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The Lorax

California Public Interest Research Group members acted out Dr. Seuss' anti-logging story The Lorax Tuesday to raise awareness of environmental issues.

County Hears Public Comment on Project

By Mia Sulpor
Staff Writer

Community members and project planners came together at a public hearing Tuesday to address concerns about the proposed Molino Gas Project's environmental impact report.

About 20 community members and five Santa Barbara County officials were present to discuss the report and listen to suggestions for incorporation into the final EIR.

The 180-foot drill tower project would be built at the county consolidated site in Gaviota and would tap into coastal gas reserves by using on-shore slant-drilling technology.

The Molino Energy Company project was originally proposed for a location outside the consolidated site, but was moved in January to avoid possible conflicts with the recently passed Measure A.

Several speakers at the hearing said the revised draft was an improvement over the original, but felt certain areas were not fully investigated.

"There are weak spots in the EIR and the fire section is a good example," said Connie Hannah of the League of Women Voters. "[The draft] does not describe what the real fire hazards are. By calling attention to it at a public hearing, we can get it improved."

Linda Krop, Environmental Defense Council senior staff attorney, commented on air quality issues and health problems which could result from project pollution.

"There are many holes in the report right now," she said. "The public made really good comments tonight which will translate into a better report."

Although County Planner Kevin Drude said interest in the hearing has declined since the project changed its site to Gaviota, he still believes community input is important.

"We benefit by the public's involvement. There is a lot of intelligent people in the community with good comments," he said. "[But] we had a very light crowd tonight."

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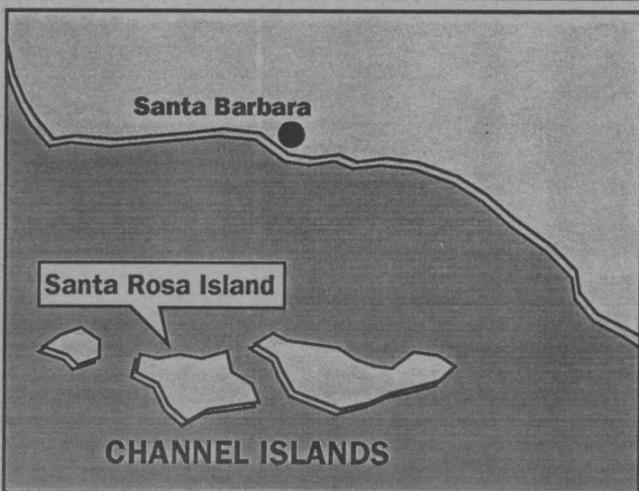
Improvement of Stream Quality Target of Park Service Proposal

By Emma S. Pollack
Reporter

In a plan to improve water quality and restore the native ecosystem of Santa Rosa Island, the National Park Service has proposed removing the island's deer and reducing cattle and elk numbers during the next three years.

A private ranch operation has 6,500 cattle, 800 deer and 1,110 elk on the island, as well as a contract allowing ranching to continue until 2011.

While the Park Service will not shut down the grazing operation for another 15 years, it suggests reducing 450 cattle, 650 elk and completely removing the



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deer within three years.

"The purpose is to improve water quality and promote conservation of plant species," said Tim Setnicka, Santa Rosa Park's acting superintendent.

Santa Rosa was owned by the Vail & Vickers Co. from 1902 until 1986. In 1986, the National Park Service purchased the island for \$30 million under the

condition that ranching could continue for 25 years.

Although 15 years still remain on the contract, a Park Service report states that animal grazing has caused the pollution of more than a dozen of the island's streams, and that 10 plant species are proposed as endangered

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Dean Kohl Pleads Not Guilty in Arraignment

An administrator charged with possession of pornographic material involving a minor pleaded not guilty in Santa Barbara Municipal Court Monday.

Campus Police found two computer disks containing sexual images of children while searching College of Letters and Science Acting Dean of Undergraduate Studies David Kohl's home in an embezzlement investigation.

Kohl's attorney Stan Roden denied the charges of embezzlement and said Kohl downloaded the images onto the disks without first seeing them or knowing what they were. He said Kohl was disgusted and put away the disks when he saw the images.

Kohl will have an opportunity to plead no contest to the charges at his June 4 readiness and settlement date, according to Deputy District Attorney Gary Gemberling. He said Kohl could try to plea-bargain.

"The defense attorneys will be there ... and they try to reach a resolution of the case without hav-

ing a jury trial," he said.

But Kohl will maintain he is innocent, according to Roden. He said the defense may question whether it was legal under the 4th Amendment for the police to confiscate the incriminating disks during the unannounced search and will likely argue that Kohl should not be convicted because he had no wrongful intentions.

"We're contemplating bringing a motion to suppress evidence based on the search and seizure," he said. "We're maintaining that Dr. Kohl has not maintained a wrongful mindset at any time. He was sent a lot of these pictures unsolicited. There's no evidence of having paid for it, asked for it or shown it to anybody, or even looked at it after the initial download."

Gemberling declined to comment on how he planned to try the case.

—Suzanne Garner

Unelected A.S. Campaigners to Focus Energies Elsewhere

By Nicole Milne
Staff Writer

After a divisive year in Associated Students, marked by executive officers supporting recall campaigns against each other and frequent sniping among student representatives, one strong faction is on the wane.

Members of the more left-leaning arm of student government were not elected in this quarter's spring voting. Now they must decide how to continue pressing their issues without the benefit of elected office.

Internal Vice President Bo Thoreen lost his campaign for re-election this year. Thoreen's issues this year have included preventing intercollegiate athletics teams from using the RecCen, working for Affirmative Action and preventing fee hikes.

While he declined to offer specifics about his plans, Thoreen said he may remain involved in student government through A.S. Lobby. "There's a certain movement that affords me, and I don't want to throw that away," he said.

External Vice President for Statewide Affairs Kris Kohler, who has often sided with Thoreen this year, ran for A.S. president this quarter and lost. Kohler will pursue an Education Abroad Program in Barbados next year.

