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Bishop Ranch Fire Sears Edge of UCSB

Hot, Dry Wind Takes Blame as Flames Threaten Some Buildings

By Lisa Nicolaysen
Staff Writer

Flames fanned by hot, dry winds burned out of control Monday, sparing Goleta businesses vulnerable to high blazes that incinerated brush only yards away.

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When a fire was reported on Monday afternoon at 1:42 p.m. at Bishop Ranch in Goleta, firefighters never expected the fire to burn its way over the freeway and singe brush just 20 feet away from university buildings. But by 2:30, employees at the UCSB Central Stores Receiving Building and Facilities Management were being evacuated and the university was put on alert.

Sundowner winds at 15 knots, working in conjunction with 95 degree heat and 20% relative humidity fanned the fire to a 55-acre blaze that flared out of control for nearly four hours, according to Santa Barbara County Paramedic Kent Tapper. "The humidity is real critical," he said.

Although the fire threatened buildings along Goleta's business park, including Raytheon and the University Extension Center, no structures were damaged and no injuries were reported.

Just after 2 p.m., supervisors at Central Stores decided to pack up as much mail as they could and clear out of the building before the fire got too close.

"It's heading this way," said supervisor Bob Gomez. "If it gets pretty bad, we're probably going to leave."

Within minutes of the first blaze, flames from Bishop Ranch that had claimed more than 30 acres hopped the 101 freeway east of Glenn Annie. The second fire burned five acres of dry brush along an empty canyon just south of the freeway and across from Hollister Road.

Santa Barbara County firefighters worked with other South Coast fire teams, including Santa Barbara and Montecito city units, to control the fire.

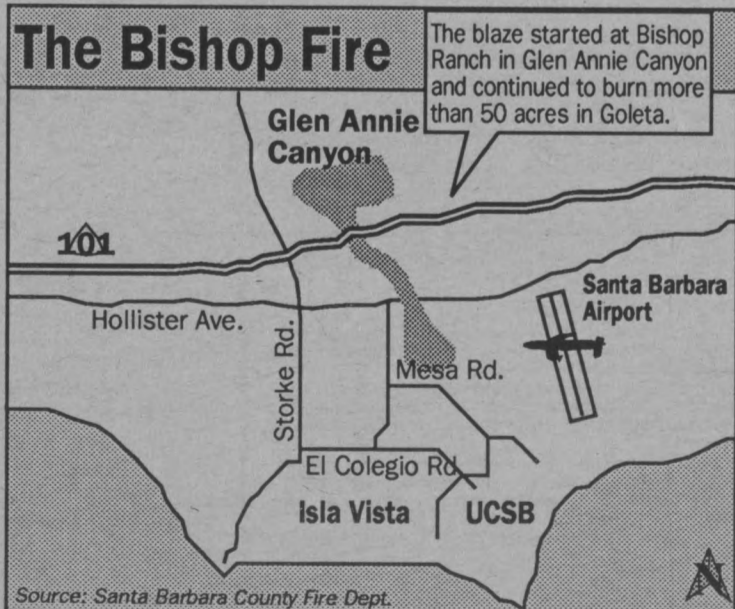
"Burning embers blown across the 101 caused the sec-

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ROB SIMPSON/Daily Nexus

County firefighters battle a small blaze starting at Bishop Ranch near Highway 101 that threatened the university and surrounding businesses for hours Monday afternoon.



Source: Santa Barbara County Fire Dept.

SANDRA BRILLIANT/Daily Nexus

Campus Takes Steps to Provide Protection Amid Mass Confusion

By Sal Pizarro
Staff Writer

As firefighters in Goleta worked to quell a 55-acre blaze Monday afternoon, campus officials were making hasty emergency plans to protect the campus and use it as a shelter if necessary.

Despite reports that the campus had been officially closed at around 4 p.m., the campus remained open all evening, though late afternoon classes and activities were canceled.

Widespread confusion abounded concerning the state of the campus throughout the afternoon, with rumors floating that the campus was both open and closed at various times.

While University Police insisted no plans were being made to evacuate, administration staff informally asked employees to leave campus early to avoid creating a rush-hour traffic jam at the east and west gate entrances. The campus was closed to incoming vehicle traffic to ease emergency transportation.

"The idea is to try not to create a gridlock so that emergency vehicles have access to the roads," said Linda Raney, administrative analyst in the Office of

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Student Voters Expected to Show up in Force at Polls

By Brooke Nelson
Staff Writer

As participants in what may be the largest student voter turnout in 20 years, Isla Vista voters will head to the polls today to cast ballots that could determine the direction of the next four years of their lives.

According to County Elections Assistant Stephanie Hull, a record 209,998 voters are registered in Santa Barbara County. As of last month, more than 8,200 voters were registered in I.V.

County Elections Clerk Ken Pettit said he expects up to

80% of the area's registered voters to cast ballots. Eight voting locations have been set up on campus, with 17 polling places open in I.V.

"Hopefully, I.V. and UCSB are really going to be the leaders of county voter turnout," Pettit said.

An aggressive voter registration drive was conducted in the student enclave over the past few months, fueled in part by the hotly contested race for 3rd District Supervisor between Bill Wallace and Willy Chamberlin. The 3rd District includes I.V., Goleta and sec-

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MAKE YOUR CHOICES WISELY AND VOTE

Clinton Pushes New Ideas Until End; Bush Labels Rival

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bill Clinton charged confidently through a final, grueling day of campaigning on Monday, beckoning voters to "embrace new ideas" after 12 years of Republican presidents. George Bush predicted a poll-defying upset and attacked his rival to the end as "slippery when wet."

Ross Perot purchased two hours of election-eve network advertising and skewered both his rivals as men who "don't know how to create jobs, don't know how to manage money, don't know how to build businesses."

Nationwide, there were estimates that the votes could total 100 million on Tuesday, not only to pick a president, but 35 senators, a new House of Representatives, a dozen governors and countless state and local leaders.

Clinton was the leader in all the nationwide polls as the three rivals reached for the finish line.

The Arkansas governor tested the limits of human endurance with his last and longest day as a candidate



"I am going to win this election."
President George Bush

— 29 hours of campaigning through nine states before returning home to Little Rock. Aboard his jet was his physician, Dr. James Y. Suen, to offer treatment for a cracking voice.

Outside a diner in Philadelphia, Clinton said the election was a "fight between the comfort of the status quo and the courage to embrace new ideas."

Clinton likened himself to America's heroes, telling supporters that when they vote on Tuesday, they could

honor the ideas of Jefferson and Washington, the sacrifice of Lincoln, the optimism of the Roosevelts and "the commitment to the future of John Kennedy."

Bush set six stops to end his last campaign. "No way, Bill, no way," he said as he started out. "I am going to win this election tomorrow."

The Democrat, he said, "offers economic disaster for this country," and he predicted anew that a Clinton administration would lead to high interest rates and high inflation of the last Democratic presidency under Jimmy Carter. "We simply cannot go back to those days."

"When you have tough times, you want the best," Vice President Dan Quayle told a rally in Columbus, Ohio, one of six states on his pre-election day itinerary.

Democratic rival, Sen. Al Gore countered with eight stops. He said the election is a "chance to reject the politics of denial and division, inaction, excuses, delay failure and the betrayal of a whole series of promises to average working families."

Government Asks Citizens to Respect Peace Accord

LUANDA, Angola (AP) — Angolan government forces had most of Luanda back under control Monday and appealed to citizens not to wreak revenge on UNITA rebels after fighting reportedly left up to 1,000 dead.

As rebel resistance melted in the capital, armed civilians were reported hunting down the rebels. UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi's second-in-command and nephew were reported killed and a third top rebel wounded. Police said they captured three UNITA generals.

If confirmed, the losses would be a major setback to the U.S.-backed UNITA rebels, who signed a cease-fire with the pro-Soviet government in 1991 to end a 16-year civil war in which 350,000 people died.

Clashes between the governing MPLA — the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola — and UNITA — the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola — erupted in the provinces Thursday and spread to Luanda Saturday.

