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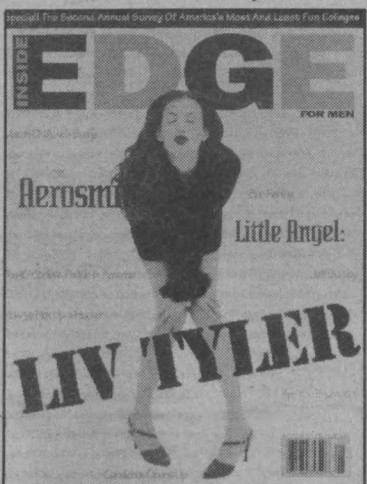
Party-School Drops in Recent Magazine Rank

Science Recognition May Improve Reputation

By Chris George
Staff Writer

A recent pair of survey/ranking polls have placed UCSB's academic achievements high while dropping the university's party-school ranking.

In the Dec. 1994/Jan. 1995



issue of *Inside Edge*, 70 of the nations' top universities for good times were ranked, placing UCSB third behind first-place Georgetown University and second-place Florida State University.

The second annual rating was based on a composite average of scores taken from 10 categories.

UCSB was ranked first in its party scene, student attractiveness and happiness quotient, and second to Georgetown in

campus location. Other categories included sports involvement, bar and club scene, and ease of graduation.

In bestowing the third-place ranking on UCSB, *Inside Edge* described the seaside campus as "a nice place to work on your tan without the bother of all those college-level classes. If you want to attend one of the larger-than-life party campuses depicted in one of those college movies, you probably would not be far off the mark by heading to UCSB."

This year's ranking, placing Georgetown at the top of the list, dropped UCSB from last year's number two spot and Florida State from number one.

Student reaction to UCSB's position was mixed. "Only third? I thought we were higher than third," said Jade Tran, an undeclared senior.

Some expressed disappointment that UCSB's ranking was not lower. "I think it will take a while for the party school image to die down," said Mark Ovisio-witz, a senior biology major.

However, the credibility of the ranking criteria and comments made by the publication should be taken lightly, according to Chancellor Henry T. Yang.

"I think that *Inside Edge* magazine is neither credible nor responsible by ranking the schools based on a few scattered inter-

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Legal Procedure Violation Postpones IVRPD Meeting

The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District board meeting scheduled for Jan. 5 was postponed due to improper notification and violation of an act, which could have resulted in legal action.

According to the Brown Act 54954.2, agenda items must be posted at least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting.

However, the board agenda for the Thursday meeting was posted outside of the IVRPD office for public notification for only 24 hours.

"Any decision that would have been made would not have been valid, in violation of the Brown Act," said director Mitch Stockton.

After complaints were filed in the past, precautions were taken, according to director Brad Hufschmid.

"Since I've been on the board for two years we've had six complaints filed in violation of the Brown Act," he said. "If we had done anything at the meeting it could be contested."

Aside from the inconvenience of rescheduling, the board agreed on the postponement.

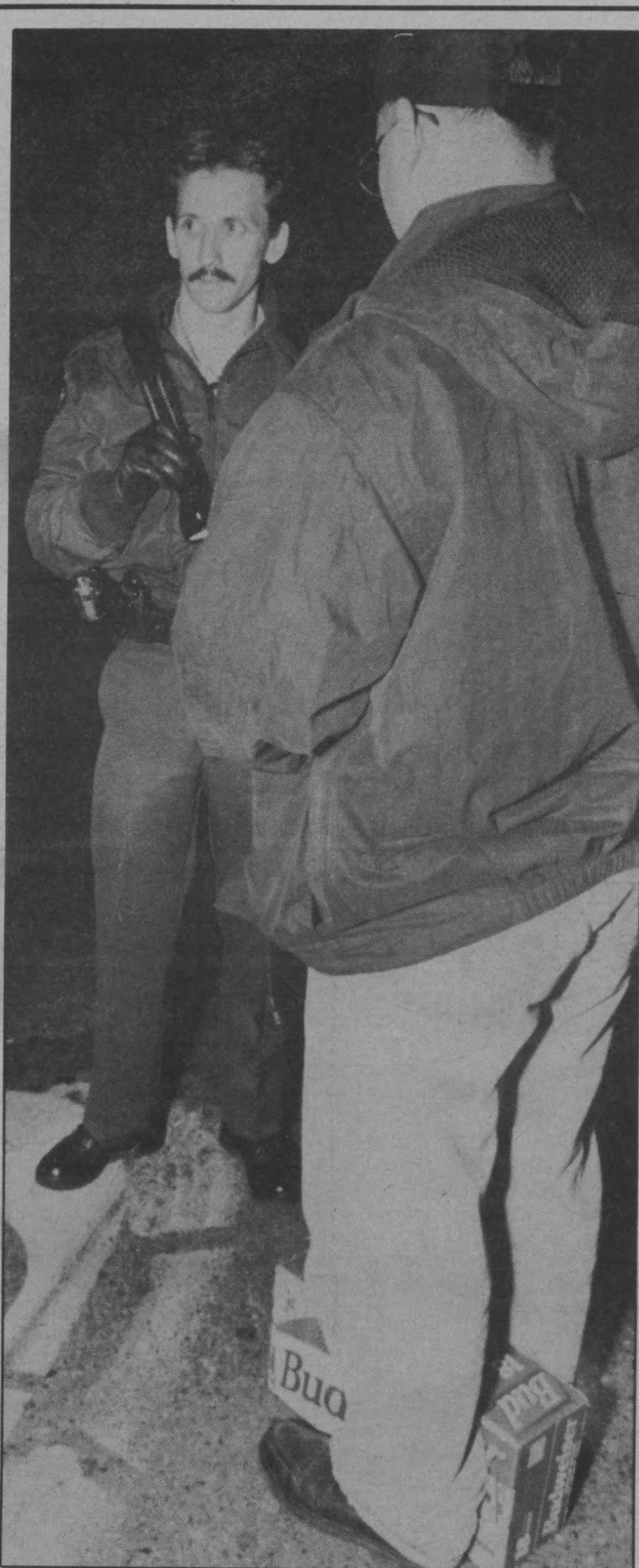
"It was the right thing to do," Stockton said. "I don't think there was any way around it."

The meeting was rescheduled not only in an effort to comply with the act but also to allow concerned citizens the necessary notification to attend the forum, according to director Pegen Soutar.

"I would like to encourage any people interested in any of the agenda's items to attend tonight's meeting," she said. "Those community members with ideas, comments or concerns within the board's jurisdiction are welcome to speak in vox populi."

The IVRPD will meet today at 6:30 p.m. at the IVRPD office, located at 961 Embarcadero Del Mar. All agenda items will be discussed as originally planned.

-Sylvia Luis



Daily Nexus File Photo

As local and visiting officers patrolled the area for Halloween 1994, \$175,000 was invested in the increased law enforcement for a weekend that merely came and went.

Second Year of No Tolerance Policy Reduces Weekend Costs

By Nick Robertson
Staff Writer

Costs for law enforcement in Isla Vista during the 1994 Halloween weekend, again under the "no tolerance" policy, reached approximately \$175,000, according to reports released Friday by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's office.

Many county and police officials believe the "no tolerance" policy was effective in keeping the event under control, as significantly fewer citations were issued and no assaults were reported throughout the four-day weekend.

Not including the expenses incurred by the California Highway Patrol or University Police, approximately \$175,000 was spent to patrol the seaside community — \$25,000 less than in 1993, according to Santa Barbara Public Information Officer Tim Gracey.

"The money was spent on planning, preplanning, regular officer pay, overtime pay for officers, extra jail operation time and overtime jail operator's pay, among other things. Supplies came to about \$5,000, including food service, radios and barricades," Gracey said. "The figure's about what we estimated. Last year's enforcement was \$200,000 for three days, while this year was \$175,000 for four days."

