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Taking Root

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Members of UCSB's African-American interest fraternities and sororities gather Thursday afternoon at a ceremony commemorating the planting of a tree honoring their presence on campus.

Holly Could See Early End If Clearview Project Passes

By Suzanne Garner
Staff Writer

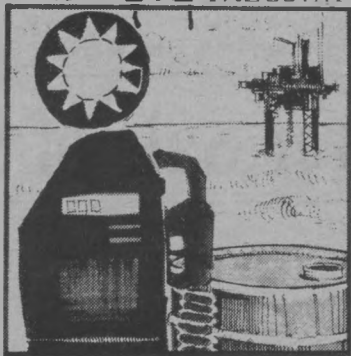
Platform Holly, an oil rig situated off the coast of Ellwood Shores, may be abandoned near the turn of the century if Mobil Oil's Clearview Project goes into effect, rendering the offshore site obsolete.

The rig, which Mobil erected in 1964, is currently scheduled for dismantling around 2016, when it is estimated to have fully tapped available resources. Holly will no longer be useful if Mobil's proposal to erect two extended-reach drilling towers on shore passes government permits.

While local, state and federal agencies have not yet determined guidelines for the process of ridding the channel of the platform, they are nonetheless in favor of its removal, according to Gloria Smith, an intern at the Environmental Defense Center. "Regulations are very unclear. Only two rigs in the state have been abandoned so far," she said, adding that both were located in the Santa Barbara Channel.

Smith noted that records from a March meeting of the state Lands Commission indicated a

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need for efficiency in the process. "The state Lands Commission wants it done as quickly and cheaply as possible," she said.

Though a number of options exist, Mobil must wait for updated regulations before initiating the process, said Shauna Clarke, external affairs manager for the company. "Chevron is going through this process right now. ... We're watching to see what they will do," Clarke said. "We are thoroughly dictated by local and state agencies."

Prior measures have consisted of filling wells with cement and removing equipment, she said.

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Regents Consider Ways of Making Campuses Reflect State's Diversity

Student, Faculty and Staff Populations Targeted for More Ethnicity

By Brenda Maxwell
and Duke Conover
Staff Writers

LOS ANGELES — The University of California Board of Regents' diversity initiative for higher education was endorsed at an open session Thursday afternoon regarding campuswide Affirmative Action policies.

As the composition of California's ethnic population continues to change, it is crucial that the University keep up with the increasing percentage of people of color, said Nick Endres, University of California Student Assn. vice president for UC San Diego.

"The University is in a time of crisis," Endres said. "We have a long way to go before the UCs are reflective of the community. It's going to take financial commitment and financial priority."

Speaking on behalf of UCSB Chicano/Latino organization El Congreso, Marisela Marquez, Graduate Students Assn. internal vice president, made reference to the recent hunger strike and the compromise that was

reached between the administration and the protestors.

"There was a very distinct mutual respect that grew out of the hunger strike," Marquez said. "[It was] discussed in a very academic and research-oriented way. That's the spirit that needs to continue in these discussions."

In developing the diversity in-

itiative, the UC needs to work together to achieve its goals, said Robert Murphy, president of the Alumni Associations of the UC.

"This is not the beginning of an effort, but a renewal of an effort," Murphy said. "This is a process which I think the entire University would like to be in-

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'Mr. Chancellor' Leads Group of 200 Students in Protest at Meeting

By Brenda Maxwell
and Duke Conover
Staff Writers

LOS ANGELES — The University of California Board of Regents was met Thursday afternoon at UCLA by a protest heralding its reluctance to listen to the students within the UC system.

About 200 protestors were led by a grey-haired UCLA staffer wearing a crown, known only to the crowd as "Mr. Chancellor."

"I looked up the word 'regent' the other day and it means king," said "Mr. Chancellor" Fred Loree, who kept the crowd fired-up by shouting into a megaphone. "And we, the students, staff and faculty of the University of California, are slaves to this

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In the last gathering of the year at the Women's Center, panelists Denise Segura, Elizabeth Robinson, Shirley Jackson, Helen Quan and Claire Flynn discussed issues of race and how they relate to the modern feminist movement.

Feminist Panel Discusses Ethnicity and Gender Issues

By Allison Landa
Staff Writer

Differing conceptions of minority roles within the feminist movement were the subject of the final Women's Center event of the quarter Thursday afternoon.

The program, a faculty and staff discussion panel titled "Women Of Color In The Feminist Movement," organized by

student program intern Maya Hernandez, featured sociology Associate Professor Denise Segura, KCSB advisor Elizabeth Robinson, Black Studies lecturer Shirley Jackson, former Educational Opportunity Program counselor Helen Quan and Women's Studies Administrative Assistant Claire Flynn.

"I think women of color may not see themselves in the way that [feminism] has been framed," said Segura, who has

done extensive research on Chicano women in such movements. "But that does not mean that they have not been there."

Jackson agreed, noting that issues linked with the feminist cause often do not coincide with those of Black women. "This movement may not have been attractive to Black women or women of color because [the issues were not pertinent to them],"

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Weather

Contrary to opinion, the Weather Priestess doesn't give a damn about the indiscretions or boasts of the peons inhabiting her sphere. For example, if she did, she would have rained ferociously on the regents at UCLA. In the meantime, we here at the Nexus will just continue to whistle while we work, and wait for the inevitable discovery of an ancient Indian burial ground in the opinions office to drive us from our fair cave.

Friday's High: 72, Low: 48
 Outlook: Sunny with some clouds. Perfect for sloshball.
 High tide: 6:24 am (3.7), 6:55 pm (5.1)
 Low tide: 12:41 am (1.2), 12:20 pm (0.8)
 Sunset: 7:58 pm, tomorrow's Sunrise: 5:53 am.

HEADLINERS

Man Claims Bank is Racially Biased

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Mexican-American real estate investor has accused Imperial Bank of lending more readily to people of Asian background than to Hispanics, Blacks and other minorities.

Max Guefen, a 1975 immigrant who became a U.S. citizen in 1991, said the Inglewood-based bank cut off his credit line with only this explanation from an officer: "For all Imperial knows, you could be in Mexico tomorrow."

Guefen founded a family business fixing up and selling houses and later apartments. He said he has borrowed and repaid millions of dollars from banks including Imperial, a real estate loan specialist.

In a lawsuit in state court, Guefen maintains that officials of the 10-branch bank repeatedly made racist remarks to him and denied him a new \$4.7 million



loan in December 1993 solely because he is from Mexico.

The bank has denied wrongdoing and countersued Guefen, demanding immediate payment of the \$2 million he has borrowed. It contends that it extended his credit line once when payment came due, then denied his request for the larger loan last year when he again was unable to pay off the existing loan.

On Thursday, Guefen demanded at the annual meeting of the bank's parent company, Imperial Bancorp, that it conduct a

board-level investigation of its lending practices.

Imperial's general counsel, Richard M. Baker, declined to respond to that request or to an affidavit from a former Imperial official supporting Guefen's assertion that discrimination was common. Baker said he couldn't discuss the matters because of the lawsuits.

Baker said Imperial's record of lending to minorities was certified as satisfactory two years ago after a federal Community Reinvestment Act examination. He said another

CRA exam is under way and the bank believes that it will again receive a satisfactory rating.

But Guefen said sworn statements by Helmut G. Fend, a former Imperial vice president and senior loan officer, provide evidence of racism and discrimination.

In an affidavit, Fend said inferior credit packages to Asian buyers were often approved while loans to other minorities with the same or better loan credentials were rejected or subjected to more scrutiny, terms and conditions.

Fend said that Ken Libkin, an Imperial executive who challenged Guefen's loan package, reportedly said he felt uncomfortable with Guefen because he was a "Mexican" and a "slum lord." He said Libkin had also discriminated against Black loan applicants.

California Threatens Big Accountancy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The state's accounting board has sought to revoke or suspend the license of Arthur Andersen & Co., the world's biggest accounting firm, for negligence in auditing Lincoln Savings and two other companies.

Irvine-based Lincoln was seized in 1989 at an ultimate cost to taxpayers of \$3.4 billion, America's costliest thrift failure. The chairman of its Phoenix-based parent company, American Continental Corp., is serving a 12-year prison sentence for fraud.

After two years of investigating Lincoln, California's board of accountancy filed charges against Andersen that are to be heard by an administrative law judge in Los Angeles.

"We had extensive discussions with the firm" in efforts to settle the case before the accusation was filed May 3, Gregory P.



Newington, the board's enforcement program chief, said Thursday.

Marshall Grossman, a lawyer for Arthur Andersen, said the discussions were not only extensive but conclusive. He said they resulted in a deal in early December calling for Arthur Andersen to pay \$625,000 and perform hundreds of hours of pro bono work to settle the Lincoln charges.

Grossman accused the board of withholding the Lincoln settlement to pressure Arthur Andersen

to pay \$2 million to settle the other two cases, which involved allegedly negligent audits of the A&B Loan Co. and Grand Wilshire Chevrolet.

He said state law limits the firm to paying only the board's investigative costs — \$550,000 total in the A&B and Wilshire cases — plus penalties of no more than \$2,500 per case.

Arthur Andersen has filed suit accusing the board of misconduct. At an initial hearing on that suit Thursday, Los Angeles Superior Court

Judge Diane Wayne got Deputy Attorney General Michael Grannen to admit that he had signed the agreement on behalf of the board, Grossman said.

He accused lawyers for the board of leaking confidential documents, saying Wayne had ruled that depositions may be taken from board officers and attorneys regarding allegations of the leaks.

"What we have here is a state board investigation that has run amok," Grossman said.

Andersen & Co. gave Lincoln and American Continental a clean bill of health in 1985, but resigned a year later. The company is one in a series of accounting firms later accused of wrongfully helping Keating prop up a crumbling financial empire. Its conduct constituted "gross negligence," the board charged.

