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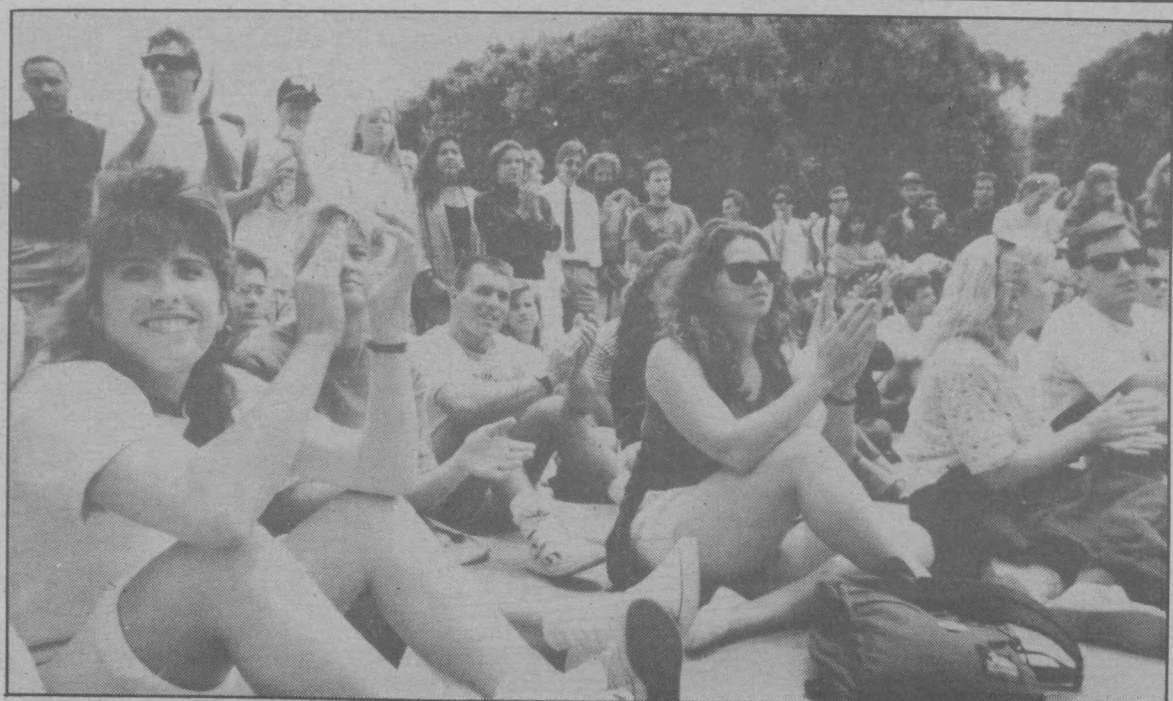
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Students applaud guilty verdicts handed down to UCSB administrators during a mock trial protest held in front of Cheadle Hall Wednesday.

Administrators Found Guilty at Mock Trial

Demonstrators Deliver Demands to Uehling

By Jennifer Ogar
Staff Writer

In a two-hour demonstration outside Cheadle Hall Wednesday, approximately 250 disgruntled students held a mock trial in which they declared Chancellor Barbara S. Uehling guilty of disregarding student voice on a number of campus issues.

Following the protest, which was preceded by a half-hour Gospel Choir performance, roughly 30 students marched to the chancellor's fifth-floor Cheadle Hall office and presented her assistant, Bryant

Weineke, with a list of demands. The students requested that the chancellor give a written reply to the demands by 3 p.m., May 21. There were no arrests.

Uehling was unavailable to respond to questions in person, as she was on her way to San Francisco to attend the monthly UC Board of Regents meeting this weekend, according to Weineke, who said he could not guarantee the chancellor would respond in writing because she had not seen the demands herself.

As a result, Weineke and Public Information Officer Kief Hillsbury fielded an hour's

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Faculty to Recommend Semester Plan Despite Student Vote

By Jan Hines
Reporter

Despite a resounding student vote to retain the current academic quarter system in the Associated Students general election last month, the UCSB Faculty Legislature is expected to recommend adoption of a semester system.

The official election results announced May 9 show 77.23 percent of UCSB students prefer the quarter system. Faculty members believe, however, that students were not adequately informed of the proposed semester system, according to Michael O'Connell, chair of the faculty committee making the recommendation to adopt semesters.

"Students were not given spe-

cific information on the ballot about the type of semester system we are talking about," O'Connell said. "So in looking at the vote, we are talking about apples and oranges." Under the proposed semester system, the first semester would run from the week before Labor Day to winter break, the second would begin in January and finish in mid-May.

A.S. Off-Campus Representa-

tive Kurt Ebner, who authored the plebiscite, defended the validity of the student ballot. "The original bill did not include a description (of the proposed system) because this was not mentioned at the joint Academic Senate-Leg Council meeting."

Ebner believes that students understand the way the semester system works. Although only 30.10 percent of student voters

stated they had been previously enrolled in a semester system, "Most people know someone who is," Ebner said. "Students should be able to make an informed decision."

The switch to semesters has been debated by UCSB faculty for several years, especially since UC Berkeley implemented the system

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Gold Medalist Joyner-Kersee Speaks Today At UCSB Class

Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersee will be on campus today to discuss the challenges she has faced on her path toward becoming a world-class athlete, as part of UCSB Professor Walter Capps' course "Voices of the Stranger."

Joyner-Kersee will be joined by her husband Bob Kersee, head women's track coach at UCLA, in the Interdisciplinary Studies 150 course at 9:30 a.m. in Campbell Hall.

This will be the second appearance for the couple in the course which examines human diversity by studying the "wisdom of ordinary people," Capps said. "Voices of the Stranger is designed to look at the 'kinds of people that populate the world by using first person accounts of what they stand for and what they're challenged by,'" Capps said.

Joyner-Kersee, who has

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Prop. 111 Causes Problems; Univ.'s Motives Questioned

By Heesun Wee
Staff Writer

As unusual as it may seem, the fate of a proposed state gas tax may have a profound impact on the University of California budget, according to UC administrators.

Such warnings, however, have led some UC employees to wonder if administrators are stepping over legal bounds into active on-the-job campaigning.

University administrators have warned that if Proposition 111 fails in the June 5 elections, the nine UC campuses may have to implement a tuition fee, decrease enrollment, and cut the quality of academic programs.

Administrators have put forth informational materials and presentations suggesting that UC employees should support Prop. 111, according to Bob Schmidt, Prop. 111 news bureau director.

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Residence Hall Reps to Be Chosen During Elections Today, Friday

By Kim Kotnik
Staff Writer

Residence Hall Executive Board elections will take place today and Friday during lunch and dinner at the dining commons to choose the coordinators for next year's on-campus resident activities.

UCSB students living on campus will elect a president, administrative vice president, vice presi-

dent of programming, secretary/treasurer, representative at large and a national communications coordinator.

RHA oversees all residence hall activities and plans several events, including the annual Sandcastle Day at Goleta Beach, educational programming, a health fair, game shows, talent shows, and movies. Executive board members also adopt positions on campus-wide

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DANA MCCOY Daily Nexus

Shake Baby Shake

In celebration of Asian American Culture Week, the Hawaiian club instructed volunteers in the art of hula.

WORLD

Tentative Accord Reached To End Nicaraguan Strikes

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — The beleaguered new government of President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro reached tentative accord with Sandinista labor leaders Wednesday to end some of the crippling strikes by government employees.

But most of her 3-week-old administration remained frozen by the walkouts, and suffered a further blow Wednesday when President Bush said that legally his administration cannot provide \$40 million she sought in emergency loans.

Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo described the situation in this Central American nation of 3.5 million residents as "very difficult."

Bush told a news conference in Washington that Nicaragua is "absolutely bankrupt" and asked Congress to act quickly on pending legislation providing \$300 million in aid to the U.S.-backed government, in power since April 25.

But he said of Mrs. Chamorro's request for a loan to get her through the immediate financial crisis: "I can't provide that, because the Nicaraguans have no assured means of repayment."

In nightlong talks, strike leaders reduced their demand for salary increase from 200 to 180 percent and the government responded by doubling its offer to 120 percent.

Kremlin Willing to Begin Talks, Latvian Head Says

RIGA, U.S.S.R. (AP) — The Kremlin has agreed to start mid-level talks on Baltic independence next week, a Latvian leader said Wednesday, and Estonia's premier appealed for American help to smooth the way.

They would be the first such talks held since the three Baltic republics declared independence from Moscow.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev invoked new presidential powers Monday to declare the independence declarations invalid, and he has refused to meet directly with the presidents of the three republics.

Latvian Deputy prime Minister Ilmars Bisers, just back from meetings in Moscow, said talks with Soviet officials would focus on "the gaining of independence on the basis of a treaty with the Soviet Union."

Bisers said a Latvian delegation expected to meet in Moscow with officials including Georgy Tarazevich, chairman of a parliamentary commission on nationalities policy, and Deputy Prime Minister Ivan Silayev.

Lords Expected to Kill Bill Set to Try Nazi Suspects

LONDON (AP) — Britain's unelected House of Lords is preparing to kill government legislation to allow trials of suspected Nazi war criminals.

It would be the first time in modern history that the Lords, mostly hereditary aristocrats, have rejected outright a bill passed by the elected House of Commons.

Nazi hunters are distressed, but some in the Lords argue that fair trials are impossible at a distance of up to 50 years, that the crimes were not committed on British soil, and that retroactive legislation is unjust.

The expected rejection of the bill, in a Lords vote on June 4, has revived qualms about the power still vested in this unique collection of bluebloods, bishops, jurists and recently ennobled politicians, all of whom owe their place in the upper chamber to birth or political patronage.

However, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government seems quietly relieved at the prospect of avoiding what critics call "show trials" of three aging East European emigres.

NATION

Bush: Soviet Baltic Action 'Puts Tension' on Summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Wednesday the Soviet effort to block independence drives in the Baltic republics "certainly puts some tension" on his summit with Mikhail S. Gorbachev but would not stand in the way of nuclear arms talks.

Bush held out hope that the superpowers can agree soon to cut long-range nuclear weapons when he meets with Gorbachev in two weeks.

Appearing to choose his words with great care, Bush said, "I wouldn't say that it appears unlikely" that he and Gorbachev would be able to sign a treaty framework on nuclear arms during their four days of talks.

"I would not predict that these matters cannot be resolved in time for the summit," he said.

U.S. officials have complained that Moscow has backtracked in arms talks, clouding prospects for a deal.

Bush, at a wide-ranging news conference, said he was awaiting word from Secretary of State James A. Baker III, who is in Moscow trying to break the stalemate.

The president met with reporters one day after the opening of budget talks with Congress, and he expressed optimism about reaching an agreement to cut the burgeoning deficit.

Bacterial Infection Takes Life of Jim Henson at 53

NEW YORK (AP) — Puppeteer extraordinaire Jim Henson, who gave his voice to Kermit the Frog and his elfin spirit to a multitude of Muppets as they taught and delighted millions worldwide, died unexpectedly Wednesday. He was 53.

