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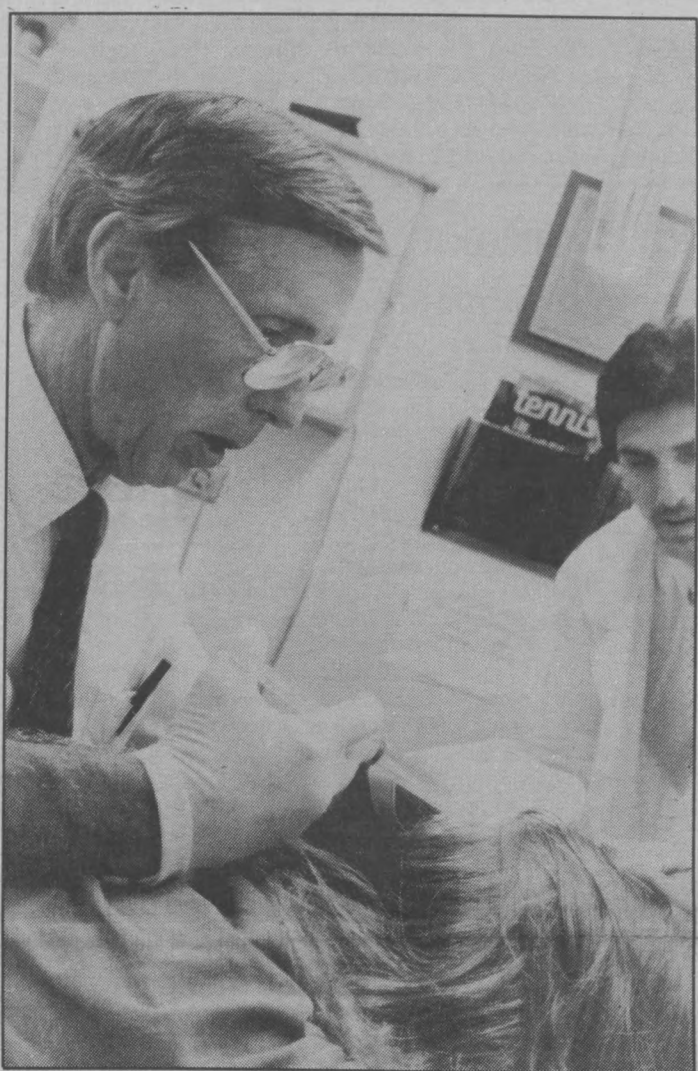
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Sports medicine doctor Rod Hamer finds himself treating all types of sports-related injuries, including the old cracked noggin that needs to be stitched.

New Sports Clinic Provides Students Free Athletic Care

By Marcela Brambila
Reporter

Students can now receive specialized attention through UCSB's Student Health Services due to the recent opening of a training room that offers sports medicine services *pro bono*.

The clinic, which opened its doors April 2 in conjunction with the Physical Activities and Recreation Dept., is available to all students.

It is uncertain at this time as to whether the service is jeopardized by the proposed elimination of the P.A. Dept.

The training room's services, which include everything from exercising strained muscles to massaging a sore limb, are offered Monday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 9:30. Students can either make an appointment or walk in for sports-related concerns.

Student Health Director Cindy Bowers said the sports medicine clinic was not only for injuries, but also for any athletic quandaries students may have, including performance enhancement and nutritional expertise.

Until the clinic was opened, only club sports athletes had access to a training room, because it was funded by a club

sports fee. The facility remains open only to club sports athletes between noon and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The training room is operated out of Physical Therapy when the clinic is not open.

Club Sports Director Judith Dale and SHS Physical Therapist Mary Johnson highlighted the need for specialized athletic medicine care.

"Club sports had no consistency in seeing a doctor," Bowers said. SHS decided that all athletes should be given an opportunity to receive treatment or advice from one doctor who has experience in sports medicine, she said.

Rod Hamer, the physician staffing the new clinic, has been practicing emergency medicine for more than 20 years. He worked for four years at UCSB in the walk-in clinic, where many of the injuries are sports-related. Hamer has also taken several sports medicine courses.

Club sports attempted to hire a certified athletic trainer for the hours that the Rob Gym training room was available, but scheduling did not permit this, Bowers said.

In a time when tightening

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Uehling Gives Faculty Recognition

Festive Ceremony 'Sings' the Praises of Outstanding UCSB Instructors

By Sal Pizarro
Staff Writer

Maybe it was retribution for difficulties she's had with them this year. Chancellor Barbara Uehling made the faculty sing for their supper Monday afternoon — literally.

"You can't get out of the room until you sing," Uehling told a capacity crowd at Girvetz Theater before leading them in the UCSB Alma Mater to close the 1992-93 Faculty Recognition Ceremony.

Uehling, Executive Vice Chancellor Donald Crawford and Academic Senate Chair Larry Iannaccone recognized outstanding instructors, researchers and emeriti faculty at the annual event.

"This year we are honoring 37 retiring faculty. Last year, it was only four," Iannaccone said. "Early retirement means we are

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You can't get out of the room until you sing.”

Barbara Uehling
UCSB chancellor

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losing important and vital faculty members.”

Uehling also announced the pending approval by the UC Regents of two academic chairs, one in Basque studies and one in Japanese cultural studies. She credited Spanish and Portuguese Dept. Chair Juan Bautista Avalle-Arce with "working tirelessly" to get funding for the office.

She also looked toward the

future with the Japanese cultural studies chair. "Our Japanese program will go from promising to outstanding in just a few years," Uehling said.

The following instructors received distinguished teaching awards from the Academic Senate:

- Psychology Professor Aaron Ettenberg in the mathematical, life and physical sciences;

- Electrical and computer engineering Professor Alan Laub, engineering;

- Black studies Assistant Professor Claudine Michel, social sciences;

- Art studio Professor James Smith, arts and humanities.

Psychology doctoral student Valerie Sims was also honored as the outstanding teaching assistant of the year. "She has made important contributions

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Fines Aren't Extra Dough for the Coffers

By Suzanne Garner
Staff Writer

If students miss an administrative deadline on campus, they get fined. Penalties, measured in dollars and cents, are how the immense UC system keeps its schedule running smoothly.

But the money each campus takes in isn't just excess cash used to patch holes in their budgets or cover administrative costs. Instead, each time a UC student coughs up a fine, the state of California reduces its UC funding by just that much.

Fines and fees assessed against students are passed into the UC's General Fund, then the state subtracts that amount from its allocation to the UC system.

"Each campus makes an annual estimate to the state as to how much money it will gen-

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erate for the UC General Fund, and our allotment is decreased by that sum," UCSB Budget Director Todd Lee said. "The number is based on history and is usually a modest projection."

For the 1992-93 fiscal year, an estimate totaling \$133,497,382 was made by the nine UC campuses, said UCSB General Accounting Supervisor Vicki Myers.

According to Mike Lassiter, communications director for the

Office of the President, the UC General Fund represents 2% of UC revenue. State revenue amounts to about \$1.8 billion and is distributed to each of the campuses based on size and special needs, he added.

Santa Barbara's portion of the fund is made up of late fines charged by the Office of the Registrar, the Art Studio Dept.'s lab fees, the Film Studies Dept.'s fees, vending machines, forfeited admissions fees and sales of official publications, Lee said.

UC generally does not include money needed for the maintenance of a service provided, such as the copy machines in the library or replacements for lost student I.D. cards, he said.

But what if students began paying all their fees on time? What if the registrar couldn't collect a \$50 late registration fee

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Highway 101 Pileup Hospitalizes Two, Jams Traffic

A multiple-car pileup on the northbound 101 Highway near the El Sueno exit snarled traffic for several hours Monday afternoon.

The accident, which occurred shortly after 3 p.m., was apparently caused by a ladder which had fallen onto the highway, forcing oncoming traffic to swerve out of the way.

"What is known is that a metal ladder was in the roadway and that vehicles trying not to hit the ladder caused a chain reaction in which six vehicles and one tractor/trailer combination were involved," reads a statement from the California Highway Patrol.

The wreckage stretched across all three lanes of the

freeway, and officers had to keep the number one and two lanes closed for several hours as they conducted their investigation into how the accident occurred.

Traffic on both sides of the 101 backed up for several miles, and northbound commuters had to make do with only one lane throughout the evening rush hour.