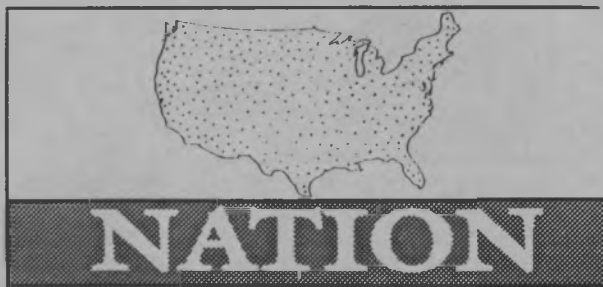
Debate Arises Over Sale of STD Drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — A drug company asked federal regulators Thursday to approve the first non-prescription drug for a sexually transmitted disease — medicine that could help 55 million Americans fight genital herpes.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other critics vehemently opposed the move, saying it would endanger patients by increasing drug resistance and blocking doctors' ability to diagnose AIDS and other diseases that mimic or accompany herpes.

"We are concerned that this could have a negative effect on public health," warned Dr. Phil Pellet of the CDC.

"We are looking at great danger," added G'Dali



Braverman of the AIDS activist group ACT-UP.

Burroughs-Wellcome Co. told a government hearing Thursday that allowing the prescription drug acyclovir to be sold over-the-counter would offer relief to millions of sufferers who don't have the time or money to visit a doctor whenever the disease flares up.

If the Food and Drug Administration agrees, acyclovir would become

this country's first oral, non-prescription medicine for an infectious disease. It won't decide the issue before a second hearing in July.

About 55 million people have herpes simplex virus-2, or HSV-2, which causes sores on the genitals and painful nerve inflammation. In some people, symptoms remain latent for years, while others experience outbreaks several times a year. Between

250,000 and 500,000 new cases are diagnosed each year.

There is no cure, but acyclovir taken as soon as symptoms appear can reduce the length of outbreaks, and some hard-hit patients take it daily to reduce the frequency of attacks.

It also can alleviate shingles and chicken pox, and very preliminary evidence that it could help AIDS patients prompts thousands to take daily doses as well.

Patients would be told by the drug's label and a massive advertising campaign to see a doctor for the initial diagnosis because herpes lesions mimic such diseases as syphilis.

Sanctuary Bill Changed for Mobil

By Michael Ball
Reporter

Lawmakers in Sacramento have amended a bill that would establish a ban on oil drilling along the California coast to allow a local development project to proceed.

In its original form, Assembly Bill 2444, proposed by Assemblyman Jack O'Connell (D-Santa Barbara), may have prohibited Mobil Oil from pursuing Project Clearview.

The bill proposes to make the state's entire coast into one sanctuary, replacing the current setup of three disparate sanctuaries covering three separate areas of shoreline. Oil leases already in place would not be affected when the bill becomes law.

To avoid confusion as to whether the bill would hinder Mobil's plans, O'Connell added an amendment clarifying the company's ability to apply. This amendment permits Mobil to apply for a lease expansion until the end of the year, when the bill takes effect. Any applications filed after Jan. 1, 1995, will not be considered.

According to Gavin Payne, O'Connell's chief of staff, oil companies wishing to start a project will need to act quickly. "It is our intention [to allow] the boundary adjustment applications until the end of the year. After that, you're out of luck," he said.

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Gavin Payne
chief of staff
for Jack O'Connell

According to Mobil spokeswoman Shauna Clarke, the corporation expects to apply for the Clearview permit by late summer. She added that the company was grateful for the amendment added by Assemblyman O'Connell.

With the Clearview project, Mobil would tap into offshore oil fields by constructing two large drilling rigs on shore. Because much of the offshore oil is located underneath a no-drilling sanctuary, Mobil would like to have its lease expanded to encompass some of these currently protected reserves.

"It's time we ended the hodgepodge of confusing statutes and enacted a consistent, and permanent, oil sanctuary in California's state waters," O'Connell said.

He also stressed the need to not overdevelop the coastline. Too much industrialization there could affect the state's tourism, lodging and fishing industries, O'Connell

said. During consideration by the Senate Appropriations Committee, a second amendment was proposed by state Senator Pat Johnston that would effectively erase the application deadline, and allow a request at any time for a lease expansion.

The companies believe Johnston's suggestion would be a benefit. "We think it is good for the oil industry in general," Clarke said.

Linda Krop, acting chief counsel at the Environmental Defense Center, expressed support for O'Connell's bill, but stressed that the EDC is strongly opposed to the Clearview project.

"Just the fact that [Mobil] can apply for a lease adjustment, does not mean that they have a right to develop the area," she said. "We will oppose them every step of the way."

Reaction from 3rd District Supervisor Willy Chamberlin's office was less concrete. Chamberlin assistant Tom Widroe said it was difficult to take a position on the Clearview project without seeing a specific proposal. Mobil has not yet presented one to the county board of supervisors.

However, Widroe did express Chamberlin's preference that the state refrain from making decisions regarding offshore drilling on the Santa Barbara coast.



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Student Appealing Fact-Finding Report

By Joanna Frazier
Staff Writer

Student Affairs personnel appear to be looking into a grievance filed by a former *Daily Nexus* editor in chief claiming that a campus official violated privacy rights by releasing students' grades to a public body.

An appointed fact-finder's report from May 2 indicates that Assistant Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Ernest Lopez legitimately accessed *Daily Nexus* staffers' grades for Press Council. This finding comes despite claims from former Nexus EIC Anita Miralle that Lopez's actions violated the 1974 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

The report maintains, however, that while Lopez should only have shared the names of Nexus staffers not in compliance with a 2.0 minimum quarterly grade point requirement with the council, he unnecessarily released the grade point averages of 18 Nexus staffers. According to the student grievance procedure, these reports are forwarded to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Michael Young for

review.

Press Council, the newspaper's governing body, contains five voting members: three students, one professional journalist and one faculty representative. Lopez is Chancellor Barbara Uehling's representative to the council and is a non-voting member.

Miralle, who stepped down from her position as editor in chief Feb. 10, plans to appeal the report's findings to Young because she believes the matter will not be finished until the university takes appropriate action with Lopez.

"I have some problems with the way the report was worded. ... This grievance is really just about [Lopez] and about how he abused his power and his failure to be responsible," Miralle said.

But Lopez said he is pleased with the report's findings, and hopes Miralle will soon turn her attention elsewhere. "I think [the fact-finder] has done an excellent job of synthesizing complex issues, and the findings are very sound," he said. "Given the numerous issues facing UCSB today, it seems

[Miralle] could be making a more wise use of her time."

Miralle's appeal would result in a full hearing in which all parties would be interviewed by an appointed body, said Student Affairs senior analyst Allyn Fleming.

If Miralle does not approve of the hearing's outcome, she can appeal again to Chancellor Barbara Uehling, according to the student grievance procedure. After that point, Miralle may have to seek resolution outside the university through legal means, Fleming said.

Miralle said the release of staffers' grades may be indicative of a greater goal by some administrators to break down the *Daily Nexus*. "There have always been problems with the administration looking for a weakness to exploit at the Nexus," she said.

Lopez, however, believes administrators have typically worked with the newspaper to provide a better product. "I have never heard of anyone in the administration who has even thought about the value of clamping down on the Nexus," he

said.

According to current Editor in Chief Kimberly Epler, Miralle's claims do not reflect the views of the Nexus staff and she believes the situation has been resolved. "Press Council worked with the Nexus to redraft a grade policy that prevents another incident from occurring," she said.

Miralle first publicized the alleged impropriety on a KCSB radio show in February shortly after resigning. She has since garnered the support of the Associated Students Legislative Council in a controversial bill authored by outgoing Representative-at-Large Kris Kohler.

Press Council Chair Daniel Thomas released a statement to Miralle on Wednesday saying that the body has reviewed the report and will not be hearing any further discussion on the issue.

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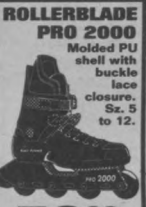
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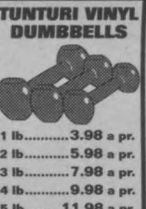
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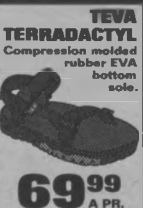
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Group Presses for Bilingual Police

By Matthew Nelson
Reporter

Members of the Isla Vista Hispanic community met last night with officials of the I.V. Foot Patrol to discuss their need for more Spanish-speaking officers in the department.

In a meeting sponsored by La Organizacion de Familias Unidas and attended by about 200 people, Lt. Roy Rosales, IVFP commanding officer, and Sgt. George Ornelas met with members of Isla Vista's Spanish-speaking community to discuss problems experienced by residents that only speak Spanish.

Difficulties range from a misunderstanding of city ordinances and parking limits to a lack of adequate communication during investigations of disturbance calls to the inability to file complaints made by Spanish-speaking people, all primarily due to the fact that Rosales and Ornelas are the only fluently bilingual officers on the force.

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**Lt. Roy Rosales
commanding officer
I.V. Foot Patrol**

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"I go to the police officers when I have problems with my neighbor, I have problems in my home, I have problems with my car, and nobody speaks Spanish." That is a problem," said LOFU member Gerardo Guerrero.

To combat the problem, the group has collected nearly 300 signatures from the I.V. community to petition the Sheriff's Dept. for additional bilingual officers. They hope to have at least one officer available at all times to handle problems from Spanish-speaking individuals. Last night's meeting was the first chance for the police and community to meet and discuss the problem

firsthand.

The Sheriff's Dept. is aware of the problem, but at the moment cannot provide additional officers. "To be honest, I don't know where we're going to get the Spanish-speaking officers," Rosales said. "We only have seven Spanish-speaking field officers in the entire department."