Henson died at 1:30 a.m. from a massive bacterial infection, said Kathleen Robinson, a spokesperson at New York Hospital. Henson, a Manhattan resident, had been admitted to the hospital early Tuesday, she said. No other details were released.

Henson's creatures first appeared in 1954, and he watched them explode from a local television favorite to a worldwide phenomenon and multimillion-dollar industry.

His "Sesame Street" characters, including Oscar the Grouch, Cookie Monster and Big Bird, have been welcomed into homes around the United States every day for the past 21 years.

"The Muppet Show," which starred Kermit and Miss Piggy and debuted in 1976, became the most widely seen television program in the world, attracting an estimated 235 million viewers in 100 countries. His magic touch was evident again this year with his work on the box office smash "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles."

"He was our generation's Charlie Chaplin, Mae West, W.C. Fields and Marx Brothers, and he drew from all of them to create a new art form," said Joan Ganz Cooney, president of Children's Television Workshop, which produces "Sesame Street."

An emotional Lena Horne, who appeared frequently with Henson's characters over the past 20 years, said she missed the puppeteer Tuesday night at a gathering of the "Sesame Street" cast and friends, but she had no idea Henson was near death.

Correction

A May 9 Nexus article on noise control discussions incorrectly identified Leo Jacobsen as Leo Robinson. The Nexus regrets this error.

STATE

Sammy Davis Jr. Dies of Cancer; Friends Remember

BEVERLY HILLS (AP) — Sammy Davis Jr., the wiry song-and-dance man whose flashy 60-year career of glitzy Hollywood glamour made him an entertainment institution, died at dawn Wednesday. He was 64.

"He died at 5:59 a.m., here at home, peacefully in his sleep" with his wife, Altovise, and three of his four children present, business manager Shirley Rhodes told reporters outside his home.

Davis was diagnosed with throat cancer eight months ago, and his health deteriorated steadily after he went home from the hospital March 13 after a two-month stay.

Davis was a superstar at everything he did — singing, acting, dancing, comedy — and he was a superstar as a human being, said Hollywood friends who mourned the entertainer's death Wednesday.

"I would say that Sammy Davis Jr. was the greatest entertainer in show business," fellow showperson George Burns said from his Los Angeles office. "There wasn't anything Sammy Davis couldn't do. He could sing, he could dance, he was a mimic, he was an actor, he was a comedian, he did it all."

And he did more of it for charitable causes than anybody, said longtime friend Joey Bishop.

"He was a great, great human being. I don't know if he ever turned down anybody for a good cause," Bishop said by phone from his home. "I'm just so sad to hear it. I loved him."

Spermicides Might Induce Bladder, Yeast Infections

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nonoxynol-9, the spermicide touted for its ability to prevent the spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, may increase the risk of bladder and yeast infections in women, new studies show.

Some women should consider switching to other forms of birth control, but only if they are in a relationship that puts them at low risk of catching AIDS, chlamydia, gonorrhea or other venereal diseases, researchers said Wednesday.

"Nonoxynol-9 is an extremely effective agent against many sexually transmitted diseases, as well as sperm," said Jackie McGroarty, a microbiologist at Toronto General Hospital.

"We wouldn't recommend people discontinue use of spermicide unless they are suffering recurrent bladder or yeast infections and are currently in a stable, monogamous relationship."

If women who suffer infections when using spermicides or diaphragms want to use those contraceptives, they can get antibiotic treatment for the infections, said Dr. Thomas Hooton, of the University of Washington's Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

Federal Jury Rules Against PG&E for Pipeline Break

FRESNO (AP) — A federal jury has blamed Pacific Gas & Electric Co. for a pipeline break that was among a batch of problems that plagued construction of the Helms hydroelectric plant.

The utility argued during trial that the rupture was the result of poor welding by workers for American Bridge, which built and installed the 140-foot-long pipe.

But consultants for American Bridge's parent company, USX, testified that the ground settled under the pipe. American Bridge attorneys argued that PG&E engineers failed to take and analyze soil samples before the concrete foundation and pilings to support the pipe were built.

The six-person jury agreed with the subcontractor's position on Tuesday after a two-month trial and one day of deliberations.

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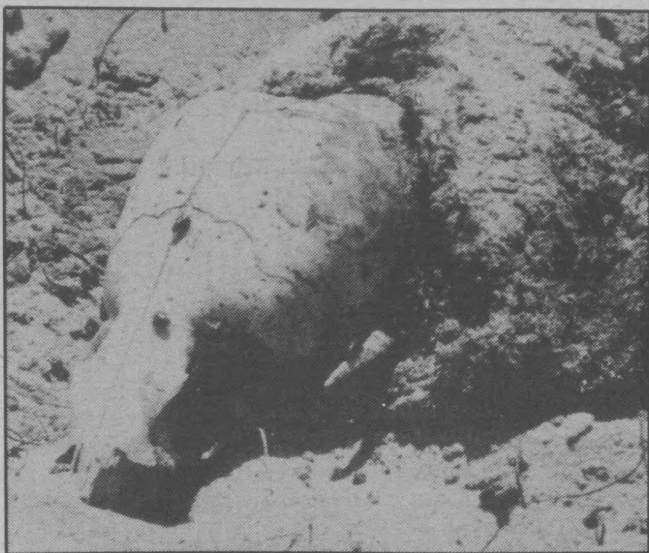
Things are growing larger around here (hey that's a nice suit you might be wearing on your spokes, spokes). Can we ask that MC President wear that wig all the time? And now we hear that They only want to consider the quality votes in the recent Quar/Sem pleibowitz. How does the mirror feel, I wonder, when it knows better than everyone that you are a manipulating domineering piece of hooey? And that you can get away with it? At least Huttenback didn't pretend to be acting in the students' or anybody else's interests. There's such thing as honor among thieves, and nothing is more embarrassing than seeing grown men and women of alleged academic stature lying like Jim Wright while enforcing like Kermit Washington.

THURSDAY

High 76, low 52. Sunrise 5:57, Sunset 7:56

FRIDAY

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Dead Sea Lions Left to Decay on Local Shores: Officials Unresponsive

By Jeff Solomon
Staff Writer

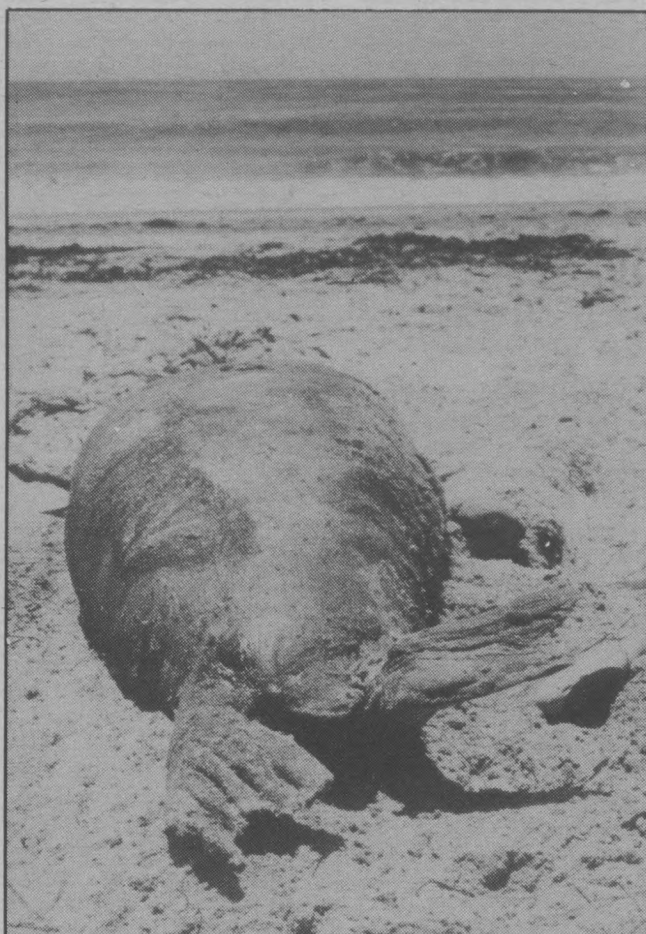
Several dead California sea lions have washed up on local beaches recently, but because government agencies in the county refuse to remove them, the decaying carcasses may rot where they lay.

Responsibility for the removal of the dead sea mammals, which can weigh between 100 and 600 pounds, should fall on the shoulders of Santa Barbara County Animal Control, said Joe Cordero, wildlife biologist for the National Marine Fisheries.

But, according to AC account clerk Teresa Smith, her office does not have the capabilities to remove the carcasses. "We don't have the equipment," Smith said, citing the absence of lifting equipment and four-wheel-drive vehicles needed to perform such a task.

"If our crew went out there and tried to drag (the sea lions) off the beach, they would get hernias," Smith added.

Cordero agrees that a local agency should have the duty of removing the carcasses, but added that there sometimes is a lack of funding or equipment, as in the case of Santa Barbara. "It is a local problem, and the only way it's going to get solved is if citizens complain" and pressure local politicians to take care of the problem.



Local agencies are playing "Ooh, yuck! It's not our mess," while Sea Lion carcasses rot on Isla Vista beaches.

DANA MCCOY Daily Nexus

Last week, several sea lion carcasses were found on the beaches near the campus. Since no county agency provided for their removal, the university's Facilities Management buried the sea lions on the premises.

"We took care of three of them" last week, said Facilities Management Superintendent Gus Munoz, explaining that a backhoe was used to "bury (the carcasses) real deep." Munoz added that the high tide sometimes drops the dead animals onto the shore, but often the presence of a carcass goes unreported, and they are left to decay.

Biology department assistant collector Jim McCullagh said it is "pretty common ... to see (the carcasses) washed up on the shore." Since there is a population of sea lions living

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BUT THE THING WAS THAT THE FLEA DIDNT HAVE TO TELL HER THIS BECAUSE SHE KNEW IT ALL TOO WELL



AND IF ALL OF THIS WASNT BAD ENOUGH FOR THE POOR CAT MY MOTHER THEN PROCEEDED TO SHAKE THE SHIVERING THING IN A SHAKE-N-BAKE BAG FILLED WITH FLEA POWDER.



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KERSEE

Continued from p.1 been described by UCSB Men's Track and Field Coach Sam Adams as "perhaps the finest woman athlete of all time," will discuss the need to maintain "mental toughness" in the face of challenge, Capps said. "If (her lecture) is like it was last time, she'll discuss a

contrast between growing up in East St. Louis and becoming a track star — and talk about the pros and cons of both," he said.

While the public is welcome to attend the lecture, students enrolled in the course will have priority admittance. The presentation will also be broadcast at 9 p.m. tonight on Cox Cable Channel 21.

— Michelle Ray

SEALS

Continued from p.1 off the coast, it is "not too unusual" to find a carcass, he said.

