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TA Union Prepares to Call Strike Vote

■ Labor Talks Between UAW and UC Fail

By JAMIE FRANCISCO
Staff Writer

Despite over 300 hours of bargaining, contract negotiations between the University of California and its graduate student employees have collapsed, resulting in calls for another systemwide graduate student strike.

The United Auto Workers (UAW) — the union elected last spring to represent UC graduate student workers — announced Monday that strike authorization votes are scheduled to take place within the next two weeks at all UC campuses. According to UAW spokesperson Connie Razza, the strike vote is designed to force the UC to comply with its legal obligation to recognize UAW as the primary bargaining agent for graduate student employees.

"What this strike vote is about is the University's unlawful activities," she said. "They are engaging in unfair labor practices, and these include dealing directly with handpicked individuals and groups rather than with the bargaining team."

While strike votes are planned at UCLA and UC Davis this week, voting dates have not yet been determined for UCSB. Razza said all union members are eligible to vote, and a two-thirds majority is needed in order for the strike vote to pass.

According to Graduate Student Association Internal President Grace Credo, not enough information about contract negotiations has been relayed to UCSB graduate students to ensure they are knowledgeable about the issues surrounding the strike vote. Credo said she doubts the willingness of graduate students on campus to wield picket signs if they are unsure of what they are protesting.

"I'm not sure how people will feel about a strike because they haven't been informed," she said. "I don't know if the majority of students who vote will authorize a strike."

During contract negotiations, the working conditions of every graduate student employee are determined, including workload, pay rate and health benefits. While the UAW cannot disclose specific terms of the contract because it would reveal bargaining strategies, sociology Teaching Assistant Philip McCarty said graduate students are not receiving information about the progress of the upcoming contract.

"We've been systematically blocked from participating in negotiation," he said. "We've been barred from meetings. Our representatives have been stonewalled, arrested, removed. We don't know what the UAW is asking for on our behalf, or what the UC is

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Santa Barbara City Mayor Harriet Miller talks about the proposed annexation of Goleta.

LAFCO Intends to Review Competing Cityhood Plans

By SUZANNE STRADLEY
Reporter

In the ever-evolving debate over cityhood for Goleta, the Santa Barbara City Council came forward Tuesday with a bid for a unified Santa Barbara.

The city council voted to submit an application to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) which would expand the boundaries of Santa Barbara City to include the unincorporated areas of Goleta, Hope Ranch, Isla Vista, UCSB, Las Positas

Valley, Mission Canyon and Rancho Embarcadero. The application provides for a government organization, designed to allow the annexed areas access to city issues such as housing, preservation of agricultural land and open space, recreation and transportation in the proposed new city.

LAFCO is already studying a proposal by cityhood activist Goleta Now! which calls for the incorporation of most of central and western Goleta into a city of its own. The city

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Event Kicks Off Week Commemorating I.V.'s Activist History

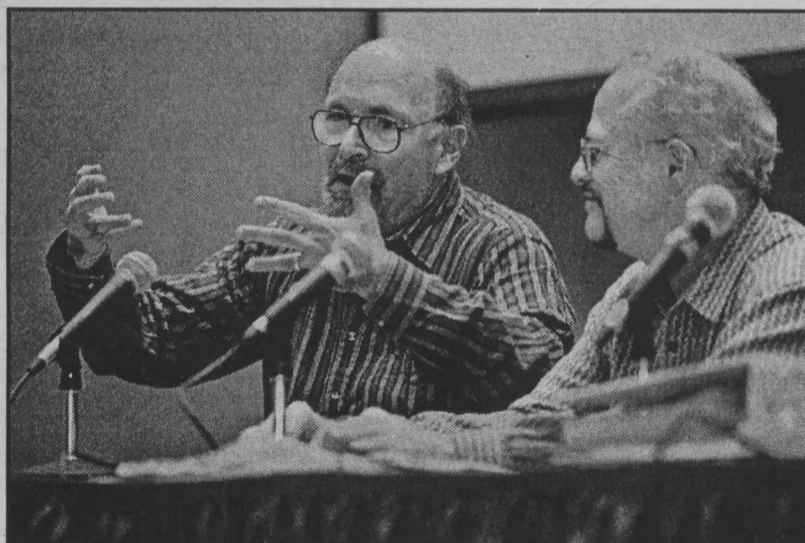
By DENISE BATONGBACAL
Reporter

The violence and activism that fueled the protests of early 1970 came alive Tuesday night during a showing of "Don't Bank on Amerika," a documentary which captured footage of the unrest surrounding the now infamous Isla Vista bank burning.

The Sociology Dept. and Associated Students Student Lobby hosted the film and panel, which explored Isla Vista's colorful past involvement with activism. After two video documentaries presenting the history of student activism in I.V., a panel of young and old activists discussed how students could become further involved in organizing and building the local community.

According to Student Lobby Outreach Coordinator Harley Augustino, the event was held to increase awareness of past and present student involvement in the community.

"The focus is to understand our



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Sociology Professor Richard Flacks speaks at a panel discussion following the showing of "Don't Bank on Amerika," a documentary focusing on I.V. activism.

history and the way Isla Vista and UCSB was changed by the activism of the 1960s and '70s," he said. "By drawing a connection to today and the progress of student activism, we hope to make a difference in a community that gets underscored as primarily irresponsible students."

The event kicked off "Making Waves in I.V.," a week of activities commemorating the 30-year

anniversary of the burning of the Bank of America. A.S. Student Lobby caught the general public's interest through extensive publicity, which consisted of e-mail and fliers.

Traveling writer Willy Leventhal, former staff member for Dr. Martin Luther King and student activist at UCLA, congratulated the panel and

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FAFSA Applications for Next Academic Year Due March 2

Students who have empty pockets or a desire for more cash have just over one week to complete the necessary federal financial aid forms to get a piece of government cheese.

All students looking to apply for federal, state or UCSB grants and loans for the next academic year must fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid and have it postmarked no later than March 2. Director of Financial Aid Veronica O'Dette said students are encouraged to get a certificate of mailing when sending

out the application.

"It's basically a little receipt," she said. "It's good because if the federal processor doesn't receive your application until April, we will honor your application with the certificate — that's why this is very important."

According to O'Dette, students who miss the FAFSA deadline may still receive financial aid in the form of loans, but will receive no UCSB grants, even if eligible.

"We had almost 1,800 students who missed the deadline [last year], and students are still coming in trying to appeal it," she said. "There are unusual circumstances — a parent dies ... someone is ill. Unless they are circumstances beyond student and parent control — we make exceptions for those — otherwise we don't."

O'Dette said students could apply by sending in the renewal application sent out by the federal processor, picking up a new form at the Financial Aid Office or by applying on the web at <www.FAFSA.gov>.

— Ted Andersen

Top of the News

U.S. Tries to Promote China-Taiwan Peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration expressed concern Tuesday over a warning by China that it could use force if Taiwan delays indefinitely reunification talks with Beijing.

U.S. diplomats relayed the administration's concerns to Chinese authorities in Beijing and Washington just a day after China issued the threat in an 11,000-page position paper.