No one was seriously injured, although two people, Richard and Theresa Covar, were admitted into Goleta Valley Community Hospital, said Chris Stevens, GVCH supervising nurse. All others were treated and released, Stevens said.

"Richard is in [the critical

care unit] with a pulmonary contusion and broken ribs. Theresa is in CCU with a subdermal hematoma, head injuries," Stevens said.

At the scene, CHP Sgt. David Fuller said he was amazed no one had been more critically injured. One van had been compressed into the center divider by the 18-wheeler, and a Volkswagen bus rolled at least two times before coming to rest on its wheels.

"We've been having a lot of multiple-car accidents lately," Fuller said.

Anyone with information regarding how the ladder came to be in the road is urged to contact the CHP at 967-1234.

—Brett Chapman

Nixon Thought Nation Wouldn't Care About Watergate

WASHINGTON (AP) —Twenty-one years after the Watergate break-in, the conspiratorial voice of Richard Nixon was heard again Monday on tape, plotting to deflect the blame and mistakenly calculating that Watergate was "a Washington son-of-a-bitching story" that most Americans would shrug off.

The government made three hours of the 4,000 recorded by Nixon's secret White House taping system available for the first time to public listening. The 25 conversations covered the weeks immediately before and after June 17, 1972, when five White House-sponsored burglars wearing surgical gloves made a post-midnight foray into the offices of the opposition Democrats.

On one tape, Nixon discusses G. Gordon Liddy, the Watergate mastermind who had offered to draw the heat for the burglary.

"He's a true believer ... and we'll take care of him," Nixon said.

"What the hell," the president said to chief of staff

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"What the hell."

Richard Nixon

H.R. Haldeman. "Is the worst that he'd break into the Democratic committee? Christ, that's no blot on a man's record."

Nixon has always maintained that he did not know about the break-in in advance. The month before, Nixon suggested sending a spy into the camp of Democratic presidential contender George McGovern.

He told aide Charles W. Colson that it was time to

start "the McGovern Watch ... around the clock."

Nixon suggested hiring conservative author Victor Lasky or "a good young reporter and say he's going to do a book."

Said Colson: "That'll do it."

The tapes showed Nixon grappling with the question of how deeply the White House was involved, and whether anyone could link the White House to the break-in. The conversation revealed a willingness to withhold evidence from investigators.

The National Archives, which holds Nixon's 42 million papers and tapes in an industrial warehouse in Alexandria, Va., allowed reporters to listen to three hours of tapes in a windowless room. The public now has exactly the same access. No transcripts exist and no copies of the tapes are allowed to be made.

Nixon has fought for years to keep the content of the tapes secret and to regain their custody. The sound-activated recordings are difficult to hear and often feature only the clatter of coffee cups or a clock ticking.

U.S. Efforts Fail to End Poppy Trade in Pakistan

DIR, Pakistan (AP) —Tribesmen armed with rocket-propelled grenade launchers and semiautomatic rifles patrol the miles of blood-red poppy fields that blanket much of Pakistan's poor and rugged tribal region.

"We will fight to the last man to protect our poppy harvest," warned Zhor Zamin, a 35-year-old poppy producer, who lives in a sunbaked mud hut at the edge of his field.

Despite both U.N. and U.S. efforts to coax farmers here to grow other crops, many are cultivating poppies again after successive governments reneged on promises to build roads, provide running water and bring in electricity.

Production of poppies — the raw material for opium and heroin — is also up in neighboring Afghanistan, and much of it passes through Pakistan. U.S. officials estimate about 20% of the heroin that goes through Pakistan ends up in the United States.

The harvest of the low-maintenance, high-return crop began this month.

Pakistani officials say they are tired of being made scapegoats for a drug problem they say its critics helped create.

They say the United States turned a blind eye to poppy production in Afghanistan during that country's war against a Soviet-installed regime, when Washington backed the Muslim insurgents.

Several of Afghanistan's rebel leaders grew poppies to supplement their income, Western diplomats say.

The end of the war last year and the renewal of poppy production there is spilling over the border into a tribal belt in Pakistan's Northwest Frontier province, where Pakistan said it has little influence over local tribesmen.

"Pakistan is cast as the villain in the piece, but in actual fact, Pakistan is a victim of this illicit business," Narcotics Minister Sardar Assef Ali told an international conference on drug abuse Monday in Islamabad. "We are suffering from the aftereffects of the war in Afghanistan."

The two-day conference, sponsored by the United Nations and Pakistan, has more than 100 representatives from countries around the world. U.S. Embassy officials are representing the United States.

Neither the United States nor Saudi Arabia is convinced of Pakistan's commitment to curb drug production and transshipments.

"There is no question [Pakistan] is one of the principal source areas for heroin," U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency spokesman Bill Ruzzamanti said from Washington.



Hispanic Leaders Criticize Clinton on Appointments

WASHINGTON (AP) —President Clinton started off well, then sputtered in appointing Hispanics to jobs in his administration, a coalition of Latino activists said Monday.

Clinton's appointments of Transportation Secretary Federico Peña and Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros were praised by the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda.

The group complained that Hispanics hold just 15 of 324 government jobs that require Senate confirmation. At the White House, there's only one Hispanic among 31 high-ranking aides, and there are none at the departments of Agriculture, Labor and State, the group said.

"That there are no Hispanics appointed to top White House positions at the departments of Agriculture, Labor and State is highly shocking and highly suspect," the group said. "There is still time to rectify the situation if the president acts quickly and firmly."

According to the White House, there are 65 Hispanics in high-ranking administration jobs. That includes the 15 counted in the NHLA study, nine at the executive level, and another 41 serving as key aides, said deputy press secretary Arthur Jones.



English-Only Statute Likely to Be Repealed by County

MIAMI (AP) —A newly elected, ethnically diverse Metro-Dade County Commission is poised to repeal a 13 year-old English-only ordinance that opponents say hurts business and feelings.

Supporters of the ordinance warn of a county that will become a "Tower of Babel" with worsening ethnic divisions. They say they are looking toward a federal court battle, no matter what happens at Tuesday's meeting.

"We're not having two languages. No way. Over my dead body," said Enos Schera, vice president of Citizens for Dade United, which has led a statewide battle to keep English the only language of government affairs.

The ordinance was passed in 1980 after 125,000 Cubans came to the United States in the Mariel boatlift. It prohibits the county from "utilizing any language other than English, of promoting any culture other than that of the United States."

At that time, the city's population was only one-third Hispanic and the commission was predominantly white.

Second Infant Undergoes Pioneering Gene Therapy

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —As one newborn recovered from pioneering gene therapy to combat "bubble baby" disease, another afflicted infant on Monday underwent the same treatment — one that doctors hope can be used to fight other, more common genetic disorders.

Three day-old Zachary Riggins, whose rare hereditary defect could otherwise mean an early death or dependence on costly drugs, received an injection of his own, gene-altered cells at the UC San Francisco Medical Center.

The procedure, resembling a blood transfusion, lasted about five minutes.

Meanwhile, six day-old Andrew Goba was doing well at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles, two days after he underwent the same procedure — becoming the first baby to undergo gene therapy of any kind.

Doctors at both hospitals said it would take several months before they knew if the new therapy would work.

"If this approach ... is effective, then it could be applied to newborns with many other genetic diseases, such as beta thalassemia and sickle cell anemia," said Dr. Diane Wara, a UCSF immunologist overseeing the treatment of Zachary Riggins.

Clinton Says California's Economy Is Top Priority

SAN DIEGO (AP) —President Clinton, on a whirlwind visit to California to plug his economic proposals, said Monday that turning around the state's depressed economy is still a top priority of his presidency.

Speaking to a crowd of 4,000 in this city anxious about defense cuts, Clinton promised that his economic proposals would both cut the deficit and invest money to convert the economy from a defense base to new industry.

"This county knows as well as any in America that it was wrong to cut defense spending as much as we did with no plan to reinvest in a domestic economy," Clinton told the crowd at North Island Naval Air Station.

"California needs an economic strategy that will be built from the grassroots up, but that will have a partner in the White House," Clinton said.

The trip is Clinton's second to California since the election.

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Am I Barbara Uehling? An interesting question, but the answer is most definitely, "No." Anyway, if I were Barbara, do you think I would bash myself the way that I do? Do you think I would let my misspellings get through and make it to print. Do you think that I would hang out at the Nexus offices so that I could write this? Are you crazy? Clouds and sunshine, with maybe some fog. Hey, surprise me.