However, a rotting corpse on the beach can pose health threats to beach-goers, Cordero said, explaining that disease could be transmitted through parasites or bac-

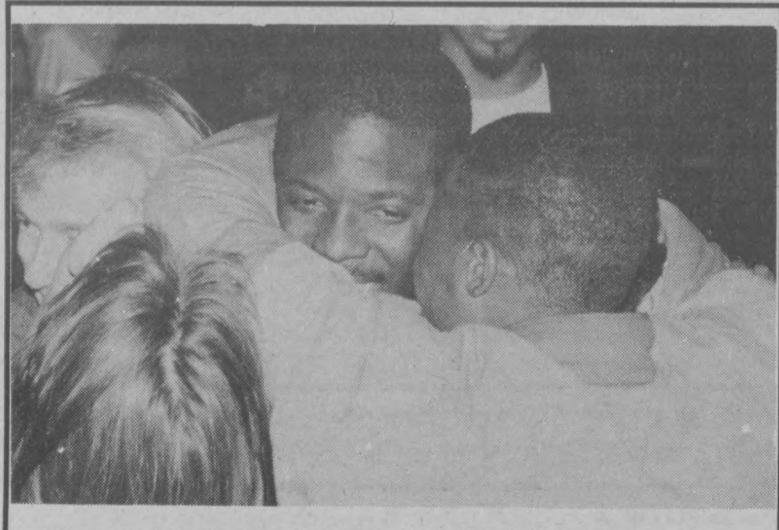
teria that infest the animal after death.

Furthermore, the carcasses take "quite a while" to decompose, which adds to the length of the health threat, Cordero said. Depending on the amount of scavengers in the area and how much the dead animal has bloated, the decomposition process could take about two to three weeks, he said.

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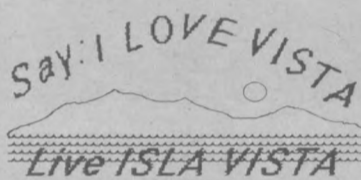


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By Kim Kotnik
Staff Writer

Nicholas Negroponete, director of the Media Laboratory at Boston's Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will discuss developments in the field of informational systems in a lecture tonight at 6 p.m. in the UCen Pavilion.

Negroponete, called by A.S. Program Board lecture series coordinator Mathew Cryer "perhaps the most brilliant man in the business technological sphere," will also touch on the importance of the media in today's global society.

Research and development of prototypes for tomorrow's communications and computer technology is constantly being done at the MIT lab Negroponete directs, with cutting edge products such as medical imaging and high-definition television being just a couple of the projects the Media Laboratory has undertaken.

It was this high-tech background that led Cryer to suggest Negroponete as a potential speaker for the Issues for the 1990s lecture series, he said. "He's from the foremost technological institute in the world, and the whole thing is his brainchild. People from Sony and other major players in the international business scene call him for advice."

Associated Students Program Board wrote to "eight or nine potential speakers. We didn't expect Negroponete to accept. I asked him to include his fee, and he said he was embarrassed to include it because it's way out of our budget."

"We're paying for his plane ticket and that's it," Cryer said, adding that the lecture is free to the public.

Media Lab will operate this year on a \$13.3 million cash and equipment budget donated by corporate sponsors, according to a May 9 *Chronicle of Higher Education* article.

RALLY: Weineke Defends Chancellor's Actions

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worth of questions from students regarding issues which charge that the administration has neglected student concerns during decision-making processes.

The protestors presented the following demands:

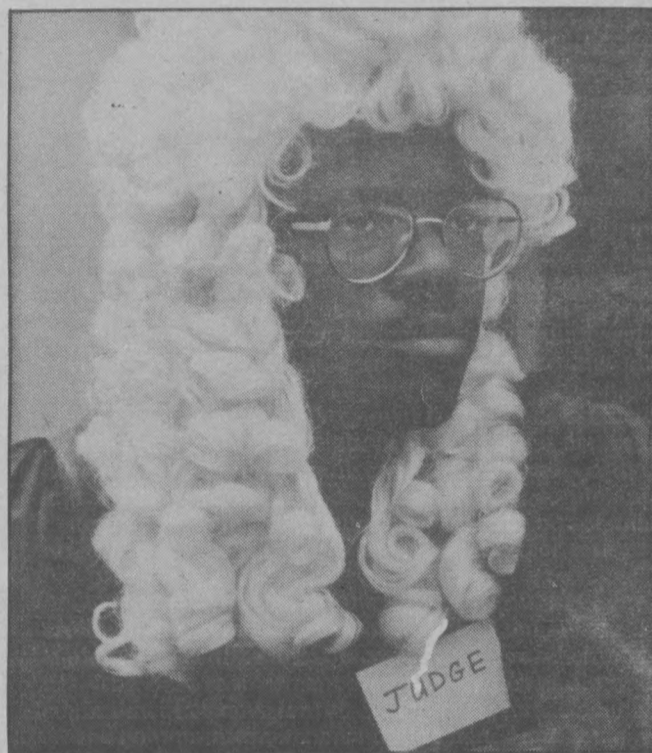
- The chancellor acknowledge the absolute right of students to solely determine the terms of campus elections.

- The chancellor return to UCSB students the right to assess themselves fees for any student program or project.

- The chancellor establish 10 four-hour-long meeting times with students to discuss the following issues: The Long Range Development Plan, the Sedgwick property, the Gospel Choir, divestment and UC Management of weapons labs, racism at UCSB, sexism at UCSB, CalPIRG, guaranteed direct and active student participation in the university decision-making process, and the research vs. teaching debate.

- The chancellor come forth with a written opinion on: A - The belief that student voice is not considered in the governance of UCSB, B - The belief that undergraduate research should not be "sacrificed on the altar of academic research," C - The belief that overenrollment has hurt direct communication between students and professors, and D - The belief that the UC system and UCSB need to "make a real commitment to public service rather than present token efforts."

Weineke defended Uehling on a number of counts saying that "everything on this campus is ultimately the responsibility of the chancellor," an authority



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A.S. President-elect Michael D. Chester wigs out at Wednesday's protest.

granted to her by the regents, but that the students had failed to recognize the extent of her responsibilities and commitment to all facets of the university. "She is the chancellor and I don't think you're showing much respect for that," he said.

Students charged that Uehling's call for a summer mail-in vote on the CalPIRG funding policy demonstrates that she refuses to acknowledge an April vote which showed 75 percent of student voters supporting a negative funding policy. Weineke responded that "even though the chancellor is against (the negative check-off funding policy) herself, she allowed it to appear on the ballot," and that students had not acknowledged that "this was a concession on her

part."

During the demonstration's mock trial, local CalPIRG board chair Shannon Gray said, "The administration has decided to make a decision without taking into consideration the student vote." Gray added that Uehling's decision to hold a summer mail-in ballot was "ridiculous, because it will give the administration the opportunity to misinform the students."

Valerie Sharpe, co-chair of the Associated Students Status of Women, spoke as a witness for the lack of administrative concern for the quality of education at UCSB. "I see it desperately going downhill," Sharpe said. "It seems despicable that the university constantly promotes research over teaching."

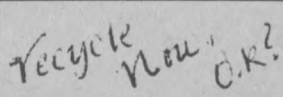
In response to accusations raised during the subsequent student indictment of Uehling, Dean of Students Leslie Lawson said, "I think the issues are real; there's been enough repetition of them." Lawson added that the administration should continue to work on the student concerns that were raised at the rally.

Two members of the Gospel Choir, Cristin Brown and Brian Green, spoke in defense of the program. Brown claimed the university is trying to diminish the choir's membership from roughly 150 to 40 while at the same time working to create a predominantly Black choir.

"The university should be at the forefront of promoting ethnic diversity," Brown said, adding that by dictating the ethnic make-up of the choir and insisting its members be Black, the administration was being contradictory to its cause. The administration is trying to "make (the Gospel Choir) regress into something that it once was, rather than progress into something that it could be," she said.

Hillsbury, a university public information officer, claimed that he could not fairly respond to concerns about the future of the Gospel Choir saying that all he knew about the choir "was what I read in the *Daily Nexus*."

Upset with the university's apparent lack of success in diversifying the campus, recent UCSB graduate Helen Quan said, "there has been no concrete change with regard to recruitment and retention in the last four years.... People don't want to be here, because it's a racist campus."



UCSB WATER AWARENESS DAY

When: TODAY, 11-3 (Rally, 12-1)

Where: Storke Plaza, UCen

What: Band - *The Garden Party*

Speakers: Mike Stowers, Michael Chester, Al Klein, Grant Fulgham, Facilities Management, Dulcy Aston, Goleta Water District

Events: Water Tasting
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Water Conservation Demonstrations

sponsored by: A.S. Legislative Council, A.S. Program Board, Goleta Water District, Residential Services, Facilities Management

WATER YOU DOING TO SAVE?

MEASURE

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in 1983 with considerable success, O'Connell said. "I think the school would benefit from semesters because a longer period of instruction would take the pressure off that you find during the quarter system."

The committee recommendation, which will be sent to the Academic Senate, calls for a two-year transition period for the change in order to begin the semester system in fall 1993. Courses will be revised and redefined to translate them into a semester system, O'Connell said.

Ebner commented "It

would be my hope that they would not discount the student vote entirely." He is concerned that the Academic Senate will take a faculty vote on the issue during the last part of the year. "If they make a decision during the summer, there will be no time to take another student vote," Ebner said.

In addition to the semester issue, the last A.S. General Election Ballot included a poll regarding the addition of an academic minors program. The measure was supported by 98.06 percent of student voters, Ebner said.

A.S. Representative-at-Large Craig Fok, who has been working on the minors

proposal, said "I think it's great. I was surprised anybody could be against (the academic minor)." He added that he is anxious to see the program implemented. The proposal is currently being reviewed by the Academic Senate.

The idea has found support among campus administrators. "So many of our students are involved in a double major and it places a big burden on them to graduate in four years," said Lester Monts, dean of undergraduate affairs. UCSB and UC San Francisco are the only two UC campuses that do not offer a minors program, Monts noted.

Campus to Observe Water Awareness

By Eileen Chung
Reporter

The university community will focus on the need to save water during this fourth year of a statewide drought as part of today's Water Awareness Day.

The day's activities will include information tables, contests, a water tasting booth, and entertainment and presentations in Storke Plaza from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Representatives from the Goleta Water District will answer questions, hand out pamphlets on conservation tips, and distribute low-flow shower heads. In addition, there will be water tasting, competitions among residence halls, and a performance by the band The Garden Party.

Guest speakers addressing the issue beginning at

noon today will include A.S. President Mike Stowers, President-elect Michael Chester and Facilities Management Director Grant Fulgham.

The event is sponsored by UCSB's Water Task Force which was formed 14 months ago to address the drought. The group is made up of members from the Vice Chancellor's office, Housing and Residential Services, Facilities Management, Auxiliaries and Student Affairs, Associated Students, and Budget and Planning.

