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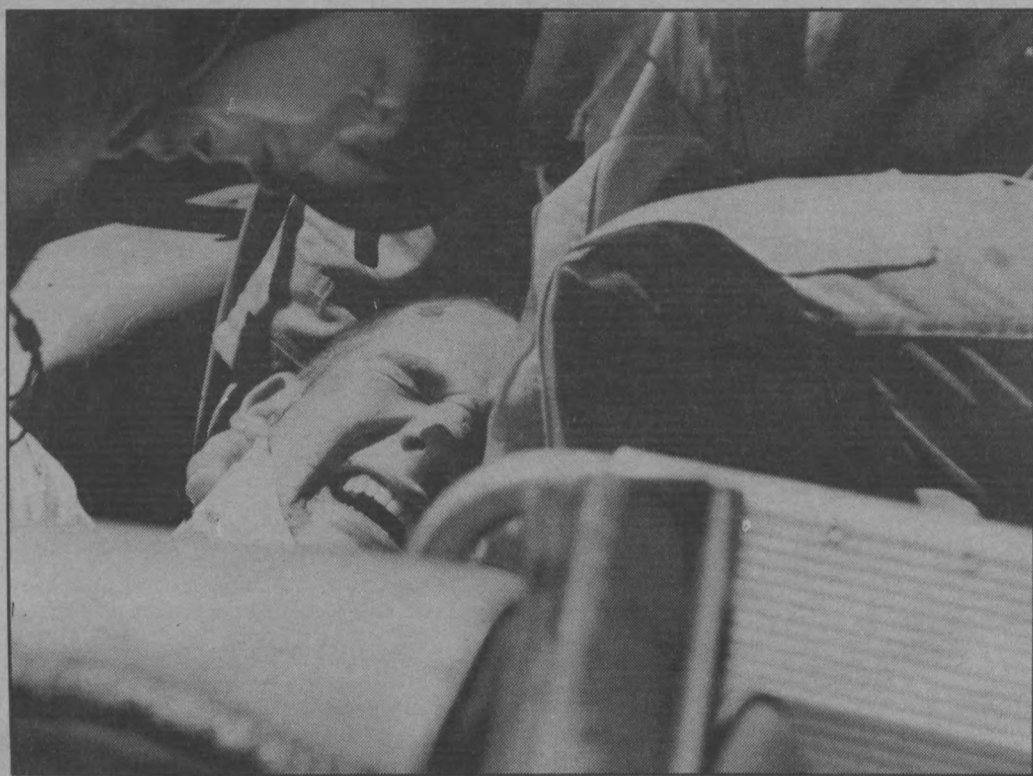
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Aaaaaaah!

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This mock crash victim screams in agony as he is tended to by paramedics during a safe graduation reminder at noon Tuesday in Storke Plaza. The event was sponsored by Students Teaching Alcohol/Drug Responsibility as part of a weeklong project to promote responsible commencement celebration.

County Clerk Defends Early Voting Program

■ Critics Say Project Used for Political Agendas

By Michael Ball
Staff Writer

Facing charges of unethical conduct from some community members, the Santa Barbara County clerk-recorder defended his actions during the spring primary election at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting.

Ken Pettit appeared before the board to address complaints about his performance and voter outreach program in the March 26 election. The program included an early absentee ballot station in Corwin Pavilion designed to encourage student voting because the election fell during Spring Break.

Some critics of the program said it unfairly and unnecessarily targeted the student population. Students received sample ballots lacking candidate statements and the text of Measure A, pre-

venting educated decision making, according to Andrew Caldwell, executive director of the Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business.

"These students were herded into the polling places," he said. "They did not have the right information, they were hand-led into that place. This was orchestrated for political agendas."

In the 3rd District county supervisor's race, leading vote-getter Willy Chamberlin fell fewer than 50 ballots short of outright victory, a result Caldwell attributed to the absentee program. Chamberlin will face Gail Marshall in a November runoff.

"Ken ... you have helped steal an election in the 3rd District once again," Caldwell said. He also showed a four-minute video detailing alleged election code

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Recession Recovery Creates Job Opportunities Statewide

By Brian Norton
Reporter

A rapidly improving state economy and expanding job market have come at just the right time for seniors ready to graduate and enter the working world next month.

California's economy has picked up significantly since the recent recession, according to Brad Williams, senior economist in the state legislative analyst's office.

"Starting in 1990 and continuing into 1993, we lost about 725,000 jobs. It was the worst recession to hit the state since the

Great Depression," he said. "Starting in late 1993, and in particular within the last year and a half, California has started to recover."

"Growth over the past year was actually better than the rest of the country for the first time since the 1980s," Williams added.

The improvements are opening up job opportunities across the state, according to Williams.

"Growth is happening in a lot of industries. Almost every industry is expanding," he said. "The state is doing pretty well across the board and in that con-

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Meow!

Keely Smitt (left) and Mara Weiss give local felines love and care as volunteers at the Animal Shelter Assistance Program. See related story, p.3.

Five Election Policy Cases Reviewed at A.S. Meeting

By Ben Flamm
Staff Writer

The Associated Students president-elect sparred with students who used a papier-maché penis to campaign against him during spring elections before A.S. Judicial Council Tuesday.

The council met Tuesday to hear five complaints involving campaign practices. While most cases went smoothly, the A.S. Elections Committee's case against students who passed out fliers against three presidential candidates turned into a face-off between President-elect Russell Bartholow and defendant Felicia Perez, an off-campus rep.

The case involved an April 24 incident in which Perez and senior Erin O'Brien yelled to students in front of the Arbor and hit a penis-shaped piñata in a demonstration against the "penis politics" of candidates they considered sexist.

The defendants also passed out fliers accusing Bartholow of attending a bikini contest over Spring Break in which the audience urged female contestants to remove their clothes.

Bartholow claimed the defendants overstepped the bounds of free expression in their demonstration against him and presidential candidates Woody Clark and Peter Marco.

"It's not a form of expression

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Park District Settles Former Employee's Wrongful Termination Lawsuit

By Jeff Brax
Staff Writer

After spending roughly \$20,000 in taxpayer money to fight it, the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District has settled a lawsuit with a former assistant general manager.

Joe Burke, who served as AGM from August 1994 to January 1995, alleged that the district, General Manager Roger Lagerquist and board members Pegeen Soutar and Mitch Stockton created a hostile work environment, defamed his character and wrongfully terminated him.

The two sides settled the suit April 16 for \$12,492 and another \$863 in back wages. The agreement released the defendants from any liability or admission of wrongdoing, according to current district AGM Derek Johnson.

