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Physical Activities Dept. Faces Closure



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With the Physical Activities Department facing possible elimination in July, senior Paul Abramson urges concerned students and faculty gathered Monday afternoon to pressure the administration and ensure that they have input in the final decision.

Fiscal Woes Could Kill Recreation Programs After This School Year

By Lisa Sato
Reporter

The College of Letters and Science could make the Physical Activities and Recreation Dept. its first sacrifice to the gods of budget cuts if student efforts fail to convince officials to keep the program aboard.

A plan introduced by L&S administrators late last week would cancel more than 350 physical activities courses, close the Athletic Coaching and Aerobic Fitness Instructor certification programs, shut down recreational and athletic facilities, and ultimately eliminate the PA Dept. itself.

Department officials, however, say the move would affect not only the hundreds of students who take PA classes, which range from health and nutrition courses to archery and

golf, but the thousands who participate in and fund other athletic programs and facilities.

The proposal, the first part of which would take effect July 1, is one option the college is considering to compensate for nearly \$2 million in cuts next year, according to Don Zimmerman, acting dean of the Division of Social Sciences.

It would be the first time UCSB closed an entire department after three years of state belt-tightening. Amid the slashing, academic programs must be protected, Zimmerman said.

"It's a matter of setting priorities. We have to maintain the integrity of the core of academic programs, and the PA Dept. is more periphery to the academic programs," he said, adding that the proposed cuts are equivalent to losing 88 academic courses.

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'Flagship' Berkeley Seeks Protection for Faculty and Budget

By Sal Pizarro
Staff Writer

While the University of California system braces itself for a fourth year of reduced state funding, the Berkeley campus has launched a controversial campaign to prevent further cuts to its depleted faculty.

"The massive reductions in the budget of the UC system under discussion in Sacramento would, if enacted, ruin this campus," said UC Berkeley Vice Chancellor John Heilbron at a press conference April 29.

Many at Berkeley have argued that, as the "flagship campus" of the UC, its well-being is essential to the system as a whole and should receive less of the budget burden than the other campuses. Using this reasoning, officials have lobbied to receive special treatment from the Office of the President when the next round of reductions are handed down.

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However, administrators at other campuses oppose the Berkeley plan, saying giving the system's oldest campus a break hurts everyone else.

"[The budget is] a zero-sum game," said Ed Birch, UCSB Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement. "There's not going to be more state money, so if Berkeley gets special treatment, that's money coming from some-

one else."

In their defense, Berkeley officials argue that their campus is already being hit harder by across-the-board cuts than its fellows in the system.

Berkeley budget officials estimate that the campus will have \$31 million less to work with next year than its current \$811 million budget. Approximately \$328 million of that \$811 million comes from the state.

By comparison, UCSB expects to take a \$7 to \$10 million, or approximately 10%, budget cut in 1993-94.

Faculty Drain

As a result of early retirement programs offered in the past two years by the UC to save on salary costs, Berkeley suffered a net loss of 132 professors, approximately 9% of the school's faculty.

A third, more attractive, Voluntary Early Retirement

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Higher Ed Committee Seeks Input With First Ever Phone-in Session

The State Assembly Committee on Higher Education will open up phone lines today to public comment on its recommendations for maintaining quality at California's colleges and universities despite massive budget cutbacks.

Those who have seen a copy of the 35-page draft report may call in from 1:45 to 3:30 p.m. today with insights on the committee's suggestions to ensure compliance with the 1960 California Master Plan for Higher Education.

Concerned students, faculty, staff and administrators may also phone in to comment higher education issues in general, said Jim Lites, senior higher education committee

consultant.

The hearing, which is the final of four public forums on the draft report, will be broadcast live on the California Channel, Cox Cable 19.

The call-in session has not been used before for public input, said higher education committee head Marguerite Archie-Hudson (D—Los Angeles).

"The legislative process usually does not provide opportunities to hear directly from the general public in various locations around the state," she said.

The number for viewers to call is 1-800-851-1222.

—Joanna Frazier

County Tax Maneuver Saves Fire Stations

By Duke Conover
Reporter

Santa Barbara County has successfully maneuvered its way out of paying \$1.1 million of its tax revenues to the state, a move which may save the UCSB and Municipal Airport fire stations from closure.

Initial estimates prompted officials to consider shutting down the two fire stations to offset expected fiscal shortfalls. As part of Gov. Pete Wilson's budget proposal for next year, \$1.3 billion will be collected from counties, cities and special districts, including fire departments, to fund California's K-12 schools and community colleges through the Education Revenue Augmentation Fund.

Santa Barbara County fire stations, however, have been contracted to protect state lands. Local officials have argued that since area services benefit Sacramento, their funds should not be sent to the state.

Last Wednesday state officials agreed, according to Greg Brumels, state property tax auditing bureau chief. As a result, money that had been earmarked for the education fund can be retained by the county.

The \$1.1 million savings will be disbursed to the Fire Dept. over the next two years, which should prevent any further cutbacks of county fire protection, County Controller Robert Geis said.

Fire officials, although relieved, are still leery of potential cutbacks in the future.

"It's good news and certainly eases our woes," said Keith Simmons, Santa Barbara County fire operations chief. "But we're still not sure how big our real problem is. In light of the \$1.1 million, if the state makes no more cutbacks, we will be working status quo with a balanced budget through 1997."

Nevertheless, Geis, for one, remains critical of the state plan. "The state has been famous for putting together lousy legislation," Geis said. "[The ERAF] is an example of lousy legislation."

According to Geis, schools are not benefiting from the programs because the funding currently being used to expand services may not be continued in coming years. Meanwhile, state

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Students, AIDS Activists Rally at Capitol Against Cuts

SACRAMENTO (AP)—More than 3,000 California community college students and instructors jeered Gov. Pete Wilson in a rally Monday against his plan to cut funds and raise fees.

Protesters booed and chanted "No more Wilson" as they waved placards and danced on the east steps of the state Capitol, just yards from the governor's office.

Meanwhile, AIDS activists lobbied inside the state Capitol to try to block a proposal that would wipe out \$55 million in state funds for AIDS prevention, testing and care programs.

"Thousands of Californians with HIV will be condemned ... to unnecessary suffering and death," said Geni Cowan, president of the California Association of AIDS Agencies.

Both groups called for extending a half-cent sales tax increase that expires June 30, a move which many Democratic lawmakers support, but Wilson and Republican legislators oppose.

"I'd be willing to pay higher taxes to keep education

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"I'd be willing to pay higher taxes to keep education affordable."

Dennis McQuoid
San Francisco Community College student

affordable," said Dennis McQuoid, who skipped classes at San Francisco City College to attend the rally.

Students and faculty groups said Wilson's proposal to raise student fees from \$10 a unit to \$30 a unit next fall would mean a 300,000-person drop in community college enrollment.

