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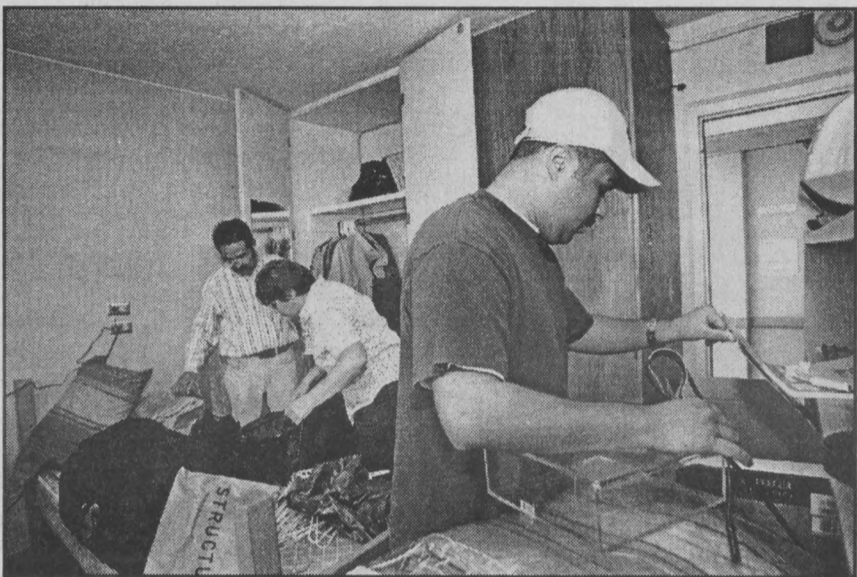
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You Mean I Get to Share a Bathroom With 25 People!

Along with approximately 3000 other incoming freshmen, undeclared UCSB newcomer Christian Carrozco unpacks his belongings with the help of his parents as he tries to settle into his new room in San Miguel during freshmen move-in day.

Regents' Counsel Overrules I.V. Tenants Union, EAB Measures

BY TED ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

Despite landslide April victories for student-fee measures, two of UCSB's student-advocacy groups are finding that, based on the interpretation of recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions, extracting student monies is not necessarily as simple as a student election.

In last year's Spring Election, 73 percent of student voters supported a \$1 per-

student per-quarter tuition increase for the Isla Vista Tenants Union — an Associated Students renters' rights advocacy group — and 83 percent voted to add \$0.25 to the UCSB Environmental Affairs Board's (EAB) long-standing \$0.15 per-student per-quarter fee.

Chancellor Henry Yang approved the election results and forwarded them to the University of California General Counsel, where the two initiatives were

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Leg Council Approves Pay Increase for Reps Over Seasonal Recess

BY BRENDAN BUHLER
Staff Writer

While Gauchos were away for the summer, UCSB's Associated Students government was hard at work finding the funding for a collective \$12,000 pay raise for its members.

At the last meeting of the 1999-2000 A.S. Legislative Council, representatives approved an increase in the fees A.S. pays board and committee members for their services. The bill did not specify where the money for raises, which are expected to cost \$12,000 annually, would come from.

Over the summer, Leg Council chose to take the

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Isla Vista Benefits From Summer of Public Works Projects

BY MARISA LAGOS
Staff Writer

Although easily overlooked, students returning from summer may be startled by the smooth surfaces of newly paved Isla Vista streets.

Both the Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District and 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall have been busy pushing through developments in I.V. this summer, including the addition of a new park, improvements on exist-

ing parks, road repair, brighter street lights and more permanent beach accesses. According to Mark

Chaconas, Marshall's executive assistant, the county has completed repaving on Embarcadero del Mar and Embarcadero del Norte and has plans to finish more roads within the next year. Chaconas said the county is also working with the Water

Works] and said you're going to get the roads done this summer. We did the Embarcaderos with minimal disruption to the community. The Caminos and [the west end of] El Colegio will be done later," he said. "We've authorized the funding and they'll get done. Most of the funding came from Measure D, a half-cent sales tax [on gasoline]."

According to Chaconas, the county has allocated approximately \$100,000 from road funds to add sidewalks on the 6500 blocks of Sabado Tarde and Del Playa Drive, and is working with Edison

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Family Sues UC, Friends for Drug-Related Death

Ecstasy Ingestion Aggravates Unknown Heart Condition, Alleged Failure to Respond Prompts Parent's Legal Actions

BY MARISA LAGOS
Staff Writer

The death of 21-year-old UCSB student Elizabeth Fang last year left lasting effects in the UCSB community, most recently in the form of a lawsuit filed in March.

Fang, who was president of Sigma Kappa Chi sorority, died April 9, 1999, approximately five-and-a-half hours after ingesting one pill of MDMA, commonly known as Ecstasy, at a Lambda Phi Epsilon fraternity party. Fang's mother, Seng Fang, filed a wrongful death suit last March against the University of California Board of Regents, UC President Richard Atkinson, UCSB Chancellor Henry Yang, Lambda Phi Epsilon and five of Fang's friends.

Ecstasy: More info about what it does. See p.4



In April of 1999, Sigma Kappa Chi president, senior Elizabeth Fang, died after taking MDMA.

shortly after taking it and began vomiting at approximately 6:15 a.m., about three hours after taking the tablet. The lawsuit states by 8:45 a.m. "she began to convulse and hallucinate. ... The members of the party, and each of them, noticed she had a pink frothy substance seeping from the corners of her mouth."

According to Michael Braa, the attorney representing Fang's family, friends called the drug-counseling hotline at Student Health at approximately 9:15 a.m. and, after a short delay, were connected with Dr. Elizabeth Browning, who advised them to call 911. Sheriff's Dept. Public Information Officer Lt. Mike Burridge said 911 received the call at 9:28 a.m.

"The Isla Vista Foot Patrol, paramedics and fire department responded and arrived. She was unconscious and unresponsive. They transported her to Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital

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— Mark Chaconas
Marshall's executive assistant

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Weather

I think it's high time we all recognize and commend our local law enforcement officers for their tremendous community service. I was at a party last night when the cops busted in and issued two citations. One was the standard noise violation, but the other was for distributing alcohol to minors. Great detective work, guys. Who would have thought that minors would be drinking in I.V.? Once again, you saved the day. So here it is, your 21-donut salute:

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Thursday's forecast: Mmmmmmm. Donuts.

Regents Require All UC Students to Obtain Healthcare Coverage

By **BRENDAN BUHLER**
Staff Writer

For University of California students, health insurance is no longer an option — it is mandatory.

On Sept. 14, the UC Board of Regents made a decision requiring students to be covered by insurance beginning fall 2001.

Campuses estimate that 40 percent of undergraduates are uninsured and that 25 percent of students who withdraw from the University do so for health reasons. Under the regents' plan, undergraduates would be required to either purchase insurance at their campus or provide proof of comparable coverage.

Graduate students and international students are already required to do this.

UC Public Information Representative Mary Spletter said the University was worried students would be unable to complete their studies due to ill health.

"The regents took a vote on a recommendation to have health insurance for all undergraduates at

UC campuses," she said. "It stemmed from a growing concern about students who don't have health insurance or effective health insurance."

Currently, all UC campuses offer health insurance through Student Health Services, and at Santa Cruz and Berkeley insurance is mandatory. The cost of SHS plans

"In fact, students receiving Financial Aid were already covered," she said.

About 12,000 UCSB students receive some form of financial aid and O'Dette estimates that about 90 percent of those 12,000 are undergraduates, although not all of those use their healthcare aid to purchase the SHS plan.

I suppose this may affect some students negatively. ... It will help more students than it will hurt.

— **Mary Spletter**
UC Public Information Representative

range from \$522 to \$864, with an average cost of \$714 a year.

According to Veronica O'Dette, the director of UCSB's Financial Aid program, students on assistance do not need to worry about the increased cost because it is already included in their aid package.

"It's not going to have any impact on us at all because two UCs, Santa Cruz and Berkeley, already had this," she said. "The UC Financial Aid package already includes \$407 for healthcare.

However, students not eligible for Financial Aid still will not be eligible for covered insurance, despite the increased fees. Students not already receiving aid will be required to pay for their plan or seek coverage under their parents' plans.

The UC Student Association supported the regents' decision to make health insurance a condition of UC enrollment. UCSA Chair Debbie Davis said UCSA is also worried about students who are not on Financial Aid but still must take out loans to attend school.

"We are concerned that

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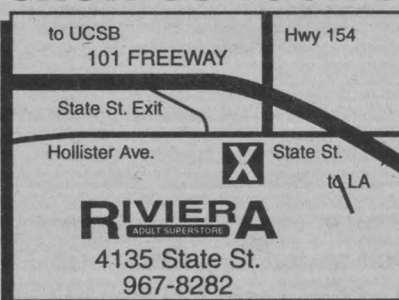
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GENERATION X

By DAVID DOWNS
Staff Writer

"There seems to be two groups of people doing Ecstasy," says "John," a 20-year-old sophomore who sells drugs at UCSB.

"There's the people that got into the rave/Ecstasy scene in high school and have done so much they're pretty much over it; and then there's the completely clueless kids who come to college and are just like, 'what's beer?'"

John is visibly exhausted from the previous night's cocaine binge, and he slowly tells the story of first taking MDMA in high school at age 17. He was one of those naïve kids who took an unknown pill handed to him at a party and, after three years of using and selling E, his disgust for the drug is obvious.

Last April, Sigma Kappa Chi sorority president Elizabeth Fang took an MDMA pill handed to her at a party and died five hours later when the drug aggravated an undiagnosed heart condition. Fang became part of the comparatively small number of people who die every year from dehydration, overhydration, heat stroke, or heart complications from MDMA.

Fang's parents are suing the fraternity where the party was held, their late daughter's friends, and the University of California Board of Regents. The suit claims Fang had no knowledge of MDMA's effects, and all who cared for Fang during that night were negligent and contributed to the death of the Fang. If the Fang family wins, the settlement could be in the millions.