While in the Caribbean, he plans to start a thesis centering on the definition of race.

"I'm trying to do a yearlong project on the varying definitions of race in different nations,

and how the U.S. has a specific way of defining race," he said.

Campus Organizing Director Blinker Wood lost his bid for external vice president for statewide affairs. He said he hopes to keep his current job next year.

Wood believes next year's representatives will face less divisiveness, but said the loss of several activist representatives will lead to A.S. stagnation. He fears they will address paltry issues instead of ones he considers more important.

"Students don't care about a bylaw about eating refried beans on Tuesdays," he said. "They care about the things affecting them, statewide changes and changes on campus."

Some A.S. Legislative Council members who will not return next year plan to spend more time on personal projects. Off-Campus Rep Felicia Perez was recently elected vice president of her sorority as well as its parent organization, Interlink.

Perez also plans to serve as co-chair of the Student Coalition on Racial Equality and the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Alliance. She said the move toward smaller, more student-oriented organizations will be a welcome change.

"We are doing work that others don't get recognition for, in student groups," she said. "We're taking an underground perspective in who can show power and utility in groups outside A.S."

Perez is the only one of the students who plans to eventually

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HEADLINERS

'Suicide Doctor' Found Innocent Again

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian escaped conviction on assisted-suicide charges for the third time in two years Tuesday and declared that the only thing that can stop him now is "being burned at the stake."

The jury deliberated 13 hours over three days before finding Kevorkian innocent in the suicides of Sherry Miller and Marjorie Wantz at a rural cabin in 1991. Miller died by inhaling carbon monoxide; Wantz received a lethal injection.

Prosecutors have yet to convict the retired pathologist, who has acknowledged attending 28 deaths since 1990 and has become so brazen that he even took part in a suicide during the trial. His latest acquittal only added to his reputation as someone beyond the reach of the law.

"Dr. Kevorkian is simply not convictable," said Howard Simon, director of Michigan's

branch of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Kevorkian hugged supporters and shook their hands after the verdict.

"I've never been so convinced of being right in my life," he said later. "The thing that would stop me at this point is being burned at the stake. I don't like burning to death."

suicide is a crime under common law, the body of traditions and legal precedents dating to old England that forms the foundation of much of modern law.

Kevorkian's lawyers contended as usual that his intent was to relieve pain and suffering, not to kill. But they also argued

should not have been charged, under a 1994 ruling, with suicides that occurred in 1991. She said the jury believed his testimony that he did not think it was a crime at the time.

"We felt Dr. Kevorkian had made an honest effort to research that, to stay within the bounds of the written law," Quigley said.

Kevorkian, 67, could have received up to five years in prison on each of two counts.

"The only thing that protected us was the jury," defense attorney Geoffrey Fieger said. "They understood there was no law."

Prosecutor Lawrence Bunting said: "I should have done a better job prosecuting the case. I wish I could have done more to convince the jury that the elements of the law described to them by the court are what they should follow."

Bunting said he could not say whether Kevorkian would be tried in any of the other suicides he took part in.

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Geoffrey Fieger
defense attorney

In his two previous trials, he was acquitted in 1994 and again in March under a temporary ban on assisted suicide that was rushed into law by the Legislature specifically to stop him. The law has since expired.

This time, he was charged on the basis of a 1984 Michigan Supreme Court ruling that assisted

that because prosecutors based their case on an unwritten law, he had no way of knowing what he did was a crime.

"I would have liked to have seen it in black and white," said juror Cameron Beedle, a 39-year-old waitress.

Juror Jennifer Quigley, a 27-year-old college student, said Kevorkian

Hundreds Dead, Thousands Injured in Twister

RAMPUR, Bangladesh (AP) — Tearing tin roofs to shreds and turning tree branches into deadly missiles, a tornado racing at 125 mph killed more than 440 people and injured



more than 32,000.

In less than a half-hour, Monday's twister flattened 80 villages.

As the extent of the disaster unfolded Tuesday, the survivors accused the government of failing to provide emergency assistance and local hospitals of turning away victims. In all, at least 443 people were killed and more than 32,000 injured, according

to local officials.

The tornado struck hardest in Tangail district, 45 miles north of Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh.

At least 120 of the dead were from Bashail, a village where the victims included students in a boarding school building that collapsed on top of them, said Irsat Jahan, the local administrator.

Death came in other forms, too.

"When the killer storm came, I saw the tin roofs of homes cut into pieces and flying everywhere," said Reazuddin Ahmed, a 45-year-old weaver from Rampur village.

When the sky darkened and the winds began to howl, Ahmed said he gathered his wife and three children near a cement wall alongside a road near their home and prayed to

be spared.

There, they watched the tornado toss the village's many wooden- and tin-roofed houses into the air and reduce several larger buildings, including a movie house, to rubble.

Deaths were also reported in the neighboring villages of Gopalpur, Kalihati, Shafiur, Mirzapur and Ghatal.

Many of the survivors were left alone to search for the bodies of their relatives and to prepare for their burial.

State radio initially underestimated the death toll at 22 — apparently one reason for the government's failure to immediately send relief workers and supplies.

Another was the scope of destruction, compounded by downed communication lines in this

densely populated, impoverished country of 128 million people.

The tragedy quickly overwhelmed the local hospitals as thousands of injured people arrived for treatment, many of them bleeding from cuts all over their bodies.

At a government hospital in Tangail, Mohammed Arif, a 10-year-old boy, was writhing on a floor alongside six bodies wrapped in bedspreads.

The 200-bed hospital was flooded with more than 1,000 injured people lying on its floors.

Altaf Hossain, who runs a medical store in Tangail town, said he saw the hospital authorities turn away four pickup trucks that arrived, some filled with bodies, some with injured people.

Utah Teen Hijacks School Bus, Turns Gun Upon Self

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A ninth-grade student wearing a cowboy hat and carrying a .357 Magnum revolver hijacked his school bus on Tuesday, shot and wounded the driver, then led police on a



high-speed chase before killing himself.