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Sprinklers Prove Themselves

By Steve Olsen
Reporter

Fire safety experts held a demonstration Monday to educate the community about the option of having sprinkler systems installed in campus buildings and to prove the effectiveness of the equipment.

While a crowd of approximately 50 people observed, Deputy State Fire Marshal Pat Sanchez ignited a small paper and cloth fire in a trailer with three volunteers inside. The fire was quickly extinguished by a set of sprinklers similar to the systems planned for installation in new campus facilities.

Campus Assistant Fire Marshal Lorin Miller said she and Fire Protection Division Manager John Kennedy requested the demonstration be held "primarily to educate the campus community as a whole" on the effectiveness of sprinklers and to help dispel rumors about them.

One common misconception people have about sprinklers is that all the sprinklers in a building are triggered when a fire is detected, Miller said. Sprinklers actually only go on in burning areas.

Currently, all newly constructed campus buildings will have sprinkler systems installed. Most of the older facilities on campus, including the residence halls, are not equipped with sprinklers.

The systems, which run from \$1.50 to \$2 per



STEVE OLSEN/Daily Nexus

These volunteers chose to be put into a closed room with a flaming sheet of paper just so they could witness first hand the drenching abilities of a fire sprinkler.

square foot in buildings whose plans did not include the proper piping, would be a smart investment for the residence halls at approximately \$140,000 per hall because they "cost less than carpet" and provide excellent fire protection, Miller said.

Administrators "elected not to install sprinklers in

the dorms because they are not required by building codes," Kennedy said, adding that this decision was understandable because "there has been a low incidence of major fires on campus and no fatalities."

Ray Aronson, a UCSB campus civil engineer, said

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Fire Department Responds to Runaway Bonfire Call

By Ivy Weston
 Staff Writer

An improperly extinguished bonfire on Campus Beach near the Lagoon escaped the bounds of its pit and burned toward a strip of dry twigs Monday, causing fire officials and police to show up at the scene.

Station 17 Fire Dept. Captain John Olson said that the blaze would have extinguished itself once it reached the iceplant at the beach's perimeter. However, in the summertime, when plants dry out, the possibility of fires spreading is high, he said.

The fire spread because sand, instead of water, was used to put it out, Olson said. "A campfire that's buried stays hot for about a week," he said.

For that reason, the organizers of a beach party held at the site Sunday night will not be penalized. "We're not gonna pursue the party here [Sunday] night. It could've been from the night before," Olson said.

He added that "there is some evidence of vandalism here," and pointed to broken art objects that may have been stolen.

The pit and a surrounding patch of beach were burning when the fire truck and the police arrived at approximately 4:30 p.m. It was discovered and reported by a resident assistant at San Rafael Hall who had been jogging nearby.

Olson warned that there are other hazards that can result from having pit fires. If the site is not properly cleaned up, people on the beach are in danger of stepping on hot coals or sharp debris, he said.

"If joggers and bathers step on a rusty nail, then there will be no more fires," Olson said.

UCSB Police Officer Chris Profio said the UCPD inspects the pit sites occasionally and that there have been problems lately with messy sites and underage drinking. "If people don't obey the rules, this fire permit system will be history again," he said.

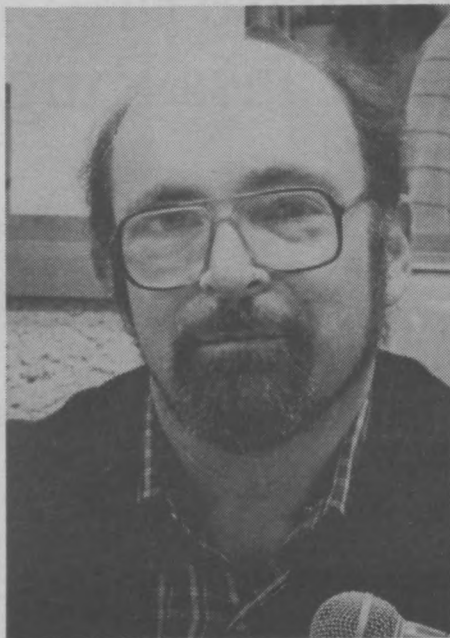
Fire permit privileges were revoked for approximately six months during the 1991-92 school year due to these same types of problems, according to Environmental Health and Safety Fire Marshal John Kennedy. They were returned with a two-week waiting period, an application fee and a \$50 cleanup deposit attached.

Paperwork for the permit is at the Associated Students offices, and the A.S. Environmental Affairs Board checks out the site after the bonfire, Kennedy said.

MARGARET T. GETMAN SERVICE TO STUDENTS AWARD

In honor of the former UCSB Dean of Student Residents, Margaret T. Getman, this annual award recognizes three University staff and faculty who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to aid students, and improve the quality of life.

Please celebrate with the nominees and recipients who will be honored with a reception on May 19th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at The Faculty Club.



Richard Flacks
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Pipeline EIR Open to Public

By Suzanne Garner
Staff Writer

As Chevron and Exxon busily sought temporary permits to tanker their crude off Santa Barbara, an environmental impact report on the oil companies' pipeline plan was released last week for public comment.

Pacific Pipeline is in the process of petitioning Santa Barbara County officials for a permit to construct a pipeline that would span 117 miles from Gaviota to Los Angeles alongside the Southern Pacific Railway, said Luis Perez, resource manager for the county energy division.

According to Perez, the plan is one of three potential routes geared at providing an alternative to tankering, which many consider less environmentally safe.

However, the Environmental Defense Center is not convinced that pipelines will replace the tankering of an estimated 50,000 barrels each day. "We are concerned that so far neither [Chevron nor Exxon] has agreed to sign a contract," EDC attorney Linda Krop said.

Although Chevron and Exxon have not officially agreed to use the Pacific Pipeline, they are partially funding the \$12 million permit and environmental

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Linda Krop
attorney,
Environmental
Defense Center

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review costs, said Dean Shauers, Pacific Pipeline project manager.

Despite preliminary efforts by Exxon and Chevron to shift transporting methods from ships to a pipeline, the EDC is skeptical of the actual commitment oil companies are making toward change.

"The amount of money spent by the companies for processing is not significant enough to indicate any real intention," Krop said.

County officials said regardless of what Exxon and Chevron prefer economically, the petroleum companies must eventually transport by pipeline.

"Under the Santa Barbara County crude oil transportation policy, companies are required to use a pipeline when it exists to its refinery of choice," Perez said.

According to Perez, Chevron's temporary tankering agreement re-

quires the company to contract for pipeline use by February 1994, but allows tankering until that date.

Exxon is in the process of acquiring a similar conditional tankering permit from the county while pipeline capacity does not exist to meet their needs, Perez said.

According to Krop, the EDC has not decided whether it will endorse the Pacific Pipeline proposal, which has received some criticism from environmentalists because the route is slated to disturb creeks and other natural waterways near Los Angeles.


"There is some opposition from environmentalists in Los Angeles, since the route would cross 77 riparian ways," Krop said.

According to Shauers, the Anschutz Corporation will take the controls of the Pacific Pipeline if it hits the construction phase, and will reimburse Pacific Pipeline, Exxon and Chevron for permit processing funds. If the Pacific Pipeline proposal is approved, it will cost \$215 million to build, he said.

Exxon and Chevron have been negotiating with Anschutz for the past month and are expected to reach a decision on whether to contract with the company by June, Shauers said.

