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Lawmaker Seeks End to Rising UC Tuition

■ Davis Introduces Amendment for Fee Freeze

By Tim Molloy
Staff Writer

California Lt. Gov. Gray Davis joined a local state senator and another legislator Thursday to unveil a controversial constitutional amendment that would halt student fee increases.

While the UC saw no general increase in 1994-95 and none is projected for next year, the proposed amendment would bar any hike through the year 2000 and would then allow for only limited rises.

"On behalf of California's middle-class families, it's time to 'just say no' to student fee increases," Davis said in a prepared statement Thursday. He is a UC regent by virtue of his office.

Davis was joined by 18th District state Sen. Jack O'Connell (D-Carpinteria) and 79th District Assemblywoman Denise Moreno Ducheny (D-San



Gray Davis

Diego), who will introduce the amendment in their respective houses of the Legislature. The measure needs Senate and Assembly approval to qualify for the state's November ballot.

The amendment would require any increases after 2000 to be adjusted according to the state's established rate of personal income growth to make sure it correlates to changes in

students' and their families' incomes. The amendment would permit greater increases only in hard economic times.

But the measure may face opposition in the Republican-controlled Assembly, according to 35th District Assemblyman Brooks Firestone (R-Los Olivos).

"I think it would have a lot of opposition, because if every group that had a stake in the budget ... had a constitutional amendment [for] a freeze in their budget, we simply couldn't operate," he said. "If we do it for one group, albeit a very deserving group, how can you turn down anyone else?"

Firestone said he would read the amendment and consider it when it came time to vote.

Davis spokesperson Stevan Allen said he believed the amendment would succeed overwhelmingly with voters if passed by the Legislature.

"If this does make the ballot, the polling indicates that this would pass overwhelmingly," he said.

The amendment has encountered opposition from the UC Office of the President because it does not leave any means for helping the UC if the system runs out of tax dollars.

According to figures from UCOP's budget office, fees rose 130 percent between 1989-90 and 1994-95. During the same period, the system lost 25 percent of its state funding, according to UCOP.

While the state pays for roughly two-thirds of the UC's expenses, the remainder is covered by students, according to UC spokesperson Terry Colvin. Removing the option of raising student fees when the UC is in a budget crunch could decrease the quality of the system, he said.

"We're opposed to it because we feel it really ties the hands of the University in terms of planning its financial future and well-being," he said. "Nobody likes to

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Nexus File Photo

Time Talk With the Hawk

Noted astrophysicist Stephen Hawking will come to campus Wednesday to discuss his research on the gravitational pull inside black holes. See story, p.3.

Start of A.S. Campaigning Marked by Several Changes

By Nicole Milne
Staff Writer

Associated Students launched into the opening of spring elections this week with a new series of reforms and a lower number of candidates than last year.

While a record-breaking 130 students declared their candidacy for A.S. offices last year, this year's declaration period ended Thursday with only 50 students intending to run.

But A.S. officials hope this year's balloting will benefit from an election reform bill Legisla-

tive Council passed Wednesday.

The bill will create new voting sites and a subcommittee to deal with candidates' violations of campaign rules. It also opens the door to allowing the annual elections supplement which now runs exclusively in the *Daily Nexus* to instead appear in other publications.

Most of the changes are designed to streamline the election process and increase voter turnout, according to Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chair Brian Weiner.

"There's nothing controver-

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Absentee Ballots Provide a Mechanism for Students to Cast Their Votes

By Michael Ball
Staff Writer

Wrapping up an experimental early voting program, several hundred students went to the polls Thursday to make sure their voices are heard in the spring primary election.

The Santa Barbara County early voting program allowed students to apply for, receive and cast absentee ballots for the March 26 primary election this week in Corwin Pavilion, instead of following the traditional method of applying by mail. The primary will be held during UCSB's Spring Break.

Roughly 600 students voted Thursday, but up to 1,000 voters either picked up absentee ballots or turned in their applications and will send the ballots to the county by mail, according to Linda Thom, a polling station worker. The four-day total for the program could exceed 3,000, she said.

Although the program will need some adjustments if it continues in the future, the week is an overall success, according to Geoff Green, organizer of Wednesday's get-out-the vote rally featuring

Toad the Wet Sprocket. The only difficulty the program encountered appeared to be dealing with the large crowds that inundated Corwin Pavilion the last two days, Green said.

"It was an experimental program and I think we learned a lot about what works and does not work," he said. "In the future, we need to find a way to accommodate more people."

Many students felt offering similar programs on campus for future elections could greatly benefit local voters.

"I thought it was excellent because most students don't vote," said Ashley Almand, a senior communications major.

But some local organizations criticized the program, which was set up by County Clerk-Recorder Ken Pettit to increase voter turnout at seven county locations. The program does not benefit all voters and should thus be discontinued, according to Timothy Mahoney, executive director of the county Taxpayers Association.

"Our criticism from the taxpayers' point of view ... is we still see this as an excess service pinpointed to a single group in the county," he said. "We're just interested in seeing everyone treated equally and

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Climate Change?

Regents Will Be Resuming Their Debate Upon Issue

By Rachel Howard
Reporter

The UC Board of Regents will square off over Affirmative Action again next week in the wake of recent developments some believe will alter the political climate of the discussion.

This could be the first time the board addresses Affirmative Action since it voted in July to support measures from Regent Ward Connerly to eliminate race and gender considerations in UC admissions, hiring and contracting. While Student Regent Ed Gomez introduced measures to rescind the vote in January, the board tabled them.

Gomez and others on the board hope the recent term expirations of regents Glenn Campbell and Dean Watkins, supporters of Connerly's measures, will steer the direction of next week's vote.

"We've lost two of the votes, so I am more optimistic about next week's meeting," Gomez said.

Regent Ralph C. Carmona also believes the departure of Campbell and Watkins could result in the passage of Gomez's measures at the meeting Wednesday and Thursday. "We might be in for some surprises," he said.

But board Chair Clair W. Burgener said he does not expect a different outcome from that in July. He believes a change is likely to occur only if the California Civil Rights Initiative fails with voters on the statewide ballot in November, spurring some regents to change their votes.

"I think we're all waiting to see if the CCRI initiative qualifies," Burgener said. "I don't predict any change if it isn't officially qualified."

But Gomez said a defeat of his measures next week will not quell his press to reverse the regents' July decision.

"There's no waiting for social justice, so I'm going to continue doing what needs to be done, not waiting for others to make their political moves," he said.

Carmona said the atmosphere of next week's meeting will also be affected by Connerly's decision Tuesday not to introduce a measure that would extend the UC's ban on race and gender considerations to outreach programs.

While his July measure on admissions called for increased outreach efforts, Connerly has said he opposes the University's current outreach programs because he considers them "race

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HEADLINERS

Chechen Capital Scene of Fierce Battle

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Pressured by the fiercest fighting in the Chechen capital in a year, President Boris Yeltsin said Thursday that he and his Security Council had agreed on steps to end the war.

His announcement came as hundreds of troops and a column of tanks rolled into Grozny to reinforce Russian forces under fierce attack from Chechen rebels trying to retake the city.

Hundreds were reported killed, and bodies were left lying in the street. A pall of smoke hung over the city, which shook with the roar of tank cannons, mortar grenades and gunfire.

The fighting was the heaviest in the capital since it was seized by the Russians last year in the early weeks of the 15-month-old war, which has profoundly damaged Yeltsin's popularity as he seeks a second term in June elections. He has been promising for weeks

to bring it to an end.

But even as he announced Thursday that he and the powerful Security Council had agreed on an outline of a plan to bring the fighting to an end, Yeltsin refused to disclose any details, saying only that it provides for the "peaceful stabilization" of Chechnya.

Yeltsin was only making vague campaign promises that he would not be able to keep.

"It's not a question of elections but of human lives," protested Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov, Yeltsin's main rival for the presidency. "That's why we must stop this madness.

fighting, and Russian commanders put the number of Chechen fighters at 500 to 1,500. Combat convulsed the Chechen capital, with fires blazing at the heating plant, three water-pumping stations and an oil pipeline.

Virtually every Russian position and local police post was reported under heavy fire from the rebels. Some were out of ammunition and calling for reinforcements.

By Thursday evening, downtown Grozny was quiet and Russian commanders claimed to control the area. But fighting continued elsewhere in the city.

Yeltsin sent troops into Chechnya in December 1994 on assurances of a quick end to the tiny, mostly Muslim republic's self-declared independence.

Instead, the war has become a bloody quagmire that has claimed up to 30,000 lives.



It's not a question of elections, but of human lives.