Police believe 15-year-old Justin Allgood put the gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger before the bus careened into a house. Officers fired tear gas into the bus, then found him strapped in the driver's seat.

Allgood was carrying the printed obituaries of three close friends who died in traffic accidents over the last two weeks, including one who was

killed on Monday, said Salt Lake County sheriff's Sgt. Jim Potter.

"All the information we have is he's a good kid who has gone through some personal tragedies in his life that have pushed him over the edge," Kennard said.

Police said Allgood boarded the bus at about 7:20 a.m., pulled out the revolver, and ordered the driver and his friend, Adam Mortensen, to get off.

"You better not take that to school or you could get in pretty bad trouble," driver Sula Bearden reportedly said as she reached out for Allgood to hand over the gun.

Without a word, he shot her in the thigh.

"He was kind of scared," said Mortensen, a fellow student at Bingham Middle School. "It was like he had to [shoot], but didn't want to."

Furry Ferret Friends Would Be Legalized Under New Bill

SACRAMENTO (AP) — An Assembly committee decided Tuesday that ferrets — now a wriggly, furry, masked illegal immigrant — should be legalized as pets in California.

A resolution asking the



state Fish and Game Commission to end its ban on the furry weasel relative was approved by the Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee. It now goes to the Assembly floor.

California and Hawaii are the only states that do not allow residents to keep ferrets as pets.

"These animals have been domesticated for over 2,000 years," the resolution's author, Assemblyman Jan Goldsmith (R-Poway), told the

committee.

Goldsmith tried unsuccessfully in 1994 to pass a law legalizing ferrets as pets. A similar bill was rejected last year.

His new effort is not a law, but a resolution. It asks the state Fish and Game Commission to remove the domestic ferret from its list of unlawful wild animals. That would allow the animals to be kept as pets.

The department has always opposed ferrets as pets, saying they could get loose and threaten fragile California habitats and animals. The state Health Services Dept. has also said ferrets are dangerous animals that can attack infants and bite them in the face.

Before the hearing, the California Domestic Ferret Association held a rally on the Capitol steps, showing off ferrets and complaining about the ban.

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Weather

Try this on for pandering: While public grumblings about forking over some extra dough for that lifeblood of capitalism (gasoline) have resulted in moves by local Toadies of the Newt to repeal a bit of tax on petrol, Gingrich and Co. are now considering (apropos of nothing in particular) repealing a 16-cent per six-pack tax on beer (the other lifeblood of capitalism). You can't buy my vote with beer. Not unless it's really great beer, like America's least bitter beer (must be the specially lined can).

Anyway, here in Isla Vista there appears to be no inflation on malted beverages. In fact, it almost looks like some local merchants are actually competing for business by having a beer war. Fifty-cent drafts have been spotted at at least two establishments, and I don't think it would be such a bad idea if the idea caught on with everybody. Furthermore, the discount brew offered isn't always Natz (this may be in part because when I first saw the deal I ran in and asked eagerly what brand and was told it was, well, the most inappropriately named beer in existence). Watch out in case any switches are pulled.

Issues of flavor and quality aside, however, I'd have to say my favorite cheap beer is Regal Select. I've only sampled it once in a hotel room in San Jose, but the slogan alone is worth it — "Regal Select: Recognized as one of America's Two Great Beers." You can't beat that. Coastal haze will continue this week's cooling trend, highs won't dip below 68 though so don't sweat it.

Cheating, Plagiarism, Collaboration to Be Addressed in Campus Forum

By Christine Kwon
Reporter

The coordinators of a public conference today on academic dishonesty hope attendees will work together to discuss ways to improve policies dealing with the problem.

While the event will include speakers, organizers hope it will inspire attendees to develop their own ideas, according to Naomi Johnson, associate dean of students.

"There will be speakers, but hopefully they will just provide food for discussion," she said. "It really is a working group. We expect everyone there to roll up their sleeves and to put their thoughts together and try to help our university."

Sponsored by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Office and organized by the University Leadership Network, the conference will take place today from 3 to 6 p.m. at the UCen Corwin Pavilion. The ULN is a student, faculty and administration group that plans quarterly forums on campus issues.

The four speakers are Dean of Students Joseph Navarro, physics Associate Professor Harry Nelson, teaching assistant and Ph.D. candidate in communications Robin Gurien and junior business economics major and Student/Faculty Conduct

Committee member Trinity Eyre.

"Once the panel speaks, we're going to be breaking people up and they'll be sitting at smaller tables," Johnson said. "And these tables will be coming up with recommendations about how to deal with academic dishonesty."

While the conference will not make major changes in the current pol-

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Harry Nelson
associate professor
physics

icies on cheating, plagiarism or collaboration, organizers hope the campus community will learn from the discussions.

"The way I see it, it's to get the whole community talking about issues of academic integrity and what it means to the institution to hold on to these values," Navarro said. "At least, that's what I hope to get out of it and what I hope to convey to the people who attend."

Navarro said there was a dramatic increase in the number of reported cases of academic dishonesty

four years ago, but the number has since leveled off.

Johnson said the conference is not a response to any recent increase in the number of cases, but rather to general confusion about the policies on cheating, plagiarism and collaboration.

"It really became clear that people across campus didn't know what [the disciplinary process] was and didn't understand it," she said. "We thought we needed to focus more on educating the campus."

There were 41 reported cases of academic misconduct in 1994-95, according to a year-end report. Cheating constituted 29 of the cases and 50 percent of all reports of academic and non-academic misconduct last year, according to the report.

Concern over why students resort to cheating is the subject of one speech today.

"I think the principal thing is what situations students get into that cause them to cheat," said Nelson, a four-year member of the Student/Faculty Conduct Committee, which hears all cases of violations of campus regulations.

"When students get in that situation, they have to be more forthright and go to their professors. Even if the professor says you have to take an F, that's better than cheating."

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POLLUTE

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Russ Vail of the Vail & Vickers Co. declined to comment on the situation and will discuss the Park Service's plans at a later date.

Neil Levine, an attorney with the Environmental Defense Center representing the National Parks and Conservation Association, said removing the

animals slowly over the next 15 years makes more ecological sense.