Although the law enforcement agency is supportive of the effort, there are not enough applicants that speak the language, Rosales added. "We are sensitive to the need to keep informed, and when the opportunity comes up to bring a Spanish-speaking officer aboard in I.V., we'll do that. In the meantime, we have to find measures to try to take care of the problem."

Participants were hopeful but cautious. "This meeting is a start but it may not be enough," said Abel Gutiérrez, El Congreso chair. "Things happen when they get promoted and then as time goes on they die off. Things need to be discussed all of the time."

Kids Learn About Diversity at School Fair

Elementary school students were given the opportunity to learn about a host of cultures at a Culture Fair Thursday afternoon at Isla Vista Elementary School.

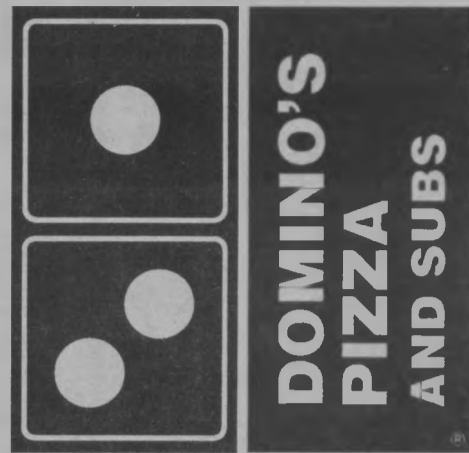
The fair, held every other year, offers students the chance to celebrate cultural diversity through student performances of songs and dance, representing places such as Africa, Japan and the Caribbean. Booths offering special activities and a

wide variety of foods were also available for the students' enjoyment.

"The purpose of the event is to celebrate the different cultures that are found throughout the world," said I.V. School principal Dan Cooperman.

Citing the wide variety of cultures that are represented within the student population, Cooperman said it was only

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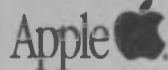


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Meeting Focuses on Bylaws, Bike Shop

Discussion concerning funding for the Associated Students Bike Shop dominated Wednesday's A.S. Legislative Council meeting.

The student-sponsored bill, authored by Rep-at-Large Kris Kohler, suggests the allocation of A.S. capital reserves to refurbish the bike shop, the forming of a checking account for ordering parts, a proposed name change and the creation of a steering committee.

A.S. Controller Chuck Darrow opposed the bill on the grounds that it was poorly thought out, and does not address the prob-

— “
We're going to definitely have to come up with a new solution for the bike shop.
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Eric Osterhues
 off-campus representative

lems that are facing the bike shop.

According to Off-Campus Rep Eric Osterhues, the establishment has been overlooked by A.S. and the bill is not an adequate solution.

“We're going to definitely have to come up with a new solution for the

bike shop,” said Osterhues. “I really think [the bill proposed] is a big mistake.”

Other events at this week's meeting included the introduction of three bylaw changes and the passing of two charters.

The UC Student Assn. and UC Lobby Corps

charters were also ratified this week. According to Kohler, who authored the bills, they outline the restructuring of these two groups as a response to the *Smith v. Regents* ruling.

“It's important that we [ratified] the UCLC and UCSA charters,” said On-Campus Rep Taric Hegab. “We've already supported what they say, but we needed to get it on paper.”

In other business, the council passed the key policy bylaw change and tabled, for the fourth week running, the bill to change the bylaws concerning constitutional lock-ins.

—Dan Warren

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 involved in.”

The effects of diversity are seen not only in an increased percentage in underrepresented minority students, but in recruiting people of color and women for faculty and staff positions as well, said Wayne Kennedy, senior vice president for business and finance.

“The University is com-

mitted to achieving a diverse student body,” Kennedy said. “[And] over the last 15 years, the University has made steady progress in diversifying its faculty. Women and minorities together constitute more than one-half of our junior faculty at this time.”

Providing an Affirmative Action Program Review Group Report, AAP Chair Raymond Orbach noted UCSB contributors to the Affirmative Action Template, a pipeline pro-

ject designed to encourage underrepresented students to attend the UC, obtain degrees and go on to become UC faculty members and researchers.

“[Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Michael] Young led a concerted effort of individuals to actively construct the template,” Orbach said. “A report, if implemented, can have a major impact on the University.”

According to Young, the template works to advance the University and provide a catalyst for progress.

“There's heightened anticipation for new leadership, in the aftermath of the hunger strike and for our faculty who want to lead these [people of color], as well as whites, into the 21st century,” he said.

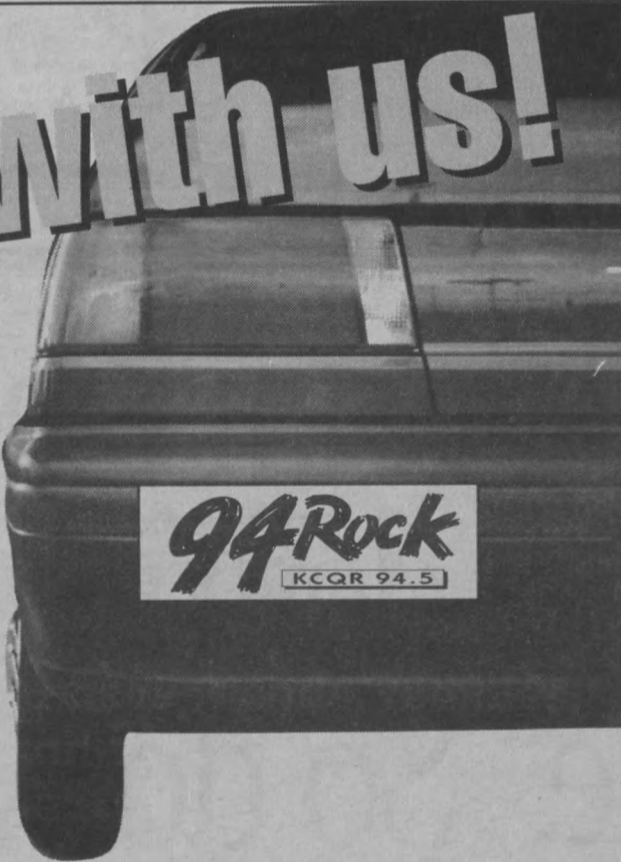
Another proposal for

increasing diversity is the California Alliance for Minority Participation in science, engineering and mathematics, presented by UC Irvine Chancellor Laurel Wilkening. Currently administered through four regional sites — UC Davis, UCLA, UC Santa Cruz and UCI — C.A.M.P.'s goal is to double the number of bachelor of science degrees awarded to underrepresented minority students annually, Wilkening said.

“Students of all races filter out of science and engineering, so that only a fraction of interested high school students earn B.S. degrees,” she said. “Our hope is that through the proposed Regents' Diversity Initiative, we will expand to include the other four general campuses next year.”

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aristocracy. So what we have leaving this campus are people programmed to work for these manufacturers of aluminum siding."

Loree took staged questions from the crowd related to what he called "regent atrocities," such as the large real estate holdings of the UC and the constant construction at all nine campuses. "Putting buildings before people is the new wave of education in California," he said.

Others in the crowd, chanting and cheering with Loree, were wearing paper Burger King crowns with "UCLA King" taped over the fast-food restaurant's logo.

"Come out, Jack, and hear us speak," cried Urban Planning graduate student Fred Seavey to the crowd, addressing UC President Jack Peltason, who was inside UCLA's James West Alumni Center with the regents.

Members of the board would not respond to questions about the protesters except to say that they were unaware that a rally was being held outside of their meeting hall.

The demonstration began at another location on the UCLA campus, where amplifiers were used by various speakers to help convey their message to those awaiting the protest.

“Academic values have become traditional business values of profitability under the UC Regents.”

**Kerima Reed
chair
UCLA's Women's
Rights Committee**

"Universities, especially the UC system, cannot be counted on to solve [our issues]," said Kerima Reed, UCLA's Women's Rights Committee chair. "Because this system, led by corporate elite regents who are guided by the profit motive and by inhumane academic values, is a large part of the problem we are trying to solve."

"Academic values have become traditional business values of profitability under the UC Regents," she continued. "Even more disturbing, the regents are appointed as rewards to the incumbent governor's most valuable supporters."

As a way of highlighting how regents are out of touch with students, Reed cited how the UC's expenditures for operating the system's three weapons la-

boratories in 1992-93 constituted 26% of the budget, compared to the 4% spent on undergraduate education.

"Imagine, almost \$2.5 billion was spent on nuclear weapons research, while only \$368 million was spent on undergraduate instruction," she said.

Reed also supported the efforts of UC Berkeley Professor Emeritus Charles Schwartz. Schwartz is currently working on a state initiative measure to amend the California constitution to take away the autonomy the regents now enjoy, thus making the board accountable to the people of the state.

"We need to bring democracy to the university. We need to put humanity and conscience before profit to make this a more livable community," she said.

Schwartz, who is known for his regular attendance of UC Regents meetings, also spoke at the rally, and said he is pleased with the level of support the initiative is gaining.

The initiative, first introduced in the secretary of state's office in August 1993, failed to get enough signatures within the time plebiscite measures are granted.