Gennady Zyuganov
Russian presidential hopeful

He said the plan has a "military aspect" and calls for Russian forces to "complete the fighting." It was not clear whether that meant they would fight to victory or simply end combat operations.

Yeltsin said he would explain to "the whole nation and the entire world" later this month.

The announcement prompted accusations that

We have to be decisive about ending the war and not use it for electioneering."

The rebel assault on Grozny began with a surprise attack at dawn Wednesday, when at least 300 rebel fighters rode into the city aboard a suburban train they had commandeered.

Hundreds more arrived Thursday from surrounding villages to join the

Dole Courts Florida, Touts Sternness With Cuba

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Bob Dole hunted "Super Tuesday" votes in Florida by urging a tougher stand on Cuba, saying he could see a light at "the end of the tunnel"



in his bid for the GOP nomination.

Dole urged President Clinton to seek indictments of those responsible for the deaths of four members of a Miami-based Cuban exile group in the Feb. 24 downing of two U.S. planes off the Cuban coast.

"That's how we got Noriega," Dole told reporters Thursday, referring to

the prosecution in the United States of the former Panamanian leader.

Dole also told a civic luncheon he would consider a woman as his running mate if he gets the nomination, and he adjusted his schedule to campaign in Tennessee today with former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, who had dropped out of the presidential race Wednesday.

Florida and Tennessee are among seven states with "Super Tuesday" primaries next week that will dole out 362 delegates. So is Texas, where Dole campaigned Wednesday.

The Senate majority leader scheduled an evening "victory party" in Clearwater to celebrate what he hoped would be a big win in Thursday's New York primary.

"I just ask, take a look at all of us. There's not a lot of us left," Dole told a luncheon sponsored by the Pundits of Palm Beach, a bipartisan civic group. "Hopefully, we can see the end of the tunnel here. But it's going to be up to states like Florida and Texas and New York today."

Noting that it was snowing heavily in parts of New York, Dole joked that he hoped it wasn't where his supporters lived. "That's not where we seeded the clouds."

Dole wasn't sounding conciliatory toward either of his two remaining rivals for the nomination.

Responding to Pat Buchanan's vow to take over the Republican convention this summer, Dole suggested the commentator "needs a little rest,

more sleep."

Dole's campaign manager, Scott Reed, took aim at publisher Steve Forbes. Reed complained that the Forbes campaign had run negative ads in New York and called on former housing Secretary Jack Kemp, who endorsed Forbes on Wednesday, to "call on Steve Forbes to stop these attacks."

In a relaxed mood that apparently reflected optimism about the New York vote, Dole mixed his remarks Thursday with humor, commenting that he had considered offering the job of running mate to his wife, Elizabeth.

"I thought of that as an economy move. We could shut down the vice president's mansion and save the taxpayers money," he said.

New York Subway Bomber Is Found Guilty by Jurors

NEW YORK (AP) — An unemployed computer programmer who claimed that Prozac-induced insanity drove him to firebomb two subway trains was convicted Thursday of



attempted murder and assault.

The jury deliberated for about six hours before convicting Edward Leary of setting off the bombs that injured about 50 people, 17 of them seriously, in the two weeks before Christmas 1994.

Prosecutors contended Leary, 50, of Scotch Plains, N.J., had planned to extort money from the city Transit Authority by threatening to set off more bombs. But he was

acquitted of attempted grand larceny.

Leary showed no emotion as the verdicts were read. He could get anywhere from 8½ years in prison to more than 100 years at sentencing April 18.

"I think my husband was nuts," said Leary's wife, Marguerite Shaller, weeping after the verdict. "I'm very shaken. But I was prepared for the worst."

Leary's homemade firebombs consisted of large mayonnaise jars filled with gasoline, a kitchen timer, a light bulb and a battery-driven electrical circuit.

The bombs exploded Dec. 15 and Dec. 21 in two subway cars.

The jury rejected Leary's claim that a mixture of prescription drugs, including the antidepressant Prozac, had impaired his ability to know right from wrong.

Housekeeper Who Locked Man in Car Could Get Life

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — Eighty-four-year-old Vernon Laughon lay curled in the trunk of his car without food or water for two days, seeing light only once during his captivity — when his house-



keeper lifted the lid to ask him if her forgery of his check looked authentic.

"I said, 'Yeah, sure, and when you gonna ...' and she slammed the door shut tight and went on driving," he recalled Thursday.

Laughon yelled for help until he was hoarse and pleaded with Mitzi Jean Horton to let him out as she drove around town pawning his VCR, ring and watch and spending the \$140 she stole from his

apartment along with his checkbook.

Finally, after a urine-soaked Laughon had lost hope, police opened the trunk and freed him. A woman getting a ride with Horton had heard thumps and shouts and had tipped off police.

Wednesday, Horton pleaded guilty to robbery and abduction and could get life plus 20 years in prison.

Laughon, a widower, said he hopes the 31-year-old housekeeper gets a break when she is sentenced in May. "She didn't kill me," he said.

Laughon said he still doesn't understand why the housekeeper he befriended "turned on me like that."

He still hasn't replaced his VCR and has no hopes of getting reimbursed for the stolen money.

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Weather

First, I'd like to admit to an overdose of smugness. You see, in addition to amplifying my font potential, yesterday's printer snafu made disabled my spellchecker. Nevertheless, I felt I had done a pretty damn good job of operating without it. Someone even came up to me after reading the proofs and asked if I was sure about the spelling of "pursue" (which I had written "per-sue"). I assured my querient that I had made the correct application of letters.

Of course, I was wrong. Now there, I can approach the weekend with a clear conscience. I can now meditate upon the concept of pursuit without the false confidence of font enhancement. I am going to follow our nation's promise of pursuing happiness, and the rest of the Earth be damned!

No need to worry about the weather. It'll be good.

Correction

Shannon Riley and Geoff Moggins were not identified as contributors to Francoise Cromer's *Artsweek* story, "Francoise Cromer Shares Experiences and Conversation From the Bob Marley Day Festival," in the March 7 issue of the Nexus. The Nexus regrets this error.

Hawking's to Discuss Black Holes in First in a Series of Physics Lectures

By Kristie Castellini
Reporter

Renowned astrophysicist Stephen Hawking, whose books and lectures try to explain esoteric concepts to the layperson, will share his research Wednesday in a speech titled "Does God Play Dice Inside Black Holes?"

Hawking's lecture is the first in a series of public lectures sponsored by the Institute for Theoretical Physics to educate the community on recent developments in physics, according to ITP Director James Hartle.

"We asked him to speak since he is a frequent visitor to the ITP and is so knowledgeable on physics theories," Hartle said.

Hawking teaches at England's Cambridge University and wrote the widely read book *A Brief History of Time*. Stricken with Lou Gehrig's disease as a student, he relies on a wheelchair and speaks with the help of a computer.

Physics Professor Gary

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ITP director

Horowitz recently worked with Hawking on research at Cambridge and believes the renowned scientist has made significant contributions to astrophysics.

"I took a sabbatical from teaching in 1994 and went to Cambridge to work with their physics institute, which happens to be modeled after UCSB's ITP," Horowitz said. "We worked on a number of issues related to black holes, including the theory of gravity, which provides an understanding of the world through quantum mechanics."

Hawking's lecture will focus on his research toward his theory that matter

disappears when it enters a black hole.

"The reference to God playing dice in the title of his lecture refers to quantum mechanics inside black holes," Horowitz said.

Physics Professor Andrew Strominger, who has known Hawking for 15 years, said he looks forward to Wednesday's lecture. He said that although Hawking has developed his theory on paper, it has yet to be proven in practice.

"We're in the same field and I enjoy hearing Hawking discuss his theories," Strominger said. "I assume he will be speaking of information loss inside black holes, since he has the idea that if you throw something inside a black hole, it will disappear."

Hawking also studies the early universe, cosmology and general relativity, according to Horowitz.

Wednesday's lecture will given in Campbell Hall at 8 p.m. Admission is \$8 for the public and \$5 for students.

Dance Club a Whirl, Members Say

By Ben Flamm
Reporter

After executing a series of leaps and bounds, Rita



Traner, the treasurer of the Ballroom Dance Club, paused to say a few words about the campus organi-

zation that has given her a new knowledge of dance.

"Before I joined the club I knew nothing, and now I know something," she said.

Started in winter 1995, the club teaches and encourages a large variety of social dances, according to Jennifer Grady, club president.

Grady believes the group is a link between students and the community.

"One of our main purposes is to serve as a resource to the community," she said. "Santa Barbara is a very good place because we have a lot of good instructors."