"Gradual reduction will allow the effects to be studied," he said.

Another cleanup proposal would quickly phase out all the animals to bring a more rapid recovery of the ecosystem, according to Setnicka.

But Setnicka said a quick removal would allow weeds to overrun the pastures, making it even more difficult to restore the island's ecosystem.

The Park Service report also states the national park has discharged bacteria into state waters, threatening to create conditions of pollution and nuisance, according to Howard Kold, Regional Water Quality Control Board associate water resources control engineer.

But Setnicka said no regulations have been violated. "The park hasn't violated water quality laws," he said.

The water agency is asking the park to prepare

measures to reduce stream pollution, according to Kold.

"The Regional Water Quality Control Board has not ordered the grazing to be stopped," he said. "The order just says to abet practice that impacts water quality."

One plan to improve water quality is to rotate grazing, which would keep the animals out of the water for part of the year, according to Setnicka.

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Full of It

GOP Tax Repeal Attempt Solves Nothing for Gasoline Consumers

Editorial

Anyone who has driven into a gas station in recent weeks, pumped the gas and shelled out a significantly larger amount than usual can attest to the fact that gas prices have taken a noticeable jump.

The rise in prices has elicited a strong reaction from many consumers and politicians. And as citizens have clamored for the lower prices to which they are accustomed, some elected officials have put their minds to rectifying the situation.

But now a problem has arisen over exactly how to go about it, and what the real reasons are behind some politicians' moves to lower prices.

To combat the price increase nationwide, Congress is considering HR 3415, a proposal to repeal a 4.3-cent-per-gallon gas tax approved in 1993. Supporters in Congress have said they want to pass the proposal in time for the Memorial Day holiday, and to that end, they have enlisted the aid of our very own Congresswoman Andrea Seastrand to help lead the effort. The tax currently supports federal environmental and transportation programs.

While this approach seems like a viable answer to the gas price crisis, when one takes a closer look at the situation, things are not so clear.

If and when the tax is repealed, there is no definite evidence that prices will drop as a result. Even without the four-cent tax, the petroleum giants that set the prices for the country are under no real obligation to lower prices as a result. And even in the event they do, the actual decline will most likely not be more than a few cents per gallon, much less than the increases that have occurred.

The real reason for a rise in gas prices lies with one group: the petroleum companies that sell their

product at their own price. While taxes are a factor of the increase, they are not the origin of the problem. To get to the heart of the matter, you must address the companies themselves and not the taxes, an easy scapegoat.

The tax brings money into government coffers to spend on necessary programs related to national transportation and environmental protections. If the tax is repealed, that money will have to be found elsewhere, or programs relying on these funds will have to be cut back or eliminated. In the long run, citizens will most likely suffer more due to the repeal of this tax than they would save by a few meager pennies being shaved off prices at the pump.

But simply put, most people see the words "tax repeal" and like the idea without knowing the truth behind it, and politicians know this. Hence Seastrand's appointment.

This is an election year — decisions made by candidates require a critical look. With Seastrand having been announced to lead this repeal effort, one must question her reasons for doing so.

Seastrand is a freshman politician and has raised the ire of several influential groups around her home district here in Santa Barbara. She needs ammunition to use in her upcoming re-election bid, and what could be better than to head a tax repeal on such a hot topic as gas prices?

This repeal looks good when announced by eager politicians looking to help their image and hoping to fool the public, but in reality it is little more than a band-aid solution to a more serious problem. The answer lies in dealing with petroleum companies and not with taxes. But if the public does not realize this, it will buy the repeal hook, line and sinker. Don't let yourself be fooled.

Help Us Save

Amber O'Neil

On July 27, 1995, President Clinton signed a budget recession bill containing the "salvage rider," which has suspended all environmental laws for our nature's public forests.

Less than 4 percent of the nation's ancient forests remain and now the Forest Service is selling 100-year-old trees for less than \$2 apiece to logging companies. Other details of the rider, dealing with preparations for logging, are costing taxpayers millions of dollars as well.

Ten sites have already been picked to be clear-cut, including locations in the Sierra Nevadas, the Umpqua basin and the Siuslaw and Olympic national forests. This means the habitats of many endangered species will be destroyed by the salvage rider.

Some of these species include the grizzly bear, grey wolf, bull trout, steelhead, coho salmon, sockeye salmon, red cockaded woodpecker, marbled murrelet, Mexican owl, spotted owl, clouded salamander, Olympic giant salamander, Port Orford cedar, Pacific yew, French's shooting star, bobcat, barred owl, American redstart, cerulean warbler, lady slipper, rattlesnake plantain and trout lily.

The California Public Interest Research Group is currently working to stop the salvage rider through a postcard campaign directed at California's congressional representatives. This week has been declared Ancient Forests Week and CALPIRG will be working to inform UCSB's student body of the issue.

The Dr. Seuss film *The Lorax* will be presented through Guerrilla Theater today at 11:55 a.m. by the Arbor. The

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Flower Fan

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I would like to express my gratitude to the people who devoted so much time and energy to clearing the ice plant and introducing native plants to campus.

The poppies and lupine are a beautiful sight. They brighten the day for all of us who see them. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We really appreciate your efforts and your willingness to take on this time-consuming task.

JO-ANN SHELTON

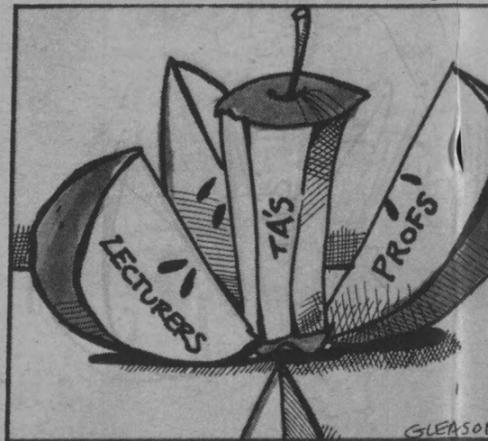
Playing Roles

Editor, Daily Nexus:

In her recent story (Daily Nexus, "Lecturers, Lecturers Object to Budgeting," May 7), Rachel Hovav quotes me correctly as having said that lecturers are hired to do the bulk of teaching on the campus. However, I implicitly made a claim I wish to correct.