Student and faculty groups who organized the rally said protesters represented most of California's 107

community college campuses. State police said the crowd numbered between 3,000 and 5,000 people.

Several demonstrators carried signs which called for increasing taxes on the wealthy. Many placards derided the Republican governor, reading "Wilson math: Uneducated = unemployed."

AIDS activists said the \$55 million cut approved by a Senate budget subcommittee would decimate services to people with AIDS and allow the epidemic to spread unchecked throughout California.

"People are stretched and services are stretched as it is," said Betsy Van Dyke, who runs a food bank for people with the HIV virus in Sonoma County.

The cut represents the bulk of state AIDS funding — eliminating all AIDS funds administered by the state Health Services Dept.

Left would be \$21 million for treating AIDS-infected prisoners and drug addicts and for AIDS counseling and research.

40 Killed, 60 Missing After Landslide in Mining Town

QUITO, Ecuador (AP)—Thousands of tons of mud and rocks roared down a steep slope stripped of trees, burying a gold-mining settlement in southern Ecuador and killing at least 40 people, authorities said Monday.

Civil defense officials say at least 60 others were missing after being buried by the landslide, which covered the hamlet Sunday as villagers were having lunch.

Vinicio Suarez, governor of Loja province, said workers had pulled 40 bodies from the mud and expected the death toll to keep rising.

The remote settlement is in the mountainous Nambija region, 240 miles south of Quito, where miners have cleared the region's slopes of trees and other vegetation. Rains have further loosened the soil.

This landslide was apparently set off by torrential rains that have pounded Ecuador on and off for the past three months. Civil defense chief Edgar Vasconez also blamed "disorganized and irrational" mining and indiscriminate logging.

Vasconez said at least 24 bodies had been pulled from the mud. Twelve people were rescued, and workers were searching for survivors, he said.



Clinton Puts Focus Back on Economic Initiatives

CLEVELAND (AP)—President Clinton opened a campaign-style push to refocus attention on his economic package Monday, saying he may have tried to tackle too many issues at once but would rather "err on the side of effort."

He delivered a no-apologies defense for moving on so many fronts.

Clinton suggested his domestic-policy initiatives on the economy, on health care, on overhauling the college loan system and on campaign finance reform are interrelated.

"I think most of you want us to do something and I think you want us to be bold," Clinton said after plunging into a crowd at a downtown shopping center. Later, he told a luncheon with business leaders: "The costs of the status quo are very, very high, even if you don't see them on the ledger sheets. ... I think we can do more than one thing at one time."

Clinton also declined to blame Republicans for seeking to block his programs.

Clinton took advantage of a lull in the crisis in Bosnia to promote his economic package in the Midwest. He was headed next to Chicago.

The two-day trip was the first installment of a new administration strategy to get Clinton out of Washington more often to rally support for his programs.



Hilbun Surprises Attorney by Pushing Case Forward

LAGUNA NIGUEL (AP)—A fired postal worker pleaded innocent Monday to two murder charges and seven counts of attempted murder from a post office rampage and attacks that terrorized Southern California for two days.

Mark Richard Hilbun, 39, surprising his attorney by demanding a fast start to the case, also pleaded innocent in Orange County Superior Court to one count of attempted kidnapping and three counts of attempted robbery.

Special circumstances would make Hilbun eligible for the death penalty, but prosecutors haven't decided whether to seek his execution, said Deputy District Attorney Richard King.

As public defender David Biggs began asking Judge Blair Barnette to delay the arraignment, Hilbun interrupted.

"No, I want to be arraigned today," Hilbun said from the court's holding pen.

Biggs said outside the court that Hilbun had taken him by surprise.

"Anything that speeds up the process of the prosecutor being able to try to convict my client of a crime for which he could end up on Death Row — that's not a good thing," Biggs said.



Cambodian Citizens Worry About Fighting in Capital

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Attacks on U.N. peacekeepers trying to steer the country to elections have this capital's war-weary residents on edge.

The big fear is that the Communist Khmer Rouge, blamed for most of the attacks, will return to Phnom Penh, where it once held sway during a radical regime in which hundreds of thousands of Cambodians died.

Large crowds are jamming government offices for passports and residents are stocking up on food. Foreign tourists and businessmen, who had begun filtering back after the U.N. mission arrived, have also grown wary.

The capital was seen as a refuge from the turmoil of nearly 13 years of civil war, which ended with a 1991 peace treaty that called for U.N.-supervised elections and demilitarization of Cambodia's four factions.

But the Khmer Rouge is boycotting the May 23-28 elections and is apparently trying to sabotage the vote with a series of attacks on U.N. peacekeepers and civilian election volunteers.

Fifty-six members of the U.N. mission have been killed or injured in attacks over the past year.

Senators Talk With Sailors About Reversal of Gay Ban

NORFOLK (AP)—One sailor said he would refuse to serve alongside homosexuals. Another worried the Navy might become fragmented and demoralized. And a gay officer said such attitudes reflect unreasonable fear.

The Senate committee pondering the ban on gays in the military took its inquiry to the decks of U.S. warships Monday to seek the views of rank-and-file sailors. They listed heavily in favor of keeping the ban.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Al Portes said he was surprised President Clinton is trying to keep his campaign promise to let gays serve openly. "I will refuse to serve with gays in the military," he pledged.

Lt. j.g. Tracy Thorne, a Navy aviator who disclosed his homosexuality a year ago, countered that "prejudice can never be validated by majority consent."

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Berkeley Envy? Nah.

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It has come to my attention, via a bombardment of phone calls, that the Nexus' "Nice Weather" section has met with sincere reader disapproval, and in fact is considered by some to be objectionable and offensive material. Therefore, due to public outcry and in accordance with Nexus standards and employment practices, the writer responsible for those contributions has been dismissed and summarily defamed behind his back by veteran members of our staff. The Nexus Weatherperson, who accepted an opening in Waco, TX two weeks ago as a ... uh, meteorologist, has been rehired at twice his past compensation and will appear in tomorrow's edition.

Jason Ross, EIC

- Moon rise 9:53a, Sat. Moon set 8:08 am.
- High 77, low 52, Sunset 7:54p, Sat. Sunrise 6:10a
- Tides: Hi, 11:59 (3.9), Lo, 5:29a (-1.4)/4:50p (1.6)

Unity, History Focus of Culture Week

By Petrea Birkel
Reporter

More than 10 African-American student organizations will combine their resources this week to give UCSB a taste of their heritage via step entertainment and alternative historical viewpoints during Black Culture Week.

"Everybody knows the Anglo story. It is time, and it has been time, for everyone to know what our contributions are," said Darias Brown, Sigma Phi Rho member and religious studies senior.