The organization focuses on a style of dance that has received much attention in recent years. The International Olympic Committee has given provisional recognition to ballroom dancing — a major step toward the sport becoming an Olympic event.

Ballroom dancing originated in England during the late 18th century at balls. During the following centuries, it became popular among the working class in public dance halls, and ballroom competitions soon gained popularity.

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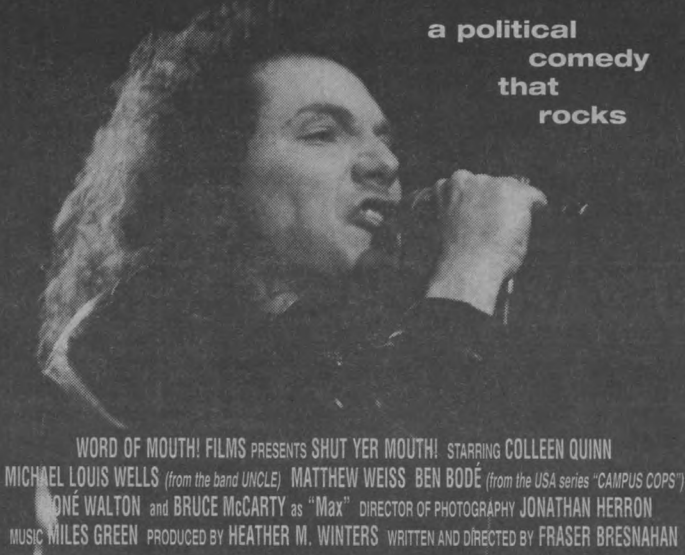
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IVRPD Clashes Over Evaluation, Moves to Compensate Manager

By Jeff Brax
Staff Writer

The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District Board voted Thursday to reimburse the general manager for legal fees after a heated two-hour discussion that called his performance evaluation process into question.

The IVRPD personnel committee is six months late in completing an intensely controversial evaluation of GM Roger Lagerquist. He had asked the IVRPD board to compensate him for roughly \$900 in legal fees he paid to attorney Michael Ring to protect his rights against a committee he feels may be out to harass him.

"I believe the personnel committee is in gross violation of my rights as an employee. My evaluation is six months late," Lagerquist said. "I believe there is a conscious effort to deny me of my rights."

Ring has specifically been called on to obtain edited versions of evaluations the committee solicited from IVRPD directors, employees, public contractors and others about their direct experience with Lagerquist, to be used as advisory information when the panel produces its final document. Lawyers for both sides are in a dispute over whether the forms can be completely retyped to exclude identifying information of some evaluators.

"My rights were violated by not being handed the forms the evaluations were handed in on," Lagerquist said. "I think the process has been manifestly unfair."

Director Geoff Green cast the deciding vote to reimburse Lagerquist, joining board members Brad Hufschmid and Bruce Murdock. Although Green said Wednesday he did not favor approving the compensation, he said after the meeting that the threat of a lawsuit caused him to change his mind.

"From the discussion tonight and the insinuations made, I believe we may be under threat of a lawsuit, and whether we win or lose a lawsuit ... even to deal with it is far more expensive for the taxpayers," he said. "I'm very concerned with the principle involved, but given the relative dollar amount involved, I don't think the board has an interest in dealing with it at that level."

Although Green believes Lagerquist's charges are completely false, he said it is not worthwhile to risk miring the IVRPD in a lawsuit similar to one filed by former Assistant General Manager Joe Burke. Burke's suit has cost the district roughly \$10,000 and has not yet reached the deposition stage, according to Green.

"The district in my opinion is being held hostage by lawsuits and we don't need another one, no matter how unfounded it is," he said. "It's a bully tactic,

and in this case you have to choose between thousands of dollars and letting a bully have his way one time."

While there were a number of insinuations Thursday to a possible lawsuit, Green said the most obvious was made by Murdock.

While discussing a separate motion that eventually failed to reimburse Lagerquist for attorney bills surrounding the Burke lawsuit, Murdock said he personally would consider legal action in such a situation. Murdock had not spoken to the GM about his plans, he said.

"I think the board ought to seriously consider the ramifications of not paying his legal fees," Murdock said. "If I was sitting in that position and someone stuck it in my ear, I would call my lawyer and say, 'Let's stick it in both their ears, all their ears.' That's what I would do, I can't speak for others."

Audience member and former Director Marie Crusinberry said the board should compensate Lagerquist and throw out the flawed evaluation process.

"I think you should pay the money, and once that's done, figure out a new process," she said.

Lagerquist, Hufschmid and Murdock also questioned the committee's timeliness and objectivity. Green agreed the evaluation had taken half a year too long, but said that was a consequence of trying to get at the IVRPD's real problems through the process.

"The committee has gone out of its way to be fair, and one of the unfortunate results of that is that it's slow," he said. "What you have here is a district that is not happy, warm and fuzzy. We have a GM and employees that do not get along. You two [Hufschmid and Murdock] refuse to admit that."

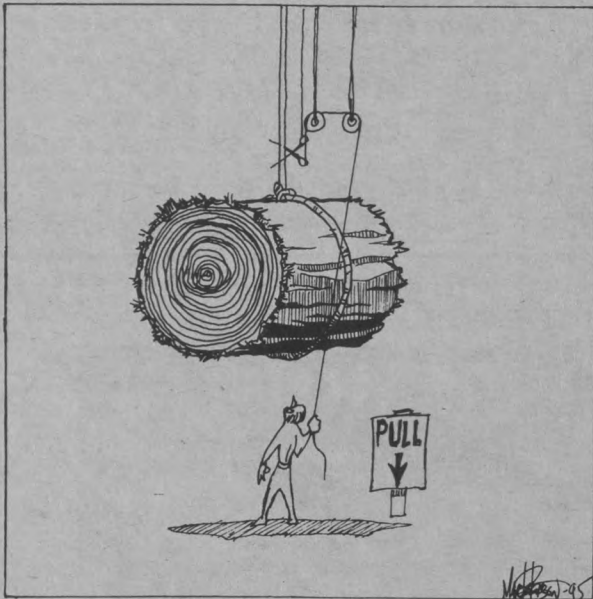
But Lagerquist said no personnel problems exist, and that any office animosity disappeared when the former union steward left. He did not mention former groundsworker Matt Buckmaster by name, but said Buckmaster's having lived with Peegen Soutar, who later became a board member, and then Director Mitch Stockton, added to the district's past problems.

"It's obvious the previous union steward was subverting the work force, with or without the consent of the directors he lived with," he said. "Board members have no business commenting or criticizing things they don't understand."

Green said he had not meant to blame Lagerquist, only to begin to come to terms with the IVRPD's underlying issues.

"This district has personnel problems. I stand by that statement. I did not say you caused the problems. We need final solutions to the problems. That's the whole point of this," he said.

A.Y.E. by Marc Peterson



Someone who wishes he was a mechanical engineer.

Connection

HABITUAL LIMBO

BY VINCENT LUCIDO



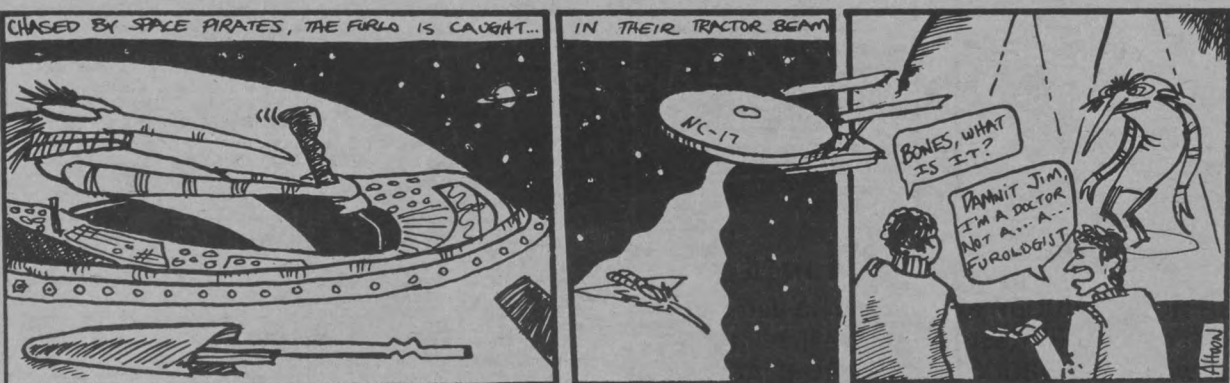
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REGENTS: Connerly Calls for Outreach Change

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In a letter to UC President Richard C. Atkinson, Connerly said he wants to see changes in outreach policies, but had decided not to bring a measure before the regents to extend the ban to these programs. Doing so could further divide a system already torn over Affirmative Action, he said.

