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Fake Licenses

End of an Era for Underage Drinkers?

By Mariko Thompson
Reporter

Kraig Williamson, a junior English major, used to run a fake I.D. business. Using poster board, he and his partners created a giant driver license backdrop. For \$20, the prospective buyer posed for the camera in front of the backdrop. The photo was then cropped to the right dimensions, making a replica good enough to fool store clerks and bartenders.

"It was an optical illusion," Williamson said. "As far as seals and things go, a guy made one on a computer. It was never exact, but close enough so no one

would know," he said.

Welcome to UCSB, under-21 style.

In glaring defiance of California's drinking and I.D. laws, underage Gauchos — like Williamson — have devised an entire repertoire of tricks to buy and drink booze in the Golden State, some as elaborate as Williamson's, some much simpler, such as borrowing an I.D. from a legal-aged friend or even applying at the Department of Motor Vehicles with a fake birth certificate. Student reaction to this underground crime circle is more than casual because, as they say, it happens all the time.

"Everyone I know" has used a fake I.D., said one senior, who

wished to be known only as Brian. Brian, ironically a law and society major, has made a practice of borrowing driver licenses from friends who resembled him.

"They always got taken but I never got in trouble," he said.

Brian was lucky, because the penalties for carrying a fictitious license can be steep. In fact, drinking alcohol isn't even a prerequisite to having a license revoked, and a heavy fine or community service hours are often slapped on top of that.

Just being caught with two licenses, one for the purpose of buying alcohol, is enough to be

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Facilities Management
Cited in Internal Audit

Contract Procedures May Have Broken Law

By Joanna Frazier
Staff Writer

A recent audit of the Facilities Management Department reported 11 cases of blatant disregard for state policy and auditors are claiming that the department illegally favored certain contractors.

The auditors found that Facilities Management split 11 projects into smaller units of work in order to avoid opening the projects up to a formal bidding process, which would require awarding the contract to the lowest bidder. Formal bids must be taken for all projects over \$50,000.

State policy mandates that competitive bidding should not be

avoided for any reason. "The requirement for competitive bidding shall not be avoided by splitting a project into smaller units of work," the report states.

But Don Dubay, director of Facilities Management for the past three years, said that the policy can be interpreted differently.

"There is a gray area with timing and spacial separation, and it is really up to the management staff to decide," he said.

"The splitting of contracts was inadvertent," he continued. "It is just a case of judgement, in which auditors found us in error. During the time of the audit, we did not have in place all of our controls."

Aside from this "gray area," Du-

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Excessive Force Allegations
Faced by I.V., UCSB CopsBy Felicia Megdal
Reporter

A UCSB undergraduate who was arrested at a party in August is threatening to sue the Isla Vista Foot Patrol and campus police for allegedly using excessive force and breaking his wrist.

An attorney for junior mathematics major Jack Lavin plans to file civil suits against the UCSB Police Department and the Isla Vista Foot Patrol, as well as Foot Patrol Sergeant David Peitz and Deputy Mark Liddi.

Santa Barbara lawyer Robert Sanger, who specializes in police brutality cases, claims the two officers broke his client's wrist in an incident of excessive force while arresting him at a party.

Sanger said the lawsuits, which

will be filed following Lavin's trial for misdemeanor charges of disturbing the peace and resisting arrest, will cite excessive use of force, assault and battery and a violation of a federal civil rights act which prohibits "two or more people to conspire under the color of law to deprive someone of their rights."

Liddi, Peitz and campus police Lieutenant Bill Bean, Peitz's commanding officer, refused to comment on the incident. Deputy District Attorney Amy Labeau, who will be prosecuting Lavin's case also would not comment.

The incident occurred on Aug. 3 when Lavin's band was performing at a party and two deputies from the Foot Patrol

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Styrofoam vs. Paper Coffee
Cups in Ecological ContestBy John Henry Binder
Reporter

Although many students briefly postpone their daily caffeine fix to choose between styrofoam or paper cups, the question is something of a moot one, as both are environmentally damaging and neither are recycled.

According to UCen Dining Services Acting Foods Director, Casey Olsthoorn, "The problem is that paper is not totally recyclable because of the plastic lining ... styrofoam is 100 percent recyclable."

However, the University Center doesn't recycle styrofoam due to

the cost. In order to reuse the styrofoam, "We would have to hire and train people to dig through the garbage and pull it out," Olsthoorn said.

Without the recycling factor, both products find their final rest place taking up space in landfills.

Although neither the styrofoam cups nor the plastic lined paper cups are biodegradable, styrofoam is cheaper, has the ability to retain heat better and therefore is more popular among campus coffee drinkers.

But according to California Public Interest Research Group Assistant Director Kathleen

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Paper or Styrofoam? There's what's wrong and there's what's wrong and never the twain shall meet.



Russian Infighting Shaking Yeltsin: Soviets Need Food

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin's Russian government shook with charges of infighting Wednesday after two key ministers resigned and a deputy prime minister backtracked on support for a new economic union.

The disarray threatened to paralyze the government at a time when the country desperately needs economic reform and Western aid. A national interim economic committee said Wednesday that the country needed huge amounts of foreign aid to survive the winter, including 49 million tons of grain, 2.2 million tons of meat and 9.5 million tons of milk, the Interfax news agency said.

Yevgeny Saburov, the minister of the economy, and Igor Gavrilov, the minister of ecology, both told government leaders they were resigning, the Interfax news agency reported.

According to Interfax on Wednesday, Saburov cited the Russian government's inability to stabilize the economy as well as "a blunt reluctance" of the government to support the economic agreement initialed last week by eight of the 12 republics at a meeting in Kazakhstan.

Spy Satellites Will Pin Down Suspected H-Bomb Project

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Nuclear experts headed for Iraq Wednesday to try to seize evidence of its H-bomb project as spy satellites and planes monitored Baghdad's secret weapons laboratory, officials said.

Iraq has already manufactured some lithium-6, a material used only in hydrogen weapons. The U.N. inspectors hope to capture the supply at the Al-Athir weapons facility, officials said on condition of anonymity.

The Al-Athir site is being monitored by spy satellites, U-2 flights and other means until the nuclear experts arrive, the U.N. and International Atomic Energy Agency officials said. The surveillance is intended to catch any Iraqi attempt to move the lithium-6 out of Al-Athir or bury it on the grounds.

Iraq was obligated to disclose the extent of its program under the Security Council's Apr. 3 cease-fire resolution, but has acknowledged little and has not commented on Tuesday's disclosure by the IAEA of its lithium supply.

David Kay, one of the IAEA's chief inspectors, said Wednesday that "the purpose of our on-the-ground inspection, as well as our continuing efforts, is to put them out of that game" of producing nuclear weapons materials.

Official Announces Partial Withdrawal from Croatia

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (AP) — A Yugoslav army general said Wednesday that federal forces would partially withdraw from the battle-torn republic of Croatia, but violations threatened the latest truce between the warring sides.

Zagreb radio reported 17 people were wounded in a missile attack on the east Croatian stronghold of Vukovar and fierce battles continued about 40 miles south of Zagreb, the capital of Croatia.

Most of the republic was quiet on the second day of the most recent cease-fire in a conflict that has killed 600 people since Croatia declared independence June 25. Seven earlier truces failed.

Dir-Jan van Houten, the European Community diplomat who co-signed the latest truce between Croatia and the army at midnight Tuesday, said it was more likely to hold than previous accords because it was signed by soldiers, not politicians.

Allegation Against Thomas Moves Victims to Activism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anita Hill is not alone. Working women around the country have joined her, crossing beyond confusion and fear about sexual harassment to share experiences of their own.

"We've had a real outpouring of calls," said Barbara Otto of 9 to 5, the National Association of Working Women. "It's like they're coming out of the closet to tell their dirty secret. They're saying: 'Enough!'"