Educating students about African-American history is not the only goal of the week-long celebration, however. Uniting the Black community on campus by instilling pride in a common background is just as important, according to Educational Opportunity Program peer coordinator Gina Rucker, an organizer of Black Culture Week.

"Black culture should be celebrated every day of the year," Rucker said. "[African-Americans] will be getting back to our Blackness and ... seeing what Black culture is about. The most important

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Darias Brown
Sigma Phi Rho

thing is that we unify and recognize each other's achievements on this campus, so we can share with and educate the people on this campus.”

Kicking off the week-long celebration, Campus Learning Assistance Services Director Hymon Johnson gave a keynote speech at Monday's opening ceremonies in Storke Plaza.

"Students, faculty and staff who are sincerely interested in true education and a deeper, more honest understanding of those dynamics which got us to this place in history must somehow come to appreciate the vast wealth and pivotal contributions made by Americans of African descent," Johnson said during an earlier interview.

"Civilization began in Africa and if the truth was told more consistently, all

would know how little the United States would have if it was not for the labor, inventions, discoveries and medical advances made by African-Americans, and the forbearance which they show on a daily basis," he said.

Activities this week include a 2 p.m. discussion on Black women in science at the MultiCultural Center today, a game of "Jeopardy" Tuesday evening and a panel on "Black vs. Afro-American" Thursday at 5 p.m.

Organized by Alpha Kappa Alpha, the "Jeopardy" game will follow the format of the television show, with prizes given out to students who correctly answer questions on Black history. "Everyone is invited," said AKA member Kamara Sams.

Organizers of the event would like to see as many students as possible attend

discussions and celebrate Black culture.

"An interior celebration implies Black culture is a subculture of American culture, when in fact it's not. It's more like the lifeblood of American culture," said Sean Breaux, president of 100 Black Men.

Using entertainment, politics and philosophy as examples of areas heavily influenced by African-Americans, Breaux defined Black culture as the "manifestation of Black heart, soul and mind in a variety of parts of society.... Political democracy came out of Africa," he said.

One contribution in the area of entertainment will be displayed Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Storke Plaza, when UCSB's Black sororities and fraternities will perform step routines.

"It's not dancing, it's more like a human instrument," said Maria Runnels, event coordinator at Tropicana Gardens.

Kibibi Springs, vice president of the Black Student Union offered the most technical description. "Stepping is synco-pated beats made with your hands and feet," she said.

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City Council Debates New Protest Law

By Aimee Lewis
Reporter

The Santa Barbara City Council will meet today to begin mulling over a strict anti-abortion protesting law, although public comment on the issue will not be heard until next week.

The controversial ordinance would restrict protesters from coming within eight feet of individuals who request that they back off. The proposal was passed by the council's Ordinance Committee last week and would apply to an area inside 100 feet of a health facility.

City Attorney Daniel Wallace, who authored the protest bill, added a provision to apply the ordinance to places of worship in addition to health clinics at the request of committee members.

"There have been complaints by community members that their right to worship has been impeded by protesters as well, so we broadened the ordinance to also address protesters at places of worship, but again this ordinance makes no reference to speech at all," Wallace said.

Controversy has been primarily focused on another provision, Attachment Two, which would omit the requirement that persons request the eight-foot no-protest zone be-

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I am still very confident the ordinance will pass as proposed.

Harriet Miller
Ordinance Committee chair

fore it is enforced. The Ordinance Committee did not pass this restriction, but has left it open to City Council approval.

Although he supports most of the bill, Councilman Gerry DeWitt opposes Attachment Two because he believes it goes beyond protecting the client's right to privacy. "The proposed ordinance is not designed to prohibit the protesters altogether, but rather to protect their rights as well as those of the clients," he said.

Harriet Miller, councilwoman and chairwoman of the Ordinance Committee, supports the protest regulations and believes the law will be approved by the council unchanged. "I am still very confident the ordinance will pass as proposed. It is very necessary in response to the number of letters and phone calls we receive continually," she said.

Several community members were on hand at last week's meeting to speak on the proposal.

Sheryl Rollins, executive director of Planned

Parenthood, believes the Amendment Two section needs further definition before it becomes a law.

"The language of the original draft allowed for the city to draw a boundary line around the driveway, we suggest that there also be a line drawn at the eight-foot mark so there will be no confusion as to how far eight feet actually is," she said.

Rollins also expressed concern over the videotaping of health clinic clients by pro-life activists. Planned Parenthood perceives the taping, which has occurred at its Garden St. facility, as a form of harassment, she said.

Wallace addressed and discounted both of these concerns. "The eight-foot boundary line is not possible since the eight feet includes extensions of the body and would therefore be difficult to measure," Wallace said.

"Also, to include a provision against photographing and taping would violate rights as the area being addressed is public property and it

would be very difficult to practically enforce such a law," he said.

In addition to ordinance supporters, there was a large showing of opponents. Belinda Buxby, an anti-abortion audience member, said the protesters were not harassing clinic clients, but informing them of alternatives.

"Pro-life demonstrators are the only ones who will offer counseling to choose life. Planned Parenthood advocates abortions. Passing of this ordinance will hinder their work," Buxby said.

The City Council is expected to make a final decision on the ordinance later this month.



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- Pol. Sci. 100 - American National Government
Instructor: Stephen Wiener, Lecturer in Summer Session
- Pol. Sci. 127 - American Foreign Policy
Instructor: Robert Noel, Associate Professor, Political Science
- Pol. Sci. 157 - The American Presidency
Instructor: Peter Loedel, Associate in Political Science

Social Issues

- Communication 117 - Persuasion
Instructor: Kathy Kellermann, Associate Professor, Communication
- Psychology 102 - Social Aspects of Behavior
Instructor: Diane Mackie, Associate Professor, Psychology
- Sociology 126U - Sociology of the Urban Underclass
Instructor: Steven Velasco, Associate in Sociology
- Sociology 128 - Interethnic Relations
Instructor: Joe Bandy, Associate in Sociology
- Sociology 137E - Sociology of the Black Experience
Instructor: Shirley Jackson, Associate in Sociology
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- Sociology 177 - Social Problems
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- Anthro. 150B - Archaeology of Andean Civilizations
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Instructor: Thomas Larson, Associate in Art History
- French 175X - The French Revolution: Literature, Arts, and History
Instructor: Catherine Nesci, Associate Professor, French
- Russian 33 - Russia - From Yesteryear to the Present
Instructor: Mstislav Kostuba, Lecturer Emeritus
- History 124L - Hungary: 1000 Years/ Crossroads of Europe
Instructor: Tibor Frank, Visiting Associate Professor, Budapest
- Religious St. 3 - Intro. to Asian Religious Traditions
Instructor: Bradley Hawkins, Associate in Religious Studies

OPINION

"It's educational!"