A dusk-to-dawn curfew was imposed and police warned civilians to stay off the streets because of snipers. Police vehicles with loudspeakers cruised the streets urging people to respect the cease-fire.

A government statement read over state radio appealed to people to show "humanitarian treatment" to UNITA supporters.



Church Korean Disbands, Gives Apology to Nation

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Judgement day caught up with the largest of the South Korean churches that were predicting the end of the world. It disbanded Monday and apologized to the nation.

"We are sorry for creating problems to the nation and the established churches by misinterpreting the Bible," the Mission for the Coming Days church said in a statement released through newspapers.

The "doomsday" churches had predicted that last Wednesday would bring "the rapture" — the faithful's ascension to heaven. According to the biblical Book of Revelation, that was to be followed by seven years of tribulation, culminating in Armageddon and the world's end.

The signboard for the church in western Seoul was removed Sunday. The church said that it had 10,000 followers and that another 10,000 doomsday believers belonged to other sects.

Court Lets Grandparents' Right to Visitation Stand

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kentucky farmer Bill King said the one and a half years when his estranged son refused to let King see his granddaughter was "just like going to a funeral."

Now, as a result of Supreme Court action upholding his right to see his grandchild, 5-year-old Jessica "just bubbles when she comes out here" to King's Danville farm. "It's kind of made my life."

The court on Monday left intact a Wisconsin law giving grandparents visitation rights to their grandchildren even when the parents object. Two weeks earlier, the court let stand a similar Kentucky law invoked by King in seeking access to his granddaughter.

David Liederman, executive director of the Child Welfare League of America, said his office gets hundreds of calls from grandparents denied access to their grandchildren because of family troubles, divorces or custody battles.

"They're awful. You're heart goes out to everyone involved," Liederman said. Grandparent-grandchild contacts must be encouraged, he said.

All states have enacted grandparent-visitation rights in recent years, and lawyers for the Wisconsin grandparents argued that these statutes uphold a relationship honored in all societies.



Book of Statistics Gives Varied View of America

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans spend more to care for canines than cats, would rather walk than run and are boning up on Japanese, according to the massive statistical jigsaw puzzle that annually takes a look at the nation.

The colossal collection of numerical nuggets known as the "Statistical Abstract of the United States" goes on sale Tuesday. The 979-page paperback includes 1,414 tables of data, weighs 2 pounds, 3 ounces and costs \$29 from the Government Printing Office.

Browsing through the mass of material can be overwhelming, yet the details can provide delightful diversion.

Doctoring dogs, for example, requires 2.4 visits to the veterinarian annually, at a cost of \$82.86. Caring for cats, on the other hand, leads to 1.6 visits costing \$54.26.

The abstract focuses only on Americans and makes no comparisons with people of other nations.

Campaign Concludes With Final Appearances in State

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California's 1992 election campaign concluded Monday in a statewide flurry of cheering, sign-waving rallies aimed at motivating tens of thousands of volunteers for final get-out-the-vote drives.

A record breaking 11 million Californians, including more than 2 million who have already voted absentee, were expected to cast ballots in Tuesday's presidential, U.S. Senate and local elections.

Campaigning as "a team for change," U.S. Senate candidates Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer headlined Democratic rallies across the state. Republican Senate nominees John Seymour and Bruce Herschensohn both concentrated on GOP strongholds in Southern California, but campaigned separately.

A high voter turnout is expected despite the fact that the state has been all but ignored by President Bush and Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton, due to Clinton's overwhelming lead in all pre-election polls of California voters.

Californians will also elect 52 members of Congress, 100 members of the state Legislature and hundreds of local officials on Tuesday. Voters will also be deciding on 13 statewide propositions.



Magic Johnson Retires Due to 'Controversies'

INGLEWOOD (AP) — Magic Johnson retired again, this time for good, not because the AIDS virus sapped his strength, but because it struck fear in his fellow players.

Johnson said Monday, four days before the start of the NBA season, that he would not play because of the "controversies" surrounding his return.

Though he declined to be more specific, his agent, Lon Rosen, said: "His feeling was, if people were afraid to play against him, that could affect the outcome of the game, and Earvin didn't want that."

Johnson said in a statement: "It has become obvious that the various controversies surrounding my return are taking away from both basketball as a whole and the larger issue of living with HIV for me and the many people affected."

Dr. Michael Mellman, Johnson's personal physician and the Laker team doctor, said Johnson was physically fit to play. "This is not based on his doctor's advice," he said. "It's his lifestyle decision."

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Weather

Like that heat yesterday? A perfect day to sit in front of a fan in the living room and just relax with a cold, icy drink. Except that fires rage, the power goes off, the fan quits, and your ice melts. Anyway, expect more of the same today, and maybe through the end of the week. It's summer's last gasp. Speaking of last gasps, with any luck today will be the last gasp of George "I suck" Bush. Even better, after today you'll only have to listen to Willy Chamberlin or Bill Wallace, not both. Remember to vote, 'cause if you don't, you'll be kicking yourself for the next four years. Watch for fires.

- Moon rise 1:21p, Wed. Moon set 1:04a
- High 84, low 55. Sunset 5:11p, Wed. Sunrise 6:28a
- Tides: Hi, 5:46a (4.3)/4:53p (3.9); Lo, 11:31a (2.4)

Latinos Celebrate Death, Life

By Anita Miralle
Staff Writer

While many Americans took down Halloween decorations and packed up their costumes Monday, thousands of Chicanos were preparing to celebrate death and remember loved ones who have passed away as part of Dia de los Muertos — the Day of the Dead.

The Latino Business Association and El Congreso organized an all-day event in the University Center, with lecturers, a slide show and video explaining the history and significance of the holiday, and a presentation of student and faculty artwork featur-

“It is ... an important part of the history, the past, the culture of Chicanos/Latinos at UCSB.”

Mike Munoz
El Congreso chair

ing figures and symbols common to the celebration.

“It is important that Dia del Muertos is celebrated on this campus because it is an important part of the history, the past, the culture of Chicanos/Latinos at UCSB,” said El Con-

greso Chair Mike Munoz.

“The celebration may not be well known to the general population on this campus, but the presentation can inform them of the tradition of another culture as well as give Chicanos/Latinos the opportunity to gather and celebrate a day important to their heritage,” he said.

Dia de los Muertos is widely celebrated in Latin American countries to honor the dead and the process of death.

“It is a religious tradition celebrated in Mexico that combines Catholic and ancient Mexican practices to remember our elders that have died and to

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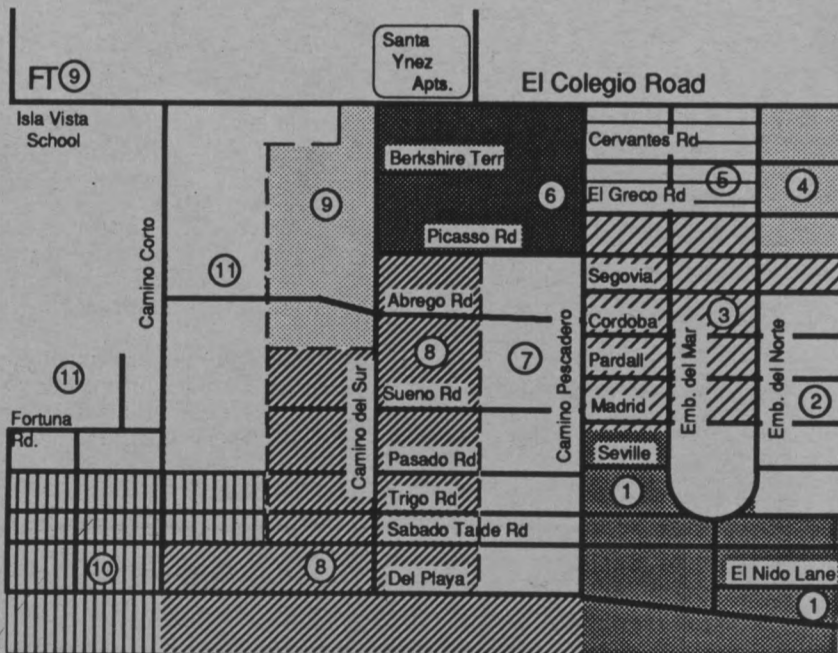
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County Lines I.V. Streets With New Lights, Sidewalks

By Jordan Halverson
Reporter

Isla Vista pedestrians, who often get little respect from bicyclists and automobile drivers, can breathe a little easier with the construction of several new sidewalks.