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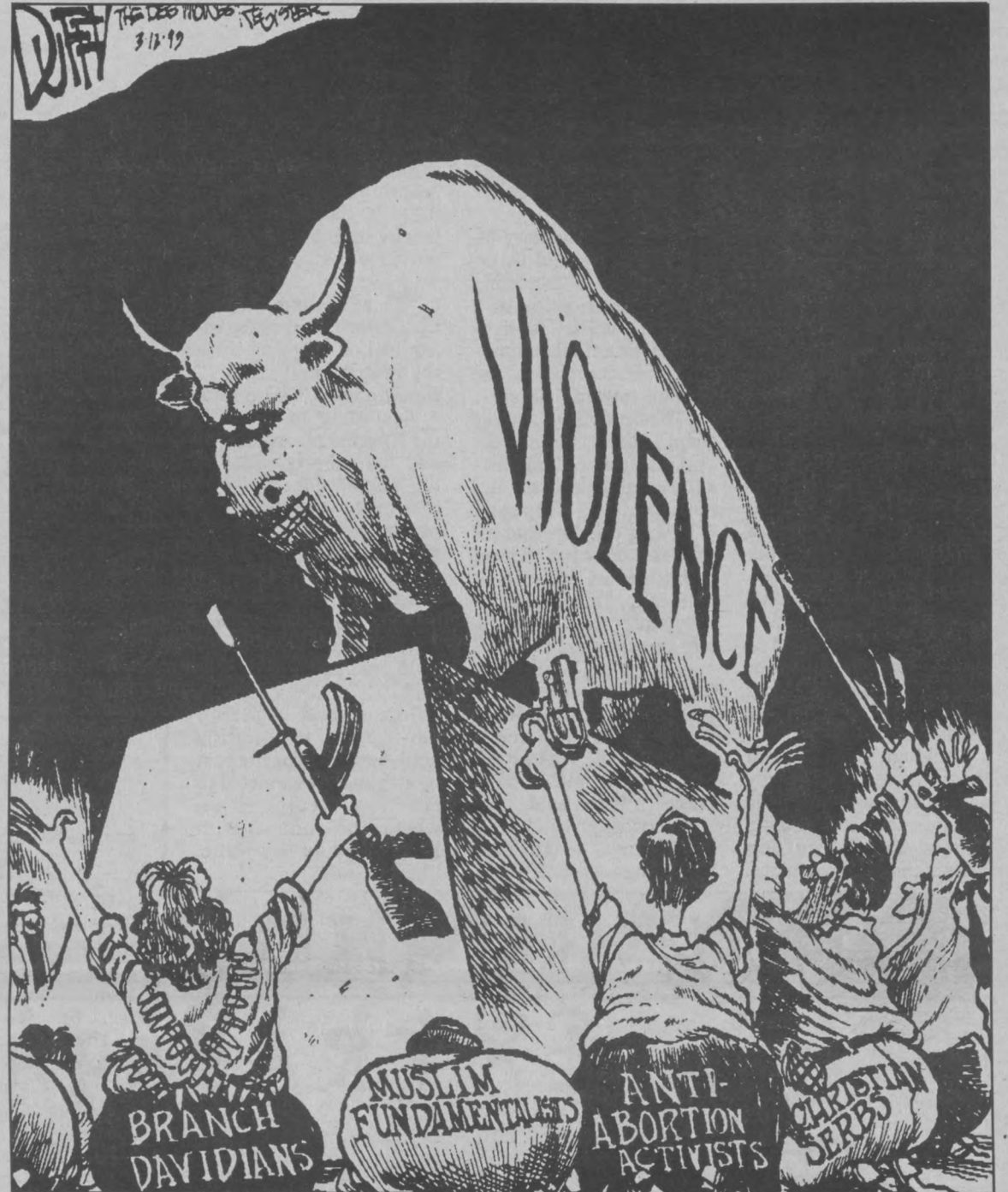
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"I disagree with what you say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it."

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Stop Whining and Take Control of Govt.

Jon Nilsen

The rising budget cuts and looming possibility of the Physical Activities Dept. getting the ax are merely symptoms of the plague that is our government. They are just more examples of the incompetence of a government trying to operate outside its realm of existence, which is the protection of individual rights.

The Declaration of Independence laid down the principle that "to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men." The only "unalienable rights" that can exist are conditions of existence required by humanity's nature for its proper survival. These rights protect what a human being is free to do by his or her own voluntary, uncoerced choice. The role of government is to keep one person from exerting his or her rights in a negative way on another person. That is protection from physical harm, fraud and coercion by physical force or threat of physical harm.

Thus the government was set up to protect humanity from criminals — and the Constitution was written to protect people from the government. Here the government, acting as police, may use force only in retaliation and only against those who initiate its use. In this was born the concept of freedom, that of individual rights.

But somewhere something went wrong. Collectivist thought began to permeate into our country, where it is growing like a festering boil, waiting to pop as all boils inevitably do. People began to believe that they have rights that

lie outside the realm of rights to life. The founding fathers spoke of the right to life. They spoke of the right of liberty. They spoke of the right to the pursuit of happiness. But they did not speak of the right to happiness, as the collectivists would have you believe.

The collectivists feel that society owes something to a man if he cannot produce it for himself. It may seem fair, or nice, if this something is required for his happiness or livelihood. But nothing can be provided for him without violating another man's rights, which is the end of freedom.

Society does not exist. Neither does the state, or the government as the state. All are just abstract terms for a collection of individuals, who voluntarily group together for convenience. There

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is no entity that can provide for a man, just other individuals. If a man were on a desert island, no one would call it unfair if he could not provide for himself. There is nowhere to place the blame, because there is no other way for him to attain anything except through self-production. That's just life.

If there were two men on separate islands and one man produced something and the other didn't, the situation would be the same. Except if the two were in contact with each other. Then there would be three ways for the one to

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get what he lacked: 1) theft — forced removal of other's property, 2) slave labor — coerced production or use of services under the threat of physical harm, 3) trade — a voluntary reciprocal exchange of goods or services.

The same would hold true for three men, or three men and a woman, or ad nauseum, until we have a "society." In a free society the third option of free trade is the only option.

The greatest virtue of the United States of America was that it recognized freedom through the rights of the individual. The government was placed under this freedom, by being its servant, the protector of each person's rights, not the provider of so called "rights" due to people. But now the government believes that it is an entity and has stopped being our protector, opting to be our "provider."

As a result, our country is being destroyed. Our educational system is collapsing. Why? Because of money. The government cannot create money, it all comes from individuals, as symbols of their productive worth.

The government attains this money in three ways: 1) theft (taxation), 2) voluntary contribution (donations), 3) voluntary fees for services (tuition). The government usually opts for the first option, which by nature violates one's rights. If it were efficient, the government could get by with the latter two, but as history has shown, governments are never efficient when they leave the protective role.

When you find yourself without classes or without a place to play, who will you blame? The government? Oppressive society? Look again. They do not exist as entities. If they do, then something is drastically wrong.

Remember you are society. You are the government. You can sit back and cry to be provided for and let the boil fester and grow. Then when it pops, as it inevitably will, we can all be covered in more and more pus.

Or you can do something and take back control. This country was founded on great ideals. Let's return to them, by going forward into the past. As Nietzsche said, "All those who give themselves their own will and renounce all submission, they are my equals." For only in freedom is there equality.

So stop your whining. If you don't like the news, go out and make some of your own.

Jon Nilsen is a graduate student in physiology.

Those Terrible TGs

Rayne Galbraith

The Doobie Brothers or some other music that played in Pizza Hut jukeboxes in the '70s is blasting. Hammers are pounding nails into boards. One cannot help but have noticed the construction last week of the fraternity on Pardall Road. They were probably preparing for a TG, 4-way, 3-way with two themes and a waterslide or a 4-way with two themes, three floors and three costumes required for entry.

It is quite sad to see so much time, effort and money being poured into what is probably a one-night event. Splurging for a party is understandable, but doing major construction weeks ahead of time seems ridiculous. Besides partying, greek organizations do have philanthropic functions and devote volunteer time toward helping others in the community; this is commendable. However, in addition to wasting time and money on these decadent, elitist parties, there are other aspects of the TG that are problematic.

First of all, the whole idea of the TG seems to be centered on a theme (i.e., heavy metal TG, cross dressing TG — as adver-

tised in the Nexus — graffiti TG, etc.). One of the problems with theme parties is that they are defined and reliant upon stereotyping and categorizing. In order to have a theme party and dress and act to fit that theme, one must have some stereotyped notions regarding the ideas, actions and dress of the group being imitated.

This is harmful in that stereotypes are obviously reinforced and new ones are created. Certain "types" of people are mimicked (similar to the way Blacks were imitated by whites wearing black-face in the "entertainment" industry) at their expense for the sake of cheap laughs.

The second problem with the theme-based TG is that the themes are often homophobic, sexist or racist. In a recent *Campus U.* newspaper, inserted into the Nexus, there was an article describing the racist TG themes fraternities across the country have had in the past. The article was originally written for *The University*

Daily at Texas Tech U., by Kristie Davis.

Three racist themes that Davis mentioned in her article were "Dress Like a Nigger Night," "Jungle Party" (participants wore black makeup), and "Party in the Projects."