"It was in the best interest for the district to see the whole thing get settled," he said. "[Our lawyers] felt on this case that the district had a very, very good case [and] that the

plaintiff's case didn't have much merit, but you're talking about lawyers that make \$200 an hour and can work 40 hours in no time at all. The economic incentive stands up to the ideology of fighting."

The IVRPD has spent roughly \$20,000 defending itself from the suit, and the district's insurance company has paid another \$20,000, according to Johnson. Burke was originally seeking a judgment of substantially more than \$25,000.

Although Burke declined to comment, his attorney, Charles Oxtan, said his client was pleased with the settlement.

"His goal was not to exact revenge but to be taken seriously, and I think he was taken seriously," Oxtan said.

The settlement was reached at a deposition hearing in which Burke had to leave early, according to attorney Larry Laborde, who represented Soutar and Stockton.

"What happened instead was everyone was there but Joe Burke, so we took advantage of the situation and started negotiating and dam if we didn't work it out. It was

great," he said. "It was fun to have us settle it and not go to war about it, and I hope it will extend into the future."

If Burke could have proven wrongful termination, Laborde said the back wages alone would have exceeded the settlement figure. Leaving the deposition hearing severely damaged Burke's lawsuit, he said.

"We worked very, very hard that morning Joe Burke did not show up for the deposition. I think that weakened his case significantly," Laborde said. "This puts the matter behind us, and I think in a very favorable way for the park district."

Burke alleged that the defendants fired him to avoid extending his medical stress leave, as part of a larger scheme to reduce insurance costs. Burke also claimed Stockton and Soutar deliberately tried to discredit him and hold him up to public ridicule.

Both Soutar and Stockton denied the allegations and said they were pleased with the decision.

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HEADLINERS

Dole Espouses Federal Welfare Reform

FOND DU LAC, Wis. (AP) — Promising to end liberalism's "grand failure," Bob Dole outlined a welfare plan Tuesday that would require work, put a lifetime cap on benefits, halt payments to illegal immigrants and allow drug testing of recipients.

It was the beginning of an effort by Dole, the certain Republican presidential nominee, to seize the initiative on an issue with proven political appeal. President Clinton stressed the issue with considerable success in his 1992 campaign.

Dole said that in the days since candidate Clinton promised to "end welfare as we know it," the president has twice vetoed Republican welfare reform plans.

"We don't need four more years of broken promises," Dole told a luncheon audience in Fond du Lac. "We need a president who will sign genuine welfare reform."

The White House and Clinton's campaign

quickly derided Dole's speech as a rehash of existing Republican positions and said Clinton was delivering many of the things Dole promised. White House spokesperson Mike McCurry called Dole's address "bereft of any new ideas."

Dole chose to deliver his address in Wisconsin

Clinton caught Republicans off-guard by praising the Wisconsin program over the weekend. But the White House has since retreated, suggesting Wisconsin is unlikely to get all of the waivers it would need to fully implement the plan.

Dole said the retreat was another example of

speech included a call for mandatory drug testing of welfare recipients. But Dole rejected that on grounds it was inconsistent with his belief that governors should be allowed to design welfare, Medicaid and other programs with as few federal dictates as possible.

Welfare is one of several issues where Clinton's quick political maneuvering has frustrated efforts by Dole and other Republicans to draw clear election-year contrasts.

Last month, for example, Clinton stole some thunder from Dole's effort to repeal the 1993 Clinton gas tax increase by saying he would sign the tax cut as long as Republicans also passed legislation raising the minimum wage.

And when Republicans held hearings on legislation that would prohibit same-sex marriages, the White House put out word Clinton opposed them, too.

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We don't need four more years of broken promises. We need a president who will sign genuine welfare reform.

Bob Dole
Republican presidential candidate

because of Gov. Tommy Thompson's 10-year leadership in pushing welfare reform. With Thompson at his side, Dole toured Brenner Tank Co., where the governor signed into law his latest reform package. It would require able-bodied recipients to work and provides health and child care benefits for their children.

"calculated cynicism" by Clinton in which he talks like a conservative but governs with "a sorry grab bag of liberal policies."

"Too often President Clinton's statements are like the tornadoes in the movie *Twister* — it looks like a lot is happening but in reality it's all just special effects," Dole said.

Early drafts of Dole's

Assembly Speaker Pringle Replaces Four on CCC

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The California Coastal Commission, long criticized by Republicans, got its first GOP-appointed majority Tuesday, including two people who de-



nounce its past "Gestapo" and "Romanian tribunal" tactics.

Assembly Speaker Curt Pringle appointed four people — two from local government and two "public" members who both have had past battles with the commission — to the 12-member body that regulates development along California's 1,100-mile coast.

The two appointees' hostility toward the commission prompted quick concern from environmentalist groups.

"I think that the two members of the public — quote, unquote — have truly already played their hands," said Ann Notthoff of the Natural Resources Defense Council, who has been watching the commission for 18 years. "They have an obvious ax to grind that's not going to help protect California's coast."

The appointees replace four by former Speaker Willie Brown (D-San Francisco) and join four each by Republican Gov. Pete Wilson and the Democrat-controlled Senate Rules Committee.

"It's important that the Coastal Commission balances California's con-

cern for the environment with private property rights," said Pringle (R-Garden Grove). "It is my intention that these appointments provide that balance by giving the voice of property owners a chance to be heard."

The appointees, who get \$100 per meeting plus expenses, are:

- San Diego City Councilman Byron Wear, 41, former national director of the U.S. Livesaving Association and partner in a public relations firm.
- Santa Cruz County Supervisor Ray Belgard, 65, of Watsonville, former Watsonville police chief.
- Arnold Steinberg, 48, of Calabasas, a Republican political strategist and pollster.
- Patricia Randa, 40, of Sonoma, a land-use consultant and property rights

activist.

The Coastal Commission was created by a 1972 initiative and the 1976 Coastal Act. It regulates development in the coastal zone, which extends three miles out to sea and inland an average of about two miles. The inland zone ranges from about 1,500 feet in heavily developed urban areas to 12 miles in undeveloped areas.

"Our appointees," said Senate Democratic leader Bill Lockyer (D-Hayward), "understand that the people created the Coastal Commission to protect the coastline first and allow appropriate development. Apparently, Republican appointees think the Coastal Commission is there to protect them."

Mylar Antenna Experiment Highlights Endeavour Flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour's astronauts plucked from orbit Tuesday a satellite containing the data from their experiment with a huge, inflatable foil antenna.