As the request of residents who lobbied the I.V. Recreation and Park District, sidewalks were built last month on Embarcadero del Norte and Embarcadero del Mar, at a \$70,000 cost to Santa Barbara County.

"The new sidewalks are only the beginning of improvements that the community sees as essential," said Mark Chaconas, aide to 3rd District Supervisor Bill Wallace.

Concerns over public safety influenced the County Board of Supervisors' decision to add walkways and lighting to I.V.'s congested streets, Chaconas said. Engineers were instructed to build sidewalks around a number of trees rather than destroy vegetation.

Streetlights were added along Del Playa Drive, as well as on Abrego Road, a route often used by children on their way to I.V. Elementary School.

Alpha Tau Omega fraternity was involved in helping with the sidewalk project. Chaconas singled out member Garrett Hego for his contribution to the effort.

Hego said everyone should lend a hand if possible, because there is always work to be done improving I.V.

"I would like to believe that everyone

can make a difference, especially if we work together," he said. He believed the addition of the sidewalk where there was once only a dirt trail provides better access around the densely crowded area.

I.V. pedestrian Andrew Shoen agreed that the improvements were necessary and desired by the community.

"The living conditions in I.V. have become pretty bad. The new lights should help people feel safer. There are a lot of kids and a lot of stupid drivers. It's nice to see people come out and help," Shoen said.

More sidewalk additions are planned, Chaconas said, but their locations will be discussed at future IVRPD meetings.

List of things to do today:

1. Read sample ballot.
2. Takes lots of aspirin.
3. Get I.D. back from that guy who wanted to buy beer.
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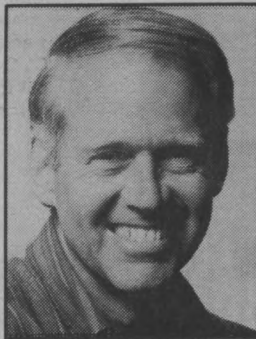
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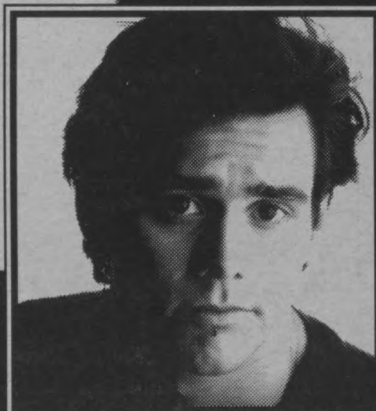
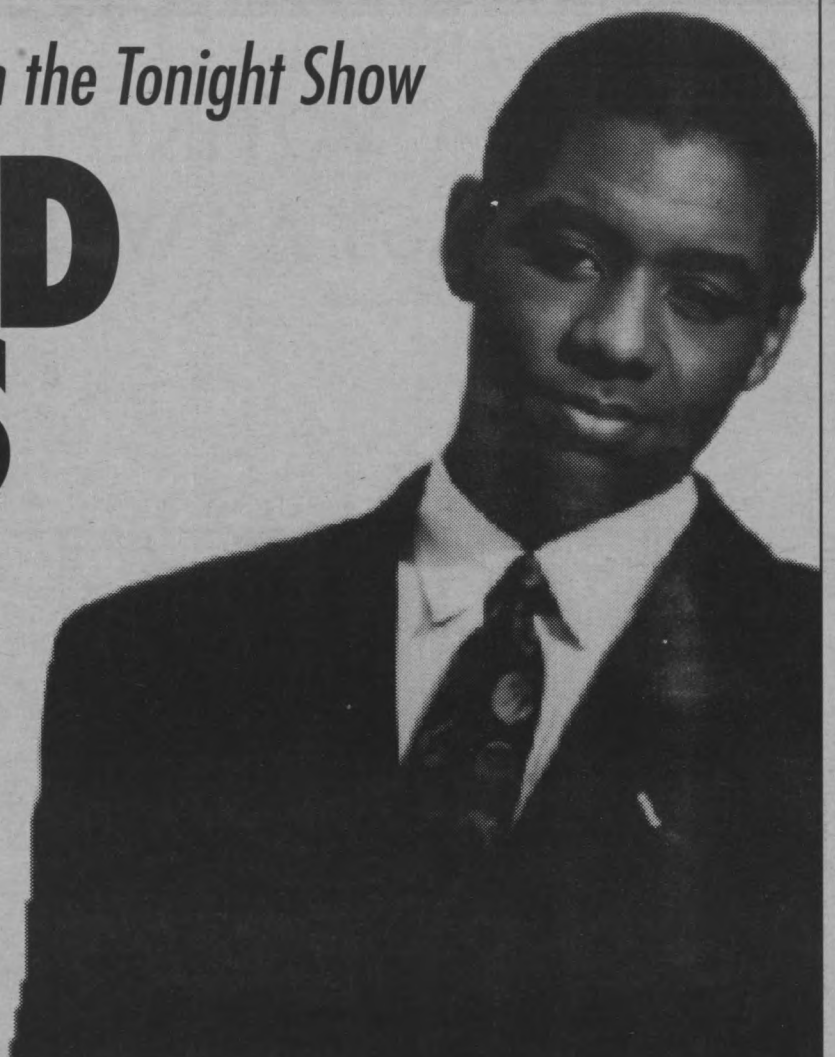
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Administrative Services.

News and Communications Director Margie Weeks acknowledged the miscommunication. "In informing employees, some people may have used the word 'closed,' creating more confusion," she said.

University officials notified campus radio station KCSB and Santa Barbara station KTMS of the class cancellations to help discourage commuters from attempting to enter the campus.

Two administrative emergency centers were set up during the fire — one at the Events Center and one at Cheadle Hall.

The ECen team was set up to prepare for the use of both the ECen and the University Center as evacuation shelters if needed by residents of university-owned Married Student Housing and Santa Ynez Apartment Complex.

Chancellor Barbara Uehling was not on campus Monday, but maintained contact over the telephone for most of the day. Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Donald Crawford acted in the chancellor's stead and was the head of the Cheadle team, which monitored the condition of the campus and made the decision to close.

In addition to the billowing smoke that engulfed the campus around 2 p.m., students' first inklings of the crisis came

when power at the university was temporarily interrupted at approximately 3:40 p.m. due to a blown transformer in the university/Isla Vista area.

Students were given further indications when attempts to enter the UCen were rebuffed by employees closing the building at approximately 4:30 p.m.

"We hope to keep it open for student groups scheduled to meet in the UCen, but we may have to close it," UCen Director Alan Kirby said. Although a sign at the UCen door announced the building had closed "due to the proximity of the fire," Kirby said neither the UCen nor the campus was in serious fire danger after 4 p.m.

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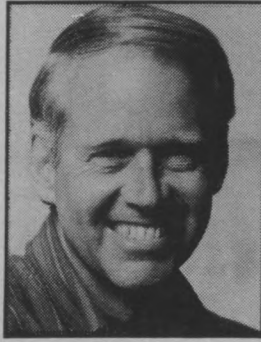
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WILLIAM WALLACE
County Supervisor



FIRE

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and fire" and threatened a business park next to the freeway, according to County Fire Captain Charles Johnson. "Embers blew across Hollister to the airport ... threatening buildings."

The third fire, just north of Mesa Road on campus, began on airport property when embers from the second fire jumped across Hollister, Johnson said. "The fire spotted well in advance of itself," he said, adding that almost 15 acres of brush were lost to the flames.

Central Stores employees watched as flames from the third fire threatened to singe university buildings. "This stuff would go up like a match," said Receiving Supervisor David Barrios. The store contained university mail and other paper products, as well as solvents and

inks that would easily ignite.

