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OAKLAND HILLS FIRE

Huge Bay Area Fire Finally Under Control

UCSB Students Fear for Their Homes in Blaze

By Jan Hines
Staff Writer

A roll of film was all Ben Somkin could think of when his dad called him to ask what to save from the encroaching flames of what is being called the worst fire in California history. The UCSB junior heard from his family in Berkeley on Sunday as they were packing up to escape from the Oakland Hills Fire, which has consumed more than 2,000 homes and killed 11 people.

"My dad said 'Anything from your room you want, tell me now.' He had this nervous humor in his voice and I didn't know what to say. I just said to grab the roll of film on my dresser that I just took. I asked him seriously if he thought the house would be OK and he said he thought it would, but just a change in the wind could burn it down," Somkin said.

Somkin's situation is not unique. Roughly 26 percent of the students at UCSB hail from the Bay Area, many of whom have family and friends living in the fire zone. The long distance and lack of information left the campus community in a lurch Monday, as students anxiously sat by telephones and TVs to gather any scrapes of news on what was still standing in the Oakland hills.

The fire began at 11 a.m. Sunday, sweeping through the well-to-do homes covering the hills overlooking the San Francisco

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Firefighters take a break at the junction of Margarido Dr. and Prospect Steps in Oakland after battling a blaze that tore through the residential hillsides of several Bay Area cities over the course of the last two days.

CHRIS FITZ/Daily Nexus

Flames Demolish 2,000 Homes, Take 11 Lives

By Jason Ross
Staff Writer

OAKLAND — The devastating blaze which swept throughout the Oakland and Berkeley hills on Sunday was finally contained late Monday, after claiming 11 lives and devouring as many as 2,000 homes, authorities said.

Most of the damage was done late Sunday. Officials speculated that the blaze started when a grassfire, initially considered extinguished on Saturday, reignited and raged through the Oakland hills, fueled by hot winds.

By sundown Monday, the fire gutted 1,700 acres and forced the evacuation of about 5,000 people, including approximately 2,000 UC Berkeley students.

An Oakland fire chief and a police officer were among those killed in the blaze. An estimated 140 others were injured.

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Oakland city officials, including Mayor Elihu Harris, announced the containment of the blaze at a press conference Monday evening, but were leery of becoming too confident too soon.

Telling reporters that there were still five or six "hot spots" in the area, fire chief Phillip Lamont Ewell warned that the fire could give a repeat performance of the surprising flare-up which occurred Sunday.

"There is always potential for it again," he said. "It all depends on the weather."

Indeed, the weather is what firefighters credited with bringing the blaze — the largest most of them had ever seen — under control.

"We just got lucky last night that we lost a lot of wind," firefighter Tom Gaulke said. "The fog cooled down the weather considerably. If it wouldn't have come down, we'd have had the same thing all over again today."

The fire engine crew with which Gaulke serves was involved in the fight to save the historic Claremont Hotel in Berkeley Sunday night. Firefighters were successful in keeping the flames contained to the hills, saving the hotel and dense stu-

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Dorms Say Ghosts O.K., Guests Go Away

By Dave Diamont
Reporter

An official Housing and Residential Services memo issued last week will put the freeze on all Halloween weekend slumber parties in campus dorms by implementing a no-guest policy effective Oct. 31 - Nov. 3.

The memo suggested residents carry proper photo identification to prove residence, keep all doors securely locked and shut and consider attending university-sponsored Halloween programs. "We are really trying to create a cooperative atmosphere between Isla Vista and the university community," said Margaret Ortega, student relations coordinator for the Office of Residential Life.

"This is essentially a trial year

for this policy; after this we will be able to determine what worked and what didn't, as well as receive more student input and feedback on the issue," Ortega added.

According to officials from both Ortega's office and the Residence Hall Association, the no-guest policy is a result of substantial pressure from I.V. residents, whose community was described in the memo as overridden by "outsiders who cause damage and destruction."

Other concerns, such as the costly residence hall repairs which result from the zany antics of over-festive Halloween celebrants, were factored into the no-guest equation.

But it all added up to not a lot of fun in the opinion of some residents.

"I think that it's a bunch of

shit," said freshman psychology major John Breckow, reflecting the dominant attitude shared among residents, who feel the new policy is a futile effort by the university to clamp down on Halloween fun.

"I seriously doubt that this policy is going to affect the Halloween festivities," Breckow said.

Junior sociology major Kristi Wrightson questioned the efficacy of the policy in limiting the number of visitors in I.V. on All Hallow's Eve, citing the massive number of outsiders who flock to student residences in the seaside community each year.

"This policy doesn't seem to make any sense when I have a friend in I.V. who is having five friends stay over at her one-

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Water Alliance Wants More Voter Involvement in Local Water Issues

By Jennifer Hilldale
Reporter

The race for the Goleta Water Board heated up Monday when the Water Alliance — made up of incumbent Gordon Fulks and candidates Lisa Rothstein and Sarah Stein — announced their advocacy of greater voter involvement in water supply issues.

The alliance believes that the voters should be given more of a say in the overall decision making process.

Of the five water supply options initially facing the county, only State Water was brought to general election.

Members of the alliance contend that by bringing all options to the attention of area residents, it could put a brake on spending that has spiraled out of control.

The group is so concerned that it has created a contract with the public stating that if elected, "We promise all residents the opportunity to vote on all future water supplies. We promise no general rate increases without voter approval."

"Voters were not given the privilege of voting," complained Stein. "I became involved because I was quite an-

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Jesse Turner Released by Lebanese in Beirut

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A senior United Nations diplomat has reported that American hostage Jesse Turner has been released in Beirut, a U.N. spokeswoman said Monday night.

Secretary-general Javier Perez de Cuellar was informed by his assistant, Giandomenico Picco, that Turner was released "and we understand that he is on his way to Damascus," said the spokeswoman, Nadia Younes.

"The secretary-general welcomes the release of Mr. Turner and he is also satisfied with the release of several Lebanese detained in the southern part of Lebanon," according to the U.N. statement read by Ms. Younes.

Perez de Cuellar thanked "groups in Lebanon" and the governments of Iran, Libya and Syria in helping to bring about the release. "He is also grateful to the government of Israel for the release of 15 Lebanese detainees" earlier Monday, the statement said.

It said Perez de Cuellar "is prepared to pursue his efforts with all concerned for a comprehensive solution of this humanitarian problem."

Earlier there had been conflicting re-

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ports over Turner's whereabouts, beginning Monday evening when an Iranian news agency said he had been released.

Meanwhile, a senior Syrian official said no release was imminent.

"I assure you that you can go home to sleep tonight. Come back for tea tomorrow," said Nasser Kaddour, minister of state for foreign affairs, addressing reporters outside the Foreign Ministry in Damascus.

However, U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, indicated the United States had been told that Turner was free, but didn't know exactly where he was because there was no statement from the kidnap group announcing the specific time and location of the release.

There was also no immediate communique from Turner's kidnappers, the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, confirming his release.

But an editor in the Beirut office of Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency said Turner was set free at 8 p.m. (2 p.m. EDT). The editor, who refused to be identified, said he had no further details.

Reports of Turner's release came barely an hour after another Shiite group, Islamic Jihad, warned that renewed Israeli air raids on south Lebanon could hamper U.N. efforts to win freedom for the Western hostages. This group claims to hold Americans Terry Anderson and Thomas Sutherland, as well as Briton Terry Waite.

Earlier Monday, Israel freed 15 Lebanese prisoners. The releases began eight hours after the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine said it would release a hostage within 24 hours, or by 6 p.m. EDT Monday.

The prisoners' releases occurred despite the ongoing battle between Israel and Shiite Muslim guerillas in southern Lebanon.

In a Word...

Local News Briefs

Stetter's Trial Starting up

Walter Stetter, who was shot this summer on Abrego Road during an altercation with Isla Vista Foot Patrol and UCSB Police officers, will be arraigned today at 8:30 a.m. in the Santa Barbara Municipal Courthouse.

Stetter's charge was reduced at his Oct. 4 preliminary hearing from assault on a police officer to felony assault on a civilian with force likely to produce great bodily harm. However, he has been offered a plea-bargain to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

The charges stem from the alleged attack of two undercover officers on July 26, by Stetter and a friend, Steven Monday. Stetter was shot once through the chest after he reportedly grabbed one officer's flashlight and began beating him with it.

IVEC: Makin' Life Better

The Isla Vista Enhancement Committee will hold the third in a series of public hearings on how to improve our little home-by-the-sea tonight at the University Religious Center at 7 p.m.

Students and community members are encouraged to attend the meeting to express their opinions on the topic of human services in I.V. and the possible creation of an I.V. community center.

Students are generally recommended to show up because if they don't, no one will know what they think should be done about I.V.'s multifarious problems.

Take Back the Night Today

Several events are scheduled today as part of this week's "Take Back the Night" efforts, which are aimed at uniting women and men in the struggle to end violence towards women.

- Today's events include:
- Poster making at 12 p.m. in Storke Plaza. Community and campus organizations will create posters endorsing Take Back the Night.
- A panel discussion on sexual harassment will be held at 3 p.m. in UCen Room 3. The panel will also touch on legal action which can be taken to punish and prevent sexual harassment.
- An episode of the television show "Designing Women" will be shown at 4:30 p.m. in the Women's Center. A discussion will follow the show, which is about a woman who finds support from her friends when her husband abuses her.
- A feature-length film entitled "Shame" will be presented at 7 p.m. in the Santa Rosa Formal Lounge.

Measels Needles for Cheap

Student Health Services announced that students born after 1958 who have not been vaccinated for measles since 1980 or who have not already been infected with the disease need to be immunized for the measles.

According to SHS Director Cindy Bauer, all new students, including freshman, transfer and new graduate students can receive their measles booster for only \$10 at the health center. The normal cost is \$35.

Arms Smuggler Faces 24-Year Prison Term

MIAMI (AP) — A federal jury Monday convicted an international arms dealer of conspiring to arm Iraq with military helicopters.

Sarkis Soghanalian, a 61-year-old Lebanese national, also was convicted of five related charges and acquitted on three others. He faces 24 years in federal prison and \$240,000 in fines when he is sentenced Dec. 20.

The charges include conspiracy to deliver military helicopters to Iraq in violation of the Arms Export Control Act, making false statements in violation of the act and conspiracy to export rocket launchers to Iraq.

Jurors acquitted Soghanalian on counts including attempting to export the helicopters to Iraq.

U.S. marshals took him into custody after U.S. District Judge Federico Moreno determined there was a risk Soghanalian would flee.

His attorney, Neal Sonnett, objected, saying his client has had plenty of opportunity to flee but has shown up every day for his trial.

Moreno said he would order a hearing by a magistrate as early as Tuesday to see if other arrangements could be made.

Sonnett and Gerald Richman, attorney for Pan Aviation, said they would appeal the convictions.

Soghanalian's son originally was named as a defendant in the case, but a month before the trial began, the government dropped all charges against him. Garabet Soghanalian sat alongside his father at the defense table every day of the three-week trial.

In closing arguments Thursday, assistant U.S. Attorney Susan Tarbe said that Soghanalian conspired to smuggle combat helicopters and rocket launchers to Iraq "by hook and by crook in violation of arms export laws."



Businesses Work for State Competitiveness

SACRAMENTO (AP) — California businesses believe the most important step to increasing jobs and restoring the state's competitiveness is to defeat any new state tax increases, a state Chamber of Commerce survey found.

A close second in the survey released Monday was reform of the state's workers' compensation laws, followed by tort reform, better education to prepare students for the work force and simplification of business permit and reporting procedures.

Additional water facilities to provide more water to Southern California and laws encouraging more recycling and affordable housing also ranked high on the chamber's priority list.

"We are ... at the downfall of California as an economic force," said Wilford Godbold, the chairman of the state chamber's task force on saving California jobs.



Court Upholds Strict Penn. Abortion Law

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A federal appeals court Monday upheld most provisions of Pennsylvania's strict abortion law, saying it doesn't unduly burden women who want to terminate a pregnancy.

Pennsylvania's law requires women to wait 24 hours after they provide informed consent to an abortion. It also requires doctors to advise women of potential medical dangers of abortion and of the alternatives available. Minors may not obtain abortions unless their parents consent and are present to hear information by doctors about alternatives.

The three-judge panel of the third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals cited a U.S. Supreme Court opinion by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

"She has consistently stated that she would subject an abortion regulation to strict scrutiny review only if the regulation 'unduly burdens' a woman's freedom to decide whether to terminate her pregnancy," Justice Walter Stapleton wrote.

The law also had required a woman to notify her spouse before getting an abortion. But the appeals court overturned that provision as unconstitutional.

Planned Parenthood of Pennsylvania and several women's clinics had challenged the law's constitutionality in U.S. District Court.