It was crucial the crew recover the satellite, which served as a platform for the antenna. The only way NASA will know whether the antenna inflated properly is to analyze all the data.

The antenna was released from Endeavour on Monday and inflated to roughly the size of a tennis court in a test of cheaper, lighter spacecraft systems. After an hour of measurements, the antenna was ejected from its platform

and abandoned in orbit. It was expected to plunge through the atmosphere and burn up today.

The antenna, the shuttle and the satellite, called *Spartan*, were visible just before sunrise Tuesday in parts of the southern United States.

Flight controllers in Houston were especially impressed by the sight of the antenna, which is made of Mylar, the silvery material used in birthday balloons.

"It was the brightest object I think most of us have ever seen," Mission Control told the astronauts. "Three minutes later, we saw a faint, little *Spartan* streaking across the sky with Endeavour in hot pursuit."

Canadian astronaut Marc Garneau had no problem snaring the satellite with Endeavour's robot arm 176 miles above Earth.

NFL Instant Replay Returns From Dead for Preseason

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The NFL is back in the instant replay business, but only in the preseason and on a limited basis.

Four years after instant replay was voted out by



team owners, the NFL on Tuesday outlined plans to implement a modified form of the procedure for 10 exhibition games in August.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue also said at the NFL owners' meetings that he was enacting a ban until the end of the regular season on any team engaging in discussions with another city that might be looking to land an NFL team.

Calling his action a di-

rect result of all the recent franchise-hopping in the NFL, Tagliabue said any teams that violate the ban would be guilty of conduct detrimental to the league and could be fined \$500,000.

Tagliabue said instant replay would cover three categories of plays and each coach would be allowed to challenge three plays per half.

"This experiment is a means for the league to determine if there are satisfactory methods to correct the rare and significant obvious error," Tagliabue said, "and at the same time eliminate many of the disadvantages of the prior system."

During the season, the league plans to conduct instant replay simulations to study timing, equipment and communications, but coaches, players and fans will be unaware of what plays are reviewed or the outcomes.

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Weather

I was downtown quaffing a few pints o'Guinness at one of my favorite stop-ins yesterday, and I gained a new insight. Y'see, this particular joint had an array of newspapers from the United Kingdom, and I happened to flip through and spy their weather sections. Imagine my surprise at finding the island modestly dubbed Great Britain divided into a multitude of climate zones that puts my little map of California's divisions to shame.

Now, the Golden State has, as we all know, a wide variety of "usual weather" patterns, varying geographically. As you read this, you're sitting in that "Central Coast" zone (mild seasonal changes, moderate rainfall — a "nice" place) extending from Ventura to Monterey, but there's also "High Desert" (wide extremes in temperature, very low precipitation) and "Sierra" (more snow) just to name a few. Before this revelation, I had believed that, in the U.K., there was just "Cold and Wet Most of the Time," "Colder and Wetter Most of the Time," and "Dreary." (Hey, it's still 59 and cloudy in London and nine degrees cooler in Edinburgh.) My ignorance is hereby confessed.

Now, who says I can't talk about the weather? Around these parts, I'm told there's morning fog but it burns off way before I wake up so I don't worry about it. Let's just say it's going to be beautiful. Sun sets at 8 p.m.

ASAP Offers Cats Protection From Danger, Opportunity for Volunteers

By Jason Sattler
Staff Writer

It's tough to be an outdoor cat in Isla Vista.

As if the threat of being hit by a car wasn't bad enough, and the constant fleas and ticks didn't cause a big enough pain, there are some serious diseases that can be transmitted very easily.

FIV, known as cat AIDS, feline leukemia and the newest threat — feline infectious peritonitis — are all extremely deadly, communicable and found often in strays, according to Sharon Metsch, director of the county Animal Shelter Assistance Program.

And don't forget the coyotes. "The coyotes are in I.V. There is a pack living in the I.V. area, and that is the number one killer of cats," she said.

Metsch spends a lot of time thinking about cats. She runs the only animal shelter in Santa Barbara County that refuses to put cats to sleep unless they are terminally ill.

The shelter is staffed entirely with volunteers and funded partially by donations and county money, Metsch said. "Everyone is here because they love the animals, not because they want to fluff off and earn minimum wage," she said.

Mara Weiss, a junior zoology major, has been a volunteer at ASAP since her freshman year.

"I found out about the shelter through an article in the Nexus," she said. Since then she has spent about six hours a week cleaning cages, feeding cats and cleaning wounds.

Weiss said she plans to attend veterinarian school after she graduates next June, but the volunteering isn't just for her resume. "I missed my cats when I came to school," she said.

Weiss' roommate Keely Smitt, also a junior zoology major, who brought her cats Piggy and Space Monkey with her to school, still gives her time to ASAP.

Metsch believes volunteering is an option for students who want to be around cats without taking full responsibility for them. "We love to have students come in," she said. "We count on them in the summertime."

With kitten season here, volunteers are especially needed. "Kitten season starts in April and it goes to November," Metsch said. "And we get lots and lots of kittens in here. Last summer we had 168 cats in here, so we really need the help."

For those who decide to adopt a cat while still a student, Metsch is outspoken about the need to keep cats indoors to avoid disease, cars and coyotes.

In addition, she believes individuals should not shirk their responsibility for an adopted cat at the year's end.

"You shouldn't have the communal cat," Metsch said. "Sometimes we have five or six students who want to adopt a cat. That's really hard on the cat and no one really takes complete ownership of the cat. When the semester is over, everyone leaves."

But that doesn't mean a dedicated student should be without a cat, she said. "We want people who realize that a cat is not cheap, especially if you let them outdoors," Metsch said.

Smitt noted the expense of maintaining a cat as a pet. She said she spends about \$50 a month on her two cats and "that's not even including vet bills."





The shelter assumes much of the expense once kitten season swings into full gear because most of the older cats already in the shelter will probably spend the entire summer there. "Everyone wants a kitten," Metsch said.

As kitten season gets underway and school ends, Metsch is preparing for the annual influx of abandoned cats. Smitt will take her cats home with her for the summer while Weiss prepares for a summer of more volunteering.

Smitt is insistent about the obligations of being a good cat owner. "It takes a lot of responsibility," she said.

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JOBS

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 text, it's certainly a better time than in recent years for a graduating senior to get into the job market in a variety of different industries."

Williams said the state is now gaining roughly 300,000 new jobs a year and the economy appears to be holding steady.