"It was drafted two years ago with a lot of interesting debate," Schwartz said. "We had



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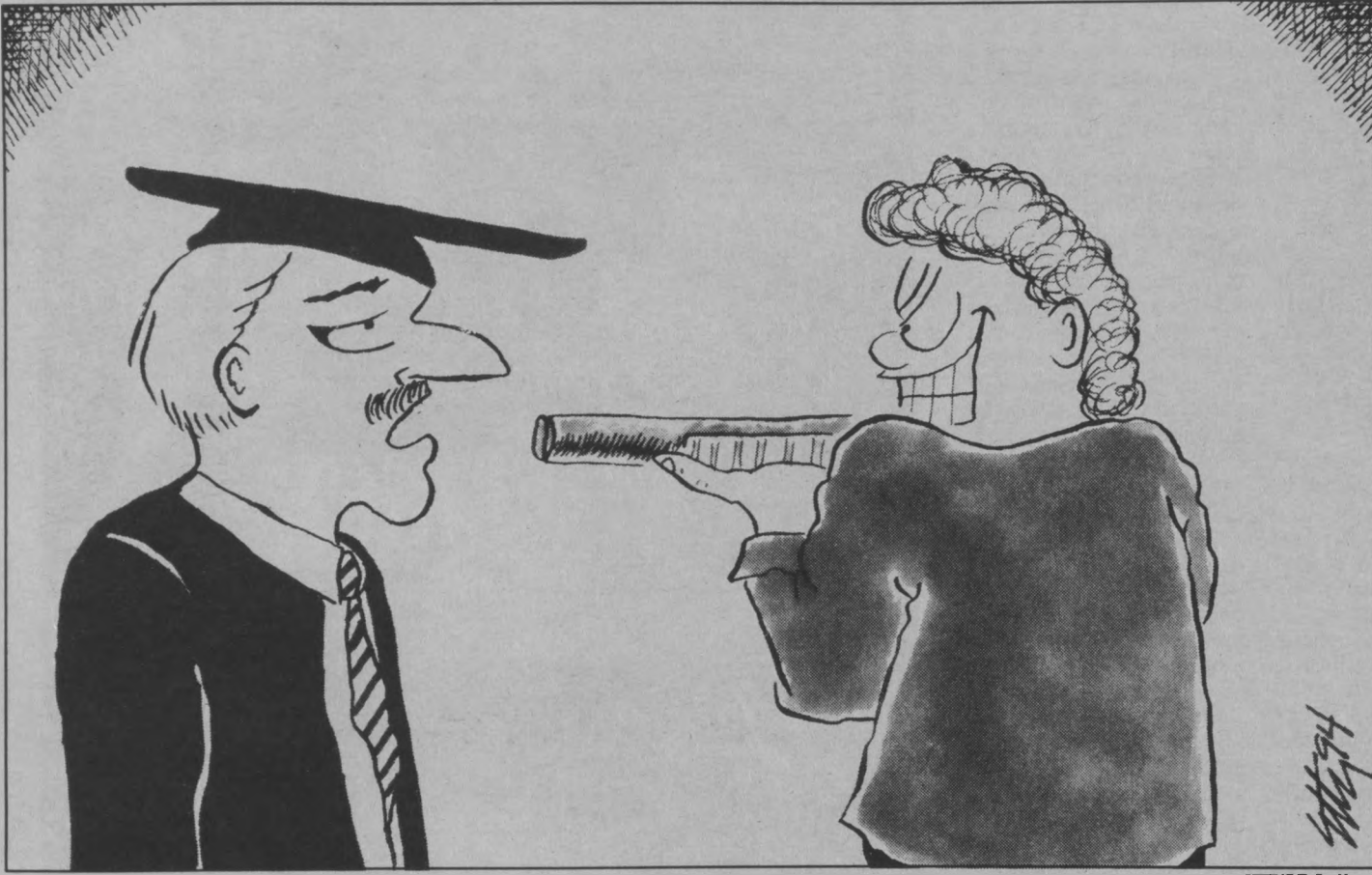
OPINION

"Never blame on malice that which can be fully explained by stupidity."

—Hanlon

When I Was Y

Nick Robertson



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Cover Up

Who Knows What Hidden Meanings Lurk on the Front Page

Editorial

Astute readers of the Nexus may have noticed earlier this week that the "Doonesbury" cartoon usually depicted directly below this space was a re-run. It happens. Things get lost. Anyway, for those of you who missed the beginning of the current storyline, it concerns the stumblings and meanderings of two former college students on graduation day. They're in their caps and gowns and everything.

The main gist of it is that these university graduates were proudly going off to work retail at the Gap. It's not entirely clear whether that's because they aspire to do no more, or if they simply have such a grim outlook that there's nothing else conceivable. Nevertheless, it's unlikely cartoonist Garry Trudeau would include a name brand in his work unless there was a high degree of ridicule.

Anyway, after a few days, we received a call from someone who was wondering if perhaps the reason the Nexus wasn't printing current strips was due to their content, what with them being about college students and all? Maybe it was too negative?

Huh. Hmmm.

No, actually, it hadn't occurred to us that it was, we just couldn't find the mailer with this week's material. Hmmm. The first thought is, of course, does this person know something we don't? Is it some reporter looking for a "Gen X Censors Bad Press" kind of story? Could it be? Maybe this is how movements get started — an idea becomes a rumor and then ...

"Twentysomethings Rebel Against Yuppie Icon"

But no, this doesn't happen. That thought, however comforting as it might be, doesn't answer all our questions. The idea that a pernicious subtext exists in some publications seems so likely, it has to be

true. Maybe, just maybe, the claims are true. And we could break the story.

First, however, it is appropriate to test our theory, necessitating a gander at the day's *Los Angeles Times*, the journalistic juggernaut of Southern California. The first headline to catch our eye, of course, was the following: "Israel, Syria Closing Gap, Officials Say." Oh. My. God.

It was not the time to panic, but we believed we were certainly on to something here. The message was cleverly hidden, and would probably not have been noticed had it not been for "Doonesbury" and the Gap. As it was, however, it was easy to pick up — college graduates are lucky if they get a job to "fill the gap," a void being closed through last ditch "diplomacy." What's next?

The story beneath the headline was another report on the Middle East peace and autonomy negotiations, a nearly flawless disguise. Nobody really thinks anything lasting will come of the peace talks, so there's no need to pay too much attention. But the article existed for one reason: to convey the message of slamming the door on our generation.

It is sad that such high institutions as "Doonesbury" and the *Times* would be in on this macroconspiracy, rather than exposing the truth to their readers. As everyone knows, the severity of the crime is usually as big as the extent of its cover-up. So digging deeper, we theorized that perhaps a disgruntled postal worker who knew about the plot to disenfranchise youth intentionally failed to deliver the week's comic, hoping to ignite generational enmity.

There could be a massive slacker underground!

Wednesday night, we found this week's "Doonesbury" under a pile of newspapers, and remembered that we had just lost it. In more ways than one. Anyway, here's the correct "Doonesbury" strip for Friday. See you Monday.

Well, this year is rapidly drawing to a close, but what a year. This has been my first year here at UCSB, and though I don't feel like a very different person overall. I always figure that with higher education, my "inner self" would evolve into a deity on the world. I would be inspired to write the Great American Novel. I would end up spending all of my time in dark coffee houses, barely making my way toward sophomore status, let alone graduate school.

Instead of philosophizing while sipping espresso, I have been spending my way to the front of the keg line. Instead of sitting at the next *Huckleberry Finn* within a week, I have grudgingly written spineless term papers an hour before they were due. And I suppose I've failed.

However, I would never call this year a waste of my time. It's the best years of my life. The independence, the new friends, the freedom, until 11 o'clock on your average morning — I couldn't have asked for more.

But to a certain extent, I feel kind of empty. I bullshitted myself in mind that although I could get away without doing necessary assignments now, I would soon have to put my work in college. Within a month of being here, I realized that in fact, it's a helluva lot easier to play hooky here when there's no one in the sheet.

During this last quarter, I've had many opportunities to do things I've spent as much as (gasp) six years here. When they find out that I've got little booties on and am holding a rattle. They'll remember their freshman year, let alone the high school career that is so important in my memory.

At first this made no sense to me. How could you ever forget the proms and lockers? Some say that the best years of their lives slip away so easily?

But then I realized that all things slip away and seem much more precious. I have maybe eight or nine clear memories from junior high school. Games of "spin the bottle" seemed at the time, and that was as far as the seniors about to embark into the world. I guess in four (or five) years to remember that spirit day when I had to dress up in a bikini.

So, in reflection, I guess it's been a good year, and I don't regret anything else since last September. I may not be a brilliant student, but I'm learning how to get the phone bill paid on time. We can only hope that my graduation day at the lagoon.

Nick Robertson is a Nexus assistant county editor.

If We Vote, W

Dave Wappler

If you voted in the recent student elections, congratulations. Voting is far too often dismissed as a trivial nuisance, when in fact it is the beginning of a free, just and democratic community. Sometimes it takes small but powerful action on the other side of the world to remind us of this: a frail, elderly South African woman walking miles to the voting booth to vote for her first time.

For those that didn't vote, I ask that you reconsider having a voice of silence. In the statewide June 7 election, UCSB students and all Californians will have an excellent opportunity to save coastal open space, preserve critical wildlife habitat and improve parks and recreational programs by voting Yes on Prop 180, the California Parks and Wildlife Initiative. This initiative, nicknamed CALPAW, would help preserve such local coastal treasures as the Wilcox property and More Mesa.

If you haven't had a chance to explore and enjoy these last remaining undeveloped coastal lands of Santa Barbara, you're missing out on what in reality are the best parks of Santa Barbara. No, they're not now officially parks, but they're enjoyed by many as if they were. All that is very temporary, though, and could change soon, because the landowners want to build numerous expensive condominiums and houses.

Prop 180 would establish a solid public funding source to buy and permanently protect the Wilcox property, More Mesa and more than 400 of California's most valuable natural lands, including wetlands, oak wetlands, oak woodlands, scenic rivers, and streams and redwood forests. By voting Yes on 180, one has an opportunity to make a positive statement on protecting and enjoying California's diverse natural environment and to leave behind to future generations things truly of value, rather than crowded freeways and urban decay.

But how will we pay for these land purchases and programs? Prop 180 would authorize the state to sell almost \$2 billion in general obligation bonds to willing investors. A number of other bond acts have been approved by California voters in the past, including higher education construction bonds to help build universities such as UCSB. Bond measures are a wise and careful way to fund large-scale projects that will benefit many for a long period of time.