That court said the 14th Amendment barred sections of the law dealing with informed consent, parental consent, reporting requirements and public disclosure of clinical reports. U.S. District Judge Daniel H. Huyett issued an injunction preventing those parts of the law from taking effect.

But Stapleton said those provisions weren't unconstitutional.

He insisted that the ruling didn't reverse Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court ruling guaranteeing a woman's right to an abortion.



Desert Storm Leftovers Fed to Finicky School Children

BOSTON (AP) — Cafeteria food has never had great allure for school kids, but wait'll they find out that their French toast, beef chunks and pepperoni pizzas are leftovers — from the Persian Gulf War.

Of course, some nutritionists have an easy answer: What the kids don't know won't hurt them.

As for the grown-ups who are dishing the stuff out in schools from Washington state to Washington, D.C., the \$300 million worth of leftover Desert Storm rations are a treat.

Some schools will receive MREs, those vacuum-packed dinners soldiers carted in backpacks.

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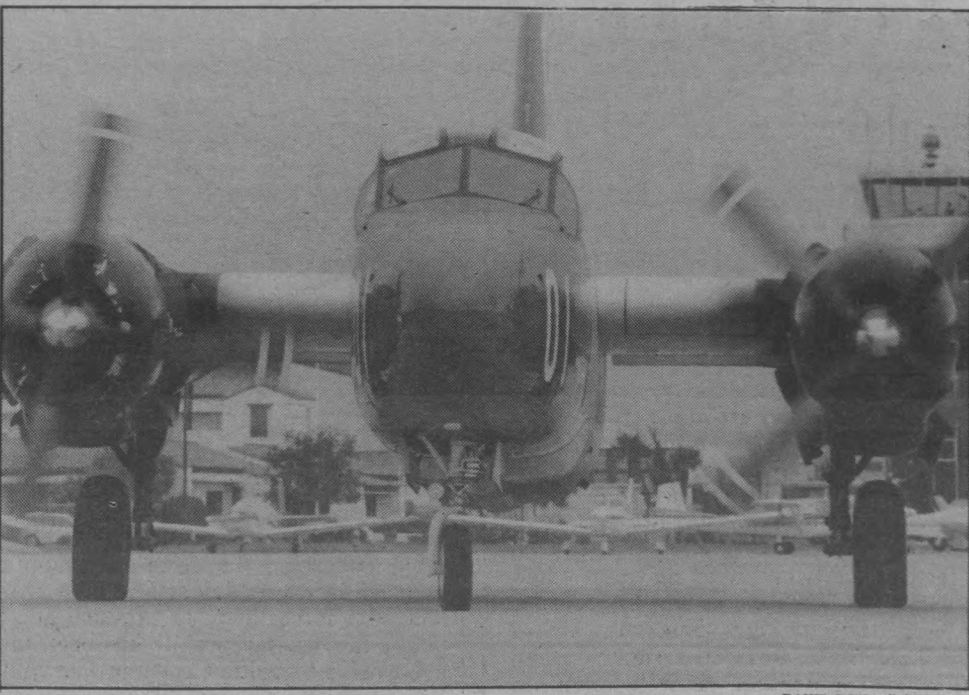
Weather

All told, things are getting pretty messy — what with libertarians crawling out of the stack of 1099s on my simulated wood grain desk and that terrible shrieking every time I open the refrigerator, howling about Duke and Gates and a Bush conspiracy, putting me on the lookout for suspicious shrubs. Who's to say where we'll be this time next year, considering the outrageous growth potential of cedar trees in a human-free environment like Louisiana. So I'll just sit here in my cozy little office hoping not to get any more disturbing mail. Some disturbing males would be good. Ice hockey is definitely on the downswing on the South Coast.

TODAY

- High 70, Low, 52. Sunset 6:24, Wed. Sunrise 7:17a
- Moonset 6:23a, Wed. Moonrise 6:16p
- Tides: Hi, 9:09a (5.8)/10:04p (4.5); Lo, 2:58a(1.2)/3:52p (-.1); Guest weatherman Max Donnelly in the house

A damsel on a dulcimer



DAVID ROSEN/Daily Nexus

This Santa Barbara tanker is one of six which took off Monday to help contain the fire that broke in Ojai Sunday.

Ventura County Blaze Still Burning

The brush fire that erupted in Ventura County on Sunday continued to spread through the Los Padres National Forest last night, swallowing more than 2,000 acres of wildland.

The fire was only 20 percent contained as of last night, and U.S. Forest Service officials estimated that a stable line around the blaze would not be established until Thursday.

Approximately 600 people were battling the fire at 6 p.m., but Forest Service officials expect approximately 900 more to arrive by tomorrow, according to a service official.

The fire's spread slowed today as winds died down and temperatures dropped. "It hasn't progressed nearly as fast this afternoon as it had last night," Fire Information Officer Juanita Freel said.

The blaze, which started seven miles north of Ojai, was also fueled by highly-flammable, 60-year-old vegetation in the area. The brush hadn't burned since 1932, when the Matilija Fire scorched the area, Freel said.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department sent approximately 12 firefighters to the Ventura blaze, but danger in the county prevented a larger deployment.

Twenty-two 20-person hand crews, 17 fire engines, one bulldozer, six helicopters, six air tankers and four water tankers were engaged in the operation.

Crews and equipment also came from Los Angeles County, the Bureau of Land Management, the California Youth Authority and the California Department of Forestry.

—Charles Hornberger

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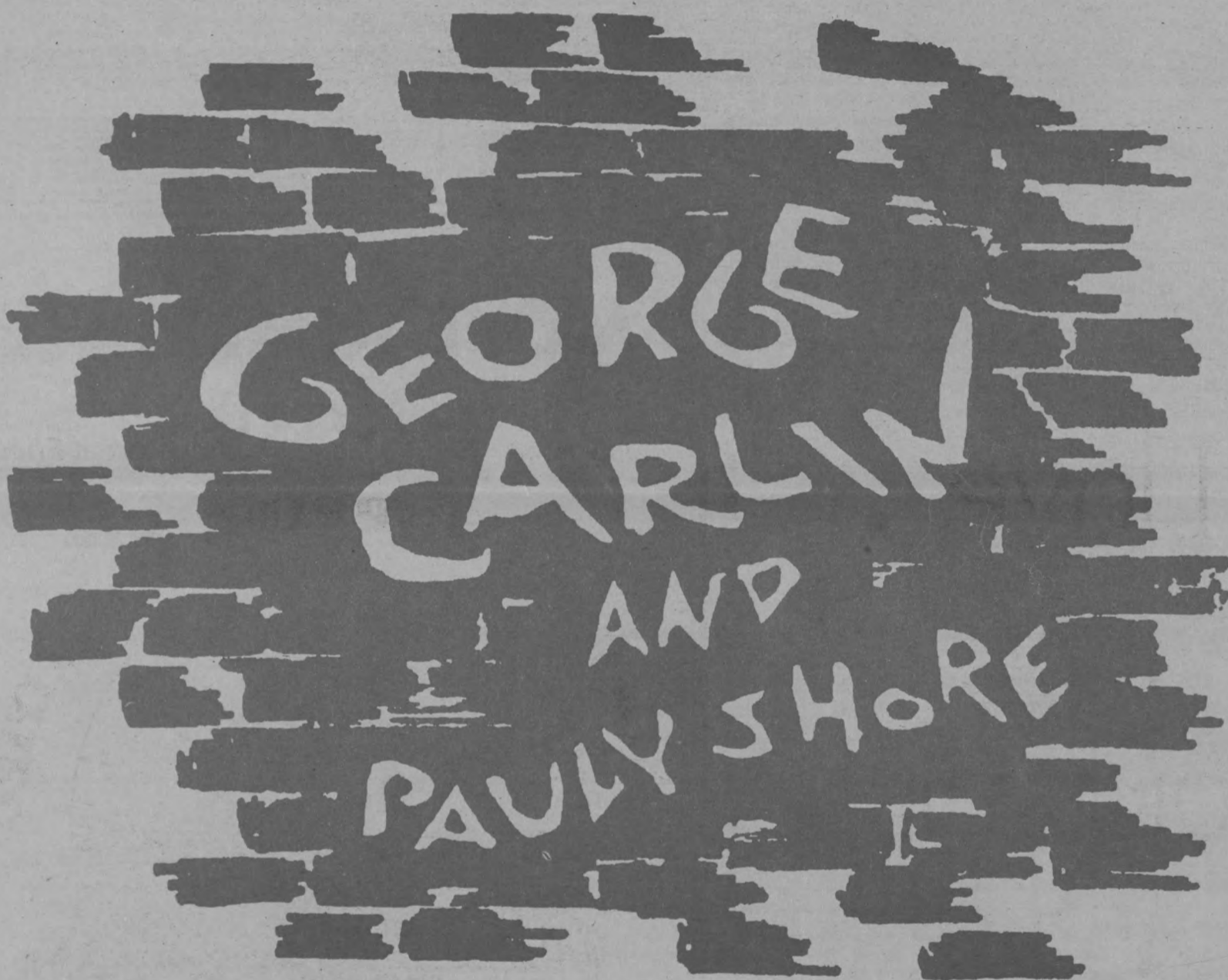
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DORMS: No Guests Over Halloween

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bedroom apartment,"
Wrightson said.

Some students, however,
support the policy.

"I think it's pretty cool,"
said freshman dramatic
arts/political science major
Dan Castanon. "If everyone
invited a friend to stay for
the weekend, everything
would get pretty out of
control."

Veterans of previous Hal-
loween policies in the resi-

dence halls seemed to favor
at least some leeway in the
overnight guest policy.

Freshman dramatic arts
major Peter Duda referred
to the "guest lottery" uti-
lized in 1990, in which a
total of 100 guests were al-
lowed in each residence hall
over the weekend.

Perhaps an even more
serious issue underlying the
no-guest policy is expressed
in the claims of two RHA
members that they had little

or no say in the creation of
the current Halloween
policy.

"The creation of the pol-
icy seemed to have been
reached over our heads. ...
By the time we had heard for
sure, the policy had already
been initiated," one ranking
RHA official said. The issue
is likely to surface at the
Coordinating Board for
RHA open forum this week.

WATER: Group Fears Rate Increase

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gry that my privilege to vote
was denied."

With an estimated cost of
\$450 million, the price of
the four water projects
under development is draw-
ing the primary attention of
the candidates.

Consisting of State Wa-
ter, two desalination plants
and a water reclamation
plant, they fear that they will
bring in too much water at
too high of a cost.

"If all those four are pur-
chased at the cost that they
are going to be, we are going
to find ourselves in a very
bad situation, we are going
to find ourselves needing to
meet that bill in one way or
another," Rothstein said.

"There are three ways
that that bill can be met.
One way is to raise rates

“
*I became involved
because I was
quite angry that my
privilege to vote
was denied.*

Sarah Stein
Goleta Water
Board candidate

quite dramatically, another
is to find new customers to
cover that cost, bringing in
new development that the
community doesn't neces-
sarily want. The third is to
increase water consump-
tion by 50 percent," she
added.

Of the all the projects, the

candidates feel that the
Goleta desalination plant is
the best option to bring wa-
ter to the local area.

Opponents have accused
the alliance of attempting to
stifle development in the
area by cutting off the
supply of water.

However, the immediate
concern is with the 1992
budget. The 1991 GWD
budget of \$10 million forced
a fourfold rate increase on
customers. With the 1992
budget slated at \$14 million,
the candidates fear another
rate increase.

"Our opponents in this
election use phrases like 'no
problem,' 'trust us,' 'you
won't have to pay more,'"
Fulks said. "The question is,
how do you pay a \$14 mil-
lion bill with \$10 million?"

Male Panel Discusses Sexual Harassment and Prevention

By Brooke Nelson
Staff Writer

Four men gave their per-
spectives on sexism, sex-
ual abuse and the preven-
tion of sexual crimes
against women during a
panel discussion Monday
as part of this week's Take
Back the Night activities.

Language demeaning to
women is on the same con-
tinuum as sexual harass-
ment and rape, said Gary
White, assistant coordina-
tor of the UCSB Rape Pre-
vention Education Pro-
gram, during a discussion
titled "Men: Are We Really
Affected?"

"The common thread is
that it's a violent act
against a woman's will. It's
a threat," White said.

The use of words such
as "chick" and "girl" com-
pounds the problem, the
panelists agreed.

"You probably
wouldn't want your
mother or little sisters re-
ferred to as 'bitches' or
'dogs,'" said panelist De-
Morris Walker, an Educa-
tion Opportunity Program
counselor.

Even if women use such
language among them-
selves, it can be damaging
because they are reinforc-
ing the common ste-

—“
*It's a man's prob-
lem that is made to
be a woman's
issue.*

Charlie Jones
volunteer, Rape
Crisis Center

”
reotype, White said.

"They're still talking ab-
out you, even if they're
your friends. You take on
the popular attitudes, even
if they're about your own
group," he said.