At the White House, presidential spokesperson Joe Lockhart recalled that the United States sent two aircraft carriers and other warships to the region to calm a crisis four years ago.

"We reject any use of force or any threat of force in this situation," Lockhart said.

"We believe that peaceful dialogue and bilateral engagement between the sides is the way to move forward," he said. "We



have repeated, I think, in both actions and words that we view any threat to Taiwan with grave concern."

Meanwhile, Stanley O. Roth, assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, told the Senate Foreign Relations

administration was not repudiating the Chinese with enough force.

"We need to articulate more clearly where we are," said Sen. Craig Thomas (R-Wyo.), chair of the East Asian and Pacific subcommittee.

Sen. John Kerry (D-

spokesperson James P. Rubin said it would be a mistake to exaggerate the significance of the Chinese statement.

"We've had much worse periods on this question in the past," he said. He added that the administration is not considering any change in its opposition to legislation before Congress to strengthen U.S.-Taiwanese military relations.

Rubin said military ties with Taiwan, authorized under the Taiwan Relations Act, has enabled the United States to be "second-to-none" in its support of the anti-communist bastion. He said that arrangement has served U.S. interests extremely well.

"Nobody should doubt our willingness to act in our own national interest," Rubin said.

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**— Joe Lockhart
presidential spokesperson**

Committee that the Chinese position paper appeared to be contrary to "the policy that is the bedrock of our relations [with China and Taiwan]."

Members of Congress, where support for Taiwan runs strong, suggested the

Mass.) said China's statement "is unacceptable" and that the administration had the responsibility to make sure that China "not misinterpret where we are — in one way or the other."

At the State Dept.,

Senate Raises Concerns Over Sex-Slave Trade

WASHINGTON (AP) — With as many as 2 million women worldwide forced into sexual slavery, the sex trade seems to have replaced narcotics as the favored illegal trade activity, White House officials told a Senate hearing Tuesday.

Harold Koh, assistant secretary of state for democracy, human rights and labor, said international criminals are moving away from "guns and drugs" to marketing women.

"There are weaker restraints and growing demand," Koh told the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on Near Eastern and Southern Asian Affairs.

Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.), who chaired the hearing, spoke of meeting some women victims during recent travels to Asia and called the trade "the greatest manifestation of slavery in the world today."

"They are told they will be taking a job as a nanny and are given money for their family. Then they are taken across a border and held against their will," he said.

"We are only beginning to learn the methods of this industry," Brownback said. "Two-thirds come back with AIDS or tuberculosis. They basically come back to die."

A woman called Inez and disguised to protect her identity testified that she was forced into a life of sexual slavery in the United States by traffickers in her native Mexico.



she said she was duped by men who promised her work at a restaurant, but said she owed them a

"smuggling fee" of \$2,500 that she had to pay off by selling herself to men.

"We worked six days a week and 12-hour days," she said. "We mostly had to serve 32 to 35 clients a day."

Law enforcement officials raided the brothel and while some of the traffickers have been prosecuted, some escaped capture and returned to Mexico, she said.

Solid numbers on the scope of the problem are hard to come by, but best estimates show at least 50,000 women are brought into the United States annually for forced labor, officials said.

A breakdown of international borders and expansion of trade are among the factors fueling trafficking, said Teresa Loar, director of the President's Interagency Council on Women.

Feeder countries for the slave trade include the Ukraine, Albania, the Philippines, Thailand, Mexico and Nigeria, according to officials.

Loy said the administration has stopped short of pushing for economic sanctions against offending nations, however, because that would curtail efforts to build an international effort to combat the problem.

Bills aimed at curbing trafficking have been introduced in the House and Senate.

Study Shows Increase in Use of Medication for Children

CHICAGO (AP) — When he was a toddler, Heath Barker was nicknamed "the red tornado" for his auburn hair and his penchant for tearing things up and jumping off the furniture. When he was just 4, he was diagnosed with attention deficit disorder and prescribed Ritalin.

A study of more than 200,000 preschool-age children shows this was no isolated case.

The number of 2- to 4-year-olds on psychiatric drugs including Ritalin and anti-depressants like Prozac soared 50 percent between 1991 and 1995, researchers reported in Wednesday's *Journal of the*



American Medical Association.

Experts said they are troubled by the findings, because the effects of such drugs in children so young are largely unknown. Some doctors worry that such powerful drugs could be dangerous for children's development.

Heath's mother has anecdotal evidence suggesting — as the researchers do — that the number of youngsters on psychiatric drugs is still rising. Through her involvement in Internet support groups for parents

of children with behavior problems, Michele Barker said she is hearing of more and more 3- and 4-year-olds being put on drugs like Prozac.

"It's become a quick fix," said Barker, 39, of Hot Springs, Ark.

Although the study did not examine reasons for the increases, Julie Magno Zito, the lead author and an assistant professor of pharmacy and medicine at the University of Maryland, suggested a few possibilities.

With an increasing

number of children attending day care, parents may feel pressured "to have their children conform in their behavior," Zito said. She also said there is a much greater acceptance in the 1990s of psychoactive drugs.

Dr. Joseph T. Coyle of Harvard Medical School's psychiatry department said the study reveals a troubling trend, "given that there is no empirical evidence to support psychotropic drug treatment in very young children and that there are valid concerns that such treatment could have deleterious effects on the developing brain."

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Ever notice how long a fresh \$20 bill stays in your pocket? After you hit up a student's best friend — the ATM (ATM fix everything) — you think you have money to spend. So, you go and have lunch, then go see a movie, grab a small snack, and then, you have to refill later that day. It truly is a pain in the ass. The ATM now greets me with a personal message when I come to get money. "Hello, Weatherhuman, spent it already?" Then, it gives me a farewell talk, too. "Bye now. Don't spend it all in one place. Haha!" I think I keep the guys who refill that damned machine with \$20s in business just to refill it with fresh \$20s. I might as well just pull out a \$20 bill, turn around and hand it to them.

Local News Briefs

Excellent Timing

At approximately 4:20 p.m. Feb. 17, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's narcotics investigators staged a surprise drug raid at a residence on the 2400 block of Las Positas Road, culminating in the seizure of 2.6 grams of heroin. Two suspects were arrested in the raid, brothers Michael Paul Carrillo, 39, and Edward Patrick Carrillo, 36, both for possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia and possession of hypodermic needles.

According to Sheriff's Lt. Mike Burridge, investigators served the search and seizure warrant as the result of a three-week investigation of suspected heroin sales taking place at the residence.

"The narcotics officers were able to develop enough information to determine that there were drug sales going on at the residence. They were then able to obtain a warrant and enter the premises," he said.

Both brothers were booked into the Santa Barbara County Jail. The investigation remains ongoing.

Survey Says!

The Goleta Roundtable — an advisory body for the unincorporated area of Goleta — has mailed out approximately 5,700 surveys to gauge local opinion on the issue of cityhood for Goleta, Isla Vista and UCSB. According to Goleta

Roundtable member Diane Conn, this is the second attempt at polling the I.V./UCSB area because response to the polls was extraordinarily low.