Fang's story is a typical one. After having

a few drinks the evening of April 8, Fang and other partyers at the fraternity chipped in to buy a bag of MDMA pills. About 20 people took the pills at 3 a.m., and Fang started having a bad reaction by 4:30 a.m. Her conditions worsened over the next five hours until she stopped breathing sometime around 9:30 a.m.

John heard the story of Elizabeth Fang, but the lawsuit was news to him. Like the large majority of people interviewed on the subject, he thought the lawsuit was "bullshit."

"She did the drug, and she had a bad reaction. It's just typical and tragic that her friends didn't recognize she could die. You never know what's in those pills though," he said.

While the chemical MDMA has few dangerous side effects when compared to more broadly abused drugs like alcohol, E is often

cut with various other chemicals that have considerable side effects.

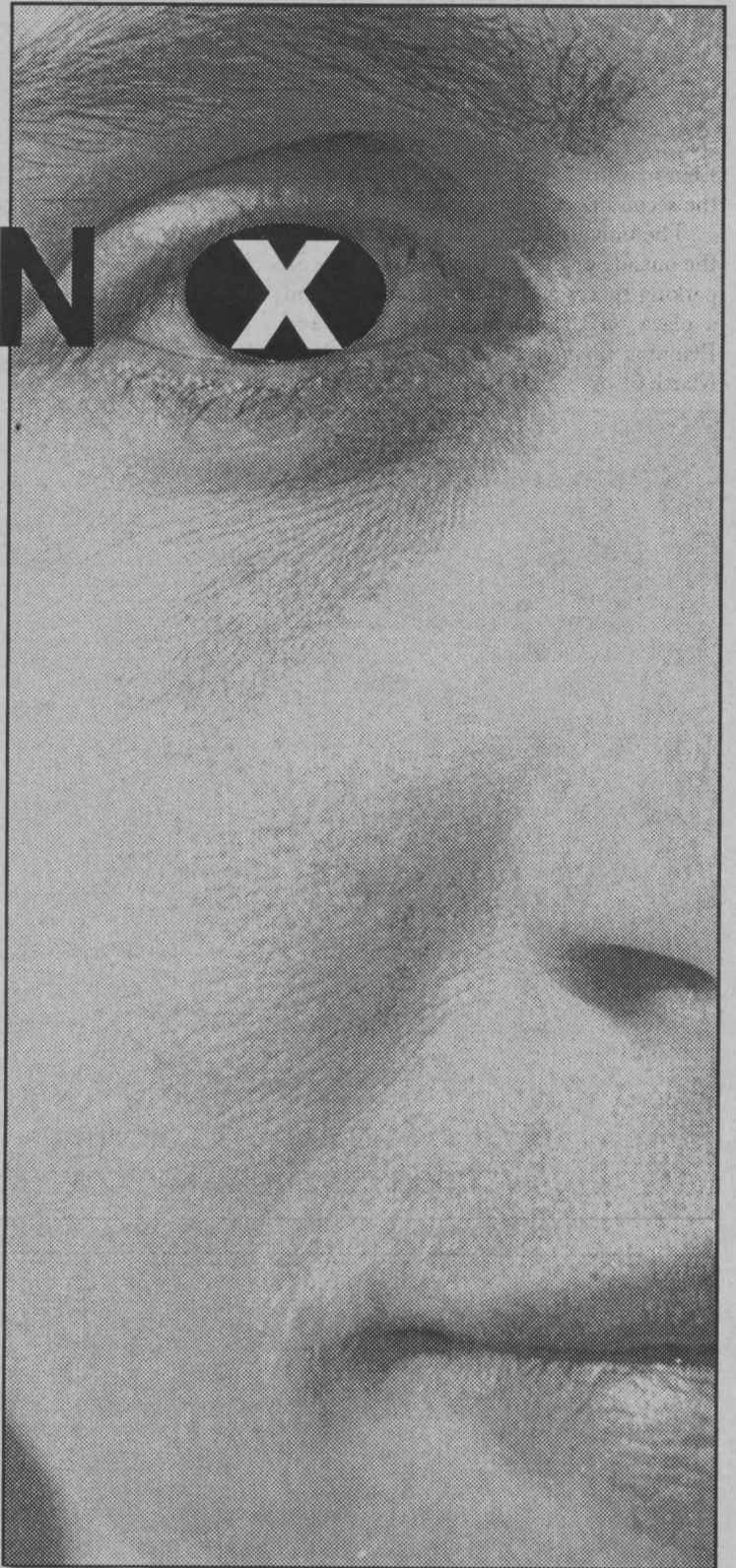
Alcohol and Drug Education Coordinator Judy Hearsom has spent 11 years in UCSB's

Student Health Services, and has seen drug trends rise, peak and come down. One of Judy's main arguments against Ecstasy is the drug's endless capacity to be cut with more dangerous chemicals.

In a statewide study last year, random samples of MDMA were bought off the street and tested for potency. Of the six pills

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- UCSB Student Health Services Data



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The History of E

- 1913 German chemical company Merck patents MDMA supposedly to be sold as a diet pill. Merck never markets the drug.
- 1970 Experimental psychotherapists test and research MDMA as an effective way to bring out true feelings in patients and couples.
- 1980 MDMA begins its ascent in the club cultures of Europe and New York.
- 1985 The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency tries to make MDMA a Schedule-1 drug and is sued to halt the process. A federal judge recommends Schedule-3 prescription status, but the DEA places MDMA with heroin and crack in Schedule-1.
- 1990 MDMA use surges with the all-night rave culture.
- 1995 MDMA moves into college and suburbia scenes. Ecstasy is rated 129 out of 130 drugs of abuse likely to cause problems.
- 2000 Mafia snitch Sammy "the Bull" Gravano is indicted for connections to a massive western Ecstasy drug ring. Gravano is believed to be just a drop in the bucket. By July, over 4.4 million hits of Ecstasy have been seized by law enforcement and the number continues to climb.

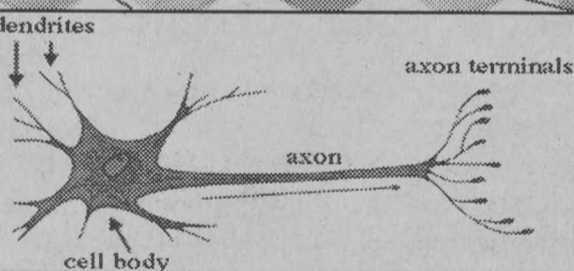


GOT X ON THE BRAIN? HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

1) After oral ingestion, Ecstasy travels to the brain where it causes serotonin neurons to dump their supplies of the happy juice at the axon terminals.

2) Largely responsible for the feelings of euphoria and empathy, the serotonin hits the dendrites of neighboring neurons, causing them to release their serotonin in a chain-reaction.

3) Over the course of six hours MDMA exhausts the brain's supply of serotonin happy juice. As serotonin levels fall, the user comes down, becomes less euphoric and more speedy.



4) Taking more at this come down point will be much less fun and much more speed as there's no serotonin left to change mood

5) The next day you can expect to feel slower, less happy as your brain recovers. Some call this feeling "E-tarded." It can take up to two weeks to rebuild serotonin to levels prior to MDMA use.

LONG TERM EFFECTS

Studies on monkeys have shown abnormal serotonin neuron regrowth as well as no neuron regrowth whatsoever.

Although most human tests remain scientifically inconclusive, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to realize that recklessly tinkering with the brain chemicals which control mood can lead to long term emotional disorders like depression.

bought in Santa Barbara, three didn't even contain MDMA. Ephedrine, Dexedrine, strychnine and unidentified chemicals showed up instead.

"The highest percentage in the Santa Barbara pills was one which was 71 percent MDMA and some other unidentified chemicals. People are taking stuff, and they have no idea what they're taking," she said.

"It's ridiculous in this town," John says, reiterating the drug educator's claim. "I'm surprised only three tested negative for MDMA. That's the biggest problem with E — which is pretty safe — all the stuff it's cut with," he said. "A lot of it is speed, and you'll be able to tell if you're still dancing after seven hours and clenching your jaw tight."

John used to get pure MDMA crystals in a white powder, cut it with ephedrine and put it in gel caps which sold for \$20 a hit. He says a 100-milligram dose usually runs \$7 to \$12 wholesale, but he would make even more when he cut and filled his own capsules.

"A lot of times a pill will become popular, like 'Rolex's', and other dealers will make copies with different chemicals.

Graphics by David Downs

University Buys Piece of I.V.'s Past

UCSB will begin renovating its newest property acquisition, the former Bank of America turned Isla Vista Beer Company, and soon-to-be UCSB lecture hall, starting next summer and continuing through spring 2002.

The new Embarcadero Hall will contain a 300- to 350-seat lecture hall, two or three tutorial classrooms and a storage room for the University Art Museum on the first floor. The I.V. Community Liaison Office will relocate its office to the second floor.

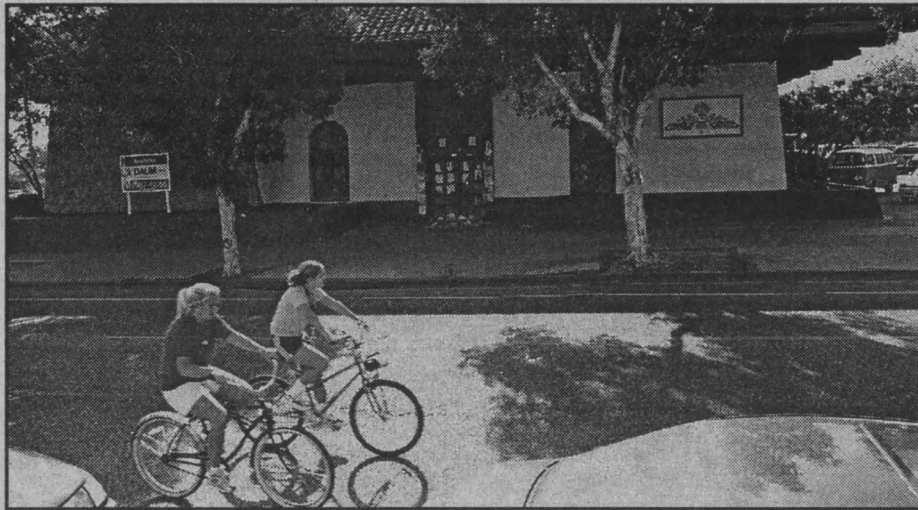
The university also plans to landscape the outside of the building — creating 32 parking spaces and adding bike racks and a plaza on the north side, Budget and Planning Capital Development Director Martha Levy said.