White said that men
should discuss the prob-
lem among themselves
and with women to be-
come more aware of its ef-
fects. "If we don't say any-
thing, it can imply that we
don't have an opinion or
that we agree," he said.

"It's a man's problem
that is made to be a wo-
man's issue. As men we
really need to stop and say
something is going on that
we're connected to," said
Charlie Jones, a volunteer
at the Santa Barbara Rape
Crisis Center.

Several popular myths
are commonly used to jus-
tify sexual violence toward
women, including the idea
that rapists are strangers to

their victims, White said.
84 percent of sexual assail-
ants are acquaintances of
their victims, he added.

Panelist Chad Mueller,
the Sigma Phi Epsilon rep-
resentative to Greeks
Against Rape, said that
some assailants don't con-
sider themselves rapists if
they know their victims.

A man may justify as-
saulting a woman by say-
ing she would have con-
sented to have sexual rela-
tions anyway, especially if
alcohol was involved,
Mueller said.

Although many men
claim that there is a point
of sexual excitement
where they are unable to
control their behavior,
Jones said this is never an
acceptable excuse for rape.

"We're responsible as
individuals all the time,"
he said.

The panel further
agreed that societal pres-
sure is to blame for sexual
harassment.

Because the media, fam-
ily and peers tell men that
the expression of emo-
tions is a sign of weakness,
"many men feel that they
have to have power over
someone rather than
power with someone," ju-
nior physics major Ri-
chard Lee said.

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UCB Students Feel Effects of Inferno

School Cancelled; Many Evacuated

By Jan Hines and Jason Ross
Staff Writers

BERKELEY — Although sunshine on Monday had all but replaced the choking black smoke that shrouded the UC Berkeley campus the day before, it couldn't completely dispel the gloom left by the 1,500-acre blaze.

The most destructive fire to hit the Berkeley area since 1923 blazed through the surrounding land west of the campus on Sunday, and demolished parts of Oakland. The flames ripped through the homes of 12 UCB professors, forced the evacuation of more than 2,000 students from the west campus, and led school officials to cancel classes on Monday.

UCB junior Rod Harl, a member of one of the 18 Greek houses evacuated along with approximately 1,000 students from campus residence halls, said he was notified at around 4:30 p.m. to leave the area. He waited out the night with his clothes stashed in a friend's car.

"We just hung tight and watched the news till about 12:15 (a.m.) and then at that point I just decided to stay here," Harl said.

Approximately 750 students were evacuated from the Clark Kerr campus, which is located a block away from the Claremont Hotel at the foot of the Berkeley hills. The students were forced to abandon their belongings and spend the night in shelters.

Residence Hall Manager Kathleen Hyland said they left not a moment too soon.

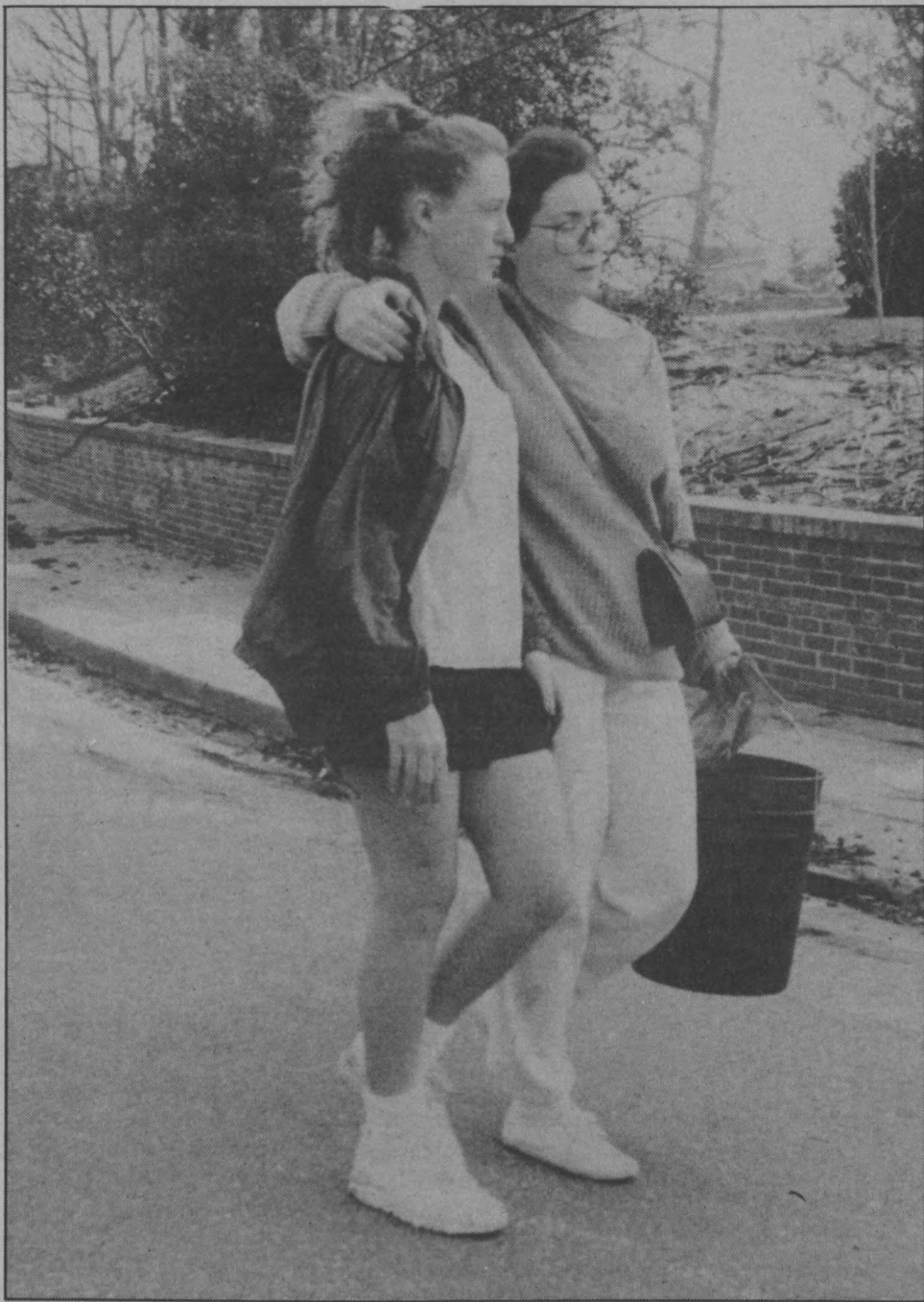
The students could see flames coming down the hills towards them, Hyland said. "Then the wind changed and that's all that saved us."

Some students, however, headed towards the fire rather than away from it.

UCB Sophomore Ben Jacobs was one of many UCB students who volunteered to help firefighters run hoses up the hills above the Claremont Hotel, where there were no hydrants.

According to Jacobs, the Red Cross called for the volun-

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Two women walk down a street in the Oakland hills Monday, carrying what little of their possessions remains.

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Waiting...

Oakland Evacuees Hope for Good News

By Jennifer Adams
Staff Writer

OAKLAND — In the face of tragedy and walls of roaring flames, evacuees from the Oakland Hills Fire are struggling to make sense out of the terrifying turn of events which has overtaken their lives.

Some held on until their last hope was extinguished. The home Jacquelyn Farber's father built in 1954 had already survived two major Berkeley hills fires. As Farber gazed anxiously to the smoking hills on Monday, she wondered if the asbestos roof would protect her house a third time.

"I don't know if I'm a homeowner anymore. I'm waiting," Farber said. "I'm not scared; I'm on hold. I'm going to have hope."

Just then Farber spotted her neighbor amidst the eager spectators who gathered along Domingo Street at the foot of the burning hills. He shook his head.

He said he had just returned from their block of property. "There's nothing there," he said. "Just rubble."

Farber shook her head and her eyes glazed slightly. "It's not real," she said. Like hundreds of others, Farber was in shock.

Another home owner, Zante River, said she couldn't believe there was any real danger when she first spotted smoke in the hills Sunday. But then flames prevented her from returning home. "It's numbing. I still feel numb," she said, still waiting for news on her house.

The ominous smoke blanket hovering over Berkeley seemed to numb people to whether they were in danger of losing property or not. Said nearby tenant Kathy Rogers: "It's terrifying. We just keep listening to the radio at the restaurant where I work for more news."

Rogers said four victims who lost houses came into the restaurant on Sunday. "They were still so in shock, they didn't know what to do. So they ate lunch. They got away with their purses and that's it," she said.

"There's a real comradery among people," Rogers added. Friends and strangers huddled under the smoke offering whatever information they could to ease the look of strain mirrored in their own faces.

The fear resulting from the fire was not limited to only those old enough to understand the real implications of the smoky nightmare.

"It's scary because you have friends up there and you don't know if they're OK," said 11-year-old Eyal Zilberman, coughing as he peddled his bike up the street to see if he could help.

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An exhausted fireman (right) rests after a tough day's work. Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris (above) speaks during a press conference on Monday.

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FIRE: 11 Killed, 2,000 Homes Destroyed in Oakland Inferno

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dent community below.

"I've never been at a fire like this before," Gaulke said. "We fight wildfires all the time but nothing like this."

Governor Pete Wilson, who declared a state of emergency in the area Sunday night, called the blaze "the worst residential fire in California's history."

"The fire was above the existing water system," Gaulke's colleague David Goff said of the stand above

the Claremont. "We were laying hoses hundreds and hundreds of feet up the hillside, trying to pump up to the fire itself."

The help of local volunteers, who assisted in stretching the hoses up the hillside, was key to the firefighters' efforts.

"It was towards the evening when we started to get more help, and then the volunteers helped out quite effectively," Goff said.

But in some areas the blaze was simply too wild to

control, and many residents lost everything as their homes were consumed by the fire.

Gabriella Aratow, who fled her mother's house in the Oakland hills soon before the area was engulfed in flames, barely had time to collect a few valuables before fleeing in the face of the approaching inferno.

"I had a party the night before," said Aratow, whose mother is in Greece. "We were pretty hung over so we cleaned the house. Then we

started smelling smoke. I just grabbed the jewelry and ran," she said. The house and the bulk of her mother's anthropology research data was destroyed in the fire.

A better morning was had by Larry Berredetto, who climbed up Stonewall Road — which escaped the fire untouched — with binoculars to see if his house was still standing. To his amazement, his entire street had been spared by the fire.

"This is great!" he said, ready to use his portable

phone to tell his wife the good news.

But Berredetto echoed the anger of many residents who were complaining that the fire departments were too slow in responding once the blaze kicked up again on Sunday.

"They were slow in telling us what to do," he said, explaining that he took his time using protective measures on his home before evacuating at the last minute.



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Signposts and skeletons of what were once expensive homes were all that remained in the hills above Oakland and Berkeley on Monday.

First Person

Reporter Wades Through Desolate Aftermath

By Jason Ross
Staff Writer

OAKLAND — The Claremont Hotel stood shining like an iceberg at 9 a.m. Monday. What was by all accounts a heroic stand took place amidst the trees not 200 yards up the hill from the luxury resort on Sunday afternoon as firefighters turned their hoses on the north front of the Oakland Hills Fire.

As wisps of smoke curled up from tree trunks up there, firefighters were doing what appeared to be gloating in 15 or 20 engines parked up Ashby. Three or four camera crews were taping stand-ups and I wished everyone could see the TV people for what they really are, made-up frauds who wear dirty jeans and sneakers under their expensive looking sport coats and crisp shirts. Slaves to melodrama.

Nearby, groups of middle-aged neighbors clustered together, hoping someone would come down with an idea about what things are like up there. Every once in a while someone did, and a few from each group would take a seat after learning that their house was destroyed. There was a measure of sadness to all this, sure, but not much grieving, even when they talked about things like pet cats missing after the fire. They seemed unmoved, at

least temporarily.

Down in town, you couldn't go anywhere without hearing someone talk about the house they used to have. The person pacing on the sidewalk said he "lost a house with everything in it." At lunch, the woman sitting next to another Nexus reporter and me talked calmly about the insurance claims.

All about us was the feeling of crisis. But of a crisis being handled, being undertaken. Still no emotion.

Two hours later I was walking a barren hilltop that used to be a mountain neighborhood. The talk down on the sidewalks and in the restaurants was removed from all this. Here was the true result of the fire, and here was where the few who managed to get past the police lines found out and put an end to the wondering.

Dozens of blackened chimneys were all that was left of the Bay Area dream. The street I was on was called Ocean View, and there was quite an ocean view now that the houses were gone.

Oh, some things were left standing — a basketball hoop, a front doorway, some of a tree. But all of it was charred and the place smelled like cancer.

If I had wanted to count, I could have documented in a single glance more than 60 piles of carbon where

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Oakland Blaze Mirrors Painted Cave Fire in Many Different Ways

By Charles Hornberger
Staff Writer

When most Santa Barbara residents turned on the Sunday evening news, they must have had a sense of *déjà vu*.