—The Pixies

A True Account

Frank M. Lanak



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Institutional Darwinism

Cal Professors' Calls for Fiscal Favoritism Ignore the Educational Quality of Other UCs

Editorial

As the California budget crisis tightens its hold on the University, some UC Berkeley faculty are pleading for fiscal immunity. According to these professors, Berkeley is a citadel of thought and money, and should remain so at any expense — specifically at that of the eight other UC campuses. If these UCB faculty had their way, Berkeley's lump of money from next year's state budget would remain stable, and the next round of early retirement incentives wouldn't be offered at their campus. (Cal has already lost a large number of professors to past retirement programs.) Sounds real nice. But the money has got to come out of somebody's pocket and — since all that's left in California's is a little lint — it would be taken from the scant funds to be divvied throughout the rest of the University.

Do faculty at UCB have a leg to stand on? Unfortunately, yes. UCB's national and international reputation ranks right up there with Stanford, Duke and Johns-Hopkins. While college-knowledgable Californians might respect the University's high quality systemwide, the kind of prestige UCB possesses garners research grants. And as they say, money talks.

Being the oldest UC doesn't hurt Berkeley's prestige any either. It even earned the convenient name "Cal." Think about it: there's the University of California at Santa Barbara, at Davis, etc. And then, there is *The University* — Cal.

Certainly Cal Berkeley deserves its touted reputation. And faculty there are screaming so loud to protect it that the state is taking notice.

In a way, that's good. If each UC campus stirred up the same kind of commotion in their communi-

ties that Berkeley has, the state might finally realize the dire situation of higher education here. And let's face it, since a tax increase is probably the only lifeboat for California colleges, we'll need that support.

However, the objectives of UCB's faculty outcry sets a misguided and dangerous tone. Taking money from less prestigious UCs — though not necessarily of lesser educational quality — could very likely squeeze a campus or two right out of existence. Those faculty at UCB are essentially calling for social Darwinism in the University: Good-bye Riverside, hello Cal.

What those Berkeley faculty fail to realize, or at least recognize, is the value of each UC campus to California. The primary purpose of the University as a public institution should be a high-quality higher education. And despite monetary setbacks, the UC system is still considered one of the best of its kind in the nation. Sure, Berkeley has a topnotch reputation, but the Davis agriculture and veterinary departments, the San Diego Scripps Institute and the UCSB Chemistry Dept. are nothing to scoff at. These also enjoy international prestige, along with other programs systemwide. (OK, the most notable quality we came up with about Riverside was the smog, but they still offer a fine education. Do those UCB faculty propose to accept all those students, should the campus get squeezed out?)

Berkeley, with all its Nobel Prize researchers, is getting a lot of press for the current uproar. Hopefully, the higher-ups in Oakland will recognize the ludicrousness of it and maintain the University's goal of offering the best public education possible, to as many as possible.

The Reader's Voice

Limit Wallace

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Bill Wallace should lift his eyes from the obsession on regaining his former political office and look at the public opinion landscape that has grown up in the past few years.

He should take note that voters have overwhelmingly told our politicians that staying in elected office beyond a certain number of years is loathed and not in our collective best interest as a society. It's called limits, and they presently influence the careers of high-level politicians representing the people of Santa Barbara County.

The City Council of Santa Barbara has them. Our representatives in Sacramento have them. And there's a move to limit our Congressmen in Washington to just six consecutive years in office.

Wallace's occupancy of a seat on the Board of Supervisors for the past 16 years is distinctive in two ways: it is a very, very long time and speaks well of his public service career. It is also a length of time the voters have identified as far too long for anyone to occupy an important political office.

The voters have come to recognize that when people stay too long in government it becomes a breeding ground for relationships and bureaucracies that perpetuate themselves at the expense of the taxpayers and the public good. A periodic housecleaning is good for us. It's time for new ideas and new hands at the helm of local government. The new board deserves a chance.

Wallace lost to Willy Chamberlin in the June primary by a sizable margin. He lost again in November even after rebounding with the UCSB student vote that was his home during the June vote. He lost in the recount because he lost in court!

Even if he were to prevail in an appeal of the recount decision, Wallace would still be at odds with the public consensus that says single-office political careers as long as his are not in the best interest of the people. He will lose as a person if he doesn't recognize his time as a member of the County Board of Supervisors for all practical purposes, has come to a close. He should let go!

ERIC SANCHEZ

Light Unto Loggers

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in to shed some light to the likes of Chris Kohl (Daily Nexus, Reader's Voice, May 5). First of all, funding CalPIRG is an option, so you don't have to fund it if you don't want to. This, however, is not a point of concern. My concern is over your ignorance of the actual facts in what you state, Chris. You claim that loggers lose their jobs throughout the Pacific Northwest due to the efforts of concerned environmentalists.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Account of the New Associated Students Budget

Lanak

passed along with an A.S. budget at body. We, the so-called Mussolini Se-elite, (Daily Nexus, "New A.S.," May 10) it's time for a reality budget passed last Wednesday's mouth off about a meeting he he obviously has not read, I will sons for them. ose funding I increased over the es. There were only nine groups ling to were such "traditionally to \$3,900), NAACP (+ \$200 to 50 to \$150), Future Black Social Assn. (+ \$50 to \$150), Hmong 400 to \$1,250), Kapatirang Stunt Assn. (+ \$50 to \$150), Asian rean Student Assn. (+ \$500 to

p called Centro de Inmigracion y ose is to document illegal aliens ent Aaron Jones suggested we e highest funded (supposedly) money given to student groups th me saw this as a gross misap- a good program and a good send- ing. Student funds should be Santa Barbara.

ney on students of this school, ts funding illegal aliens is like e Day" where student money is ents to smoke. I believe that the money spent on things that they cess to. That is why I allocated

t in funding was La Escuelita, a islative Council for its tutoring . But there are a number of prob- they pay themselves \$6-\$8 per rk." Our own A.S. student em- r, so why should the students of dents would get paid in A.S. or

in the community in general? Second, the only people who can participate in this group are fluent Spanish-speaking work study students. Should all students, who are paying A.S. almost \$38 a quarter, continue to employ overpaid tutors in a position that they are not even eligible to apply for? I, and those who voted with me, say no.

That is why I reduced their funding one-third to \$4,000. This compromise means that, even though access remains limited, the group can still do just as many hours of tutoring but at a reduced hourly rate that is in line with salaries that our own A.S. employees earn.

The last group that I cut significantly was Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Alliance. I admit my mistake, apologize, and plan to amend the budget to increase their funding to take into consideration the vital role this group plays on our campus.