"We wanted to make [the plaza] more inviting and a place people want to be," she said. "I'm hoping it will be a place students will use, especially in the evening."

Levy said the UC Board of Regents allotted a \$2 million-plus loan for the renovations, which will be paid off with campus funds.

In 1970, UCSB students burned down the then-Bank of America building in protest of the Vietnam War, faculty relations and other issues. The act of protest sparked an intense period of civil unrest and martial law in I.V. during which a local sheriff's deputy shot and killed one UCSB student on the sidewalk of the torched bank.

—Sarah Healy



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The former site of Bank of America and IVBC will be converted into lecture halls and storage space, making use of the old vault for the University Art Museum.

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We have explained to the businesses in question that advertisement of two-for-one specials actually violates Section 25600 and Rule 106 of California's Alcoholic Beverage Control Act. As reported in the September 13, 2000 edition of the Santa Barbara News-Press, the only thing that the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board can do about drink prices is to ensure that bars are not giving away alcohol free of charge or doing two-for-one deals.

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I would like to extend an especially warm welcome to our new freshmen and transfer students. This year's admissions process was highly competitive. You were selected from more than 37,500 applicants to UCSB — a record. We are very proud of you.

This is a very exciting time for this university as we continue to receive recognition as a leading research and teaching institution. Just this month, in the annual college guide issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, UCSB was ranked 14th among the top national public universities for our undergraduate programs. We also are an elected member of the Association of American Universities, which includes us within the top 1 1/2% of over 3,950 universities in the U.S. and Canada.

As a student here, you will learn from faculty members who are among the best in their disciplines. You will be surrounded by caring staff members who are dedicated to helping you make the most of your college experience. You will interact both academically and socially with fellow students who are as bright and energetic as you are. The wonderful diversity of your backgrounds, talents, and perspectives will enrich us all as we live and learn together.

I am also pleased to welcome back our returning students. You are already familiar with UCSB's commitment to offering the best possible opportunities for learning through research and scholarship. Like me, I am sure you look forward to the fall

quarter with renewed enthusiasm and commitment.

I hope each of you will take full advantage of the many support systems here on campus that exist to help you succeed. I encourage you to challenge yourself with something new this quarter — perhaps an independent art or research project, or one of UCSB's many clubs, or maybe an intramural sport.

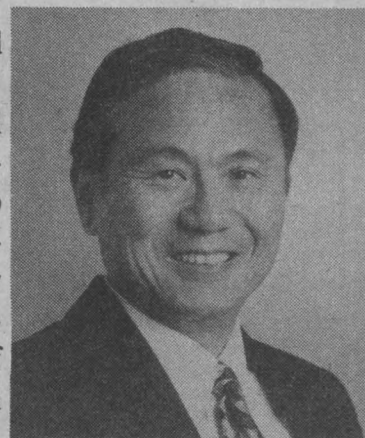
I also encourage you to get involved with our local community. UCSB is fortunate to be an integral part of a very special community, and I am proud that nearly half of our students choose to serve as volunteers during their time here. Some of you are active in youth recreation and sports programs, participate in blood drives, and help clean up local beaches. Others give time to charitable organizations in our area. And some of you tutor and mentor children in local schools, helping us reach out to those who represent the future of this campus and our nation.

As we begin the first academic year of the new millennium, we rededicate ourselves as a community of scholars to UCSB's long-standing mission: excellence in teaching, research, and public service.

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IVFP Directs Zero Tolerance at Open Parties

By **SHAUN P. McGRADY**
Staff Writer

Fourteen point four gallons of beer down the gutter — the humanity, oh the humanity.

In order to combat the droves of new and returning students flooding Isla Vista, the I.V. Foot Patrol began enforcing the zero tolerance policy Sept. 8, which will continue through Halloween. Coined by the IVFP as "Fall Education Period," the first weeks of the school year will be marked by a larger police presence and stricter enforcement of local laws, including minors in possession of alcohol, drunk in publics, and a newly enforced section that views a keg of beer as an open container. The program was created in response to the large surge of parties usually associated with the start of a new school year.

"The community of I.V. accounts for almost 57 percent of all alcohol-related offenses and crimes in all of Santa Barbara County. Three years ago it was 40 percent," IVFP Lt. Butch Arnoldi said. "Drunk in public went from 256 to 741 [in the last school year]. ... Many of the

741 were intoxicated people who were a danger to themselves and others."

In an attempt to reduce the number of large open parties, the IVFP will begin enforcing a new policy regarding open keg parties this year, Arnoldi said.

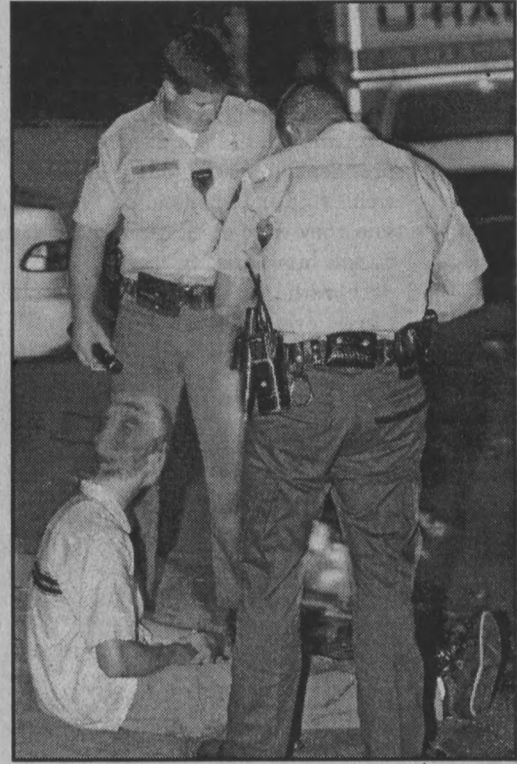
"Furnishing alcohol to minors is going to be a big one this year — we're really going after it. We can, and are, confiscating kegs," he said. "A tapped keg should be considered an 'open container.' Therefore, we should be able to pour out the contents at the scene and return the keg to its owner. The person responsible for the keg can be cited."

The parties taking place in I.V. are not an issue, but can become a problem when the party is open to the wandering masses that fill the streets of I.V. every weekend,

according to Mark Chaconas, assistant to 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall.

"If you have a kegger with 30 of your friends, no problem," he said. "It is when you open it up to 300 people that it becomes a problem."

The IVFP is not trying to prevent Isla Vistans from having parties, but are rather encouraging smaller



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The IVFP will increase its force through the fall to maintain order with the influx of new residents.

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money out of A.S.'s unallocated fund, which is normally reserved for funding student groups and activities during the year. The money constituted 11 percent of the unallocated funds.

At the July 26 meeting it took members about 20 minutes to agree to pay for the raises, but nearly an hour and 45 minutes of debate to approve the funding of handicapped-access signs in the A.S. office — money that, under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, A.S. they must legally provide.

The individual raises will start at \$30 a quarter for members of smaller committees and go up to \$150 a quarter for A.S. vice presidents, who already receive free tuition. After the raises, A.S. honoraria will range from \$180 to \$400.

Off-Campus Rep Matt McMillan, who authored the pay increase, said student government hadn't seen a pay raise in 50 years.

"It was felt that in order to keep students interested in serving the government and staying in it we needed to increase pay. Otherwise, they might go out and get jobs," he said. "There hasn't been a pay raise since 1950, and back then the \$250 honoraria

[for Leg Council members] was to cover tuition."

A.S. Student Government Adviser Ann Molloy said even the higher pay was small when compared to the workload.

"The students put in a lot of hard work and time and sacrificed other opportunities to work at A.S.," she said. "If you look at what they're getting, it's not a lot for what they're doing."

Although the three vice presidents already receive free tuition, McMillan said they were given additional honoraria to keep pace with the compensations other board and committee members receive.

"They are getting a raise to keep in line with the raises everyone else is getting and because the VPs do a substantial amount of work for which cash-on-hand would help them," he said. "In a perfect world the president would be making about \$800 per quarter ... but these increases are so small they won't harm the budget."

Former Off-Campus Rep Courtney Ross-Tait said Leg Council made a mistake in taking away money usually reserved for student groups.

"I feel that the decision to take it out of the unallocated funds, and to do it over the summer when students couldn't come and speak on it, was the

wrong thing for a supposedly representative legislative body to do," she said.

Unallocated funds are funds set aside for Finance Board, an A.S. subcommittee, to disburse to student groups. Student groups use the money to pay for special events such as concerts, art projects and catered gatherings.

McMillan said that despite the fact that the pay raises are 11 percent of the money Finance Board would have been able to distribute this year, the effect on A.S.'s ability to fund student activities would be negligible.

"This year, Finance Board may not have as much as last year, but they are still solvent and have a lot to dole out," he said. "This isn't a significant chunk for them."

Rep-at-Large Eneer Rodriguez said the \$12,000 in pay raises was money well-spent.

"I think when you consider the hard work we do for students, it's definitely worth it," she said. "We work long hours for the student body and, when it comes to compensation, we definitely deserve it."