While locals watched that huge, devastating inferno roll through the hills of Oakland and Berkeley, they could not have helped but think back to June 17, 1990, when they had a front row seat as the Painted Cave Fire made its unstoppable descent from high in the Santa Ynez mountains down into Goleta and Santa Barbara.

The parallels between the Oakland Hills Fire and the Painted Cave Fire aren't easily ignored by either fire officials or local residents for whom "Paint," as it has come to be known, will always be a vivid memory.

The number of similarities between the two blazes is considerable:

- Both fires occurred during a heat wave, when there was extremely low humidity as well as high temperatures;
- High winds drove both fires into residential areas;
- Access to both areas was limited by narrow, winding, mountain roads;
- The vegetation in the hills was dry and old, and served as highly-combustible fuel;
- Many houses destroyed by the blaze had wood shake roofs.
- Two thousand firefighters and 175 engines were used to fight the Oakland Hills Blaze, compared to 1,800 and 120 of each for the Painted Cave Fire.

News Analysis

In fact, news accounts from last June sound remarkably like the ones from yesterday. The unusually hot, strong winds that turned Sunday's blaze into a nightmare are very much like the Santa Ana winds that fed the Painted Cave Fire.

What many fire officials are hoping is that this "repetition of history" will serve as a lesson about the serious danger posed by wildfires in the state.

For Charlie Johnson, a captain with the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, it is important that these disasters teach Californians about the nature of wildfires in such terrain. "There isn't a fire agency working that's going to be able to battle a wind-driven fire under those conditions," Johnson said.

The new term for blazes like the Oakland Hills and Painted Cave fires is an "urban interface fire," which means that structures such as houses and apartment complexes are "interfacing" with wildlands and producing a dangerous mix.

Calling this type of inferno the "fire of the future," officials say that as houses move into previously wild areas, the vegetation and terrain make fires a very deadly possibility.

For Santa Barbarans, who only saw one death during their disaster, the lesson has already translated into local building regulations. Nowadays, it's illegal to build a wood shake roof here. There are county statutes requiring the use of fire-resistant landscaping to provide what Johnson calls a "defensible space" around homes.

In Oakland and Berkeley, similar steps will probably be initiated — by lawmakers and homeowners alike — to mitigate the danger posed by the region.

From Santa Barbara, Bay Area officials also may take a look at the hitches encountered along the way to modernizing building regulations and permitting processes.

Many local residents who lost their homes in the Painted Cave Fire found themselves caught up in red tape, trying to make sure that their new homes met up with the revised safety standards while handling insurance claims and legal hassles.

The experience gained here may well be put to use up north when these same problems come up in the space of the next few months.



Source: Oakland Public Information

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No S.B. County Firefighters in Oakland

By Ross French
Staff Writer

Although firefighting units from across Northern California have converged on the Bay Area in response to the Oakland Hills Fire, no Santa Barbara County units have trekked the 300 miles northward to battle the fatal blaze.

Due to the great distance separating local units from the Oakland fire, Santa Barbara firefighters have not been dispatched to the Bay Area. If the blaze had become bad enough, units could have been sent northward, according to Santa Barbara County Fire Captain Charles Johnson.

Last summer, during the 4,900-acre Painted Cave Fire in Santa Barbara, resources were summoned from as far away as Washington and Idaho.

According to Johnson, a second fire near Ojai — approximately 50 miles south of Santa Barbara — has drawn four units from the city and county of Santa Barbara.

Although units from Montecito, Carpinteria,

Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara County stations were sent to battle the Lion's Fire, the county's fire-fighting force is still at full strength.

Reserve units and off-duty firefighters have replaced the units. This is necessary because the fire threat in Santa Barbara County is still very high, Johnson said.

"The coastal region is under a protective layer of fog, but go over the mountains into the Santa Ynez Valley, and it is still very hot and dry," Johnson said. "The county is still in critical shape."

In the case of fires like the Oakland blaze, which requires a "mutual aid" response from numerous units across the state, requests for help are relayed to the state's Operation Control Center in Riverside. From there, "strike forces" from other counties are assigned to battle the blaze.

When multiple fires afflict the state, the Control Center ranks the fires. Fires posing the highest danger to life and property, like the Oakland Hills fire, get first priority and the Lion's Fire would rank low on the list.

Fundamentally Anti-Female

Brad Bowen

The title of the book drew my attention: *God Doesn't Believe in Atheists*. I thought to myself, "The poor old geezer. His sources must be as reliable as the CIA was for Ronnie." Last time I checked, belief in God was definitely on the decline in Europe (though it has remained fairly steady in the good old USA). The Gaucho Christian Fellowship had picked a real winner of a book to feature at their display.

Then I noticed a book I'd seen before: *Healing the Masculine Soul*. The book is evangelical Christianity's response to Iron John and the I-gotta-beat-the-drums-in-the-woods-to-find-my-true-masculinity movement. The drum-beaters strike me as whining anti-feminists, among other things, but there is no doubt that this Christian book is pure male-chauvinist pigism. The smiling young Christian woman sitting behind the table was unaware that she was selling away the dignity of women along with each misogynist copy of *Healing the Masculine Soul*.

I knew of the book because my mother had recently given a copy of it to me, in hopes that it would help to bring my wayward soul back into the fold of the true religion. Instead of persuading me to give my heart to Jesus, it merely reminded me of the pervasive sexism of Christians and Christianity. Here is one of my favorite passages from the book:

"Like the black widow spider who lures the male to copulate only to kill him afterward, the woman who discovers she can manipulate a man through her sexual charms will disrespect him and destroy his manhood eventually — just as the female Russian spy disgraced the embassy Marines (p. 91)."

We're talking major castration complex here. Men are holy and pure; women are corrupt, impure and deceitful. Women use their bodies to inflame lust in men, to control and manipulate them and to drag them down into sin and damnation.

I don't mean to single out the Gaucho Christian Fellowship for selling this twisted little book. This is just one of many instances of Christian

sexism in action. The fact is, Christian religion is sexist through and through. It is true some Christians consider themselves feminists and some feminists consider themselves Christians. I do not doubt the sincerity of such people. Nevertheless, I firmly believe it is no more possible to be a feminist Christian than it is to be a Christian atheist. Sincere people may try to be both, but they cannot succeed; feminism and Christianity are incompatible and irreconcilable viewpoints.

One can, of course, take bits and pieces of Christianity and combine them with a feminist viewpoint, but it is impossible to be a Christian and take bits and pieces of Christianity while rejecting others. The liberal "Christian" who accepts only those biblical teachings that she finds pleasing or appealing, has evidently forgotten that God is the almighty and all-wise ruler of the universe and that God demands complete devotion and absolute obedience. For these people, God does not give Commandments; God merely makes helpful suggestions for their thoughtful consideration. This sort of attitude would be viewed as blasphemous by both Moses and Jesus.

On what basis do I claim that Christianity is sexist? To begin with, the first and greatest theologian of the Christian faith was undeniably a sexist and he explicitly instructed Christians to adopt his sexist views and practices. The apostle Paul is thought to be the author of over half of the books found in the New Testament. Paul's sexism is thus a part of the sacred scriptures for Christians. According to Paul, women were to be silent and submissive:

"Let the women keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but let them subject themselves. ... And if they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is improper for a woman to speak in church (1 Corinthians 14:34 and 35)."

He gave similar instructions to one of his favorite converts:

"Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet (1 Timothy 2:11 and 12)."

Why does Paul want to keep women out of positions of power and influence? Because he thinks that women

are inferior to men:

"For it was Adam who was first created and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression (1 Timothy 2:13 and 14)."

Women cannot be entrusted with power because they are weak; they are more easily tempted and more easily deceived than men. This false and slanderous view of the moral character of women is undeniably a teaching of the Christian scripture. Paul also taught that women should be subservient toward men in marriage relationships:

"Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church. ... But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything (Ephesians 5:22-24)."

It is impossible to deny that Paul

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was a sexist who advocated sexism (though with faith, I suppose all things are possible).

It is disturbing to see that a man has recently been promoted to be a Supreme Court justice in spite of strong evidence that he is a sexist. But it is even more disturbing that another person, who is clearly and undeniably a sexist, has been elevated to an even higher office: Supreme Ruler and Judge of the Universe. Christianity is sexist because Christians worship a sexist god.

More accurately, Christians worship two gods and both gods are sexist. Christians worship both Jesus and His "heavenly father" Jehovah. They claim that Jesus and Jehovah are "one" in some difficult to understand metaphysical sense, but it is very clear to anyone not blinded by faith that Jesus was much more of a gentleman than his dad. Jehovah was a violent, militaristic, male chauvinist pig and Jesus was not. Jesus was a sexist, but not to the extent of Jehovah. While Jesus would probably tolerate a group of feminists

gathered for a National Organization of Women meeting, Jehovah would undoubtedly demand that the whole lot of them be burned at the stake.

Jehovah was clearly a sexist because he refused to be an equal opportunity employer. Jehovah favored men over women as his chosen prophets, leaders and priests. Nearly all of the great prophets and leaders that Jehovah supported and worked with were men: Noah, Job, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, Joshua, David, Solomon, Samson, Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Joel, Amos, Jonah, Zechariah, etc. Furthermore, Jehovah demanded that all his priests be males:

"And you shall put them (the priestly garments) on Aaron your

brother and on his sons with him; and you shall anoint them and ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests (Exodus 28:41). ... They shall have the priesthood by perpetual statute (Exodus 29:9)."

Important activities on holy days were to be carried out by men:

"Three times in a year all your males shall appear before Jehovah your God ... at the Feast of Unleavened Bread and at the Feast of Weeks and at the Feast of Booths (Deuteronomy 16:16)."

Thus, obviously, Jehovah preferred men for positions of power and influence.

Jehovah was clearly a sexist because the laws he gave to Moses on Mount Sinai were sexist. The "people" to whom these divine laws were given were all men. Consider the instructions given to those who were about to receive Jehovah's laws:

"So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people and they washed their garments. And he said to the peo-

ple, 'Be ready for the third day go near a woman' (Exodus 19:15).

And the laws themselves were directed primarily toward men: "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his man-servant or his female servant or his donkey or anything that is your neighbor's (Exodus 20:17)."

Notice that nothing is said about coveting your neighbor's wife. This is partly because a woman is not to be considered part of her husband and not a neighbor.

The sexism of Jehovah is evident in those laws that deal with marriage and marriage. If a woman is not a virgin when she is married, she is Jehovah's commandment breaker. If her city shall stone her (Deuteronomy 22:21). Knowing Jehovah certain that many women are married simply because they have been raped, often by their own or other male relatives, a misogynist would view the punishment of incest as a punishment of non-virginity to be a practice.

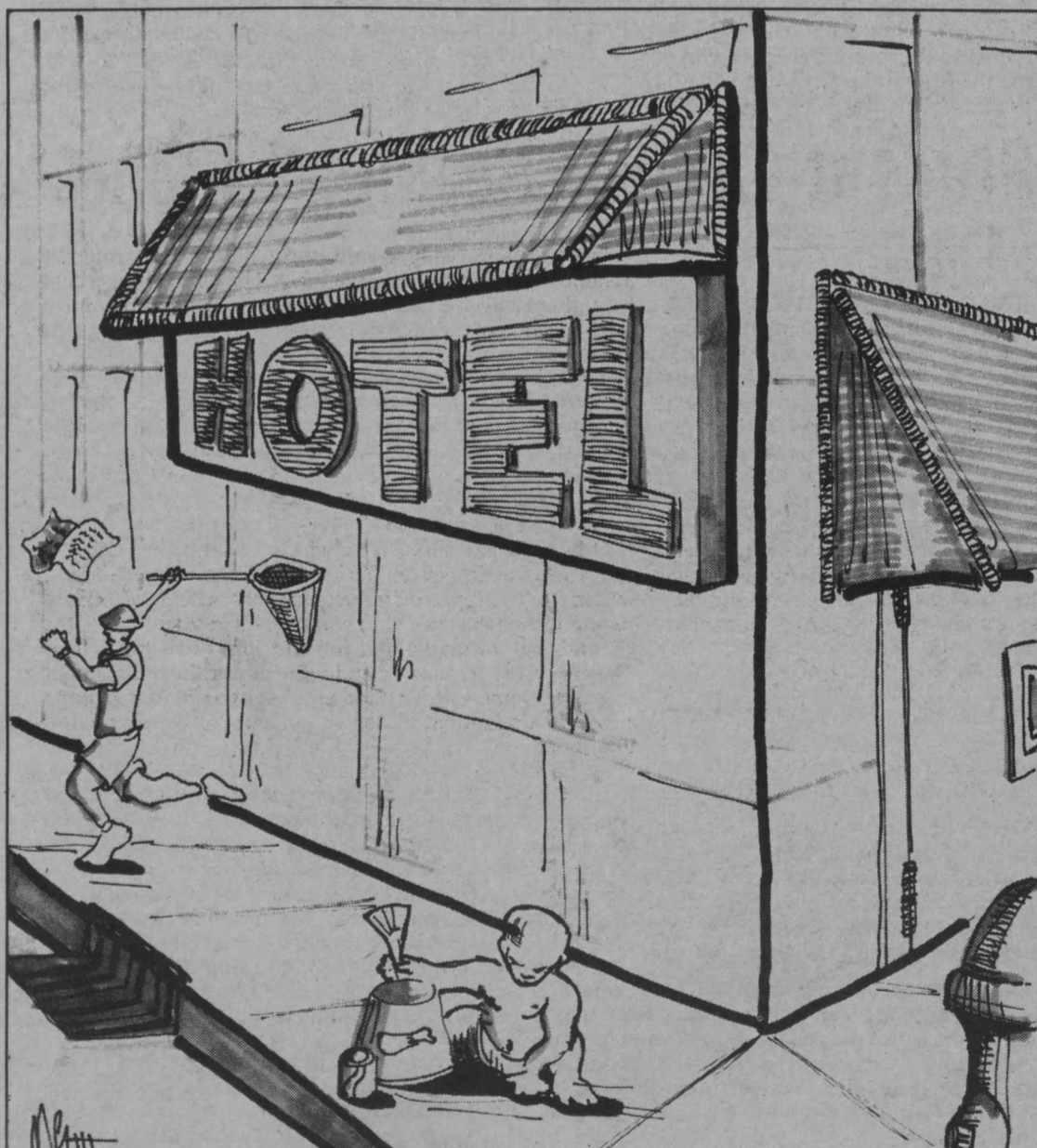
Jehovah did, perhaps make a rape capital offense. However, his laws also reflect the typical practice of blaming the victim. If a woman is engaged to be married and is raped by a man who is her fiancé, then Jehovah's law is that if she did not scream and yell, she is to be killed.