From this explanation it is clear, with the exception of LGBA, that I and

I believe that the students of UCSB would rather have their money spent on things that they themselves benefit directly from and have access to.

those who voted with me did not attack any minority group or political group; rather, we based our increases and decreases on reasonable guidelines and rational expectations of the UCSB student body. Our duty, as I see it, is to allocate the funding fairly and to groups who spend their money on students or on programs that all students have access to.

This is not an easy or popular job, and in past years, the council has given in to some powerful groups whose qualifications for funding are questionable. I will, however, not be intimidated by false accusations and special interest pressures. I urge all students to call in their comments in support or in opposition to me, Frank Lanak, at 893-2566. If I'm not available, please leave a message with the secretary. In addition, if you are as upset as most students get when they find out their money funds illegal aliens or pays people sometimes double minimum wage to do volunteer work, come voice your concern at our meeting Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. in UCen Room 2. You can bet that the groups that we took money away from will be there. In conclusion, the proposed budget, vetoed by Jones, gives a large number of groups the ability to serve the campus community better. As utilitarian doctrine espouses, we, the "Mussolini Seven" have tried "to provide the greatest good for the greatest number of students here at UCSB."

Frank M. Lanak is A.S. off-campus representative.



BRENT MEEKS/Daily Nexus

ice

to preserve the delicate north coastal forests from further annihilation.

Most loggers don't lose their jobs because of the actions of these "smelly environmentalists" as you choose to label us. Thousands of jobs have mostly been lost due to the fact that mills close down and move overseas. It's called cheap labor. Read about it, Chris.

Another point you seem to be just a tad confused about is your general biology knowledge. Maybe you should take a refresher course. Sure, trees are a renewable resource, but do you know how long it takes for a tree to grow back? It takes at least a decade for a tree to grow in order to be "useful," and I can guarantee it takes longer than that. With our high demand for timber, there's no possible way forests can grow back as fast as they are being cut down. Aside from that, you must remember that when people began logging, there was no such thing as a sustained yield concept. Only about 10% of the original redwood forests remain. Some forests have been permanently cleared and are now occupied by urban zones. Logging activities have caused much soil damage and erosion (*California Vegetation*, 153). You know what that means? That means trees will probably be unable to grow there to the same extent that they did before. The trees are not the only ones hurt. With the decline of the forests, it isn't just the "spotted owl," but also many different species of plants whose existence is vital to the survival of other life forms, such as the marten, the pileated woodpecker and many more species from every kingdom you can imagine, if you have any ability to do so. To make a long, intricate and beautiful story short, it's not just the trees, or the owl, or even just some plants sitting in the middle of a forest. It's about the preservation of life that is quite necessary for other species' existence and ours as well. If one of the strands of the web we live on breaks, soon, it all follows.

Whether you decide to fund CalPIRG or not, it is your choice, no one forces you into it. But at least educate yourself before you open your mouth or pick up your pen. After all, this is a learning institution. Put some of your brain cells to work.

Sylvia L. Robles

Wrong, Wrong, Wrong

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in response to your editorial on Clinton's proposal for the Yugoslavian problem (Daily Nexus, "Bomb The Balkans?," May 5). It contains several factual errors, and your conclusions need further clarification.

First, your opening paragraph states that the Balkans were "instrumental for the beginning of both world wars." The Balkans had nothing to do with the second world war.

Second, you claim that the U.S.'s involvement is dictated by the fact that the Balkan region is "geographi-

cally ... instrumental for Russia's naval operation." A look at an atlas would show that Romania, Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey have much greater importance for those naval operations than rump Yugoslavia ever will. You also imply that the U.S. will want to keep an eye on Germany, "the most powerful country in the still problematic European community." I doubt that the U.S. is concerned with setting up a sphere of containment around Germany at this time.

The decision for the U.S. to (finally) involve itself does present some serious questions, the most important being "Should we get involved at all?" The answer is "yes." You are correct in stating that since "we are the only remaining superpower ... we have inherited the obligation to help everyone else out." You may not like this, but it is a political reality that the U.S. will have to deal with for a long time to come. Your desire to leave the problem to Europe has already been tried. Over 20 cease-fires have been broken; this was the ultimate result of European diplomacy. The time of diplomacy is past.

You are also correct in stating that "the Europeans know that establishing peace in the Balkans is ... near impossible." U.S. military involvement, in whatever form, will not create a lasting peace in the area. The U.S. realizes this. What the U.S. hopes to do is stop the "ethnic cleansing" (read: genocide) that the Serbs are committing against everyone else. This genocide is the reason for the "crescendo of voices calling for something, anything to be done." Did the Holocaust remembrances of last month leave no impression upon you? The method of stopping this genocide may be your ultimate question, and I agree that this is a most difficult question to answer. But I believe that we have to do something.

Finally, your statement that Clinton's "threat of force" may be "only a diplomatic move to scare the Serbs into" peace talks is not believable. Whatever you may think of Clinton and his national security advisors, they are not so politically naive as to use the art of the bluff as the centerpiece of a major new foreign policy that involves military action. Their limited threat of force is real, and in my view, necessary to end the senseless loss of life.

Craig Treckeme

Look Beyond Race

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I'm writing in response to Thursday's Artsweek Cover Story (Daily Nexus, "Hip-Hop Survival," May 6) by P.E.A.C.E.

First off, P.E.A.C.E., I do not agree with your suggestion that all hip-hop is of primarily the Afrocentric subculture, at least not anymore. We as African-Americans, Latinos, whites, Asians, etc., are entitled to the involvement and membership of the hip-hop na-

tion. The issue here is that you must be true to the musical form. We must face reality, P.E.A.C.E. Hip-hop is no longer a race issue. Get over it, commercialism has taken its toll. We should focus on trueness and unification of the races, not angry separatism as you imply in this article.

But since you brought up the race issue claiming things like, "I don't feel that hip-hop (breaking, rap, graffiti), a mainly Afrocentric subculture, is the appropriate arena for increasing awareness about a culture that is part of a European aesthetic," I'd like to say this: Why is it not appropriate? Who said the arts of hip-hop are only for one race's expression? Even you are at fault for combining the two. For example, why is P.E.A.C.E., an African-American underground DJ/houser, part of the house subculture? As you know, this musical expression is of "mainly" European imported sound (i.e. techno, house, tribal, acid ...). The answer to this question is that you are a part of this culture because you love the music and are true to the musical form whether or not you are African-American, European or had anything to do with its origins.

My suggestion is to stop complaining and let the music speak for itself regardless of race. Give up the "rump-shakin', daisy duke, x-large wearin', fad taggers and commercialism" and focus on what you are doing. Forget about who started what, and what race it belongs to, and instead realize that the unity of true hip-hop style and house culture will shine above all the rest. We now must share these cultures from the originators, adding our own experiences and feelings about urban life. The "whiteness" of House Of Pain will speak for itself, if they are indeed true they'll last beyond the "shamrock."