Reasons for the cost decrease include the number of officers sent home earlier due to fewer parties and Halloween falling on a Monday, Gracey said.

"Usually our biggest expense is when Halloween falls on or near a weekend," he said. "Some overtime figures were different for shorter days."

Over 100 officers were called to the university community on each night of the four days of

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Police, Family Student Housing Residents Patrol Area in Newly Established Neighborhood Watch Program

By Dan Warren
Staff Writer

The campus Family Student Housing Office, in cooperation with the UCSB Police Dept., recently began a neighborhood watch patrol program in an effort to further enhance security in its complexes.

The program trains residents to assist the police, but not to interfere or enforce laws, said Mark O'Brien, FSH assistant

complex coordinator, who organized the program by gathering resident volunteers and enlisting the assistance and cooperation of campus police.

"Neighborhood watch is neighbors getting together to protect their area, to augment what the police do," he said. "They make a leisurely walk through the compound being observant."

The program, enacted shortly after Thanksgiving break, has been effective in combatting

crime, according to Will Wood, UCSB Police Dept. community relations officer.

"They have worked out really well so far," he said. "Over the Christmas break we didn't have any break-ins. I think that's been [an effect of] the neighborhood watch."

The basic skills of being a member of neighborhood watch are being acquainted with neighbors and observant of changes in

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HEADLINERS

Russians Pound City in New Strategy

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Trying new tactics in their assault on Chechnya's capital, Russian forces Sunday unleashed systematic rocket and mortar fire, pounding the city with up to a dozen shells a minute.

They were trying to scatter Chechen fighters defending the presidential palace and prepare the way for Russian ground troops to move in.

But the strategy seemed only partially successful against out-gunned but spirited defenders, who have been able to sneak around to counterattack from behind.

"We have no problem destroying any armored vehicles they send into the city," said 29-year-old fighter Lyomo Sayatoy.

"We have enough ammunition to fight to the end!"

Under the constant drumming of explosion, small truckloads of rebels raced toward central Grozny. Every 10 mi-

Sunday was the ninth day of the Russian ground attack on Grozny, capital of the breakaway southern republic. Several thousand people have been killed and wounded since Rus-

statements in Moscow have differed sharply from reality in Chechnya, leaving the impression that Russia's commander in chief is not fully in control.

Yeltsin sent tens of thousands of troops into Chechnya, a mostly Muslim region of 1.2 million people, in a bid to reassert Moscow's control.

Russian reinforcements continued to arrive Sunday. About 10 light tanks accompanied by more than 30 trucks carrying troops and ammunition rumbled in from the southwest.

Russian forces also launched sporadic air attacks on outlying villages and ridges, where Chechen fighters have deployed in recent weeks to conduct a guerilla war.



"We have enough ammunition to fight to the end!"

Lyomo Sayatoy
Chechen fighter

minutes or so, a truck would return with the wounded.

The past two days of fighting evidently had taken their toll on the hardy Chechen fighters — there was no singing and dancing as before. But the fighters insisted nothing could pry them from Grozny.

sian troops went into Chechnya Dec. 11, and the Red Cross estimates 350,000 people are refugees.

The vicious pounding continued two days after President Boris Yeltsin demanded to know why the city was being bombed despite his orders to halt. Government

Perry Cautions Middle East of Possible Nuclear Threat

JERUSALEM (AP) — Defense Secretary William Perry brought a stark warning to the Middle East Sunday: Curb the spread of atomic weapons or face nuclear blackmail.

Perry arrived in Israel Sunday to urge the government to join the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. He also may discuss the possibility of stationing American troops in the Golan Heights as part of an Israel-Syria peace treaty.

After a two-hour meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv, Perry traveled to Jerusalem, where he was scheduled to hold more talks.

Perry was expected to discuss press reports that Israel may have sold U.S. fighter jet technology to China — which officials deny — and assessments in Jerusalem and Washing-

ton that Iran might acquire nuclear weapons in five years.

Earlier in Cairo, Perry stressed the nuclear threat.

"It is, I believe, the biggest security threat that is facing the world this decade, the danger that a rogue nation or terrorist



will get their hands on one, five or a dozen nuclear weapons," he said.

Egypt has threatened to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty if Israel does not sign it. Some Arab countries have used Israel's reported nuclear capability to justify their chemical weapons programs.

Waters Rise to Flood Levels; Russian River Areas Nervous

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Sopping wet Sonoma County declared a state of emergency Sunday and began evacuating residents along the Russian River ahead of expected flood waters.

The river was forecast to crest five feet above its 32-foot flood level around midnight in Guerneville and neighboring communities, according to the National Weather Service.

The flooding came during a string of blustery winter rain storms that have pounded Northern California with heavy rain and gale-force winds and saturated the soil. The storms are forecast to continue this week.

"Everybody's in a panic," said Misty Saunders, who works at King's Bait and Tackle in Guerneville. "The river is looking really high and is rising. And we've been told

that the rain we have gotten has not even reached the river yet."

County emergency official Richard Anderson said his office doesn't yet know how many people will be leaving their homes and emphasized that people living near streams and



tributaries that feed into the Russian River were in danger as well.

Some low-lying streets are already under water in Guerneville, Santa Rosa, Geyserville and Petaluma. The Weather Service and U.S. Geological Survey have also issued mudslide warnings for Napa, Sonoma and Marin counties.

NHL Season Will Be Axed Tuesday if Dispute Continues

NEW YORK (AP) — The NHL Players Association rejected the NHL owners' "final" offer Sunday and some players believe the season will not be played.

"No season. The season's done," said Jeremy Roenick, Chicago Blackhawks player representative. "I don't think anything's going to happen. They said this was their best chance, so there's no hope for the season."

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman reiterated the season will be wiped out if no deal is in place by noon Tuesday. He agreed to meet with NHLPA executive director Bob Goodenow on Monday to try to avoid the first labor-related cancellation of a season in professional sports history.

"At this point, each side has rejected the other's best offer," Goodenow said, just after league

player representatives voted 26-0 in a conference call to reject the owners' offer.

Bettman had no response to the players' rejection. But several owners have said they've already pushed too far. Though they wanted a sal-



ary cap or payroll tax to hold down salaries, their last offer included neither.

"A deal without a tax or cap would not be acceptable for a market like mine," said Quebec's Marcel Aubut, one of the six owners who voted against sending management's latest plan to the union.

"I think we would survive better if we don't play," Aubut added.

Fans Flock to Sing for Elvis on the King's 60th Birthday

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Jill Bugg came to Graceland from England for a piece of Elvis Presley's birthday cake and a little bit of rock.

"It's such an emotional thing to come over for his birthday," she said. "So we pick up stones. We pick up sticks. We pick up anything we can to take back home. They're treasured possessions."

Ms. Bugg scooped up a handful of small stones from beside a walkway at Elvis' former residence as she waited for the cake-cutting to mark what would have been Presley's 60th birthday.

She was among 300 faithful from the Official Elvis Presley Fan Club of Great Britain who joined about 1,500 fans in a sing-along.

"The 60th birthday to me is really, really special," said Ms. Bugg who traveled from Colchester,

Essex. "It's a special birthday for anyone, but for Elvis it means everything."

Packed around a temporary stage set up on Graceland's front lawn, the fans sang "Happy Birthday" along with some of Presley's former backup



singers.

Sculptor Felix de Weldon of Los Angeles unveiled a bronze bust of Presley he made as a gift for Graceland. The mayors of Memphis and Shelby County cut Presley's six-tier, vanilla and chocolate sponge birthday cake, decorated with replicas of a pink Cadillac, teddy bear, piano and guitar.