In the minds of many, sexual harassment remains vaguely defined. The bounds of acceptable workplace behavior often seem murky and leave victims unsure when they've been crossed.

This confusion was underscored when Hill's allegations against Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas were made public on the eve of his confirmation vote and because the Judiciary Committee was accused of giving them short shrift.

A 1987 study of federal government employees showed that 42 percent of women and 14 percent of men said they'd experienced some form of unwanted and unwanted sexual attention. Only 15 percent of women and seven percent of men said they'd reported their allegations to a boss or other officials.

Air Force Admits: Stealth Bomber is Still Detectable

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force's top officer, in an unusually candid assessment, said Wednesday that Soviet air defenses probably could detect the radar-evading B-2 stealth bomber if it were flying its wartime mission today.

Gen. Merrill McPeak, the Air Force chief of staff, made the comment while elaborating on the Pentagon's standard statement that the B-2 never was intended to be invisible to air defenses but would be extremely hard to track and shoot down.

Questions about the B-2's ability to penetrate air defenses are an important part of debate in Congress over whether the nation should spend the \$30 billion more the Air Force says is needed to produce a fleet of 75 B-2s. A decade of developing the airplane already has cost about \$30 billion.

The B-2 incorporates the latest advances in secret technologies that minimize its "profile" on radar screens and make it unusually difficult to detect the plane by its engine heat or noise.

FDA Approves Anti-AIDS Medicine for Ailing Patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration approved a second AIDS-fighting drug Wednesday despite lingering questions about its safety and effectiveness.

AIDS activists hailed the approval of didanosine, or DDI, as a milestone in the effort to get new drugs from the laboratory to patients. But some scientists said the FDA had set a dangerous precedent in its drug-approval process.

The approval was based on less scientific data than normally required, but FDA Commissioner David Kessler said that it had to be balanced against the needs of dying AIDS patients.

"It is the victims of this dreaded disease who are uppermost on our minds," Kessler said at a news conference.

DDI was approved to treat AIDS patients who don't respond to or can't tolerate AZT, the only other fully approved anti-AIDS drug.

Calif. Political Corruption: Legislative Aides Get Caught

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Two former legislative aides were found guilty in federal court Wednesday of political corruption charges stemming from the long-running FBI investigation of the state Capitol.

The former aides, Tyrone Netters and Darryl Freeman, were found guilty of shaking down an FBI undercover agent for money in exchange for aiding passage of a bill that would have helped finance a phony shrimp plant.

A verdict of guilty on all charges was returned by a federal jury of nine women and three men that began deliberating the case Tuesday afternoon.

Netters was found guilty on nine counts, including racketeering, extortion, money laundering and tax evasion charges.

Freeman was found guilty of conspiring with and aiding Netters while serving as a lobbyist for the bill in 1986.

Netters and Freeman are the latest state Capitol figures to face corruption charges stemming from a long-running FBI undercover investigation.

Court Confirms: Wilson Has Right to Cut Five Percent

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A Sacramento County judge ruled Wednesday that the Wilson administration has the right to force state managers and supervisors to take a five percent pay cut, rejecting an attempt by state Controller Gray Davis to block the reduction.

Superior Court Judge James T. Ford ruled that the state Department of Personnel Administration could go forward with the pay cut, which Wilson ordered as part of his budget-balancing program.

The Republican governor immediately praised the judge's decision, while state workers' groups were critical.

"I applaud the court's action, which will directly result in our ability to keep people on the job. ... It's unfortunate that we had to go to court in an effort to spare taxpayers additional financial hardships," Wilson said.

James Lee, a spokesman for the governor, said the five percent reduction due for the first month, September, would not be imposed "until the end of the process or whenever the economy turns around."

Riverside Reservoir Soon to be Constructed for So. Calif.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Metropolitan Water District selected a Riverside County valley for a reservoir that will almost double Southern California's water storage capacity.

The 4,410-acre reservoir will be built in Domenigoni Valley in southern Riverside County, the regional water wholesaler said in a statement released Tuesday.

It will be the largest body of fresh water in Southern California, with a capacity almost matching that of Southern California's existing reservoirs.

"Southern California's dependence on imported water will only increase in the future," MWD General Manager Carl Boronkay said.

"Therefore, Metropolitan's ability to store additional water in the Southland is critical to long-range planning, prudent water management practices and assuring that an adequate supply of water will be available."

The MWD board voted Tuesday to appropriate \$189 million to complete the final design for the reservoir and buy additional property needed for the project.

The total cost of the project is expected to be about \$1.3 billion, the MWD said. Construction is scheduled to begin in 1994 and completion is scheduled for 1999.

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Weather

TODAY

Every morning the Weatherguy's car is left soiled from an overhanging tree which drops liquids and tree snot on the hood. I'm sick of it. I called my people at the home office and asked "why all the moisture?" They mumbled something about nighttime low pressure systems and off-shore cold fronts mixing with higher warmer air from the northern cross stream. I just want my car clean, you know? By now these morning crusades against the snot should have ended, but our moist nights are going to be around for at least the better part of the next week. High pressure and low winds will keep it warm, so have a frank on me!

TODAY

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- Tides: Hi, 11:11a(5.8) Lo, 4:56a(1.8)/6:14p (-.1); 2-foot SW swells at Rincon every 12 seconds

Environmental Health Gets a Fresh Start at Board Meeting

By Lisa Nicolaysen
Staff Writer

In keeping up with growing environmental concerns, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors approved the creation of an Environmental Health Department at Tuesday's board meeting.

By a 3-2 vote, the board accepted the proposal to take the already existing Environmental Health Services, which is part of the Public Health Department, and establish it as an independent Environmental Health Department. The change will become effective in the first quarter of 1992.

In creating an independent department, the board hopes to increase efficiency and accountability of the department and minimize the red tape that flows from a thick bureaucracy.

"We are in the regulation business to enforce the rules put in place by society to protect the people. (Presently) we do not have a good, strong program," said County Administrator Charles Wagner, concluding that "this gives us the best opportunity to address problems."

Funding for Environmental Health is currently

Public Health in the '90s will take up many issues of environmental health.

Mike Stoker
5th District supervisor

\$150,000 and the approved proposal is expected to reduce costs in half, to \$75,000, in the first year by cutting out much of the bureaucratic paper shuffling in the department's management. The new department will have less management layers since it will report directly to the Board rather than to the Public Health Department.

Mike Stoker, Fifth District supervisor, was one of the dissenting votes on the proposal.

"Public Health in the '90s will take up many of the issues of environmental health. We're jumping the gun with this division," he said.

In other business, the Santa Barbara Fire Depart-

ment received unanimous approval to add another fire captain position and an additional fire engineer/inspector to the department. The addition will require \$95,000 to pay two new salaries.

Also on Tuesday's agenda were discussions of a new ticket pricing policy at the County Bowl that would allow discounts for handicapped people. The proposal was tabled pending a more substantial report from the County Parks Department.

According to Nels Henderson, assistant to Supervisor Gloria Megino Ochoa of the First District, possible improvements to the bowl would include improved lighting, a stronger stage and modifications to the structure.

The board also took a two-week continuation on hearing the proposed settlement for a lawsuit filed by Arroyo Vista Partners against the County of Santa Barbara almost two years ago. The county is being sued because the board denied permission to the Winchester Common Residential Project to build a residence on land owned by the plaintiff. As part of the settlement of the suit, the board is considering allowing the development.