CALPAW does not in any way require or impose a tax increase, as bond investors will be paid back over a 20-year period using the existing tax revenues that the state receives every year from taxpayers. It is estimated that this bond measure would cost each Californian less than 50 cents a month paid out of general funds. With the inevitable population increase, the actual cost per Californian is expected to decline. This same population increase is another

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Young ...

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but what do I have to show for it? Though I have learned a fair amount, I really wish I had figured that when I started being a student I would be a debonaire man of society, ready to take on the great American Novel, and for some reason I would be wearing a beret. Right now I'm just a student, let alone sophisticated status.

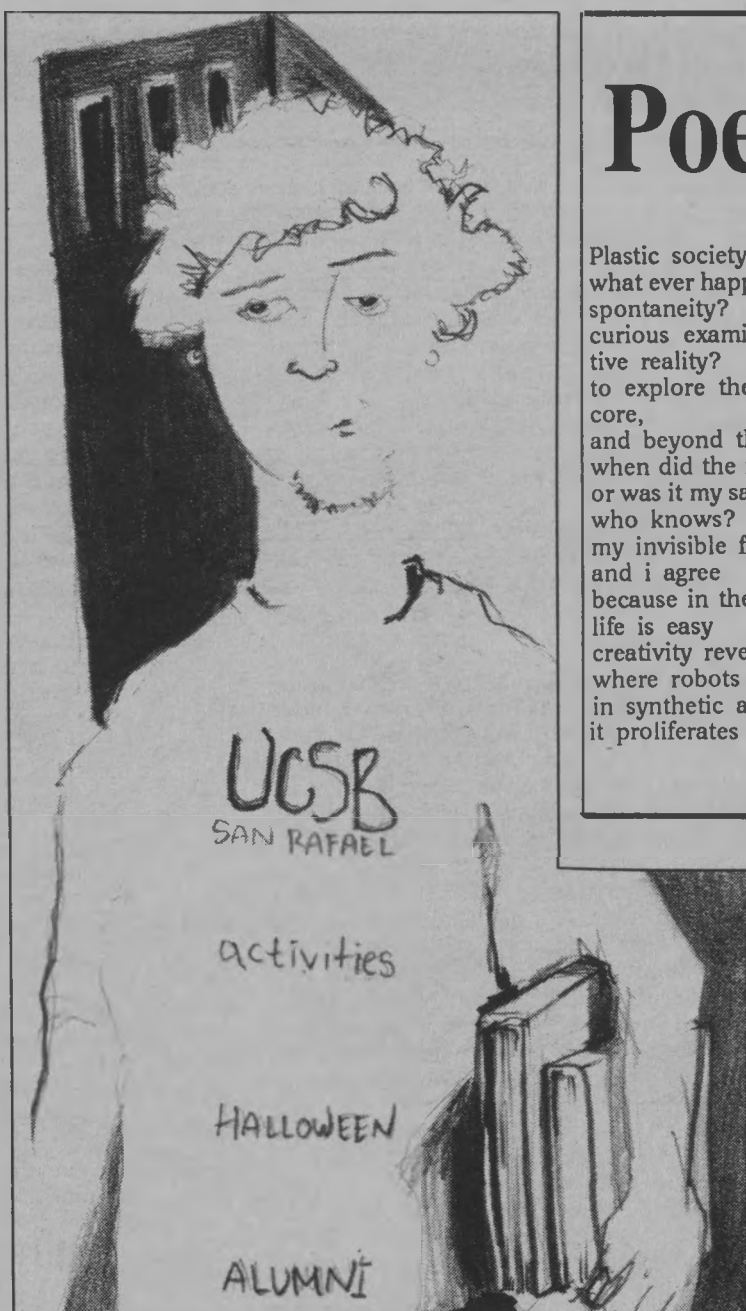
So, I have found myself struggling while forcing myself to sit at my word processor and banging out words, strugglingly labored over the keyboard trying to get my due. As far as my expectations have gone, I have been disappointed.

anytime. In fact, this has easily been one of the best times of my life, the big parties, not having to wake up early, I couldn't really ask for much more.

shifted my way through high school with the thought of doing any reading and barely doing the minimum. I put my nose to the grind and do some real work, I realized that things were not that different; in fact, there's 800 students in one class and no roll call.

ities to talk to graduating seniors who have just found out that I'm a freshman, they look at me like I'm a stranger. They have told me that they can barely remember their high school career that remains so fresh and important. I never forget the days of innocence, the days of when my life was in high school. How could I have been so much less pertinent to us over time. Now I'm a senior in high school, no matter how big those days were, that was as equally long ago for me as it was for them. In four (or five) years, I'm probably not going to be in a bikini top and Well, you get the idea. I don't think I could picture myself having a career, not being a budding scholar yet, but at least I'm sure I can only guess for now what I'll remember.

y editor.



Poetry in Plastic

Plastic society
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and a stranger they are no longer
Kevin Dale is a Nexus columnist.



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For Mindy, For Us

Editor, Daily Nexus:

While interning in Washington, D.C., on the UCDC program last fall for the National Women's Political Caucus, I learned about Mindy Lorenz's candidacy for state Assembly in Santa Barbara. Upon returning to Santa Barbara, I met with Mindy and knew right away that she was the kind of person that we needed in Sacramento. Since I have been working on her campaign, my perspective on political candidates has really changed.

I, like many people, used to think all candidates were self-interested, and, once elected, ineffective leaders. Now, however, I truly believe that there are individuals who, because of their life experience and commitment to the community, have the ability to effectively represent the people.

Mindy has a career as an educator in the California State University system, so it is not the case that she is turning to politics to find a life-long career. She truly believes, as I do, that her experience as an educator and longtime local environmental and community activist can bring a different, necessary voice to the governance of the state.

When I was in D.C., I escorted a woman from Ohio who was running for Congress around the city for two days. She was a Mary Kay executive with two small children. Like Mindy, she had a stable, well-paying job, but she wanted to bring a real person's perspective to politics.

These last few months have really opened my eyes to the fact that being a candidate for public office is hard work, but at the same time, it is not an opportunity limited to people with money and/or political connections. It seems that in many ways we are moving out of the days when only political insiders are getting elected. I think there is a lot to be said about the fact that we have two educators running for local office: Mindy, who is running for state Assembly, and Walter Capps, who is running for Congress. These are the voices we need to effectively represent the students in Sacramento.

Between working, going to school, taking care of family or tending to other responsibilities, many of us do not have much time to become active, but if we do not all work together to fight for students' rights and needs, things will only get worse.

RACHEL GIBSON

You Have a Place

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Many people call UC Santa Barbara the university of the apathetic. A school of horridly low voter turnout and only marginal interest in politics around and within the university community. Others feel that you learn what you are taught. If you are shown time and time again that student voices are not heard and are ineffective, then why bother screaming? For the first time on campus, students are screaming, working and starving, and they/we are beginning to be heard. El Congreso initiated the move toward the university taking student voices seriously.

A university resource, the Women's Center, is a part of this community that is ready to effectively hear the students. The Women's Center is ready to turn our voices into action. The center is looking to establish a board. This board and the voices that it consists of will collectively decide the long-range goals of the Women's Center, how the center will most effectively serve the community, which programs should be initiated and presented to proactively further women on this campus, how the Women's Center appears as a physical presence on this campus, the hiring of staff, and other issues as they arise.

The only requirement to be on this board is commitment. A commitment to meeting once every other week and of your words to help make the above decisions. There is no limit to the number of students, faculty, staff and community members, only that each person is committed to the meetings and to discussing collectively the future directions of our Women's Center.

Saturday morning, May 21, at 9 a.m. at the Women's Center will be the first meeting of the new board. Over breakfast, decisions will start to be made as to what the center's priorities should be and how to go about achieving specified goals. I urge any student who has an interest in making this resource work effectively for our community to come to this meeting and to let your voice work effectively. If you have any questions, are interested but can not make this meeting, or only want to work on specific projects, please call 893-3778. Thank you.

LISA PRADELL
A.S. Women's Commission

We Can Save

compelling reason to vote Yes on Prop 180, as our remaining natural areas will no doubt be increasingly threatened with development and we and our children will need uncrowded parkland and recreational opportunities even more.

