, which will take place today through Saturday at the University of New Mexico Golf Course, and feature some of the top teams around. Arizona State, with sensation Phil Mickelson, will be there, as will top-20 Arizona, UNLV and Texas-El Paso.

This is the second time this year that UCSB has travelled to New Mexico. The last time, junior Derek Gilchrist walked away with the individual title at the Coca-Cola New Mexico State Invitational last October. Since then, Gilchrist has won two more tournaments and been named first team All-Big West. With a strong showing in Albuquerque, Gilchrist could increase his chances of making the All-America team.

"I'm reasonably confident that he'll be named All-American," Owen said.

The Gauchos have struggled of late, finishing eighth in the Big West Tournament last month in Long Beach. Back then, Gilchrist finished 18 shots off the lead and blew his chance at being named Big West Player of the Year. Still, practices have been going well and hopes are running high.

"Right now we're playing pretty good. I think this is the best we've played — the five of us all together. I can't remember us all playing this well," Gilchrist said.

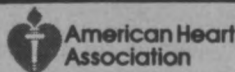
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GILCHRIST: All Pro

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have beaten him, I probably would have won it, but maybe not." Gilchrist said with his normal humility. "I faced him twice and I was 1-1 against him, so we were dead even going into the conference tournament. That's when I realized how important the postseason is. I was a little disappointed, but it's not like I got screwed. He went out there and beat me."

Since realizing the importance of the postseason, Gilchrist knows it will take a strong showing in the NCAA's this year for him to be named as an All-American. Owen has stated that he is "reasonably confident" that Gilchrist will be named to the team, but Gilchrist is taking nothing for granted.

"I've been told by different people that I already

have second team (All-American) locked up, but I think I'd have to make the finals to make first team." No matter what individual accolades Gilchrist collects, his contribution to the team has been one of his most important achievements. It is safe to say that without his spectacular showing this year, the Gauchos would not be in the NCAA Regionals.

As for the future, Gilchrist has one more year at UCSB and then hopes to turn pro. He is looking toward the 1992 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach for his baptism into professional golf. Gilchrist certainly has the tools to compete on the PGA tour, and anyone who knows him will tell you — he could win that U.S. Open and still stop to give you the time of day.

GOLF

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Also making the trip to Albuquerque are David Bartman and Jay Guittard, the same squad that gave UCSB its only team victory of the year: a title at the Pacific Coast Invitational in Santa

Barbara last January. Owen, too, is optimistic about the Gauchos' chances of making it to the NCAA finals. "We have to be on our metal and we can't leave anything in the bag. If we don't play half-hearted we should expect to qualify (for the finals)."

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ELECTION

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won't raise the fees anyway," he said. "It's really surprising that students overlooked the Faculty and Course Evaluation Survey for 15 cents and voted for the health center at \$12," he added. The FACES initiative was the only constitutional lock-in that was not approved, falling far short of

the two-thirds vote needed, with just over 50 percent. Organizers will have to rely on the A.S. funding and university grants which they are currently receiving. Six of the seven constitutional amendments proposed on the ballot were passed, with the publicity and distribution proposal falling short by only .6 percent of the vote. All of the reaffirmations were approved with resounding support from

students. Kanemoto was pleased that this round of elections has finally come to a close. "I'm just so glad it's over," he said. He believes that two types of voters showed up to cast their ballots during the election. One bunch "felt guilty about not voting in the general election, and (the other) showed up for the Blow-Pop incentive," he said. A.S. Executive Director

Tamara Scott attributed the successful voter turnout to a combination of factors, including "the greater general knowledge of the issues." Senior geography major Ty Shalley said he voted because of the lock-in measures, especially the bike shop. "I was walking to school, I had 15 minutes, and there it was — the polling tent. So I voted. And I got a sucker, which was nice," he said.

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UCSB Alumni Tell About Life As Teachers In A Foreign Land

Editor's Note: Former Nexus editor Tonya Graham-Silva has been living in Osaka, Japan and teaching English since September 1990. This is the first of two articles about teaching English and living in Japan.