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Weather

The stories to the left of this column come to you from the Associated Press, a news syndicate (ooh, what an image that word conjures up), with bureaus across the state, nation and world. Similar organizations include United Press International and Reuters.

The other day I saw a Reuters article in the *L.A. Times* dealing with controversy over Republican Newt Gingrich's plan to cut funding for public television. Opposition is partly fueled by the popularity of PBS' children's programming, and the writer offered the examples of Big Bird and Barney.

For readers unfamiliar with the kidvid in question, the following explanations were provided: "Big Bird is a character on 'Sesame Street'" and "Barney is a purple dinosaur with his own show." Notice the difference between the two — which one is real?

The splashing and lashing ain't over yet, folks, no matter how clear it might look at this moment (this assumes you can see outside right now and aren't in Campbell Hall doing something you shouldn't). The week's wetting will continue with another storm expected tonight.

Police Report

Men caught banging in restroom

Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers were on patrol near Anisq' Oyo' Park at approximately 11:30 p.m. Saturday when they heard sounds coming from the park.

"We could hear glass breaking coming from within the men's restroom. We could also hear what sounded like loud banging on the walls," police reports state.

The officers approached the restroom and found two subjects, later identified as Andrew Brown and Filip Uss, leaving the restroom together.

"I could see behind the two suspects that the glass was broken on the floor, and a large metal ashtray was pulled off the wall and was on the ground," reports state.

Also found at the scene were several muddy footprints that allegedly matched the suspects' on the walls and on broken pipes of the urinal.

Both men were arrested and charged with vandalism.

Is that a baton in your pants or are you just happy to see me?

IVFP officers were interviewing two suspects for possession of an open container of alcohol on the corner of Camino

Pescadero and Del Playa Drive at approximately 11:30 p.m. Saturday when one of the subjects fled the scene.

The unidentified man had not revealed his name to the officers before running from the police down Camino Pescadero and onto Sabado Tarde. One of the officers immediately gave chase.

"As the subject turned into the driveway, I continued after him. As I made the turn, my PR-24 baton fell from my belt to the ground. I continued running after the subject towards the rear of the complex, but lost him when he jumped over a fence," police reports state.

The officer returned to the area where he had lost his baton but found it was no longer there. He then questioned a passerby for information.

"An unidentified subject stated that he saw a male subject walk westbound on Sabado Tarde, pick the baton up and 'stuff it' down his pants, before continuing westbound on Sabado Tarde," reports state.

Ya got me!

While on patrol near the intersection of Embarcadero del Norte and El Greco, IVFP officers observed a large party nearby and a subject standing on the street corner.

The subject, later iden-

tified as Craig Devinney, was allegedly holding a silver can in his hand which he concealed underneath his shirt when he noticed the officers nearby.

"There were numerous empty Natural Light beer cans on the ground in this area, it appeared to be the beverage of choice for this party," police reports state.

Officers then approached Devinney and asked to see underneath his shirt.

"Devinney spontaneously stated 'You caught me.' He pulled his shirt up and revealed an open can of Natural Light beer. I retrieved the beer and placed it on the ground next to us. Devinney said, 'I have two more cans of beer in my other pockets, you should probably have those too,'" reports state.

When requesting to see Devinney's driver license, the officers noticed he had two individual licenses. They asked to see both cards.

"Devinney said again, 'You caught me. I use that one to get into places to drink,'" reports state.

Devinney was cited for minor in possession of alcohol and carrying false identification, and was issued a warning for an open container.

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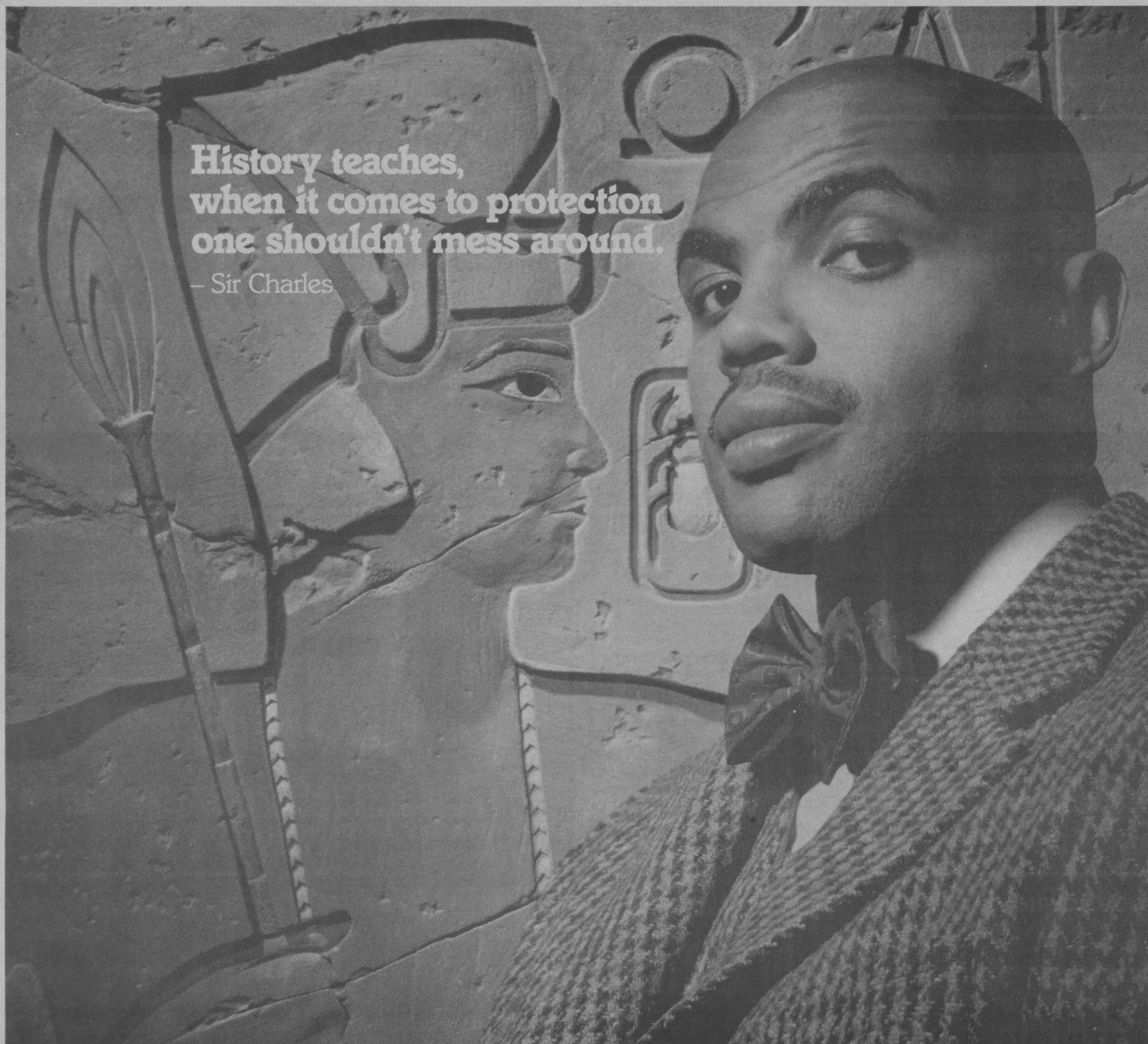
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RANK

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views with random and ambiguous criteria," he said. "This is unfair to the image of the academically outstanding UCSB. We are already on our way to building a scholastically world-class university both in image and in substance."