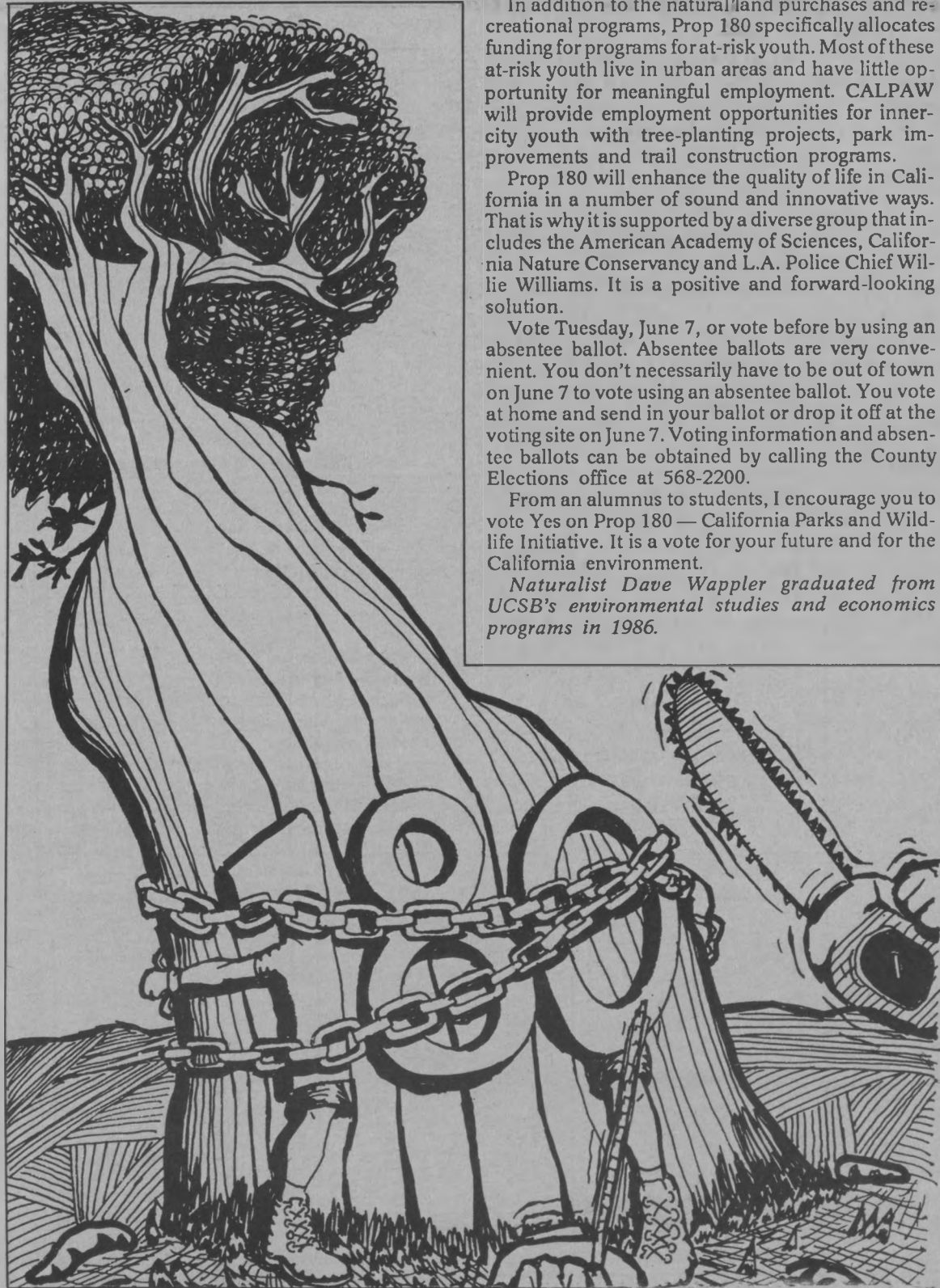
In addition to the natural land purchases and recreational programs, Prop 180 specifically allocates funding for programs for at-risk youth. Most of these at-risk youth live in urban areas and have little opportunity for meaningful employment. CALPAW will provide employment opportunities for inner-city youth with tree-planting projects, park improvements and trail construction programs.

Prop 180 will enhance the quality of life in California in a number of sound and innovative ways. That is why it is supported by a diverse group that includes the American Academy of Sciences, California Nature Conservancy and L.A. Police Chief Willie Williams. It is a positive and forward-looking solution.

Vote Tuesday, June 7, or vote before by using an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are very convenient. You don't necessarily have to be out of town on June 7 to vote using an absentee ballot. You vote at home and send in your ballot or drop it off at the voting site on June 7. Voting information and absentee ballots can be obtained by calling the County Elections office at 568-2200.

From an alumnus to students, I encourage you to vote Yes on Prop 180 — California Parks and Wildlife Initiative. It is a vote for your future and for the California environment.

Naturalist Dave Wappler graduated from UCSB's environmental studies and economics programs in 1986.



The Reader's Voice, Act II

Can't Stay Away

Editor, Daily Nexus:

There's a fine dictum for you. I quote from the editorial of the May 16 Nexus: "Fine, they can do that. Just not EVERYWHERE [my emphasis]."

Thanks! That makes my day! As long as a protest does not affect those people with the closest association, everything is fine. Does no one else view this as an absurdity?

Restaurant segregation? Please do not disturb the patrons of the lunch counter by sitting here. Grape boycotters, please don't upset the shoppers at the supermarket. Logging of the old growth forests upset you? Stay out of the woods! Oh, and all nuclear protesters please refrain from driving near Avila Beach or Nevada. Perhaps my point is obvious even to those pointy-headed liberals busy with correcting political thought.

The only correct place to protest ABORTION is where the KILLING is occurring. The only way to affect a change in attitude in those mothers-to-be is to speak to them before they kill their unborn children. The only place to find girls (women) who lack the knowledge of fetal development or are unaware of options is a clinic that would sooner abort them than counsel adoption.

If this is not obvious to the pro-abortionists, would they please respond in writing how they can condone leftist violence while condemning legitimate protests from pro-lifers. Truckers have been killed by protesting Teamsters without any ACLU involvement. Why has no federal law kept ecologists away from timber farms and beached whales? Where are the injunctions against anti-vivisectionists marching around Biology?

By the way, where do you get off suggesting that legitimate health care is being jeopardized by abortion protests? Any person who spends ANY time in front of Planned Parenthood knows that the drive-in trade is unaffected and walk-ins are only OFFERED literature. There is no way to make a person hold out their hand from a distance of eight feet.

From a personal point of view, there is a great satisfaction in making eye contact with someone struggling with a decision and having the chance to speak to them about the options. Many a young man wanders outside the clinic while his girlfriend is getting tested, then summons up enough courage to flank the deathscorts and come onto the sidewalk to listen and ask very difficult questions. This may be the last chance (or first time) this young father-to-be has to affect the life of his child.

Pro-choicers, I pray that you will never have to be in the position of watching, voiceless, as a tearful, terrified child/woman is forcefully led in the front door by her parents to have their first grandchild destroyed. This is the stuff of nightmares!

MARTIN VANDENBROER

(No) More Racism

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The extent of the racism present at this campus has become apparent to me during the past two weeks. It all started with El Congreso's successful hunger strike.

I would like to start by congratulating them and to say that I admire their efforts in fighting for something that they truly believe in. They were willing to sacrifice their lives in order to improve this university for themselves and for future students. That is something that few students at this university could say. So many of us have stood by as we watched the UC Regents take advantage of us — raising fees and diminishing the quality of education while they stuffed their pockets with salary increases. Finally, a group of people have come along and stood up for their rights. They demonstrated that radical action is needed in order for change to occur.

People have called them "juvenile" and "selfish." Wendy MacFarlane stated that the administration should have "let them pass out." I am getting sick and tired of reading inhumane, ignorant and racist letters from the population at UCSB. I think that if I hear another moan from some white person about reverse racism and oppression, I will have to vomit.

Do you really want to join an all-white club? Why not try the National Front, the KKK, or any other fascist, white supremacist group?

If you want to learn more about your "white" culture, there are plenty of opportunities. There are several classes offered through the History, Political Science and Religious Studies departments that focus specifically on European history and culture. There are also German, French, Italian, Russian, etc., language departments.

Everyone is up in arms because of ethnic organizations. Maybe if you would take more than is required of ethnic studies, you could begin to understand the centuries of true racism and oppression that have been committed against ethnic groups in the United States and elsewhere. Maybe you would understand where the anger comes from, and you would understand why these people would seek strength from each other rather than from another unlikely source — fellow Caucasian UCSB students.

I found Walter Rosenfeld's (Daily Nexus, Reader's Voice, May 16) letter shocking. Why does he feel so threatened? Is it because he revels in his inherent power as a white male? How fitting that he compares himself to de Klerk. Why is he so afraid of having to

learn another language or living near people of other ethnicities? In many other countries, multiple languages are spoken and children learn to speak them at a young age.

In college, I hoped to learn about other people and cultures, as well as academia. College should be a forum for tolerance, learning and sharing. Yet it seems that many students at UCSB want to remain in their middle-class, narrow-minded, ethnocentric, simple worlds. They don't want to hear any complaints, nor should anyone ask for more helpings of the "pie."

I challenge you to look beyond yourself and to learn about the struggles that others have gone through to survive or even just enter UC Santa Barbara. Then we'll talk about equality.

STEPHANIE HARRALSON

A Play, A Plea

Editor, Daily Nexus:

My play "Little Lambs of Galilee" opened last Friday in the Studio Theatre. On that evening and since, audience members have sought me out to tell me their own stories, sometimes in tears, to thank me for "putting a part of my life (their lives) on stage." That is not to say that everyone has liked the play — or the idea of producing a play about Israeli life, which is to say, Jewish life.

From the vandalism in front of the Snidecor Building and the disappearance of posters on campus and throughout Isla Vista, it is apparent that many who should see it will not and many who might have been curious will not hear of it. Is it not ironic that these retaliations occurred during the very week of the signing of the historic peace accord in Israel, a treaty that might (G-d willing) put an end to the oldest war in the known world?

This on- and off-campus response is disturbing to me, not because of "Galilee's" worth to me as a piece of writing, but because of its value as a piece now being realized in production — the countless hours devoted by a powerful director to developing both a new script and an original production in the professional arena of UCSB's Studio Theatre, the depth and talent of a patient cast, the subtle exoticism expressed by its designers and the remarkable precision of technical and stage crews — each night.

To produce a play about an event as recent and as controversial as the Persian Gulf War, as universal but unreasonable as family, and as problematic as any minority population (in this case, American Jews, Arabs and Israelis), is an audacious act. That is the point of theatre, as I think it: there is a social need for it. (Don't believe the reports of its death.)

I wish to thank the Dept. of Dramatic Arts — and particularly the ever-supportive Dr. Bob Potter — for taking this chance, an extreme one, on an untried play by a graduate student. I thank director Pamela Putnam, who handled the raw script (and its author) with such sensitivity and vision. Such efforts give voice to all of us, little by little, in a world where so many have been silenced.

ROB K. BAUM

Crappy Weather

Editor, Daily Nexus,

Dear Weatherperson:

How dare you! How dare you afflict all of us here at UCSB with such unparalleled misery. I will have you know that I hold you — yes you — personally responsible for angering and offending the Weather Priestess

with that arrogant and tyrannical statement you made a few days ago. "I will make the sun disappear," you say, and then it does — followed shortly afterward by a downpour the human race has not seen since Noah built his boat!