"Most forecasters indicate that California will continue to grow over the next couple of years at above-average rates compared to the rest of the country," he said.

The state upswing has also boosted the local economy, according to Doug Perron, a labor analyst for the state Employment Development Dept.'s Santa Barbara office.

"It's quite a dramatic improvement for this area since the early '90s, when things weren't so good," he said. Perron cited a 1

percent jump in employment from April 1995 to April 1996.

While graduating seniors are glad about the better financial outlook, it does not assuage all their fears about looking for jobs.

"I guess I'd rather hear that the economy is improving rather than declining," said biology major Brian Linden. "Now is as good a time as any to be graduating, I suppose."

Some seniors remain concerned the job market will only expand in certain sectors, despite the overall upswing.

"I'm sure that a good chunk of the new jobs are going to be in computers, but I'm still happy that I'm graduating while the economy is getting better," said environmental studies major Eric Lymon.

Counseling and Career Services Career Adviser Alex Jimenez said it is important that students' work skills keep up with

technology. While the job market is expanding, it is also changing rapidly to include new technologies, he said.

"More high-tech jobs are being created at all levels and the job market is heading in a totally new direction," Jimenez said. "All of the things that are taking place in new technologies and computers are changing the whole way we look at jobs and train people for them."

Jimenez said graduating seniors should learn about new fields and not ignore technological innovations.

"You don't have to fully embrace the new technology, but you must not resist it," he said. "You must accept it and learn how to work with it."

"It used to be that just a college degree would open doors for you," Jimenez added. "Now a base knowledge of computers and new technology has the potential to open doors."

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violations inside and outside Corwin Pavilion.

The attacks on his efforts to increase voter turnout have come as a bit of a surprise, according to Pettit. But he said the ballot station encouraged many students to continue participating in the electoral process, citing a discussion he had with one student regarding the program.

"Never in my 30-years-plus of service have I heard such intense dislike for such a democratic program as voting," Pettit said. "Once I heard the words 'I'm going to do it again,' I felt I had succeeded. ... Democracy needs repeat customers."

Pettit also responded to a claim by Caldwell that the absentee program was the result of a conspiracy by himself, 3rd District Supervisor Bill Wallace and Chancellor Henry T. Yang to sway the election outcome in favor of Mea-

sure A and Marshall.

"The program was my doing. It was not a conspiracy of myself, Dr. Yang or Dr. Wallace," he said.

Wallace dismissed the criticism as sour grapes from groups that wanted a different election outcome.

"The issue of selectivity has been raised by a specific group that doesn't like how [students vote]," Wallace said.

Associated Students External Vice President for local affairs Derek Cole, a registered Republican, also said opposition has come mainly from conservative groups in the county.

"[Students] have been, and continue to be, treated as parasites and leeches ... and this is just another round in the attack. It's unfair to the community that we continue to be treated this way," Cole said. "It saddens me that members of my own party are trying to disenfranchise students."

Jeanne Graffy, 2nd District supervisor, questioned the need for the

outreach program since absentee ballot applications are already available by mail.

"Do you feel anyone who has to vote using an absentee ballot is disenfranchised?" she said. "People feel it was selective and done for a political purpose."

The outreach program unfairly repeated a service already available to voters, according to Leroy Scolari of the county Taxpayers Association.

"The satellite elections offices ... are an expensive, unnecessary duplication of services," he said. "Are not UCSB students educated and capable of using the absentee ballot program available to other citizens?"

But 1st District Supervisor Naomi Schwartz said much of the criticism seemed odd because other county students were also targeted by the early voting program.

"I have not heard one objection ... to that station at Westmont College. I find that very interesting," she said.

Some in attendance also questioned a March 6 get-out-the-vote campus rally featuring Toad the Wet Sprocket because of the group's sponsorship from political campaigns.

Fourth District Supervisor Timothy Staffel compared the rally to ballot coupons for free food handed out during past elections to encourage voting. A court decision outlawed these certificates, he said.

"I'm a little bit concerned with the way the voter outreach program worked at UCSB," Staffel said. "It raises the issue whether a concert constitutes the same thing as a certificate."

After concluding the discussion, the board voted 5-0 to direct the clerk-recorder's office to develop criteria for creating a committee to examine possible long-term changes in the county elections process. The proposal will be revisited by the board sometime in midsummer.

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"In no way did I ever do anything wrong. It's been a long, weighty baggage I've had to carry," Stockton said.

"I'm glad it's over," Soutar said. "I'll still insist to this day that there's no validity to Joe Burke's claims."

IVRPD Director Brad Hufschmid said the settlement does not represent a win for the district.

"We spend \$20,000 fighting him and give him another \$12,500 and call it a victory?" he said. "It was a waste of [money] and that's all I can say. I don't think we're done wasting money."

Burke's co-counsel, W. Carl Gans, said he hoped the settlement will end the tension between his client and the IVRPD.

"He feels this is behind him and he feels his credibility has been re-established, which I agree with, and some of the bad feelings have gone away," he said.

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OPINION

"Of course I'm ambitious. What's wrong with that? Otherwise, you sleep all day."
—Ringo Starr

Unruly Police

Henry Sarria

Saturday was a beautiful day for our annual event known as Extravaganza. The sun was out, it was warm, the bands playing were all fantastic and it was all for free.

However, I must say that the organizers of this yearly event need to study their physics a bit more. The problem they should concentrate on is Bernoulli's equation, which in simple layperson's terms states that the lower the pressure, the greater the velocity of the flow, and inversely the higher the pressure, the lower the velocity. The "long for no real good reason" line to get in this year was a blatant example of the latter.

What were the organizers (or were they even) thinking? I know that the headlining act NOFX is a major drawing act and they're a "punk rock" band, but don't use this as an excuse to make it next to impossible to get into the show. If anything, all this did was piss more people off. Then we have the "no food/no drinks allowed" policy at the gate. The justification for this one is as lame as the long line to get in.

Sure, there were food vendors inside, but with overpriced goods. There was water available, but when it ran out at around 3 p.m. the only way to get any was if you spent \$1.50 (a whopping 200 percent profit) for a small bottle of water at one of the stands. What if a person didn't have the money to buy a bottle of water? Haven't you ever heard of dehydration or just plain thirst before?

It's understood that security is a serious issue, and I, as well as many others, support the idea of Extravaganza being a fun, safe event, but going overboard has drawbacks that create tensions among the crowd, and this usually leads to the same problems that were trying to be avoided in the first place.

This is the 11th Extravaganza that I have attended and musically, it was one of the best so far,



DEBI RAMOS/Daily Nexus

Granted...