Since the Santa Barbara County water supply hit devastating lows, the water allotment for UCSB has had to be reduced by 15 percent, said Housing and Residential Services Manager Ed Johnson. The task force has been instrumental in making the community aware of its responsibilities and increasing conservation efforts, he

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ELECTIONS: Alleged Violations Create Conflicts

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issues and allocate money
to specific projects on and
off campus.

Of the more than 600 returning residence hall students eligible to run for a leadership position, only nine declared candidacy while three others are campaigning as write-in candidates.

The presidential candidates are current Santa Cruz Hall Co-Chair Kristina Weaver, current RHA Secretary/Treasurer Simon Elliott-LehBohn, and current RHA Representative at Large Darryl Leong.

Despite low candidate turnout and limited competition for RHA positions, accusations of campaign violations erupted amongst the three presidential candidates.

Two of the three candidates for president have allegedly violated campaign-

ing guidelines set forth by RHA, according to San Rafael Hall Co-Chair Gary Davis who expressed anger at the "shitty politicking going on."

Weaver admits one of her former campaign staff members illegally placed two campaign flyers under residence hall door: but said it was done without her knowledge.

Leong claims she was unaware of the campaign guidelines when she violated them by tacking flyers to trees, to posts, in the UCen and in on-campus laundry facilities. "I've proposed that next year we should make a list of specifically what candidates can do in their campaigns," Leong said.

Weaver claims LehBohn also violated certain procedures, although his offenses are "less blatant than (Leong's)," she said. "Com-

paring Simon's and my own offenses with (Leong's) is like comparing a traffic ticket to murder," Weaver said.

RHA does not plan to take punitive measures against the two candidates (Leong and Weaver), Davis said. Davis was not aware of any formal charges brought against LehBohn, who "is, to my knowledge, running a very clean campaign," Davis said.

Of the six offices, four have secured only a single candidate. Anacapa Hall Co-Chair Nicole LaCroix is the only candidate running for administrative vice president. Santa Cruz Hall Co-Chair Neil Figuracion is also running unopposed for vice president of programming. San Nicholas Composite Hall Treasurer Teresa Perez will run for secretary/treasurer. Running unopposed for National Commu-

nications Coordinator is freshman Jana Gladbach.

Five students have declared candidacy for the six Representative at Large positions available. One position will remain unfilled unless another write-in candidate is added.

RHA held a candidate forum Monday night where candidates discussed future plans to address outreach, diversity and increased programming within the constraints of a \$10,000 annual budget. Candidates agreed on most ideas.

"We passed out information to all returning residents and did more outreach this year than last year," said former Administrative Vice President Brad Schafer who said this year's turnout was about the same as last year. "I'm a little disappointed at the turnout, but I'm confident the people elected will do a good job."

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Shaman Scamsters Rip Off Culture

Johnny Flynn

"True wisdom is only to be found far away from people, out in the great solitude, and it is not found in play but only in suffering."

Igjugarjuk, Inuit

Igjugarjuk was an Inuit (Eskimo) Angakok, or shaman, interviewed in the early 1920's by the Danish ethnologist Knud Rasmussen. As with the calling of shamanism in religions throughout the world, Igjugarjuk was required to live a very strict lifestyle before and after his visionary experience. For Injugarjuk, the actual vision quest was a solitary stint spent naked in a snow hut for one cycle of the moon (28 days), during which he was given a mouthful of water and meat once every five days. At the end of the vision quest, there were additional life-long restrictions on the initiate, the family and village members. To become a shaman in native North America was a grueling, near-death experience that very few humans sought, and fewer still survived. Not so in this new day and age.

Today a prospective shaman can make a pilgrimage into the local bookstore and find dozens of how-to-become-a-shaman books. Or buy a few beads, stick some feathers on your rearview mirror, and boogie down to Ojai. When you get there, plunk down a couple hundred bucks to listen to some neo-shaman tell about his/her experience with a *real Indian* medicine man or woman. If you are really ambitious, write a fictional narrative of meeting some undiscovered shaman or shamaness and you will have a bestseller on your hands.

Then you can charge several hundred dollars to people who want to be shamans in one easy weekend. Carlos Casteneda and Lynn Andrews did it, and so can you. IT'S EASY. JUST SEND \$599, CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, AND YOU TOO CAN BE A SHAMAN WITH REAL ANIMALS AS YOUR SPIRIT GUIDES. VISA AND MASTERCARD ACCEPTED.

And such advertisements do exist. Pick up any new age magazine, and the pages are full of neo-shamans who will put you in touch with the spirit world while they slide a smooth hand into your hind pocket. Some people might be angered by the notion that these neo-shamans are just out to gain prestige and money, but consider the following ideas. In native American communities, medicine people must be recognized as such by their own people. Medicine people could begin to practice only after they served a long and difficult period of apprenticeship during which but a few acquired the power of soul travel, the mark of the shaman.

Today, neo-shamans are nearly all young people who received their knowledge almost overnight, and who service a mostly non-Indian population. These instant medicine men and women claim to speak to "the elders," and claim to consult with other medicine people. But they almost never reveal to other Indian people the source of their knowledge. Some questions these neo-shamans cannot answer are: Who trained you? Why do only non-Indians recognize you and not your own people? With all the physical, social and psychological problems among Indian people, why are you not among them? Why do you

charge money for ceremonies and information that were never meant to be sold? And finally, if you are a healer, why is your behavior so disruptive to the political and social well being of Indian people?

The issue of the neo-shamans is an important one for Indian people because often the non-Indian communities only experience with native American ideas and culture comes from contact with these feathered frauds. Resources that could be used by native American communities are being siphoned off into the pockets of people who wouldn't even be invited to a legitimate Indian ceremony. There are those who argue that neo-shamans are useful because they engender a respect for native culture heretofore lacking in the world. But Indian people have heard that one before; it's called the Tonto argument.

You remember Tonto, eh? Indian people saw Tonto as a boot-licking, monosyllabic clown in the tradition of Natty Bump, Injun Joe, Chief Wahoo and others. Tonto perpetuated the stereotype of the Indian as animal with a dog's nose for tracks, eagle's eyes, deer's hearing and wildcat's stealth. On the other hand, with their unemployment rate the highest of any community in America, an Indian with a job is nothing to whine about. And so it is with the neo-shamans.

Solutions to this problem are especially difficult because of the schizophrenic nature of American concepts of human history. An example of this split mind is here at UCSB. Humans have lived on the mesa that is now Isla Vista and UCSB for several thousand years. Can you go to the history department and take a course in Chumash Indian history? Of course not. Is there even a course on Chumash language, world view, botany, philosophy? How about one on basket weaving? Of course not. And why not? Because real human history and culture started when the Europeans got here, that's why. It is much easier to see Indians as part of natural history, instead of human history. Neo-shamanism is but a perpetuation of the image of Indians as animals. Until the university recognizes its task of universality in its teachings, students will continue to see Indians as animals, African Americans as gladiator athletes, women as possessions, and so on. It will be a struggle to change, but then true wisdom comes from suffering, not play. Let's see, was it Plato who said that?

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Virtual Reality It Cheats Us Out Of Our Ability To Love Life

Michelle Sanfilippo

A sellout crowd converged Friday night at the UCen Pavilion, all eager to experience the fantastic. Having paid my two dollars, I joined those who had heard of this "absolutely mind-boggling machine" which could transfer you into another reality. Indeed a "Virtual Reality," as the device is called.

Listening to the presentation, I felt as if I were in a foreign country for all I understood. Being computer illiterate, I needed a while to wade through the jargon and digest the facts. I finally figured out the way in which virtual reality or "VR" functions. Putting on a computerized mask, you begin to see this 3-D, cartoon-colored simulation of the world. The computerized glove you wear enables a manipulation of objects in this reality. Also, pointing your glove allows you to "fly" in that direction. This stuff was a trip.

If you move your head, the viewpoint responds accordingly. Without sound, odor or forcible response (actual bodily movement resulting from activity within the virtual reality), VR is still in its Model-T stages. But Mr. Gulichusson, our host, assures us his goal is to incorporate these sensations as well as making VR very affordable for the average American family.

Okay, so what are the applications of this unreal invention? "Well," Mr. Gulichusson poses the counter, "what are the applications



My point is that problem-solving. Technology is robbing u

to reality?" Ha! What are the applications of *reality*?! Implied is that one simply can't reduce life to its applications. Life is an indefinable complex mass of experiences and emotions. So, if we follow the line of Mr. G's argument, virtual reality need not have a precise function or purpose. It's existence is to be experienced with ultimately the same "naturalness" with which we experience life. Get it? I don't.

I ask myself, why is all this energy

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The Reader

Cuba! Party! Whooo!

Editor, Daily Nexus:
Open Letter to Cynthia Mohiuddin (Daily Nexus, "The Venceremos Brigade," May 14):

Hey, Cynthia! Hear you had a *wild* time in Cuba! Bet you got lots of sun! Everyone says that Cuba is going to be the vacation spot for trendy young Stalinists. It's got *lots* nicer beaches than Nicaragua!

I better bring you up to date on what's been going on while you've been incommunicado (That's Spanish for "they don't even let you read Pravda here!"). To begin with, some hooligans tore down the Berlin Wall. Bummer! But, hell, Cuba doesn't need one, right? It's got the whole Caribbean!

I hear the Russkies are getting so soft on Communism that the gulags are emptier than Lake Cachuma. They're even joking that the United States is the only country with Communists anymore! But they've got tanks in Lithuania now, so maybe there's hope for those people.

At least there still are good old-fashioned Marxist-Leninists keeping bourgeois liberalism out of Cuba. We could learn a lot from these people. Why don't we start by

organizing some block committees to spy on their neighbors in Isla Vista? Maybe we could even get some "boat people" to flee to Baja or somewhere. That ought to take care of the crowding problem!

Did you check out any of those kinky concentration camps where Castro keeps his gays? I hear they're heavily into S & M over there! By the way, I hope you brought back an extra key from Cuba; my stash has been kind of empty since they busted Noriega...