Since it is common knowledge that it doesn't rain in Santa Barbara in May, this is obviously retribution visited upon us by the Weather Priestess. Repent! Repent your evil ways and prostrate yourself before the Weather Channel, shrine to the most high and mighty Weather Priestess. Then and only then, after you serve a most horrible penance to absolve you of your sin, will the rest of us rest easy and once again enjoy the beautiful weather that brought us here in the first place. Do this before the Weather Priestess gets really angry and tosses you into the outer darkness where there is a wailing and a gnashing of teeth.

JAMES HINKIN



Nudity and Cookies

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This letter is in response to Matt Nelson's article "Is It Just Me ... Or" in your May 17 issue.

Thanks for noticing us, Matt!!! We were beginning to believe that no one really cared about what happened last Thursday at 10:50 a.m. Your article made us realize that someone did.

First let me say, Matt, that I agree with you. If this had been art, it would have been bad. Good thing it wasn't meant to be art (sorry nobody told you beforehand). At least I don't think it was art, but then, how would I know? I'm not an art student as you have reported me to be. In fact, none of us are. Weird, huh?

Anyway, as it turns out, some people just like to walk naked, some like to scream orgasms on a bench and some like to shout about cookies. That's all. That's it. No art. No statement. It's spring.... Have a good time.... Ya know?

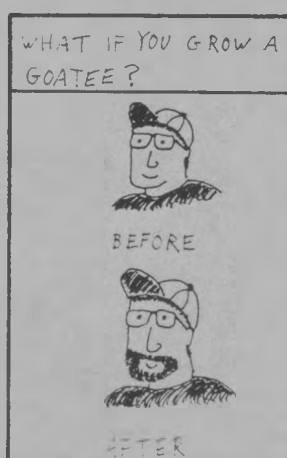
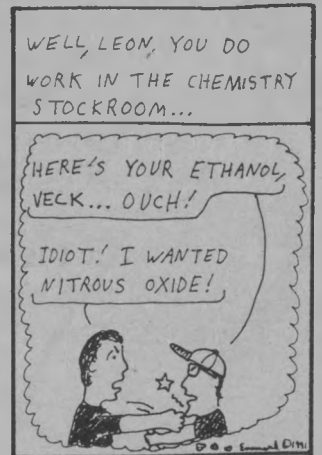
Also, Matt, I have a little friendly advice. You might want to say "sorry" to the art students that you might have put off with your article. After all, who knows what angry art students could do? They might walk around naked too.

Finally, I would like to say thanks to the artist for the picture that accompanied your article. We all thought it was cool, very artful.

ED MEEHAN (The Cookie Guy) and his friends.

Friday

By Vecker



OIL: Abandonment Safety Debated

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Other states, however, have handled the problem in a different fashion.

"In Texas they have a program called 'Rigs to Reefs,'" Clarke said. Under the plan, the wells are cemented but the actual platform is left in place to become an artificial reef.

"Because they've been there so long, there's a lot of marine life around them and it's a good place for mussels and other things to live," she explained.

Chevron is in the process of requesting a permit from the LC to abandon four platforms in the Santa Barbara channel that are no longer profitable. The company pursued a "Rigs to Reefs" proposal as a possible option but was turned down by the LC, according to Chevron abandonment team leader Gary Gray.

"There is no procedure in place in California to leave the rigs as an artificial reef," he said. "It makes sense to make use of it rather than take it to a landfill or something."

Chevron public affairs manager Mike Marcy believes leaving the platform intact is an attractive solution. "From our standpoint, if there were a way that this could be conducted in a way to en-

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People want to leave junk out in the channel just because it's easier, or because they say it is good for marine life.

Gloria Smith
EDC intern

hance the environment, such as creating an artificial reef, that would be preferable," he said.

Marcy added that fiscal gains are not the impetus for such a suggestion. "We would just as soon cut up the pieces, carry them to Long Beach and sell them," he said.

However, EDC attorney Linda Krop contends that an artificial reef may be harmful to the surrounding marine environment, and that this concern was a primary reason for the proposal's denial. "We have concern that the habitats around those areas aren't the best place to harvest shellfish because of contamination in the area," she said.

The cost of completely disposing of the Chevron platforms is estimated at \$35 million, Gray said, and will likely take a year to accomplish. These numbers may have been slightly reduced had the

option of leaving artificial reefs been accepted.

According to Smith, the EDC does not yet have an official position about the proper method of removal, but is nonetheless skeptical of some options considered, including the artificial reef.

"There's certain guidelines that are being changed. They're talking about cutting it off at the water line and leaving the infrastructure beneath the surface," she said. "People want to leave junk out in the channel just because it's easier, or because they say it is good for marine life."

Marcy noted that one snare the LC faces in distinguishing exactly how to handle abandonment is the varying concerns of involved parties. "Different jurisdictions have different interests. There is a discrepancy over where to take scrap metal," he said.

According to Clarke, however, Mobil does not favor either removing the rig completely or leaving parts of it in the channel. "It costs about the same to do both," she said, adding that the entire process, if approved, will cost around \$20 million. "It takes a while to do 27 wells, a couple of weeks for each one. And to remove all the equipment would take about a year."

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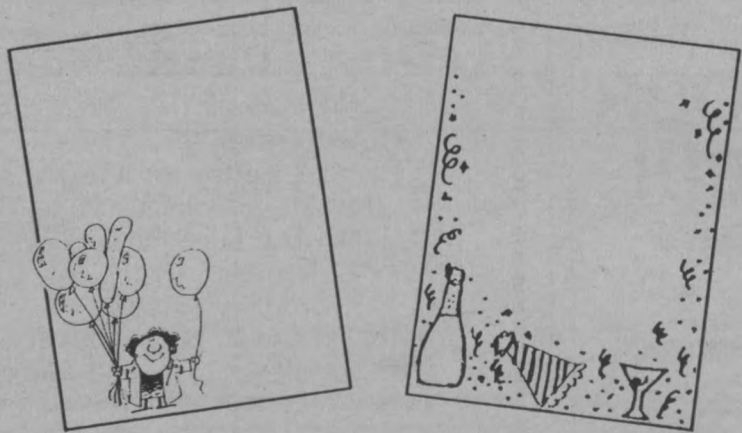
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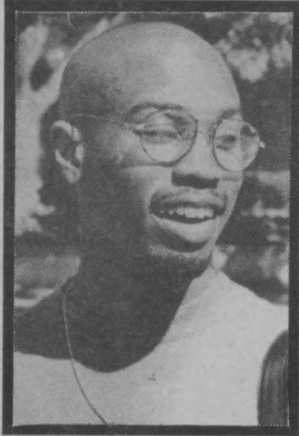
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Campus Comment

Interview by Corey Cohen
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Michael Gibbons
senior
microbiology



“
My parents wouldn't be shocked by anything.

Sebastian Diehl
postdoctorate
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ecology



“
Fell asleep on the bathroom floor after drinking too much tequila.

David Jordan
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“
Squandered too much of their money on illicit drugs.

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“
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she said.
The possibility of uniting white women with women of color under the feminist flag was a major theme of the panel, which saw this proposition as hopeful but unlikely due to oppression both past and present.
“Gender has never been a priority for these women, because we never had the privilege to be mono-issue-oriented,” said Quan, who emphasized that Asian-American and other minority women have been faced with various forms of persecution not experienced by Caucasians.
“I know there's been a long-term reluctance for American Indian women to be involved,” Flynn said. “The goals didn't seem as valid from their perspectives as [white women's] goals.”
Robinson conveyed a more optimistic

viewpoint, stating that there are times of shared goals between these women.
“I'm always hoping that people have the capacity — I know they do — to find that moment of commonality,” she said.
Increasingly separatist ethnic groups were also a topic of discussion among the panelists. Quan believes such racial isolationism to be detrimental. “Separatism is not a solution any more than us holding hands and singing ‘We Shall Overcome,’” she said.
Robinson agreed, citing the prevalence of such actions at the university level. “One of the things that's happening on this campus and elsewhere is that there are these little separatist movements everywhere,” she said.
Others disagreed, maintaining that alliances with those of similar backgrounds contributed to a strengthening environment.
“There is nothing more

beneficial for me than getting together with other American Indian women,” said Flynn. “That may be separatist, but it's very necessary to my mental health.”
Jackson openly admitted to being pessimistic about joining with those of different ethnicities. “If we don't have the same issues, why are we expected to work together?” she asked.
Panel members also decried stereotypes of women based upon their ethnicities. “There have been a lot of instances for me ... that show contrast to expectations [of Arab women],” Robinson said. “I was raised seeing a lot of women with power, albeit not public power.”
“Many believe Asian-American women are kind of quiet ... you know, we're bound-feet women,” said Quan, who made the point that these women are often the most active in political elections and rallies, defining their own brand of feminism.

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KIDS

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natural that the school should hold such an event. "Given that diversity, it's essential that the children understand other cultures," he said.

Members of UCSB's Beta Theta Pi fraternity provided help in organizing and setting up the event, including the construction of booths.

William Yen, a Beta Theta Pi member and external vice president of the Interfraternity Council, said the assistance offered

by the fraternity is part of the greek system's Adopt-a-School program. As part of the program, fraternity and sorority members contribute their time to helping kids at local schools.

"The greek system is out there helping people out," Yen said. "We've gotten a bad rap from some people and we're just trying to show that we do help."

This is the first time in his four years as principal that the school has received help from a fraternity in setting up this event, Cooperman said.

—Michael Ball

ANDY PHARO



by Andre Fairon

SEASON

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portant "plus" to focus on: the young Gauchos now have a year of experience under their belts. In the NCAA, getting experience is half of the battle of becoming a winning team.

On the more unpleasant side, UCSB is going to face some challenges next season, especially with its offense. As is the case with most teams, the Gauchos are fairly strong for the first half of the lineup, but once you get past that, the batting averages drop drastically.