"I believe that the University should be spared such an experience at this time," he wrote. "I am

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I am hopeful that the University will voluntarily discontinue any outreach programs or financial assistance that smacks of being exclusionary.

Ward Connerly
UC regent

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While pleased with Connerly's decision, Gomez is hesitant to call the debate on outreach over. "I'm not sure he's dropped his attack,"

Gomez said. Carmona believes Connerly's shelved proposal would fail if brought before the regents. "I don't think he had a ghost of a chance of passing the measure," he said. "His attack on the students was overreaching."

Burgener is among regents who support outreach in its present form.

"We need a diverse student body without quotas," he said. "I consider outreach to be a permanent effort."

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YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE
BY LINDA C. BLACK

Aries (March 21-April 19). Your life's easiest this morning, even if there's competition. Winning will be more difficult this afternoon. Don't gamble, especially with other people's money. Don't tell everything you know, either. Better to listen and learn.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Finish your studies early, so you can accept an invitation later. Go along with a passionate person's plans, but keep it legal! Don't be pushed into a compromising situation. Call a gathering of the clan around dinnertime. You have business, and gossip, to discuss.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Remember to express your love out loud this morning — it matters a lot. Avoid making commitments until afternoon. Work through dinner to bring in more money. Your partner will tell you the whole story tonight, but you may have to pry.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Your luck gets better as the day goes on. A mess this morning may be irritating, but by tonight nothing will bother you. Schedule something marvelous to happen then, with the person of your dreams. If you're still looking for that person, travel to visit friends.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Gather information and run errands in the morning. Get what you need to fix something your roommate broke. A young person may waffle a bit before telling you the truth tonight. Don't let up until you get the whole story. Later, challenge your sweetheart to a match.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Finish financial paperwork this morning, so you can tackle a new subject this afternoon. Listen to a sibling who has your best interests at heart. He or she will steer you in the right direction. Tonight, do the same for your mate.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're at your best this morning. Finish up the week's work then. Turn down a flashy invitation for lunch — it may be a bribe. Only go if you can afford to pay your own way. A business dinner could add to your understanding, and increase your earnings.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're getting stronger. Plan your next move carefully. With a little pressure on the right spot this afternoon, you could achieve a long-sought prize. Your sweetheart will tell you anything if you ask around dinnertime. Watch out for spills later.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Hold onto your money this morning. Later in the day, you may discover bills you'd forgotten. Devote the afternoon to finishing up old obligations. One person in particular will make your life miserable if you don't.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Do what you're told, but not if it's ridiculous. Your common sense is a better guide than an older person's wishful thinking. Your brilliance will shine brightly tonight. Speak up in a group and risk achieving a position of authority.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Write letters and return phone calls first thing this morning. You may get a new assignment around noon, so have the old one done by then. Arguing with an older person is frustrating this evening, but you may get a few points across.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). If you've been saving your pennies, you can afford a trip this weekend. A dear friend wants to go, too. Share expenses, and visit somebody you both love. Finish your bookkeeping before you go and avoid late charges. Tonight, snuggle.

Today's Birthday (March 8). Travel by water is going to be wonderful this year. Start planning your itinerary in March. A romantic commitment in May is solid. Update job skills then, too. Scrimp and save until October. Take the voyage of a lifetime in November. That's also a good time to get married or start a family. Career plans stall in December, but you get the green light in January. Add to your technical expertise in February.

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OPINION



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Right to Die

Court Ruling Is a Good Step Toward Human Liberty

Editorial

Certain rights are guaranteed us as Americans, including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Shouldn't determining our own death be among these rights?

As part of the continuing debate over a patient's right to die by doctor-assisted suicide, a federal appeals court determined this week that terminally ill but mentally competent individuals have the right to determine how and when they will die. In so doing, the court is providing patients a means to avoid lingering pain and to die with dignity.

The court made the decision citing current rulings that patients may refuse life-saving care if they so desire. The justices also stated that the right to die ties into a woman's right to an abortion, as it directly relates to individuals' authority over the care of their own bodies.

Opponents claim the ruling will make suicide possible for people who are not in a sound condition to decide for themselves to terminate their lives, as well as create uncomfortable ethical situations for doctors. While these arguments are valid, they are circumvented within the phrasing of this decision.

The ruling only makes it possible for doctors to administer life-ending drugs under explicit and essential circumstances, and it will not open the door for more lax rulings in the future. And when a mentally competent person makes the decision to end his or her life, it removes responsibility for the action from the care provider and places it solely on the individual.

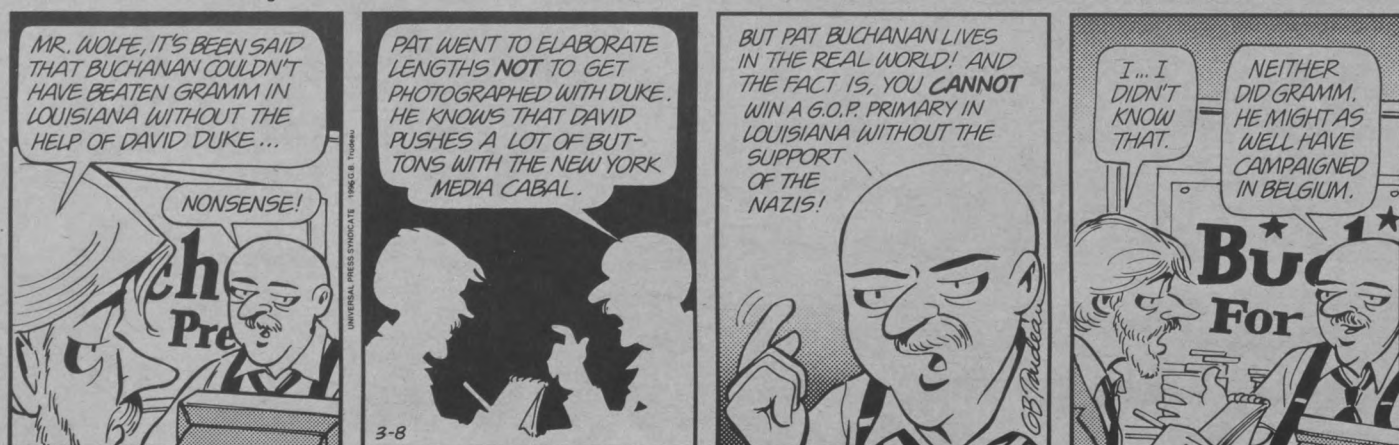
Moreover, if a person has the constitutional right to live his or her life in any manner, as long as it does not interfere with the lives of others as stated within the law, why should the most monumental decision be made and enforced by someone else?

The medical profession stands to make more money by keeping terminally ill patients alive as long as possible, but that does not give medical personnel the right to do so. And for those opposing the idea of doctor-assisted deaths, they should have the right to decide if someone is allowed to die, but only when it concerns their own life and no one else's.

Constitutional freedoms should include not only the right to life, but the right to death as well.

Remember! You can still vote until March 26!

Doonesbury



The Reader's Voice

Damn You, Ward!

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Ward Connerly's Feb. 28, 1996 letter to UC President Richard Atkinson demanding an investigation into dollars spent to travel in University vehicles to UC Davis/Sacramento represents two major trends in the UC today.

First, Connerly's insinuations represent yet again a complete and total ignorance of systemwide policies, campus regulations and University operations, generally. Secondly, Connerly's comments represent the continuance of the misled regent's abominable practice of blaming the victim.

The money that was used for travel to Sacramento was from a student activity fee. A student activity fee is not the same as tax dollars or Mr. Connerly's loosely phrased "University funds." Student activity fees are fees that students have democratically assessed themselves for certain purposes.

These fees are approved by the student body as a whole in a process far more democratic than any federal or state imposed taxes. These fees are sometimes used to put on programs for students or provide student services and/or educational forums. Other times students have used these fees to articulate their opinions, concerns and interests to decision makers.

For more than 25 years, UC students have attempted to make their voices heard and their presence felt to UC officials. Most of the time, students are ignored. The University's continued exclusion of students from the shared governance equation has resulted in protest.

Usually students are protesting their campus administration for making one or another decision which affects students without soliciting the opinion of students. This desperate cry for a voice is all UC students have ever asked. This desperate cry for a voice is all that any democratic society has



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ever asked.