"The worst returns have come from I.V. and UCSB. We want students to know that this isn't a bill or some junk mail. We want to know what you think, even if you can't answer every question."

Survey questions address a broad range of issues including road conditions, law enforcement, building inspectors, and if answered, will be submitted to the Local Agency Formation Commission, which is currently reviewing cityhood proposals.

Ocean Warning

Over a week of rain has left creeks swollen with runoff and — as this week's beach status reports show — disease-causing pollution.

Santa Barbara Environmental Health Services' weekly testing for coliform bacteria placed all but two of the 22 tested beaches on the South Coast in the advisory level. Visitors who want to enjoy beaches with posted advisories are warned to avoid contact with water directly adjacent to the polluted creeks or storm drains. Symptoms associated with contaminated water include skin rashes, ear, nose and throat infections, fever and diarrhea.

— Compiled by David Downs and Jeff Lupo



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UCSB Crews Clean Flooding at Campbell Hall, I.V. Theater

BY ERIC SIMONS
Staff Writer

After a weekend of saturation from the storm that frenzied ocean swells and dumped buckets of water into the Reflecting Pool, two campus lecture halls made like sponges and soaked up the great outdoors.

Without the services of an ark, UCSB facilities management crews worked on the Presidents Day holiday to eliminate flooding in both Campbell Hall and Isla Vista Theater in time for classes Tuesday, Physical Facilities Director David Gonzales said.

"We had some water intrusion at Campbell Hall, and we're constantly concerned about our campus drainage system, so we're working hard on that right now to make sure it's clear," he said. "We didn't realize a substantial amount of damage because although it rained hard, it didn't rain for too long."

Campbell Hall Technical Director John Davis said water filled the hall up to the second row of seats. However, facilities management sandbagged the area early last week, preventing serious problems such as the El Niño "duck pond" of 1998, he said.

"At the north and south entrances, the hall dips down, and when the rain gets intense the drains can't handle it, and it leaks down the ramps," he said. "Those sandbags saved us a lot of damage. It's drying out right now, and in the great scheme of things it wasn't a big deal."

I.V. Theater 2 also flooded, but it was vacuumed up Tuesday morning, Theater Manager Erik Moore said. He added that the theater floods regularly.

"It's kind of an ongoing problem ... it's a groundwater problem. There's a crack in the slab where a tree used to be ... it'll be a maintenance issue until they can work on it over the summer," he said. "[Facilities management] leaves a wet-vac there. There was a puddle there this morning, but I vacuumed it up."

In addition to flooding the classrooms, the rains filled the Reflecting Pool with approximately nine inches of water in the center. Gonzales said facilities management is working "to get that thing operational," he said.

your Daily HOROSCOPE

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 a 6 — Once you and your mate or partner have your relationship figured out, it'll be time to talk about money. Don't stress out; it's perfectly natural. You shouldn't have to pay for everything, should you? It's wiser to share the load.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — This should be a creative day. You could run into some opposition, however. It's a good day for completion, too. Is there something you need to say to somebody, to get the ball rolling? If so, go ahead and do it. The more awkward the situation, the more pleased they'll be.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — You don't often jump into the leadership role, but today you should. That's because you're one of the few who can figure out what's going on. Bring the others up to speed if you can. Your efforts will be appreciated.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Something about your home may need rearranging. You may decide you can't stand the way it is any more. You have a lot of other things to do, so you really don't have time for this. That's OK. Once you get this bee in your bonnet, you'll move quickly.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — You are still under scrutiny. Are you being evaluated for a promotion? Well, it couldn't happen to a nicer person. Changes at home still require some of your attention, however. You may have to turn down a request for a freebie to have time for family. Do it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You should be working hard at whatever's right in front of you. There's no more time for planning, setting priorities or doing the research. Now, take action, keep moving and don't look back. Something might be gaining on you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 7 — Hurry along, be as creative as possible. Then, as evening approaches, you'll find decisions are easier to make. The time's running out, for one thing. This could inspire you to be even more effective than usual. And, that would be verrrrrry goooooo!

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — You should notice an increase in your energy level — and your determination — as the day goes on. The difficult part has to do with communications. You may have to call somebody you'd just as soon avoid. Don't think about it any more; just do it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — It should be easier for you to communicate now. Business will go well. Even a difficult job could almost be fun since you do it with friends. Don't put it off any longer. Get it finished so you can celebrate.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Pay attention to a person you respect early in the day. If you do something nice for him or her, you could benefit from your thoughtfulness later. You're not schmoozing; you'd never do that. No, you're just remembering that rich people need love, too!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Everything will be easier early in the day. You'll move quickly and come up with all sorts of great ideas. Later on, you'll have to figure out how to actually make these things happen. That's the tricky part. Slow down then and take your time.


Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — You could be in the mood to make or to buy pretty things. It'll be easier to choose tomorrow or the next day. So, there's no rush. This is a good day to go shopping, just to see what's out there. Review your options now, but save your big decisions for tomorrow.

Today's Birthday (Feb. 23). This year invest in your own education — and your own creativity. Go back and finish what you started in March. Work to save money in April and to keep up with the demand in May. Old love's best, and most convenient, in July. Focus on your future in August. Take out a loan in October and invest it wisely in November. By December, transform into the person you always wanted to be. Settle into a routine by next February.

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offering. We don't know why the strike is happening."

In December, elected UAW Representative Frank Wilderson was arrested and removed from the negotiation table when he objected to the deletion of discrimination protection from the contract.

Razza said the UC has knowingly withheld information requested about the employee benefits portion of the contract from the UAW and shared this information with student groups. According to Razza, the strike vote is being held because the UC's behavior during contract negotiations was illegal and objectionable.

Since the October resignation of

the eight-member bargaining committee originally elected to represent UCSB graduate student employees, communication between UCSB grad students and UAW has ceased. Approximately 60 people on campus have organized an attempt to replace the UAW with United Student Labor (USL) as the union of UCSB graduate students.

Last month, USL began a petition drive to hold another union election in June where it can be included on the ballot as an alternative to the UAW. According to McCarty, USL has already gathered 200 of the 300 signatures necessary to be placed on the next ballot.

"With the UAW acting as arbitrarily as they are, and with conflict with students and representatives in question, the University would be

irresponsible to go on with contract negotiations without elected student representation," he said. "We want a new vote, and grad students will have a chance to vote again."

According to Razza, UCSB grad students will be notified one week before the strike vote via e-mail. Credo reported that while she receives notices about union issues systemwide, she is given little information about how union issues affect grad students locally.

"I don't feel I'm hearing from my representative what's going on," she said. "I feel that he's telling me what's going on at Berkeley."

UCSB's appointed UAW Representative Phil Zwerling could not be reached for comment.