Southern California Gas Company workers waited as flames swept yards away from structures to offer firefighters assistance if the blaze damaged buildings. "If it jumps across here [Mesa Road], that's not a good situation," said Gas Co. District Supervisor Dwayne Toby. "Right now, we're in pretty good shape. It just depends on the winds."

Central Stores employees manning bulldozers tried to sweep dry brush away from the building as the wind shifted and flames that had headed toward Harder Stadium came dangerously close to a shed behind the store that contained kerosene bins. As the blaze swept over Mesa Road, air tankers dropped fire retardant on the flames to slow it down.

"Where the retardant hit, if it's burning, it's burning real slow," Tapper said as the first air tankers dropped chemicals onto the fire. "Right now there is still no control, but things are settling down. This fatigues you when you have to breathe smoke."

Fire retardant hit a



Los Angeles-like traffic engulfs Hollister Road as a result of road blocks set up by the Highway Patrol and County Fire Dept. during the fire Monday afternoon (above), while Goleta citizens do their part help control the blaze which scorched the Los Carneros area. Photos by Andrey Kuzky.

transformer and caused a power outage in Isla Vista for almost an hour, said Santa Barbara City Fire Battalion Chief Mark Lugo.

The third fire was the first to come under control by firefighters, as it was mostly contained by 5 p.m. Fire teams spent the afternoon battling the second fire just north of the 101.

"It's not going anywhere right now," said SB City Fire Captain Tom Haines.

Even as the last of the flames smoldered, firefighters were guardedly optimistic. "The concern is if the wind comes up, there could be some fires kicking up," said SB City Fire Public Information Officer Pete Ramsdell.

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VOTERS

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tions of northern Santa
Barbara County.

The voting age was low-
ered from 21 to 18 nation-
wide in 1972. Since then,
however, young voters
have been one of the most
underrepresented groups
in American electoral
politics.

I.V.'s ever-changing
student population, with
renters changing resi-
dences every year, has
been a source of conten-
tion and confusion in local
politics recently. In June's
primary elections, mem-
bers of Chamberlin's cam-
paign staff made accusa-
tions of voter fraud among
I.V. residents due to par-
ticularly high turnout in
some precincts. Voters
were cleared of any
wrongdoing.

Last month, Chamber-
lin campaign manager Bob
Mangus told the Nexus
that many people are regis-
tered to vote in I.V. at ad-
dresses where they no longer
live. Since voters are
supposed to re-register
whenever they change resi-
dences, Mangus said he
would ask the elections di-
vision to verify the address-

ses of potential voters in
I.V.

After concerns were
raised about voter intimi-
dation, Chamberlin and
Pettit said that no chal-
lenges to the county's cur-
rent registration lists have
been filed.

Many voters who have
not recorded their
changes of address with
the elections division may
decide to vote at the poll-
ing places they used before
moving.

However, this practice
is technically illegal, since
only voters who have
moved since Oct. 6 are
eligible to vote at their old
sites, Hull said. However,
she acknowledged that the
county will not conduct
any special monitoring of
voters at I.V. polling
places.

Several greek organiza-
tions are working at the
polls in an effort to in-
crease student participa-
tion in today's election.

"We're doing it as a fun-
draiser and to get the
house into the voting pro-
cess," said Sean Corbett,
vice president of Delta Up-
silon fraternity.

Polls will be open today
from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Suzanne Garner contrib-
uted to this story.

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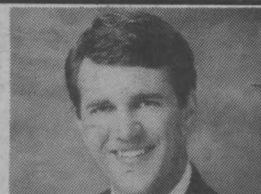
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Exercise

You have probably already heard from your roommates, friends, families, professors and at least several complete strangers, just to make sure, here goes: Today is election day. If you don't do anything else today, get to your polling place and VOTE. When you vote, and you will, you have had a hand in the decisions that will decide the future of this nation and this county, at least for the next four years. Unlike most recent elections, politicians both nationwide and right here

Editorial

Santa Barbara are under siege from a public that feels things have gone distinctly awry. This is good. It means that on the national level, only those incumbents who have proven responsive to a new set of challenges will be re-elected. This hard reality is likely to effect the well-deserved political demise of George Bush. Locally, with the help of Michael Huffington's record-breaking campaign spending, it has already defeated former Representative Bob Lagomarsino. It has put career political climbers on the run. There is, however, a down side to this overwhelming call for change. The national and state recession have fueled the anti-incumbent fever at the county level to the extent that the county faces the loss of a dedicated leader and environmentalist. Sixteen-year incumbent 3rd District Supervisor Bill Wallace faces a strong challenge from a desperate group of pro-growth, pro-oil politicians led by 5th District Supervisor and manic de-

The Reader's Voice

Environmentalist?

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Willy Chamberlin an environmentalist? Maybe the definition has been changed when I wasn't looking, but how can someone who supports offshore drilling, has six oil wells on his own property and supports allowing oil tankers, like the Exxon Valdez, in the Santa Barbara Channel even keep a straight face when he makes such a claim?

As a County Supervisor, Chamberlin would not even be able to vote on many Santa Barbara oil issues because of the conflict of interest with the oil wells on his property.

In the last few weeks, Chamberlin's well-funded campaign has tried to attack Bill Wallace's environmental record by claiming Bill is "in the pocket" of the oil industry. This is an outright attempt to confuse Isla Vista voters. Anyone who has followed Mr. Wallace's voting record would know for the last 16 years he has continuously voted to protect the Santa Barbara coastline and is a vocal opponent of offshore drilling and oil tankering in the Channel.

In his attacks on Wallace, Chamberlin cites campaign donations made to Wallace from American Pipeline, an oil pipeline company, as the proof. But he didn't tell you this.

Fact #1: Oil is currently produced at Point Arguello, 30 miles north of UCSB by Chevron USA.

Fact #2: The oil will be shipped by either oil tankers, which are environmentally risky, or via pipeline, which is significantly less of an environmental hazard.

Fact #3: Wallace, to the dislike of Chevron, has fought hard against tankering because of the obvious threat to the environment.

Instead, Wallace wants oil to be shipped using the environmentally superior alternative, a pipeline. That is why an oil pipeline company has contributed to his campaign.

Bill Wallace's major support comes from the environmental community. He is en-

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PROPOSITIONS

158 & 159	YES
161	YES
163	YES
164	NO
165	NO
166	NO
167	YES
092	NO

LOCAL RACES

Supervisor
 — Bill Wallace
 I.V. Park Dist.
 — Colman
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 — Stockton

Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. today. Check your sample ballot for location. Bring a photo ID.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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gulator Mike Stoker.

Not only has Willy Chamberlin hitched his political wagon to the north-county, big-business engine behind Stoker; he has openly baited the student community, demonstrating his fear and disdain of their local voting power. Despite his absurd attempts to woo the student vote, Chamberlin has consistently whipped up fear of a "transient" influence, using it as a lever to bring out the jittery homeowner vote. He has consistently disparaged Isla Vista, challenging its registered voters, supporting a seawall along its beaches and opposing its cityhood efforts. He has said students should only be allowed to vote where their parents live. This is not a politician who would listen to student concerns when he followed through with his plans to support oil tankering in the channel.

Wallace is not a political climber and has sat on the board so long in the interests of those who would protect our county's quality of life. He is one of the reasons Santa Barbara, unlike the rest of Southern California, is not overpopulated and overpolluted and he deserves student support.

This said, whether you agree with us or not, go and vote. It is only then that students' concerns will be made apparent and held as a priority by those who represent us locally as well as at the state and federal levels. Student voices in local politics are under debate and it is only by exercising them that we can keep them from being silenced.



GARY ANDREWS/Daily Nexus

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dorsed by major environmental groups such as the Sierra Club and Coast Watch. Chamberlin is supported by people who call themselves "practical environmentalists," or in other words, they favor protecting the environment only when it is convenient to do so.

On Nov. 3, you will get to decide who you want protecting Santa Barbara's environment.