However, UCSB's intel-

lectual efforts did not go unnoticed. In *Science Watch* magazine's Nov./Dec. 1994 issue, the university was ranked number one in the nation in materials science and ecology/environmental studies, third in physics and fourth in plant and animal science.

The *Science Watch* rankings were based on the frequency that published university papers were referred to in others'

works. The greater a reference to a paper, the higher its impact on the scientific community is ranked.

Yang was heartened by the ranking, expressing hope that it would improve UCSB's reputation.

"I'm so pleased that we have so many departments ranked so high by *Science Watch* based on citations," he said. "This will have a positive impact on UCSB."

MONEY

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enforcement from cities throughout Santa Barbara County and universities across Southern California, who all put in long hours, according to Isla Vista Foot Patrol Corporal Win Smith.

"We import as many deputies and officers as we can," Smith said. "There's a certain core that stayed the whole time. ... The scheduling is done 12 hours on, 12 off."

Smith believes such aggressive police action will tone down the festivities

and make Halloween more enjoyable for everyone.

"It's definitely improved and we're hoping that by having the 'no tolerance' policy, and word gets out that if you go to I.V., you will get a ticket or go to jail, it will return into a local fun event," he said.

However, Associated Students External Vice President Derek Cole believes the costs brought on by the extra policing were unnecessary.

"I respect that they wanted to bring Halloween back into a local event, but they were really overstaffed," he said. "In some cases there seemed

to be more police than parties."

Cole believes the enforcement should be reduced for Halloween next year.

"Now that we know how much it cost, I think we need to look at the law enforcement and let them know that they don't need to spend so much," he said.

Nonetheless, the same tactics are currently planned for Halloween 1995.

"It will still be necessary for us to put extra people out there," Smith said. "How many I don't know."

WATCH

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the community which may indicate criminal activity, according to Reta Fielding, a junior sociology major and watch member.

"All the members stay up for a walk through the complex once a month," she said. "Even when I'm not walking [patrol] I have called [the police]."

Even though both professional and volunteer law enforcement patrol FSH, the neighborhood watch covers a much smaller area in which members are more familiar in order to detect when something is amiss, Fielding said.

"I think we are a little more personal [than CSO's]," she said. "It's kind of rewarding to know enough people in your neighborhood to know

who does and doesn't belong."

So far, the program has been carried out with ease and has had a positive impact on the community, according to O'Brien.

"It's a low-time commitment. Once a month you take a nice, low-key walk around your complex," he said. "It's nice to work with people who feel the need to come together for their community."

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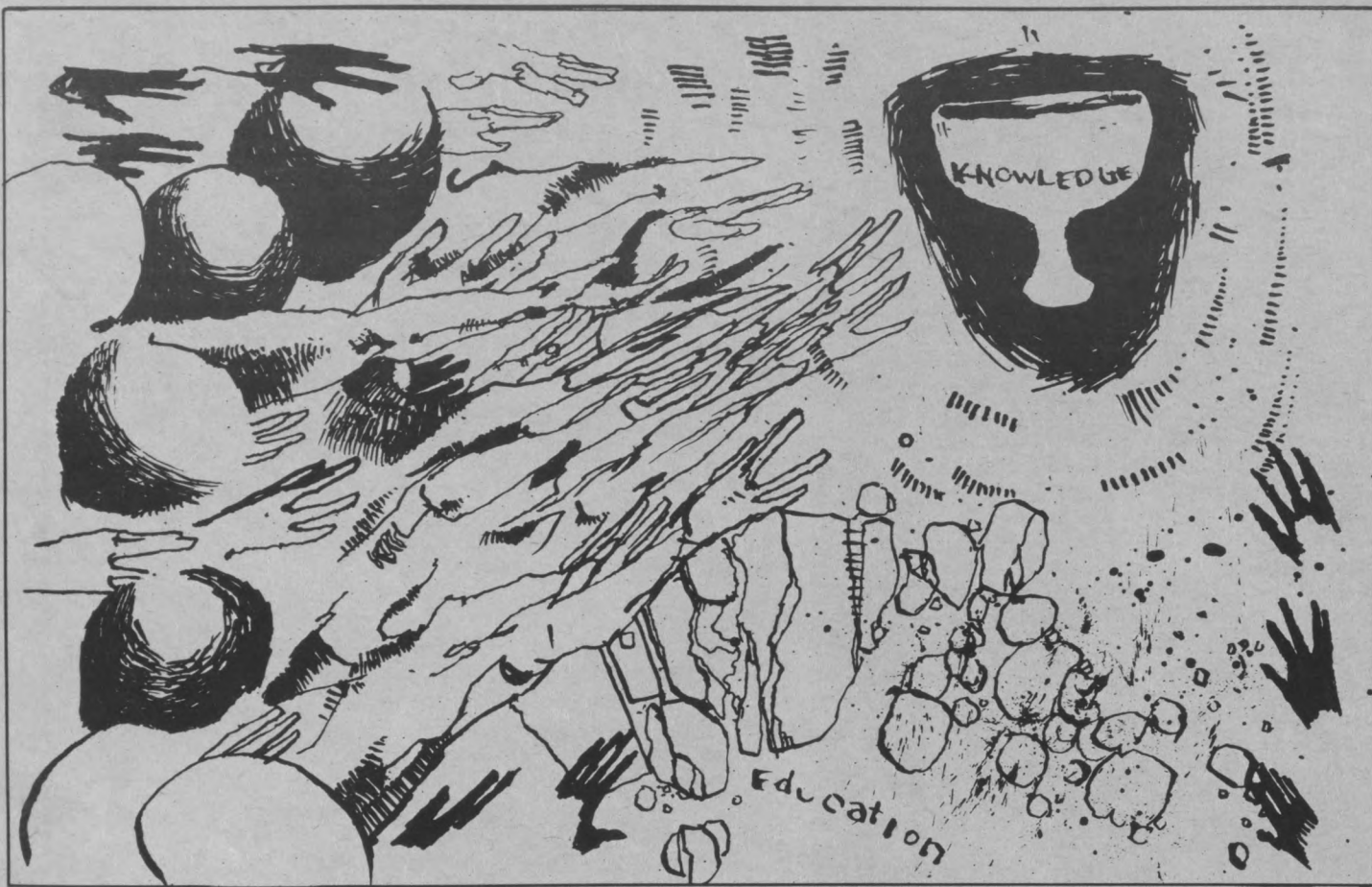
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OPINION

"Make sure to be in with your equals if you're going to fall out with your superiors."
—Yiddish proverb

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Failing Grade

Long-term Planning Needed to Improve Educational System

Editorial

Readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmetic have been colloquially known as the backbone of education, but lately, a fourth "R" word has been rearing its head. Over 60 percent of this fall's freshman class at California State University, Northridge has had to take at least one remedial — or "developmental," as the jargon goes — class in English or math in order to prepare for college-level work.

Although the figure is higher than average for the Cal State system as a whole, its 20 campuses have still posted a nearly 50 percent statistic for students needing to enroll in such courses. This has created a debate over whether or not University funds should be used for education in basic skills, as well as where blame should be placed for this notable deficiency.

The students themselves point the finger at the overall school system in California, saying that, despite their good performance in high school, education at this level failed to adequately prepare them for college coursework.

And, to a certain extent, they are right. Although our state was built upon the premise that students have the absolute right to a decent education, rapidly declining funds continue to subvert this ideal. Overcrowded classrooms, lack of educational materials and a shortage of teachers in the sciences hardly work toward properly training future generations.

This was a process which noticeably began two decades ago, with the passage of Proposition 13, a measure severely cutting the flow of property taxes, and so the school system suffered as a result.