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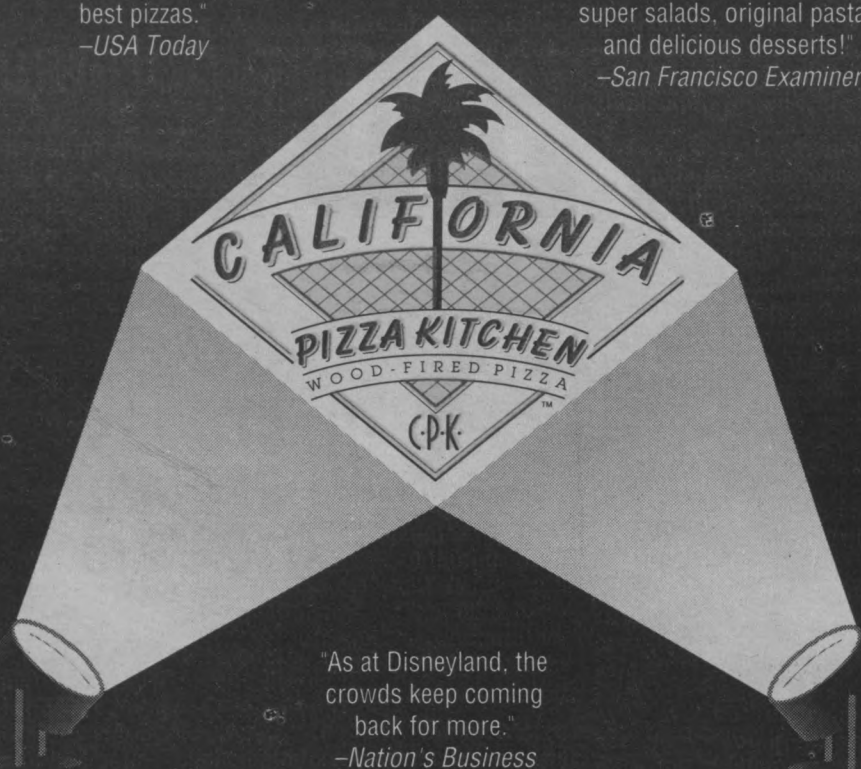
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IVEC Looks for Possibilities for Future I.V. Government

By Jennifer Hilldale
Reporter

Some say it took God only seven days to create the world.

But for more than 20 years, campus, county and community groups have struggled to create a governing body to serve the unique needs of Isla Vista.

Attempting to chart a course for the future, the Isla Vista Enhancement Committee held the first of four public meetings Tuesday night to discuss governance options for I.V. with a wide assortment of community interest groups.

The committee decided last night to recommend resurrecting the now-defunct I.V. Municipal Advisory Council.

As a publicly elected council, the MAC would be responsible for examining the recommendations of the IVEC after they release their study of I.V. in November. The MAC would then implement grassroots programs to bring about the suggested changes.

However, the proposal to hand over the reins to the MAC was hotly contested by some members of the audience.

Mike Boyd, chair of the I.V. Recreation and Park

*By recreating MAC
you will be moving
the community
back into bondage.*

Mike Boyd
IVRPD board chair

District Board, who still names himself as a board member of the original MAC, claimed that the MAC would not be a powerful body and recommended full I.V. cityhood.

"By recreating an MAC you will be moving the community back into bondage," Boyd said, claiming that the MAC was a "quasi-government agency with no authority" and would not serve the needs of the community.

The committee, made up of university and county appointees, is charged with examining the long-term needs of Isla Vista and issuing a report on their findings to county and university officials.

Another concern at the meeting was that the IVEC was moving too slowly, with many in the audience proposing that a MAC be established immediately rather than waiting until next year, as the committee advised.

Former IVRPD Director Mitch Stockton said, "I'm afraid that the effort will lose momentum if we wait."

A final concern raised was that the transitory nature of the I.V. student population would not lend itself to effective democracy.

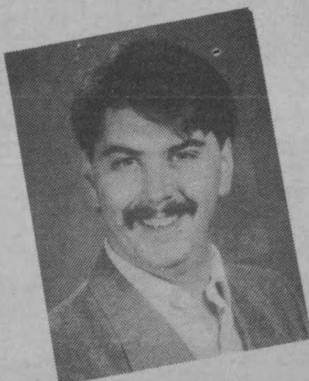
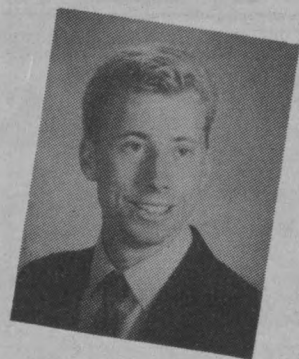
"(A question to be answered is) how to deal with establishing authentic democracy in a community that is mostly transient but with those who are permanent," I.V. Enhancement Committee member and Sociology Professor Richard Flacks said.

One proposed solution was to establish a bicameral council to represent a cross section of students, minorities and long term residents.

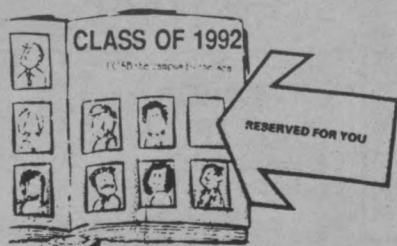
But the idea was lambasted by some in the audience, who said it would be foolhardy to give representation to the students. One I.V. property owner, who would identify herself only as Mrs. Hall, said it would be a case of "people who are out of control... controlling things."

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Museum Volunteer Solves Mystery of Columns

By Bonnie Bills
Staff Writer

On Monday, construction workers bulldozing through a downtown Santa Barbara parking lot were disrupted from their job when they hit rock. Granite to be exact. Sculpted granite to be really exact.

Workers for Viola Inc. Constructors proceeded to unearth pieces of four 20-foot high gray columns from behind the General Telephone building on the corner of Chapala and Canon Perdido. Experts said they were made of granite.

Local historians were puzzled by the pillar parts, which were buried in a neat row six feet underground. Experts quickly assessed that the columns were imported to the area, as granite is not a local commodity.

But the experts could not figure out what the "mys-

tery" pillars were doing buried behind the GTE building, said Michael Redmon, librarian at the Santa Barbara Historical Museum.

Meanwhile, construction at the site was slowed while the city requested a review of the origins of the pillars.

According to Redmon, the pieces were buried in good condition, only to be damaged when the bulldozers plowed through them. He estimated that the columns were buried in the early 1920s, when several area banks and the courthouse had classic Greek-style architecture.

However, museum officials searched through hundreds of old historical photographs unable to match the recently uncovered columns with any of the buildings on record.

"It's a bit of a mystery and I don't know if we'll ever get

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CUPS: UCen Coffee Chalices Are Not Eco-Nice

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Quinlen, paper is still better, at least for the environment.

"Toxic chemicals are associated with styrofoam. There are small benefits, however when you consider your health and the environment. ... The paper will eventually biodegrade except for the minute amount of plastic lining, the styrofoam won't. Paper can't be as unsafe."

In a recent report, the UCen Governance Board stated that it did not favor one or the other "because they both have their problems."

According to the report, paper production leads to significant water pollution due to the dioxins and toxic chemicals that are by-products from the process.

With styrofoam, the air pollution caused by facto-

“It's supply and demand — styrofoam is readily available whereas paper is an ex-orbitant product.”

Casey Olsthoorn
acting UCen Dining Services foods director

ries is a considerable problem. Also, water tests done by the Environmental Protection Agency have shown plastic discharge present in waterways downstream from plastic producers.

The much-debated use of chloroflourocarbons, however, is not an issue since the UCen products are CFC free. Another drawback to styrofoam is the ability of styrene to leach into hot acidic beverages.

"Coffee has some acids.

Gases used in production (styrene) sit in the pockets. (Researchers) know they are there, but they are minimal," assured Olsthoorn.

In June of 1989, the styrofoam products were completely phased out of UCen Food Services only to find their way back because of the expense of paper products.

"We attempted to go from styrofoam to paper alone, but that cost \$80,000 just to switch. Now we offer a

choice, with the five cent surcharge to cover the cost of the paper. It's supply and demand — styrofoam is readily available whereas paper is an exorbitant product," Olsthoorn said.

When asked if he debated between the two, Michael Leipsitz, a graduate student sipping java out of a styrofoam cup, said, "I did, but the cheaper cost was my reason."