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Ego Tripping Denis

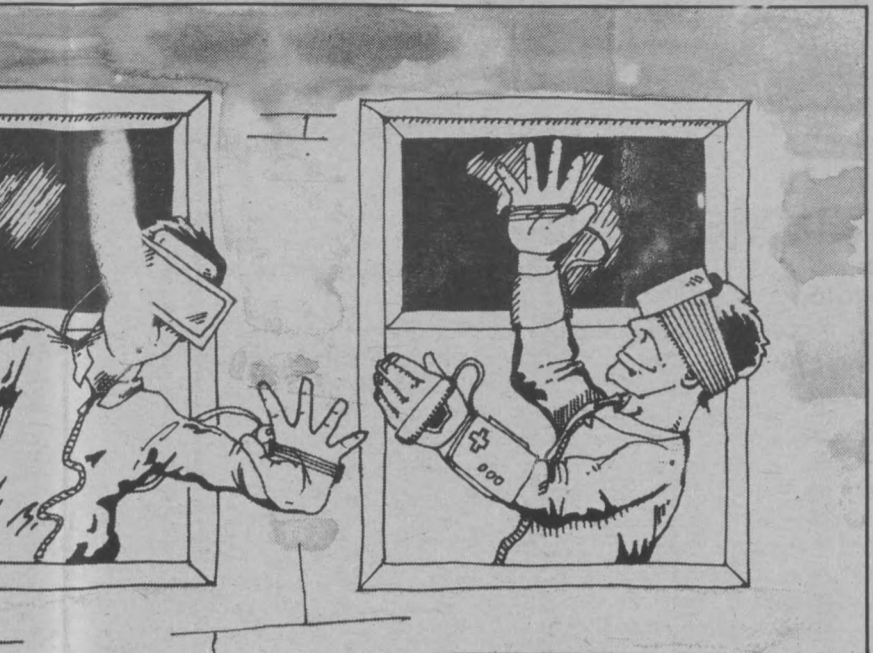
Editor, Daily Nexus:

Denis Faye's putdown of women's colleges and women (Daily Nexus, "Mills and Other Women's Colleges Discriminate Against Men," May 15) is such a blatant cry for attention that it's tempting to just leave him to his bitter defensiveness; but there are a few things we would like people to understand. First, women occupy a position of less power in this society and are thus subject to abuse from men. This alone justifies both the existence of women's colleges and the fear, anguish, and tears of the women at Mills

who last week lost one of the few safer places for women's growth and education in the world.

The popular notions that women at women's colleges are "avoiding reality" and have no contact with men are absurd. (And where do men get this equation of men with "reality"? That's quite an ego trip.) Even though women's colleges provide women with some respite from the onslaught of male domination they already have experienced for 18 or more years and will experience after graduation, even that respite is seriously compromised by men who are already on campus as faculty, staff, visiting students, visiting partying guys looking for sex with "desperate" women, boyfriends, husbands, etc.

Men generally love having access to women and feel deprived when they don't have it readily. Denis' column is an extended whine for the attention, and affection of women; but the withering contempt with which he writes is certainly not going to attract it. The majority of men love day-to-day contact with women because women take care of them — as wives, mothers, girlfriends, sisters, friends, co-workers, etc. However, most men simply do not reciprocate; in fact, many women's experiences with men include a lot of harassment and degradation. Women need women's colleges as one of the few resources they have for escaping the many,



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and (wo)man power being directed toward this technological end? Is our need to escape the horrors of our reality that great? Will VR find a cure for AIDS? Will it end the drug war? Will it do anything to improve the catastrophic state of our schools? Of course not. The last thing this nation needs is another computerized toy that turns the user further away from the evils of our society. But, hey, we can't stand in the way of technological ad-

vance, right?

Exactly toward which higher human level are we advancing? Most likely toward the total annihilation of our world. Destruction can be prevented. However, the more time we waste trying to escape reality, the less time we spend fixing it. It's as simple as that.

Americans are blatantly addicted to technology. Without our micro-waves, televisions, VCRs, tele-phones, we would be unable to function. We fancy ourselves important and efficient because we successfully operate a dozen machines daily. We get our tech "fix"; we are satisfied. Like an addict, we are strong, confident while "high." We are the Citibank slogan, "Because Americans want to succeed not just survive." More accurate is that we are succeeding at the expense of our survival. The very real ills of society — homelessness, child prostitution, rape — do not go away. The addict crashes down to a sober state and finds the world in worse shape.

My point is that problem-solving requires imagination. Technology, in the form of convenience and entertainment is robbing us of our imagination. (I appreciate technological breakthroughs in medicine. I am not addressing my argument to that field).

The imagination relies on the use of our sensations. Unlike technological entrepreneurs would have us believe, our inborn abilities to hear, smell, feel, cannot be improved. It is through these very sensory experiences — the touch of a rose petal, the sight of freshly fallen snow, the taste of a ripe peach — that we learn to love life. Loving life encourages our desire to preserve its beauties and address its problems. Develop your imagination. Question technology. Or else just go quietly.

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Sweet U.S. Victory in Nicaragua

Brian Nomi

Four years ago, when I first wrote in support of the Contras and freedom for Nicaragua, peaceful change seemed like an impossible dream. But this dream has now come true as a result of the persistent efforts of the Nicaraguan people and an intelligent United States foreign policy.

Most of the world was shocked at the outcome of the Nicaraguan elections earlier this year. After more than 10 years of rule by the Sandinista communists, few would have thought that the Nicaraguan people would freely turn to a woman supported by, of all things, the United States. Leftists immediately claimed that Nicaraguans were giving in to U.S. pressure and their desperation to end the long civil war. To me, however, the election's outcome was the inevitable result of the failure of the Sandinistas, a successful U.S. policy, and the expression of the human desire for freedom.

Historically, our efforts in the region haven't been very commendable, but U.S. policy has been excellent within the last decade. In 1979, the Sandinistas deposed the tyrant Somoza, proclaiming their democratic ideals. U.S. aid quickly followed. Sadly, the Sandinistas betrayed these ideals and turned to the Soviet Union, thus beginning the conflict with the U.S. that came to involve economic sanctions, support for the Contras, and covert activities against Nicaragua.

Throughout the '80s, the Nicaraguan situation was part of the worldwide stalemate between communism and democracy. Despite generous Soviet aid, the Sandinistas continued to mismanage their economy and oppress their people. The Contras, however, could not bring about decisive results against the Sandinistas. The real impetus for change came last year as a combination of the growing disillusionment of the Nicaraguan people and the continued pressure from the U.S., other Central American countries, and the Contras. Also, the newly liberalized Soviets became reluctant to continue the cold war through the Sandinistas, another product of U.S. policy.

The result of these factors was the first really free election in Nicaragua's history. The Sandinistas hoped to gain legitimacy and a good public image through the elections, but the final outcome was quite different. Despite their massive propaganda campaign, they were convincingly defeated by the coalition of Violeta

Chamorro.

How could the Nicaraguans have turned to a leader overtly supported by the evil United States? Why didn't they rally around the flag as the commentators of the Left had predicted? Despite their many advantages, the Sandinistas couldn't hide their true colors. The Sandinistas are a dictatorial clique dedicated to repression of basic human rights, wasteful socialist economics, and support for futile communist politics. For years they had ruined Nicaragua and made war against neighboring El Salvador. They are infamous for genocide against the Miskito Indians and torture of political prisoners. The Nicaraguan people had clearly had enough of these bloody oligarchies.

The opposition offers a hope for positive change in Nicaragua. They face many problems, particularly revitalizing the economy after its devastation by the Sandinistas, and maintaining political unity. But at least there are now reasonable people in charge with whom the U.S. can

cooperate. Some early signs of promise include the end of the civil war, the lifting of economic sanctions, \$300 million in aid, and the disbandment of the Contras.

Violeta Chamorro assumed the office of President in Nicaragua on April 25. She led a diverse collection of people to victory with minimal material support from the United States. Prospects for Nicaragua are uncertain, but with a peaceful change to a real democratic government, the future has never looked brighter. The disastrous Sandinista revolution has been defeated, never again to rise.

Nicaragua is joining Eastern Europe in repudiating communism and embracing freedom. This is another one of the great triumphs of the human desire for liberty. This is a victory for which we should all be proud. It was accomplished through a very successful U.S. foreign policy and the courage of the Nicaraguan people.

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Reader's Voice

many men who abuse and exploit them.

Unfortunately, it's very difficult for the emotionally spoiled to understand why others are upset by constant, inescapable contact with those who dominate them; and at this point, Denis might plead that, as long as all men do not abuse women all the time, women shouldn't try to protect themselves. That's sort of like saying that since most men survive incarceration with other men (who abuse them), we should all hang out in prisons — and love it.

ROBIN LLOYD
NEAL KING

Distorted Picture

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in response to Ben Sullivan's derogatory article regarding Michael McCurtis, the UCSB Gospel Choir director (Daily Nexus, "McCurtis' Actions Questioned by Student and Faculty Critics," May 14). Sullivan interviewed Michael McCurtis and Linda Turner, the unofficial teaching assistant of the choir, regarding the allegations made against McCurtis, neglecting, however, to tell their side of the story. Once again, the unsuspecting, trusting Nexus readers have become the victims of one-sided, irresponsible

journalism. Let's set a few things straight.

Fall quarter a few students in the Gospel Choir complained about receiving lower grades than they expected. Thus evolved the most serious of the allegations facing McCurtis. He is accused of using "grades as punishment in some circumstances." These students' grades were subsequently raised by Professor Monts (the head of the music department's ethnomusicology section) without consulting McCurtis or Turner as to the true reason behind the original grades.

(This information should be especially interesting to Nexus readers who are also unhappy with any grade they received in an ethnomusicology class. They may simply go to Professor Monts with a sob story and he'll change the grade! The best part is, he won't question the instructor as to the validity of their story!)

I find it ironic that Monts accuses McCurtis of not having "shown appropriate professional respect to others in the department" (Daily Nexus, "Gospel Choir Director Let Go by Department," May 10) when Monts seems to be the one lacking respect for his fellow colleague.

The second issue I would like to address is the number of Black students in the choir. In relation to the other classes on campus, the Gospel Choir has a disproportionately high

number of Black students. However, the ethnomusicology head seems to believe the Gospel Choir should have a Black majority. Why? Does this mean the majority of the students in the Middle Eastern Ensemble should be from the Middle East? I'm sorry, but something sounds fishy here. Regardless of what Professor Monts may think, McCurtis believes Gospel music is for everyone, and he emphasizes this point.

Thirdly, McCurtis has been accused of being biased regarding the assignment of solo performances, giving the majority to white students. McCurtis gives solos to people who desire them and who are willing to put in the extra time to acquire them. At the end of the class he asks anyone interested in a solo to stay after. If most of those people happen to be white, what is he supposed to do?

Considering myself an alert, responsible, and sensitive person, I say with a clear conscience that I have never, repeat never, observed Michael McCurtis give unequal treatment to someone based on the color of his skin. As a member of the UCSB Gospel Choir I have been fortunate enough to be taught by one of the most creative, committed, and talented instructors of my academic pursuit, Michael McCurtis. He is anything but the "dark" distorted "picture" described by Ben Sullivan.

CINDY WRIGHT

OPINION

"Promises and pie crust are made to be broken."

Jonathan Swift



DREW MARTIN Daily Nexus

Crossing the Line With Prop. 111 Campaign

Editorial

Sometimes there is a fine line between right and wrong in ethical issues, and although one must walk a tightrope between the two, the line cannot be crossed.

The University of California is inching along that tightrope in its methods of informing the state community about Proposition 111, the gas tax measure. If passed, this initiative would also eliminate the state's Gann spending limit, thus opening the possibility for increased UC funding.

For some time, the university has been engaging in an "information" campaign on Prop. 111. They regularly send out "information" from their public relations offices and have highly paid administrators, such as UC President David Gardner, give interviews solely on the subject.