BRENT FOSTER

No 165

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Proposition 165 is an initiative that must not pass. It would allow the governor to declare a state of fiscal emergency and take absolute control of the budget in a "fiscal emergency," at the expense of education and social services. Proposition 165 will have a direct impact on students, women and children.

If Proposition 165 had already been in effect, Pete Wilson could have made his initial proposed cuts of \$2.3 billion and no one would have been able to stop him — meaning over 110,000 children would have been out of school.

Proposition 165 could also reduce payments under Aid to Families with Dependent Children, by lowering AFDC by 5% and then adding 15% if a family is on AFDC for over 6 months. This means that a single mother supporting two children would drop from \$21 to \$17 per day. Any children who are conceived while the family is on AFDC (even by rape or incest) would not be counted in determining the allotment for the family. This initiative would also cut AFDC payments to pregnant women. Due to these cuts a mother and her two children will each be forced to live on a mere \$8 per day.

If Proposition 165 passes there will be more hungry and homeless children. Seventy percent of all AFDC recipients are children: The ones who will suffer the most will be the youth of California. These cuts will leave an additional 170,000 children

hungry and an estimated 95,000 families homeless. This initiative will eliminate AFDC increases to make up for inflation and AFDC checks for new infants.

Proposition 165 is supported by Governor Pete Wilson. This is the same governor who has a record of cutting education, health programs and social services for those who need them the most. During his term in office he has made it clear that he will attack the poor: He has no concerns for homeless, single parents or children. He attacks families and individuals who are trying to survive: pregnant women who seek proper health care, single parents who want to provide for their children, and the blind and disabled who need adequate services rendered to them. They are the ones who will be bruised by this initiative.

Who is opposed to Proposition 165? The League of Women Voters, Common Cause, State Parents Teacher Association, California Chapter of the National Organization of Women, Committee to Defend Reproductive Rights, Children Now, California Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition, Health Access of California, California Homeless and Housing Coalition, Campaign to Abolish Poverty and other advocates for low-income children, seniors and disabled Californians. There is no doubt that this list is made up of organizations whose focus is protecting the rights of others. They protect those who are being infringed upon by a system that does not provide for their basic human rights.

Proposition 165 amends the state constitution and allows the governor to cut virtually any state program. The governor would be able to declare a fiscal emergency and impose his own personal agenda. This takes the legislature out of the budget process. "Once the governor makes these cuts, no one can stop him. Not the courts. Not the Legislature. Not the public. Nobody." As stated by Coalition '92, "HUMAN NEED, NOT CORPORATE GREED; NO ON 165."

All information was gathered by Coalition '92, No On 165 Committee and Taxpayers Against Deception.

EDWIN LOPEZ

Imagine

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Imagine casting your vote for president. The results are tabulated, and your candidate wins. However, the "authorities" are not happy with the outcome of the election, conclude that you didn't understand what you were voting for, and declare the election invalid. Could something like this happen in America? Only if you are a student at the University of California.

Chancellor Uehling has the opportunity to move the university back towards a policy that respects student decision-making by returning to students the ability to fund student programs such as the California Public Interest Research Group.

In six separate elections over the last 12 years, UC Santa Barbara students have voted by large majorities to create and fund the student environmental lobby group, CalPIRG, with a waiveable fee. In the last such election, students voted 85% in support of CalPIRG, and 75% explicitly in favor of the waiveable fee. But in 1990, the Board of Regents decided that UC students were not intelligent enough to understand what they had been voting for and eliminated student's right to vote and fund CalPIRG.

The university's callous disregard for the student decision-making process has drawn sharp criticism from students, faculty, alumni and community leaders. Even the California state legislature has urged the university to respect student votes.

It is ironic, given that one of the fundamental purposes of CalPIRG is to involve students in civic affairs, that the university would have acted to disenfranchise students and overrule their democratic decisions.

In an era when democracy is breaking out around the world, we should be encouraging — not discouraging — democratic principles. It is also a particularly important time for students to have programs such as CalPIRG that promote civic responsibility.

Through CalPIRG's campus program, students have a means of learning skills that complement their classroom experience. Students work with a staff of full-time public interest professionals on both the campus and the statewide level. CalPIRG projects help students acquire skills from writing and investigative research to advocacy and public relations. Above all, CalPIRG fosters campus debate on critical issues and encourages students to be active citizens.

By joining together with students from other campuses, the CalPIRG campus program has also provided an effective voice for students on issues of environmental protection and consumer rights. Students have been able to make a difference on issues ranging from toxic waste cleanup and pesticide use to consumer banking protection and recycling. In this way, CalPIRG has helped the university fulfill its mission of service to the community.

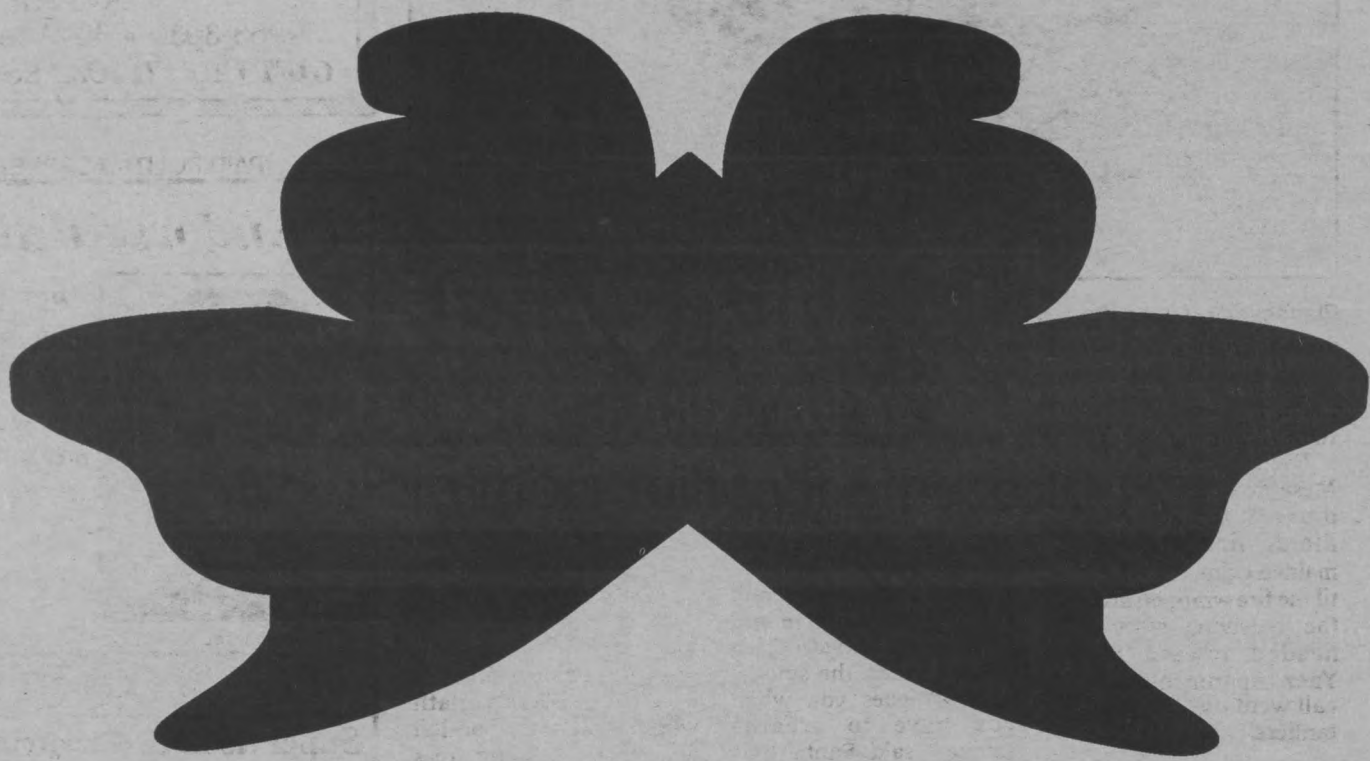
The work that students have accomplished in protecting the environment is important, and so are the educational opportunities that come from having the CalPIRG program on campus, but the process by which students started the program — a campuswide referendum — is one that deserves respect.