Steve Thorne, supervisor of the Arbor, said student preference for the two is split evenly.

"It seems to be equal," he said. "People are loose and are willing to pay the extra cost, especially ones that are concerned about the environment. However, if we're out of the ... paper for instance, they usually don't object to the styrofoam."

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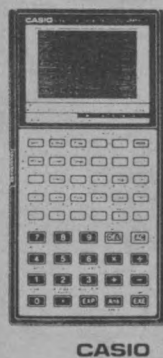
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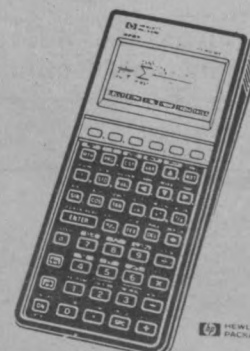
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OPINION

"Teach me to feel another's woe, / To hide the fault I see; / That mercy I to others show, / That mercy show to me."

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Same Old Song and Dance

Editorial

Last year, at about this time in the beginning of the quarter, Chancellor Uehling gave her annual Report to the Campus, much like she did this Monday. In this space last year, there appeared an editorial with the headline "Stock Is Up!" which criticized the chancellor for viewing UCSB through rose-tinted glasses and for failing to address the real concerns of students.

After reviewing the chancellor's speech this year, it seems that the very same editorial, with few alterations, could appear in this space. But to be fair, we will not simply reprint an old, critical editorial; although the old arguments still apply, there are some new — and some old — issues to be addressed.

Like last year, Uehling repeatedly called attention to the university's work toward ethnic diversity, while tastefully reassuring the campus that UCSB does not believe it has achieved total success, and so will continue the effort.

It is statistically correct that freshmen minority enrollment this quarter increased, from 917 minority freshmen students last year to 935 this Fall, but this minuscule rise is solely because of a jump in the number of Asian and Asian-American students.

Enrolling students of every ethnic background is part of the university's diversification efforts, and simply looking at the total number of minority students is inadequate to say the least. The rise in the total number does not show that enrollment numbers for Black and Chicano/Latino students declined. Black enrollment dipped by 40 students and Chicano/Latino enrollment went down by 70 students.

It is ridiculous — not to mention misleading — to boast of increased minority freshmen enrollment

under these circumstances.

In a second encore performance, Uehling again heaped praise on the university's research and the resulting funding intake for the campus. The chancellor has long operated under the delusion of the success of the "trickle down" theory of higher education — namely, that undergraduate students will inevitably benefit by the grace of studying under professors who do extensive research.

This is debatable at best. Students benefit from professors who are passionate about *teaching* and who care about interacting with their students. A good researcher does not a good teacher make.

By emphasizing research to the extent that it does, the university gains brilliant scholars whose chief interest is their research, not teaching. For too long, research has been the university's focus, at the expense of teaching.

The purpose of the chancellor's Report to the Campus is theoretically to allow her to outline her vision of the campus, discuss problems, potential and existent, and to float ideas for solutions on how to achieve that vision.

We heard none of this Monday — or last year, for that matter. It was the same old euphemistic spiel. Last year we wrote: "The company is on the cutting edge of new research; the economy is booming and investment way up; a resurgent effort is underway to recruit a diverse team of employees, and people are happy." The comparison to a stockholders' report seems to hold true.

It is clear the chancellor's corporate image of UCSB has not changed. She still has failed to address the issues most important to her "shareholders" — the quality of teaching and the quality of life in this university community.

Charles DeFlanders

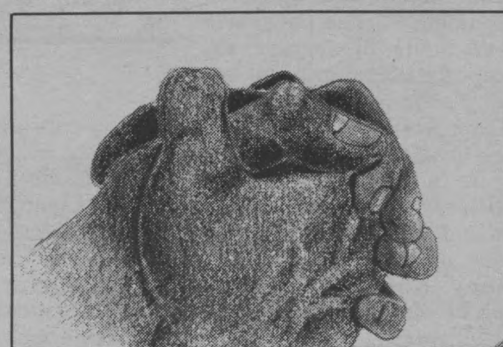
I came from a family that was poor in many ways but we did not have anyone in our family who had been homeless. As I look back, I see I was homeless once in my life. I know what it feels like to be without a place to eat or sleep; I understand the miserable feeling a person has when they are homeless and alone.

In the summer of 1985, I moved to Los Angeles to begin graduate school at the University of Southern California. I have never lived in a big city alone, and I knew it wasn't going to be easy. I moved to that metropolitan city without any money in my pockets, only an acceptance letter from USC stating I would be a graduate student in the fall. I immediately began looking for a job and a place to live.

My first major problem was finding a place to live. I was able to convince the USC housing management to allow me to stay in student housing until I received my letter from the Student Aid Commission stating I was eligible for federal aid.

It took quite a while before I received any housing, and I had to move back to Santa Barbara to live with a friend until I received my letter from the Student Aid Commission. I must say this ordeal caused me a lot of stress for a while.

After all the hassles of trying to get housing, I ended up getting an apartment that was infected with roaches and other vermin. One



Paul Byrne

With its roots in the English Poor Laws of the early 17th century, perceptions of the poor in the United States have revolved around the "deserving" and the "undeserving" poor. For instance, in order to receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children, a family must first meet a set of eligibility requirements that, in essence, separates the "deserving" from the "undeserving" poor, when, in fact, a majority are not poor because they lack money, but rather because they lack a job, their wages are too low, they are raising a child alone or because they are going through a crisis period. It is this categorization of the poor and its implications that the student group Student Hunger Homeless Action Group opposes.

Encountering the French



Joel Brand

PARIS, France — It is difficult to escape the magnificence and history of this city; to be here is to breathe it.

At every turn I am confronted with history written in stone and metal. But rather than instilling the somberness of a city riddled with monuments, the chapters of this history are at the heart of a bustling, uniquely vibrant capital of politics, commerce and culture.

This hub of activity, brighter and more dignified than either New York or London, has its peculiarities; its most striking — the French. French society is highly civilized — almost hyper-complex with rules of social intercourse that have taken on tyrannical proportions.

A good, but hardly comprehensive, example of their condition was offered to me by an English woman who has travelled in France for many years.

As she explains, and I experienced, hand-shaking is taken very seriously here, as are a great many social customs that are common, but less strictly enforced, in the United States.

The woman was driving in a car along a busy, but suburban two-lane road. The driver of a car in front of hers saw a person he knew

in a car on the opposite side of the road and stopped. He got out, walked over, and greeted the other driver with a handshake.

After a cursory glance at the man, he showed no signs of being concerned by the fact that the man he greeted had just shaken hands with him, or regretful that he had just shaken hands with him, and drove off.

In America a handshake is often sufficient, but in France it is a social custom that is taken very seriously. It is the French who violate their own social customs and the French life, they are the ones who are the most stimulating.

Joel Brand is a senior at the University of Southern California and a member of the Student Hunger Homeless Action Group.

Doonesbury



Garry Trudeau

The Shame of America

night while I was asleep I felt something crawling across my lips. I awoke, took my hand and swiped the ugly critter off; I knew what it was because my whole house was filled with vermin, and the housing management very seldom came by to fumigate the apartment complex. For the summer I shared an apartment with hundreds of roaches — but I was happy to have a place to live.

It was very hot that summer, the temperature was always in the upper-80s. I spent each and every day looking for a job if I wanted to survive the hustle and bustle of L.A.. For most of the summer I was unemployed, and while looking for a job all I could afford for lunch was a soda and candy bar; for dinner I had baked chicken and fruit — roaches for guests.

But I held on because I knew my purpose in this overwhelmingly big city, and I believed I would succeed in accomplishing my goal; my only obstacle was doubt.

My housing contract was about to end and I had no idea what I was going to do and where I would go, knowing I did not have a job or money on which to live. I had to store my things, and I had to find a place to shower myself every day.