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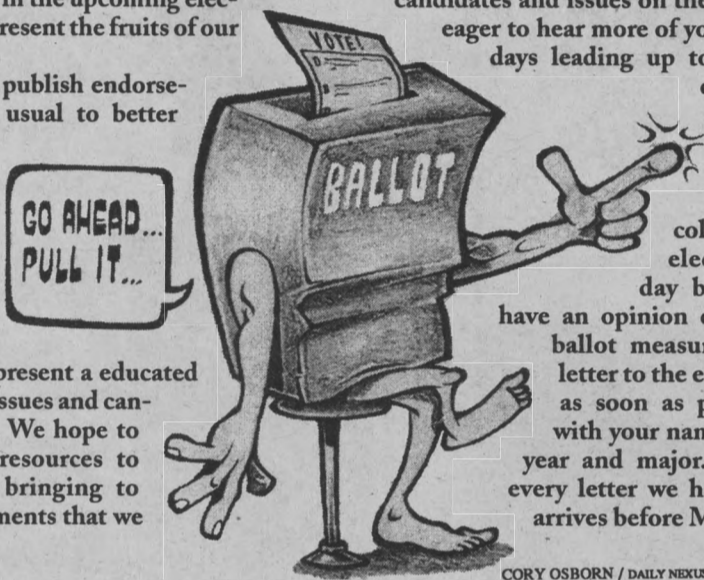
ENDORSEMENTS 2000

Policies and Procedures

The California primary election is March 7, and no election season would be complete without the *Daily Nexus* endorsements. Endorsements are one of the most important functions of the *Nexus* editorial board. After weeks of painstaking research and careful deliberation, the editorial board arrives at its choices in the upcoming election. This week we present the fruits of our labors.

We have tried to publish endorsements earlier than usual to better serve readers who vote absentee, either in Santa Barbara County or elsewhere.

Endorsements are not meant to tell readers how to vote; rather, they represent a educated point of view of the issues and candidates in question. We hope to use our time and resources to inform readers by bringing to light facts and arguments that we feel are relevant.



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This week you will read our opinions of the candidates and issues on the ballot, but we are eager to hear more of your opinions in the days leading up to the election. In order to make sure no one has the "last word," we will not publish partisan columns or letters on election day or the day before. So, if you have an opinion on a candidate or ballot measure, please write a letter to the editor and turn it in as soon as possible, complete with your name, phone number, year and major. We will publish every letter we have room for that arrives before March 1.

No on 15

We Don't Need More State-Funded Forensic Crime

Prop 15 is a \$220 million bond measure for the construction of new forensic crime laboratories and the renovation of existing labs. While forensic evidence analysis — including everything from fingerprinting to DNA testing — is a necessary tool of law enforcement, Prop 15 is not the way to fill that need.

One major problem with Prop 15 is that it establishes an entire new bureaucracy, the seven-member Forensic Laboratories Authority. The members of this committee would include the state attorney general, the director of the state's crime labs and five members appointed by the governor. This would be a costly bureaucracy with seven appointees who would likely have little sympathy for the rights of accused persons.

State and local law enforcement agencies claim they need additional forensic labs, but

they should examine other solutions. Private work can be contracted out to which would be far cheaper than building new government labs. Private an incentive to provide quicker results. What's more, private

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defense, they are good enough for the government's prosecution.

The state has not demonstrated a need for new forensics labs, and that do arise can be filled with a million bond measure.

The Daily Nexus strongly opposes

Yes on 18

Closing a Loophole in State Sentencing Law

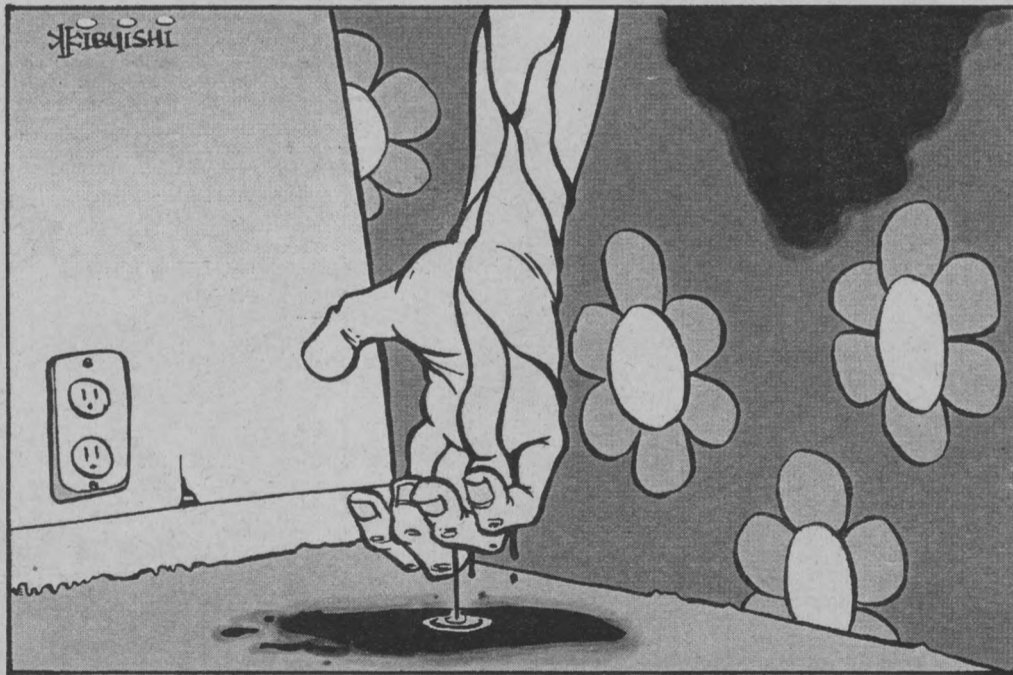
Prop 18 clears up contradictions in state law defining the special circumstances in which first-degree murder is punishable by the death penalty or life imprisonment without parole. In first-degree murder, generally defined as intentional or deliberate murder or murder that occurs during certain other crimes, fair and across-the-board definitions of special circumstances are of utmost importance.

According to current state law, "special circumstances" in first-degree murder includes cases in which the murderer intentionally killed "while lying in wait." Courts have generally ruled out the possibility of finding special circumstances for first-degree murder if the defendant waited, captured and transported the victim to another location before committing murder.

Prop 18 would expand special circumstances to include murders committed during other felonies, whether or not murder was the primary goal, including murders during kidnapping or arson. Murderers can now receive the death penalty if they commit murder in the process of kidnapping or arson, but only their primary goal was kidnapping or arson, and not murder.

These changes to the definition of special circumstances are obvious corrections to past Supreme Court decisions. By changing contradictions in state law, Prop 18 would make special circumstances for first-degree murder clearer and more logical.

The Daily Nexus endorses Prop 18.



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Yes on 19

All Law Officers Deserve Same Protections

If Prop 19 passes, murders of BART and CSU peace officers would be punishable in the same manner as murder of other peace officers in California. BART and CSU officers face similar obstacles in a day's work and deserve the same protection under the law as their colleagues.

Prop 19 would require sentences of 25 years to life or life imprisonment without possibility of parole for second-degree murder of BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit District) and CSU (California State University) peace officers, the same sentences required for murder of other peace officers. Under current law, if a peace officer — not including BART or CSU officers — is killed in the line of duty by second-degree murder, the sentence is a prison term of 25 years to life with possibility of parole. Second-degree murder is usually punishable by 15 years to life with possibility of parole, if the victim is not one of the specified peace officers.