P.S. Remember that the S.B. wall is not just a bunch of "white baggy wearin' graffiti wanna-bee's." Crews and artists such as Deform, Posh, Drew, Cose, Joke, CBS, BTP, AWR, CIOY, FLOW, SPORTS, etc. may drive miles away to be artistic on this legal wall. They consist of very diverse backgrounds yet are talented at what they do. If they are indeed "true" to the culture (regardless of race) why do you still consider them the "latest recruits to the Afrocentric subculture?" It just happens to be in the suburb right here at UCSB and if it were not, they would just go elsewhere. Take a look beyond our walls.

David Shewey

The "IN" Crowd



DEPT

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Unofficial talk of the department's possible termination came out in the open Monday when PA Dept. Director Jon Spaventa received a letter announcing a meeting to discuss the proposal.

Alarmed by the idea, Spaventa said the reductions would affect not only PA students and employees, but intramural and intercollegiate sports programs as well.

State funding brought in by PA instruction helps maintain facilities shared with recreational, IM and intercollegiate sports. If that instruction is halted, the other programs would have to pick up a higher

share of the tab, Spaventa said.

To fulfill their responsibility for funding facilities such as the Events Center, Rob Gym, fields and pools, Intramural Sports would have to use student money already in short supply, according to senior IM employee Blair Hoover.

Hoover disputed the idea that physical activities are unimportant compared to academics. "Academic courses are necessary, but we need to also have healthy minds and healthy bodies, and the PA Dept. supplies the balance between the two," he said.

Spaventa foresees another drawback in the proposed plan. Since all coaches of UCSB's inter-

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Blair Hoover
IM employee

collegiate teams — with the exception of one — teach PA courses, they may be forced to find work elsewhere if that income is taken away, he said.

Despite these worries, Spaventa said his primary concern is that the decision will be made while students are away. "It's important that students are informed, and if they care, they have the opportunity to have a say in something

that has an impact on the quality of their lives," he said.

"Aside from the fact that people could lose their jobs, the more important issue is that students are aware of what's going on. This is a student issue, we're talking about student's rights being infringed upon," he said.

Students are currently organizing petitions and letter-writing campaigns

to try to save the department from the budget axe.

"If people want to use the facilities, they would no longer be able to take PA courses for the .5 units, and they may have to pay fees in excess of \$40 per physical activities class. These reductions drastically change the options of the students," junior anthropology major Kim Klein said.

The goal of the campaign to save the department is "mass student education," said Paul Abramson, a senior who works with IMs.

"The decision will go into effect July 1, when most students will be gone. If the proposal goes through, students won't

have even had a choice, and may come back in the fall to a half or nonexistent PA Department," he said.

While the administration is still searching for alternatives, students are sending their letters to the dean and provost of the College of Letters and Science, as well as to Chancellor Barbara Uehling. Klein urges parents, UCSB supporters and incoming students to write and let the administration know that they value the PA Department.

Students will be meeting on Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8 a.m. in Rob Gym to further discuss strategies to combat the department's elimination.

CAL

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Incentive Program is being considered for the coming year, and officials are worried it could further reduce Berkeley's faculty, which includes eight Nobel Prize winners.

"The first two early retirement programs fished out more faculty members from Berkeley than any place else," said UCB English Dept. Chair Frederick Crews, pointing out that one-fourth of the UC professors opting to leave under the programs came from Berkeley.

A 5% pay cut approved by the Board of Regents for UC faculty next year makes early retirement more attractive to professors receiving offers from

schools outside the UC, Crews said.

"If a faculty member has nowhere else to go, a 5% pay cut is something he can work into his budget," he said. "If he is being solicited elsewhere, that person may be strongly tempted to take the VERIP and go."

UCSB Executive Vice Chancellor Donald Crawford said Berkeley seemed hardest hit because a significant percentage of its faculty are in their upper 50s and 60s, making them more likely to take early retirement.

"They're worried that ... a third round would significantly impact on their faculty, and we have similar concerns here," he said.

VERIP eligibility is determined by a formula using both the age of the fa-

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Donald Crawford
UCSB executive vice chancellor

culty member and the number of years he or she has been in service to the University.

At their regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, all nine UC chancellors discussed the possibility of a VERIP III, according to UC spokesman Mike Alva. "There was a consensus that any early retirement program that's developed should have flexibility," he said.

No specifics for a third

program have been proposed yet, although Alva said the idea may be further developed at the upcoming UC Board of Regents meeting May 20-21 in San Francisco.

"It's a situation where the president understands the concerns campuses have, and he is trying to give them flexibility and discretion," he said, adding that both system administrators and faculty will be consulted before a

final plan is approved.

A Flagship Campus

Home to 30,000 students, UC Berkeley is the oldest of the system's campuses and has a world-renowned reputation as a research institution. But despite these distinctions, its role as the UC flagship campus is ambiguous.

"You can't really call Berkeley a flagship the way University of Wisconsin, Madison, is a flagship for that system," Crawford said, adding that the Madison campus offers programs that are not found at the other UWs.

"Now, look at the UC system. We have a strong agriculture program at Davis. So if you want a flagship for agriculture, you're talking about UC Davis. Berkeley doesn't have a

medical school, so it can't be a flagship in medicine," he said.

Birch agreed. "Berkeley isn't flagship in the sense that if something happens to the flagship, the whole system is going down," he said.

However, Crews said that although the UC system is viewed as a single entity by much of the outside community, the fate of the nine campuses may be linked to UCB and UCLA because they get the lion's share of media attention. "When something happens to Berkeley, the image of the whole system suffers," he said.

A Different Approach
Berkeley has taken a step beyond what other

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Lizards and Snakes and Frogs, Oh My!

By Jeanine Natale
Staff Writer

To the casual observer, the Sheltopusik might seem misnamed. It ought to be a snake. But to the crowd of herpetologists gathered Saturday at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, such gross ignorance would be gauche.

Those in the know at the Reptile and Amphibian Fair could've told you that the Sheltopusik, a legless lizard, actually belongs in a class with glass lizards and worm lizards, who differ from snakes because they can shed their tails.

The Sheltopusik was one among dozens of scaly beasts on display at the fair, where herp-owners from around the area met Saturday to feel out the market, trade tips and show off their well-groomed pets.

"No one actually sells the animals here," said volunteer Jean Mackey, a member of the Santa Barbara chapter of the L.A.-based Southwestern Herpetologists Society.

"Instead, we are selling books and T-shirts and giving people the opportunity to learn about and get close to lots of different types of herpetiles," she said.