My housing contract ended, but I managed to live there for an extra couple of days, and

then the management began to call with anger in their voices. I was lucky to find a young man in the same complex who would store my books and clothing until I found a place to live. Because I had no place to go to sleep, eat or shower for the next day, I slept in the recreation room in the basement of the apartment complex — but I had to wait until everyone went to bed because there were students watching television.

I believe America has had two shames in its early history, and they are homelessness and slavery. For quite some time I have been conscious of the homeless crisis throughout the Los Angeles basin, and as we know, homelessness is ubiquitous in L.A., and the tension between the city and homeless people is growing every day.

There were times I would stand on the corner and look, still unable to believe that such abhorrent inhumane situations exist in the richest country in the world. In the summer of 1990, I spent some of my after work hours working in the homeless shelter serving dinner; I could not believe the number of homeless adult women and men, and most of all, children. And after dinner, many homeless would begin to set up their cardboard boxes for overnight shelter. I never saw so many miserable faces of hopelessness and

desperation.

It has been estimated there are over 3 million homeless people in this country. In 1990, emergency shelter requests went up 24 percent and food for the homeless rose to 21 percent; and at the same time there was an increase of three percent for emergency beds. Numerous soup kitchens across the country had to turn homeless people away because of the lack of food and shelter. Based on statistics, 52 percent of the homeless are men, 34 percent families with children and about 12 percent single. The ethnic breakdown consists of 46 percent African-American, 34 percent white, 15 percent Latino, three percent Native American and one percent Asian-American.

During my research I read that one out of four children is poor, which means 13 million children are poor and getting poorer. It is mind-boggling to know there is a shameful trend of throwing away citizens in this country. It is safe to say that the public, private sector and government has been lackadaisical in dealing with this horrible condition.

To many public officials the homeless are considered the undesirables of our society, so there is no great rush in confronting this issue or solving the problem. Langston Hughes described the plight of the homeless in this country.

*Vagabonds
We are the desperate
Who do not care,
The hungry
Who have nowhere*

*To eat
No place to sleep,
The tearless
Who cannot weep.*

Now that I have painted a gloomy picture of the homeless in this country, I have a few suggestions to make on how we can solve the problem. We must get more involved with our own problems and affairs in this country; we have a moral responsibility towards our fellow man. It is imperative that we as American people and individuals give up some of our selfishness and become more sensitive toward people in need.

The government should take a more active role in solving this homeless crisis before it gets out of hand. It is critical that public officials create a national policy that strictly aims at homelessness. Policies to prevent the loss of subsidies and emergency funds for the homeless, and strategies to help create more tenements and multi-family dwellings; access to better health care, drug treatment programs and educational programs for skills to obtain jobs.

The government must adopt a national policy to link the private sector and public sector in taking the responsibility of rehabilitating the severe shortages of low-income housing.

Finally, we can either sit and pretend the problem will go away with time or we can open our eyes, and take a close look and see that we are as a country neglecting our most precious resource, and that is, our people. Charles DeFlanders is a UCSB alumnus.



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"As students, our main goal is to educate ourselves and others about conditions of poverty such as homelessness," says the founder of SHHAG, Heidi Shaw. By working with the homeless and lower-income population in Isla Vista, the group aims to foster a more accepting attitude towards the less fortunate in our society. Last year this goal was realized on a larger scale when SHHAG, along with other homeless advocacy groups, worked with religious studies Professor Walter Capps to establish a panel of homeless men and women for his Faces of a Stranger class. To reach a more diverse audience, SHHAG will hold a panel discussion open to the public, especially students, later this month.

Formally called Students for Let Isla Vista Eat, the group started out two years ago working in conjunction with CalPIRG's Homeless Hunger Group to collect un-

used food from local merchants like the UCen and El Freebirds, and distributing it to low-income families and individuals in I.V. "I'd gone around the world and saw so many without food," explains original member Sibyl Maer, "and to come back to a country that had plenty and threw it away made me sick." Shaw adds, "we're not saying we have the solutions (to curing poverty), but we believe people are entitled to food and clothing." Despite all of its industrialization and military might, the U.S. lets its poor live in Third World poverty conditions and shows no signs of treating them with real dignity and responsibility. However, SHHAG is unique in that its' members consider respect and love as much as a necessity of life as food, clothing and shelter. SHHAG has based its activities in the community on this principle.

Since last year, the group's services have branched out

to include food, clothing and blanket drives, providing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners in Anisq' Oyo' Park, and volunteering to read stories at Storyteller, a program that offers low-income and homeless children between three and six years old a stable environment in which to live until decent housing can be found for their families.

Although SHHAG receives some funding from the Associated Students, its livelihood depends on volunteers. Whetheryou'd like to spend one or 40 hours a month volunteering, SHHAG can use your help. It is a real chance to make a difference in somebody's life as well as in your own. If nothing else, the next time you pass a homeless man, woman or child, acknowledge them by smiling and saying hello. What can it hurt?

Paul Byrne is a senior history of public policy major.

The French



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The Reader's Voice

Lobster Murderer!

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I write regarding the "Delicious Feast After a Battle of Man and Beast" article (Daily Nexus, Oct. 4) accompanying the photo of Eddie Montilla proudly displaying the nine-and-a-half-pound lobster that he killed. When I read that this aquatic biology major had caught this ancient lobster I was quite impressed and assumed he would, as an aquatic biologist with marine animals' best interests in mind, either put it back or keep it in a tank to study. After all, most lobster barely make it past their first year and this old guy survived for 30. And he was nine and a half pounds, when most captured lobster are only two to three pounds. So what does he do to this "wonder of nature," as the paper calls it? He *eats* it!

Exactly why is Eddie an aquatic biology major? To learn animal behavior in order to improve his hunting techniques? I also don't understand how his meal could have been "triumphantly scrumptious" since lobster meat gets tougher and blander as it gets older. Not many lobsters make it that far anymore, and as Eddie said, it was "the biggest lobster he — and lot of other people — had ever seen." And the best thing he could think to do with this wonder of nature was to eat it? As a sophomore aquatic biology major, I hope they teach me that my goal is to help marine animals live in their environment that has been invaded and abused by humans, not to kill and eat the ones that survived.

RACHEL WOODFIELD

Go Torre!

Editor, Daily Nexus:

In agreement with M. Torre Chisholm (Daily Nexus, "U.S. Needs Secure Defense Policy," Oct. 2), American defense policy needs to change. In

fact, that positive change has already begun to take place. President Bush's commendable move to get the nuclear ball rolling back toward sensible armaments is a perfect example. Even if this move came in an "election season" (quoted from Matthew Groener's letter, Daily Nexus Reader's Voice, Oct. 8), the fact is that both the U.S. and Soviet nuclear arsenals are now headed down the road to destruction, thanks to President Bush.

With the nuclear threat from the Soviet Union diminishing, we must take a more realistic approach to American defense. As Mr. Groener stated, the crumbling Supreme Soviet is not to be expected to keep newly sovereign Soviet republics from utilizing their nuclear armaments on their soil. Additionally, there is immense danger from power hungry third-world dictators who would not think twice before using weapons of mass destruction for global attention (look at Iraq).

So indeed there is still danger and the importance of the Strategic Defense Initiative program (Star Wars) can clearly be seen. As more countries battle for worldwide recognition, SDI will protect the U.S. — the country with everything to lose — from unpredictable Third World and fledgling nations who now find themselves loaded with weaponry and lacking responsibility.

BRYAN RHODES

No Aid, Thanks

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Since the reformation of Soviet society began back in the mid-'80s, many Americans, notably left of center Americans, have been calling for aid to our old adversary. Interestingly enough, many of them, such as Representative Chris Dodd, (D-Connecticut) and other prominent Democrats, have criticized Republicans for ignoring the domestic agenda.