No Gauchos batted over .300 this season. The closest attempt came from Kathy Shortall, who finished the season batting .293, followed closely by Aj Vitulli (.289). As a whole, UCSB was out-hit .279 to .233, totalling 334 hits and 124 RBI.

In overall scoring, UCSB was outscored 172 to 206. And in what could be considered one of the major minuses for the team this season, the Gauchos left 339 runners stranded on base.

Defensively, the team has left some room for improvement, but did fairly well despite the amount of mental errors. The pitching staff, led by Stacy Atwood (11-15), had a 2.81 ERA overall. UCSB's opponents managed to keep their earned runs down to 2.38.

"The only thing we can do now is try to learn something from this experience," Wageneck explained. "Once we do that, we can look to next season and work on building a successful program. With a little more experience under our belts and some recruits coming in, who knows what will happen?"

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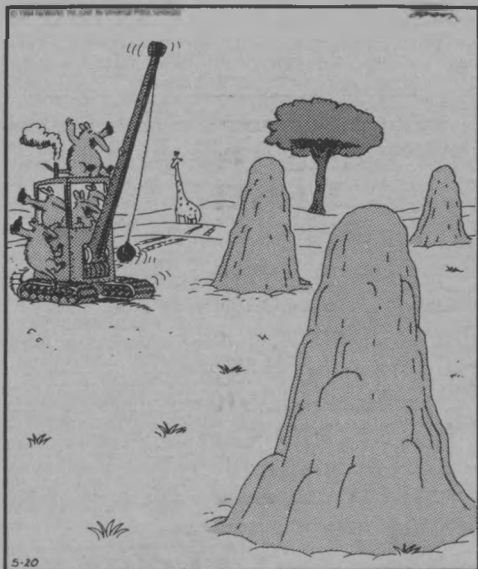
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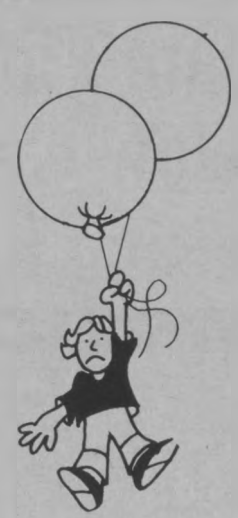
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Young Team Finishes Season Below Goal But Has Promising Future

SEASON IN REVIEW

By Jenny Kok
Staff Writer

There was a lot of optimism on the UCSB women's softball team (23-33, 10-22 in the Big West) coming into this season. Many people believed, despite the large number of new, young players, that the Gauchos were finally going to have a winning year.

Things seemed to start off very well for the young team as they won seven of their first 10 games. The season, however, took a turn in the wrong direction as they could only manage to win 16 of their final 46 matchups. This record left them at a low eighth-place finish in the Big West.

The big question now seems to be, What happened?

One needs to look at the situation from a few different angles to understand this season's results. One possibility is the amount of errors — not just statistic-dropping errors, but also the less noticeable mental ones.

Out on the field, the Gauchos committed 84 errors, averaging a .951 fielding percentage, while their competition tallied 76 errors at a .959 accuracy. This statistic may seem pretty favorable

to the team, but what it doesn't include are the times when players were out of position, or when throws just didn't have the speed they should have. According to Head Coach Frann Wageneck, it was these types of "mental" errors that might have cost the team a couple of close games.

Another possibility is the scheduling. At the beginning of the season, the Gauchos faced Division II teams — not exactly easy games, but not the level of competition that the squad was to face in league play.

The Big West is, debatably, the toughest softball conference in the NCAA. With teams like #7-ranked UNLV, #8-ranked University of Hawaii, #20-ranked Cal State Fullerton and #25-ranked Long Beach State, the odds were definitely not in favor of the freshman-dominated Gauchos.

Although having five of their nine Big West opponents ranked in the top 25 for the majority of the season might seem like a sure obstacle, the UCSB coaching staff and team are looking at it in a different light.

"Yes, we had a lot of high expectations coming into this season," Wageneck said. "We had hoped to finish in the top half of the league, but I am really not too disappointed that we didn't



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GaUCHO softball third baseman Maria Costa is on the receiving end of one of the many close plays the team has had this past season. UCSB finished conference play in eighth place this year.

because we knew it was going to be a battle from the very beginning.

"We have to sit down and look at the plusses and minuses

of the season. We need to give recognition to the minuses, but not dwell on them. We need to turn those around and focus on the plusses and how to build on

those."

All things considered, the team does have an extremely im-

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Men's and Women's Crew Set to Row Their Way to Top at Annual Pacific Coast Meet

By Brian Pillsbury
Staff Writer

It has all led up to this.

The UCSB men's and women's crew teams will journey north this weekend to the 10th Annual Pacific Coast Rowing Championships and attempt to establish themselves as the top rowing teams in the West.

"Everybody is excited about the race," UCSB's John Klein said. "You work hard for nine months and it all comes down to the one last race. Nearly every school that has a boat is going to be there."

A two-day event, the PCRCs will begin Saturday morning, with heats lasting until the mid-afternoon. The races will be held at Lake Natoma, near Sacramento. The lake is considered to be one of the best racing sites in the West, as wind and excessive moving water, which can complicate racing conditions, are rarely problems. The finals are scheduled to get underway Sunday morning.

Though Santa Barbara will be looking to

achieve regional bragging rights, another prize is in the offering should the Gaucho crew teams come in with top performances.

A victory or a second-place finish in the men's and women's eight varsity races will also guarantee an expenses-paid invitation to the National Collegiate Rowing Championships in Cincinnati June 10-11. At the NCRCs, the West Coast winners will meet the men's and women's Eastern Sprints champions and the men's Intercollegiate Rowing Assn. champion.

The UCSB women's varsity team will be looking to continue their outstanding performances in the past several races. Though UCLA is the defending champion in the women's varsity eight, the Gaucho rowers have posted two consecutive victories over UCLA.

After a slight slump in a few of their races this spring, the Gaucho men's lightweights have gotten back on track in recent weeks. A recent win over Santa Clara in particular gave their confidence a much-needed boost. The Broncos had been considered one of the top teams on the West Coast.

Equestrian Polo Hosts Coed Round-Robin Tourney

By Martin Boer
Staff Writer

Over the weekend, the UCSB Women's Equestrian Polo team continued to impress when it participated in a coed round-robin tournament at the historic Santa Barbara Polo Club.

After a recent third-place finish in the nationals, the dynamic duo of Kathryn and Elizabeth Roeser, along with UCSB alumnus John Van Shaick and Stanford student Jeff Heder, faced off against coed teams fielded by Stanford and Cal Poly.

The three teams played each other for two chukkers, periods lasting about seven minutes each. In the first game, UCSB and Cal Poly tied, 3-3. UCSB

then tied Stanford, 3-3. In the final game, Stanford defeated Cal Poly, 3-2. These matches earned Stanford first place, while UCSB and Cal Poly took second and third, respectively.

Sophomore biological sciences major Kathryn Roeser really enjoyed playing at the club but admitted it initially took time to get to know her new teammates.

"My best game was played against Stanford," Roeser said. "But it first took us one chukker to get used to playing with new people."

Scott Thomas, a UCSB graduate student who helped organize the event, deemed the day a success, as professional players were impressed by the acumen of the collegiates.

"It turns out that many of the more experienced players at the club were very encouraged at the level of play and excited by the ability of the college players," he said.

The SB Polo Club's manager, Dan Healy, noticed the command the students showed of horse riding, which is particularly important in the sport.

"There were some really good players, good horsemen and women," he said. "That is the obvious key to polo — how well you play depends on how well you ride."

Enthusiasts can see professional play at the club every Sunday at 1 p.m.

15th-Place Finish in Round One Leaves UCSB Golfers Fighting for NCAA Berth

By Brian Pillsbury
Staff Writer

Looking to be among the nine of 18 teams that will make it to the NCAA Championships, the UCSB men's golf team headed into the West Region Championships hoping to get off to a good start and put themselves in a position to surprise some teams.

But looking at UCSB's first-round results at the par-71 Tucson National Course, it would seem that the Gauchos should be disappointed with where they are at, despite the fact that they are only four strokes off ninth place with a trip to the NAAs forthcoming if they make the cut.

After the first 18 holes, UCSB is currently in a tie for 15th place with the University of Texas-El Paso at 297. UNLV, ranked #5, holds first place with a score of 279.

"Although we didn't play well, we're only four off so it's not like we're totally out of the thing," UCSB senior David Bartman said. "Hopefully, this was our one bad round for the tournament and we can come out in the next round and put it behind us and play well."

Individually, Bartman was the top UCSB finisher with a 72, which put him in a tie for 22nd place with nine other golfers. Ryan Mitchell was next with a 73, good for a tie at 32nd place with at least 10 other golfers.

Tom Gocke, who lately has not played up to the caliber he has shown in the past, shot a 76, putting him in a tie for 63rd place with teammate Dan Buchner. Rounding out the five Gaucho golfers was Jeff Gilchrist, who was plagued by poor play on the first nine holes. He recovered very nicely, but it was not enough to get him past his current position of 75th place.

"We know that we all have to play really well to have a chance," Buchner said. "We had a couple of guys who played well and then a couple that didn't. We all need to be playing well."

Behind UNLV's nine-stroke lead is Fresno State at 277, followed by San Jose State and Oregon, who are tied for third at 283. Defending West Region champion and host Arizona is fifth at 285. Arizona State and Brigham Young are next at 286, with USC, Stanford and Weber State rounding out the top finishers at 293.

Fresno State junior Joe Acosta shot a seven-under-par 65 to take the first-round lead.

"I was hitting the ball well today," Acosta said. "I nailed some long putts because the greens are in great condition. The 65 was my low this year and I really like the course."

The second round begins today and will run through Sunday.