"You shall bring them to the gate of that city and you shall stone them to death; the girl who has not cried out in the city because he has violated her (Deuteronomy 22:28)."

Certainly the all-knowing Jehovah was aware that rapists threaten the lives of their victims and demand that their victims commit to avoid being killed. A misogynist would punish a woman for trying to save her own life by remaining silent while being

OPINION

*"O, what men dare do! what men may do!
what they do!"*



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We Proudly Invite You to Visit

Alex Salkever

I have been swimming in the oceans for as long as I can remember, and perhaps even longer than that. My family used to go up to Cape Cod in the summers for a couple of weeks and we would go to the beach every day. We usually went to the bay side of the Cape, where the water was calm. My sister and I would collect hermit crabs and build little crab race tracks.

Once in a while, though, we would go to the ocean side of the Cape, where the waves were rougher and bigger. That is the first place where I learned how to ride the waves and heard the sweet whooshing sound of water flowing quickly over my face, past my ears and down my body. The beaches were clean and uncrowded and the dunes were not yet eroded by vehicles or careless construction.

A few years after we stopped going to the Cape I began attending a summer camp called Alliquippa in Small Point, Maine. All 60 campers lived in a big old house which used to be a hotel overlooking Casco Bay. To get to the ocean from the camp we would hike over the mountain (really only a very large hill) on a secluded road which ended on a pristine white sand beach with a tidal river flowing into it. And the waves there were big, fast, and suitable for any type of riding or surfing. In the dunes overlooking the beach in Maine was a wildlife refuge for an endangered species of terns indigenous to the area. We would always watch the terns to see how they were doing and wonder what they thought of us.

As I have grown up through the years, I have held onto these childhood memories as proof that there still may be hope for the world and humankind to exist in harmony. For it is in the little places of untouched na-

ture that one can find this kind of peaceful coexistence may actually be possible.

The Santa Barbara area is maybe a part of the Southern California coast which has not been smogged, overpopulated and urbanized. Anyone who has managed to drive up from the Mexican border to Santa Barbara can tell you that the Southern California coast has become one big metropolitan sprawl. This sprawl is slowly creeping up on Santa Barbara as well. The signs of urbanization are clear. Santa Barbara, due to State Water Board regulations, now have an excess of drinking water. Therefore the ban on new water meters will be lifted soon in many areas of the city. The expansion of Highway 101 will also

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a freer traffic flow and more traffic. The only two of the signals and many more are forthcoming.

It is the little changes, the slow deterioration of living quality, that troubles me the most, however. Ten years ago it would have been possible for the new hotel to be just north of campus to make it through necessary approval procedures. But it will be built, representing only a little backslide towards the Los Angeles of Santa Barbara.

This hotel will be erected in an area loved by mountain bikers, runners, and surfers alike. Most disturbingly, the mating site for an endangered species of butterfly, which may face extinction due

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—Shakespeare

...or the third day; do not man' (Exodus 19:15)." ...s themselves were di- ...y towards men: ...not covet your neigh- ...u shall not covet your ...or his male servant or ...ant or his ox or his ...thing that belongs to ... (Exodus 20:17)." ...nothing is said about ...neighbor's husband. ...cause a wife appears to ...part of the property of ...and not vice versa.

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...ring them both out to ...city and you shall stone ...the girl, because she did ...the city and the man, be- ...olated his neighbor's ...omy 22:24)." ...all-knowing Jehovah ...at rapists frequently ...es of their victims and ...their victims quietly sub- ...ing killed. Only a mis- ...punish a victim of rape ...ve her own life by re- ...while being assaulted.

Finally, if a woman who was not engaged was raped, Jehovah did not order that the attacker be killed; rather, he was to "give to the girl's father 50 shekels of silver" and the woman was to "become his wife" (Deuteronomy 22:29)! It seems that Jehovah was not so much concerned about the gross injustice done to the woman as he was concerned about the damage done to a man's property. The father of the woman is seen as the victim here and the woman is forced to marry the man who assaulted her. I cannot imagine a more horrible and humiliating fate for a rape victim.

As I mentioned earlier, Jesus was not as grossly sexist as Jehovah. Jesus was more enlightened about women than many of his fellow Jews. Nevertheless, Jesus did not completely transcend the sexism of his culture. For one thing, Jesus, like Jehovah, preferred to have males in positions of power and influence. Although Jesus did treat women with great respect, when it came time to choose his closest disciples, he selected twelve men, "Peter, James, John, Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, Jacob, Thaddaeus, Simon and Judas (Mark 3:16-19)."

The most damning evidence against Jesus, however, does not come from the way he personally treated women. What makes Jesus clearly a sexist is that Jesus taught his followers to worship, love and obey Jehovah and to respect His sexist laws. Jesus also proudly claimed to be the divine son of Jehovah. Jesus was not ignorant of the laws and the practices of His father; he had carefully studied the books of Moses and the prophets as a young man. Thus Jesus was a sexist, because he gave his fully informed approval of Jehovah and His laws.

Christianity is essentially and undeniably a sexist religion because it recommends the worship of two sexist gods. Thus it is simply impossible to be both a feminist and a Christian. One can sincerely try to be both, but one cannot succeed.

Brad Bowen is an English grad student.

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inevitable build-up which will occur on the once pristine bluff tops. I confess I have a special interest in this affair because the hotel will fall right on top of one of my favorite surfing spots, a place where my friends and I go to escape the crowds which mob every break from Devereux Point on south.

I went back to Cape Cod two summers ago with my parents. The beaches did not look like the beaches of my childhood. They were dirty, covered with trash and crowds of oily bodies. I did not stay long at the beach there. Last summer I went back to Maine, to Alliquippa. The old hotel which had been the camp house had been renovated and turned into yuppie condos. There was a mini-mall down the road a half mile from camp where the old general store used to be. I hiked over the mountain to see my favorite beach from years past and it was still pretty much the same, albeit a bit dirtier and with a few more people. A larger public access road had been built and now the terns' old nesting place is gone.

Years from now I'll probably come back to the site of my old alma mater and try to soak up the memories of my college days. Right now Santa Barbara is one of my favorite places on the face of the earth, but I bet I will come back and there will be hotels and mini-malls and large quantities of obnoxious, careless people where I used to surf. It is still not too late to avoid this fate for what is the last vestige of what Southern California really used to be. Like the waves rolling under my feet, the times are changing right before my eyes and what was not there yesterday may be there tomorrow before I've even had a chance to blink and wipe my eyes.

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Loggers Out of Trees and Out of Time

Brooke Nelson

The Bush Administration's decision to convene a panel authorized to grant exemptions to the Endangered Species Act not only threatens the survival of the Northern Spotted Owl, but may also set a precedent for future overrides of environmental protection laws.

The Federal Bureau of Land Management has petitioned Department of Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan to allow logging on 4,600 acres in Southern Oregon, despite warnings from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that timber sales in the area would seriously threaten the spotted owl population in the Pacific Northwest. The BLM contends that barring timber sales in the region would inflict intolerable economic damage upon timber-dependent communities.

The so-called "God Squad" will determine whether economic considerations outweigh protecting the owls, whose population now numbers 6,000. The panel will be authorized to "play God" with a federally protected species, deciding whether its continued existence is worth the projected

economic costs associated with its preservation.

If the BLM is permitted to circumvent the Endangered Species Act, countless development interests pleading economic hardship will line up to take advantage of the precedent. Timber industry officials admit that granting an exemption in this case will only postpone the inevitable loss of jobs in the area due to shrinking forests.

Logging company officials claim that the extinction of a species is a small price to pay for the survival of an entire industry. In reality, the decline of the Pacific Northwest's timber industry is the result of shortsighted management practices which have allowed public forests to be liquidated at a faster rate than they can regenerate. Multinational firms, which value profit over the plight of the workers and lands they exploit, have cast greedy eyes on public forests as a cheap revenue source, even though 72 percent of this country's timber lands are privately owned. In recent years, the mechanization of labor and overseas exports of raw logs have eliminated thousands of timber jobs, but corporate officials find it more convenient to tell

laid-off workers that owls and environmentalists are to blame for their pink slips. The U.S. taxpayer should not be made to subsidize an inefficient industry while simultaneously losing precious resources and biological diversity.

This latest attempt by the Bush Administration to ignore federal law in favor of business interests, as in the Savings and Loan scandal, illustrates the widespread contempt among federal agencies for those who will bear the future costs of mismanagement. Until a higher value than the dollar is accorded to all forms of life, our public lands will continue to be auctioned to the highest bidder, and our generation will suffer the loss of irreplaceable species along with the ecosystems upon which they depend.

It is the rampant destruction of this country's forests, rather than the Spotted Owl, which imperils timber workers. As one activist said, "Loggers are not up against the Spotted Owl. They are up against the Pacific Ocean." *Brooke Nelson is a senior majoring in political science and is a Nexus staff reporter.*

Stupid Student Cyclists Seeking Stitches

G.R. Maier

I don't know why it is that at least once a year, I feel compelled to do a little column on bicycle riders in Isla Vista.

It might be because they don't stop at stop signs, rather they zip through intersections at all hours assuming right-of-way and I often don't see them coming. It might be because they often ride three and four abreast through the streets, making it difficult to maneuver a car in this town without forcing several of these bikers en masse into parked cars. Or maybe it's just because whenever you don't see them coming and make a sudden stop, or mistakenly expect them to stop at a stop sign, they look at you like you're from Jupiter, or more like they wish you'd just go away and die; it's like the idea of an automobile in this town is repugnant to them and therefore, you are scum.

Well, let's brush up on our biking facts here.



GREG MAIER/Daily Nexus

Firstly: Bikers really should stop at all stop signs and not assume that drivers of cars see them. They'll live longer that way, there will be less nasty language exchanged and it might even save the bike rider(s) some of the annoying side effects of biking.

Those side effects would be such things as broken bones, scrapes, lacerations, bruises and the like. If you have taken basic anatomy, you'll recall that as wonderful and versatile and resilient as the body is in its own magical way, your legs, neck, arms and so forth, are no match for chrome and steel. If you plow into a car, or vice versa, you'll most assuredly come out the loser.

Other possible side effects would be fat lips, dislocated noses and sore jaws from the six-foot, three-inch behemoth whom you've flipped off for accidentally cutting you off; ten to one he (maybe even she) will take offense, get out of the car and beat the crap out of you and your finely toned legs. That's no way to start or end your day, although it might teach you some manners and you might learn that genuine accidents do happen in a town where bikers swarm about like mosquitos on a sultry Louisiana night.

I think biking is great. I like it just fine. It's great exercise. It's even fun when it isn't raining or too cold and it will give you great looking legs and improve your cardiovascular system. So please, don't mess all that up by biking like you are an immortal Greek god or something. Blood, not ichor, is the stuff your body's full of and your bones are calcium, not titanium or kystal. You have eyes and ears and possibly even a little common sense, so next time you're out there on your two wheels, watch for the beasts on four and assume nothing. You could end up irritated, injured, or worse and we wouldn't want that to happen, would we?