It seems that Ward Connerly has a guilty conscience.

I would demand an investigation into why Ward Connerly seeks to silence student voice. I would demand an investigation into why the Supreme Court, UC chancellors and Americans at large see a student voice as important ... and Ward Connerly does not.

Could it be that Ward Connerly has fallen into the habit of making decisions without the voice of students, faculty, staff and administration? Could it be that Ward Connerly would rather not deal with the realities of how he has paralyzed and destroyed the once-great University of California?

I would also demand an investigation into why the University of California gives legitimacy and credence to comments by a lone regent, which it knows are ridiculous and without any legitimate basis.

We used University vehicles because our campus administration has imposed a monopoly on campus transportation services. We would have preferred to use an off-campus rental company (saving hundreds of dollars in the process) but University guidelines do not allow that. It seems Ward Con-

nerly needs a few more years in school. Lastly, this latest attack on students represents a continuance of a deplorable tactic that has been employed all too often in the last year by Ward Connerly: Blame the victim. Ward Connerly would like the UC and the state of California to believe that racism and sexism on UC campuses exist because of Affirmative Action rather than the institutional and overt discrimination within and without the UC, practiced on women and people of color on a daily basis.

BLAME THE VICTIM.

Ward Connerly would allow the UC and state to believe that women, African-Americans, Chicano/Latinos and Native Americans have lower UC eligibility rates because of some innate "cultural" or "motivational" deficiency, rather than acknowledge the historical legacy of racism and sexism in American society, rather than acknowledge the present-day institutionalization of that racism and sexism within and without the UC, rather than acknowledge studies which show the "tracking" of women and people of color away from honors and science classes from as early as kindergarten on, rather than acknowledge that the very same admission criteria which are used to judge "merit" include a test, the SAT, which has been proven to discriminate against African-Americans and women!!!!

BLAME THE VICTIM!

Ward Connerly would have the UC and the state believe that students who band together in democratically elected student governments to articulate their interests and opinions to the decision makers who affect their lives "do not come to us with clean hands."

BLAME THE VICTIM!

Give us a break, Ward!

KRISTOPHER KOHLER

Bottoms Up

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in response to Sam Garchik's column (Daily Nexus, "The Drink of the Week: Morality Has Been Executed," March 4). He has expressed the opinion that the death penalty is not a deterrent and therefore should be abolished. Let's explain this in a way that even the village idiot can understand.

Of all murderers who have ever been executed, 0 percent have gone on to commit more crimes. In my book, that in itself is justification enough for a death penalty. How's that for deterrence? What liberal has proposed a program that even comes close to that kind of success rate?

Mr. Garchik's chief example is William Bonin, the "Freeway Killer." He uses the reasoning that because most people on this campus do not remember Bonin, his crimes must not have been that bad. The reason few students know who he was or what he did, is because the freeway killings took place before most of us were potty trained. For 17 years William Bonin used taxpayer money in a vain attempt to reverse his sentence, postponing the inevitable because our flawed legal system allowed him to.

For those of you who wonder what Bonin did to earn the death penalty, here goes. He brutally murdered and molested over a dozen young boys and teenagers. Many of his victims were too young to fight back. This bastard spent more time leeching off the taxpayers of this state than most of his victims lived.

There is the real tragedy in this scenario. William Bonin shouldn't have spent more than a couple of years on death row before receiving his just desserts. I for one am glad he's gone. Had I been notified of the event beforehand, there would have been a bottle of champagne close at hand to toast his passing.

TREVOR TAYLOR

Give Us Choice

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This is in response to a letter written by Dennis S. Doctor (Daily Nexus, The Reader's Voice, Feb. 29). In your letter where you discussed key points for voting no on A you left an open invitation for criticism — "correct me if I'm wrong, but" I am here to correct you.

According to the letter, your primary insight on Measure A is that it is a "ridiculous notion." If that happens to be true (which in my opinion, it is not), why have 23,000-plus community members (like you and I) taken the time from their busy day to sign the Measure A petitions to confirm that the initiative would have a spot on the March 26 primary election ballot?



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Since you clearly advocate a vote of no on A, I am certain that you do not know why. Let me clue you in. Those 23,000-plus community members have voiced their opinions loud and clear that they want the final say on new oil and gas developments, because the petitions only required a minimum of 13,417 signatures for approval. Measure A is an initiative that would give the final say on future oil and gas developments within S.B. County to the voters.

Rather than ban future developments, it will help to prevent unbridled developments in the county by letting the voters, community members who are familiar with the area, weigh the pros and cons of each new project (especially those which may have major economic and environmental impacts).

Mr. Dennis Doctor asks why we elect



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public officials if we are not going to trust them with the future of our community. As of now, the Board of Supervisors, a five-member committee, decides the fates of developments independent of the public. Since five is a relatively small number, each member is constantly pressured from all sides of each issue because everyone wants their supervisors to push their interests and so do large, power-driven corporations.

Voters are more detached from the special interests of industry. I am sure that you will agree that it would be a lot more difficult for developers to sway the votes of each and every voter (even the majority) in the county than three of five individual members of the Board of Supervisors. We elect our public officials because we believe that they will do what is best in our interests. However, we live in the REAL WORLD, where politics dominates human behavior. We trust our supervisors to vote responsibly on new developments by letting them have the FIRST say. Measure A provides a backup plan.

The proposed development is put to a countywide election if and ONLY IF the proposal is approved by three or more members of the board. It is somewhat like the trust game — where your partner, knowing that you are behind him/her, falls backward, trusting that you are there to support or catch their fall. Putting Measure A into action links the once-individual and alienated Board of Supervisors with an entire community in a 25-year partnership on important oil and gas developments.

Supposing that you are right about "spending our tax dollars on unnecessary

voting" — have you considered possible consequential costs associated with unbridled development? Once a developer gets approval for a project, as of today, he only needs to make sure that three of five committee members are kept satisfied. Therefore, he may not be as careful going about his business as he would be if he was concerned about public opinion. This may lead to carelessness about the quality and safety of the project.

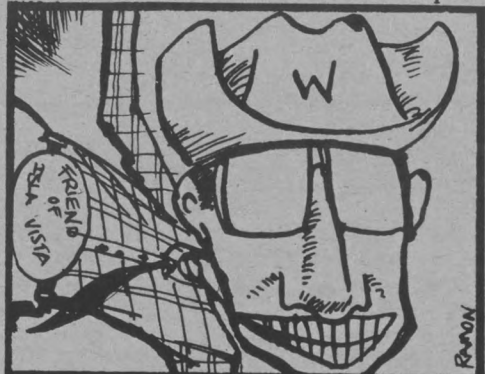
Mr. Doctor, I know what you advocate and I know what you would prefer to pay. I also know that I would rather have an occasional (by this I mean very small amount) ding in my savings account than a large dent — in the shape of an ill-placed processing plant — in an environmentally sensitive habitat area along the coastline.

I encourage everyone, all students, faculty and fellow Santa Barbara community members, in the words of David Declaro (Daily Nexus, The Reader's Voice, Feb. 29), to "get off your lazy couch-potato asses" (or take time from lunch) "and vote YES on Measure A."

VALERIE VO

Wonderful Willy

Editor, Daily Nexus:
Willy Chamberlin is a name that many people recognize, however, few people know why they recognize this name.
Willy is a candidate for 3rd District super-



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visor. Out of the four candidates running for this office, only Willy stands out as a candidate who is interested in Isla Vista.

Willy originally ran and won for 3rd District supervisor in 1992. However, he was robbed from his position 19 months later.

Believe in Yourself, Not in Your Nation

Marc Valles

Patriotism makes me sick. I speak today of a faith much trumpeted in recent times. It holds up as idols words like *loyalty, honor, obligation and service*. Its acolytes would have you and me kneel at its temple and swear allegiance to its slogans and condemn as cowards all who refuse to bend their knees. *Pro patria* it sings, and *semper fil!* Its highest sacrament is sacrifice: sacrifice of life, sacrifice to flag, to country and to an altar of words.

But strip away the martial rhetoric, the Latin phrases, the sound and fury, and it is a hollow creed. The patriots and purveyors of "Americanism" seem to confuse service with servitude, and cowardice with conscience. In a fertile land of diversity, they seek to sow division and despair. They raise monuments to their martyrs only to beat others over the head with them. Somehow, somewhere, the notion of love of country went horribly wrong.

Allow me to paint a differ-

ent picture for you. Picture Americans who suspect what genuine Americanism is about.

That no Constitution constitutes liberty.

That they owe their Rights to no Bill.

That the free market doesn't give them freedom.