How close visitors got was a matter of discretion. On the one hand, they could lean in close and get a good look at the Micro Gecko lizard, the smallest vertebrate in the world at three-fourths of an inch long. On the other, they could stand a foot back and still feel the hot breath of Samson, an 11-foot, 150-pound, 12-inch thick, steel-grey Burmese

“*They'd eat a human as soon as you'd eat a Chevy—pythons just won't eat things that are too big for their mouths.*”

Jonathan Kessler
python owner

python.

Owner Richard Yaciuk of Ojai professes that Samson is actually quite mellow, and still has about 20 more feet to grow anyway. "They do get a little hard to handle by the time they get that big, though," he added.

But as fellow python handler Jonathan Kessler explained, "They'd eat a human as soon as you'd eat a Chevy—pythons just won't eat things that are too big for their mouths."

"Besides, all they see in us is warm upholstered furniture that they can climb on. They love it!" he said.

Past the python booth, which was surrounded by wide-eyed daredevils, were the big lizards who, despite being loved and tamed by their owners, still looked fairly unhappy about being cooped up in cages.

The thickset, blue-tongued skink stuck his tongue out at passers-by, while the muddy-green water dragon flexed its burly two-foot tail, perhaps trying to communicate the fact that no, it did not want to be held and petted.

By far the most handsome lizard there was the golden, stripe-tailed iguana, who posed on his stick like it was a fashion runway. However his owner, Phillip Brown, lamented the fact that the feisty, four-foot-long re-

ptile had landed a few meaty scratches on him before being carted off to the fair.

"I don't think his previous owners tamed him very well," Brown said.

An important question remained for the herp-lovers on hand. Where were the chameleons? Where were the twin-horned, psychedelic-colored, curly-tailed *Chamaeleo wilsii*? Why wasn't a single one here, swiveling one eyeball to check for signs of danger while it bungies out its foot-long tongue to snap up a cricket?

"No one can keep them alive in captivity," explained John W. Holmes, a bookseller for the herpetological society. "Chameleons are so environmentally sensitive that they can be standing in a pool of water and die of thirst because they can't recognize the water if it's not dripping off leaves."

Reseda-based herpetologist Sandy Chase added that she had tried to raise several different species with no success at all. "Chameleons stress out so easily that they will just stop eating, or produce severely undersized offspring," she said.

Exactly how much work does it take to care for one of the fickle animals? "Chameleons: Once you buy 'em, you gotta marry 'em," Chase said.

The absence of the col-

orful critters wasn't missed too sorely, though. Onlookers gawked at the slender, two-foot-long corn snakes brought by Jeanne, a young herpetologist who had two of the animals, whose skin resembles mottled rose marble, in a cage and another up her sleeve.

She explained that when a friend gave her the first one for Christmas last year, "that was it—I knew I just had to collect and raise corn snakes."

Nearby, two little blond boys stared at her in awe, one whispering to his mom, "Can I get one, mom? Pleeceeease?"

Then there were rain forest frogs from Brazil, which are about the size and color of little red and green Christmas lights, and the two-headed garter snake, who turned out to have one head that was dominant while the other pointed off at a right angle, forever stuck watching life pass him by. According to the placard over that cage, they/it were/was the result of improperly reproducing cells that remained semi-fused. But as far as anyone could tell, the brothers would enjoy a normal life span.

As the afternoon reached its peak, fair organizers announced the start of the Boa Beauty Contest, six finalists lined up on stage for the big moment. Then, either because not enough people had voted or because no one could decide, all the finalists were declared winners, while happy fans took pictures and home videos. But it was so crowded in the room, most people hadn't noticed the contest anyway.

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taxpayers suffer from improper service levels in important departments such as fire protection and

parks, he said.

"The state budgets are not addressing the real problem of not having enough revenue to cover expenditures," Geis said. "[Our exemption] means the schools' money is go-

ing to have to come from other counties. But we have a responsibility to the local taxpayer."

Local education officials are not worried by the news, however. "The game

is limited resources. ... It doesn't impact at all," said Goleta Union School Superintendent Dick Shelton. "The state has the same bundle of money, they're just packaging it in a different way."

ANDY PHARO

by Andre Fairon

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campuses have done by bringing its individual case to the public. Until now, concerns have been expressed in terms of the system as a whole without much regard for each campus' plight.

Berkeley Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien, however, shifted the emphasis of appeals to the state at the April news conference.

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makers and the public precisely what is at stake and what these cuts could mean to their lives and the lives of their children and grandchildren. We will mobilize faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends to tell the story of this university," he said.

Birch, for one, said it was an approach that the other campuses may look to for a fresh angle from which to attack the budget problem. Emphasizing the system as a whole may be

too abstract for the public to grasp the implications of the budget crisis, but spotlighting the individual campuses may present a more tangible presence, he said.

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BIG WEST TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

UCSB Men's Team Takes Third Place

Women's Squad
Finishes Seventh
In Front of CSUF

By Deborah Rafii
Staff Writer

UCSB's men's and women's track and field teams traveled to UC Irvine last weekend for the Big West Championships with high expectations. Neither team was disappointed.

The men's team placed third overall — matching the highest finish for any UCSB men's track team in the Big West.

At the conclusion of the meet the women's team came in seventh, closely behind Nevada and New Mexico State.

For the men, junior Damion Lewin took third in the 3,000-meter steeple with a 9:19.7 — while junior Kimo Morris took fourth in the pole vault.

"I'm ecstatic with the way we performed and it was great that people came through in some of the races that we didn't think could," Team Captain Damian Capozzola said.

Capozzola won the 1,500-meter race in 3:50.15 and has an outside chance of qualifying for Nationals, held in June in New Orleans.



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TALL FEAT: Senior Marc Kallick competed for UCSB in the decathlon helping the Gauchos take third place at the Big West Championships last weekend.

Another possible candidate for Nationals is senior Marc Kallick who attained 6,800 points in the decathlon and achieved that mark with a bad ankle.

Other outstanding athletes were junior Frank Smith, who took second in the triple jump with a 48-9 1/2, and Senior Captain Ernest Morrell, who finished with a mark of 47-1.

Although the women's team was unable to climb out of the seventh spot in the Big West Champion-

ships, the team improved on its overall total points compared to last year.

"I feel that we did our absolute best and it was a strong conference with a lot of quality athletes," Head Coach Jim Triplett said.

Junior Julie Thomas placed third in the 800-meter race with a time of 2:17.76 and third in the 1,500-meter with a 4:41.79.

In the 400 hurdles, senior Tami Olson took third in 1:03.40.

Among those who

made it to the finals on Saturday in the 400 hurdles was freshman Juli Mosier. Unfortunately Mosier, who qualified in the 100 hurdles as well, hurt her leg and was unable to compete in the rest of the meet.

Freshmen Kara Bradbury and Erika Bornhorst also did exceptionally well considering the fact that the Big West Conference Championships was the first intercollegiate championships meet they had ever participated in.