Gov. Wilson's Proposal to Bolster K-12 Education Lacks Depth

Editorial

Just when California schools were accepting the fact that bake sales were their most viable option for raising desperately needed funds, Gov. Pete Wilson unveiled a plan Monday to give \$387 million statewide to K-12 education.

Because the economy has turned out to be stronger than initially anticipated when the budget was created last August, Wilson has found himself with extra cash he is spending on education — a payback to schools which have received less money in recent years. Wilson announced in his proposal that he intends to give the money out in \$50,000 increments to each and every public school across the state, regardless of location, condition or student population.

California schools are desperately strapped for cash, and every cent that comes in is a welcome relief. However, even some school administrators have realized that something smells fishy about Wilson's proposal. Or at the very least, it could be better planned.

By giving the same amount of money to each school, Wilson could be overlooking a more responsible method of distribution. After all, if everyone gets the same amount, it's easy enough to just write several thousand checks at once and send them around the state. The problem with this solution is that some state schools need those funds more than others.

There are multimillion dollar budget elementary and high schools operating in cities, and then there are urban areas that are being forced to make do without adequate buildings, teaching supplies and

textbooks. Larger schools have higher operating costs than smaller schools found in the more rural areas of the state. For a larger school with several thousand students to receive the same amount of money as a school with only 15 students in Stanislaus County makes no sense.

To make the best use of the extra funds, Wilson should really dole it out to the hardest-hit schools based on a per pupil basis, taking into account how much money is currently being spent on each student. To do otherwise is to provide the larger schools with a monetary drop in the bucket, and providing an unnecessary windfall for smaller schools that are already providing well for their students.

But then, perhaps that's Wilson's plan. Polls have shown over the years that Wilson consistently generates his greatest support from the more rural areas of the state, while the urban centers do not support him as strongly. By structuring the proposal this way, he can make sure even the smallest rural schools gain a substantial amount of money while the urban schools will receive only a pittance.

What makes the situation worse is that this proposal gives Wilson an excuse for future budget cuts, when this is only a one-time grant. Any complaints he receives may now be answered with reminders of this \$50,000 grant.

But hope for change in the proposal still remains, as the state Senate must approve the measure and will have a chance to amend it as it sees fit. Now is the time for our state Sen. Jack O'Connell to revise this plan with a critical eye. Being a former teacher, he should be able to see the truth.

The Reader's Voice

Raging Bill

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Students across America are resting easier today after the recent resolution of the budget stalemate in Washington, D.C. The reason we are all resting easier is because of President Clinton's exemplary leadership in the White House — certainly not thanks to congressional Republicans.

Among the things that President Clinton was able to accomplish in budget negotiations was to save different forms of student aid from the Republican chopping block. For example:

President Clinton negotiated \$93 million back into the Perkins Loans Program, while the Republicans in Congress fought to abolish Perkins Loans altogether.

The president forced congressional Republicans to raise the maximum Pell Grant award by \$130, while the Republicans in Congress tried to freeze the amount at \$100.

President Clinton fought to save the efficient Direct Lending Program for student loans — proposing to let it grow with demand, while the Republicans in Congress sought to artificially cap the program at 40 percent.

On top of these crucial battles won to ensure more students access to higher education, the president was also able to protect Americorps, the successful national service program, while yet again, the Republicans in Congress attempted to eliminate it.

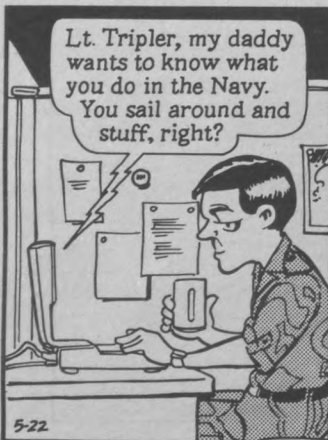


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Congressional Republicans cannot fool students. In November we will remember

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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Ice State or Extravaganza?

but the front gate and entrance policies this year REALLY SUCKED! It was the equivalent of trying to break INTO prison. There's something wrong when you get denied entry to a free concert because you have a bagel, a candy bar or a plastic bottle of juice in your backpack. I'm sure if I were McGyver I could use these in a dangerous way, but all I wanted was something to eat and drink without having to wait in a long line and pay ridiculously marked-up prices for food.

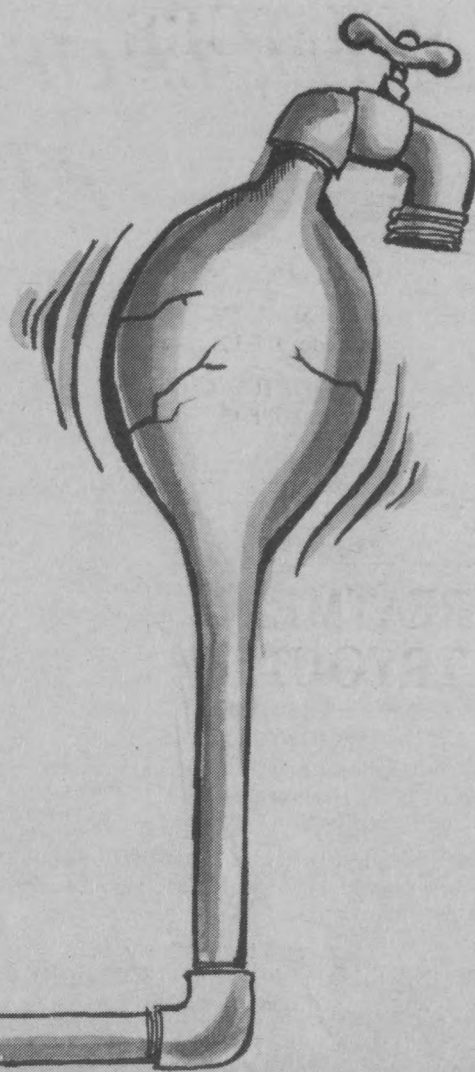
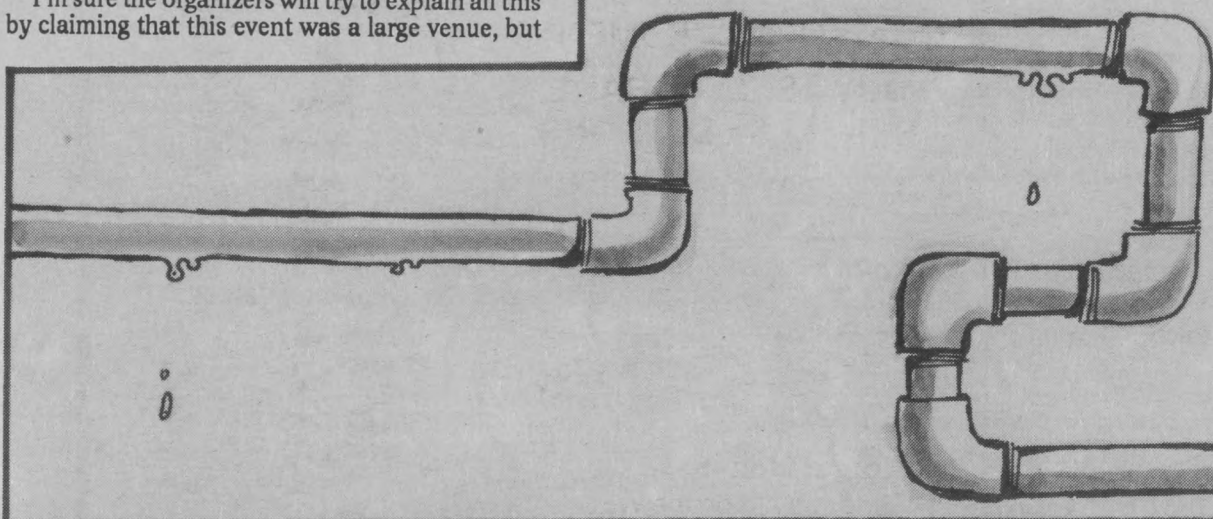
If the organizers were trying to curb the flow of any alcohol, they flunked big time, since I saw plenty of beer making the rounds where I was sitting. And if the attempt was to avoid drunken behavior, well they flunked again, since most everyone there got tanked before they went, as has been the tradition since alcohol was banned from Extravaganza back in '89 or '90. I will say, though, that the gate staff were very kind and courteous and I have no gripes with them, just the utterly STUPID rules they were told to enforce.