My dictionary says "bulk" means "the greater part." I am not sure that lecturers do the "greater part" of the teaching on this campus. If I had to hazard a guess, I would say that the "bulk" of teaching in the form of hard-core instructional deliverables (attendance taken, tests scored, papers marked, conferences held, etc.) is probably done by teaching assistants.

It's difficult to know the numbers exactly since teaching assistants are not listed as teachers of record. Statistics supplied by our own Office of Budget Planning indicate that lecturers teach 43 percent



KEVIN GLEASON/Daily Nexus

lower division classes, 26 percent of upper division classes and 9 percent of graduate classes. These are insignificant numbers, maybe not the "bulk" but, at the very least, a lot.

In emphasizing the instructional role played by lecturers and teaching assistants on campus, I do not

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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Amber O'Neil is a junior environmental studies major.

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VINCENT LUCIDO/Daily Nexus



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to minimize the role played by Senate faculty. They are deeply committed to the university's educational mission. But the institutional situation of Senate faculty and lecturers is not the same.

Members of the Senate faculty are evaluated for retention, promotion and merit increases primarily due to quality of research. Lecturers are evaluated for retention and contract renewal completely upon "instructional performance." The self-interest of the former is served by researching and researching well, the self-interest of the latter by teaching and teaching well.

Given these institutional differences, I find it very hard not to feel that the recent "de-coupling" of cost-of-living increases for lecturers and librarians from increases for the Senate faculty does not indicate a relative lessening of the commitment to quality education.

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move on with my life. What I don't do is compose an adolescent tirade that portrays me as a sobbing mommy's boy, clinging to his skateboard and wiping away the snot with his free hand.

I realize you called me a dumb ass because that's the worst thing you could think of to call me. I was simply making an argument for maturity. Your behavior is a slap in the face of all the mature skaters out there, and I'm sure they do exist because there are exceptions to every rule (my best friend, for example).

Believe me Pinhead, I'm not holding myself up as some paragon of adult behavior. I enjoy getting sloshed on the weekend as much as the next guy, maybe more so. And I still think *Beavis and Butt-head* and *David Letterman* are funny. How's that for immaturity?

My point is, there are many outlets available for your inner child besides skate crap and e-mail harassment. My 10-year-old nephew has a skateboard, and he thinks it's really cool. He's also fond of foul-mouthed temper tantrums.

Now Pinhead, I'm guessing by your level of interpersonal communication that you're a freshman. That would make you 18 or 19. If I was 18 or 19 and I had a lot in common with a 10-year-old, I would be worried. Maybe you should be, too.

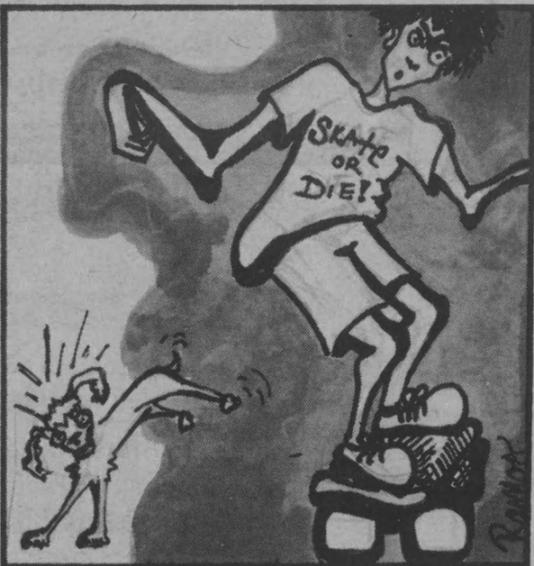
Pinhead, before you work yourself up into a lather once again, I suggest you take a look at the letters that appeared next to mine in Monday's Nexus (Daily Nexus, The Reader's Voice, May 13). They were reasoned, well-written rebuttals to the anti-skating point of view. Perhaps in-between taping episodes of *Goosebumps* and memorizing Green Day lyrics, you should read these letters and try to glean something from them besides an erection.

In any event, I think it looks really bad when people snipe at each other in the Nexus, so this will be my final entry in the Great Skate Debate. The last word is yours

Thanks to you, I now know the only reason for anyone to begin any sport is to impress girls. After all, I'm sure that's what the surfers, dirt bikers, mountain bikers, runners, etc., think of when they begin to do what they do.

Your letter exemplified your brilliance and amazing ability to read the minds of people. With such an extraordinary ability, you should run for political office. Such insight into the human psyche should not be wasted. I, for one, am writing you in for president. Michael Lane the genius for president.

PAUL LIU



DEBI RAMOS/Daily Nexus

Better Watch Out

Editor, Daily Nexus:

SKATEBOARDING IS NOT A CRIME!!!!

If you read Marc Valles' column (Daily Nexus, "Get the Skaters Off Campus," May 9), you might think that skaters are the living embodiment of evil bent on hurting their fellow students and ultimately destroying the planet as we know it (you know, we crashed the *Exxon Valdez*).

Nothing could be further from the truth. I don't want to hurt anyone (with the possible exception of Skinflute Valles) and would like nothing else but to be left alone.

Valles tells an interesting tale about jumping out of the way to avoid being hit by skaters, but those of us living on Earth know this is hardly reality. Let me clarify something for all the non-skaters: Unless you are in the middle of the sidewalk or in a large group spanning the width of the sidewalk, I would rather you not move.

The problem is all the Marc Valles, walking aimlessly about totally self-involved, their ears deafened by the high-decibel ollies (aren't they about 270 dbs?) and daydreaming about getting home in time to catch *Mr. Belvedere*. These are the people who always seem to step right in front of us.