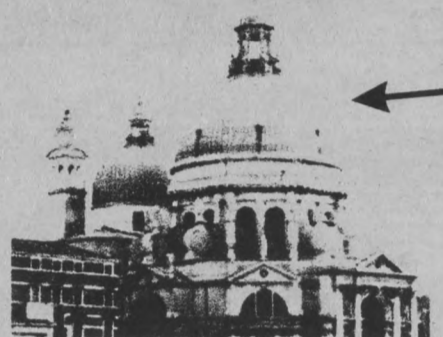
When asked why the summer Leg Council was quick to approve pay-raise funding but hesitant to provide handicapped-access signs, McMillan said it was because most of the board members that

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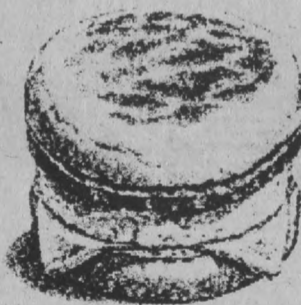
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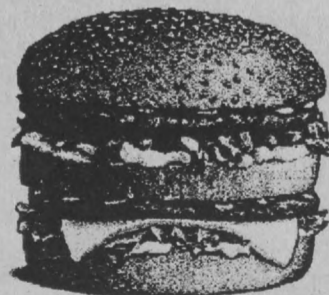
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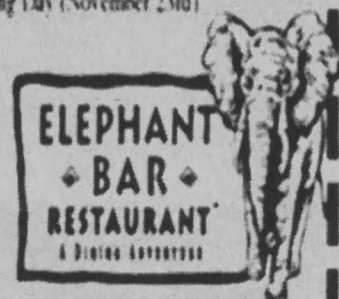
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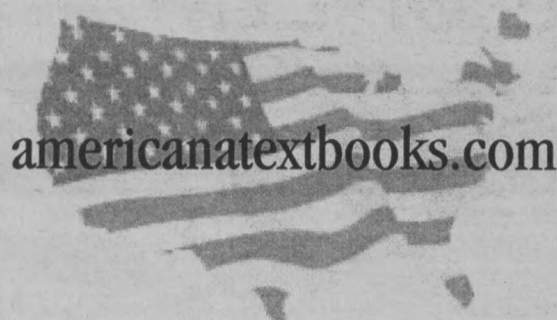
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 lights.

"We had a meeting with Edison and the utilities division; Edison has agreed to retrofit every light in I.V. with new light bulbs. We'll probably exclude the 6800 block," he said.

In addition to new sidewalks, the IVRPD is working in conjunction with Marshall's office and the Fish and Game Dept. to make various improvements on DP. The county recently purchased an open space on the 6500 block that will become Pelican's Park.

According to County Arts Commission Executive Director Patrick Davis, the Arts Commission is collaborating with the IVRPD to design an archway made out of driftwood and other



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Two bikers enjoy a not-so-smooth ride down Abrego Road, one of several streets in Isla Vista torn-up by continuing repairs to traffic-worn streets and an aging pipe system.

"found" materials, dolphin fountains that are integrated into the landscaping and a terrazzo pingpong table. Davis said the Arts Commission identified artist Scott Peterson last

year to work with the IVRPD's design team.

"Scott can get his mind down to about a 7-year-old — he does all these fantasy pieces," Davis said. "He competed and was

chosen, but he decided he wanted to take the two runners up and make a team. [He's working with] Lucy Brown, a local graphic artist, and Gretel Huglin, an installation artist."

Marshall's office and the IVRPD are also looking for grants to improve the beach accesses farther down DP at Camino Pescadero and Camino del Sur. Chaconas said the county has applied for coastal-enhancement funds through the county grant program and hopes to install stainless steel staircases, which will not be affected by salt water.

"We know nothing on the coast is permanent, but what we hope it to be is the most permanent solution to beach access," he said.

The IVRPD is also collaborating with the Fish and Game Dept., who recently purchased three open spaces on DP, according to IVRPD board member Ariana Katovich.

"We're going to work with the Fish and Game Dept. — they pay for them and give them to us. They know if we have them, we'll keep them as open spaces and reserves," she said.

Other items on the IVRPD's agenda include renovation of Greek Park on Embarcadero del Norte, construction at Children's Park on Picasso Road, as well as work at Anisq' Oyo' Park.

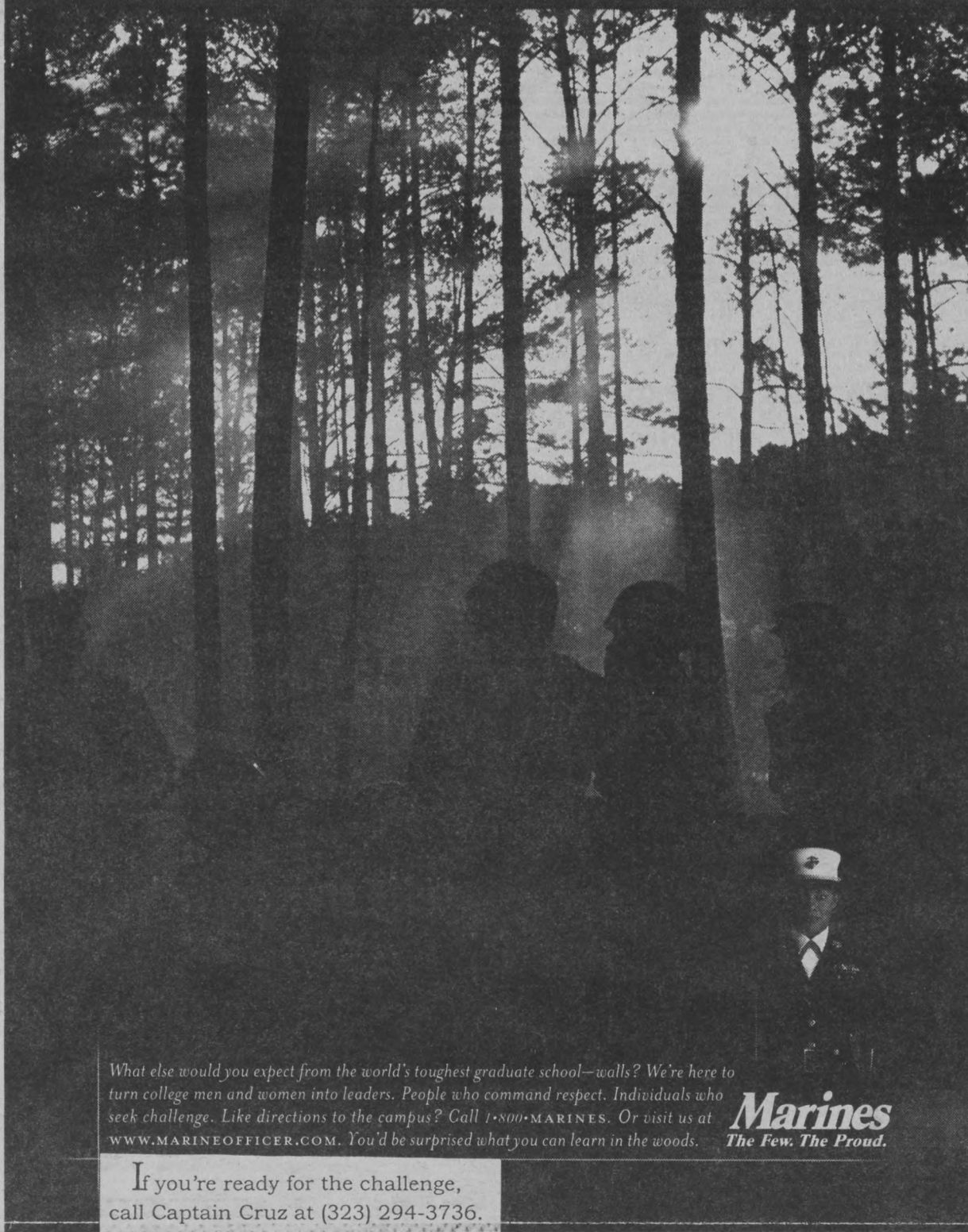
"We're aerating the pond in Anisq' Oyo' so it's not stagnant and disgusting, and we're preparing Greek Park for basketball courts," Katovich said. "At Children's Park we're putting in bathrooms, a handball court, a gazebo and a storage shed for art supplies."

The IVRPD would also like to expand the disc golf course on Estero Road, which opened in January and can attract nearly 200 visitors a day, according to Katovich.

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BY ERIC SIMONS
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Failed stars known as brown dwarfs live quiet, peaceful lives, placidly losing energy, and progressively cooling off.

That is why a team of four researchers, including one UCSB professor, was shocked when after nine hours of observation of a well-known brown dwarf, a stream of radiation similar to a solar flare

blasted out from the surface. The discovery was published in the July 20 *Astrophysical Journal Letters*.

Brown dwarfs form from swirling clouds of hydrogen gas, similar to stars. As the gas contracts, it is heated, and more gas leads to a higher temperature. In stars, the temperature gets hot enough to ignite thermonuclear reactions, which power the tremendous energy output. A brown dwarf, with only 6 percent the mass of a star such as the sun, does not reach this stage, and

spends its life slowly leaking away light and energy.

"What's special about stars that are 6 percent of the solar mass or higher, is that they can generate nuclear energy at a rate that matches what they're losing," UCSB Research Physicist Lars Bildsten said. "For the sun, what's happening is it's generating energy, and it's exactly

Celsius.

"Any objects cooler than about 2500 degrees [Kelvin] that show lithium are definitely brown dwarfs; anything cooler than 1800 [Kelvin] is definitely a brown dwarf," UC Berkeley Professor Gibor Basri said. "We have probably 100 objects that satisfy one of those two criteria."

Brown dwarfs are objects that just don't get to become a star, so they fade forever, always losing energy and becoming colder and colder objects.

**- Lars Bildsten
UCSB research physicist**

matching the energy it's losing, so it lives for a long time until it runs out of fuel. Brown dwarfs are objects that just don't get to become a star, so they fade forever, always losing energy and becoming colder and colder objects."

The temperature in the sun's core is hotter than 15 million degrees Kelvin, while the temperature in a brown dwarf is a frigid 2,000 degrees Kelvin. The temperature in Kelvin is equal to the temperature in Celsius plus 273.15 degrees, and room temperature is about 24 degrees

of the most important characteristics of a star, Bildsten said.