But even the milder jungle theme, without people wearing black face, is still completely racist. The jungle theme automatically equates jungles with Africa and Africans who are depicted as "primitive," "tribal" and "uncivilized."

Obviously not everyone in the greek system endorses TGs, or their racist and sexist themes.

Nonetheless, the system needs to be examined. What does the TG represent besides drinking, socializing and dressing up? If a person is not Black — but particularly if they are — what does it mean to participate in a TG with a jungle/in the wild/safari theme? If a person believes in equality for homosexuals what does it mean to endorse a cross dressing TG? These are the questions greeks and nongreeks alike should be asking.

Rayne Galbraith is a senior majoring in sociology.

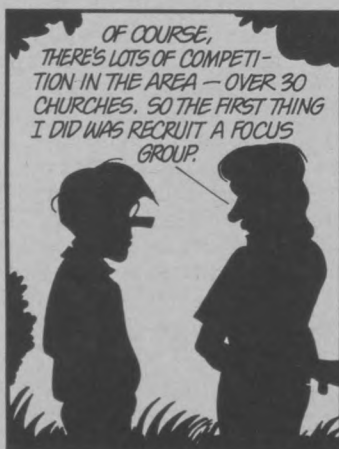


Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



I GOT TIRED OF TRYING TO CORRAL UNDERGRADUATES INTO THE CAMPUS CHAPEL. THEY JUST WEREN'T INTO IT. SO I DECIDED TO START FROM SCRATCH OUT HERE.



A FOCUS GROUP? HEY, WHAT DO YOU THINK THE APOSTLES WERE FOR? EVEN JESUS NEEDED FEEDBACK.



The Reader's Voice

Save P.A.

Editor, Daily Nexus:

In this time of budget crisis, cuts in university programs and services will obviously be inevitable. In the long term, we can work to better our situation, but in the short term all that we can do is to choose as wisely as possible where to make the necessary cuts. Cutting the Physical Activities Dept. completely is a very unwise choice.

There seems to be a common attitude among some that the P.A. Dept. is university "fluff," undeserving of the respect paid to other departments, and therefore that it has to be "the first on the chopping block" for the budget ax. It is said that the alternative to eliminating the P.A. Dept. would be the elimination of another 70 classes from the College of Letters and Science, and many consider it self-evident that the elimination of the P.A. Dept. is a better choice. Those who hold this view have a tragically narrow view of education and the mission of the university.

Why is it fundamentally of more value to study Islamic architecture (ARTHI 165B) than to learn CPR? Why is it of more value to learn Russian (RUSS 1) than to learn to sail? Or to learn Greek mythology (CLASS 40) than to learn to use a bow? Students come to this university for an education, and many of them value the P.A. classes they have had as much as or more than many of their "academic" classes. We must not be too narrow in our assignment of value to courses and areas of education.

But the elimination of the P.A. Dept. is a bad choice for many other practical reasons. In budget cuts there is inevitable pain, but the goal is to minimize it. However, of all possible departments on campus that could be cut, elimination of the P.A. Dept. will affect the greatest number of people. Probably a greater range of students (undergraduates and graduates) have taken P.A. courses than have taken courses from any other single department. Almost all of us have taken at least one P.A. class.

The damage caused by elimination of the P.A. Dept. would also have many secondary effects, such as reductions in availability and staffing of facilities, which would hurt faculty and staff as well as students. Even those who never personally take advantage of any athletic facilities at UCSB, but who occasionally attend a sporting event, will be hurt as the sports programs here deteriorate.

And then there is the new RecCen. It seems a little illogical to build a new sports facility and then cancel all of the classes that would be held there. Staffing and operating it will also be a problem if there is no P.A. Dept. And what about the waste of existing facilities? A new tumbling pit was recently built in the Rob Gym gymnastics room at great expense, making our facilities here among the best in this part of the country. There is also a large amount of other expensive equipment in that room, which students (and faculty and staff) will not be able to use if all P.A. classes are cut. It doesn't make sense.

So if the choice is between cutting 70 courses from the various departments of L&S or completely eliminating the Physical Activities Dept., it is far better to cut a few courses here and there from all departments. Of the two options, this will cause less pain to far less people.

STEVE WICKERT

For the Kid

I must protest the dropping of the Physical Activities Dept. for the numerous reasons previously stated in the Nexus. I must say that Llad Phillips is very adept at trying to convince the student population that P.A. is not needed with his smooth but typical political doublespeak. I find that it is too convenient to cut out a nonacademic area and think that we students are better off without it.

As a member of the P.A. Dept., I am willing to take my share. But I also feel that some other departments should shoulder the hardship as well. Since

the P.A. Dept. has already taken a 27% funding cut — more than our fair share — I feel that we are being unfairly picked on.

P.A. is necessary not only for the tangible reasons of a student's learning experience, but for the intangibles that to me actually make up a more important aspect of a student's education, personal growth.

Personal growth is something that is not available in the academic end of our college experience. I have learned more about myself and others than I have through any sociology class that I have taken. Periphery? I think not.

What really makes me angry is that some people think the department is run solely by "sporto jocks" or, as Howard Cosell put it, being run by a "jockocracy." Granted that the basis of the department is athletics, there are other aspects that P.A. has to offer that play an integral part of personal growth.

Classes like CPR training and substance abuse are available and necessary to us so that we may apply what we have learned at UCSB and share it with others. For example, I have a friend who has taken a water safety course, as well as CPR and first aid training through P.A. Last year at the beach, he rescued an 8-year-old boy from drowning in the ocean. The child was not breathing, so my friend performed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on him. The child immediately came to and was fine soon after. His family was so grateful that they were moved to tears that my friend was there to save him.

I shudder to think what would have happened if he would have had to pay for his courses. Would he have been able to afford them? How many potential lives will not be saved because a student like myself can't afford to pay for CPR or a lifeguarding course? This may seem farfetched, but one case of having a life in danger is more than enough.

Most of us in P.A. know that a price must be paid, and we can accept more cuts in the department. But we also feel that the Academic Senate can find other alternatives to keeping this program intact. We are not just on the periphery of students' and others' lives. How do I know? Just ask that boy's parents.

MICHAEL TAKEUCHI

Please?

Editor, Daily Nexus:

It has come to my attention that the university is considering eliminating the Physical Activities Dept. I am not sure of the details, politics or specifics of the matter, however I presume the motivation behind this situation is money. The university needs more funding, less expenses or some combination of the two.

Unfortunately I cannot offer any specific solutions to this thorny problem. However, sometimes finding out what *not* to do helps clear the path for discovering what *to* do. Eliminating the P.A. Dept. is the wrong way to solve the university's financial troubles.

I am a UCSB graduate. When I reflect on what was the most valuable part of my university education, I cannot come up with a specific answer. The reason being is that my experience was rich, diverse, varied and full. I met and became acquainted with all types of people and I chose my classes as much out of curiosity as out of interest.

However, during my four years at UCSB the P.A. Dept. held special value for me.

I am not an ivory tower intellectual, my body is as important to me as my mind. In my life the two are interconnected. I do not place the value of one type of development over the other. The P.A. Dept. was the only department on campus that addressed my needs and gave me an outlet to challenge myself physically. I am thankful the university was broad enough to offer someone of my ilk a suitable course of education.