Thanks for your time. This message has been brought to you by a walker who sometimes drives and gets really pissed off when bike riders run stop signs in front of him and flip him off when he doesn't see them on foggy mornings. *G.R. Maier is a Nexus columnist and a senior majoring in creative writing.*

The Reader's Voice

Still More Acuña

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I want to address the comments made by Kolya Renne about Mr. Acuña, the Chicano studies professor at Cal State University, Northridge, who did not get hired at UCSB (Daily Nexus, Reader's Voice, Oct. 17). First of all, Kolya, you are very disillusioned if you do not think that institutionalized racism exists. In fact, here at UCSB, it flourishes. An example of this is the fact that a white professor is teaching my Sociology 137 E: Sociology of the Black Experience class, instead of a Black professor. I know there are competent Black educators who can teach this class and add the personal Black perspective necessary to communicate to the students what it is like to be Black in this country. If UCSB really wanted to be diverse, the administration would have taken the necessary steps to insure that a Black professor would teach the class. Secondly, how can you call the student body and faculty of UCSB homogeneous? Please look up the word "homogeneous." I'll save you the obvious trouble. It means "of the same race or kind." We are not all of the same kind on this campus. And how do you know that graduate schools are not producing qualified "minority" Ph.D.s who meet the standards of the UC's faculty? A person can be qualified for the position, but if the person is not given the opportunity to prove so, who will ever know?

The readers of the Nexus would never know how uninformed you are if the Nexus had not printed your letter. How do you know the UCSB administration is above racism? Are you sitting in on meetings? Do you hear what decisions are made? Do you read minds? If so, I am sure you know I think you are full of it. Furthermore, Kolya, if you don't know the particulars of Mr. Acuña's incident, why did you comment on it in the Nexus, broadcasting your ignorance? If you are a person of color, then you need to wake up. If you are not a person of color, then you need to shut up. In the future, please refrain from referring to people of color as "minorities." Hopefully, the only minority in this country is ignorant, misguided people like you!

WENDY TODD

Libertarians Unite

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I would like to address the insightful column by Torre Chisolm concerning the incredible taxation to which Californians are being subjected these days (Daily Nexus, "Taxing Our Patience," Oct. 15). It is an abomination that, while every American family must learn to live within their means, governmental spending has no limits and legislators can simply force us to pay more when they spend too much.

The budget just recently passed by the California state legislature is a perfect example of government run wild. As Mr. Chisolm stated, most people have to live within their means and cannot simply go to their employers and demand a raise. But the legislature does it every year. It did it last year, it did it this year and it will be doing it again next year.

When Governor Wilson made his proposal of over \$8 billion in increased taxes (which made necessary our outrageous 40 percent increase in registration fees), I was furious. I was furious that the man I voted for could stab me in the back like this. But everyone kept saying, "It's the only thing he can do. He has to balance the budget." Well, did the governor have any alternatives to the tax increases? And just how balanced is the budget? First of all, there were \$14 billion worth of spending cuts proposed to the new governor. According to Assemblyman Tom McClintock, Wilson could have saved the average family in California over \$1,000 in new taxes had he adopted only half of these cuts. Among the cuts proposed by McClintock was the call for the elimination of free automobiles for state legislators every two years, a luxury that we, the taxpayers, pay for every time we go to work. So I don't want to hear any more about how there were no alternatives to the new taxes!

Now let's see just how balanced this new budget is. The "responsible" and "balanced" budget our legislature passed depends on economic recovery and a 10.1 percent increase in real revenue growth next year to be truly balanced. The fact that revenue is currently declining in California, however, seems to be insignificant. Businesses are leaving California and taking hundreds of jobs with them. They are turning down contracts to open their headquarters in California because of the state's out of control taxes and anti-business regulations. Again, where these companies go, many jobs will follow — jobs that many Californians desperately need.

Last year, when the state legislature passed that year's budget, Assemblyman McClintock, warned the Assembly that this irresponsibility would lead to the state being faced by the same problems the next year. And what do you know? Here we are again in the same boat. So he said it again this year, and he will be up there again next year saying the same thing. "The crisis was not caused on the revenue side. It was caused on the expenditure side — we're spending too much — we're spending inefficiently — we are spending unwisely — and we are destroying this state."

So while the California taxpayers are having to tighten their belts to meet over \$8 billion in new taxes, the legislature increased its budget by 12 percent. The government is spending irresponsibly. It is out of control. It is up to us

to control it. It is up to us to say "we have had enough. We are tired of paying for your inefficiency and irresponsibility." It is time we make our legislators realize that we are going to hold them responsible for what they do and how they spend our money!

LEA BLADON

In Need of Direction

Editor, Daily Nexus:

A Latino gentleman wrote in a few days ago to document one case of racism in Isla Vista (Daily Nexus, Reader's Voice, Oct. 15). Unfortunately, sexism, too, is prevalent in this college community, and I want to document a case just to release my indignation. I was crossing at the crosswalk at Camino Pescadero on Wednesday afternoon; the car at the stop sign stopped and pulled close to me. I assumed (incorrectly) they needed directions and looked at the car. To my surprise and disgust, the passenger faced me and asked, "Do you give head?" They then proceeded to drive away, and I was left standing on the side of the street disgusted, furious, speechless and shocked. This is not the first such encounter — I have been called a "fucking whore" for making a male biker swerve to miss my dog, and every woman in Isla Vista has been whistled or jeered at from car windows or apartment complexes. I have no doubt some offenders are students, who are presumably here to acquire an education; so educate yourselves! Any man who makes lewd comments is only receiving negative attention; he is revealing his ignorance, his insecurity, his parochial mind and his immaturity. "Sexual harassment" has certainly been in the headlines lately, but I guess some people are slow to understand the denotation of the term. I hope at least one potential harasser stops and thinks about the possible denouements of his action before he reverts to acting like a caveman.

CATHLENE HANAMAN

Duke Is the GOP

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The late chairman of the Republican Party, Lee Atwater, long argued that the GOP could indeed cover its disparate factions under a "big tent," that there was a place for many points of view within the "Grand Old Party," be they pro-life or pro-choice, fiscally or socially conservative. Now, in the wake of the Clarence Thomas controversy, some analysts contend that the GOP may finally make inroads into African-American communities throughout the country. The possibility that there may be major defections of African-American voters to the Republican Party is disturbing, but, hopefully, recent events in the Louisiana state primary will be sobering to those moderate Black voters considering a move to the GOP and perhaps has Republican party bigwigs running for cover. That the Republican candidate for governor in Louisiana is ex-KKK Grand Wizard David Duke says a lot about the unholy alliances the GOP has cynically been trying to organize in recent years. Duke's success is a devastating embarrassment for the GOP.

I pray that Louisianans return Edwin Edwards to their governor's mansion on Nov. 5. At the same time, it seems incumbent upon any Democratic presidential candidate in 1992 to remind voters that Republicans generally oppose civil rights laws and fuel racial divisiveness. The GOP is the party of David Duke and of Willie Horton ads. If presidential to congressional candidates alike point to the hypocrisy of the Republican appeal to African-American voters they will not likely lose much of this constituency. What's more, the shameful treatment of Professor Anita Hill by Republicans from the White House to the Senate Judiciary Committee to the Oklahoma state legislature has perhaps greatly expanded the core of women's activists working against conservative politicians everywhere. (California's Republican senator, John Seymour, had best look over his shoulder.) In the long run, the GOP may just yet pay for their divisiveness, their cynical manipulation of the media and their utter hypocrisy.

THEODORE A. COE

Still More CUNTS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This is in response to the article written by CUNTS. Sisters, you have every right to be concerned and even angry about your safety. However, your impetuous comments and actions have some serious flaws. Do you honestly think a frat sign spray-painted with your graffiti will actually stop potential rapists? Sorry to break this to you, but signs like that will not help your cause; instead the damaged property only enhances your "militant, radical image" you find so humorous. Who do you think will respect the opinion of those who resort to criminal activity in order to express themselves? And if you feel "branded with the name of man instead of your own individual one," don't call yourselves *women*, call yourselves something else. You sure act like something other than women, anyway. Also, you seem to have no notion as to which country you live in. Certainly there are countries where females are not allowed to drive and are beaten by their polygamist husbands. But there is no polygamy in America and everyone has the right to drive. If these are really your concerns, take your organization to a country where these problems actually exist and fix them there. If you, as women (I humbly beg your pardon for the derogatory term), actually do feel that problems of rape and harassment are being neglected, you should make yourselves known instead of being so secretive about who you are. Try holding rallies and demonstrations in public places to get people to listen. It will work better than graffiti. Or wear something that shows you are a member of CUNTS. I and many other males I know would be more than happy to stay away from you. Oh, and incidentally, I do not belong to a fraternity.

PAUL WANLESS

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Editor, Daily Nexus:

Last year a group of hooded women calling themselves the CUNTS began harassing the Greeks during rush. And while the Greek system is extraordinarily ridiculous at best and brutal and bigoted at worst, their protests bothered me. It bothered me because a group of hooded white males protesting outside the homes of African-Americans would be met with well justified anger. It bothered me to learn that the left on this campus would vociferously endorse the same cowardly type of protest when the protestors were women and the bigotry of choice was anti-male.

The CUNTS are back again this year and again they have targeted the Greek system for their protests. I notice conspicuously absent from their protests or their column in the Nexus ("Still Biting Back," Daily Nexus, Oct. 14) was any criticism of the sororities.

Perhaps examining the ways women oppress and mistreat each other requires too much introspective thought for a hate group that has decided that all the problems plaguing their gender are the result of the irredeemably evil male. Maybe they believe women have been oppressed for so long that most are incapable of making sound choices about joining organizations; organizations which tell women how long they must know a man before they can sleep with him, that they may not drink while wearing their letters, that if they write to the Nexus about eating disorders they will be expelled from their sorority. I believe strong women would not be afraid to criticize their sisters when they are engaging in such obviously self-destructive behavior.

The CUNTS are the Ku Klux Klan of the feminist movement on this campus. Hoods give courage to cowards, secrecy gives safe harbor to the violent and putrefied infections that survive and thrive in the dark of the night. Their ideology eschews open and public debate for the evil that is violence. The recent vandalism of the frats is a case in point. Vandalism is violent. The initiation of violence against private property is immoral. Violence is cyclical. It makes no difference whether the violence is perpetrated against abortion clinics by militant anti-choice crazoids or against frat houses by militantly anti-male crazoids. Initiated force always leads to polarization and backlash.

To the CUNTS I say this: I am sorry that certain male individuals initiated force against your bodies or minds. However, I and the large majority of decent and loving men refuse to sit back and be "bitten hard" by your castrating rhetoric. We are your fathers, brothers, sons and in some cases, though you may be loathe to admit it, your lovers and friends. We are imperfect, but unless you learn to asexually reproduce, we are going to have to learn to live and love together.

ERIC P. STRZEPEK

Maybe Not Racism

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Re: Kenneth Ramirez's "Add Racism" (Daily Nexus, Reader's Voice Oct. 18), I am very sorry that on your first trip down to Isla Vista party life you have already formulated an opinion that the Santa Barbara police are "racist" and that the Chicanos are being harassed. Policemen simply have a job to do; keep things under control. Do you think they get a kick out of going in and breaking up Chicano parties? I think they do what they have to do to keep their jobs and get their paychecks. It seems to me from your letter that you are the racist, against whites. The police come in to break up a party and you scream racism because they are not out there breaking up every other party in I.V. the same instant. I think your own prejudice against whites caused you to distort what you were seeing because a Chicano party was being broken up. I am really tired of listening to and reading about all the terrible racist things white people do to other minorities, as if these minorities deserve special privileges. When is the last time anyone heard of a white being discriminated against by a minority group? What is the definition of equality anyway? Special privileges for the minorities (i.e. Affirmative Action)? The rest make it on their own?! Why can't we just look at each individual as equal — equality.

MICHAEL CATALDO

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Letters to the editor must be typed and include the author's full name and telephone number. Columns should include the author's class level and major. All material is subject to condensation for space considerations. That doesn't mean it will get wet. It will get shorter. Thanks for your time. Thanks for caring. Thanks a lot.

REACTION: Blaze Hits Home for Some Students

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 Bay in a matter of hours. The fire reportedly logged approximately \$1.5 billion in damages, and was contained on Monday. Firefighters said they hoped to have it under control by today.

But for senior Sarah Hosemann, the outlook couldn't get much bleaker, regardless of what the firefighters are saying.

"I think my house is gone," Hosemann said. "They aren't letting my parents into the area to check.

... Monday morning my mom said the neighbors' houses were all burned to the ground. The other end of our street was entirely wiped out. My brother said he saw our house burning."