The arguments against Prop 19 focus on peace officers forcing citizens to form a posse, but opponents seem to have misinterpreted the proposition. Prop 19 does not specify anything about peace officers who already legally possess, which peace officers can already legally possess. Prop 19 provides for the same punishment for criminals convicted of second-degree murder of BART and CSU officers as other specified peace officers. These laws protect our own University of California police, and there is no reason not to extend the same protection to CSU and BART police.

The Daily Nexus strongly endorses Prop 19.

Yes on 20

Accountability in

California is ranked 47th on textbook spending. Prop 20 seeks to ensure that at least 50 percent of any new class materials.

At least 34 percent of California's education funds are allocated to public education each year, a portion of those funds to insure that students have access to quality materials such as software, supplementary materials, and other resources. Disappointing performances of students in reading skills are still not up to par, and [with] focus more on raising literacy rates.

By specifying where a portion of the funds should be used, the state can ensure that the money is used for the most effective purposes.

The disappointing performance of schools indicate that we need to focus more on raising literacy rates.

While removing local control over education is a small portion of the total education budget, it is a necessary step in guaranteeing a minimum level of education for all students.

The Daily Nexus endorses Prop 20.

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Crime Labs

Other solutions that do not cost the taxpayer. Forensic labs are often outsourced to private firms, which are cheaper than constructing new labs. Private firms have the quick and accurate results that private labs are an independent and unbiased source of information, unlike government firms, which could be partial to the government's case. If private labs are good enough for a common citizen's case, they are good enough for the government's case. Private labs have demonstrated a pressing need for forensic labs, and any needs can be filled without a \$220 million cost. *The Daily Nexus strongly opposes Prop 15.*

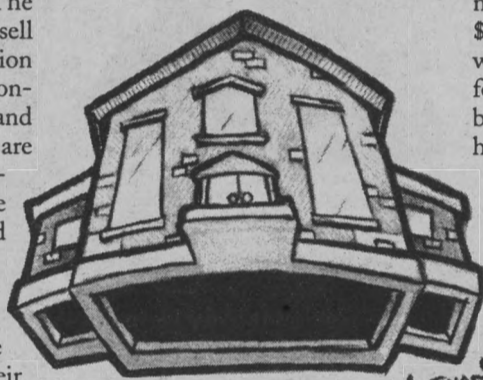
Yes on 16

Proposition Will Help Aging Veterans at a Minimal Cost to the State

Prop 16 would not only provide for a neglected portion of California's citizens, it would also refinance costly lease-payment bonds already budgeted for California veterans' homes. The state would be authorized to sell \$50 million in general obligation bonds to finance its share of construction and renovation of new and existing veterans' homes, which are usually split 35-65 with the federal government. Most of these would be for elderly or disabled veterans.

The men and women who have served in the United States military deserve assistance and care from the state after their time in service. Currently, there are only two residential homes for veterans in California, with a capacity to house a total of 1,821 veterans. Existing lease-payment bonds are

budgeted for three new homes that will be constructed in Southern California, but more facilities and renovations of current facilities are still needed. This bond also prepares



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the state for an increase in demand for veterans' services as Vietnam veterans grow older and need greater assistance, including resi-

dential services and nursing and medical care for mostly elderly or disabled California veterans.

This bond will cost about \$33 million over a 25-year period, since \$24 million of the \$50 million would replace lease-payment bonds for veteran's homes. Lease-payment bonds are more costly because of higher interest rates and selling costs, although they are similar to general obligation bonds. Prop 16 then allocates the remaining \$26 million for new veterans' homes, in addition to the three already planned. Prop 16 addresses an existing need, and it is fiscally responsible as well, lowering the cost of millions of dollars in existing bonds.

The Daily Nexus strongly endorses Prop 16.

Yes on 17

Legalize Charity Lotteries

Churches, schools and other nonprofit groups seeking to raise money would have another easy and efficient way to do so with Prop 17. Few people know that lotteries and raffles, even for charitable purposes, are illegal under current state law — except for the state lottery, of course. Technically, raffles that involve selling tickets for a chance to win prizes are illegal, in spite of the fact that they are routinely conducted, and Prop 17 is necessary to correct this discrepancy.

By amending the State Constitution, Prop 17 would allow private nonprofit groups to conduct raffles if at least 90 percent of the gross revenues go directly to in-state charities. This percentage could be amended later by a two-thirds vote of each house, without voter approval. Legalizing raffles for charitable purposes seems like an obvious way to make fundraising easier on these groups.

Prop 17 would reverse a senseless technicality in the law, and allow nonprofits another choice in fundraising. It is beneficial to these groups and harmless to the rest of the state.

The Daily Nexus strongly endorses Prop 17.

Yes on 20

Quality in School Spending

47th out of the 50 states in per-pupil spending, Prop 20 seeks to remedy that by requiring that any increase in lottery funds go to

California Lottery funds are allocated each year. Prop 20 proposes to earmark funds to instructional materials, providing other reading materials, but also other materials, supplies and maps to schools. The results of our public schools indicate that they are not up to par, and by allocating a certain amount toward textbooks, schools can focus on quality. A portion of the lottery money is spent,

Quality performances of our public schools that reading skills are still low and [with Prop 20] schools can be raising literacy rates.

accountable to how they spend the money instead of high administration costs. The results would fluctuate based on changes in the lottery revenues since 1997-98. Based on the results, one-half of the growth in revenue since 1997-98 is targeted for instructional materials. Full control from the school districts is a key proposition would guarantee that just total education budget is spent on much-needed materials. Prop 20 leaves the remaining portion of the budget to local school districts' discretion, while maintaining a high level of accountability in spending.

The Daily Nexus endorses Prop 20.

No on 21

Wilson's Juvenile Crime Measure Is an Unreasonable Response to an Exaggerated Problem

Prop 21 looks like former Gov. Pete Wilson's bitter parting shot to the state of California. Wilson authored this proposition, which attempts to crack down on gang and juvenile crime. It is easy to support toughening laws against serious crime, but Prop 21 would give up on juvenile rehabilitation, infringe on the rights of accused persons and cost untold billions in police, prison and court expansion when crime has been falling for the past decade.

Prop 21 weighs in at a hefty 43 pages, and it includes so many provisions that it appears Wilson is trying to confuse voters. Gang crime and juvenile crime, while they are often related, are distinct problems that require separate solutions.

In the field of juvenile crime, this proposition attempts to fix a part of the system that is not broken. Under current law, a judge can decide to try a juvenile as young as 14 as an adult, if the crime is serious enough. However, Prop 21 would rob judges of this authority and allow prosecutors to decide whether to try a 14- to 18-year-old suspect as a juvenile or an adult. It would also expand the list of crimes for which a juvenile can be tried as an adult.

Judges, not prosecutors, should have the authority to determine when a child should be tried as an adult. A judge's responsibility is to ensure that the accused has a fair trial, while a prosecutor's sole aim is to try to win cases by convicting suspects the state thinks are guilty. Obviously, the judge is the appropriate person to make decisions regarding a suspect's ability to stand trial in adult court.