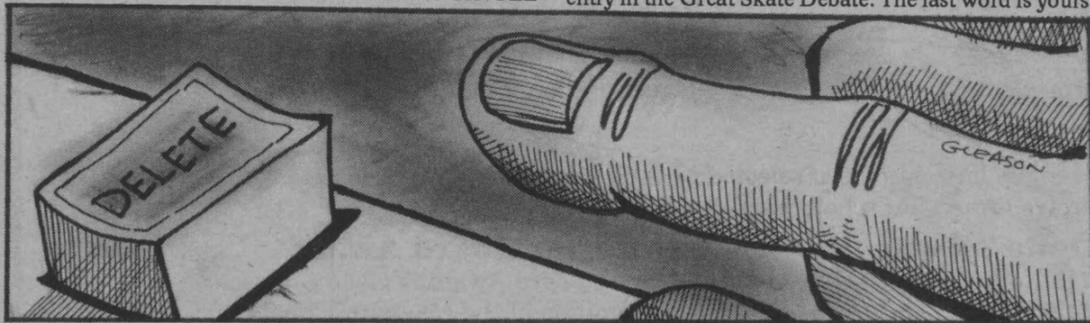
Swashbuckler also makes a point about having CSOs (Can't Skate Officers) stop skaters and impound their boards. What a joke! Your CSBlows couldn't catch a cold. Skaters will continue to evade and elude this silly and altogether worthless group of Cub Scouts.

As a final note, Mister Valles, you also mention that you would like very much to clothesline skaters as we roll by you — maybe even knock out our teeth. Yet you don't because as you say, "violence is bad." That's bulls-hit; who are you trying to fool? You know damn well why you don't clothesline skaters: We will kick your ass.

Violence is bad, all right — bad for you. And should you decide to test us, expect to miss *Mr. Belvedere* and *SeaQuest* after tasting the flat side of my skate.

Don't let them intimidate you.

CHRIS MIRABOL



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Lane's Last Word

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Pinhead, be it over e-mail or in these pages. I hope it makes you feel large.

Now please don't clutter my e-mail with any more rambling diatribes. I have neither the time nor the inclination to serve as the outlet for your frustrated sexual urges. Try the Playboy channel or maybe just the latest issue of *Glamour* magazine.

Let's try to be adult about this and agree to disagree. I shouldn't have to apologize for expressing my opinions.

MICHAEL LANE

Lane for Prez

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This letter is in response to Michael Lane (Daily Nexus, The Reader's Voice, May 13). Thank you for enlightening me about why I and fellow skateboarders ride around on skateboards.

Before your letter, I thought the reason for why I skate was because it is fun and enjoyable. Not only did you prove to me that it is an immature act, but also the only reason for the sport is to impress girls.

You're right, none of us skateboarders ever do it for fun, but just to impress girls and boost our huge egos. Skateboarding takes no skills whatsoever, and anyone can get to the caliber of a professional simply by skateboarding in front of girls.



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This year's winner is
Deirdre Jean Devlin

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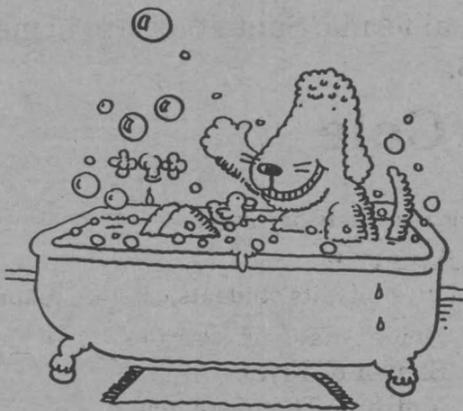
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There will be a **MANDATORY** meeting for county and campus writers Thursday at 6 p.m. We need to go over a few things. Talk to your editors for more information.



Thank you.

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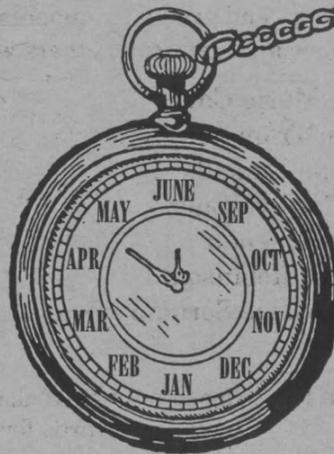
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ROGERS

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the up-and-coming star will make it big on the AVP tour.

"He has great vision of the game both at the beach and in the gym," Preston explained. "He sees things other players don't really see coming. He has the ability to know what's going on and quickly finds out what's working and what doesn't. He's going straight to the pro tour and I would assume that without any unforeseen problems that he'd probably be pretty successful on the beach within maybe five years if not sooner."

"Todd is an amazing

volleyball player," explained the 1996 NCAA MVP Stein Metzger, a setter for the back-to-back national champion UCLA Bruins. "I've played against him since high school and I'll tell you, when he plays, I watch. I've learned a lot from him and I have no doubt that he will very be successful on the beach. Actually, I haven't really talked about it too much, but I hope that someday we'll be beach partners."

As for UCSB, the Gauchos men's volleyball program will surely miss the talented young setter, but it will no doubt be keeping a close eye on Mr. Rogers as he re-enters his neighborhood, this time for good.

RIM

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ball and men's basketball. And I'm really hesitant to that because right now, I want to be able to go out on that playground and say, 'I got next.' So I think lowering the rim could really hurt women's basketball on a public level, and could almost be somewhat demeaning."

Hold on a minute — demeaning?!

So do Kim Keys, Tammy Stiner, Jennifer Kaylor and the rest of the women's volleyball team and women's volleyball players across the nation feel like lesser athletes because they compete with a lower net than the men do? If anything, the shorter net allows the women players to show the power they possess to spike and block because they've accepted the fact that women can't jump as high.

"I feel as a woman who plays basketball that dunking and rebounding high off the glass would make the game exciting," UCSB women's volleyball Head Coach and "Queen of the Beach" Kathy Gregory said. "Why would it be demeaning to make the sport more exciting? I

would like to see a woman on a fast break and finish it with a jam. Don't you?"