Surprisingly, the Nexus editorial (Daily Nexus, "A Duty to Provide Aid," Oct. 8), admitted that

the crumbling of the Soviet bloc might have had something to do with the strength of the American military. However, it in no way said it agreed with that line of thinking.

Fair enough; it seems to have been an American tradition for the past 40 years for the Republicans to push for what needed to be done while others questioned and second guessed. The most recent example being in the 1988 presidential race. Dukakis criticized Reagan's defense build up for concentrating on hi-tech weapons that would probably not work nearly as well as intended. Anyone familiar with the success of the A-10 Wart Hog, the guided missiles and smart bombs, as well as every body's favorite missile, the Patriot in the Gulf War, knows how erroneous Dukakis' attitude was.

Instead of feeling guilty about destroying the Soviet economy — after all we did not force them to attempt spreading their impractical economy all over the globe, we only challenged this attempt — we should celebrate our victory and spend our "peace dividend" at home. Maybe even take a swing at a balanced budget. Leave the bailing out of the nation, whose leaders promised to "bury" the West, for governments with money to blow.

MARK WEST

Dumb Democrats

Editor, Daily Nexus:

To Ms. Rochell (Daily Nexus, Reader's Voice, Oct. 2): "Everyone who votes Republican" is not to blame for the inevitable reversal of Roe v. Wade. Whining, sniveling Democrats such as yourself are to blame for allowing the opposition party to stagnate and lose relevance. Your letter is based exclusively on emotionalism. It lacks structure and nerve and is analogous to the reasons why the Democrats are unable to field a reasonable presidential candidate.

TIMOTHY DICE

ID: Licenses Revoked

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charged with a misdemeanor, Isla Vista Foot Patrol Senior Deputy Allen Selander said.

"Obviously it depends on the circumstances," Selander said. If you're a woman "walking down the street with your boyfriend's license, you're not going to be arrested because you can't use it," he said.

The DMV, too, will not hesitate to prosecute falsifiers, said Strategic Planning Manager Aileen Perez from her Sacramento office. Though reluctant to discuss methods of obtaining fictitious licenses, Perez said applying with a fake birth certificate was common — and probably the easiest way to get caught.

All birth certificates undergo careful scrutiny by a team of experts, Perez said. If they discover the birth certificate to be false, an investigator is put on the case, she said.

She also said people rarely get away with the old trick of giving their licence to an underage friend, reporting it stolen, and then trying to replace it at the DMV. "Kids aren't sophisticated (enough) to get away with it," Perez said.

But even the most sophisticated of kids will have trouble fooling the new high-tech licences the DMV

is phasing in over the next four to 10 years. They are virtually impossible to duplicate.

The plastic cards sport a magnetic strip that encodes the holder's personal information, and a special hologram laminate which bears the holder's thumbprint. A copy of all this information is digitized on videotape at the Sacramento DMV, according to Sacramento DMV Public Information Superintendent Bill Madison.

It's difficult to duplicate, no doubt about it. But is it impossible?

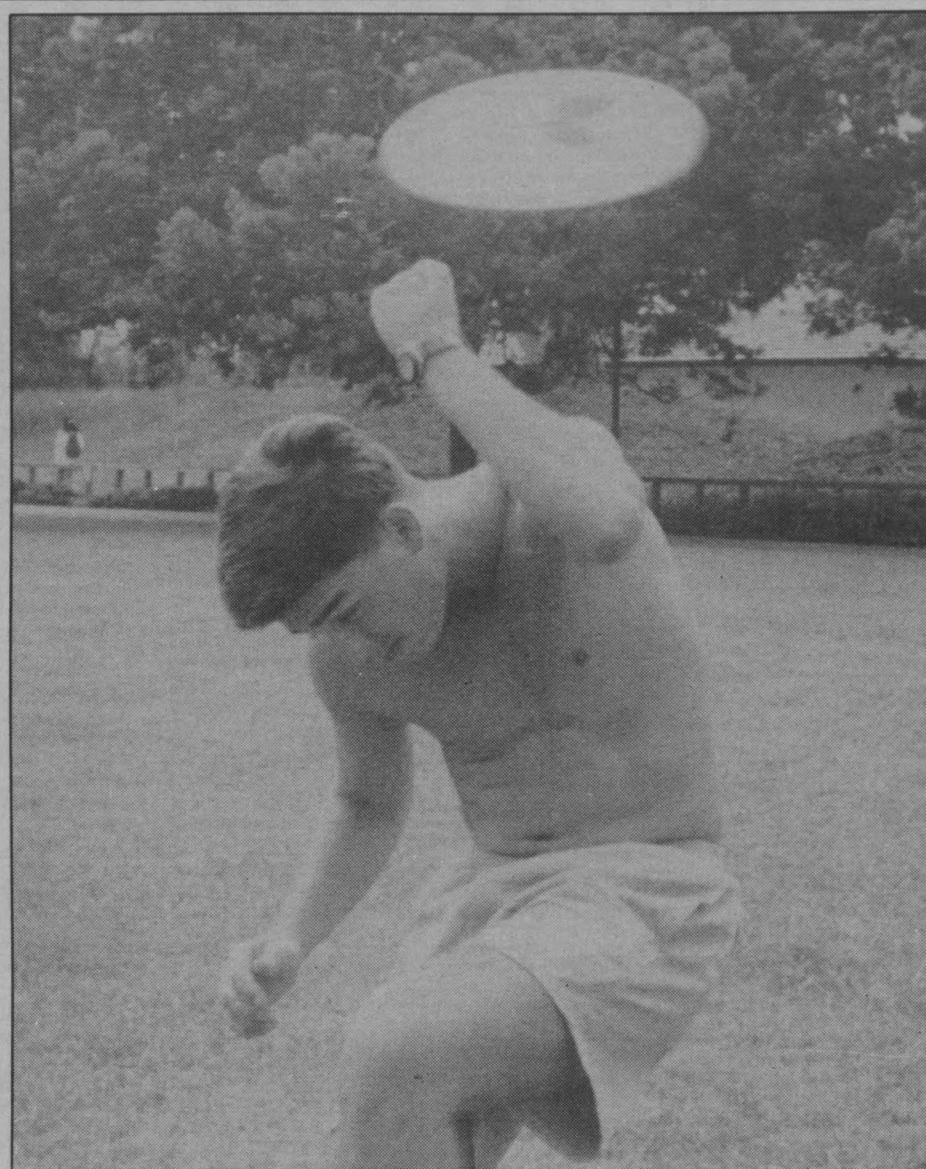
The Foot Patrol remains skeptical. After all, "people are inventive," Selander said.

"It will be interesting to see how people get away with it," Williamson said.

So while the DMV claims fake I.D.s may be an endangered species, it is unlikely that the alcohol consumption of the under-21 crowd at UCSB will decline any time soon. For most thirsty students, getting booze is as simple as finding someone who is 21 to supply it for them.

Junior aquatic biology major John Forsythe said that obtaining alcohol was never a problem.

"It's easy. It's more than easy," Forsythe said.



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Bloodsport UCSB-style

Unidentified flying life form zeroes in on terrified UCSB student.

COLUMNS

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to the bottom of it," Redmon said.

Although some speculated that the columns collapsed during the 1925 Santa Barbara earthquake, museum curator David Bisol judged from the good condition of the columns that they were laid there carefully.

"All chips and mars are fresh cuts," he said.

One theory strongly upheld by experts was that the columns belonged to the La Cumbre Construction Company, which was located at the site until 1924, said Redmon. He speculated that the company may have buried them when they moved from the location.

Another theory proposed was that the columns were to have been brought in by a local company for construction purposes, but were abandoned after the 1925 quake when it was realized that pillars could not stand up to earthquakes, Bisol said.

But theories are only theories, so enterprising museum volunteer Pat Cleek took it upon herself to unravel the mystery that captivated the town.

Cleek meticulously searched the museum's historical photo files on Tuesday looking for photos that resembled the unusual columns. Finally, after several hours she found a match.