As an officer of a student government which was created by the same democratic process, I stand behind the student's right to decide for themselves how to fund their own programs. If the university will not honor that process, I would at least expect Chancellor Uehling to agree to a process that would allow students to vote and pledge funding for programs like CalPIRG. I urge her to take a step in the right direction on student rights and agree to the students' compromise.

GREG LEWIS

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UCSB Employees Take Blaze in Stride

By Lisa Nicolaysen
Staff Writer

Workers at the university Central Receiving Store on Mesa Road didn't seem too shaken by the fire that headed toward them Monday afternoon.

It wasn't until 20-foot flames filled up the canyon and the sound of dry brush crackling beneath the flames turned into a roar that the area was evacuated.

"Uh oh! There it is," yelled one employee, who ran quickly from the building and up to the road. Firefighters urgently ordered workers and observers to leave the area as they hooked up water hoses to drench the flames.

When the blaze reached Mesa Road, Campus Security Officers cleared students and residents from the street so that fire engines could reach the conflagration. Workers who knew the store held flammable chemicals and solvents seemed worried when the winds shifted and blew the fire closer to the building.

"There's gas in that shed," said store employee Gerry Munoz. "It would probably go up real fast." Supervisors pushed workers to fill up store vans with campus mail before the structure ignited.

Just as workers and firefighters expected the flames to hit the shed and store, air tankers carrying fire retardant swept over Harder Stadium and dropped Phos-chek onto the blaze. By the second drop, workers and fire-



ROB SIMPSON/Daily Nexus

Planes called in by the Santa Barbara County Fire Dept. to drop solid fire retardant on Monday's blaze caught some cars and a few people, too.

fighters were ducking to avoid the orange powder that stained cars and soil.

Even as flames flew over Mesa Road and singed dry brush north of Storke Field, firefighters remained calm. It wasn't until the fire wrapped around the receiving store and headed toward Santa Ynez Apartments that a call went out for more air tankers.

"The wind is picking up," said Dwayne Toby, a Southern California Gas Co. District supervisor. Despite the shift in wind direction, the fire stopped just 20 feet away from the store and moved toward Los Carneros.

Animals forced out of

the brush by the fire fled over Mesa Road to escape danger. Smoke from the flames filled the sky, making it almost impossible for firefighters to determine how far the fire was spreading.

The fire fumes also took their toll on workers and firefighters, who struggled to see beyond the smoke. "This fatigues you when you have to breathe smoke," said Santa Barbara County paramedic Kent Tapper.

When the fire was contained on the university, fire crews focused their attention on a second fire that hit a canyon east of Los Carneros. By 5 p.m. Monday, firefighters were

mopping up fire spots that continued to blaze.

"I'd call this knocked down," said SB City Fire Public Information Officer Pete Ramsdell. However, smoke continued to billow near a eucalyptus forest south of the 101 freeway.

With so much attention focused on the fire, residents were able to bike behind the blaze's path where the flames had left charred bushes and trees smoldering.

Small fires that smoked along the deserted canyons were neglected as firefighters fought flames that posed a more serious threat to neighboring structures. By dusk, firefighters were calling the fire contained.



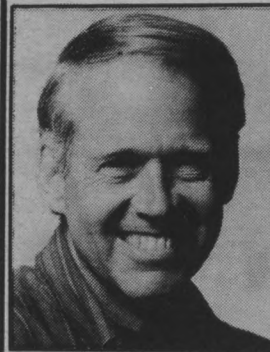
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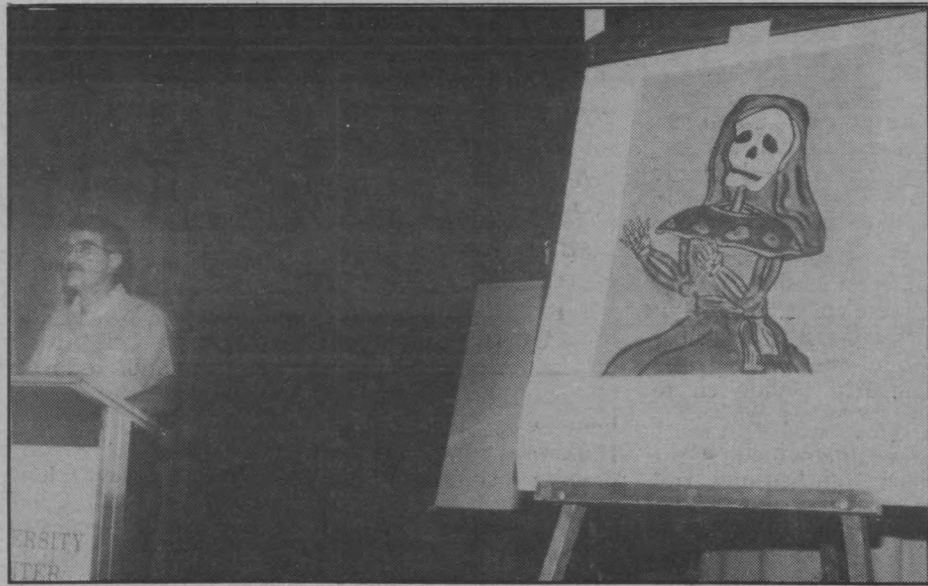
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UCSB professor Francisco Lomeli discusses the significance of Dia de los Muertos — a traditional Mexican holiday — before a crowd of UCSB students and employees Monday in the University Center.

DAY

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 face death and celebrate life," said Chicano studies Professor Manuel Q. Unzueta.

According to Unzueta, the Olmex and Aztec Indians of South America viewed death as a continuation of life and set aside a day of festivities to under-

stand the journey from life to death.

When Spanish conquistadors colonized South America, they realized the Native Americans' holiday coincided with the Roman Catholic holidays of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, which the church sets aside to pray for the souls of the departed, Unzueta said. In converting the Indians to Catholicism, the Spaniards com-

bined the Christian and pagan rituals into one celebration, he said.

"Any country that is Catholic or is influenced by Spain celebrates this day. However, Mexico is the only country that incorporates the ancient practices of the Indians," Unzueta said.

Unzueta explained that the Mexican celebration

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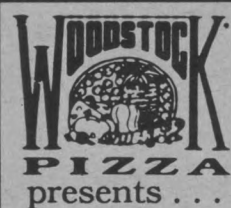
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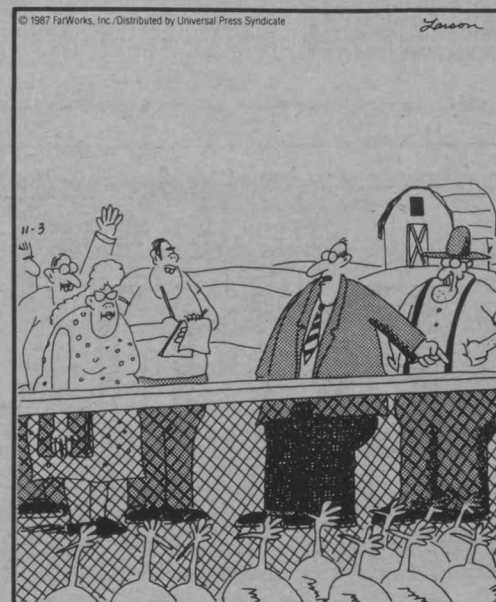