OSAKA, Japan — While some in the United States are sure there's absolutely nothing Japan imports, there's one commodity that is unquestionably Big Business here; it commands a high price, is in constant demand and Japanese are solely dependent on Westerners for it — native speakers of English.

More than 35,000 Westerners currently teach English in Japan, with most coming from the U.S., Canada, England, Australia and New Zealand. Most have little or no actual teaching experience, but almost all quickly find jobs as English conversation instructors in either public or private language schools, Japanese companies or by giving private lessons. Most employers maintain only one basic requirement: a diploma, in any subject, from a four-year university.

"The major field of study is not a primary factor in hiring English language teachers," according to the Japan-U.S. Educational Commission. "The attitude still prevails that any native speaker can teach his own language, and what matters is that the foreign teacher be reliable and sincere."

For most schools, personalities are more important than credentials. The "successful teacher," according to *A Guide to Teaching English in Japan*, is conversant in many subjects, has a broad educational background, some travel experience, is friendly and outgoing, has a natural curiosity and has some familiarity with Japanese culture, or at least a willingness to learn.

But why the high demand for native English speakers? A look at Japan's educational system, as well as its efforts at "internationalization," offers some clues.

More than half of Japan's population has studied English for at least three years, and among today's young people that number is usually six years or more. Many university entrance exams include difficult tests on written English, and most universities require further English study as part of general educational requirements. Most companies also require their employees to have at least basic English proficiency, while some expect their employees to attend English classes outside of working hours.

Yet, for all the years of study, few Japanese can carry on even a basic conversation in English, because most language courses focus solely on grammar, translation and repetitive drills. Actual speaking time is minimal. The result is a form of inarticulate literacy, and a need for native speakers to help build verbal fluency.

Those interested in conversation courses range from children to college students, housewives to business professionals.

"I think English is necessary in the future for work," said Tetsuya Shintani, a senior economics major at Kansai Gakuin University. "English is also fashionable," he said, referring to the proliferation of English language movies, music and television in Japan.

"It's the language of the world," said Miyuki Hyodah, who studied English in junior college and now works as an emcee for wedding ceremonies.

Miya Shinmon, an office worker at a securities company, agreed. "I study English because I like traveling," she said. "When we go to foreign countries, if we can't speak English, we have a lot of troubles."

Added Ritsumeikan University senior Junji Yamamoto, a business administration student: "We need good communication for an international perspective. In the future, I'd like to work in a foreign country, in a foreign branch of a Japanese company, (and) I will need English or another language."

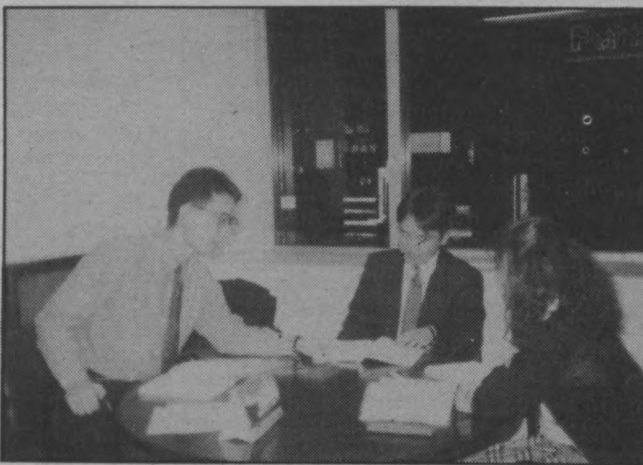
Motoki Ohkochi, a high-school student, also has plans for living overseas. "After Japanese university, I would like to study in the United States for medical school," he said.

I have interviewed a number of UCSB alumni who are among the ranks of Japan's Western work force, and found that many are putting their native language skills to good use.

Mark Eisenhut, a 1989 business-economics graduate, came to Japan in September 1989 with fellow UCSB gradu-



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ate Phil Kawakami. Both quickly found jobs as English instructors in Kobe, a port city on the southern end of Honshu, the largest of the Japanese islands.