"Most of the implications have to do with how strong the fields are from birth," he said. "Some of the brown dwarfs are relatively young. And the question is: Is the magnetic field imprinted at early times out of the gas from which the star was formed, or is the magnetic field internally generated?"

The sun goes through 22-year cycles in which its magnetic field becomes

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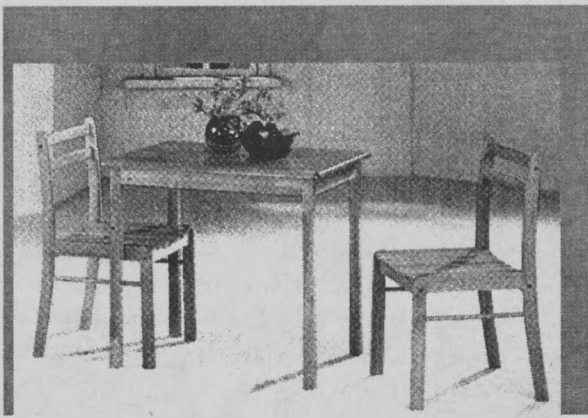
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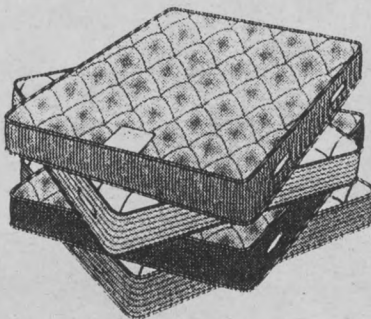
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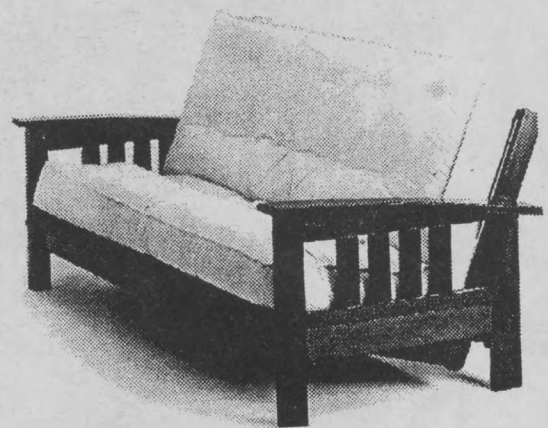
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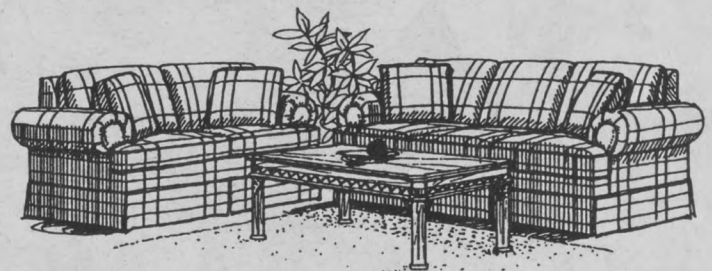
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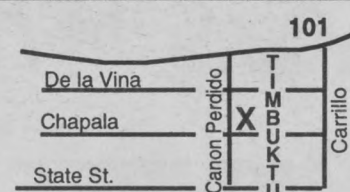


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frozen before they could reach the UC Board of Regents' July 19-20 meeting for approval. Because of this decision, neither group will receive their ballot-approved funding for Fall Quarter.

After consulting members of the general counsel, UC Deputy General Counsel Gary Morrison halted both initiatives based on the interpretation of two recent Supreme Court rulings: the *Board of Regents of Wisconsin vs. Scott Southworth* and the *Santa Fe Independent School District vs. Jane Doe*.

The Cases

In the most recent case, the Santa

Fe Independent School District was challenged by a group of mothers angered by an elected student chaplain who delivered a prayer over the public-address system before each home varsity football game. The court ruled the chaplain election

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**- Gary Morrison
UC deputy general counsel**

invalid last June because it did "nothing to protect minority views, but rather places the student who holds such views at the mercy of the majority," and also violated the First Amendment's Establishment Clause of separation of church and state.

The court backed their decision by citing March's *Southworth* decision. In this case, students and alumni of the University of Wisconsin's Madison campus filed suit against the University claiming that mandatory student fees — approximately \$65 per student per year — funded advocacy groups, or registered student organizations, that engaged in political or ideological expression opposed by the plaintiffs.

The Precedent

In a four-page letter to Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Young, Morrison said the standard established by the court is that "universities retain considerable flexibility for the purpose of facilitating the free and open exchange of ideas by, and among, its

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22 MARCH 2000

The Board of Regents of Wisconsin vs. Scott Southworth decided. Decision states that universities cannot force students to pay for student groups political or ideological in nature.

27 APRIL 2000

I.V. Tenants Union's \$1 and EAB's \$.25 lock-in fees approved in A.S. Election by 73 and 83 percent, respectively.

19 JUNE 2000

Santa Fe Independent School District vs. Jane Doe Supreme Court case decided. Ruling upholds a federal precedent's power to overrule a student election.

late JUNE

Chancellor Henry Yang forwards UCSB election results to regents' Counsel.

11 JULY 2000

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Michael Young receives e-mail from UC Deputy Counsel Gary Morrison stating that the two ballot measures could not be "legally supported under the recent *Southworth* decision."

CURRENTLY

Both groups spoke with Morrison via conference call on 10 August, but Morrison said he need to consult more administrators on the matter before a reversal could be made.

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students; so long as the university follows the 'requirement of viewpoint neutrality in the allocation of funding support.'

In order to achieve "content neutrality," an establishment such as a student government must allocate money based on criteria unrelated to the nature of a group.

"What [content neutrality] does is almost force the allocations to be made in a blanket fashion," Dean of Students Yonie Harris said. "You could have A.S. pass a rule that says, 'We are going to give funding only to groups with a membership larger than 40 people; we are going to give funding to groups whose activities reach more than 1,000 people at a time, and that

sive notice or justification.

The group originally received \$5,000 from the Santa Barbara Fund to cover start-up costs, and is still drawing from this allocation. I.V. Tenants Union's mission statement, which was displayed on the ballot, read that the organization is "committed to enhancing the quality of life in the community by advocating for and educating students on their rights and role as renters." The ballot measure also specified that accumulated money would go toward "educational events, tenants' rights materials and resources, office space, supplies, and drop-in counseling and referrals."

The EAB initiative stated that the lock-in would help the 50-plus person group "continue work to preserve the envi-

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— Alejandro Juarez

A.S. external vice president for local affairs

doesn't have anything to do with content."

The Interpretation

Content neutrality becomes very difficult to achieve in student elections, since students are able to vote on an organization's lock-in fee based on a group's nature. Morrison said his principle concern regarding the allocation of student fees is substituting student elections for a content-neutral source and added that the Wisconsin system has recently done away with fee referendums for student groups.

"My reading of *Southworth* is that it would be most unwise to allocate money [to the I.V. Tenants Union and EAB] based on an election. Beyond that, we are going to have to take a hard look to see if some of the practices need to be tightened up for some groups. The University is not in the business of sponsoring views of groups, but we are in the business of fostering an environment where students can get together and exchange ideas," Morrison said. "This is definitely not an area where the standards are crystal clear."

The Groups

I.V. Tenants Union and EAB are two of 18 current A.S. student groups that receive funding from A.S. ballot measure lock-in fees.

Nearly two years ago A.S. External Vice President for Local Affairs Alejandro Juarez co-founded the I.V. Tenants Union after a number of Hispanic families were evicted from their I.V. apartments without exten-

ronment, working on and off campus to educate and raise ecological awareness, and when necessary, to openly protest or confront those who threaten it."

The Arguments

Juarez said the regents' counsel is using *Southworth* to say that if the tenants union receives funding, then an opposing group — such as a student organization that advocates landlord rights or increased local land development — should also receive funding. However, Juarez argued that the *Southworth* decision does not apply to the tenants union or EAB monies since the UC system offers a refund to students displeased with their student-fee services.

"It's really wrong," he said. "We do have a recourse mechanism here where if people want their money back, we'll give them their money back."

I.V. Tenants Union adviser Marilyn Dukes also pointed out the refund mechanism as a difference between UCSB and Wisconsin, and examined *Southworth's* "political and ideological" precedent in the context of mandatory ballot fees not stricken from the regents' agenda. According to Dukes, one such contradiction was the \$34.03 per-student per-quarter fee passed for the Intercollegiate Athletic Facility (IAF), which will be used by athletes and coaches and will begin accumulating in 2004.

"[The IAF] seems very exclusive. ... It doesn't even seem like a public

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You think you have the MDMA all your friends rolled on when you actually have caffeine and LSD," he said.

A student health survey from February 1999 confirms the steady rise of MDMA use among college students from miniscule levels in the early '90s. As of February of last year, 8.1 percent of UCSB students reported using MDMA within the last week, 17.9 percent within the last year, and 23.5 percent within their lives. With almost a quarter of the student body experimenting with what they think is Ecstasy, Hearsom says its important to know how much you can't know about the drug.

"You have to assess your own risk factors, but you may not even know about a particular risk factor, as in the case of Fang's heart condition. Ecstasy seems safe, but for her it was the drug she should've never done," Hearsom said.

John agrees, saying he's had some fabulous experi-

ences with the drug, but the uncertainty of it keeps him from using it anymore.

"You have to realize, most of the time it's garbage. People are making this shit in their toilets and bathtubs. If you're going to do E, find out about the pill. Talk to someone you trust who's done it before. Is it speedy? How pure is it? You can get pill testers for \$25 online," he says.

"Make it special. Take serotonin supplements for a few days before and plan a night around it. Don't just drop it at 3 in the morning because the dealer came through."

John got reflective at the end of the interview, saying he was tired of all the hype around Ecstasy and its reputation as the empathetic hug-drug.