I'm sure the organizers will try to explain all this by claiming that this event was a large venue, but

I've seen bigger concerts with much more people and LESS HASSLES. I'm sure we'll also be told not to complain since it's a free show, but in reality YOUR tuition pays for the A.S. Program Board, which sponsors the event.

I've always agreed with the past decisions made by the organizers of this fun event, whether it was the ban on alcohol, no glass bottles, no cans, etc., but this time YOU REALLY FUCKED UP! All we can do is hope that the powers in charge realize this and make next year's event more crowd friendly than this year's, because after all, it's Extravaganza, not a day in Alcatraz.

Henry Sarría is a researcher at Ferro Corp. and an I.V. resident.



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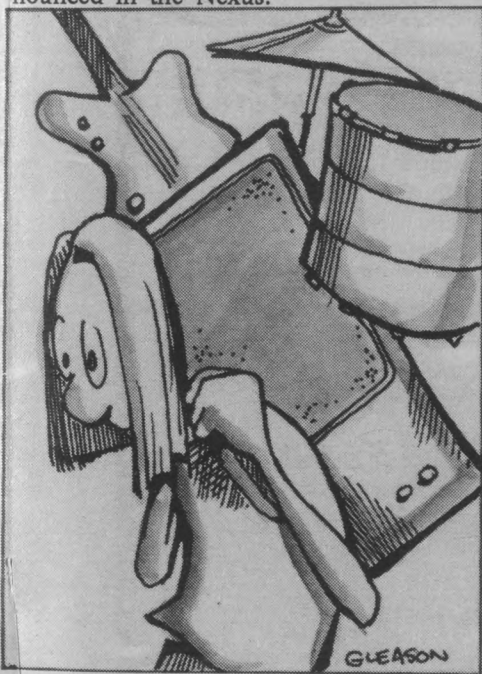
who stood firm for students by fighting to protect student aid and national service. President Clinton is the true "education president" and it is good to know students have an ally in the White House.

LISA SOHN

Lawsuit Fled

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The band Lawsuit would like to apologize to those expecting to see us perform at UCSB's Storke Plaza last Thursday, as announced in the Nexus.



KEVIN GLEASON/Daily Nexus

Canceling the show was especially disappointing for us because we had traveled from San Francisco and had brought a large sound system with us, at our own expense, specifically for the Storke Plaza show. We found it impossible, however, to perform under the following circumstances:

- (1) We were only given two parking passes for a 10-piece band, plus crew and sound equipment,
- (2) the UCSB fire marshal and police chief forbade us from unloading equipment any closer than roughly one-quarter mile away from the plaza,
- (3) another band had been slated to perform during the same time at the same place, and
- (4) UCSB staff members, especially Parking Services and the Program Board, were largely unprofessional, disorganized and unhelpful.

The band understands that some of the circumstances, such as two parking spots in a lot far away from the stage, are normal operating procedures for noontime shows. It was the staff's failure to help us deal with

these circumstances, however, that prevented us from performing. At a time when cooperation and flexibility were required, we faced resistance and a bureaucratic run-around.

For those who would like to see us perform, we are playing at Toe's Tavern on Sunday, May 26, with Spencer the Gardener.

THE BAND LAWSUIT

Board Liberation

Editor, Daily Nexus:

"What travels on all fours and barks but isn't a dog? A skateboard!" I'm over 40 and that's a joke from the old days.

If it weren't for disabilities, I would probably still ride skateboards. It's a positive, healthy obsession or pastime, and useful transportation as well. Regrettably, paranoid, control-fanatic rule-makers have been trying to suppress skateboarders since the first commercial issue of composite-wheels boards in 1964.

I did my paper route on a board, but then they made a rule against it! I rode my board to junior high, but then they made a rule against it! We learned to sneak our boards into school and into a locker by using wing-nuts so we could take the wheel-chucks off. Then we would put the chucks in our coat pockets and hang the board down our backs (this worked until they started to pat-

search us).

We skated Lombard Street in San Francisco, "the windiest street in the world," and then they made a rule against it! We skated across the Golden Gate Bridge, and then they made a rule against it! These are a few examples of the suppression that has gone on for 32 years! I hope this information helps the cause to liberate skateboarding.

Anyway, skateboarding is here to stay. Why not leave skaters alone except when there are incidents? No special laws or rules are needed, since anti-vandalism and right-of-way ordinances already exist.

Isn't this America? Isn't freedom important?
BRENT BAKER

America Needs a Female President

Rich Birecki

In a recent survey of my closest friends, nearly two-thirds of them indicated that there is a strong possibility they *might* vote for me if I were to run for president, provided I promised to nominate them for the Supreme Court. The other third, who are in jail, requested pardons.