That they owe this freedom to no government, army or sheet of paper, but to the sheer strength of their own human dignity, which demands that every human being on the planet is destined not to serve, not to follow, not to come when called, but to be free.

Free to follow the dictates of their own conscience, or to march to the beat of a different drummer.

Picture Americans who feel in their hearts that it is useless to honor a country, or to serve in a corps, or to follow an army or a president who has forgotten that honor and service are subordinate to freedom.

Picture Americans who know all too well that to die for their country is easy, but to live for it is hard. Ameri-

cans who have learned that it is easier to send the poor to die in a game of geopolitical chess than to rescue them from the ghetto.

Finally, picture Americans who believe that if the world appears too dark, or the struggle seems too difficult, that the responsibility to change things begins and ends with them, and that liberty — the liberty to educate themselves, to fall in love, to raise a family and to build a society, or to do whatever they please as long as it does no harm to anyone else — is the only thing worth dying for. Perhaps it's the only thing worth living for, as well.

I suspect — I believe — that these Americans, and the country they represent, a country without borders whose only boundaries lie in the human heart wherever it beats, can lay the foundation for a patriotism we can respect, and a creed we can all be proud of.

Marc Valles is a Nexus night production technician.

During those 19 months, he started to make some changes that were starting to improve Isla Vista and the community. After he left office, the changes came to a halt and the usual way of conducting business was resumed. Willy Chamberlin was starting to make some progress and he wants to become 3rd District supervisor in 1996 so he can follow through with his promises.

The 3rd District supervisor is the only representation Isla Vista has for Santa Barbara County, and Willy Chamberlin takes that responsibility seriously. He knows that our community needs change and he is willing to lead the change. Willy Chamberlin is the only candidate who is willing to make the necessary changes to make Isla Vista a better place to live.

MIKE HAUBERT

Eat Well

Editor, Daily Nexus:
Nutrition is an important aspect of people's lives that too often is neglected. Sadly, people underestimate the effects that a poor diet has on one's daily activities.

March is National Nutrition Month, and UCSB will be observing it the week of March 11-15 (Dead Week). Despite the hectic schedules during Dead Week, this is actually one of the most appropriate times to focus on nutrition.

During times of intense studying, activity levels often decrease, as well as the nutritious values of the food people intake. Power studying causes great strain on the mind and therefore, a balanced diet during this period is crucial. The brain functions at an optimal

level when three regular meals are consumed and proper nutrients are accounted for.

During Nutrition Week the dining commons will have a special cook preparing innovative nutrient-dense foods for sampling.



CYNTHIA CHAN/Daily Nexus

In addition, nutrition peer educators will be tabling. They will pass out informational fliers and be available for any questions regarding the subject.

I would also like to remind everyone that Student Health has Jamie Truscott, a prized possession, who is a registered dietician. Anyone can make an appointment through Student Health to meet with her and discuss anything from meal planning to vegetarian alternatives.

Remember to treat your body with care and respect. For optimal health and proper fitness, nutrition is essential. During finals, give yourself a head start and get plenty of rest and exercise. Just because it's time to cram doesn't mean you should neglect your body!

JAIME GHER

BIDS

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sial about this bill. ... It's a substantive bill and makes things clearer and easier," he said.

The A.S. Elections Committee is particularly hopeful that establishing new polling sites will increase voter turnout. The bill allows for moving polling stations according to their success in attracting student voters, according to On-Campus Rep Colin McCarthy.

New sites this year include De La Guerra Dining Commons and the Humanities and Social Sciences building, according to McCarthy.

"We added De La

Guerra because there is a lot of traffic in the area, but because that would be catering to the people who live on campus, we added a booth at Humanities," he said. "It's all in hopes of increasing voter turnout."

The bill also creates an Election Regulation Enforcement Subcommittee to prevent candidates from illegally posting campaign materials.

Campaigners left up numerous posters after last year's election, leading some to complain they created clutter, according to Chad Turner, election poll station setup manager and Elections Committee member. The new regulations require candidates to submit a deposit to A.S. that will be withheld if they violate posting laws.

"There's been a lot of problems in the past. They do have to follow regulations," Turner said. "They leave stuff up over over-

The A.S. constitution requires the supplement appear in the Nexus.

Alternate publications could include A.S. maga-

“Why compromise student access to elections for the sake of economics?”

Jade T. Smith
rep-at-large

passes and [requiring a deposit] gives an incentive to clean it up."

One of the few controversial aspects of the bill involved a section exploring the possibility of printing candidate and initiative information in a publication other than the Nexus.

zine *Experimental Thinking*. Elections Committee Chair Paul Sporleder said the change is intended to broaden publishing possibilities.

"All that it is stating is that we have a choice," he said. "The reason it came up was because *Experi-*

mental Thinking came up to us with a proposal. In the future, I don't know whether people will choose, but at least they'll have that choice."

Sporleder said the committee would like balloting information to eventually go online, which committee members hope would increase convenience and save printing costs.

Rep-at-Large Matt Miller said organizers should consider distributing the supplement electronically because of the high cost of printing it.

But other reps doubted the benefits of using computer communication or publications other than the Nexus.

"The fact of the matter is a lot more people read the Nexus," said Rep-at-Large

Felicia Perez. "People still read the campus newspaper. ... Not everybody uses e-mail. ... Let's give them a choice, but let's still keep the *Daily Nexus*."

Rep-at-Large Jade T. Smith said organizers should be more concerned with the accessibility of ballots than with their cost.

"Why compromise student access to elections for the sake of economics?" she said.

The Elections Committee has decided that despite the policy change, the supplement will still appear in the Nexus this year.

Staff writer Michiko Takeda contributed to this story.

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Many dances, such as the Charleston shag, have evolved from other dances which in turn have contributed to some of today's modern steps, according to Anna Hernandez, club social co-chair.

"Hip-hop originated from the Charleston," she said.

Some of the dances club members practice at meetings include the fox trot, mambo, Viennese waltz and West Coast swing, according to Hernandez.

Santa Barbara is con-

such as Sylvia Sykes, recently voted the United States' best female instructor. These workshops can be supplemented by a UCSB course taught by Ken Ota or a class offered through the Recreation Center.

Open to everyone, the organization has dancers of all levels. "Anybody can dance, even if you have two left feet," said Chrissy Threat, the club's social co-chair.

The club is organized so that nobody is left behind. "Everyone has their own pace of learning," Grady said.

The club sponsors a Valentine's Day dance and

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Chrissy Threat
Ballroom Dance Club social co-chair

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POLLING: Mixed Reaction Ensues

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fairly." Mahoney said he is worried the program may have been detrimental to other duties of the county clerk-recorder's office, which handles county elections. Sample ballots provided before each election have been late in coming to many of the county's voters, he said.

"[Pettit is] sending these people an excess level of service," Mahoney said. "My level of service, to me, is decreasing, while somebody else's is increasing."

Because many students still have not voted, members of local campaigns are planning to set up tables on campus next week where students can pick up and return absentee ballot applications, according to junior environmental studies major

Dave Fortson. The sites would facilitate obtaining ballots and save students postage for the applications.

If students take advantage of the sites, they should receive their absentee ballots in the mail within two days of turning in the application forms, Fortson said.

"We're giving people another week to pick up a ballot application," he said. "This gives them another opportunity ... to cast ballots in the county."

Though the tables will be staffed primarily by supporters of Measure A, Fortson said the volunteers plan to refrain from campaign rhetoric.

"We just want to hang out and give people a chance to use the opportunity," he said.

FEES

Continued from p.1 raise student fees, but it's a tool of a last resort to preserve the UC's quality."

While it has made halting fee increases the focus of numerous campaigns and demonstrations, systemwide student activist group the UC Student Association has not taken a stand in favor of the amendment because it could leave the UC with limited funding resources.

"Yes, we're against fee increases, but the fact that we're not sure of where the

funding would come from makes us want to know more about it. ... We wouldn't want them to cut other social services" to make up for the lack of increases, said Kimi Lee, UCSA executive director.

But O'Connell Chief of Staff Gavin Payne defended the amendment, saying it would establish the state's priorities in favor of students and their families.

"This is a means of setting priorities," he said. "And the priority here is making sure families in California have some predictability."