"If you want to use a drug to have a religious experience or some breakthrough with your feelings, then you're doing them for the wrong reason, and you already have a bad attitude towards them. Drugs are a recreational activity and people don't take it as that. Ecstasy is just another form of synthetic happiness."

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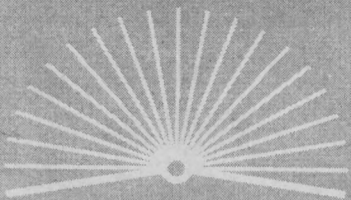
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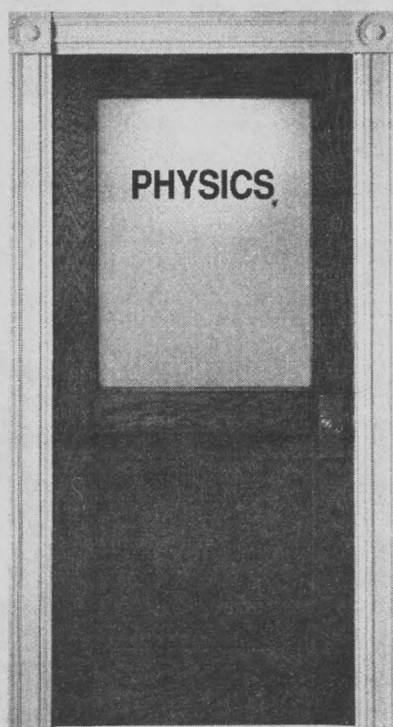
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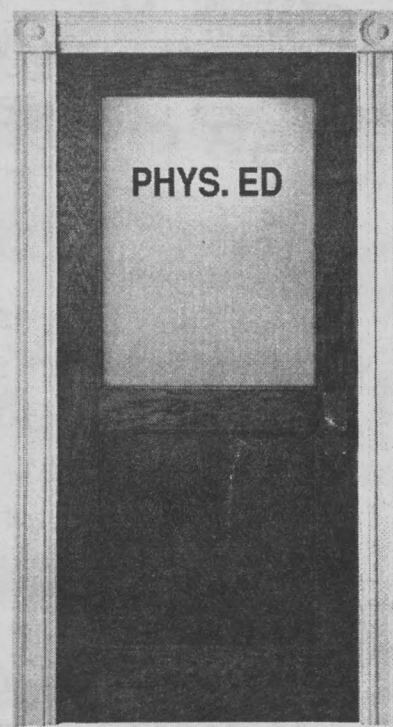
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incredibly twisted, then unwinds itself. The magnetic tangling is mostly self-generated by the interaction of the object's rotation with convection currents that push hot material up, and draw colder material toward the interior.

The magnetic mess is responsible for solar flares — huge outbursts of energy that shoot out from the surface — and also heats the million-degree plasma, or corona, that surrounds the outside of the star.

"[The magnetic fields are] like a rubber band that you're constantly stretching and stretching and stretching, and eventually it just gets so strong that it just pops right out of the atmosphere," Bildsten said. "[Flares] are sudden eruptions of energy, which is the release of this magnetic tension, like the release of the string that finally popped."

Bildsten and Basri, along with Robert Rutledge and Eduardo Martin of the California Institute for Technology, set out last December to look for coronae, like the sun's, in LP 944-20, a brown dwarf 16 light years from earth in the

southern constellation Fornax. They used NASA's Chandra satellite, which gathers X-ray (or extremely high-energy) radiation, and focused it on the dwarf for 12 hours.

Because a brown dwarf does not have the energy of a star such as the sun, the researchers did not expect to see any signs of X-ray activity. For the first nine hours of the observation, their prediction was perfect.

However, in the tenth hour, a large flare erupted from the dwarf, spitting X-rays into space and surprising the researchers.

"The very first thing that crossed into my head was 'this is wrong,'" said Rutledge, the first person to see the data. "And then I spent a good amount of time [rechecking data] until it couldn't be [wrong]."

"We didn't expect to see any X-rays at all," he added. "This type of object wasn't expected to be bright. It was selected because it wasn't expected to be bright."

The satellite sends the data to a computer, which records the information and makes a printout of the observation. After

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COMPARISON OF BROWN DWARF WITH FAMILIAR CELESTIAL OBJECTS				
NAME:	Earth	Jupiter	LP 944-20	Sun
CLASSIFICATION:	Terrestrial planet	Gas-giant planet	Brown dwarf star	Yellow dwarf star
TEMPERATURE:	avg. 293 K	avg. 163 K	approx. 2000 K	5800 K surface
HYDROGEN FUSION:	No	No	No	Yes
DEUTERIUM FUSION:	No	No	Yes	Yes
DISTANCE FROM SUN:	1.496x10 ⁸ km	7.783x10 ⁸ km	16 light years	(duh!)
MASS:	5.97x10 ²⁴ kg	1.899x10 ²⁷ kg	1.14x10 ²⁹ kg	1.99x10 ³⁰ kg
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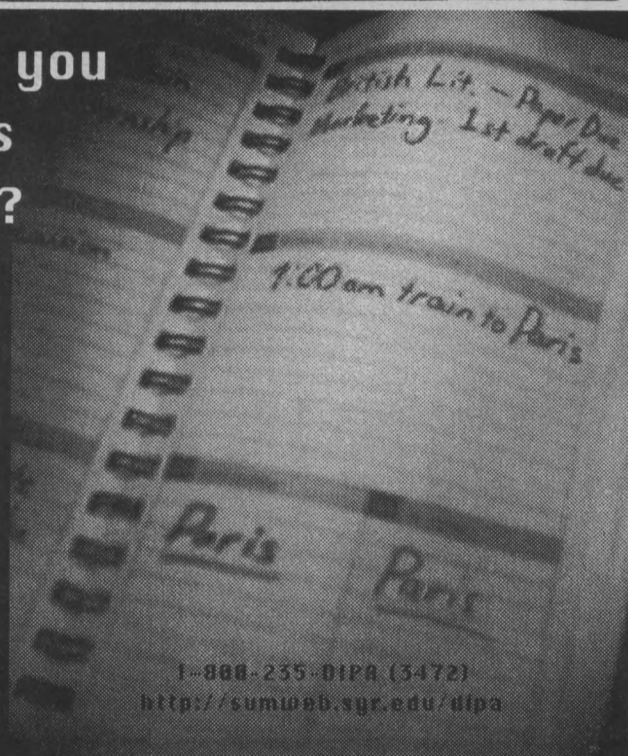


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it was received, Rutledge took the data to Bildsten, who was equally skeptical.

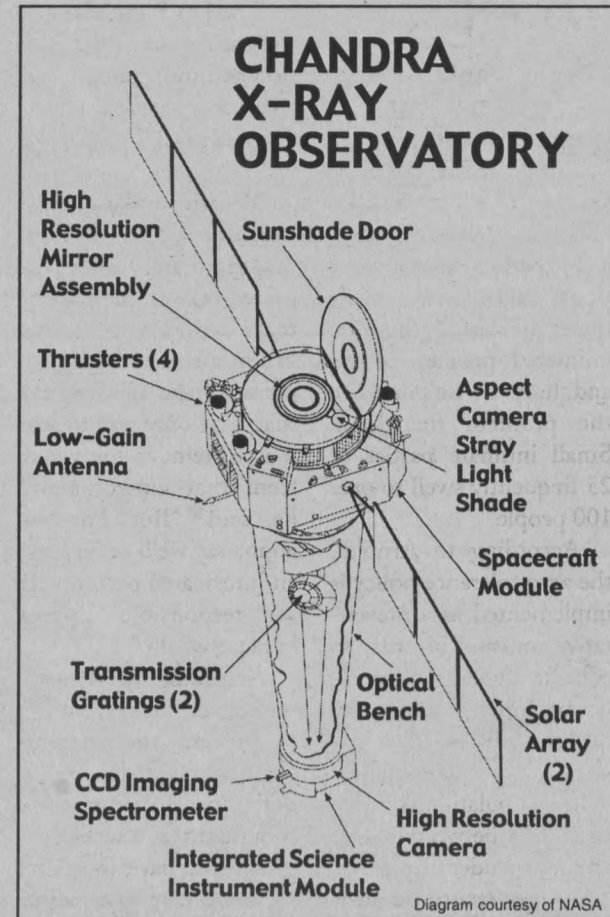
"We spent a lot of time trying to be sure that this wasn't some other artifact or some effect we didn't understand well," he said. "As time went on, and by doing different tests of the data, we were convinced that the interpretation really was that this object did have this bright flare."

Basri, the author of an article in the April *Scientific American* called "The Discovery of Brown Dwarfs," said the flare from LP 944-20 had the energy of a small solar flare — impressive given the dwarf's small size.

"I certainly wasn't expecting anything like that," he said. "It's not completely surprising in that other cool stars were known to occasionally flare. But to see one in a 12-hour observation, you have to get lucky."

LP 944-20 has been cooling for the last 500 million years, so it flares considerably less than younger, hotter stars that still violently stir their magnetic fields. Bildsten estimated the chance of seeing a flare at one in 10, while Basri speculated that his was a charmed life.

"I think this brown dwarf we observed is a



borderline object," Basri said. "It's not quite so cold that the surface fields are completely killed, but it's getting there."

Cooler brown dwarfs have long been difficult to detect.

Although astronomers first suggested the existence of failed stars in 1969, and the name "brown dwarf" was coined in 1975, it took until 1995 before Basri and a team from UC Berkeley confirmed a sighting.

Their method, pro-

posed three years earlier by Martin and his co-researchers at the Astrophysics Institute at Spain's Canary Islands, looks for the presence of the light element lithium in brown dwarfs. Any lithium in a star will be burned away over time, but because of the cooler temperature in the dwarf, lithium remains in the core forever. Astronomers can examine the light from objects in the sky to

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invitation-only parties, Arnoldi said.

"Party hosts have to become more responsible, and have to monitor who's at the parties, be conscientious and know who's there," he said. "If there are uninvited people, call us and have us help resolve the problem for them. Small intimate parties of 25 frequently swell to over 100 people."