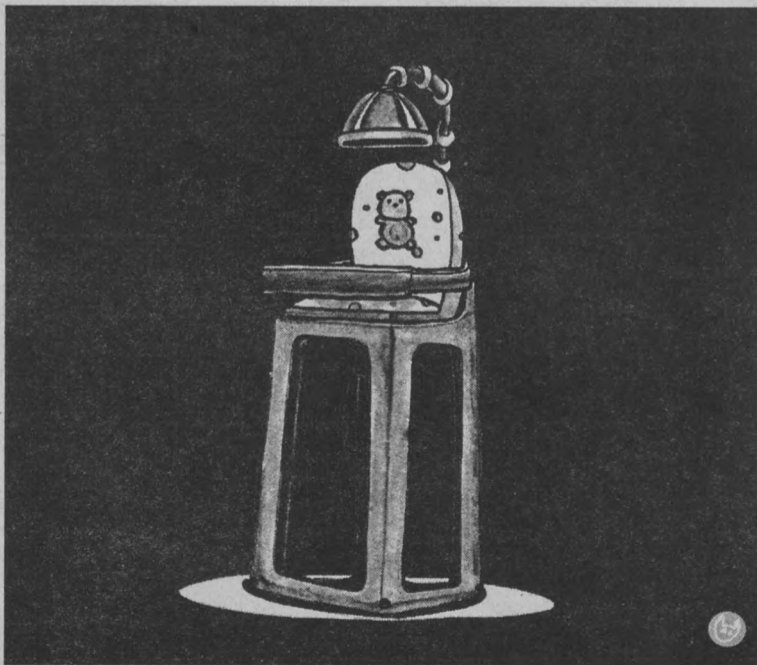
Our adult corrections system places a strong emphasis on punishment as opposed to rehabilitation, but juvenile courts do, and should, operate

differently. It is assumed that juveniles can be rehabilitated, and they are given an opportunity to start over by clearing their criminal records when they turn 18. There are some limitations on this confidentiality, but Prop 21 would go too far in expanding these limitations. Prop 21 would even allow law enforcement to disclose the name of juveniles when they are arrested, instead of requiring them to wait until a charge has been filed.

Law enforcement agencies across the country often fight gangs by infringing on the First and Fourth Amendment rights of all citizens — our right to free assembly and protection from unlawful search and seizure. Prop 21 follows this disturbing trend by creating new crimes of gang recruitment, allowing wider use of wiretaps against suspected gang members and requiring anyone convicted of a gang-related offense to register with local police. While gangs are a huge problem, outlawing gang membership is not a reasonable solution. The Ku Klux Klan is responsible for as much death and violence as any street gang, yet the First Amendment guarantees Klan members' right to assemble with each other. Suspected gang members have the same right.

Finally, Prop 21's supporters have not demonstrated that California needs tougher juvenile crime laws. They claim that juvenile crime has increased 60 percent over the past 15 years, but they neglect to mention that over the past 10 years, juvenile crime is down by 30 percent. Prop 21 seems tailor-made for California's prison industry — the only ones who would benefit from its passage.

The Daily Nexus strongly opposes Prop 21.



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council submitted the application Tuesday, to meet Goleta Now's 60-day deadline to propose an alternative plan.

Goleta Now! member Jonny Wallis said the city of Santa Barbara should have studied the proposal more and considered opinions of the residents involved before submitting it to LAFCO.

"I feel that Santa Barbarans want to remain Santa Barbarans, and that Goletans want to remain Goletans," she said.

Santa Barbara Mayor Harriet Miller encouraged further study that would include fiscal analysis of the plan before any permanent decisions are made.

"I think it's important for people to have information upon which to vote and decide," she said. "What affects Goleta affects Santa Barbara, and what affects Santa Barbara affects Goleta. This is a community; land use affects everybody."

Third District County Supervisor and LAFCO member Gail Marshall, whose district includes western Goleta and Isla Vista, remained neutral on the decision to file the annexation application.

"The council adopted the resolution to submit an application to analyze and consider annexation to LAFCO," she said. "You can't do both, incorporation and annexation."

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the video presentation for teaching students about positive community involvement.

"It was nice to see members of the community on campus and [members] of the larger community that want to communicate to young people today about the history of where they live and go to school," he said. "The history of activism serves some timeless lessons on what to be passionate about and to base your life on these ideals."

Senior religious studies major Ron Schirmer said the event was interesting and informational.

"Though I've seen both films before, I was interested in the panel-discussion. I was inspired to learn about the political activism and the history of all the things they talked about, such as the Food Co-op and the parks in I.V.," he said. "It was good to know that all of these were built by students as a pro-active response to make our community what it is today."