However, the tone of the university's campaign is becoming increasingly intimidating. UC is suggesting that if Prop. 111 does not pass, the university will suffer from decreased enrollment, an inability to expand and a decline in the quality of UC education, that they will be forced to drastically raise fees and tuition, and — the final nail in the coffin — that they will be unable to continue and extend diversity-related programs. The university has also recently implied to staff members that unless the measure is approved in the June 5 election, their chances for merit increases will be drastically reduced.

UC funding does not entirely hinge on Prop. 111 approval. The measure does not guarantee that any extra available funds will go to the university, only that the spending limit would be altered. The

bulk of the extra money freed up could just as easily be spent on primary education or environmental cleanup.

In its campaign for Prop. 111, UC administrators have walked into a blurry legal area, wavering between the legal and illegal. California law prohibits state employees and state agencies, including UC employees, from engaging in political activity during working hours or while on the grounds of any of the nine UC campuses. However, Gardner, Chancellor Barbara Uehling and the UC Board of Regents may endorse issues as individuals — on their own time and while not on any of the UC campuses. Yet who can determine whether Gardner is working as university president or speaking as a private individual when he supports a political issue?

The issue is not whether Prop. 111 is good or bad for California; the issue is Gardner's and the university's lending their substantial political clout and "informational" resources in support of this issue. In signing his name to the sample ballot's list of arguments for and against Prop. 111, Gardner has clearly identified himself and the university as supporters of Prop. 111. In virtually everything he does, Gardner is a representative of the university, and he and his staff have spent a lot of time and money in their support of Prop. 111.

It is inappropriate — and possibly illegal — for UC to be using such heavy-handed tactics as sending "threatening" memos to its staff in order to drum up support for a measure it believes important. The university has strayed over the line of the law, and it is time it return things to their balance and cease the intimidation.

The Reader's Voice

Wrapped in Spandex

Editor, Daily Nexus

I would like to respond to the column written by Michelle Harman (Daily Nexus, "Focus on Looks Ruins Self-Esteem," May 15).

First of all, in defense of the advisor, Mrs. Sandy Allen, the pressure truly was laid on by the boosters. As the main monetary supporters of the athletic program, the boosters have earned an enormous amount of control over the coaches, advisors and administration (not to mention the fact that their opinions and beliefs are valued and trusted). During the 1989-90 basketball season, the administration received a large amount of complaints about the distraction caused by overweight cheerleaders. As any performer knows, dance and cheer moves do look sloppier when executed with excess weight.

In reference to Mrs. Allen using the UNLV cheerleaders for comparison, they happen to be known for being one of the best looking and best performing college squads in the U.S. Why shouldn't she aim for the top?

The UCSB cheerleaders perform in front of live crowds of thousands and are on ESPN, Prime Ticket, and in the case of the NCAA tournament, CBS networks. When performing in front of millions in a tight spandex leotard, most girls don't feel comfortable being overweight, and most people would rather not watch them, either.

Michelle, as someone who has tried out so many times and judged, you should know that like any audition, the advisor — or equivalent — can choose any specific body type that he or she desires (i.e., the Rockettes). Despite this, Mrs. Allen made no such suggestions. She merely stated that the girls' weights would be carefully monitored and maintained.

When holding up the uniforms, Mrs. Allen held up a small, a medium, and a large (the largest size made by uniform companies) and you're right — it was quite small. Is Mrs. Allen expected to have special uniforms made for the girls too large to fit in the standard ones? This could become somewhat of a problem in the course of the year when last minute uniforms are needed for special events.

By being barred from certain activities because one is over their appropriate weight, discipline is being instilled in the cheerleader as is done for most other athletes at this school.

If "No Fat Chicks" graffiti or weight requirements for an activity actually "ruins" someone self-esteem, they have security problems already and perhaps kicking and yelling in front of a large crowd in the Thunderdome (where hecklers don't usually use as much tact as referring to the girls as "fat chicks") is not the right activity for that person.

DANI KATZ
WENDY OLIN

Pavlovian Dogs

Editor, Daily Nexus:

It should seem obvious that the idea of voting again and again for Chancellor Uehling (or "voting until we get it right") on the same question is an administrative ploy to get CalPIRG off this campus — and we can't afford to stand for this if we ever expect to uphold student rights or democracy at UCSB or within the UC system.

The summer scam/smelly garbage is a ludicrous idea. Not only is it a deceptive way to fool voters and exploit the unaware freshpersons, but it is also a clear attempt to undermine the value of student votes and continue the voting process until we give them the response they want. How many votes does it take to evoke a response from students?

And please Jason Ross, don't tell me "as many times as the administration wants," (Reader's Voice, May 10). The "interim" vote idea is a bad one that we've fought every step of the way — and with a 3 to 1 margin of support on this campus, it's clear that the administration is out to lunch. If we allow the administration to jerk us around like this, we're nothing better than Pavlovian dogs, drooling at the chancellor's every jingle.

SHANNON GRAY

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



The Reader's Voice

Faye Grossly Misinformed

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Denis Faye's column about Mills College (Daily Nexus, "Mills and Other Women's Colleges Discriminate Against Men," May 15) was understandable but grossly misinformed.

I am a Mills alumna. I was a student there for two and a half years before transferring to UCSB.

I am inclined to agree with some of Faye's observations, but they do not apply in this situation. The problem at Mills is not sexual discrimination. At present there are no men seeking admission to Mills. In fact Mills had a male undergraduate while I attended. This issue is not about men and women, but about both students and faculty fighting an imposed administrative decision.

I attended Mills College because I abhorred the thought of a class of 500 students, half of whom do not know the teacher's name (which is commonplace at UCSB). The administration of Mills is seeking to solve its fiscal problems by completely changing the character of the college in order to recruit male students for increased enrollment. This would be like discovering that soon, without your consent, your Red Lamborghini would be traded for an orange Toyota 4x4.

The campus has been taken over by the students, who are in control of all the buildings. They are not attending classes and have the support of the faculty, most of whom are not holding finals. Obviously an administrative decision which has created such chaos can only be detrimental to the health of both the college and the students.

JOYCE DENNY

Never Enough Open Space

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I was hoping that my last letter to you on the Perfect Park issue would be my last, but Karen Gunderson's column (Daily Nexus, "Perfect Park' Is Not Public," May 9) demands a reply.

It is a strange and curious concept Ms. Gunderson evokes — there is either too much, or at least enough, open space in Isla Vista already! If the church members would discard their selfish ambitions for one moment, they would see that for the majority of people here there cannot be enough open space.

The parks she mentioned are not enough in a town that's been officially designated as blighted. She feels crowded during church services and only wants "room to function," a desire shared by all I.V. residents. We

need room to function, to get away from our daily congested conditions.

It's fine and dandy that the church does charitable things. But most churches do these things, as do a lot of individuals. Is Ms. Gunderson asking for a pat on the back — is she guilty of the sin of pride? — or is she threatening to withhold these good deeds if the church does not get its way?

Ms. Gunderson, we all work hard (I work with the elderly 40 hours a week). Your group does not have a corner on the market. The charity, picking up of trash, raising kids, and hard work you spoke of do not come close to entitling your group to destroy land that has brought joy and relief to thousands of people over the years.

As far as the protest goes — surely as a Christian, Ms. Gunderson, you must realize that sometimes a minority of people, maybe even just one person (with 12 disciples) can be in the right.

Lastly, there are ways to work out this conflict to everybody's satisfaction, but it takes a willingness to negotiate and cooperate, neither of which have been exhibited by the church. Ms. Gunderson, you should examine your concept of community, for if your church continues to show the intolerance and antagonism towards others that it has in the past, the negative feelings your church has generated will only grow worse.

SCOTT WEXLER

40 Screaming Gaucho Joes

Editor, Daily Nexus

I sincerely admire Michelle Harman for writing a powerful column in Tuesday's Nexus (Daily Nexus, "Focus on Looks Ruins Self-Esteem," May 15). I agree! Our cheerleading program is in need of some swift and radical change. Is it really true that our cheerleaders have weekly weigh-ins? I try to imagine standing on a scale each Monday while my boss stands by ready to judge my fitness. I'd be outraged.

I am shocked that our very own UCSB Boosters have complained about the weight of students who dedicate hours and hours to the university. I am outraged that "tiny, spandex uniforms" are required to decorate and demean intelligent university students. So, out of this disgust, I have developed a plan to change our cheerleading program.

Let's set an example for the whole "Big West" by recruiting an enormous squad of male and female cheerleaders representing a mix of weights, ages and ethnicities. The only requirement should be court shoes and commitment. I envision 40-50 students and Gaucho-crazed community members holding hands and scream-

ing Gaucho Joe-style cheers into a receptive Thunderdome.

Let UNLV and other campuses across the nation remain wrapped in stupid spandex. Let them toss 19-year-old "girls" into the air in a tradition of organized cheer. UCSB should transcend a harmful pattern and begin a true-to-life organization of athletic boosters.

DON LUBACH

Self-Critical Hypocrite

Editor, Daily Nexus

I never thought of myself as a hypocrite, and yet after reading Michelle Harman's article (Daily Nexus, "Focus on Looks Ruins Self-Esteem," May 15), I think I am

It angers and saddens me that women at UCSB and throughout society, for that matter, are forced to comply with the stereotypical "thin and trim" image of women. It horrifies me that people would want to be a part of something so badly that they are risking their health, and are at the same time condoning the grotesque standards placed on us by society.

Yet I would be lying if I said I pay no heed to the beautiful images of skinny, flattering women I see, bombarding me throughout every day of my life. And I know I am not alone, as the statistics clearly show, "Roughly 50 percent of the women on this campus were found to suffer from some kind of eating disorder during their time here," (Harman, "Focus on looks...").

I hope Harman was not the only one in the room who saw the serious implications about the issue at hand, yet I guess I can't find them totally at fault, for as I have expressed, I often see myself falling into those same traps.

As stranded as we sometimes feel by the pressures to achieve what our society feels is the "perfect female body," we must try to help ourselves and others in feeling good about our bodies, raising our self-esteem, and rid society once and for all of the distorted image of beauty.

NEVA KERET

Public Service Denouncement

We're just slaving away down here in the deep, dark, never-ending H-E-double-sticks called the Nexus. The Eds Freaks will announce the winner of the **Pick-the-Nexus-Editor-in-Chief-and-Win-\$20-and-a-date-with-Big-Tips-O'Fuentez-Contest** on Monday, so drumroll please. Also, keep writing those letters and columns, just remember: typed, double-spaced, name, phone number, year in school and major.

PROP. 111: Employees Charge UCSB With Violating State Legal Codes

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Numerous UC employees, including many at UCSB, believe such actions and warnings constitute campaigning on the part of UC administrators — a violation of state legislative codes.

The California Government Legal Code Section 3207 stipulates that any state agency, including UC schools, cannot engage in "political activity during working hours." The code also forbids "political activities on the premises of the local agency."