According to Arnoldi, the zero tolerance policy is implemented as a preventative measure in order to educate students, especially freshmen, about the responsibilities of living within a community whose population is divided equally between college and non-student residents. The strict stance on alcohol-related crime is due to the nature of the average drunken individual.

"Females, for the most part, become friendly and happy when they drink, but males turn a little different, more aggressive and combative. When we see people like this, if we can remove them from the area, there will be less fights, less sexual assaults," he said. "In the majority of sexual assaults [in I.V.] the victim and suspect have been drinking."

The IVFP functions on the assumption that every drunken individual on the street is a potential victim, Arnoldi said.

"A lady walking down the street with her friend dragging her along, or passed out on the grass — that's a victim because we live in a society with people who take advantage of that. The only way to stop it is to remove the victim from that environment," he said. "But I'm not gonna say we'll never leave an intoxicated person with a responsible party, because we do."

According to Arnoldi, the role of the IVFP is not to prevent the students from having a good time, but rather to protect the community as a whole.

"People have to realize we're out here to do a job, and we're not going to be intimidated, and we're gonna do our job," he said. "We have to look out for the well-being of the entire community, and there are community standards and acceptable behavior that have been set by the community as a whole, and that's what we're here to enforce."

However, after receiving a noise-ordinance violation on the second night in her new apartment, senior psychology major Alison Dougherty said she

had mixed emotions regarding the stricter enforcement associated with "Fall Education."

"I don't think the zero tolerance policy makes much of a difference. People are still going to play their music and go out. The only difference is that more tickets are going to be issued," she said. "It might teach some lessons to the younger students, but the rest of us already have a routine and for the most part are aware of what is and isn't going to fly. If it teaches anything, perhaps it will teach the freshmen to walk with their cups down."

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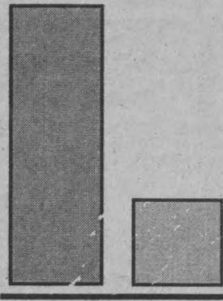
determine if lithium is present, and then infer that an object is a brown dwarf.

When it was first discovered, LP 944-20 was thought to be a star, and astronomers only recently learned that it was a brown dwarf by applying the lithium test.

Although the Chandra results cast serious doubt on the possibility of brown dwarf coronae, Basri and Rutledge will return to their observations with a more sensitive observer: the European Space Agency's XMM satellite.

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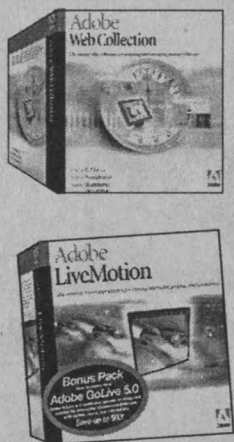
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building," she said. Morrison admitted Wisconsin has no such refund mechanism regarding their mandatory student fees, but argued that a later refund doesn't cure the constitutional violation of taking the money in the first place.

Morrison added that University structures are distinguishable from advocacy groups and therefore should not have their ballot measures held. "The whole area of compelled speech involves advocacy speech and not contributions for University expenditures."

Last year's EAB Chair Ariana Katovich claimed that halting the group's additional funding was done because of the mission statement.

"An overwhelming majority of students on this campus support the tenants union and EAB. ... I feel that if students voted to use their money in this way, then the board of regents should allow them," Katovich said. "We have a method of getting what we want — it's a democratic method — and I don't think it should be taken away. ... It's the EAB mission they have a problem with. It's hard to defend something like the environment that can't speak without advocating

for it. What they are doing is vetoing the whole group."

The Results

Since the Supreme Court's decision on *Southworth* in March, the University of Wisconsin system has discontinued student-fee referendums, Morrison said. The University of Colorado system has also taken steps toward banning student-advocacy-group referendums Dukes said.

Morrison said he is uncertain of the finality of his decision and the long-term impact the court's precedent will have on UCSB's voting process. Morrison and members of the tenants union and EAB spoke on a conference call Aug. 10 to discuss the matter, but the question and answer session did not sway Morrison's previous decision.

While a final decision is awaited, the organizations will cope with the financial vault turned void this fall. "We were planning a lot of big things Fall Quarter, especially when freshmen were coming in who may not be aware of their rights as renters. We will be working closely with the general counsel and the student regent to try and get our lock-in back by Winter Quarter," I.V. Tenants Union member Mel Fabi said.


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emergency room doctor. At that time her friends admitted to a history of drinking alcohol and taking Ecstasy in the early morning hours, sometime after midnight."

The coroner's report indicated that Fang had an undiagnosed heart condition, but, "essentially, the cause of death was listed as acute intoxication of MDMA, the Ecstasy substance, [which aggravated] her heart condition. One exacerbated the symptoms of the other," Burridge said.

According to court files, the friends named in the suit — Eva Marie Yuen, Khoa Dang Dai, Ryan Yamaguchi, Heidi Hirahara and Richard Lee — are being sued for "providing and encouraging her to ingest MDMA and to assist Elizabeth Fang upon seeing her in distress. By failing to seek medical treatment for an inordinate amount of time, Elizabeth Fang died."

The suit also alleges the university is at fault because "at the time of Elizabeth Fang's death, [the defendants] so negligently operated, organized, internally administered, managed and disciplined the students of

[UCSB], and especially those students named as defendants in this action, so as to proximately cause the death of Elizabeth Fang." Braa said that not all of the defendants named in the suit have been served their papers yet, but will be by Nov. 6.

According to Karen Peabody, an attorney representing Chancellor Yang and the regents, Judge William J. McLafferty sustained a demur of a summons of complaint against Yang at a recent court hearing, based on the fact that the defendant didn't have any responsibility for Fang's death and did not owe duty of care to protect Fang from consuming illegal substances. Consequently, Yang will not be tried. Peabody said another demur was filed on behalf of the regents, in which they raised the same complaints.

"It's a terrible thing, but it seems like her mother's attorney sued anyone with any connection to the death. They're basically alleging that because [Yang] is the chancellor of the university, and because they were students, the university can control them, which isn't true," Peabody said. "We also raised the issue that the university didn't

owe duty of care by virtue of the fact that they had a drug line. [Courts have upheld that] counselors, people who are not doctors, volunteers and individuals don't have the obligation to refer them to medical care."

The hearing for the regents will be held October 16, according to Peabody. "The hearing will decide if the University can be a defendant in the case, not if the University is liable. We would represent [UC President Richard Atkinson] if he's served, but it's unlikely he'll be served, because if the chancellor is not responsible on campus, the University president in Oakland couldn't prevent it either."

According to Braa, if the defendants are found liable for Fang's death, a monetary settlement could be as much as a million dollars.

"She was a young lady with a promising future and it could be a great deal of money," Braa said. "The money is not going to bring their daughter back, no matter how much I get for them, but Elizabeth's family is hoping this can raise some awareness about the dangers linked to these drugs."



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SUMMER

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course is our prize, our baby," she said. "The logical place to expand would be into Camino Corto and [Camino] del Sol, but those are wetlands. We're trying to figure out where to go from here."
Further improvements and increased funding for childcare and

environmental preservation in the county will be funded in part by two building permit conditions required of the Bacara, a new resort in Goleta, according to Chacona.

"They made a \$100,000 contribution to the Goleta Boys and Girls Club and a \$50,000 contribution towards the I.V. Youth project," he said. "It's a huge boost to provide available childcare slots in I.V. We bought an open area at Elwood, and

used some of the Bacara money. We also received money to buy property in I.V. for an affordable housing project."

The IVRPD meets every other Thursday at their offices on Embarcadero del Mar, and can be reached at 968-2017. Marshall's office will hold town hall meetings once a month after school begins, and can be reached at 568-2192.

REGENTS

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the loan-debt burden will be increasing for some students," she said.

Spletter said the regents did not see this as a serious concern.

"I don't know, every case is different. I suppose this may affect some students negatively," she said. "It will help more students than it will hurt."

"Financial Aid is based on the parents' income and not on UC fees," O'Dette said. "This increase won't make anyone eligible for aid unless we get a budget increase."

Davis said mandatory

health insurance would help undergraduates.

"We need to protect students who are coming to our campuses so they can stay in school if they have an illness or an accident," she said. "We are concerned about some implications, for instance, whether or not Student Health Services will be able to handle the increased volume."

SHS Administrator Judith Akiyoshi said existing facilities would unlikely be strained.

"I don't think this will affect us too much," she said. "This is for non-SHS care, like when a student needs to be hospitalized."

Akiyoshi added that SHS had long-desired a mandatory health-insurance plan, although they are not yet sure what form it will take.

"We have wanted this for several years because of our concern for students," she said. "We don't have a lot of information on this just yet. We have to wait until the Office of the President comes up with guidelines for this policy."

Akiyoshi also said SHS hopes to receive the guidelines within six months so they can prepare for the implementation of the requirement in Fall Quarter 2001.

RAISES

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night were filling in for the elected reps.

"There were a large number of summer proxies who felt they should take a close look at the money, and did not consider our obligations," he said. "They didn't understand that we were mandated by federal law to provide this funding."

Rodriguez said regardless of where the money for the raises came from it was badly needed.

"I know for me that I can't do a job and A.S. at the same time," she said. "I think a lot of students don't know how hard we work."

A.S.'s work will begin next Wednesday night when Leg Council meets for the first time this school year in the UCen.



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- Quality of Life
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- Little Race/class interaction: #10
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WHAT ARE THE LAWS:

Authority: The following are the regulations for pedestrian, bicycle, motorized bicycle, skateboard, roller skate and in-line skate travel on the UCSB campus, adopted pursuant to section 21113 (f) of the California Vehicle Code. Violations of any of these regulations is an infraction as provided for in the California Vehicle Code.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

.001 UNSAFE SPEED. No person shall ride a bicycle on a bikeway at a speed greater than is reasonable having due regard for the flow of existing traffic, weather, visibility, and the surface and width of the bikeway.