Prop 13, of course, did not solely cause the decline of our schools, but did act as a major trigger for

their downfall. Two decades after it passed, we are just now beginning to truly see its adverse effects, illustrating the fact that changes, be they bad or good, do not just appear overnight. If we are only starting to feel the pinch from a measure that came about 20 years earlier, then we must realize that only by acting now can we hope to see a positive difference in any remotely near future.

This requires some long-term planning and thought — a difficult concept for a society so built upon instant gratification. If we continue to let the downward spiral go unchecked, our educational situation can only grow worse. Improvement of this situation requires greater investment of both funds and attention, and in this, the students are justified in their complaints.

However, they themselves must realize that college is not necessarily the only option available. There is a greater number of people attending universities than ever before, but the fact remains that it is not meant for everybody, nor is it any sort of panacea.

Not all jobs require a bachelor's degree and many of those which don't are some of the most important. There are vocational and training schools from which students can receive hands-on training to equip themselves for a career, making college a necessity for some, but certainly not all.

It is important to encourage high school students to attend college, if only for the edification and experience, but this cannot and should not promise instantaneous success. It is relatively easy to slide through high school and maintain decent grades, so long as one knows how to play the game and manipulate the system. We should not, though, lower our standards at the collegiate level, for higher education is just that — *higher*, not basic.

The other day, I came to a realization of sorts while watching the ABC Evening News (where more Americans get their news) after a long, hard day of work. It had finally dawned on me that ever since the November elections, all the news media will say about the new Republican majority in the House of Representatives and Senate is how the Republicans won't be willing to work with their Democratic counterparts or the President, and a severe slashing of federal programs. Pretty dismal news, but with a twist of sorts.

Before the November elections, all we heard of was the Whitewater scandal, the Paula Jones scandal, resignations in the White House staff and in the President's Cabinet. Starting to get the picture? Let me help you a little, if I may.

There are a few things that the news media is reluctant to tell the average American public. The first bit of information is simply that the reason for the Republican majority in both the Senate and the House is that the American people have spoken in the form of an election, and the general consensus was that 40 years of Democratic rule was not working, so a change had to be made, and it was. It is also true that if the newly elected body doesn't do any better, they too will suffer the same fate as the Democrats in 1996.

Another thing that is never quite mentioned or pointed out is that most legislation that passes is bipartisan, meaning that it was supported by both parties. This is a democracy, after all.

Sadly, though, the general news media has never really taken the effort to get these points through to the American public, and with all the focus on piddly issues that really don't have much to do with the way government is run, all they have effectively managed to do is stir up partisan fears in most Americans.

All this came to me after watching the Washington Press Corps in a feeble attempt to badger Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich on the subject of any bickering between him and President Clinton, after what was observed to be a very positive and constructive meeting between the two. Never mind that a lot of common ground was achieved, or that this may be the age of effective bipartisan politics.

All they wanted to report was if there were any squabbles between the two politicians. When that produced no result, they then immediately started up the "Hillary is a bitch" questions, and it was at this point in the news cast that the truth in the matter really sunk in. The news media, regardless of political orientation, is only out to point at failure, and if none exist, they create it themselves.

I have always believed that the job of the news media was to report the news, not create, alter or influence it in any way, since this practice is called sensationalism and to my recollection, sensationalism is considered unethical.

It's funny how the news media is quick to point their cameras at anyone and everyone when unethical behavior is suspected, but when it comes to unethical behavior amongst their own ranks, it either goes unnoticed or is rewarded in some way.

One thing I should point out is that in no way am I referring to Rush Limbaugh, since he is technically in the business of entertainment, and while he does use information provided by the news media, some form of opinion is added to the reported facts. There is nothing wrong with this, since Mr. Limbaugh is a commentator, and it is a commentator's job to entertain the public with an opinion, regardless of content and/or accuracy.

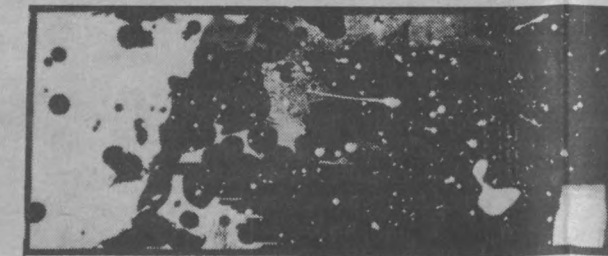
The news media, on the other hand, is not in the business of stirring up shit by "tattletale" reporting tactics, biased filtering in their presentation of the news or excessive focus on issues so irrelevant to the issue at hand. This is for editorials and tabloids, not responsible reporters.

Hey, it's 1995 and the American people have spoken, so let's deal with it. At least give the 104th session of the U.S. Congress a chance to prove themselves, and if they can't, well, there's another election coming up in 1996.

Generation

Michael Malk

I picked up a newspaper the other day and read about Generation X. Supposedly, this Generation X has no futuristic fast-paced age of technology. According to the article, a part of Generation X. I'm not. I work my ass off studying

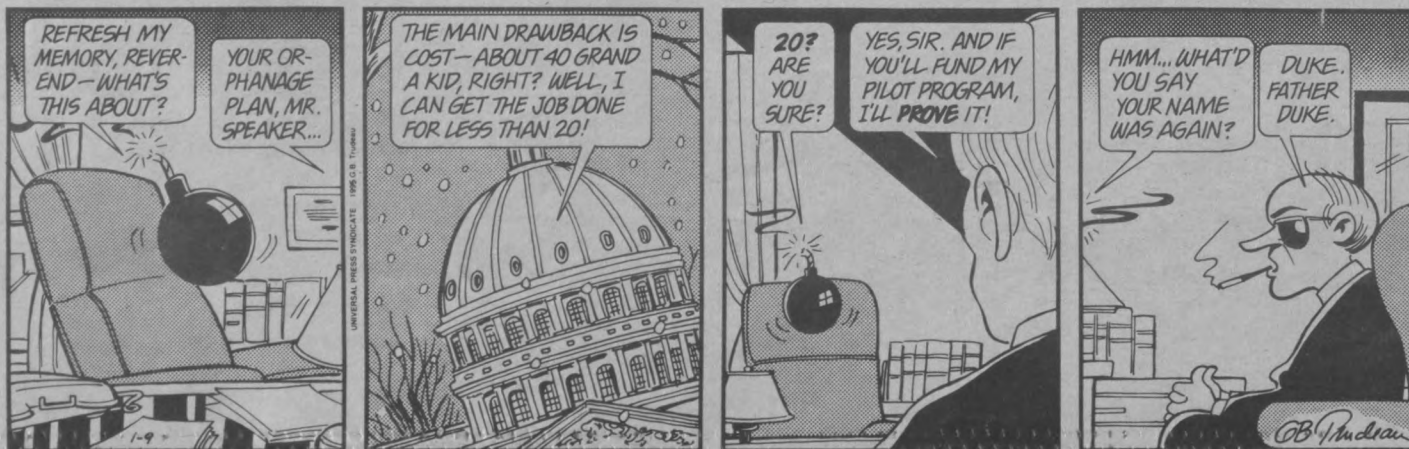


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In 1960, the percentage of high school graduates enrolled in college was 40 percent. By 1970, that number had crawled to 51 percent.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



News – Tonight at Eleven

A.S. It Is

Cheryl Contreras

A happy 1995 to all from Associated Students. For the past quarter, most students have wondered what Associated Students is about. Amidst the controversies and negative publicity about A.S., your elected student leaders continue to strive to be active advocates for student voice here at UCSB.

Moreover, Legislative Council has been keeping the lines of communication open with student groups through the establishment of the Student Advisory Council. Established last quarter as an ad hoc committee, the Student Advisory Council is similar to a town meeting, except that the council is very informal in nature.