Close is a smart coach and she'd be the first person to tell you the women's basketball athlete has some catching up to do, but she contends that the average fan can still enjoy the game as it is.

"The difference is there's no dunking. So the strategy is a more pure form of the game," she said. "[UCLA] Coach [John] Wooden was quoted as saying if he wanted to see the purest form of the game, he goes to see women play just because it's not all above the rim."

Another part of women's basketball that needs to change to make it more marketable is its swarming defensive style. Coaches attack the point guard on the opposing team because the women haven't evolved to the point of being able to break the press. Sure it helps you win games, but it helps you lose fans, too.

I think most fans, coaches, players and administrators agree that women's basketball hasn't reached its potential yet, but can they get where they want to be without making that bold move to lower the net?

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Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood

By Jenny Kok

For UCSB senior Todd Rogers, volleyball has become his passion in life. Around the country, most people know him as one of collegiate men's volleyball's finest setters. But what they might not know is that if they want to enter Mr. Rogers' neighborhood, they won't see him in the gym. They'll find his feet planted firmly in the sand.

Although he started off playing indoor 6-on-6 volleyball when he was 12, beach volleyball has been the heart and soul of the 22-year-old Santa Barbara native. Rogers' beach roots began growing the minute he walked onto the sand court at the end of his freshman year in high school. With role models like beach legends Karch Kilray, Kathy Gregory and his high school coach John Lee, Rogers has truly learned the game of volleyball and has a future that looks as bright as the sun beating down on the beach.

"I loved beach volleyball from day one," Rogers said. "I started playing right after my freshman year with all of my friends. It was the thing to do. One of the guys' moms would drop us off in the morning and we'd be out there all day. We'd play nine or 10 games at a time. We weren't great at it, but it was a lot of fun."

When Rogers wasn't out at the beach playing, he was in the gym leading his high school teams to victory. After being named MVP his freshman and sophomore years, he entered his junior year playing varsity. His San Marcos team made it all the way to the CIF semifinals before losing to Mira Costa. But in his senior campaign, Rogers led his team to the CIF title while being named to *Volleyball Magazine's* Fab-50 list. That was just the beginning.

Success would be a given for the talented athlete from that point on. Rogers was recruited by UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston and despite the fact that Santa Barbara wasn't his first choice, Rogers accepted an offer, and a legacy began both in the gym and at the beach.

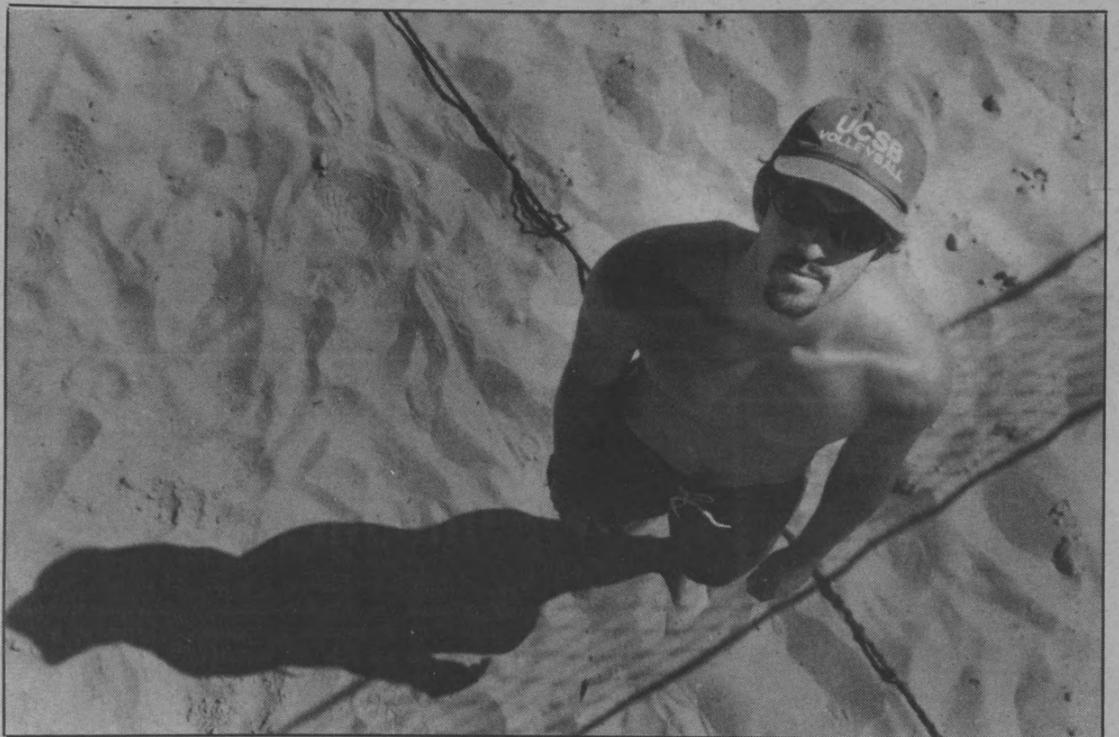
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Todd Rogers

"I was very happy that Todd joined our program," Preston explained. "I knew how good he was in high school and I knew how good he could be. Athletically, he's as gifted a person as we've ever had. I think his beach experience has brought a lot to this team."

While redshirting his first year, Rogers took to the beach with a vengeance, earning a AAA ranking — the highest amateur ranking. His success was immediate on the sand, but the desire for a higher education and the thrill of collegiate competition brought Rogers back to the gym the next season.

Every year he played on the beach and for the Gauchos, he got better and better. His sophomore year, he started his record-breaking defensive career by shattering a school record for digs in a season with 235, a skill



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SET FOR LIFE: UCSB senior setter Todd Rogers is taking his talent from the hard wood to the beach.

he attributes to his time spent on the beach.

"Playing beach really helps your indoor game," he commented. "I think primarily, if you are winning on the beach, it helps your confidence. I feel like I can dig anything anyone has indoor because I have dug everything outdoor."