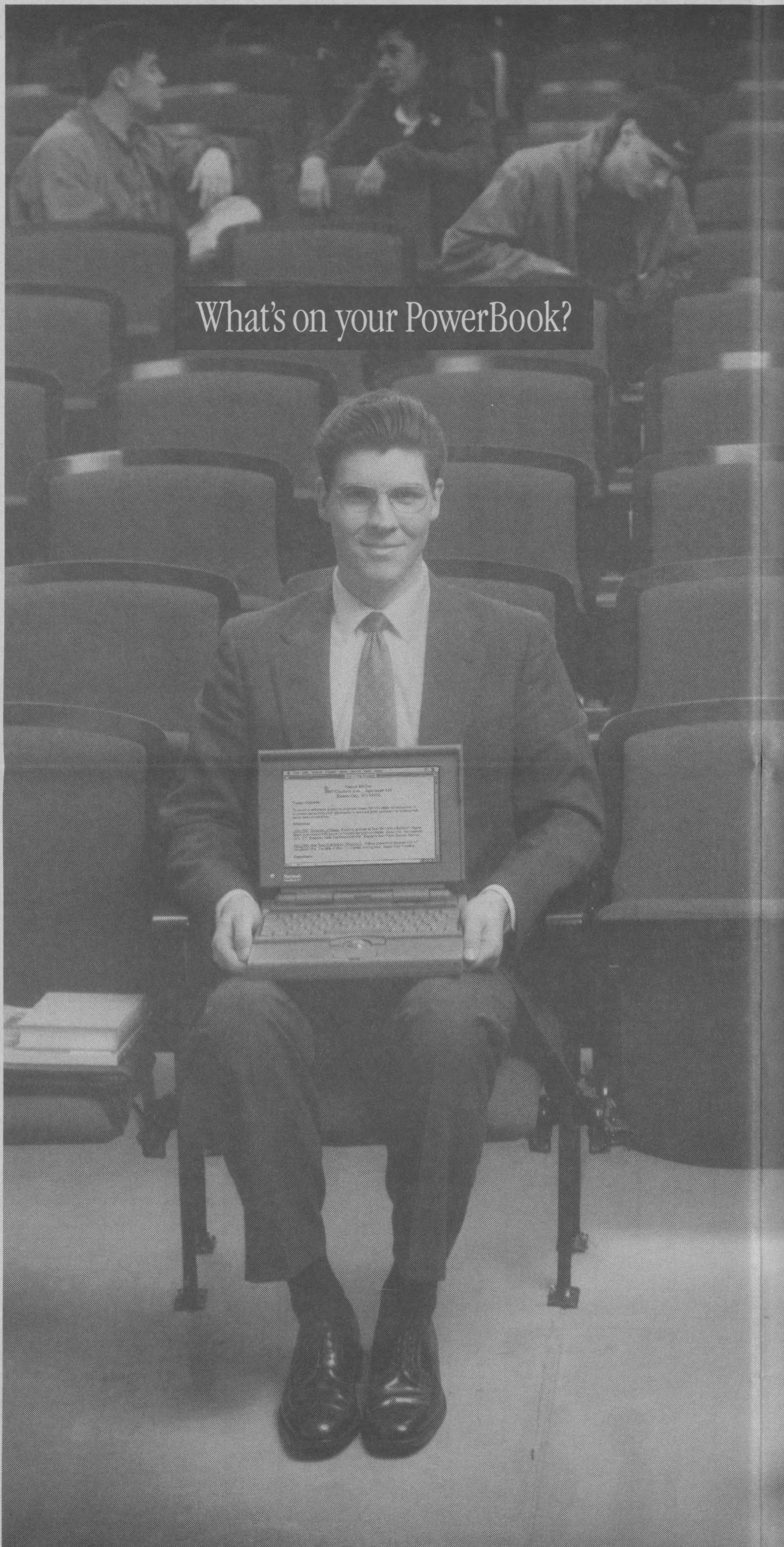
I remember UCSB as a place of possibilities, not limitations. I hope it stays that way.

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Tar Caused by Natural Seep

By Steve Nugent
Reporter

Every Isla Vista beachgoer knows the ritual scrubbing, rinsing and baby oil application needed for removing the globs of tar that stick to feet, clothing and anywhere else they can attach.

So, where does all this tar come from, and why is there so much of it off our coast and on our beaches?

According to petroleum industry officials and one UCSB geologist, the majority of residue comes not from the numerous platforms that dot the South Coast like huge insects, but from a geological phenomenon known as natural seep.

Geology Professor J.R. Boles explained that natural seep occurs when gases called hydrocarbons escape through rock fractures on the sea floor. The lightest of these natural gases is methane and floats to the surface, while the heavier gases become the oil and tar beach-goers run across.

Terry Covington, director of the Western States Petroleum Assn. which represents the oil industry in six states, said there are numerous rock fractures off the Santa Barbara coast producing most of the local black gold.

"There are in the neighborhood of 2,400 that have been mapped in the area of Coal Oil Point [off Ellwood Shores]," Covington said. "Several hundred barrels seep from

those natural seeps."

According to Mike Marcy, Chevron public affairs manager, these natural seeps release anywhere from 40 to 670 barrels of oil per day. Over the past 14 to 16 years, 200,000 to 3.4 million barrels have been released into the ocean.

According to Boles, active earthquake faults that snake their way through the Santa Barbara Channel can cause the rock fractures, creating an escape route for the bubbling crude.

If a rock containing hydrocarbons is fractured, gases are released into the ocean because they are less dense than sea water, Boles said. Methane floats up to the surface where it pops like flatulence in a bathtub, and the heavier gases float in the ocean until they reach the shore, our feet, shoes and hair as oil or tar.

Movements along many of the channel's fault systems facilitate this process, Boles said. "The largeness of the reservoirs doesn't increase the seeps, but more geologic movement with fractured rocks does," he said.

Scientists can determine sizeable oil reservoirs in a particular area through the amount of offshore tar seeps. Both Covington and Marcy estimate that the stretch from northwestern Santa Barbara County to Ventura contains an oil reservoir of up to 10 million barrels.

According to Marcy, the local reserve is one of the

last large reservoirs remaining in U.S. coastal waters and it was the number of natural tar seeps that drew petroleum companies to such oil-rich areas as the Santa Maria Valley and the Santa Barbara Channel.

The presence of oil drilling does not dramatically increase the amount of tar residue washing up on local beaches, Covington said. "There is only a small amount of production per seeps in areas like Coal Oil Point," she said.

Officials can test the crude oil found floating in the sea or washed up on shore to determine where it came from, Covington said, adding that an individual platform can be examined if it is suspect of leaking petroleum products.

However, Boles said that ocean currents and winds can make it difficult to determine where the oil first appeared before creeping onto the beach.

Covington, Marcy and Boles agree that there is little evidence that ocean drilling increases or decreases natural seepage, however. Boles said most oil drilling methods have little effect on the seeps. The oil companies "are not exactly pressuring [the sea floor]. They try to balance the pressure," he said.

Santa Barbara's natural seeps have been around tens of thousands of years and won't be going away anytime soon, Boles said.

"Effectively, they will last through civilization," he said.

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Program Looks at Language

By Brian Quisling
Reporter

Linguists from across the country gathered on campus this weekend to compare notes on students who speak English as a second language.

The Linguistic Minority Research Institute — a University of California program housing nationally renowned scholars — conducted its seventh annual conference to discuss up-to-date information on junior high and high school-age students who are in a linguistic minority.

Both student and faculty researchers presented the material, which ranged from a talk about Latino students, who many say face a high dropout rate due to language barriers, to discussions of new teaching methods that serve to foster interactive learning.

"[The presentations] served to provide a state-of-the-art look at what is happening with the linguistic minority and public schools," said Reynaldo Macias, director of the LMRI and UCSB education professor.

The institute defines a linguistic minority as students who speak English as a second language or other groups which face communication challenges in school, Macias said.

"This is the first conference in a number of years that has looked at deaf students and some Black students as part of the linguistic minority," he said.

"The institute coordinates faculty research on education topics and related activities that bear on improving school success,

“*[Many Latinos attend schools] whose environments are not conducive to learning.*”

**Russell Rumberger
UCSB education professor**

and the access of language minority students to the UC and other institutions of higher education,” an LMRI statement reads.

UCLA education grad students Kelly Estrada and Kris Gutierrez discussed how teachers and students feel about their roles in the education process.

Allowing students to formulate and discuss their own ideas, instead of having teachers elaborate upon topics, gives students an opportunity to develop the skills they need to think critically, Estrada said.

In another presentation, “Future Orientation of Immigrant Latino Parents,” UCLA researcher Leslie Reese attempted to show a connection between parent expectations and student achievement.

“Looking at the connection between home and school” shows that the viewpoint of immigrant Latino parents has considerable influence upon the future of their children, according to Reese.

Spanish speaking families’ “aspirations and expectations shifted downward over the years,” as students continued in school, Reese said.

In another presenta-

tion, “Dilemmas of Multicultural Education in Black Independent Schools,” UCSD sociology students Angela Lintz and Dina Okamoto discussed issues with private, independent schools that are predominantly run and attended by African-Americans.

These schools employ an alternative curriculum that departs from the traditional Western perspective taught in most schools, Lintz said. She added, however, that there still exists some evidence of “cultural suppression.”

This suppression, according to Lintz, took form in the discouragement of Black English and popular Black hairstyles, for example.