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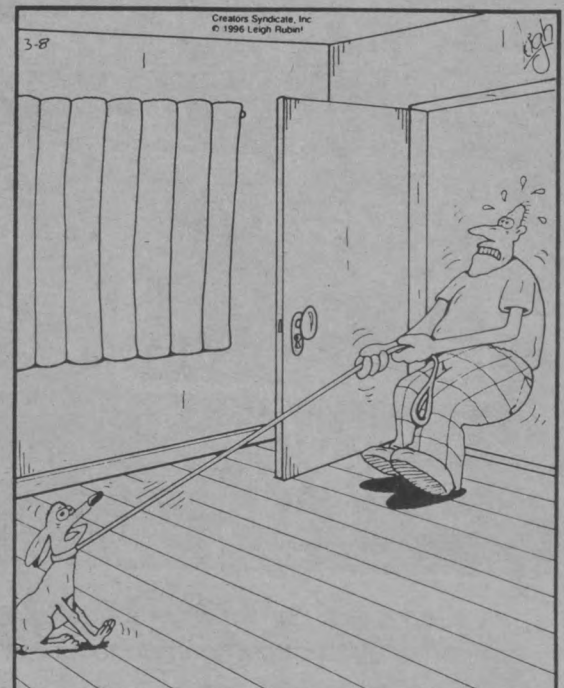
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V-BALL

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nior middle blocker Doug Hughes said. "Our defense has been good at practice and we're covering our hitters better. We just need to keep our focus and take control and not get frustrated and lose concentration."

For the Patriots, sophomore outside hitter Mike Duckworth will be the man to stop, since he leads the offense with 4.8 kpg.

UCSB

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"I think we'll come out really up and ready," said junior Johnna Mike. "Our pitching is doing really well for us. I think our hit-

Sophomore middle blocker Jason Salmeri adds 3.2 kpg and leads the block with 1.4 per game.

Junior outside hitter Donny Harris continues to lead the UCSB attack with 6.7 kpg. Seniors outside hitter Morgan Chapman and setter Todd Rogers head the defense with 2.8 and 2.6 digs per game, respectively.

"We just need to come out and play solid together and have good defense, passing and blocking," Chapman said. "Rome wasn't built in a day and our team wasn't, either."

ting is coming along, too. If we can get both of them going together, we can win for sure."

As for San Jose State (6-9 overall), the Spartans are struggling this season, having lost nine of their last 12 games.

GAUCHOS

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us. So far, they've done a very good job and that will continue to be the case."

The Gauchos boast a 4.08 staff ERA, led by sophomore starter Seth Bean (6-1, 3.25 ERA) and junior relievers Clint Pearson (1-0, 1.93) and John Minton (2-0, 0.93, 5 saves).

Although he knows his team will face a Matador attack which is batting .316, senior center fielder Wynter Phoenix nevertheless predicts a low-scoring series.

"I truly think that with our pitching, these games will be low-scoring," he said. "If we play our game, hopefully we'll end up one or two runs ahead."

Tennis Update

By Steven Large
Staff Writer

Who needs sleep?

The UCSB women's tennis team is getting an early start on Dead Week's lack of sleep this weekend, driving to San Diego on Saturday for a match against Michigan State and then heading home that night for Sunday's match against Illinois State at 1 p.m.

"It's going to be really tiring," said senior #4 singles player Kelly Spencer. "We've never had a match the next day after a 24-hour traveling trip."

The Gauchos (6-9 overall) need wins in both matches to maintain their #46 ranking or to move up slightly. Both Michigan and Illinois have comparable talent to Santa Barbara, according to Spencer.

"Both of them are going to be really good matches," Spencer said. "I'd say they would be good wins and not very good losses."

Spirits are high among UCSB players as they prepare to move on from last Friday's 7-0 loss to #3 Stanford.

"I think we're going to do really well against [Michigan and Illinois]," said junior #3 singles player Page Bartelt. "At the beginning of the year we had a lot of tough matches and we weren't as match-tough. If we had those matches back now, I think we'd do a lot better."

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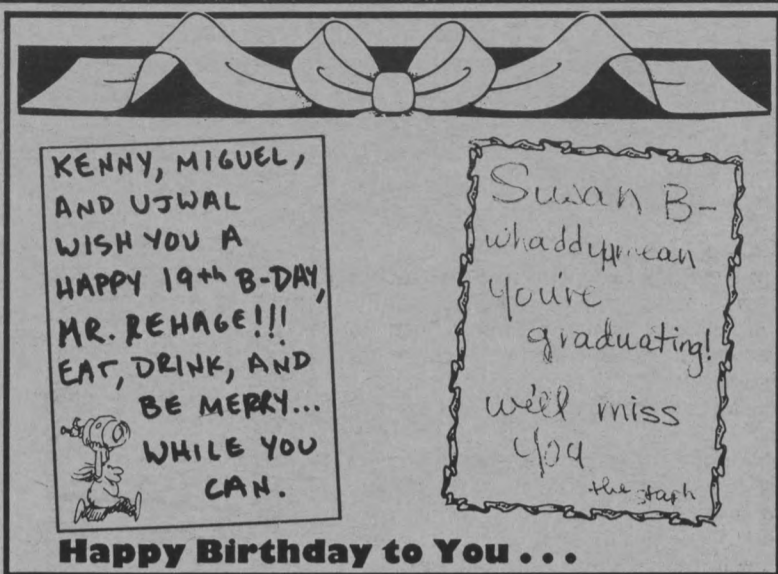
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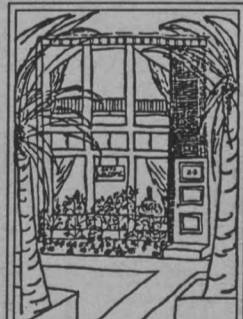
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Top-Seeded Gauchos to Begin Play in Postseason's Big West Tourney

■ UCSB Will Take On the Winner of Long Beach St.-UOP Match

By Brian Berger
Staff Writer

Having cruised through the regular season with a 17-1 conference record, the UCSB women's basketball team begins its postseason today at the Big West Conference tournament in Reno, Nev.

The Gauchos (22-5 overall) will play at 12:30 today the winner of Thursday's match between Long Beach State (15-12 overall, 10-8 Big West) and University of the Pacific (16-11, 11-7). The game will be broadcast live on KCSB 91.9 FM.

Santa Barbara enters the tournament as the #1 seed, based on its regular-season record, but the players know nothing is certain in the postseason. UCSB was seeded second last year but was upset by #7 Cal State Fullerton in the second round, 97-86.

"Last year we weren't playing well," said UCSB Head Coach Mark French. "For some reason we were not capable of stopping Fullerton, but this year we are much better. They are not afraid, and we have never been 17-1." At stake for the Gauchos is

more than the conference title. If the team can string together a pair of victories in Reno, it will secure the automatic berth in the NCAA tournament. If Santa Barbara is upset, it will need an at-large invitation to qualify for the 64-team field.

"The mindset for the team is that we need to win the tournament," French said. "If we make it to the finals, I hope that we will still receive an invitation, but if we lose in the first round, then we are probably NIT-bound."

UCSB must win today's game to reach the finals. The Gauchos knocked off both UOP and Long Beach twice this season, but Santa Barbara was tested each time.

Pacific, the fourth seed, battled Santa Barbara for the first 20 minutes of the game on Feb. 25 and actually tied the score at halftime. The Gauchos broke away from the Tigers in the second half and pounded UOP 79-48.

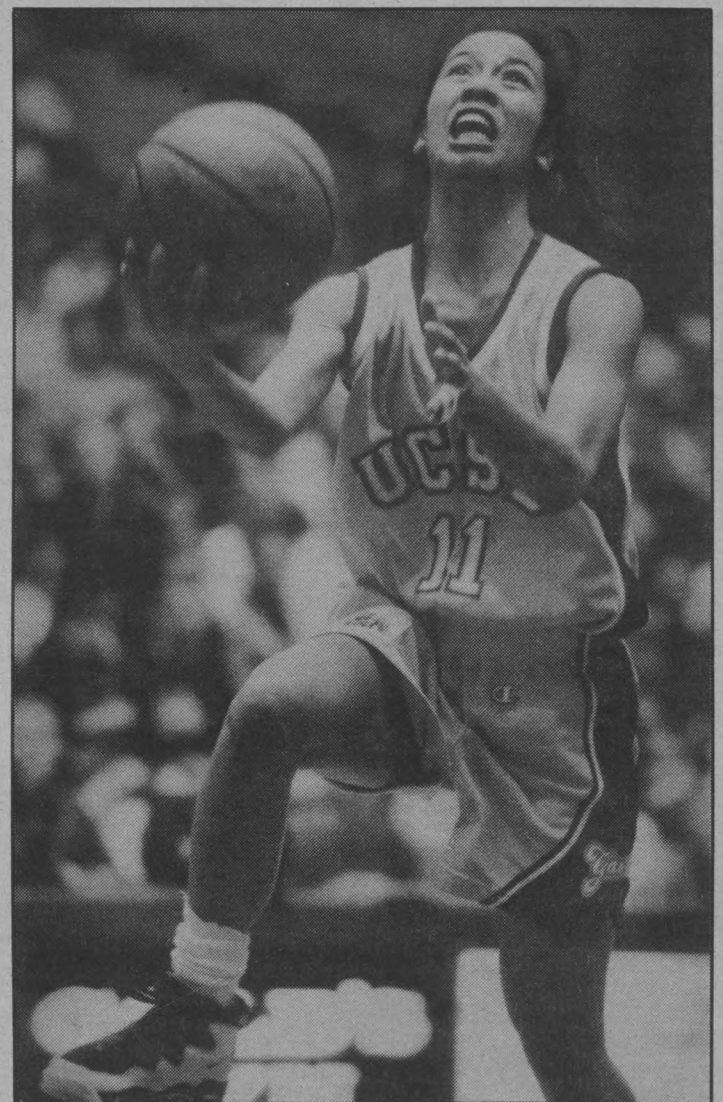
The #5 49ers nearly upset Santa Barbara last Sunday in Long Beach, but UCSB man-