This is a chance for student groups and individuals to express their issues and concerns to their elected officers. It then becomes the responsibility of Legislative Council to act upon those concerns. Last quarter, about five groups participated. Even though the turnout was low, the discussions held with members of the Asian Student Coalition, La Voz de El Congreso, Kapatirang Pilipino, the India Association and Alpha Chi Omega were very productive. Concerns about funding, the budget process and the structure of Associated Students were discussed.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Student Advisory Council, and you do not have to be affiliated with any organization in order to participate. The first Student Advisory Council meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 19 from 6 to 7:30

“...your elected student leaders continue to strive to be active advocates for student voice here at UCSB.”

p.m. in the Lobero Room of the UCen. You are all invited.

Furthermore, Winter Quarter marks the beginning of the application process for A.S. Boards and Committees. If you wish to be active in student government, then take charge of the maintenance of your education by applying for a position in a variety of boards and committees. There are 20 A.S. boards and committees that deal with a myriad of issues such as academics, business services, finance, arbitration and campus diversity.

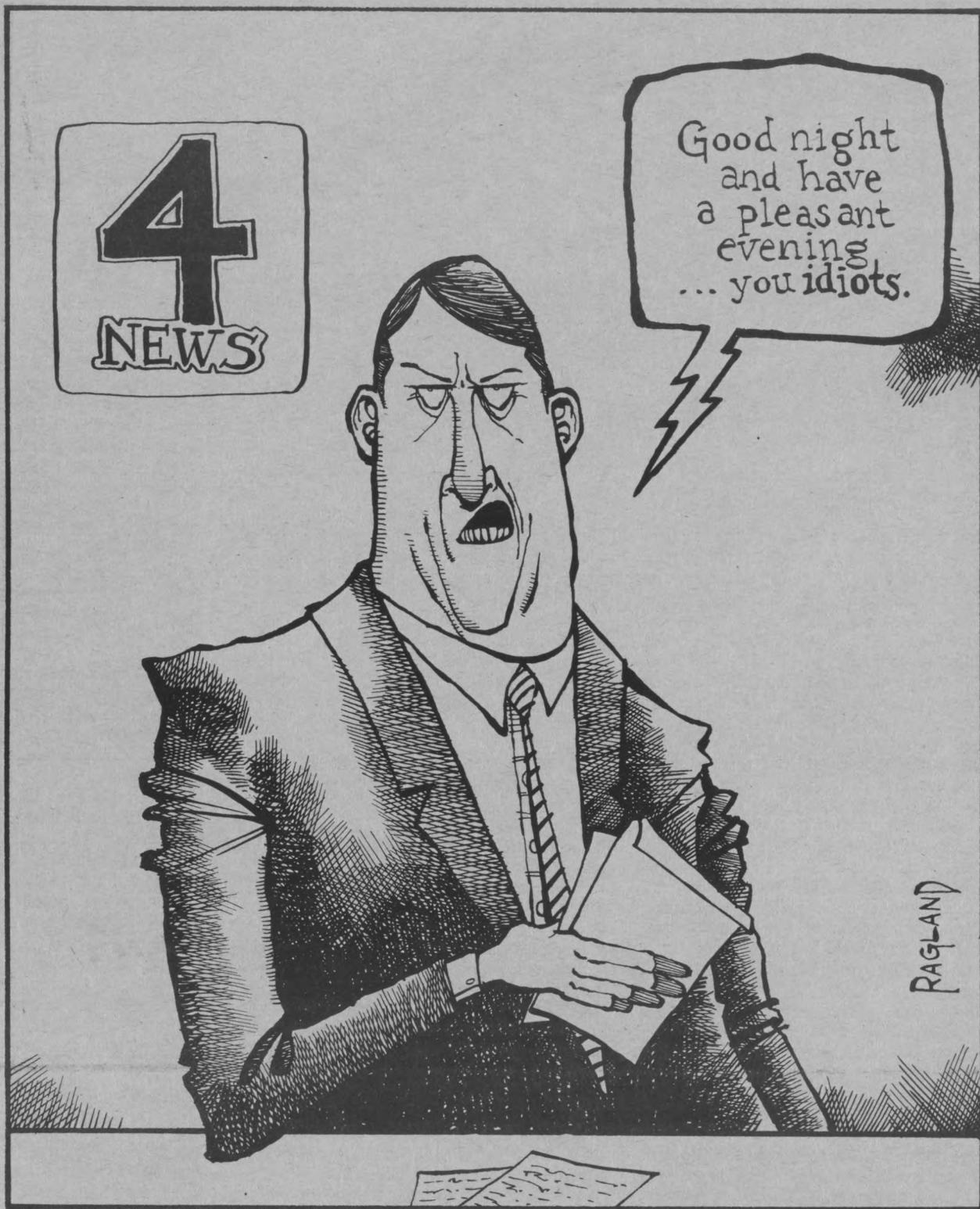
In addition to these boards and committees, University-wide administrative advisory committees and Academic Senate committees also require student representatives. The active participation of students in university policy-making cannot be overemphasized. This institution exists because of students. With the continuing budget crisis, downsizing of personnel and reduction of services offered to students, student activism is more crucial than ever. We need dedicated individuals to represent student voice. Make a difference — get involved.

To get a glimpse of your student government and your elected leaders, attend the Legislative Council meetings every Wednesday, starting at 6:30 p.m., in the Santa Barbara Harbor Room in the UCen. This is a public meeting. As it is my duty as internal vice president to run the meetings, I find that the presence of students at these meetings is a good way to remind council members to represent the views of their constituents and not their personal agendas. In other words, you being there compels them to do their job better.

If you are interested in becoming a Legislative Council member, we are currently conducting a search for one off-campus representative. Applications for this position are now available in the A.S. main office, and are due by Jan. 13 at 5 p.m.

As we start the new year, let us work together as a community of concerned and active students and take charge of the quality of our education. It is only through action that genuine progress can be achieved.

Cheryl Contreras is the A.S. internal vice president.



MATT RAGLAND/Daily Nexus

and the American people will speak once again. Hopefully, the people of this nation will speak uninfluenced by a news media that dwells on the negative and meaningless, rather than the positive and meaningful issues.

In order for us as a society to do this, we must first learn to cast the old partisan fears aside. A bipartisan government better serves the people, since the majority will be better represented, and the changes that do occur will positively affect the general population. Secondly, study the issues that have to do with governing and legislating. Third and most importantly, we must learn to differentiate from what is constructive, unbiased reporting and what isn't. I understand that in a modern-day society it can be quite difficult to sit down and read, study and analyze the facts, and so we turn to the almighty television to provide us with what seems to be the truth. Unfortunately, as of late, it's been difficult to get the real news from that source simply due to the destructive and negative path the news media has chosen to take.

I believe that issues such as making members of Congress accountable for their actions, restructuring of the welfare system and decreasing of the budget deficit, as well as many other issues of this kind, are more impor-

tant than if Newt called Hillary a bitch or if Bill and Hillary had a rough spot in their marriage or if Dan Quayle can't spell "potato" or that Jimmy Carter is Billy's brother.

This stuff isn't news — it's garbage and it does nothing but polarize this nation on such frivolous grounds, thus only adding to the problems we face as a nation. The news should be to educate the masses, but unfortunately, it doesn't.

The problem is not the Republicans. It's not the Democrats. The problem is a negatively rampant news media that seems to take pleasure in its tabloid presentation of the facts, and it has simply gotten out of hand.

Maybe if we all tune to some alternative sources of information, we can, as a nation, become somewhat educated in the issues surrounding what goes on in Washington, but until we do so, the general news media will continue to take advantage of our fast-moving lifestyle and continue to treat us like mushrooms, in the sense that when it comes down to issues of substance, they will continue to keep us in the dark and feed us bullshit.