The teaching methods at times detract from the effectiveness of these schools as learning “encourages individual work, not student interaction,” Okamoto said.

Turning desks to face walls instead of the center of the classroom and grouping students according to ability are two examples of mistakes these schools have made at the expense of encouraging student interaction, Okamoto said.

In “Keeping High Risk Chicano Youth in School: Results from a Middle School Intervention Study,” UCSB education Professor Russell Rumberger said Latino students have the highest dropout rate of any ethnic group.

Many Latinos attend schools “whose environments are not conducive to learning,” Rumberger said, noting that this contributes to a high dropout rate.



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AWARDS

Continued from p.1 to no less than seven courses and has become the most sought-after teaching assistant in the university," Iannaccone said.

History Asst. Professor Randolph Bergstrom was honored with the Harold J. Plous award for "creative action or contribution to the college's intellectual life."

Crawford had the most arduous task of the afternoon, recognizing 49 faculty members for various achievements, grants, fellowships and awards through the 1992-93 year.



STEVE OLSEN/Daily Nexus

Academic Senate Chair Larry Iannaccone hands out one of the many awards given to deserving faculty members at Monday's 1992-93 Faculty Recognition Ceremony.

TEST

Continued from p.3 he volunteered to sit inside the trailer with the burning material because it "seemed like the thing to do at the time." After the demonstration, he ex-

pressed surprise at how efficiently the system worked.

Wanting to see what formation the water droplets would take as they came out of the sprinkler prompted Montecito Fire District Board member Henry Childs to volunteer

for the demonstration.

Miller hailed the event as a success because a diverse sample of the campus community attended, including faculty and representatives of Housing and Residential Services, Environmental Health

and Safety, Facilities Management, Planning and Construction, and Operations and Maintenance.

Miller hoped more buildings would be equipped with sprinkler systems as a result of the demonstration.

FITNESS

Continued from p.1 the budgetary pursestrings is par for the course, Bowers was pleased to have

this cooperative effort between departments for providing better services to students.

She is hopeful other departments will become involved and expand on the

sports medicine clinic. But for now, the clinic's future depends on its success.

The only drawback of the clinic is the limited hours it is available, Bow-

ers said. Many students have said they cannot make it to the clinic at the required time, or they incur injuries at unfortunate times.

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by Andre Fairon



FINES: Students Bail Out the State's Obligation

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or its \$3 fee for all class schedule changes made after the first week?
"That will never happen," Lee responded.

Overdue Books
Library fines, on one level an incentive for students to turn in books when due, have also become quite a profitable venture. University Librarian John Vasi said that in the 1992-93 school year alone, "We have received \$80,000 in fines, which will probably add up to around \$120,000 for the entire year."

When asked if, in fact, the students were paying for services the state is officially accountable for, Vasi replied: "Yes, that is correct. But the fine money is not just collected from students — also from faculty, staff and community members."

Vasi explained how UC fines are handled by the state. "The way this particular system works, the state anticipates a certain amount, say \$100,000, in fine money and deducts this from the money we receive. This fine money is used to offset the UC budget," he said.

Although student fines lessen the burden of the state in funding public education, administrators said that rates are not adjusted according to the state's financial situation. "That has not been the

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Fee penalties are the only way of encouraging students to stay on a schedule that the UC depends on.

Ron Andrade
director,
Student Financial Services

case. The only change affecting the size of the UC General Fund has been the volume of fees," Lee said.

The Rationale
Associate Registrar Beverly Lewis said the charges are imposed throughout the UC system and are necessary to keep operations running on schedule. Fees are an incentive to students, she said.

"It's like paying a late fee on a utility bill. The reason is that if I'm late, for instance in paying a water or heating bill, there are repercussions down the line."

Ron Andrade, director of Student Financial Services, agreed that fines are necessary. "The university has two channels of communication with students: registration and the payment of the BA/RC bill. If either of these is not completed, the university does not know the status of a student," he said.

"A lot of times students will drop out without no-

tifying the university. Fee penalties are the only way of encouraging students to stay on a schedule that the UC depends on," Andrade said.

This rationale, he said, accounts for why students on financial aid are charged the same fines as all others.

"It's not the university at the core of these financial problems. The state decides how much money will go to public education, and we work with that," said Assistant Registrar Margaret Adorno.

Fees are not just arbitrarily made up by departments, Lee said. They are consistent throughout the UC and determined by UC President Jack Peltason's office. "Every fee must ultimately pass by the UC president before it is instituted," Lee said.

Wait, There's More
Not all fines at the university, however, are routed back into the General Fund. Fees that aren't slated

for the fund must pass through the campus's Rate and Recharge Committee, which Lee chairs. It considers departmental requests to charge students for specific services, like copying costs and car rentals for an event, he said.

At UCSB's Student Health Services, for example, students and other users are expected to have made up almost \$900,000 — 20% of the center's \$4.5 million budget — through fines and fees.

When students shell out a \$20 fine for missing an appointment there, the money goes back into the center's coffers. SHS Director Cynthia Bowers said some of that money comes from fines, such as the center's charge for no-shows, but much of it is simply a fee for service.


For instance, if students get a physical exam there, they could pay anywhere from \$55 to \$100, while copies of their medical records will cost between \$10 and \$17.

In addition, students also pay a \$12 fee to SHS each quarter through Associated Students and are required to pay \$60 to use the center during the summer break.

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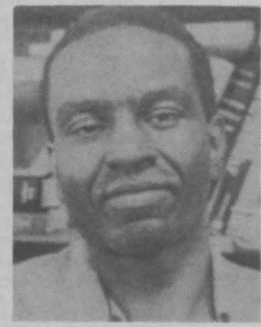
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Gauchos Can Play Spoilers Vs. USC

Eight Seniors End Careers at Home

By Jason Masini
Staff Writer

When eight UCSB baseball players take the field today, it will be the last time they do it at home.

The Gauchos will take on USC today at 2:30 p.m. at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium, and seniors Rich Haar, Armando Delsi, Paul Ramos, Travis Arsenault, Travis Rodgers, Chris Johnson, Elgin Lowe and Jeff Elder will be honored in pregame ceremonies for their time and dedication to Gaucho baseball.

"It seems like it's been a long four years, but I've had a good four years," Haar said. "I've produced a lot and played a lot of games and it's going to be fun [today]. I can't wait to play, but it's time to move on, I guess, and I'll see what happens in the draft. It was nice to play here for four years. I had a good time, and hopefully I'll get a couple of hits and go out in style, go out hittin'."

With two games remaining in his career at Santa Barbara, Haar finds himself among the Gauchos all-time greats. Haar ranks first in at-bats (873) and runs scored (208), second in home runs (30), RBIs (184) and total bases (436), and third in games played (226), hits (273), triples (10) and doubles (53).

This will be the second meeting between the two teams this season. USC took the first game on March 31, 5-2, despite nine Gaucho hits and excellent pitching from De-

lsi. Kurt Bierek's three-run home run in the second inning gave the Trojans a 3-0 lead that turned out to be the deciding blow in the game.

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But for the Trojans (28-27) today's game is extremely important. USC is on the bubble to receive an at-large berth for the NCAA regional playoff tournament and a win might solidify its claim to one of those berths, while a loss might end the Tro-



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FIERCE FIELDER: Gaucha shortstop Matt Bokemeier will help UCSB today versus USC at home.

jans' season. "They're well-coached and they've got some good

players," UCSB Assistant Coach Bob Brontsema said. "They're a perpetual NCAA regional team so we know we're going to have our work cut out for us. It should be a good ballgame."

USC's strength is in its hitting where it sports a team batting average of .310. Casey Burrill is the leading hitter on the team with a .417 average. Geoff Jenkins and Gabe Alvarez are the other two regulars in the lineup with hefty averages of .340 and .330, respectively.

Sophomore southpaw Mike Wolger will start on the hill for UCSB today. It will be only the sixth start of the season for Wolger who has a 1-3 record this season with an 11.14 ERA.

Wolger does, however, have the hot bat for the Gauchos and has seen his average rise to .363. Matt Bokemeier and Jared Janke, who are both on a roll as of late are next on the team at .346 and .342, respectively.

Sluggers Fight for Respect

Brawls in baseball don't happen that often, but when they do, all hell breaks loose and despite what people might say about how bad they are, both players and fans sometimes enjoy them. UCSB got its turn in Saturday's game against Nevada.