Now I'm sure that some of you out there are saying, "OK, but what other qualifications do you possess that would make you a good politician?"

Well, aside from being a white male, I'm also very good at accepting bribes and spending taxpayer money unproductively.

I attribute this to the fact that I am a "guy." Like most guys, I have a terrible time understanding the term "budget."

Now many of you women are probably scratching your heads, saying, "Guys don't waste money. Most guys go months arguing over whose turn it is to buy a bathroom disinfectant."

Ladies, men do spend money! It's just that you never see us do it. Haven't you ever noticed how we don't take you to the electronics store?

"Well, aside from being a white male, I'm also very good at accepting bribes and spending taxpayer money unproductively."

Basically, when it comes to neat, new gadgets, males lose their entire perspective on their surroundings. Imagine the touching scene where a group of orphans, having decided to contribute their \$1.50 monthly allowance toward the campaign fund of their favorite congressman, visits the Senate. Spirits already running high begin to soar when a defense contractor in attendance announces that his company has just finished developing the new invisible, reversible radar, dual cam, mach 10, T-700 Falcon Hyperjet with an easy to

use remote control for the on-board TV.

The only people who would be crushed in the ensuing stampede would be the female orphans, because the males would be running alongside Sen. Dole trying to outbid him for the aircraft. Military suppliers rely on such fascination with new gadgetry to bilk us out of billions for overpriced products.

"You would never hear a newscaster uttering, 'Female Congress stampedes over orphans!'"

But it would be just sooooo easy to point fingers and blame us guys for America's problems. But let me tell you — while our male senator cohorts were busy losing your future Social Security benefits gambling on rooster fights in the Dominican Republic, *not one* female was there trying to dissuade it.

The way I see it, if you're female and still reading this column, you must be fairly level-headed and open-minded. It is you whom I am trying to encourage to run for political office, or at least give me a call.

Take the aforementioned orphan debacle. Such shameful tragedies would never occur under a female legislature! You would never hear a newscaster uttering, "Female Congress stampedes over orphans!"

Females are much more likely than males to come to a mutually beneficial agreement without resorting to violence. In rare cases, this holds true for females of differing political ideologies.

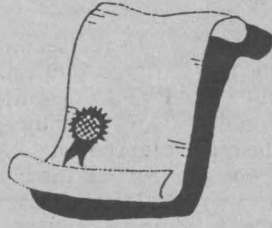
So as you can see, the political stage is ripe for a female presidential candidate. I am sick and tired of the burden that male-dominated politics has brought upon us. I truly believe that our nation would be much better off with the softer touch of a female president, which is why, if a courageous woman should decide to take on the laborious challenge of running for office, I want her to know that she has my vote.

Rich Birecki is a senior business economics major.

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Harder Stadium
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1101 Snidecor, Studio Theatre
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SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2:00 - 3:00 P.M.
Economics Award Ceremony and Reception
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For Economics graduates, family, and faculty
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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
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Reception
Engineering II Courtyard
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Art Museum Courtyard
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GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES

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SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 12:00 Noon
ROTC Commissioning Ceremony
1004 Girvetz

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SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Reception to honor award recipients and scholars
Music Bowl
For honors students, parents, Political Science faculty, UCSB administrators, and donors

PSYCHOLOGY

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.
Departmental Awards Ceremony
Cliff House
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PSYCHOLOGY

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
Immediately following 9:00 A.M. Commencement Ceremony
Graduation Reception
Psychology Building Courtyard
For graduates, parents, and friends

SOCIOLOGY

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, Noon - 2:00 P.M.
Honors Reception
2824 Ellison
Invitation Only

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WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JUNE 16
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Commencement Reception
Women's Center
For graduates, parents, friends, and faculty

COUNCIL

Continued from p.1 because it hurt my feelings," said Bartholow, who added that the defendants falsely accused him of racism, homophobia and anti-Semitism.

Hitting the phallic piñata could be construed as an attack against men, he added. "A penis is an effigy of a man," he said.

At issue was whether the defendants were campaigning and thus obligated to pay a \$25 bond. Perez said Bartholow's claims were unrelated to the charges.

"I think there's been a

lot of things said tonight not relevant to Judicial Council," she said.

Bartholow also raised Perez's ire by connecting the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Alliance to the piñata. "Most of the people that were present were LGBA," he said.

Perez said she participated as an elected officer representing her constituency, and called it rude and disrespectful to associate LGBA with the incident.

"I felt as if I was representing at least a thousand people," Perez said. "To associate LGBA with this is ridiculous."

O'Brien also took offense at Bartholow's tying

the incident to LGBA, reminding the council that the issue was whether she and Perez should have paid a bond.

The council eventually ruled against Perez and O'Brien. "They were clearly campaigning and in order to do so, they should have followed procedures that all other campaigning bodies did," the ruling stated.

A second case against O'Brien was dropped. Internal Vice President-elect Frank Orellana claimed to have seen O'Brien influencing voters at a polling booth, but said he did not want to file a complaint because "there was nothing the Judicial Council could do."

In another case, Clark was found guilty of illegal posting on South Hall and charged the maximum fine of \$20 after failing to show up for the case.

Charges were dropped in two cases. In the first, External Vice President of Statewide Affairs Kris Kohler claimed EVPSA-elect Colin McCarthy used A.S. money to photocopy campaign material.

In the second dropped charge, McCarthy claimed EVPSA candidate Ron Taw illegally posted in classrooms. McCarthy dropped the charge when he learned classroom postings were legal.

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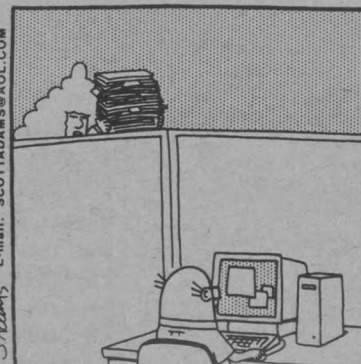


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BY LINDA C. BLACK

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

★ **Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is an 8 - Romance is looking much better tonight. Get your sweetheart to join you in playing a game. Don't try too hard to win and you'll be more successful in the long run. Sports activities are favored. Work up a sweat and dissolve those old anxieties.

★ **Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 5 - Spruce up the place with a few new decorator pillows or a slipcover for the couch. It's been a while since you spent any money on domestic items. A family member or roommate may have a wish list, too. Don't get everything, but a little treat would be nice.