Henry Sarria is a former UCSB engineering student.

Generation X Doesn't Deserve Boomer Criticism

...read about something called ...has no future and is lost in this ...article, all college students are ...studying for hours upon hours

63 percent of graduating seniors went on to college. But I thought that education was declining. I thought that no one in our generation knows where they are going. Isn't that what we are constantly told? Why is it that we are being blamed for problems which were created by generations past? Given the current economic recession, our parent generation wonders into whose hands the world will fall. They fear ours. Yet, they forget that during their heyday in the hippie generation, their parent generation was wondering the same thing.

hippie generation had peace in common. Well, we do have a goal: to patch up the mess that we are now in because of our "parent" generations.

Older generations point the finger at us, not knowing the real cause of our nation's problems. In the 1970s and 1980s, Americans wanted something for nothing. Eight years of Reaganomics later, the national debt of \$1 trillion (which had taken two hundred years accumulate) tripled to \$3 trillion.

So where does that leave us? We work. We get criticism. We persevere. We get criticism. What have we done wrong? Despite our failing economy, our generation has the highest college freshman enrollment rate in our nation's history. Doesn't that count for anything? We started with two strikes against us. Any effort to win approval from our older generations is futile. Regardless of our accomplishments, we will always be seen in their eyes as the generation with no direction. There is nothing we can do about that. Something can, however, be done about the way in which future generations view us. Years from now, we will be remembered as the generation that stopped criticizing and started doing.

Occasionally when I talk to a friend of my parents, they will jokingly ask me if I am taking after the rest of my generation. Do I play Nintendo all day, they always ask. (Why is it that to adults, Nintendo signifies lack of direction?). I used to take offense, but no longer. Any such remark, and likewise any such news item referring to Generation X, is one of pure ignorance. I simply smile and look forward to the day when we will be able to prove ourselves.

Michael Malk is an undeclared freshman.

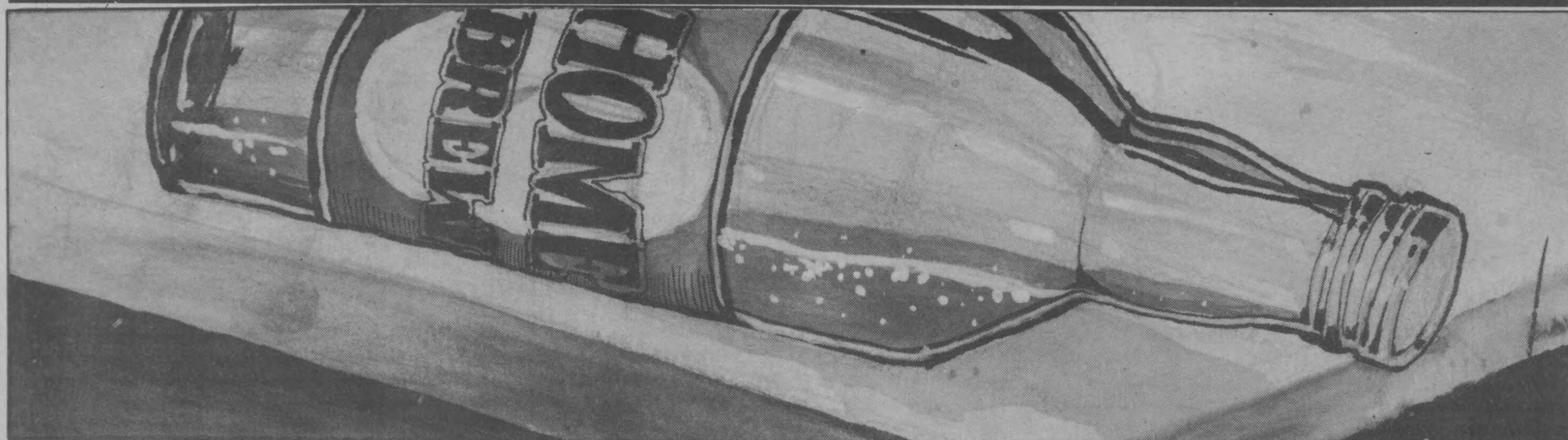


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Yesterday's hippies are today's yuppies. Along with their new wardrobes, they bought a new memory to match.

Historically, older generations have worried about their successors. Yet time after time the successors prove their worth. Generation X is different, our elders argue. At least past generations had common goals. For example, the



If you want something done right, do it yourself. Such is the attitude of home beer brewers, those liquid pioneers looking for an alternative to today's mass-produced beverages.

Michael Sterba, an undeclared sophomore, began homebrewing as an attempt to match some of the more expensive import and microbrewery beers available in stores, he said.

"During my freshman year we started drinking the \$8 six-packs. I stumbled upon a homebrewing kit and made my mom buy it for me," he said. "She feigned disapproval, but I think she was impressed when I produced my first batch."

The only drawback is the possible inconvenience for roommates of homebrewers, Sterba added.

"It's a big hassle for my housemates. They think it smells bad," he said. "Basically, it's not very conducive to roommate relations because for four or five hours you basically occupy the whole kitchen."

Each individual brewer must make not only a physical commitment but a mental one as well, Sterba said.

"It basically takes mental exercise because you have to plan everything out," he said. "The more patient you are, the better brew you make."

Like Sterba, many are attracted to the thrill of creating something unique, according to Mark Stevens, co-author of *Homebrew Favorites*.

"Many homebrewers are gadget hounds and technical people who also like tweaking things, trying to improve on them and to invent things," Stevens said. "Homebrewing gives you the chance to try bizarre combinations. Like adding fruit, chocolate, spices, unusual grains, coffee, tea or other things that a commercial brewer is not likely to want to risk on the scale

of hundreds or thousands of barrels. Since its inception in 1978, the AHA has experienced a steady yearly membership increase, according to Tullberg-Kelly, adding that the rate has jumped to 25-35 percent over the last three years.

A single batch of homebrewed beer requires about three weeks of preparation, though longer periods of time may be required depending on the type of beer produced, according to Rafael Maldonado, who has been selling homebrewing supplies out of his Isla Vista home for approximately 15 years.

The brewing process requires the boiling of malt and hops, which determine the character of the beverage, for about one hour. After a cool-down period, yeast is added which will ferment and produce the beer's alcohol. This part of the process can take anywhere from three days to a month, depending on the type of beer desired and the temperature at which the fermentation takes place, according to Maldonado.

After removal of the sediment produced by the yeast, priming sugars are added to produce the carbonation, and the beer is bottled. After approximately two weeks, the beer is sufficiently carbonated for drinking.

But for those who lack the time for such an undertaking, special kits are available which only require the brewer to add water and wait, according to Maldonado.

Currently, state and federal law allow people of legal drinking age to engage in limited homebrewing for private use and entries into specific competitions.

Current statutes allow for the production of 100 gallons per year for one adult or 200 gallons per year in households with two or more drinking-age residents. The brewed beverage cannot be sold, but can be entered in homebrewed beer competitions, according to Rick

you have to be 21 just to buy barley, corn sugar, yeast or honey? These are things you brew with.

"In practice, most homebrew supply shops have a policy where they don't knowingly sell to underage drinkers," Stevens added. "They do this for ethical reasons because they believe it would be irresponsible to do so. However, they are just selling food products, nothing containing alcohol."

Maldonado is careful to avoid selling these kits, which run from around \$40 to \$115, to customers who are not old enough to purchase alcohol, he said.

"The law doesn't actually require me to check," he said. "But I don't sell to underage customers."

Roughly three years ago, Maldonado stopped advertising his business in the *Daily Nexus* to discourage underage customers.

"I could tell by the calls," he said. "The first question they ask is 'How strong can you make it?'"