Several UC employees believe that administrators have actively campaigned for the proposition and have used a threatening tone in their attempts to raise staff support. Campus employees point to an April 13 memo from the UCSB Personnel Office outlining the UC budget situation. "If Proposition 111 fails ... it is possible that the current budget proposal for 1990-1991, which does not include funding for staff merits, could be reduced even further," the memo states.

Many UCSB employees see such statements as an in-

vasion of privacy. "We found the memo very offensive," said Jack Huthsing, president of Local 3241 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, which represents university employees statewide.

Through the memo, Huthsing said, the Personnel Office is "telling you what to do in your lives." He continued to describe the memo's mention of merit pay as a threat. "I'm angry at the tone of the memo," he said.

UC administrators, however, argue that they are only presenting information on the proposition and its potential impact on the UC system.

The University is "only allowed to provide information and we only provide information," said Lehua Marking, UCSB coordinator of governmental relations.

"It's not like we're putting on this huge campaign," Marking said. "I'm here to provide information, and that's all we're doing." Marking said that without the information, the impact Prop. 111 would have on higher education

"would not be brought out."

Marking has personally visited various UCSB departments, providing information on Prop. 111 and its impact on the UC schools. At these meetings, she has handed out information packets and held luncheons to inform UCSB faculty and staff about Prop. 111. The total cost of the luncheons and information packets, approximately \$373, came from state monies allocated to the office of the UCSB vice chancellor for institutional advancement, Marking said.

Mike Lassiter, UC Communication Services director, also maintained that the University has not violated any laws and is only providing information. "It is perfectly fine to explain how it would affect you," he said.

On the matter of whether UC administrators are campaigning during working hours, Lassiter said it is not easy to define when a UC employee is on duty. For example, it is difficult to tell when UC President David P. Gardner is on University time, Lassiter said. Being the president, "you don't work only eight hours a day," he said.

| WHAT IS PROP. 111? | |
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| <p>Proposition 111 — Traffic Congestion Relief and Spending Limit Modification Act of 1990</p> <p>California voters will determine whether to raise the state gas tax and modify state spending limits during the June 5 election when they vote on Proposition 111.</p> <p>The proposition involves two elements — the traffic component and spending limit. If passed, Prop. 111 would implement a five-cent-per-gallon gas tax which would increase by one cent each year to a maximum level of nine cents per gallon, explained Lehua Marking, UCSB governmental relations coordinator.</p> <p>The proposition would also modify the state's Gann Spending Limit. In 1979, California voters approved the Gann Limit, which restricts state spending to a level reflective of the national inflation rate, and state growth and population.</p> | <p>California's inflation rate, however, has surpassed that of the nation. The current national inflation rate is five percent, while California's is 6.7 percent.</p> <p>Under the Gann Limit, "we can't spend the money we collect," Marking said. The passage of Prop. 111 would allow the spending and allocation of that money to welfare programs, prisons, UC schools, California State schools, and other state expenditures by replacing the national inflation factor with a "per capita income" base, explained Mike Lassiter, UC Communication Services director.</p> <p>The two components are combined into Prop. 111 because Governor George Deukmejian was unwilling to place a Gann Limit proposition on the state ballot without a gas tax increase that would raise money to improve California's transportation systems, according to Lassiter.</p> <p>— Heesun Wee</p> |

Additionally, state employees such as Chancellor Barbara S. Uehling can discuss Prop. 111 on University property because they are only providing information, not campaigning, Lassiter said.

Schmidt, who is not affiliated with the University, does not find the University's actions surprising because the University admini-

stration is "charged by law to act in the best interest of the University. The distinction between advocating and (providing) information is this thin line — but (UC administrators) are staying within the law."

Schmidt admitted, however, that by "providing information to the public, (the administrators are) implying 'vote yes.'"

But the difference between campaigning and providing information, Schmidt said, is only a "question of semantics."

Regardless of the terminology, Huthsing believes UC administrators have overstepped their legal boundaries, saying "They are campaigning for their own need."

WATER

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The university has been able to meet its 15-percent reduction in allotment by enforcing several different water conservation

methods.

Efforts to save water include the installation of new shower heads in the residence halls and low-flow toilets in university apartments, Fulgham said. "We urge students to take shorter showers, report leaks they see and not to use the toilet

for trash," he said.

More than 60 percent of the facilities in the residence halls have been replaced and the university is in the process of doing the same for other public restrooms as well, said Robert Wilkinson, assistant director of Housing and Residential

Services.

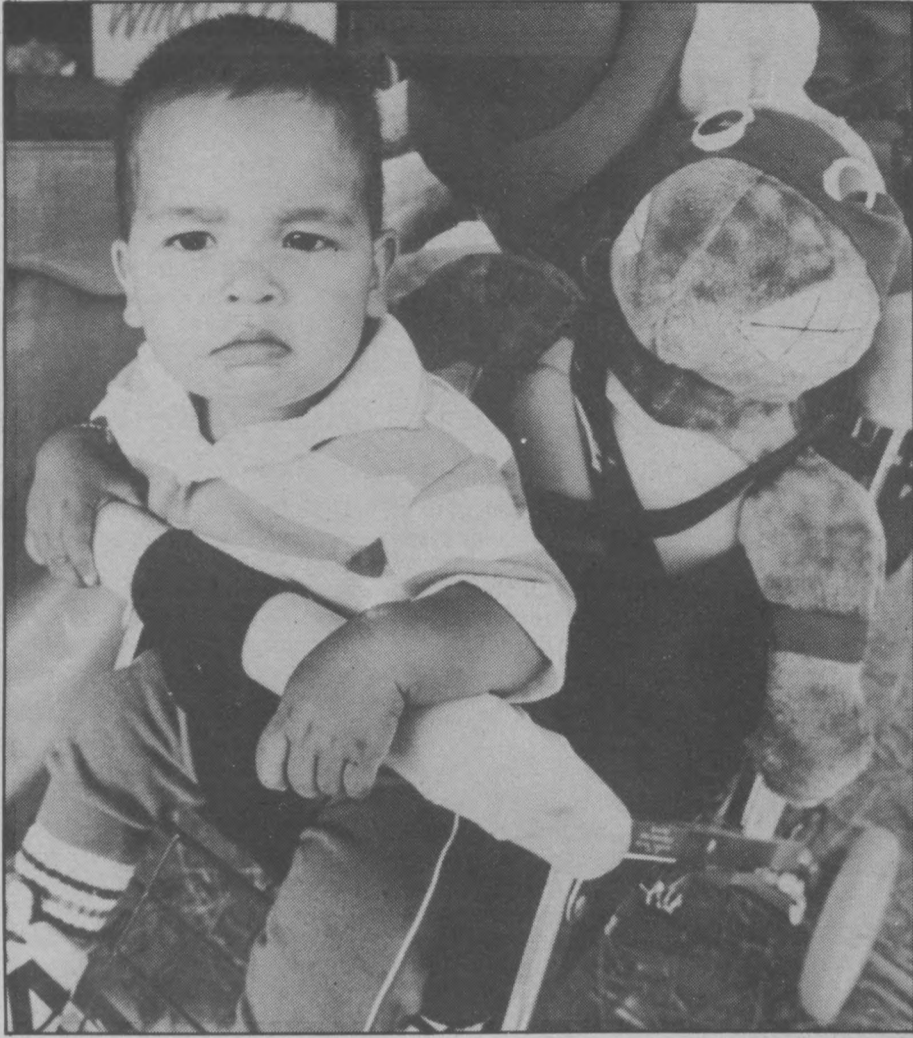
Water conservation is being conducted outdoors as well. The amount of water used on university landscapes was reduced by 50 percent by substituting hand and drip irrigation for the sprinkler system in sev-

eral areas, Fulgham said.

The university has also ceased fertilizing and does not plan on planting anything new until the drought pattern reverses, according to the task force.