Hosemann found out about the fire from a random comment she overheard on Sunday afternoon. She spent Sunday night and Monday following news reports and praying her house was spared. "I keep hoping that something will have been saved. I keep hoping there will be a miracle," she said.

Freshman Seth Melamed was also afraid his Berkeley home wouldn't make it through the night. "My house was on the edge of the fire as of Sunday. I talked to my mom. She said the neighborhood is burning."

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I keep hoping that something will have been saved. I keep hoping for a miracle.
 Sarah Hosemann
 UCSB senior

However, more than just the loss of a home is troubling the minds of students like sophomore Rob Novak, whose father is a firefighter in Walnut Creek.

"He is there right now. I don't know if he is okay or even if he is still working. My mom said on Sunday that he called her and said he had to go, and that's all I know. We haven't heard anything yet," Novak said.

Sophomore Thomas Madigan was concerned for the safety of his father, who is a police officer working the fire zone. "I guess some policemen and firemen were killed, so I'm a little worried," he said. One police officer and one firefighter have been killed by the blaze.

The magnitude of the fire caught most students by surprise.

"I heard about it during the 49ers game. I thought it was a factory fire or something. I had no idea it was this big until my brother

called me and told me my house was in danger," senior James Patrick Lauderback said.

Lauderback was still unaware of the status of his Oakland home because it lies in the evacuated area. "The fire was only about 100 feet from my house when my parents left," he said.

Anger over what they called inept and unconcerned coverage of the fire by Southern California news agencies was prevalent among many Northern California natives, who had difficulty obtaining clear information on the path of the blaze.

"It hasn't really been on the news, which is frustrating. I guess this is Southern California and they don't really care. They just aren't interested. I got tired of watching the news because it was so general," Hosemann said.

"I've been reading the Los Angeles Times because all the San Francisco Chro-

nicles are sold out. You can't find them anywhere," senior Paul Walsh said.

Phone lines were relatively free of hangups, students said, although the Red Cross line experienced some problems with overload on Sunday, according to senior Arlene Hernandez.

Hernandez could not get any information on her uncle's house because she could not get through on any of the Red Cross lines. "We've been calling the Red Cross number they have been broadcasting and it doesn't work," she said.

Some students from the fire zone were also entertaining the idea of dropping their books and heading into what was left of their neighborhoods to help out.

"I don't know if I'll go up. It depends on if there is a house left. I'll go up if there is anything there to help out with, but if it is all just gone then there really isn't any point to it. I don't want to just be another body in the way," Hosemann said.

But Lauderback said he wanted to go up north and see the damage for himself. "I'd like to go up and help out, but I don't have a car. It depends on if I can get a ride," he said, adding, "I can't really imagine what it is going to look like."

before he was able to go home at 6:30 that night.

On Monday, people were allowed back into their dorm rooms and apartments, but most students reportedly did not venture out of their residences. According to witnesses, the UCB campus was a ghost town. *The Daily Californian* contributed to this story

lar firefighters, who gave orders to turn on water and cart more hose when necessary.

"At first it was really hot — obviously, I mean houses were burning on each side of you. ... It was like a war zone or something. It was crazy," Jacobs said. He worked for about six hours

often feel lost. "It's hard to swallow," she said.

To combat the psychological strain which the fire has created, the shelter is offering counseling in addition to its other services.

"Whenever a situation comes along with such horrible implications that come out of nowhere, the human organism is not equipped to deal with it," said Linda Conrady, a volunteer counselor from San Francisco State University. However, people still seemed fairly calm to Conrady, who guessed they were still in shock.

Tanjuanico, who had only \$10 and the clothes on his back, offered some advice to fire victims: "Don't take it so bad. If they heard what I just said, they must still be alive. And that's all that counts."

ing, but they were burnt out and needed help," he said. "You always think of evacuees as downtrodden and poor. Really, they're pretty well off."

One such "evacuee," Mark Tanjuanico, was burned out of his childhood home on Sunday night. After futile attempts to smother the scattered flames on his roof, long after his family had gone, Tanjuanico also fled.

When he came back Monday morning, the area had been gutted. "Everything was leveled to the ground, except for the chimneys. There ain't one house up there that's saved. There's just dirt and skeleton trees. I built two houses up there, and the only thing that didn't get burnt was the 'For Sale' sign," he said.

Shelter manager Yvette Valencia said that evacuees

telling whether twelve hours ago the auto was a cherry showpiece or a rusted hobby car.

But there were people up there too. A woman and man, late 40s, walked toward me down the hill. A reporter in front of me asked, "Do you live here?"

"Yes," the woman answered.

"What are you doing here?"

"We're looking for the body of our daughter."

"Did you find it?"

She shook her head and they kept walking down, away from the destruction.

When I made my way

level. A transformer rested atop a car.

The cars — reportedly as many as 2,000 wasted in the flames — were some of the most telling signs of the panic that swept the hillside.

During someone's attempt to flee the rushing flames, a Porsche was backed into a telephone pole on the sidewalk, then burnt over. No bones inside.

Behind a pile of ash that used to be a house sat a heap of blackened steel that used to be a vintage Ford, and it struck me as ironic that there was no way now of

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 teers in television newscasts at about 12:30 p.m. They requested any able-bodied people as well as experienced firefighters to help out on the mountain and at the shelter, he said.

"They drove us up behind the Claremont. ... They were really undermanned on all the trucks, so we took the hoses. They had these big 100-foot hoses, and so we had to patch them (together) and go down and get more," Jacobs said.

The volunteers were under the command of regu-

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 "It's been bad because we can't go outside that much. It gets hard to breathe when you play for awhile."

Just a few blocks away people offered more tangible help — such as food, clothing and shelter — in the Wilker Jr. High Gym, which has served as a temporary Red Cross Shelter since Sunday afternoon.

One woman donated cat food for the numerous pet owners whose lost animals may be housed at the SPCA. Safeway donated food and drinks and a large number of volunteers donated their time and services.

Ironically, many of these volunteers are transients who decided to lend a hand to their wealthier homeless counterparts.

David Bacon has camped

at Claremont Canyon in the Berkeley hills since 1974. After smelling smoke Sunday morning, he rushed down to the streets below to see what he could do. Bacon said he brought some order to the chaotic roads by directing traffic for half an hour before police and fire trucks arrived.

Bacon also volunteered in the shelter's kitchen that night and the next day.

Transient Kenny Walker was a volunteer cook at the shelter. "I had a lot of free time on my hands," he said. "I'm getting personal satisfaction out of doing something right, something positive."

Another cook, Modesto Fernandez, said he has seen quite a few of his old UC Berkeley professors at the shelter. "I automatically assumed they were volunteer-

WITNESS

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 homes used to stand.

One of the strangest phenomena to occur during fires like this is the seeming randomness that would dictate the total incineration of 20 homes in a row, while leaving the twenty-first completely unharmed. Not even soot stains were on some of these houses, while others not six feet away were baked out of existence.

Telephone poles were burnt to stumps, throughout the neighborhood, lowering tangled power lines to chest

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Berkeley Businesses Worry Over Long-Term Effects of Blaze

By Jennifer Adams
Staff Writer

BERKELEY — It was clearly not business as usual in Berkeley Monday afternoon. Restaurants and companies closest to the fire's destructive path are already experiencing what they expect to be a long decline in sales.

Stores on Domingo road — right along the front of the Berkeley Hills — were forced to evacuate their employees on Sunday and will remain closed until the fire is put out and the neighboring roads are reopened, according to owners.

Although the immediate closure is a blow to business, the long-term decline in customers who lost homes in the fire is what worries owners most.

"A big chunk of our customers aren't going to be living here for a while," said David Morris, owner of Bread Garden Bakery. "(But) three years from now things should be back to normal. People will have the money to rebuild their homes, but it will take a long time."

In the meantime, Morris will look for other ways to sup-

plement his income, such as opening a wholesale account to sell his goods to other companies. Doing so would end 17 years of a purely private business, but Morris thinks it will be the only way for his bakery to survive.

Thoughts of the fire lingered in the minds and on the tongues of most locals, and the more they talked about the disaster, the closer to tears they came.

UC Berkeley senior Anna Parra was no exception. An employee of United Pharmacy downtown, she spoke with customers all day long who were deeply affected by the fire.

"It's really hard. I've never had to deal with this before," Parra said. One elderly man told her how he barely escaped from the fire with his wife, lost one car and had his hair and his other car severely burned on the way out.

"It's really sad. All I can say to people is 'I'm sorry,' and I can offer them a shoulder to cry on," Parra said.

Rick and Ann's Restaurant was the only other business closest to the fire's path that showed any sign of life. The rest were simply masses of dark and vacant rooms, with haphazard "Closed" signs hanging in each window.

Although owner Ann Lauer said her restaurant has been closed since Sunday's evacuation at 1:30 p.m., she took

coffee to the crowd outside as they watched their homes burn.

"I wish I could do more," she said. "I feel pretty helpless in this type of disaster."

However, the stores with blocks of streets between them and the Berkeley hills continued on an even keel. In fact, many said that business may have been slightly higher — especially in restaurants — since so many people were out of school or not working on Monday.

Despite the multitude of customers, the atmosphere was far from festive. Conversations about the fire filled nearly every table, radio newscasters rambled out updates and the air outside remained a dingy yellow-grey.

As for lost food and clothing, businesses such as Safeway, Mervyn's and Target have already made tremendous donations, according to City Manager Henry Gardener.

Mayor Elihu Harris said the business community has made a strong "commitment to the rebuilding of a community, and to assist those who have been devastated by the loss. Although the means of doing so are still forthcoming, this is not a hopeless situation."



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SPIKERS

Cont. from back page in Game 2 as Hawaii raced out to a 13-4 lead. For the second consecutive match, though, Gaucho freshman Nina Withrington was brought into the lineup and displayed some effective serving, and behind that strength Santa Barbara was able to close the gap. And although the Gauchos lost that game, the late momentum seemed to carry over to Game 3, as UCSB sharpened its play to force the fourth and final game.

Lovelace led Hawaii with 19 kills, while middle blocker Kee Williams displayed her blocking power as advertised, stopping 11 balls. As a team, the Wahines outblocked the Gauchos 23.5 to 9.

"We didn't do a very good job on Kenyetta," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "We have to do a better job of blocking. It's a little disappointing — that we couldn't win the two close games that we were both ahead in."

Sophomore Ana Elisa Franca led Santa Barbara once again in kills with 24, while junior outside hitter Kristie Ryan added 18 kills and 18 digs. With those digs, Ryan became just the third player in Gaucho history to record 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in a career.

"Kristie's only at 70 percent but she can lead the team and she wants to hit

Gauchos Head to LA for Final Road Trip

The UCSB men's soccer team will be back on the road tonight as it travels to Los Angeles for its last game away from home this season.

The game at Cal State L.A. — rescheduled from its original date of Sept. 23 — will serve as a warmup for the Gauchos, who are looking ahead to this weekend's important Big West matches.

"We're going to play guys that don't usually play," said UCSB head coach Cliff Draeger, who also indicated that his policy for tonight's game and this week's practices would be to "get everybody healthy and get ready" for the weekend.

Gaucho defender Curtis Jimerson indicated that the Gauchos aren't concerned with tonight's game as much as the ones after it, stressing that they "take every game seriously."

This Friday, the Gauchos (4-10-1) will

host UNLV before Sunday's contest with Cal State Fullerton. Both teams rank in front of fourth-place UCSB.

Cal State L.A. (4-6) is a Division II independent.

"At home, they're very good," Draeger said, but added that the L.A. team has performed very poorly on the road.

The Gauchos are no strangers to road trouble themselves as their record away from Harder Stadium coming into tonight is 1-7. While the numerous road games against strong teams earlier in the season contributed to UCSB's losing record, it now leaves the team with its final four games on its own field.

"The schedule favors us," Draeger said. "We can beat these teams at home. We just have to stay focused. We'll be ready."

—Scott McPherson

the ball no matter what — that's what's so great about her," Gregory said. "She just has a winning attitude. That's what we need some of our more experienced players to do — to be more aggressive."

The fact that UCSB was far from being at its best and still kept the match close has to be good news for Santa Barbara as it enters tonight's rematch at the Events Center (7:30 p.m., KCSB 91.9 FM).

"We're going to have to a better job of blocking and try to run our middle a little bit more," Gregory said.

"We'll have to serve better — when we served tough they had a lot of trouble.

Poloists to Host Yugoslavs After Sharpening up Skills

Following a much-needed week of hard practice and time to regroup, the UCSB water polo team (6-13, 0-5) will be back in action today at 4 p.m., when the squad will challenge the Croatia Junior National Team from Yugoslavia at the Campus Pool.

"We've worked really hard this past week," Head Coach Pete Snyder said. "We've improved our conditioning level. We're starting to get more motion and seeing the field better. Now we just have to pass the ball more effectively in our games."