The columns had been located on the front of the Santa Barbara Savings and Loan located on State and Canon Perdido, Bisol said. The bank, which was built in 1904, was dismantled after the 1925 quake and the site now houses Security Pacific Bank.

Bisol said that the columns were possibly moved to the GTE site for construction salvage in 1925 and were later buried.

The columns were carved by local stone mason Fred Henderson, said Bisol, who further researched the pillars' origins after Cleek's findings.

According to a Santa Barbara News-Press article of the time, the pillars were described as "the most beautiful columns on a commercial building in the state."

And so the mystery was solved, not by any of the Ph.D.s called in to investigate, but by a curious museum volunteer with some time on her hands.

Archaeologist Roy Dugger, who was contracted to research the columns, said that he believes that the museum's findings are accurate.

Contrary to their initial assessment the columns are made of sandstone, not granite.

AUDIT: Difference of Opinion About UCSB Contract Policies

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bay noted that many of the project managers were overworked, and could not adequately perform their jobs.

However, Internal Audit manager Joe Hackett believes the policy is clearly stated, and that Facilities Management officials played favorites when awarding maintenance contracts.

"In some cases, when projects are not separated by time, I guess there may be a small gray area, (but) if there's a project that's \$50,000 or more, it must be competitively bid," Hackett said.

In the case of a road repair work order from 1989, one project awarded to contractor C.L. Sterner was split into two contracts of

\$41,437 and \$46,844 — both just below the cutoff point of \$50,000. The audit points out that these projects should have been combined and opened to competitive bids from other contractors.

"(Sterner's contract) was clearly an exception to the policy to me. There could have been more effort to use a different pool of contractors," Hackett said.

But Dubay claimed that Facilities Management is using a sufficient pool of contractors.

"The project managers rotate through the list of contractors, and we've had no complaints thus far," he said.

Five years ago when Robert Huttenback was chancellor, Facilities Management had similar prob-

"If things are not improved at that time, we need to get some firm commitments from Facilities Management."

Joe Hackett
Internal Audit manager

lems with project splitting under different leadership. Controversy centered around the spending of \$217,291 in state funds to remodel Huttenback's off-campus home. Former Facilities Management Direc-

tor Chris Ferdinandson was jailed for embezzlement of project funds after the incident was exposed.

But Hackett is impressed with the progress made since that era, and hopes the situation will continue to improve.

"My impression is that the problems we found this year were on a smaller level than the Huttenback era. Things have markedly improved over the past several years."

Dubay said he is working on implementing some of the procedures Internal Audit recommended, such as training project managers on competitive bidding and establishing a procedure to ensure competitive bidding requirements are met.

"If project splitting were habitual, it would do harm.

It only takes one lapse of judgement and the audit findings are brought to our attention," he said.

In the future, Hackett would like to see stronger direction in Facilities Management. "We were concerned that the project managers were not getting the information they needed to make sure all the contractors were used," Hackett said. "They definitely need to be better directed to make sure they are carrying out the projects."

Internal Audit will go back to Facilities Management within six months to follow-up on these findings, Hackett said.

"If things are not improved at that time, we need to get some firm commitments from Facilities Management," he said.

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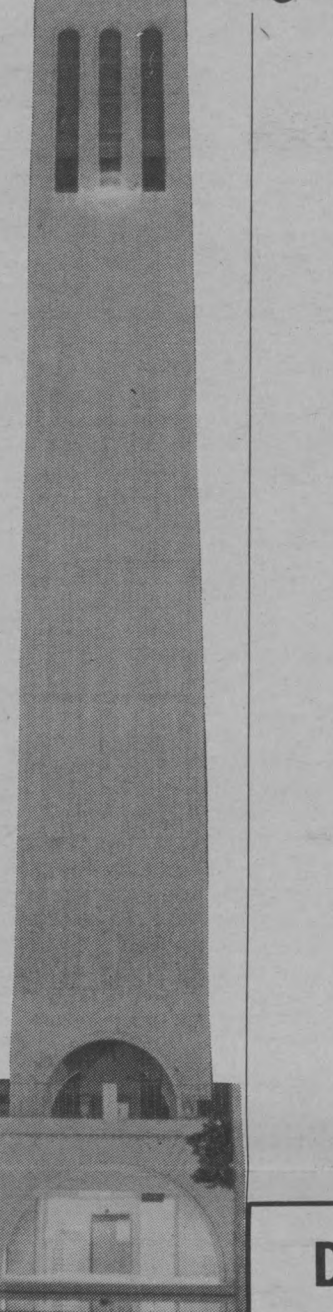
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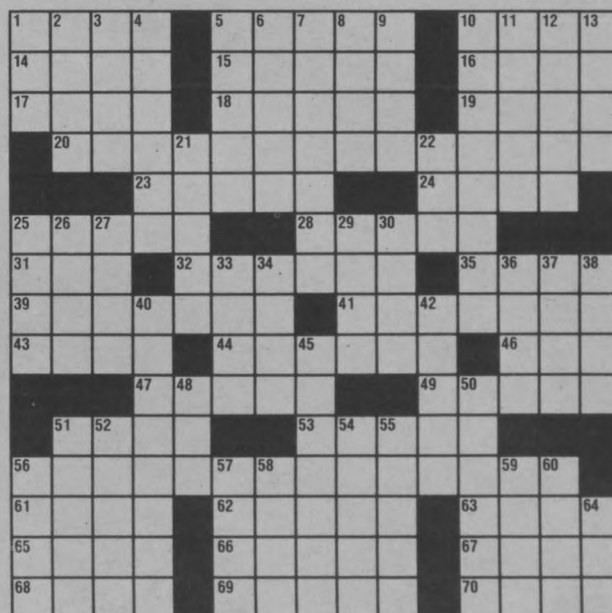
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Lane Has Chance to Live Out Dream

Gaucha Shortstop Gets Invitation to Tryout for '92 Olympic Baseball Squad

By Andrew Paul
Staff Writer

The 1992 Summer Olympics have been receiving a lot of media attention recently. The attention, though, is quite understandable considering that several big-name athletes will be representing the United States in Barcelona, Spain — such as Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and Danny Lane. Well, possibly Danny Lane.

The Gaucha shortstop is one of 90 players from around the country who has been invited to tryout for the '92 Olympic baseball team. The tryouts will be held Nov. 1 through Nov. 10 in Homestead, Florida, where, after the 10-day period, the team will be sliced in half before eventually being reduced to its final roster of 22 players.

"The Olympics are always something you dream about," Lane said. "This is a definite lifetime opportunity. I'm not counting on anything, I'm just being op-

timistic and realistic."

Lane was putting together a record-breaking season last year for the Gauchos before it ended prematurely. On April 11, after playing in 35 games, Lane broke a finger on his left hand while pitching batting practice, an injury which sidelined him for the final 25 games of the year.

At that point, Lane had 11 home runs and 60 runs batted in, well on pace to break the Gaucha single-season home run record of 17 and RBI mark of 74. In fact, had Lane continued to drive in runs at the same rate, he would have been one of only a handful of college players ever to drive in 100 runs in a season.

But Lane has put all that behind him, now the Olympics are what's on his mind.

His finger is completely healed. Lane picked up a baseball for the first time since the injury in mid-July, which was too late for him to play any summer league baseball.

"Eighty-nine of the 90

guys at the tryouts will have played summer league baseball," Lane said. "I have to let people know that last year wasn't a fluke and that I have recovered from the injury. I know there are always going to be those with doubts."

Lane will get his chances at the tryouts in Florida to prove himself in front of the Olympic coaches and numerous major league scouts who will be looking on. The 90 players invited will split up into five teams — North, South, East, West and Florida. Those squads will then play each other repeatedly over the course of the ten days.

Joining Lane on the West squad will be several players from California, including Pepperdine pitcher Eric Wallace and Long Beach State shortstop Chris Gomez, a transfer from Loyola Marymount.