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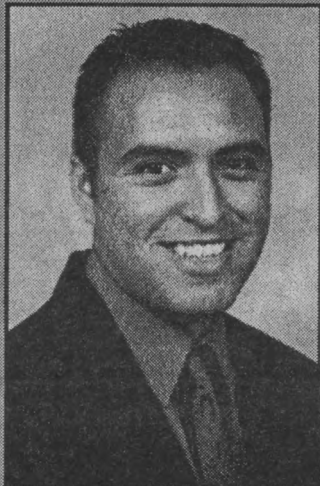
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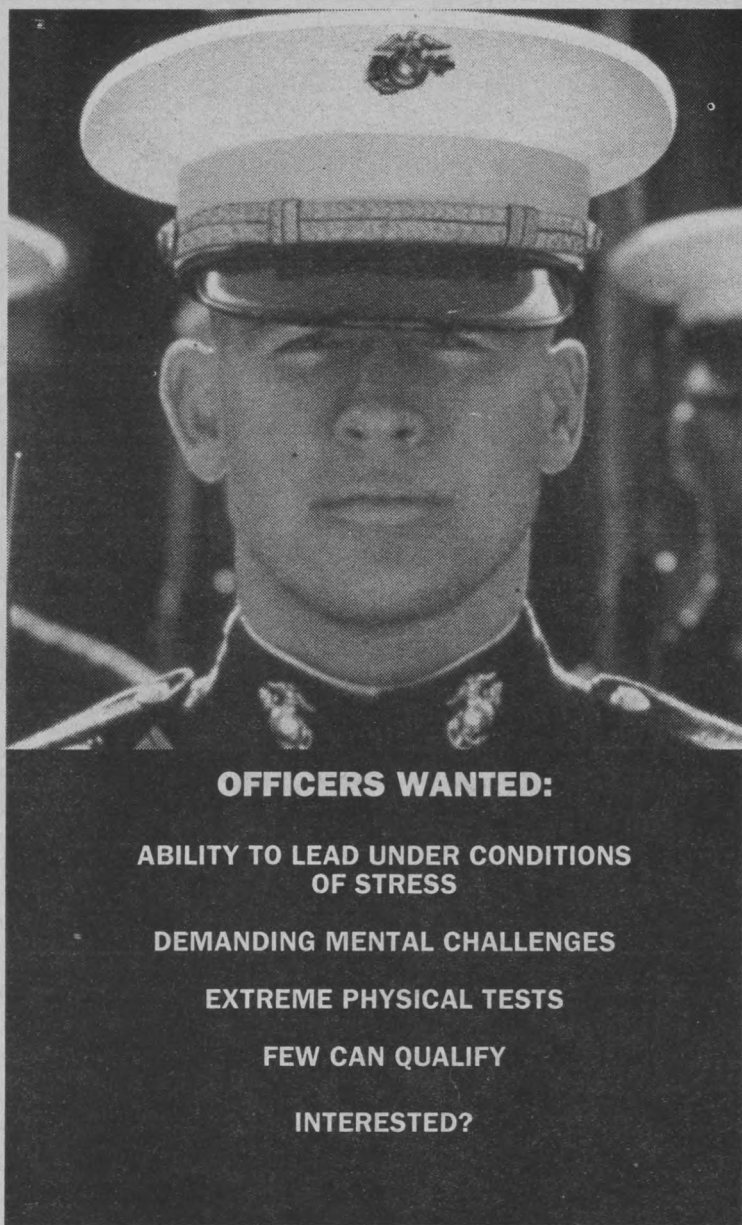
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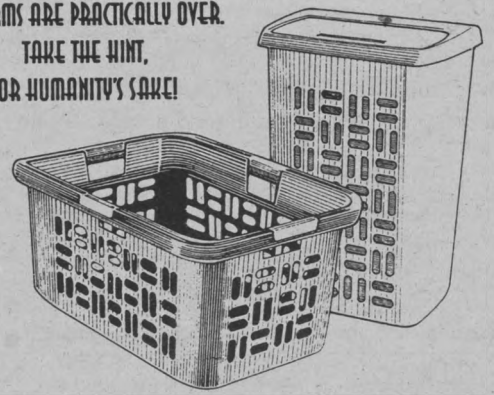
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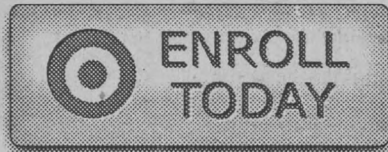
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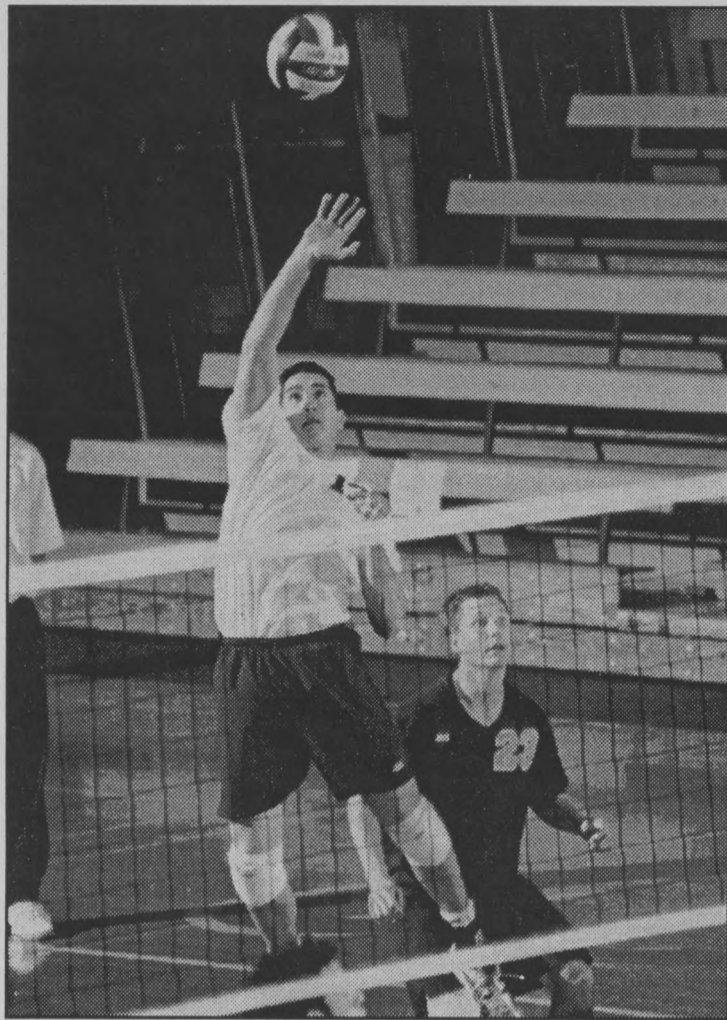
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Sports



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LOOK OUT BELOW: Sophomore outside hitter Andy Rivera and the men's volleyball team fell in five games to the Bruins last weekend at UCLA.

Bruins Rally to Knock Out Gauchos in L.A.

By BRITTANY LANGAN
Staff Writer

For some people, when the going gets tough, the tough gets going. However, this was not the case for the UCSB men's volleyball team who faced off against #3 UCLA on Saturday at the Wooden Center.

The Gauchos (4-5 overall, 3-6 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) fought tooth and nail against the Bruins (12-3, 6-3), but sputtered out in the last game in a 17-16, 13-15, 15-11, 10-15, 15-10 MPSF loss.

"We battled back and forth the whole game," sophomore setter Britt Galang said. "We went into the game knowing that we could win. Our game plan was to keep the ball in play and limit our errors. We started out well, and it ended up going down to the wire."

In the first game, the Gauchos started out on the right foot with a 7-2 lead before the Bruins closed the gap. UCSB lost its lead, committed 11 hitting errors and fell short 17-16.

"We had too many hitting errors," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "This is just a team that doesn't know how to win right now. We are getting better, but we just don't seem to know how to put things away."

If the first game was a disappointment to Santa Barbara, the Gauchos successfully turned the table in its favor and gave UCLA a taste of its own medicine. The Bruins held an 8-1 lead before Santa Barbara battled back, beating UCLA, 15-13.

"We played better as a team in the second game," senior middle blocker Chris Komer said. "Our assistant coach Todd Rogers said that in order to win big games, we need to learn to come from behind, and we did that in the second game."

In the third game, UCSB had some bright and dark spots, but overall the bad outweighed the good. UCLA edged past Santa Barbara with an 11-15 win.

"The third game was a lot like the first," Komer said. "We played well, and then we would have lapses where we weren't performing the way we should. We need to take care of these lapses and play more consistently."

It was do or die for UCSB in the fourth game, and the Gauchos weren't about to back down. Santa Barbara turned up its engines and roared past UCLA, 15-10. The Bruins might have lost a battle, but they didn't lose the war. UCLA raised its standards in the fifth game, finishing off UCSB 15-10.

"We played okay in the fifth game," Galang said. "They had three key blocks at the end that put them ahead. We can beat any team; we just have to work on knowing that we can do that, and we can't keep relying on the fifth game to pull out a win."

Senior opposite Kevin Collins led the team in kills with 35. Freshman outside hitter Jan Carlo Zegarra had 14 kills as well as 16 digs. Sophomore outside hitter Andy Rivera had 19 kills, and Komer had a career-high of 20 kills.

"[Chris] played a good all-around game," Galang said. "He did everything you're expected to do in the middle."