The Croatia Junior National Team, which has been traveling up and down the California coast, possesses greater size and strength than the #10 Gauchos. But Snyder and the Gauchos are hopeful that the home-pool advantage will outweigh their size deficiency.

—Bryan Sullivan

NCAAs

Cont. from back page easily tops that."

UCSB's top two runners this year, seniors Don Patti and Damian Capozzola, finished 112th and 118th respectively, with times of

29:15 and 29:58 on the 8800 meter course. All-conference runner, senior Bryan MacMillan finished 130th in a field of 168, coming off of a knee injury, and senior Jason Piumarta placed 158th.

"I can't answer for the way Damian and Don ran,"

Dolan said. "Maybe it's just what they need to spark them."

Bright spots for UCSB included top Gaucho finisher junior Bill Aronson (28:26) in 40th place, and sophomore Paul Goodrich finished with a time of 29:15.

AP

Cont. from back page cape Moraga with a victory over the big, bad Gaels, you would have to finally believe Candaele's kids are for real.

This afternoon, the water polo team will host the Croatia Junior National Team of Yugoslavia. Sure hope the Gauchos' Nik Ivanovic (of Belgrade, Yugoslavia) doesn't take it easy on his fellow countrymen.

The women's soccer team faced a national team last weekend as well. The only difference was that this national team was a collection of the finest women soccer players in the country — and maybe the world.

The U.S. National Team is awesome. No question about it. What a show they put on Saturday night in a 10-0 domination of the Gauchos. The score,

though, is really irrelevant. What's important is that Santa Barbara got a chance to see first hand the ultimate potential of soccer.

Gaucho Head Coach Tad Bobak said it best, earning him AP Wire Quote of the Week honors.

"They play the game in a very entertaining and a very powerful way. I have no ill feelings whatsoever, because today, the winner was soccer."

That says it all.

By the way, I was just wondering if you had any suggestions for things you would like to read in the sports section that aren't in there now. We love feedback. So if you like sports on the back page every day or if you hate it, if you like a column like this one or if you love it, or if you have a general suggestion or just want to say hello, drop us a note at the office. We're only here to please you. NOT.

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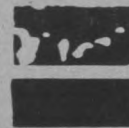
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Hawaii Delivers Round-One Blow

Spikers Fall in Four Games, Can Avenge Defeat Tonight

By Jonathan Okanes
Staff Writer

Early on in Game 4 of the UCSB vs. Hawaii women's volleyball match Monday night at the Events Center, Hawaii Head Coach Dave Shoji made a move that defied the odds. It defied logic. The Events Center crowd of 376 was baffled.

And it may have been the move that won the match for Hawaii.

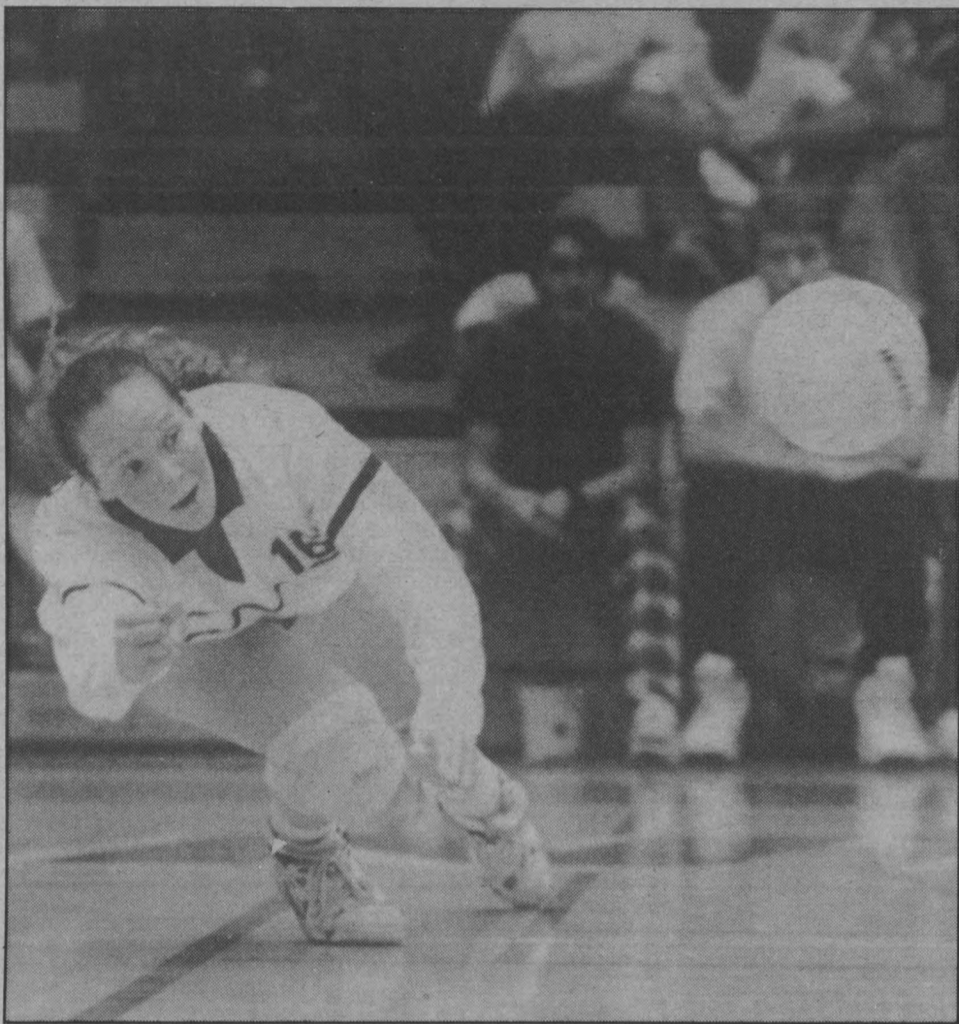
Shoji, a UCSB graduate, replaced All-American setter Cheri Boyer with freshman Kari Anderson, and the Rainbow-Wahines went on to a match-clinching win in Game 4 as Hawaii defeated the Lady Gauchos 16-14, 15-10, 11-15, 15-13 in the first of two consecutive matches between the two teams. With the victory, Hawaii moves ahead of Santa Barbara in the Big West Conference standings, as the Wahines improve to 9-2 in league play, while UCSB drops to 8-3. Hawaii is 15-2 overall while the Gauchos are 13-5.

Anderson helped Hawaii erase Santa Barbara's lead of 10-7 and 12-9 in the final game as the Wahines hit .415 to close out the match. The Gauchos appeared to have the momentum back in their favor when UCSB outside hitter Julie Pitois blocked Hawaii's Kenyetta Lovelace to give Santa Barbara a sideout while leading 13-12. But Hawaii, who taught the Gauchos a thing or two about blocking themselves Monday night, used its big block and effective play from Anderson to pull out the decisive game.

"Kari did a wonderful job," Shoji said. "We've never used her in the middle of a game like that before. Cheri was struggling, but she is (also) in there because she's a great blocker. But she wasn't blocking very well so I thought that Kari just might set the tempo a little faster."

After a tight first game, UCSB seemed to be out of sync

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DAVID ROSEN/Daily Nexus

NOW SERVING — Although the Lady Gauchos lost to the fifth-ranked Rainbow-Wahines 16-14, 15-10, 11-15, 15-13 Monday evening inside the Events Center, freshman Nina Withrington once again came off the bench to provide Santa Barbara with some effective serving.



DAVID ROSEN/Daily Nexus

UCSB's Laura Rutledge, ranked 52nd in the nation, will compete in today's opening round of the Riviera All-American Qualifiers in Pacific Palisades.

Rutledge Prepares to Qualify

UCSB Star Eyes Main Draw; Netters off to a Good Start

By Andrew Paul
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's tennis team is getting the 1991-92 season off to a good start as it sends three players into today's opening round of play of the Riviera All-American Qualifiers at the Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades.

Sophomore Laura Rutledge will represent the Gauchos in the singles draw, while the team of seniors Julie Coakley and Debbie Goldberger will play doubles.

Last weekend Santa Barbara competed in the Pre-Qualifiers at Pepperdine University. Three of the five Gauchos entered into the tournament singles play advanced to the second round, with Goldberger being the lone Gaucho to reach the third.

Rutledge did not need to compete in the Pre-Qualifiers, due to her automatic berth into today's play. Rutledge was one of only 56 players who received an automatic bid into the Qualifiers. She is ranked 52nd in the nation and will be one of 128 players battling to advance into this weekend's main draw of 32 players.

Goldberger advanced to the third round of the Pre-Qualifiers with victories over

Taunya Johnson of San Diego State, 6-7, 6-2, 6-0, and Allegra Milholland of UCLA, 6-4, 6-1. Goldberger then lost to Lisa Neubauer of the University of Wisconsin, 6-4, 6-4, in the third round.

Other scores included Coakley's win (6-2, 6-2) over Gabriella Krizeck of Cal State Northridge in the opening round before falling to Linda Allred of USC, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. The Gauchos' other first-round winner was freshman Lynn Coakley who defeated Michele Reiniker of Kansas State 3-6, 6-4, 7-6, but then lost in the second round to Gina Garcia of UC Irvine, 6-2, 6-3.

UCSB's Courtney Strauss and Suzy Drage were unable to escape the first round. Strauss, a freshman, lost 6-0, 6-3 to Tracee Lee of UOP and Drage fell to Laura Topper 6-3, 6-0.

"I am really pleased with what I see as far as the ability of this team," UCSB Head Coach Chris Russell said. "It is apparent that they will play at a high level this year. This tournament gives us a starting point. You can tell they have the potential."

Following the Qualifiers and main draw, the next competition for the UCSB squad will be Nov. 13-17 in the Rolex Regional Qualifier.

THE AP WIRE

By Andrew Paul,
Staff Writer

For some reason, I am really struggling with a creative, clever, unique and — most of all — entertaining way of beginning this weekly thing.

I guess that'll work.

Is anyone else as thrilled about midterms as I am? Where does all the time go? Seems like just yesterday I was buying all my books for this quarter's classes.

Oh, that was yesterday.

Anyway, do you know what is so significant about today? Well, I'll tell you. Exactly one month from today, Oct. 22, 1991, the UCSB men's basketball team will play its first game of the 1991-92 regular season, when it hosts the ever-dangerous Richmond Spiders.

Only one month. That's it. And against Richmond. What a way for the year to tip-off (pun intended).

The Spiders knocked off Syracuse in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last year. They're good. As for the Gauchos, well, they've got many new faces, plus some of the ol' familiar ones, like Lucius, Ray, Idris, the other Ray, Mike, Paul (well, maybe Paul), Sam — you know the ol' gang.

Now, whether or not these guys can beat Richmond, we'll just have to wait and see.

You don't have to wait that long though to see the Gauchos, as they play in two exhibition games prior to the season opener — the annual Blue-Gold game on Nov. 8 and a meeting with Czechoslovakia on Nov. 14. It'll be here before you know it.

Let's back up a little bit from the future and discuss the present. Who would ever have thought the football team would be 4-2 at this stage of the season? I for one didn't, especially after seeing the Gauchos lose their season opener 33-7 at Sonoma State.

But since then, they have been a different team. Santa Barbara has won four of its last five games, including three straight, to stir up some serious debate about whether or not this is the final year of football at UCSB.

Only you, the students, can decide football's fate.

Some of the catches I've seen Amahl Thomas make this year are worth the 20 bucks alone. Head Coach Rick Candaele has somehow managed to avoid all of the distractions — cutbacks and all — and still put a winner on the field.

A huge test to judge how far this team really has come this season awaits Saturday, when the Gauchos travel to St. Mary's. Should the Gauchos find a way to es-

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Things Completely Fall Apart for Men at NCAA Previews

By Dan Thoene
Reporter

The UCSB men's cross country squad looked to send its healthiest team of the season to Arizona on Monday. However, the trip ironically resulted in one of the sickest outcomes they could have imagined.

It's not that the Gauchos finished poorly overall as a team, they just didn't have enough runners officially entered to constitute one to begin with.

All-Big West Conference runners, seniors Tim Corbin and Sean Nyhan, traveled to Arizona in hopes of competing, but were unable to race due to their state of rehabilitation.

Fourth man, sophomore Rene Rigal, was nursing a knee injury and consequently stayed home. This left UCSB only six runners, with seven being accounted for in the official scoring.

To make matters worse, due to a miscommunication between the coaches and officials, two more of the remaining six Gauchos were supposedly never registered, and therefore could not be considered part of the team.

And then there were four.

Since NCAA rules require five runners to make up a team in a cross country meet, Santa Barbara was never officially entered. Even though the Gauchos were allowed to race individually, they were unfortunately unable to perform up to par.

"It was terrible," UCSB Head Coach Pete Dolan said. "With the experience that they have, I thought I'd seen the worst at Stanford, but this

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