Considering that Lane did not start every day as a freshman and played only 36 games last year as a sophomore, he was not expecting, by any means, an



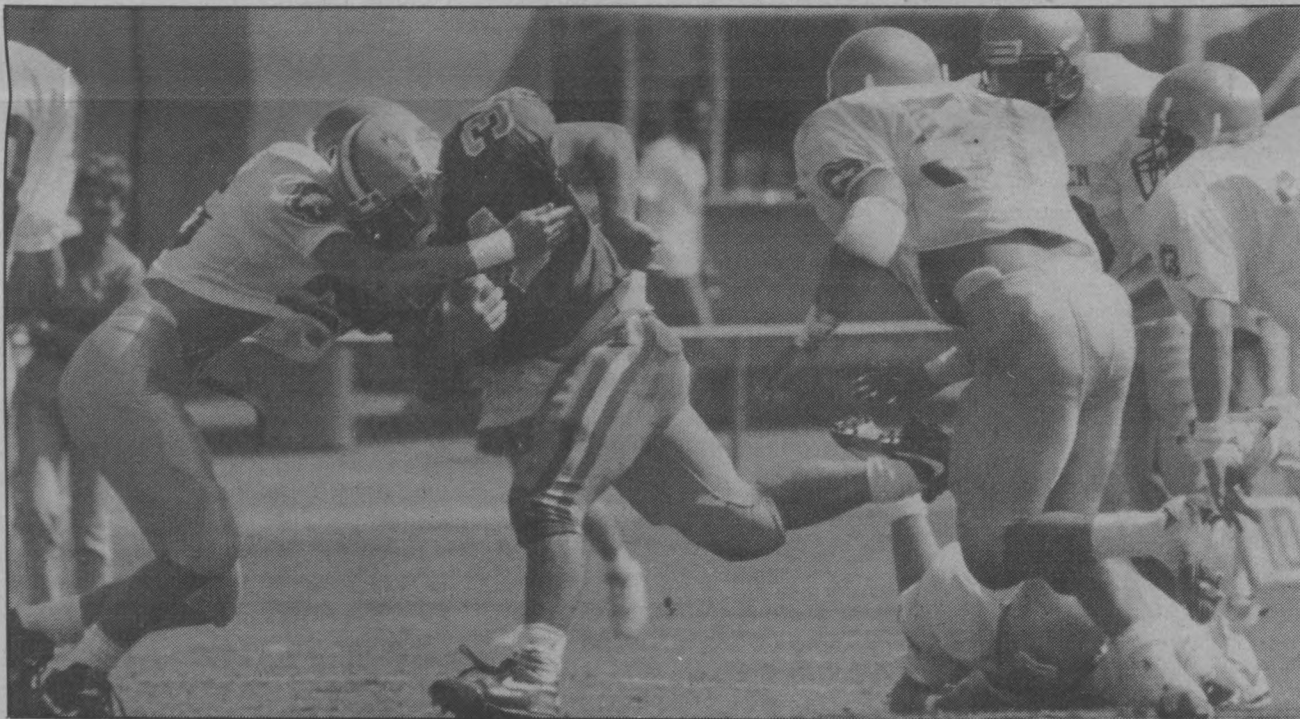
Danny Lane

invitation for the Olympic tryouts. But he does admit it was in the back of his mind.

"After last season, I thought about (the Olympics), especially since it's coming up next summer," Lane said. "But I didn't really know how the selection process had gone in the past."

Now Lane knows how it works and he's a part of it.

"I'm pretty happy," Lane said. "I could be there with Jordan and all of those guys."



CHRIS FITZ/Daily Nexus

HOME STRETCH — The football team, led in part by Ross Bauer (above), and the men's soccer team, shown below in a game against Grand Canyon U. (center, 12), both return from roadtrips to play at home this weekend. Friday night, soccer will play conference foe UCI, and then the football team will play Hayward St. at Harder Stadium Saturday.



DAVID ROSEN/Daily Nexus

SCOTT MCPHERSON

One Man's Predictions on Hockey's 75th Year

Ah yes, here we are at that magical time of the sports year when the baseball playoffs begin, football is hitting midseason and the basketball teams are starting their training camps. Truly, it's a great time to be a sports fan.

However, what could easily have gone unnoticed if you weren't really paying attention is that this week saw the beginning of the National Hockey League's regular season.

And not just any season — the NHL marks its 75th anniversary this year. At a time of surging interest in the sport, including the new expansion of the San Jose Sharks team and the Tampa and Ottawa franchises set to roll next season, one might think that the NHL is humming along, in better shape than ever.

One would be wrong.

With concerns over the lack of free agency, the lack of a national television contract, the lack of funds to finance the Ottawa and Tampa entries and the lack of a collective bargaining agreement between players and owners, the NHL's birthday bash is a shaky one at best.

Regardless of all this, there is some hockey to be played, so darn it, let's drop the puck and faceoff with one hockey fan's look at this season:

The Los Angeles Kings, the closest thing we have to a local team around here, raised more than a few eyebrows with some off-season wheeling and dealing. The addition of Jari Kurri to Wayne Gretzky's line may have already given Todd Elik leaves the second line without a legitimate play-making center. Also, the trading of Steve Duchesne and Steve Kasper has severely weakened the defense that was among the league's best last year. With a questionable defense and a one-line offense, the "new" LA Kings are rapidly resembling the "old" LA Kings of about seven years BG (before Gretzky).

... it's a great time to be a sports fan.

While the addition of Charlie Huddy may strengthen the blueline corps, bizarre front office decisions like the releasing of John Tonelli (a five-time Stanley Cup winner who the Kings still have to pay this year anyway) have convinced me that the Kings cannot repeat as Smythe division champs.

However, with traditional powerhouse Edmonton trading anyone and everyone on their roster, expect the Kings to easily finish second, well behind Calgary but just better than the talent rich Vancouver Canucks.

Then there are the Sharks, California's other entry in the NHL. Don't expect San Jose to make the play-offs this year, but don't just think of the squad as a gathering of rejects clad in jerseys that sport a truly bitchin' logo immersed in a most peculiar shade of blue. There are some real NHLers here, including former Blackhawk defenseman Doug Wilson, and former Rangers Brian Mullen and Kelly Kisio. Look for the Kisio-Mullen line to score many — if not most — of the team's points, and also expect Wilson, and perhaps prospect Rob Zettler, to show fleeting images of defense this year.

Goaltending should not be a problem for the Sharks, who selected former Montreal goalie Brian Hayward and Islanders' blue-chipper Jeff Hackett in the June expansion draft. San Jose also owns the NHL rights to a top Soviet puckstopper who has expressed a great interest in joining the Sharks.

Despite these bright spots, don't expect much from this team in terms of winning. This is not a solid club and there remain gaping holes in both offense and defense. The Sharks first draft choice and second overall pick, Pat Falloon, has potential to be an NHL scoring threat, but he lacks the size needed to land a starting spot right away (but then, considering who he'll have to beat out for a job, we just may see the 19-year-old logging lots of ice time). Look for this band of lovable losers to be bringing up the rear of the Smythe this season.

Some other quick predictions:

Despite the grumblings on both sides, there will be no lockouts or player's strikes.

Pittsburgh's Mario Lemieux will be back in force in '91-'92 and will win the scoring title.

Ray Bourque, the awesome Bruin backliner, will finally win the Hart Trophy while leading Boston to another Adams Division title.

St. Louis scoring machine Brett Hull will once again challenge — but not break — the Great One's single-season goal mark.

Wayne Gretzky will break a few more NHL records.

Eric Lindros will break every OHL record.

Despite the absence of Lindros, the Quebec Nordiques will shock the world by making the playoffs this year. Finally, in the Stanley Cup finals, the Flames will oust the Bruins in six games.

Remember, you heard it here first.