Third Period Outburst Too Much for UCSB

By KEITH BUSAM
Reporter

Question: What do the 2000 UCSB women's water polo team and the 2000 UCSB weather have in common?

Answer: When it rains, it pours.

The Gauchos traveled down to Southern California this past Saturday to face off against USC in search of their first Mountain Pacific Sports Federation victory of the year. Santa Barbara (3-7 overall, 0-2 in the MPSF) started off the game in its customary fashion, coming out strong in the first two periods. Sophomore goalie Yvonne Conrad, who missed the past seven games due to an eye injury, was back in the cage for Santa Barbara, and her presence helped to solidify the defense, at least in the first half. At intermission the Gauchos

were only trailing 4-2.

"With Yvonne in the game, our team is a lot more confident on defense, and that showed, especially in the first half," said sophomore driver Jenny Holladay after the loss. "With [sophomore backup goalie Brittany Brendel] in these last few games, we have picked up our defense, and I think that may help our team in the long run."

Unfortunately for UCSB, the Trojans made some changes at halftime and came out smoking. USC exploded in the third period, scoring five goals and blowing the game wide open, 9-2. In the fourth period, each team scored twice, resulting in an 11-4 USC victory.

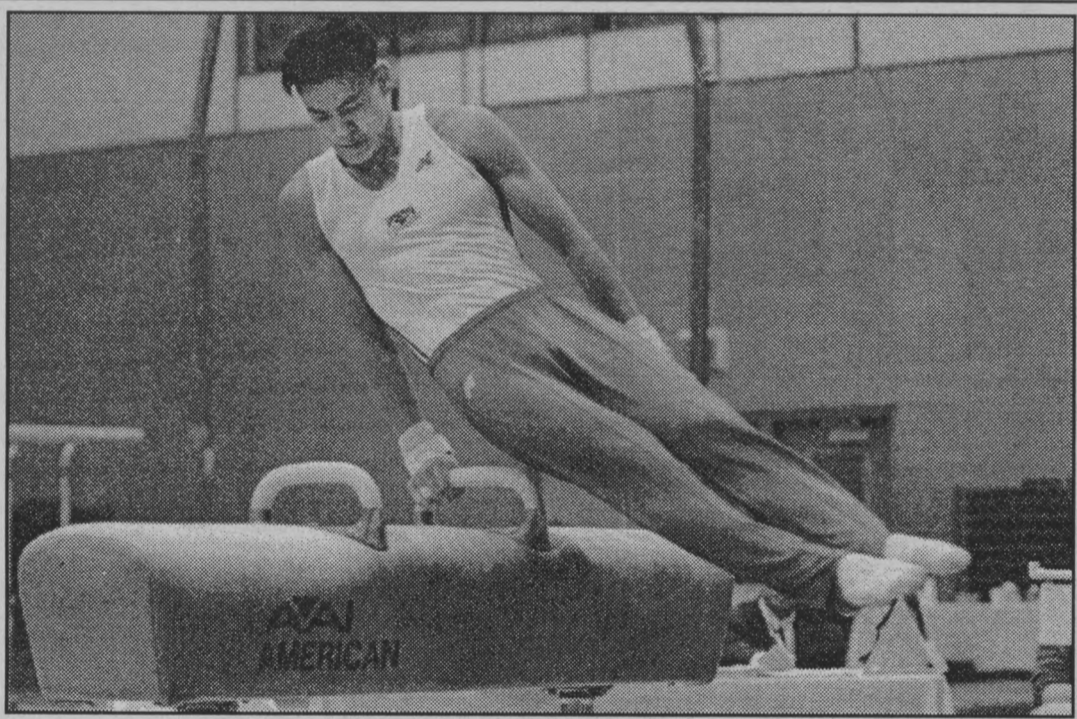
"We lost our momentum and didn't press well or get into the passing lanes," freshman driver Megan Wertz said of the game-changing third period. "They didn't have to pass under pres-

sure like they did in the first half."

Freshman two-meter Erin Lezak netted two goals and sophomore two-meter Kelley Tiffany and Wertz each scored once for the Gauchos in the loss. Conrad's return, despite the outcome, was a positive note for UCSB, as she stopped six shots during the afternoon.

"The game went well for the first half, but when we came out in the second half we just stopped playing," sophomore driver Mary Blumberg said. "They were strong girls, but we need to step it up a little more."

Santa Barbara's next chance to "step it up" will come this weekend at Campus Pool, when it hosts the Gaucho Invitational Tournament, which will last through Sunday. The Gauchos' first game will be against UC Davis on Friday at 4 p.m.



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JUST HORSIN' AROUND: The UCSB men's gymnastics team lost to Nebraska, 222.75-214.9 this past weekend, and sophomore Michael Kelley scored a 9.4 in the pommel horse to place him second in the event.

Gauchos Fall to Nebraska; Casey Excels

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The UCSB men's gymnastics team was flipping through its season on a high note of constant improvement until it met up with a tough Nebraska team this past weekend, bringing the Gauchos' roll to a standstill.

Santa Barbara lost to the Cornhuskers 222.750 to 214.900 at Rob Gym on Saturday night, but there was more to the meet than the score. UCSB had come off overall scores that had shown an improvement with each week, and this was the first week that it did not up the ante.

"Amazingly, they did better on the road," UCSB Head Coach Mircea Badulescu said.

"We expected more, and I think they're overexcited, it being our second home meet, and we just had way too many misses. On each event we need four good scores, and we just didn't get that today."

Once again, personal as well as school records fell at the hands of junior Cody Casey as he broke the existing school record in the floor exercise, which was formerly held by Casey himself, scoring a 9.9. That high score also places Casey in the top 10 of all gymnasts in the nation in the floor, not to mention that his 9.750 in the vault keeps him as the #2 vaulter in the nation for the second week in a row. Casey also placed third in the all-around with a score of 53.6.

"It was rough today," Casey said. "We were all really worn out and nervous about our first

home meet."

Besides Casey, UCSB received a stellar performance from sophomore Michael Kelley on the pommel horse, and from freshman Israel Alatraste in the all-around. Kelley pulled into second place with a 9.4, and Alatraste placed fourth in the all-around competition with a score of 52.2.

"We did pretty good," freshman Donald Mahr said. "Not quite as good as our past couple of meets, but we just need to work out harder."

The Gauchos will face UCLA next week, and return to Rob Gym for another home meet in two weeks against Michigan and Oklahoma.

"I'm happy because everyone finished healthy," Badulescu said. "And by March 4th, they'll have more focus and confidence."

UCSB Sweeps CSUN in Baseball Make-up Game

The UCSB baseball team traveled to Cal State Northridge on Tuesday afternoon for a single game. The Gauchos, winners of a two-game series over the weekend against the Matadors, swept the

prolonged three-game series, taking Tuesday's game, 4-2.

Designated hitter John Stephens led the Gaucho charge, hitting a three-run bomb in the top of the first inning, allowing UCSB to jump to a 3-0 lead. Senior Troy Kinto held CSUN to four hits and two unearned runs in 7.2 innings to make Stephens' round-tripper stand up.

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