aged to prevail 77-74. The three-point victory margin tied the smallest spread for the Gauchos since they began their 12-game win streak Jan. 26.

French believes that having played both Long Beach and UOP in the last two weeks helps his squad. "It makes things easier from the coaches' perspective," he said. "There will be no surprises because everyone knows what everyone else will do."

At the tournament, Santa Barbara also has the advantage of playing in the Lawlor Events Center, where the team shot 60 percent from the floor on Feb. 23. "Emotionally, we have to like that," French said. "We lit it up last time."

The game will be broadcast live today on 91.1 FM KCSB @ 12:30 p.m.!



SCOOP IT! The UCSB basketball team will need a strong finish in the tournament to get a bid to the NCAA championships.

Volleyball Attempts to Bounce Back From Recent Defeat, Set to Face George Mason

By Jenny Kok
Staff Writer

After an unexpected five-game loss at the hand of Lewis University last weekend, the UCSB men's volleyball team is looking to get back on track when it hosts a match with the George Mason University Patriots Saturday night at 7:05 in Rob Gym.

The season so far has been a

bit of a roller coaster ride, both physically and mentally, for the Gauchos (8-6 overall, 8-4 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation), who have earned strong wins against teams like UCLA and Stanford University but have also suffered tough losses to Cal State Northridge, Pepperdine University and most recently, Lewis.

"We still have nine games left, seven league games left in the season, and we are not

where I thought we'd be," said UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston. "I thought we'd be 11-3 right now, but to be 8-6 and not play consistently, I just don't know."

"The good news is that we are 8-4 in league and are solidly in second place. We just need to start playing good volleyball. We know we can do that."

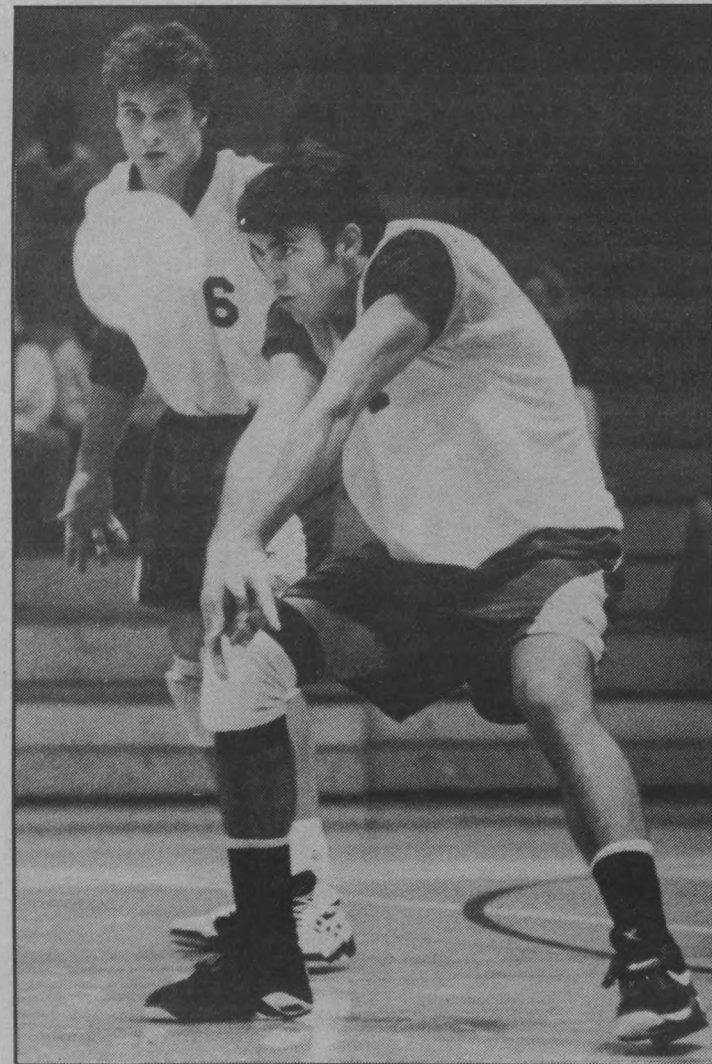
Neither the coaches nor the players really understand what has been happening, but injury to a key starter can't be helping the situation. Junior middle blocker Robert Treahy has been out for more than two weeks with a knee injury. Before being hurt, Treahy was leading the Santa Barbara block with 1.6 per game while hitting second-best on the team with 4.2 kills per game at a .381 hitting percentage, the highest for any Gaucho. The good news is that it appears he'll return soon to the lineup.

But for now, Santa Barbara is ready to move on with or without all of the original starters in the lineup. The coaching staff has taken a good look at what has been happening with UCSB and seems to be putting the Gauchos back on the right track.

"We've gone back to basics this week at practice, which is what all coaches do when a team is in a slump halfway through the season," Preston said. "We're working on our all-around court play, learning individual responsibilities and making each player accountable for where they should be on the court."

Santa Barbara appears to be looking forward to getting back on track and hopes to use George Mason as a step in that direction.

"Focusing on the fundamentals has been good for us," se-



DIG DUG: The men's volleyball squad will try to end its mid-season slump as it hosts George Mason this weekend.

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Baseball Update

By Curtis Kaiser
Staff Writer

Coming off its biggest win of the season at #4 UCLA, the UCSB baseball team will face an even tougher test this weekend when it hosts Cal State Northridge — ranked #5 by *Collegiate Baseball* — in a three-game series.

The Matadors (20-3 overall), who possess possibly the most potent offense in the nation, set an NCAA record last weekend at Matador Field against Fresno State when they blasted 13 home runs in one game en route to a 29-3 shellacking of the Bulldogs.

Robert Flick has been leading Northridge at the plate this season. The catcher currently boasts the team's highest batting average at .478 and is tied for first on the squad with eight home runs. On the mound, Robby Crabtree has been unhittable with a 7-0 record and 1.51 ERA in 52.2 innings.

UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema knows that strong pitching will be crucial to Santa Barbara's (15-5) hopes of winning the series.

"Pitching will always be the key," he said. "We will go as far as our pitching and defense take

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Softball Update

By Alex Nugent
Staff Writer

In its longest homestand of the year thus far, the UCSB softball team will be playing its conference home opener and trying to extend its winning streak as it hosts University of the Pacific on Saturday and San Jose State Sunday at Campus Diamond.

Santa Barbara (5-7 overall, 0-2 in the Big West) will face a team that has surprised many so far this season, the Tigers having posted a 7-1 overall record and going undefeated in conference.

UOP is led offensively by junior college transfer Koren Twilla, who is hitting .391, with Brandee McArthur ranking second on the team at .385. The freshman pitcher/first baseman leads the squad in runs scored (7) and RBI (6). On the mound, senior Kim Marsh (3-1) has been unhittable with a 0.53 ERA.

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Upcoming Events

Baseball

vs. Pepperdine University on March 12 at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium @ 2 p.m.
vs. Long Beach State on March 15-17 in Long Beach

Softball

vs. Yale University on March 12 at Campus Diamond @ 1 p.m.
vs. Arizona State University on March 12 at Campus Diamond @ 1 p.m.

Women's Gymnastics

UCSB Invitational on March 15 in the Events Center @ 7 p.m.

Men's Gymnastics

Gold's Challenge on March 15 in the Events Center @ 7 p.m.