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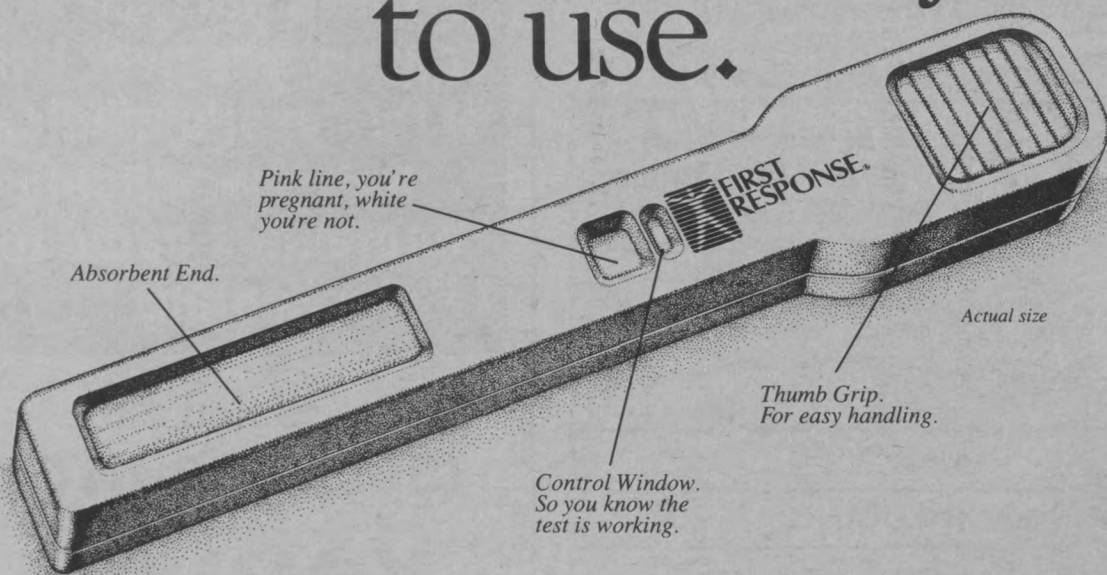
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DAY

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Francisco Lomeli, a professor in Spanish, Portuguese and Chicano studies explained the history behind the holiday and compared Halloween to Dia de los Muertos.

"Halloween is associated with fear and with witches and ghosts who roam around and haunt the living. Dia del Muertos has nothing to do with scaring people," Lomeli said. "It is a time when life and death merge. The living visit the dead and cele-

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Francisco Lomeli
UCSB professor

brate with them, unlike Halloween when people dress in costumes to hide from the spirits."

Lomeli also pointed out that while Halloween is geared towards children, Dia de los Muertos is for all ages.

Lomeli explained that over the past decade, there

has been a revival of the holiday in America. He attributes this new found interest to people's fascination with the festivities surrounding the day, as well as recent trends for individuals to go back to their ethnic roots.

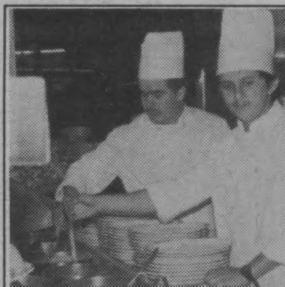
Lomeli also compared Dia de los Muertos to Valentine's Day, where the living give presents to each other in addition to loved ones who have passed away.

"Europeans and Americans generally have a tendency to fear death as the enemy, while Mexicans welcome death as an inevitable part of life. They see death as the end, we see it as a new stage; they see it as an intruder, we see it as a friend," Lomeli said.

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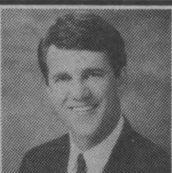
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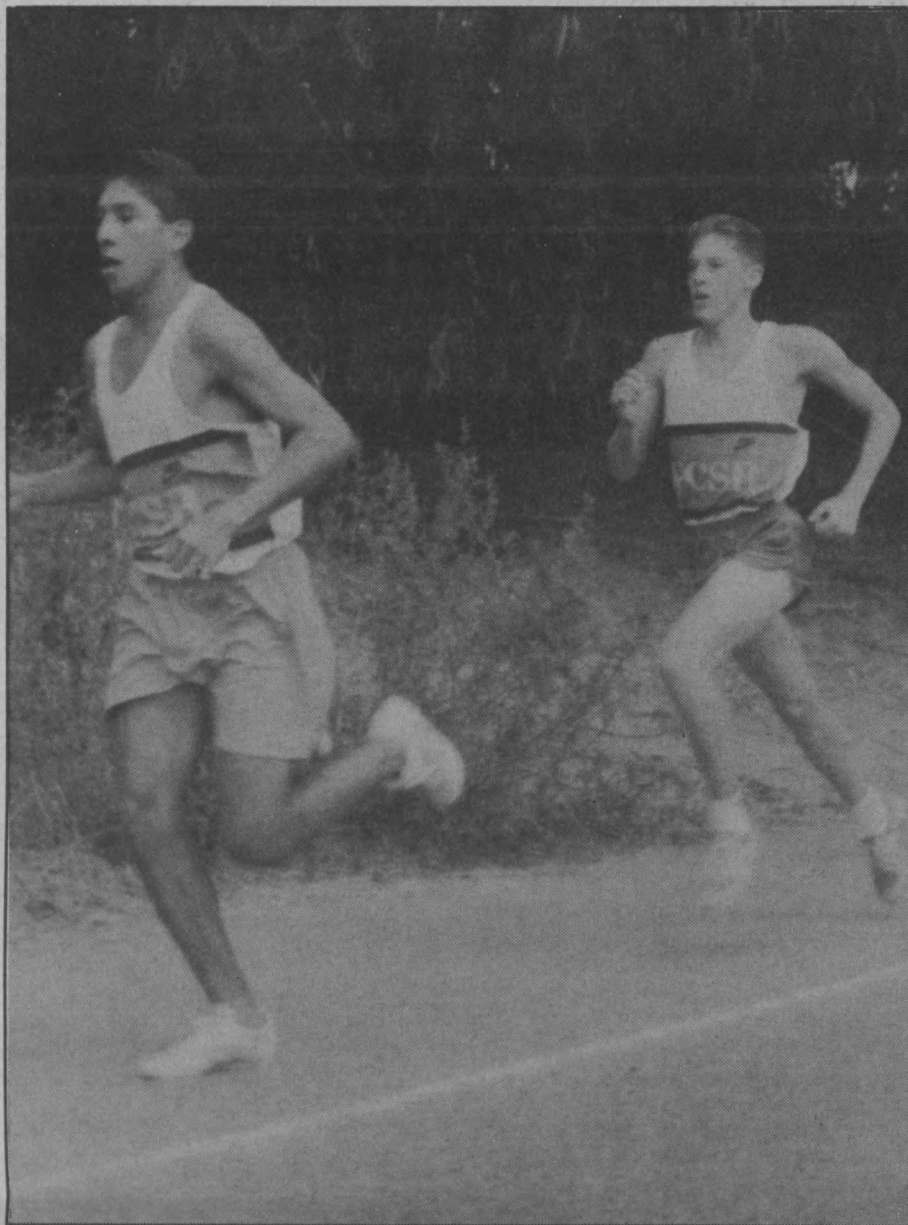
By Rob Carpio
Staff Writer

It was business as usual for the UCSB men's cross country team at the Big West Championships in Hawaii, where it capped off a year of uncertainty with a third-place tie in the conference meet.

The Gauchos finished Saturday's event behind Utah State, which compiled 55 points, and the University of Nevada at Reno (58). UCSB totaled 68 points along with pre-race favorite Cal State Fullerton for third, followed by UC Irvine (78), Long Beach State (189) and New Mexico State (190).

Santa Barbara was led by senior Clark Acuña (fifth place overall), and Damion Lewin (ninth place overall), who crossed the line at 26:18 and 26:31, respectively. By finishing in the top 10 of the race, the duo also received All-Conference honors. Utah State's Peter Oviatt took the individual championship with a time of 26:00, while Matt Haugen — the Gauchos' top runner coming into the meet — finished in 14th place at 26:54 after slipping in the muddy 8,000-meter course.

The third-place tie with the Titans was redemption for UCSB, which lost three times to Fullerton earlier in the season. The Gauchos also finished ahead of rival UCI, making the meet a success in Head Coach Pete Dolan's estimation. He later congratulated both Acuña and Lewin, in particular, for jobs well done.



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FRESHMAN FINISH: First-year runners Froylan Sanchez (left) and Brad Glosser ran well for the third-place Gauchos at the Big West Championships at Hawaii.