"I came to Japan mostly to learn about the culture and people, and also to study Japanese," Eisenhut said. "I hope to use the Japanese language in an international career. ... Teaching English was something I could do and make pretty decent money without speaking the language," he explained.

"I'm now working my way out of teaching English, now that I speak the language, and in April will begin working as a business manager for a private athletic shoe company."

Kawakami said he came to Japan partly to have "an adventure" before settling into a more permanent job in the United States, and partly to learn about the differences between Japanese and American culture. "I'm of Japanese heritage, so I wanted to learn about Japan's history, culture and language."

Both Eisenhut and Kawakami left their first schools after becoming discontented with the working conditions. "There are a lot of schools out there that don't look out for the interests of the students or the teachers," Kawakami warned. "They are just interested in the profit."

It's true that profit is a big part of the English business. Most students pay between \$40 to \$60 for a private 40-minute lesson, or \$20 to \$40 for a 40-minute group lesson. Often students must pay for as many as 100 to 200 lessons up

front, and many never finish their course work, leaving additional profits for the schools.

An English teacher in Japan can expect to earn anywhere from \$1,800 to \$2,500 a month for a 20-30 hour week. Private lessons can bring in as much as \$80 per hour, but this type of work is largely dependent on contacts which are only established after spending time in the country.

However, those in it only for the money often miss out of the opportunities for truly experiencing a new culture, as do those who seek their fortunes through Japanese-style work weeks of 60 hours or more. "I would say definitely come with an open mind, don't just come for the money," said Jenny Williams, a 1989 UCSB graduate with an English degree.

"You won't enjoy your experience nearly as much... When you're here, it's really great not to have a nine-to-five job, so you can have time to go to a really great museum, (or) to go to a Japanese lesson."

Williams came to Japan to gain teaching experience, but also "to learn about at least one other part of the world," she said. Her stint as a teacher has allowed her "to learn about lots of different people while I'm teaching, and I also have the opportunity to make a difference by talking about current issues, like sexism and South Africa," that are not really discussed in Japan.

Many foreign English teachers spoke of the psychological barrier which prevents many from even thinking of packing a suitcase,

hopping on a plane and looking for a job. Since few language schools recruit teachers from abroad, most would-be English instructors arrive in Japan with a three-month tourist visa and some money to tide them over until the paychecks start rolling in.

In reality, many of these fears are unfounded. Though the biggest hiring periods are in April and September, there are always numerous openings listed in Japan's English language newspapers and magazines. Most job-seekers find at least one position within their first week of interviews, and many receive several offers within a few days.

My husband Stacey Silva advises prospective teachers not to jump at the first offer. "Don't be overanxious."

Stacey received five job offers, and said the decision about where to work was crucial. "Don't jump at the first offer, but interview at as many places as you can, so you can get a good representation (of schools) to compare," he recommends.

Stacey finally decided on two language schools in Osaka, where we split two full-time contracts, one at each school. As an added incentive for employment, one of the schools offered us a free apartment, but we chose the other because of its more creative and modern methods of teaching.

Ken Chapman, a 1986 UCSB graduate in business economics and psychology, arrived in Japan last November with his wife Bonnie, a 1988 sociology graduate. Both are now working at the Berlitz Language School in Kobe.

"We chose Berlitz because it's an international school," Ken Chapman explained. "If we want to work in another country with Berlitz, it would be easy to do because they use the same methods, and have good pay," he explained.

Bonnie Chapman said she became interested in living abroad after working as a resident assistant at UCSB, and focusing on "appreciating diversity" in her training. "I've ... really learned what it feels like for minorities, since we are definitely minorities among the Japanese," Chapman said.

For many Westerners, the minority status can be a difficult adjustment, especially in a country as homogeneous as Japan. Language is an additional barrier. Many relate frustration from not being able to communicate, ask questions or read the signs around them. Some Westerners also have the feeling they are a "showpiece" in their language schools.

"Often there is pressure on the teacher to be an entertainer, and I find it difficult to be myself," Williams said. "I also don't like being the object on the train, and being stared at like I'm not supposed to notice."

"It's hard when you've been here a while and you start to feel comfortable, because when you're always being stared at, it reminds you that you don't belong."