The SCOPPETTONE SCORECARD

by
Dino Scoppettone, Staff Writer

The last thing I wanted to do at 8:45 a.m. last Friday morning was talk to Al Ferrer. Nothing personal against the UCSB baseball coach, but I'd rather not talk to *anybody* before 10, at the earliest. But here was Ferrer, on my phone, asking if I would show up to a meeting at 8 a.m. Monday morning, as if waking me up on Friday wasn't good enough for him.

Anyway, Ferrer wouldn't elaborate about the meeting, other than to say there would be a "big announcement about the athletic budget." That got my mind wandering. Maybe UCSB had garnered enough money to reinstate the football program. Maybe the school had found the funds to complete construction on its embarrassing baseball diamond (the word "stadium" would be a misnomer). Maybe the athletic department had finally discovered my talent and was ready to pay me a sizable monthly salary to keep me from writing this silly column.

Then I was shot back into reality and realized where I was. Good ol' UCSB, which stands for U Can't Spend Bucks because you've already spent them on rising tuition fees. Any changes to the athletic budget would most likely be cuts, not additions.

Fighting the urge to sleep through the meeting and blame my malfunctioning alarm clock, I dragged my ass

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out of bed yesterday and made it to the church on time. Actually, it wasn't a church, it was Rob Gym, but really, what's the difference? Both are large, poorly lit buildings where people can pray and play basketball.

But I digress. Close to 100 students were at the meeting, most of them looking much more awake and happy to be there than I was. I sobered up quickly enough, however, when Physical Activities Director Jon Spaventa addressed the congregation. As I suspected, the news wasn't good.

It seems that the higher-ups in the College of Letters and Science have come up with a keen way to survive some of the harsh budget cuts that keep cropping up around the university. Their solution is simple — eliminate the entire Physical Activities Dept. and all the baggage that comes along with it.

The L&S proposal currently on the board calls for the cancellation of 354 PA courses, effective on July 1 of this year. The ramifications of this move are far-reaching. To begin with, all of those fun and instructive courses like Nutrition, Health and Fitness and Sports Appreciation will cease to exist. So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, good-bye. Additionally, the elimination of the department funding will result in decreased maintenance, and in some cases closure, of some of the athletic facilities. Intramural fees will skyrocket to cover the lost maintenance costs.

UCSB's intercollegiate sports will be affected as well. As almost all of the school's coaches also teach PA classes to supplement their income, the elimination of these classes will result in lost income to the coaches. This could force some talented people to move to other, higher-paying institutions. It will be a sad day if we lose quality people like Mark French and Tad Bobak to budget cuts.

The Physical Activities Dept. is one of the things that sets UCSB apart from schools like UCLA and Berkeley. Sure, they have their great recreational facilities, but do they have Intermediate Golf or CPR Training? I think not. And now the university is looking to sacrifice physical education, a vital part of the upkeep of a student's physical and mental health, to create a couple classes in every other department.

Some may argue that physical education is silly, that it has no place in an academic institution. I would say that PE is no more silly than a class like Asbestos Litigation, or The Politics of Scandinavia. Try telling the students who are striving for a coaching certificate that PE is unworthy, that it deserves its place on the chopping block. They'll tell you that dropping an entire department in favor of dropping a few classes across the board doesn't make much sense.

Once again, in its efforts to cope with budget deficits, the university is trying to deny students their options — the option of learning about sport and physical education, the option of staying healthy, the option of competing and having fun. But this time, the students can do something about it. Take 10 minutes, write a letter, and tell someone how you feel. Write the Nexus, the College of Letters and Science, the Academic Senate. Don't let them vaporize the PA Dept. without a stand. Make enough noise, and show the administration that they can't just slash a department every time they want to appropriate money for something else. It's up to you.

Uehling's Resignation Causes Doubt in Athletics

By Brian Banks
Staff Writer

Chancellor Barbara Uehling's plans for resignation sent a mild shock wave through UCSB's Athletic Dept., where officials and coaches were not surprised by the announcement but have expressed some concern about its effect.

Uehling, who is scheduled to leave her post by July 1994, steps down at a time when collegiate athletics face dwindling budgets and controversies surrounding the elimination of certain programs.

UCSB has been hit hard by money problems, but officials have opted to make cutbacks across the board in an effort to spare each of the school's 20 Division I sports teams.

The athletic department's latest crisis comes from a proposal to eliminate the Physical Activities Dept., which some say will force UCSB's Division I coaches — who augment their income by teaching PA classes — to search for jobs elsewhere.

UCSB Athletic Director John Kasser is in Los Angeles at the annual Big West meetings and was unavailable for comment.

Associate Athletic Director Jim Romeo said that any decisions made in Uehling's remaining months will not be affected by her "lame duck" status.



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ANIMAL LOVER: Barbara Uehling (right) sits next to the San Diego Chicken during homecoming.

"It depends on the situation. It's a timing thing," he said. "If something had to be handled in the next year, we'd do it. She's still chancellor. We don't see her as any less effective than she has ever been."

Uehling's announcement, made last Thursday, did not come as a shock to athletic department officials who were aware that the chancellor's self-imposed time line of tenure had almost run its course.

"She had indicated many years ago that she saw herself staying here for six or seven years," he said. "Her suggestion of moving on has been more present of late. I can't say we're shocked."

Uehling, during her tenure at UCSB, has displayed a degree of hands-on leadership within the

athletic department while giving Kasser the freedom to run a program which stresses athletic success coupled with academic achievement.

"It's something that her [successor] will hopefully be able to live up to," women's tennis Head Coach Chris Russell said. "It's tough times for a lot of people right now. She provided us with some stability and she shared some of John Kasser's visions. When [programs] are getting skimmed, we're just hoping we're not the ones."

UCSB's coaches seemed to get along well with Uehling, who made most of her contact through Kasser. The faculty drama which plagued Uehling in the weeks leading up to her resignation was hardly

ever played out within the confines of the athletic department, Romeo said.

"She attempted to do what is very difficult to do, and that is to lead," said women's basketball Assistant Coach Barbara Ehardt, in discussing Uehling's conflicts with many faculty members. "When you have a person attempt to lead a large group of people, there are going to be problems."

But it seemed Uehling's relationship with athletic department officials never threatened to sour. She was a fixture at important sporting events, team banquets, and presented the women's basketball team its conference championship trophies each of the last two years at the Big West Tournament in Long Beach.

With new leadership imminent, some inside the athletic department wonder what role the next chancellor will play in Gaucho athletics. Much of a college's perceived commitment to academics and athletics comes through the efforts of its chancellor in promoting their equal importance, athletic officials said.

"I think everybody's concerned. Not just for women's basketball, but for all athletics," Ehardt said. "I believe it's possible for athletics and academics to mix, but will someone else see that as possible?"