"[Acuña] just put it all together right there," he said. "He's been working two years to put a good race together, and he did it there at the conference championship."

One month ago, Lewin suffered a concussion, but still made good on the promise he made to Dolan that he would run an impressive race.

"[Tying Fullerton] was great. That's revenge right there," Lewin said. "There were so many

'what ifs,' like if Haugen would've been on, we could've won the thing. It's just great that we did it despite that."

The rest of the finishers for UCSB were freshmen Brad Glosser and Froylan Sanchez — who finished 16th and 24th, respectively, despite hovering in the 28th and 29th positions throughout most of the race — and seniors Bill Aronson and Jason Piumarta. The freshmen's ef-

fort in the last two miles of the race drew praise from Dolan, and Glosser acknowledged that the decision to turn on the speed was both unexpected and unintentional.

"I wasn't really ready to move, but I thought Froylan made his move, so I went with him," Glosser explained.

"But it turned out Froylan thought that I made my move, [and] that's why he went."

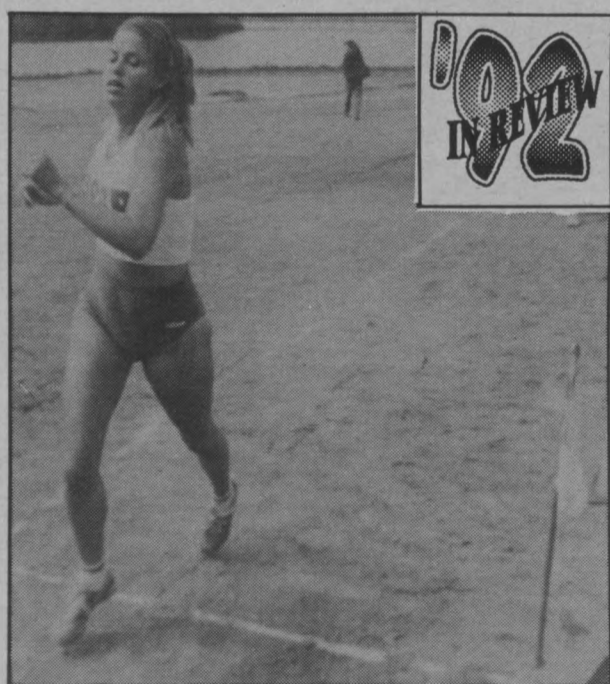
Team of the Future Goes to Head of the Pack

In 1989, UCSB women's cross country Head Coach Jim Triplett nicknamed his young group of runners "the team of the future."

Three years later, his Lady Gaucho squad has a second-place finish in the Big West Conference under its belt.

1992 represented a breakthrough year for this gifted and still youthful team, which started out winning its first three meets. Several factors emerged that prompted Triplett to call this season's squad "probably the most talented group of girls I've ever coached."

A significant aspect of the lady runners' development was improving from only one athlete in the lead pack (sophomore Kara Bradbury) to virtually four (sophomore Beckie Levy, junior Julie Thomas and fresh-



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END OF THE LINE: Junior Kristin von Teuber served as captain of the women's cross country squad.

man Deanna Hadley) to set the pace.

This strategy of "pack

running" was preached by Triplett all year. With a team shallow on ability,

it would have failed. But it was effective for UCSB because of the depth the squad possessed. The members of this trail pack consisted of juniors Natalie Trussell and co-captain Kristin von Teuber, sophomores Eva Mattson, Olivia Perdices, Thea Roberts and Kirsten Stocker, and freshman Mary Crane. All of them — particularly von Teuber, Mattson and Roberts — performed consistently meet after meet, playing significant roles in taking the pressure off runners in the lead group.

This was also the season in which all of the athletes broke their own personal records. It is simply a tribute to committed summer workouts and proper conditioning from day one. The "team of the future" never looked past the present.

—Rob Carpio

The SCOPPETTONE SCORECARD

by
Dino Scoppettone, Staff Writer

W hew! I'm a little disappointed that this whole Halloween thing is over. After all, there's nothing I like more than 20,000 out-of-town idiots running through Isla Vista and thrashing our immaculate little town. I'm sure those people that had their cars trashed or their stereos ripped off would agree with me.

Anyway, it's time to leave Halloween behind and look ahead to Easter. But first, there is that pressing matter of national importance to which we must attend. I am, of course, talking about the election, and if you thought I was discussing something else, you should be forced to sit next to Tim McCarver during a baseball double-header. Either that, or you should be beaten with a wooden cooking spoon. Your choice.

So, seeing as the Nexus news types get all hot and bothered about endorsing candidates, I think we should try the same thing on the ol' sports page. But forget about politics, and all that boring stuff. I mean, really, what's resting on the election anyway? The future of our country? Hah! I think not.

No, right here we're going to stay with our usual sports theme, and I'm going to throw a few endorsements your way.

Let's begin with football, and the race for the Super Bowl. In the NFC thus far, we've got the 49ers and the Cowboys emerging as the frontrunners. I'm going to have to go with the Cowboys on this one. After all, let's take a look at what the 49ers have given us for the last 12 years.

Do we really want to spend another four years looking at those gaudy red satin San Francisco jackets? Do we really want to deal with fans who bring white wine and brie to tailgate parties? Do we want to keep hearing about how great "Joe" and "Jerry" and "Pierce" are? I think not. What it really comes down to is, whom do you trust? I trust the Cowboys, and I am pleased to endorse them for the NFC title.

Who are the Steelers? Why are they here? Who knows?

Speaking of trust, does anyone out there trust the Denver Broncos? This is a team that has been to four Super Bowls and has been blown out four times. That's not a sparkling track record. Is this the team you want to represent the AFC in the Super Bowl? I think not. The Broncos are to the AFC what Mondale was to the Democrats.

Meanwhile, we have the Steelers making a move towards the title. Good luck. I liken them to Stockcar or Chippendale or whoever Perot's running mate is. Who are the Steelers? Why are they here? Who knows?

Of course, the multitudes of Raider fans must be wondering where their team fits into the picture. Sorry, gang, the Raiders have about as much chance of winning it all as Lyndon LaRouche does. For those of you who aren't up on LaRouche, he's in jail. Enough said on that.

Basically, for all its talent, the AFC is kind of like the Peace and Freedom party. It's a nice concept, but what it comes down to is this: Whom are we going to elect to get slaughtered in the Super Bowl? I am proud to endorse the Houston Oilers, not because I think they'll win, but because I'd like to see an exciting, wide-open passing team win the Big One. Fat chance.

Now we turn our focus to hockey. I don't know much about hockey, other than the fact that 93% of the teams make the playoffs. It gives a lot of meaning to the regular season. Okay, now we turn our focus away from hockey.

Let's take a look at baseball, shall we? The race here comes down to the Toronto Blue Jays and ... oh, wait a minute. Sorry, that race is over. I demand a recount. I think Atlanta's Bobby Cox threw the election.

What does that leave? Ah, basketball. The frontrunner here is Chicago. Da Bulls. I'm going to give my endorsement to Da Bulls because, for once, I want to be associated with a winner. Chicago is clearly the best choice here. About the only drawback is Bill Cartwright's jump shot, and that, comparatively, is pretty minor. It's certainly nothing as bad as Bush's domestic record, or Dan Quayle's spelling bee record. Sorry, Laker fans, but with Magic Johnson pulling his Perot act (I'm out, I'm in, I'm out ...), you all should be looking to 1996.

Well, that just about covers the major sports, plus hockey. My golf endorsement goes to John Daly, because of his girth, and in tennis, I endorse anyone that happens to be playing Andre Agassi. I'm not informed enough to make an endorsement in the bowling, racing and racquetball scenes.

So there you have it. Maybe one of these teams will win and make me look good. Or maybe the Niners will win, Bush will win, the moon will turn red, the sky will fall and I'll move to Canada. Either way, I'm not going to tell you to vote, because you should have done that already. If you don't, and if you don't, you'll get the wooden spoon beating. My choice.