Aside from enforcement of current laws and the shop owners' refusal to sell to minors, little else can be done, according to Stevens.

"You can brew with just honey and a simple yeast. You can brew with just about any cereal," he said. "Knowing this means that no matter what restrictions you could put on the sales of ingredients, smart people can figure out how to get around the law."

The efforts involved would be enough to make a minor rethink homebrewing as a way to obtain beer, Stevens said.

"Most underage drinkers also have a logistical problem in brewing," he said. "How do you hide the smell of the boiling hops from mom and dad or neighboring dorm rooms? Certainly, some people can work around this, but if they can, they can also figure out ways to buy it."

"If you think that homebrewing is an easy way around the drinking age, you're more than a bit naive," Stevens said. "It takes many hours to brew beer. It's bulky, messy and smelly. A smart underage drinker will just find a fake I.D., a store that doesn't card them or make friends with someone older. It's a hell of a lot easier, less risky and ultimately cheaper."

Regardless of these deterrents, Sterba has brewed beer for about a year without concern over the age regulations.

"I never thought about that, the fact that it's illegal," he said. "Besides, kids around the world drink beer."

Sterba finds homebrewed beer more enjoyable than the store-bought version because of the quality and effort he puts into it.

"When you make homebrews you find the stuff so precious, you don't want to drink it too quickly," he said. "It's not exactly your party beverage because you just want to kick back and enjoy it."

Another form of motivation for those interested in homebrewing comes in recognition garnered at competitions or from showing off their creations to friends, according to Maldonado, who is also a competition judge.

"It's a neat stroke on the back when you take it to gatherings," he said. "Homebrewers like to have other people taste it for the feedback."

Sterba agrees the recognition gained from friends is well worth the work he puts into the hobby.

"The great thing is when your friends try some of your beer and they can't believe you made this," Sterba said. "Plus, when you swap brews with someone, it's like a competition."

Because of the time commitment required by such an endeavor, Maldonado believes it takes a certain type of individual to engage in the hobby.

"It takes a lot more maturity to make it. It takes more of a commitment," he said. "People are doing it because they're interested in making beer."

Sterba believes despite the time, sacrifice and hard work, homebrewing pays off in the end.

"Because of the effort you put into it, no matter what you make, it tastes like the nectar of the gods to you," he said.



Selling homebrewing supplies from his home in Isla Vista for approximately 15 years, Rafael Maldonado recognizes the tremendous commitment of time and energy required to produce beer at home, but still enjoys showing off his latest creations.

of hundreds or thousands of barrels.

"I suppose most people get into it to learn more about what makes beer taste the way it does, in all its various forms, or because they want to experiment with styles of beer that are difficult or impossible to find in many parts of this country," he added.

The number of homebrewers in the United States is currently on the rise, according to Lori Tullberg-Kelly of the American Homebrewers Association, an organization which promotes competitions among brewers and education of would-be beer manufacturers.

"No one's done an extensive study of how many homebrewers there are," she said. "But based on sales figures, approximately 1.5 million in the U.S. brew their own beer."

Feldan of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

However, enforcement of the age requirement is difficult, as the ingredients that go into beer are food items available to anyone, according to Feldan.

"Selling the various parts is not unlawful. It's what happens when it's chemically converted to alcohol," he said. "We have no laws that regulate the sale of the ingredients to minors."

Stevens believes current state and federal laws are adequate as they stand and that any extra statutes or regulations would be unnecessary.

"Can you buy the ingredients? Absolutely. Should they be regulated? No. The ingredients for making beer are food products," he said. "Do you really think it's a good idea to say that

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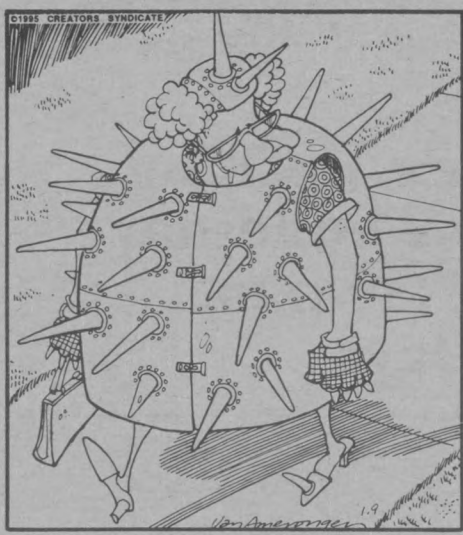
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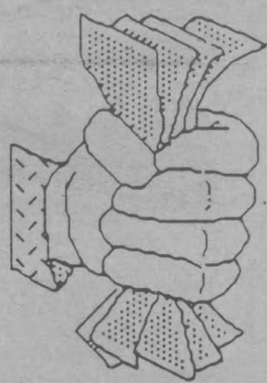
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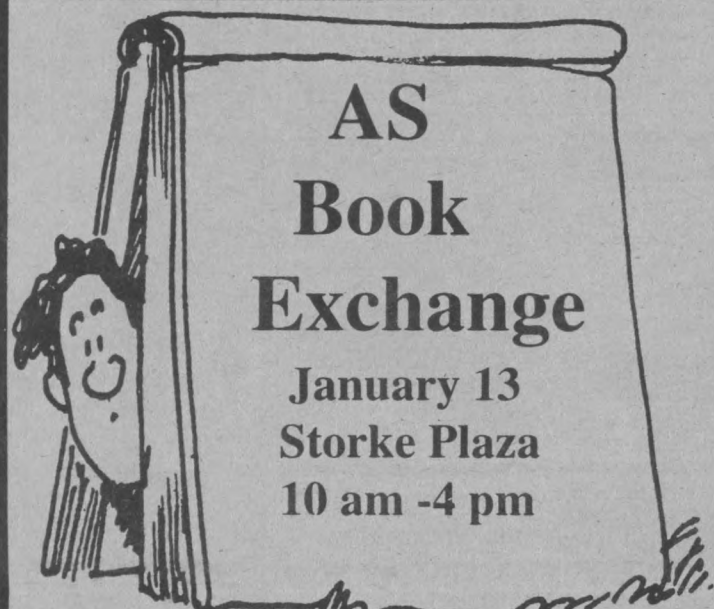
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Monday, Jan. 9

All week — Campus AIDS/STD Hotline: call Mike Loewy, sexuality counselor and educator, for FREE consultation regarding AIDS/STDs/birth control/sexuality. 893-3434

All week — Herpes Support Group. Call Mike for information on a completely confidential support group for students dealing with herpes. SHS, free, 893-3434

8:30 pm — Chicano/Latino Graduation Committee: First meeting of the quarter! Come and help plan out your graduation. El Centro, bldg 406

Tuesday, Jan. 10

All day — Pick up your Nexus Coupon Issue for great savings!

5-7 pm — Community Affairs Board (CAB): Our first meeting of the year! Learn how you can help your community. UCen State St., 893-4296

Wednesday, Jan. 12

6-7:30 pm — Come to Best Buddies organizational meeting and find out how you can develop a friendship with a person w/mental retardation. UCen Flying A Studio

7 pm — Coastal Ocean Rescue: first meeting of Winter Quarter, anyone can attend. Environmental Health and Safety Bldg.

Friday, Jan. 13

All day — Check out the Nexus Weekend Connection for your entertainment/dining guide to Santa Barbara/Goleta area!

Monday, Jan. 16

Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday holiday — no classes!

Welcome Back!

To have your event published in the calendar you must:

- 1) Register your group or organization with CAC
- 2) Submit the information on the proper form to the CAC office, UCen 3151, by WEDNESDAY NOON
- 3) Only one event per form
- 4) Only events for the current week are published, on the day of the event
- 5) You will need to submit a new form for each meeting