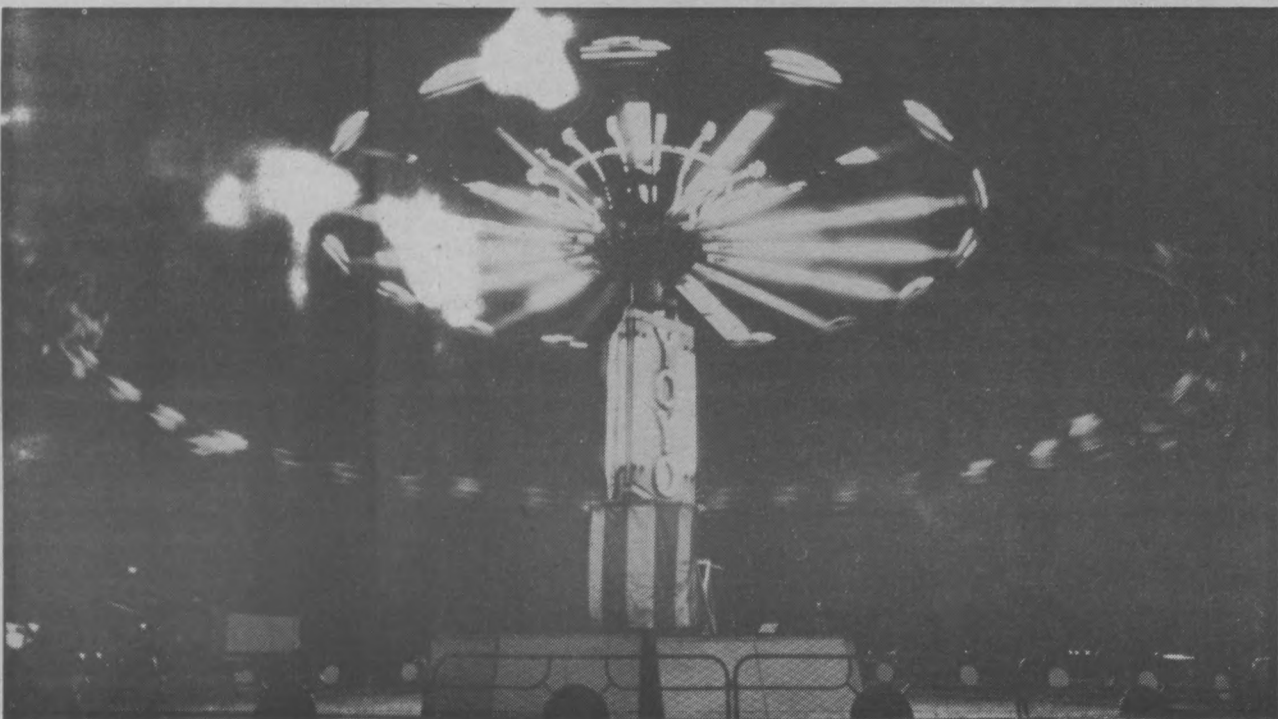
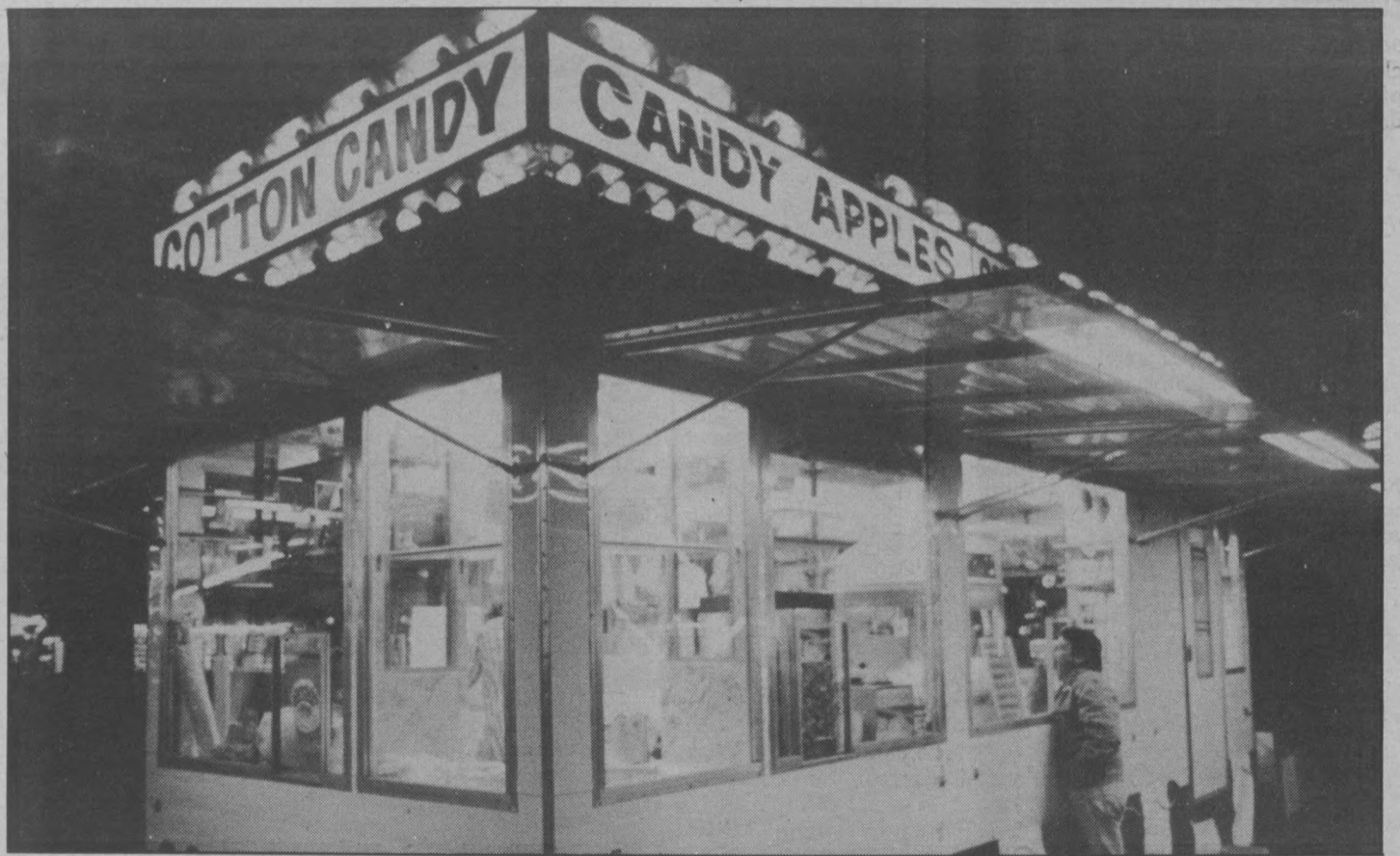
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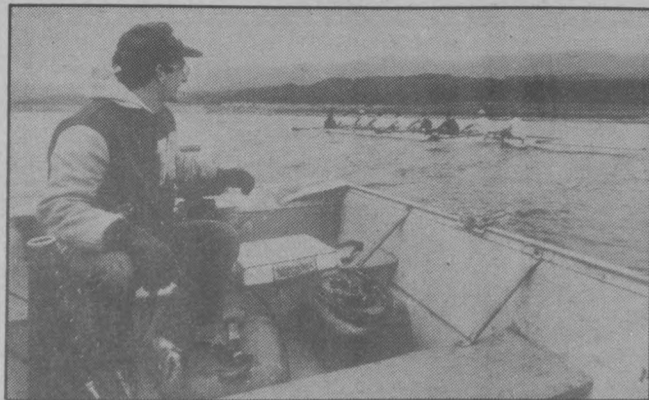
Water Awareness Day will promote conservation attitudes that are maintained year-round. "This is a day of getting information out as a reminder to conserve water and also a thank-you to the community for what they have done already," Wilkinson said.



THE CARNIVAL

By
Matt Sumner





UCSB Head Crew Coach Mike Bailey keeps an eye on his heavyweight men's team as it begins its enduring two-hour workout while the sun rises above the horizon.

A MORNING IN THE LIFE OF

By
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Crew



Coxswain Dave Loia will guide the Gauchos for the first time this season in the Western Sprints this weekend at Lake Natoma in Sacramento.

4:50 a.m. — Alarm clock sounds. Tom Morrison reluctantly crawls out of bed, throws on a pair of shorts, a t-shirt and sweats, and then ventures outside to await his ride.

5 a.m. — A van arrives in front of Morrison's Isla Vista apartment to pick him up. It makes a few other stops and then drives off into the sunrise.

5:30 a.m. — After climbing the hills and emerging from the morning fog, the van arrives at Lake Cachuma, where Morrison and his companions unload from the van.

5:35 a.m. — Morrison and the others rub their eyes, stretch out their muscles, and then carry a boat and oars down a trail to the water.

5:45 a.m. — The men reach the dock on the shore of the lake, place the boat in the water, and hop in for their morning workout.

7:50 a.m. — Following more than two hours of vigorous rowing, the men retreat back to the dock, lift the boat out of the water, and carry it back up the trail.

8:00 a.m. — Morrison and his fellow rowers return the boat to the boathouse and then jump back into the van.

8:30 a.m. — The van pulls up in front of Morrison's apartment, where he hops out and gets ready for his first class of the day.

9:00 a.m. — While most UCSB students are hitting the snooze button on their alarm clocks, Morrison strolls into his first class of the day with what is to most people a full day's work already behind him.

Morrison is just one of 75 men and women who endure this grueling morning routine every day. These 75 people make up the UCSB crew team.

"It's a much different life than most people lead," said Morrison, the captain of the heavyweight men's squad. "If you do it long enough, you get into a niche."

Morrison has been doing it long enough; this year is his third consecutive as a member of the UCSB crew team. What would attract someone to this strenuous lifestyle?

"It's addicting," Morrison said. "When you have one good practice, you think you could do this forever. But after a bad one, you ask yourself 'why?' and promise that you're going to quit."

UCSB's crew teams have done everything except quit this year. Following a turnover of the coaching staff and a revamped budget, the Gauchos have responded with their finest season in recent years — and maybe the best in UCSB crew history.

Last year's budget was about \$120,000, but this year's fund was cut to \$80,000. Since only \$3,000 is funded by the university, the rowers must pay expensive dues and hold a good deal of fundraisers.

A majority of the budget cut came in the form of a reduction in coaches' salaries. It might have been difficult to find a quality coach under the reduced salary, but UCSB got lucky.

Santa Barbara hired Mike Bailey a week before the 1989-90 school year began. Bailey was an assistant at Wisconsin for seven years before taking the head coaching position at Loyola Marymount. He then served as the skipper of the Lions' ship for two years before finally coming to UCSB in September. In his brief stint running the Gaucho program, Bailey has been successful in changing the work ethic and attitude of the rowers, and it has been evident in their performance.

In early April, the Gauchos had one of their most impressive showings ever in the annual San Diego Crew Classic. Six of the seven teams advanced to their respective finals, with two of them earning first-place honors.

Two weeks later, UCSB had what Bailey called "the best performance in history" at the State Schools Championship in Sac-



The lightweight and open-weight women's teams hope to carry their season-long success into the West Coast Championships this weekend at Lake Natoma in Sacramento.



Before they begin their water activities each morning, the rowers must first muscle up and transport the boats and oars down the trail that leads from the boathouse to the quickly evaporating Lake Cachuma.

ramento by winning six races, including victories over rival UC Davis.

The Gauchos are now tapering for the Western Sprints (the west coast championships) which will be held back at Sacramento's Lake Natoma this Friday thru Sunday. The rowers have high hopes for the weekend, and deservedly so.

"This is the whole season," Bailey said. "This is what you want to win all year."

Of the five squads competing this weekend, four could realistically win championships — the novice and lightweight men, as well as the lightweight and open-weight women. One team that is unlikely to cross the finish line first, however, is the heavyweight men. But for a good reason: the Big 4.

In crew, Washington, Stanford, California, and UCLA, (ranked #1-#4 on the coast respectively) have dominated the competition for the past decade. For UCSB's heavyweights to crack the Big 4 would be equivalent to a first-place win in itself.

"We just want to make it into the finals (the top six teams)," Morrison said. "Anything more than that would just be great."

The heavyweights are currently ranked fifth on the west coast, the best ever in Gaucho history. The lightweight men are currently ranked number one on the coast and fourth in the country (behind the Big 3 — Harvard, Yale, and Princeton) and are expected to win the championship on Sunday.

The previously undefeated novice men dropped from #1 to #5 on the coast after falling to fourth-ranked Orange Coast College at the Newport Regatta. Bailey, however, feels they should reclaim their number-one ranking this weekend.

The women's teams have had a successful season as well. The lightweights, ranked fourth on the coast, came up with a big victory over Santa Clara at the Oxnard Regatta. The Gauchos had lost to the Broncos twice this season prior to their seven-second victory.

The open-weight women hope to duplicate their Crew Classic effort at the Western Sprints. They are coming off a 40-second ten-boat-length victory in the Oxnard Regatta.

Win or lose, Bailey will be sending his teams to the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Championships at the end of the month. That weekend will cap off a long and grueling season that began back in September, when Bailey had the rowers begin with conditioning training that included long-distance practice sessions at least ten to fifteen minutes at a time.

In the winter, Bailey took the team out of the water and worked on land conditioning. Once a week the team would climb the stadium steps at Santa Barbara City College for about two hours straight. Bailey also had the team run and bike long distances.

When spring came around, the rowers, back in the water, concentrated on race strategies in order to build up their stroke rate.

Through all the time that they have spent together, the team has become extremely close.

"We are more like a family than a team," Morrison said. "We're together a lot — every morning for eight months."

Due to his 50-plus-hours-a-week schedule, Bailey has become attached to the team as well. All the work has been worth it.

"I am pretty happy with what we've done this year," Bailey said. "It's a very big commitment. Life tends to go: crew, school, social life."

9 p.m. — Bed time.

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