Tempers flared in the sixth inning after Matt Bazani had just crushed a three-run home run to put the Gauchos ahead 5-1. Jeremy Sherman was the next UCSB hitter, and Wolf Pack pitcher Geoff Grennert's first pitch went behind his head.

Sherman reacted immediately by dropping the bat and rushing a few steps out to the mound to exchange words with Grennert. Nevada catcher Erik Moreno grabbed Sherman to try and stop him, but in so doing spun him around and when Sherman tried to push Moreno off, Sherman delivered a forearm under Moreno's chin and the benches cleared.

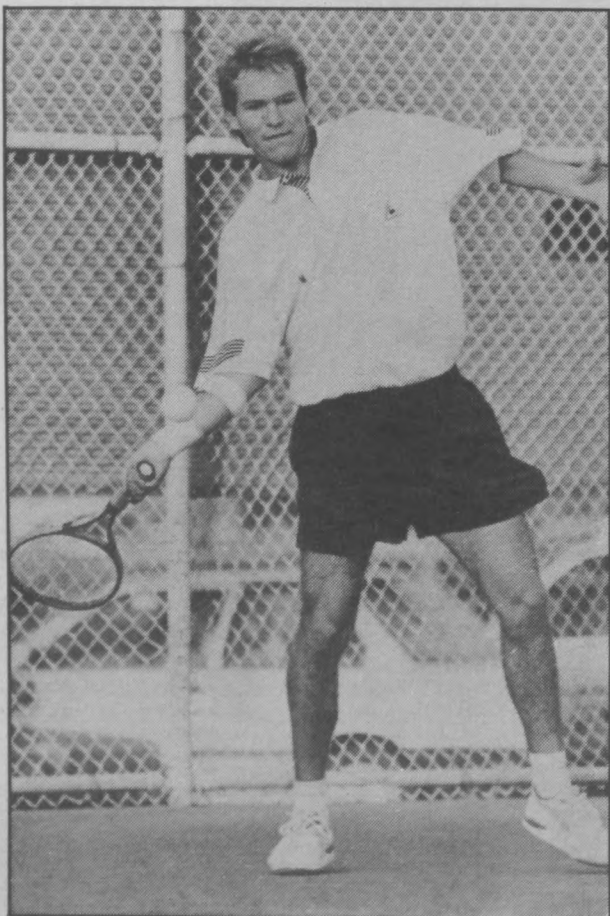
The melee lasted for five minutes and took umpires almost 15 minutes to clear. It resulted in four ejections including Sherman, Moreno, Nevada third baseman Shane Slayton and Nevada Head Coach Gary Powers for arguing with the umpires about their decision to eject Moreno. To the surprise of many, Grennert was not ejected.

No one was seriously injured, although there were a few bloody noses and couple of cut lips on both sides.

—Jason Masini

MEN'S TENNIS NOTES

Markovits Hopes His Last Match Ends Up Aces



Nexus File Photo

HEAVY HITTER: Laszlo Markovits will display his talent at the NCAA men's individual tournament.

By Brian Pillsbury
Staff Writer

UCSB junior Laszlo Markovits — ranked 21st in the nation — will begin play at the prestigious NCAA Individual Tournament Wednesday at Athens, Ga., in what could be Markovits' final appearance as a Gaucho. Though the draw has not been made, Markovits will not be one of the 16 seeded players. The tournament plays host to the 64 best collegiate tennis players.

Markovits has also been selected by the Santa Barbara Athletic Roundtable as the College Tennis Player of the Year, an award given to the area's top tennis player.

In other UCSB men's tennis news, Head Coach Don Lowry has completed his annual recruiting tasks by landing a talented athlete. The Gauchos' top recruit for next year is Eddie Weiss who prepped at Fountain Valley High School. Weiss was ranked in the top-5 in the Southern California junior rank-

ings and joins fellow Orange County standouts and friends John Bowerbank and Jamie Price at UCSB.

Lowry has also received oral commitments from three walk-on players who cannot be named at this point due to an NCAA rule. In addition, sophomore redshirt Dean Steinbeck will be returning to UCSB in the fall after taking this year off to train full-time at the Nick Bolleteri Tennis Academy in Florida.

The recent developments concerning the future of the Physical Activities Dept. could have an impact on the men's tennis program, but it will probably not be hurt as much as other programs. The tennis program benefits from an active fundraising effort on the part of the Santa Barbara community and by corporate sponsorships that help defray costs. However, the coaching positions are still tenuous at this point.

"I'd like to think that tennis is a priority sport here," Lowry said.

The SCOPPETTONE SCORECARD

by
Dino Scoppettone, Staff Writer

My editor, Brian, will finish out his tenure this week and therefore this is the last time he will be editing this column. He said he didn't want his name used in the Scorecard, so if it isn't here, that's his fault and not mine.

Anyway, Brian told me a couple of months ago that I was too negative in my writing, that I never looked at the bright side of sports or talked about things that I like. "Your whole writing style is based on talking about what you hate," is what he said, or it was something to that effect. My memory isn't too sharp.

I understood his point perfectly. The fact is, though, that just as there are stupid things in life, there are stupid things in sports, and these things should be subject to ridicule. The basis of this column has usually been sarcasm and cynicism rather than optimism and praise. If that qualifies me as negative, well, so be it. I've resigned myself to that as much as I've resigned myself to the fact that the NBA playoffs will last three more months.

I figure as soon as the stupidity in sports goes away, I'll write about how much I like the Baltimore Orioles and the Seattle Seahawks and birds in general, and actually, how much I love all animals and sports and life and my portable CD player.

But the stupidity is still there. I can look out my apartment door, and it is there. See, I live right next to Greek Park, where they have the basketball and volleyball

It's really stupid to name your kid "Dino" and not give him a middle name so he is out of options, so to speak.

courts. Now don't get me wrong — I appreciate all the maintenance done to keep the park clean and in working order. I have just one question:

Who was the brainchild that decided to line the sand volleyball courts with shards of tanbark?

Last time I checked, which was yesterday when I played volleyball, most people play sand volleyball in bare feet. That is, without shoes or socks or even bunny slippers. That having been established, what is the reasoning behind putting splinters of wood all the way around the courts? Did anyone think about this before they did it? Why not just throw some rusty nails and glass shards out there and get it over with?

That, my friends, was a stupid decision.

But wait ... there's more.

It's also stupid to allow more than 50% of the teams in any sports league to participate in the playoffs. Why even play a regular season if you're going to invite 67% (*a la* the NHL) or 59% (the aforementioned NBA) to fight for the championship? C'mon, people, make the regular season *mean* something.

I think it's kind of stupid to call an event that exists solely for betting purposes a "sport." Take the wagering away from that noted sport horse racing, and I don't think you'll see a lot of people lining the tracks, clapping their hands and saying, "Gosh, I really hope Li'l E. Tee wins this race. He's my favorite."

It's really stupid to name your kid "Dino" and not give him a middle name so he is out of options, so to speak. Come to think of it, that's more cruel than stupid.

Boxing is stupid, because it's got something like 34 "governing bodies," like the WBA and the WBC and the IRS and the ERA and the aforementioned NBA, and each one of them has a different champion. Get it together. And Don King's hair is pretty stupid, too.

It's stupid to hope that a UCSB team will win an NCAA championship, because life could never be that good.

It's stupid to wish that ESPN basketball guru Dick Vitale will get a permanent case of laryngitis, because he gets to rest his voice five months out of the year.

It's stupid for me to think that a lot of readers won't find this particular article stupid.

With so many things out there to pick at, it's not difficult to find a subject at which to take a few pot shots. A lot of the things I enjoy have a stupid side. I like playing volleyball next to my house, and I like watching the NBA, and I like hoping UCSB teams will win The Big One, and I like my name — except when I get trapped at a convention of The Flintstones Fan Club. Then things get weird.

But I digress. The fact is, sports in general are stupid. Five guys dribbling a ball and trying to throw it in a hoop? What is that? Throw a little white sphere at a guy and hope he can't hit it with a stick? Who came up with this?

Think about it a little. Take a few potshots. See through the sarcasm and cynicism to the real point, which is that sports shouldn't be taken all that seriously.

That's not to take away from the efforts of athletes and fans everywhere. In fact, one of my favorite things happens to be firing up the grill, popping open a cold brew, and finding a good ballgame on the tube. Some might feel that's stupid, however. And that's just fine.

In fact, that's just the point.