(a) No person shall ride a bicycle on a bikeway at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable flow of traffic.

.002 DISTANCE BETWEEN BICYCLES: Having due regard for speed, traffic, condition of the roadway, a reasonable distance shall be maintained between bicyclists, and between bicyclist and other vehicles.

.003 KEEP TO THE RIGHT: A bicyclist shall stay in the right lane when on a designated bikeway. On any bikeway a bicyclist shall avoid weaving as s/he rides. When ready to pass or change direction of travel in any way, the bicyclist must check for other bicycles, pedestrians, and vehicles, that could be affected by this change and notify them by the use of hand signals or other means as to the intent to change direction.

.004 PEDESTRIANS, SKATEBOARDERS, AND ROLLERSKATERS ON BIKEWAYS: The bicyclist has the right-of-way on a bikeway. However, bicyclists shall yield to pedestrians attempting to cross the bikeway.

(a) Persons walking bicycles or motorized bicycles shall be considered pedestrians; as such, they shall be subject to all regulations pursuant to pedestrians.

(b) Pedestrians shall keep to cement walkways, and shall avoid walking on roadways or bikeways except to cross at designated crosswalks.

(c) Skateboarders, in line rollerskaters and rollerskaters shall be considered pedestrians. Skateboards, in-line rollerskates and rollerskates shall not be ridden on roadways and bikeways.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not relieve the bicyclist from the duty to exercise due caution for the safety of any pedestrian on a bikeway.

.005 USE OF WALKWAY ADJACENT TO BIKEWAY: When a bikeway appropriate to the bicyclist direction of travel is established, the bicyclist must ride in that bikeway. An adjacent walkway may not be used by a bicyclist.

.006 YIELD TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES: All bicyclists and pedestrians shall move to the side of the road, bikeway, or walkway, and yield the right-of-way to any emergency vehicle having either flashing red lights and or siren on.

.007 THROWING OBJECTS FROM BICYCLE: No object shall be thrown from a moving or stationary bicycle.

008 DOGS ON BIKEWAYS: No dog shall be allowed on a bikeway. The dog is subject to impound and the owner is subject to a fine in order to obtain release of the animal.

.009 BICYCLES ON WALKWAYS: Bicycles shall not be ridden on any campus walkway.

.010 PEDESTRIANS RIGHT-OF-WAY: Pedestrians have the right-of-way on a walkway.

.011 MOTORIST ON BIKEWAYS: A motorist cannot drive on a bikeway at any time. Permission to do so in exceptional cases can be obtained from the University Police Department with the signed approval of the Chief of Police.

(a) Emergency vehicles shall be exempt.

(b) The driver of a motorized bicycle shall be considered a motorist when the motor of the bicycle is engaged. As a motorist the driver of a motorized bicycle may drive on four lane, divided highways.

(c) When the motor of a motorized bicycle is disengaged, the driver shall be considered a bicyclist. As a bicyclist the driver may ride in any area on campus where bicycle riding is permitted. As a bicyclist the driver shall obey all regulations that apply to bicycles.

.012 BICYCLIST MUST OBEY VEHICLE LAWS: Every person riding a bicycle is required to obey the same traffic regulations as the driver of an automobile. This includes obeying all stop signs, yield signs, red lights, and other traffic signals specific to this campus.

.013 BICYCLIST ON FOUR LANE DIVIDED HIGHWAYS: Bicyclist riding on campus are prohibited on any four lane, divided highway.

.014 RIDING IN A PROHIBITED AREA: Bicycles may not be ridden in areas which are marked for pedestrian use only. Bicyclist must walk their bicycles through these areas.

.015 LIGHTS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT: Bicycle equipment shall comply with the California State Vehicle Code. A light shall be used when a bicyclist is traveling at night.

.016 SEATS: No persons shall operate a bicycle upon any bikeway riding other than upon or astride a permanent or regular seat attached thereto. No operator shall allow a person riding as a passenger, and no person shall ride as a passenger on any bikeway, walkway, roadway or highway, other than upon or astride a separate seat attached thereto.

BICYCLE PARKING:

.017 Bicycles shall be left parked or stored on the university campus only in areas specifically designated by the presence of racks or other devices designated for bicycle parking, or when designated by the posting of signs indicating the space as a bicycle parking area. When racks are full, bikes shall be parked in an orderly manner off the ends of the racks, within the bicycle parking area. When no racks, devices, or signs designate an area to be for bicycle parking, a bicycle may be parked or stored as long as such parking or storing conforms with other sections of this chapter.

.018 No bicycle shall be parked, stored, or left in any area where signs are posted indicating that bicycle parking is prohibited.

.019 No person shall park, store, or leave a bicycle in such a manner as to cause said bicycle to block or otherwise impede normal entrance to or exit from any building on campus.

(a) No bicycle shall be parked, stored, or left within six feet of an entrance or exit unless a bicycle rack or parking device or marked bicycle spaces are provided within that distance, in which case, the bicycle must be parked in the designated parking area.

(b) No bicycle shall be parked, stored or left standing on any access or egress ramp.

.020 No bicycle shall be parked, stored, or left so as to interfere with or impede the normal movement of wheel chairs or bicycles upon ramps installed for the purpose of assisting the movement of handicapped person bicyclists.

.022 No bicycle shall be parked, stored, or left on any lawn or landscaped area except in those areas designated as bicycle parking areas by the presence of racks, devices, or signs, which indicate the area as a bicycle parking area.

.023 No bicycle shall be chained or otherwise locked or attached to any handrail, tree, shrubbery, door, sign post, lamp, telephone pole, or other object not maintained or designated for the purpose of securing bicycles.

(a) Any University Police official authorized to so remove and impound a bicycle in this manner, and the University, shall not be liable to the owner of the bicycle for the cost of repair or replacement of such securing device.

.024 No bicycle shall be parked, stored, or left in any lobby, hallway, or room of any building unless said area is specifically designated for bicycles. Designated areas must be in accordance with all federal, state, and local fire and safety regulations. This section is not intended to prohibit the storing or parking of a bicycle in any area by any person's office or residence.

BICYCLE IMPOUNDING:

.025 Any University Police Officer, Bicycle Officer or other person authorized specifically by the Chief Of Police, may move, relocate, or impound any bicycle which is:

(a) Blocking or otherwise impeding traffic in any street, highway, roadway, path, or sidewalk.

(b) Blocking or impeding normal entrance to or exit from any building on the University.

(c) Parked in violation of any of the sections of this chapter.

(d) Appears to be abandoned.

(e) Has been reported stolen to a law enforcement agency.

.026 Any bicycle impounded pursuant to any section of this chapter shall be stored in a secure facility designated for such purpose by the Chief of Police. A twenty-four dollar fee shall be charged to the owner prior to the release of any impounded bicycle. All bicycles must have a valid license prior to release. Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be retained by the Police Department for use in bicycle support programs and bicycle related matters.

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BICYCLE LICENSING:

.027 To operate a bicycle on campus, it must be licensed with a California State Bicycle License, which may be obtained at the University Police Department through the Community Service Organization. The license fee will be six dollars. Registration is valid for a period of up to three years expiring on December 31, of the third year. If a serial number cannot be found on the frame, one consisting of the license number shall be stamped into the frame.

Removal or alteration of a serial number is a violation of section 537 (e) of the Penal Code.

SKATING:

.031 No person shall skateboard, in-line rollerskate or rollerskate at a speed greater than is reasonable, having due regard for the flow of existing pedestrian traffic, weather, visibility, and the surface and width of walkway.

.032 No person shall skateboard, in-line rollerskate or rollerskate in areas which are prohibited by signs or surface markings.

.033 Skateboarding, in-line rollerskating and rollerskating is prohibited on covered walks, bikeways, roads, parking lots, parking garages, underpasses, interior courtyards, inside buildings, exterior balconies, stairs, and handicap ramps.

.034 No person shall wear any headset, or earplugs in both ears, while skateboarding, in-line rollerskating or rollerskating.

.035 No person shall ride a skateboard, in-line rollerskate, or rollerskate in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property.

.036 Persons riding skateboards, in-line rollerskates, or rollerskates shall yield the right of way to all motor vehicles and pedestrians.

.037 No person riding a skateboard, in-line rollerskate, or rollerskate shall attach the same or himself or herself to any other vehicle, bicycle or animal.

.038 Persons riding skateboards, in-line rollerskates, or rollerskates shall ride as near to the right side of the sidewalk or walkway as practicable.

.039 No person shall operate, use or strike a skateboard, in-line rollerskate, or rollerskate against, onto or upon the roof or the side of buildings, parking garages, fences, steps, handrails, benches, concrete planters, trash-cans, monuments, statues, or similar objects.

.040 "Skateboard", "in-line rollerskate", and/or "rollerskate", for the purpose of this section, shall mean a vehicle, device or conveyance with any number of wheels, with a riding surface of any design, and specifically includes scooters, upon which a person may place one or more feet, and which is designed to be or can be propelled by the operator's human power or by gravitational force, or by ancillary motors or engine. "Skateboard, in-line rollerskate, rollerskate" does not include bicycles.

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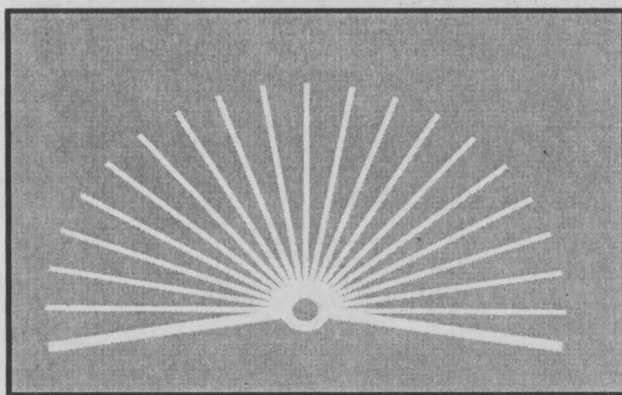
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