★ **Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 9 - You're naturally smart, but today you're even smarter. Use those phenomenal talents to reach a larger audience than usual. People need to know what you've learned over the years. Check it out before you go public, though. One of your sources may be wrong.

★ **Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is a 6 - Your money needs to be divided lots of different ways today. In order to make it go around, prioritize. Giving it all to a worthy cause might spark problems. Consult a parental type to find another source of income.

★ **Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 9 - Your energy level's going up as the moon enters your sign. You'll be strong for the next three days, so plan a major offensive. You're especially powerful in the afternoon. Contact an old friend long distance this evening for some really good advice.

★ **Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 6 - Bite your tongue today when you're dealing with an obnoxious character. People are thinking of more work for you to do, which is a mixed blessing. You want the work, but you could do without the hassles. Be careful of mistakes - other people's and your own.

★ **Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** - Today is a 9 - Toe the line this morning so you'll have time to meet with friends this afternoon. Take care of business, but also plan an excursion. Keep costs down by sharing expenses. Let your friends talk you into doing something different.

★ **Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 5 - Keep most of what you know to yourself today. An older person is starting to get suspicious of your motives. An ex-friend may give you trouble, too. Best to play it close to the vest for a while. Watch and see what the others do next. Tonight, work.

★ **Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is an 8 - This should be a good day for you - even better if you can get off work. While you're at it, see if you can take off clear through the weekend. If your boss won't go for that, offer to work over the weekend. Your best time for travel is now.

★ **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is a 4 - The paperwork you need to fill out today could help you make more money. Instead of loan applications, compose ads and send out invoices. If you're not already in business for yourself, you should be. This is a pretty good day to start one.

★ **Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 9 - This is a marvelous day for you, with a couple of considerations. You and your mate could go round and round trying to decide what to do next. Focus on the qualities you like in each other, not what you have in common. There's more of the former than the latter.

★ **Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 6 - Your workload increases today. Use something you learned recently to help you do the job. Don't worry if you make a mistake. Use it to motivate yourself to try harder. Also, check the manual to make sure you're following the right directions.

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Gauchos Come Out Strong in '96 Season

Rugby Year in Review

By Alex Nugent
Staff Writer

Although Santa Barbara rugby fans have had little to celebrate since the cancellation of the much-anticipated World Rugby Championships, the UCSB men's rugby team provided its fans with something to cheer about this season.

Despite playing the last part of the year with significant injuries to three starters, the Gauchos still managed to produce another winning campaign, dominating most of their league and non-league rivals.

UCSB's biggest win of the year came when it upset its West Coast nemesis and second-ranked team in the nation, Stanford University, 24-11 to win the Santa Barbara Tournament Championship.

"We have never beaten Stanford since I have been here," said senior Haig Kirkeby. "They had beaten us for the past three years in the championship match. All of our guys played well and the subs also played well. It was a great feeling beating them."

Things were going smoothly at this point of the season and it looked as if the Gauchos (23-5 overall, 7-1 in the Southern California Rugby Union) were going to be the team to beat in the region.

UCSB rolled through most of its regular-season matches,



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OUCH! THAT HURT: Dominating most of its opponents all year long, the UCSB rugby team notched an early season win over #2 Stanford. But the Cardinal struck back by ending the Gauchos' year in the first round of the West Coast Regionals, 31-21.

crushing league opponents by an average margin of 50 points — its largest margin of victory coming in a 100-5 romp over Arizona State University.

However, the Santa Barbara squad lost some of its steam toward the end of conference play as three key starters suffered knee injuries. As a result, UCSB lost its last league match of the year to San Diego State, its first loss in the Southern California Rugby Union in 23 games.

"At the start of the season, I thought we were going to be the top team," said senior Larry Albert. "We were playing the best

we ever played in the preseason. We won a 37-team tournament in Las Vegas and everyone played extremely well. However, the injuries and rainy season really hindered us."

These season-ending injuries and their first league loss in 2½ years proved to be a reality check for the Gauchos. Without the services of their three top starters, UCSB lacked the size advantage needed to beat a team the size of Stanford as it headed into the West Coast Regional Playoffs.

The size advantage proved to be the key as the #2 Cardinal

overpowered the second-seeded Gauchos 31-21 in the first round of the tourney. The loss marked the second straight year the Gauchos suffered elimination at the hands of Stanford.

"It was a little disappointing," Kirkeby said. "We wanted to

step it up from a year ago and win a game in the playoffs and hopefully go to the final four. Those expectations were high, though. I mean, we made it to the playoffs and three of our best players went down right before playoffs. We had a pretty good season, though."

UCSB Men's Tennis Update

Like the Spring Quarter weather in Santa Barbara, the tennis action is starting to heat up.

Sophomore sensation Alex Decret qualified for the NCAA Individual Championships at the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga. Decret will be competing against 64 of the nation's top singles players in the tournament, which begins today and continues through Saturday.

Decret, ranked 47th in the nation, is no stranger to big events and being in the limelight. Not only will this be his second consecutive year in the prestigious tournament, but over the course of this season Decret has competed in the Rolex National Indoor Tournament and the Clay Court Championships. He was also a finalist in the 1995-96 Rolex Regionals.

Last year in the NCAA Championship Decret defeated Gus Fernandes of Louisiana State University 6-4, 7-5 before losing to seeded player Mike Sell of Georgia 7-6, 4-6, 6-4. Last year he also earned all-Big West first team singles honors and second team doubles honors as a freshman.

Decret led the Gauchos (13-13) to a surprise second-place finish in the Big West Tournament this year, but UCSB's campaign for a team title ended last weekend at the NCAA Men's Tennis Region VIII Championship.

Decret has stepped up his game during the postseason to remain flawless by going 5-0. He hopes to keep up his momentum throughout the individual championships.

—Joe O'Flaherty



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Athlete of the Year Honorable Mention

Brad Glosser

SPORT: Cross Country

Hometown: Pacifica, Calif.

YEAR: Senior

STATS:

Led UCSB at the Big West cross country Championships held in Huntington Beach, Calif., on Oct. 28 by coming in first overall in the 8k event in 25:21, narrowly edging teammate Dave Cullum.

ACCOMPLISHMENT:

Helped UCSB win its first Big West cross country title since 1979 by winning the event. For his efforts this season, Glosser garnered the Big West Athlete of the Year award.

QUOTABLE: "I just ran the race I planned out to run. It was by far the best running experience of my life."



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TOURNEY TIME: Sophomore Alex Decret will serve it up today in the NCAA Individual Championships in Athens, Ga.