Rogers' talent was not limited to defense and setting. While sharing the role of starting setter in a 6-2 offense that year, he also made himself known as a hitter.

"He's a tremendous athlete and not only is he a good setter, he's a good hitter," Preston said. "He probably could have been a great hitter for us. We toyed with the idea, but because of his strength setting and with all of the strong hitters we've had, I'm glad things worked out the way they did."

"Full of potential" were the words used to describe the Gauchos the following year, and Rogers continued to excel throughout it. It was at this point that he established himself as one of the nation's best setters, but at the same time, he was becoming a formidable beach player. In fact, Rogers was beginning to doubt whether he should return to the Gaucho lineup for his senior campaign.

"I was going to leave for the beach just because it is pretty lucrative there," Rogers explained. "I had been playing at the highest amateur level since freshman year in college and basically winning every tournament I was in. I thought it might be time. I had to look into moving on to the next level."

"Also, I wasn't sure if I wanted to come back. I was sick and tired of school. Last year I got frustrated toward the end of the season. We had a couple of five-game losses, we played poorly our last game of the year. I just kind of got sick of the whole season, the whole indoor thing."

But after carefully weighing his options, Rogers elected to come back for his final campaign. Although missing a few Association of Volleyball Professionals qualifying tournaments was a factor in Rogers' decision to return to UCSB, he admitted that having a legitimate shot at the NCAA National Championship was the primary reason he came back.

Putting his beach career on hold for another year, Rogers returned and enjoyed his most successful season. Despite the midseason slump the Gauchos experienced,

Rogers led his team back into the hunt for an NCAA title. As a setter, he ranked third nationally with 16.96 assists per game, and he set an all-time dig record at UCSB with 783 digs, while ranking sixth in the country with 2.67 per game.

Falling just two points short of a bid to the Final Four, Rogers' incredible career with UCSB ended — a career that he believes was so successful because of his beach experience.

"Since I started playing serious beach, I've told everyone on the team to go down to the beach and play every day if not several times a week," Rogers said. "On our starting team we have four AAA's: Donny Harris, Morgan Chapman, myself and Amaury Velasco. ... Jason Crone has been playing beach for the past few months and is really improving, and you can see it indoor."

Now that Rogers' indoor career is over, he is looking

"He probably could have been a great hitter for us. We toyed with the idea but because of his strength setting and with all of the strong hitters we've had I'm glad things worked out the way they did."

Ken Preston

to the future. In June, he'll begin playing in some AVP qualifying tournaments, but in the meantime he'll be competing in a few smaller tournaments to get back on track.

"I'll finish school in June and hopefully start playing as much as I can," Rogers said. "Hopefully I can get picked up onto the AVP by someone who's already on. That'll be that much more of an opportunity to make money and end up on the main tour instead of the circuit tour."

As for the UCSB graduate's future, it seems as though everyone Rogers has come in contact with believes that

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Women's Basketball Needs Some Changes Above and Below the Rim

Opinions and Analysis on Lowering the Rim

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Women have been successfully fighting for equality and respect in the sports world over the past 50 years, relying on the legislation of NCAA Title IX to guide them into battle.

In women's basketball especially, the sport has made giant leaps forward on the tails of national coverage of athletes like Rebecca Lobo of the 1995 NCAA undefeated champion University of Connecticut squad.

Our own team put in fine work this past year, going 24-7, including a win at the National Women's Invitational Tournament. So the question remains: Why do fans (especially students) stay away in droves from women's games, even when the Gauchos had one of their best

seasons in recent years? The women's program drew only 850 people per contest this season, while the men's team averaged 3,756 spectators in the Thunderdome during what was an unextraordinary year, winning-wise.

Well, I'm not afraid to come out and say it: Women's basketball ranks up there with golf in terms of excitement.

I say this as a sports fan and more specifically as a Gaucho sports fan. I wouldn't be an editor or even write this column if I didn't truly enjoy the sports teams UCSB has to offer.

So why is women's basketball not exciting enough for fans to come out and support their team? Answer: As the sport of women's basketball stands right now, the women who play the game on the whole simply aren't athletic enough to play a style comparable to the men — and that's why people stay home.

In most other women's sports at UCSB, fans get to see women compete at or near the level of their male counterparts. For instance, Jean Okada, the #1 Gaucho tennis player, is so powerful she can beat some of the Santa Barbara men. At 40 feet, softball pitcher Stacy Atwood can throw a fastball that equates to 85 mph at 60 feet, 6 inches (the distance from the mound to home plate). Volleyball outside hitter Kim Keys can spike and block just as well at her 7-foot-4½-inch net as Donny Harris at his 8-foot net.

So what's the difference in women's basketball? Since women can't jump as high or run as fast, the height of the hoop (10 feet) limits their ability to showcase their athletic talents and in turn keeps fans away. Keep in mind that Michael Jordan is the most recognized person in the world, because he can dunk like

no other person has ever been able to before.

I stand as a strong proponent that the NCAA needs to change the rules to lower the women's net to 9 feet so women can play above the rim, and I think that alone will push the sport (which has made so many advances over the years) to the height of the men's version — or even beyond.

As it stands now, only a handful of campuses across the nation can market their women's basketball teams to rival the men's, for instance, Tennessee, Colorado, UConn and Stanford. "The women's game is moving along in a good direction, and there seems to be more interest in different parts of the country," said UCSB basketball guru and Head Coach Jerry Pimm.

"They play good basketball, they work as hard as the men do. Most women's programs lift weights just as hard as the men

do, run just as much, play defense just as hard," he added. "But when you compare it to the running, jumping, slam-dunking type of game that the men have — it's hard to compare. Unless you do some of those things like lowering the basket to make it more exciting."

The jury is still out on the issue, however, and even our own ex-point guard and current Assistant Coach Cori Close can see both sides of the ramifications involved in such a move.

"I have really mixed emotions about it. On a marketability level I can see it. But on the traditional side of me, you know I can go down to the playground, and a guy goes to the playground — I can get in that game."

"If you [lower the rim], you really are separating the game of basketball into women's basket-

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