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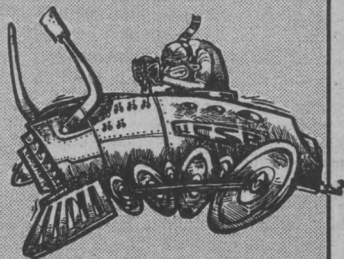
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Civic Reminder:

You have until Oct. 6 to register to vote in the November off-year elections.

Parking Services Foots Bill for Transportation

BY KELLY PARKINSON
Staff Writer

Two electric trams are rolling across campus this quarter in an attempt to ease the strain of the parking problem.

Parking and Transportation Services recently bought the trams, formerly used to tote athletes in the Atlanta Olympics, for \$30,000 each, according to PTS Director Melba Ortiz. Though purchased over the summer, PTS hasn't yet been billed, and the decision of where to pull the funds to pay for the trams and their upkeep has not been finalized, she said.

The campus trams, coupled with vans shuttling passengers from the parking lots, are an experimental attempt to lessen the load on professors and graduate students "that have to carry books and supplies" onto campus from distant lots, Ortiz said. She added that all students are welcome to use the trams at no cost. The electric vehicles were dubbed "The Wave," alluding to drivers' openness to being flagged down for a ride.

"We wanted to say, you know, ride The Wave," she said. Ortiz added that a lot of professors are used to getting in their cars and driving to a class rather than traversing the crowded campus. But with the new trams, "Maybe they would find it easier to just get on the tram and get to their meetings," she said.

Ortiz said they plan to operate the trams all year depending on usage. Currently they operate from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday. Since Fall Quarter is especially tight in terms of parking, they thought it was important to provide an alternative means of transportation, she said.

"It was part of many things we thought we needed to keep up with the



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One of two new electric campus trams hums its way across campus, bearing students and faculty along the sidewalks at a maximum speed of 15 mph.

parking. This was one thing we wanted to do to get people to use the lots on the west side."

According to Ortiz, the PTS didn't decide until Tuesday which funds would cover the \$60,000 vehicle cost and operational costs, which include: driver wages (\$11.43 per hour), crossing guard wages (\$7 per hour) and monthly electric bills from the generators used to charge the trams every night. Of that last expense, Ortiz said, "We won't know that until we get our first electric bill."

At an afternoon Campus Planning Committee meeting Tuesday, Or-

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Bicycle Traffic Increasing, Parking Scarce

BY ZACK MUSA
Staff Writer

Although the recent addition of motorized trams and shuttles on campus might help with UCSB's automobile parking problem, an enormous chunk of the student body continues to pedal to class and is hurting for spaces to park its bicycles.

Recent years have witnessed an increasing number of bicyclists on campus, burdening many bike lots and forcing cyclists to park against trees, buildings and handicapped accesses, according to Community Service Organization Coordinator Julie Dixon.

"Last year in particular the amount of wheel traffic on our campus appeared to be increasing,

and that is impacting everything from the trick-skating on campus to the increase of [bikes in the] bike-parking areas," she said. According to CSO regulations, students are allowed to park their bikes off the ends of racks when they are full, Dixon said.

The CSO is planning on posting signs in strategic locations that will direct bicyclists to the nearest bike rack. Dixon hopes this will reduce the number of students who park their bikes illegally. The CSO charges a \$20 fee for impounded bicycles, which includes a mandatory \$6 registration fee.

According to a 1987 study by the Office of Budget and Planning, there are approximately 10,000 bike spaces on campus. Currently there are no solid plans to implement the placement of additional bike racks. The problem has only been exacerbated by the removal of several racks — such as those next to Phelps Hall — because of construction plans.

One issue hampering the possibility of providing more bike racks is the lack of funds specifically designated to address bicycle transportation, according to Melba Ortiz, director of Parking Services.

"We've never really had a source of money that was identified just for bikes," she said.

This might soon be resolved, however, as the Parking and Transportation Committee made recommendations last year that money from the Fines and Forfeiture fund, which comes from tickets issued to illegally parked vehicles, be used to solve the various problems associated with bicycle parking.



NEXUS FILE PHOTO

Bicyclists are running out of places to legally park on campus, thanks in part to bike-rack removal due to construction projects.

Leg Council Set to Chew Fat on By-laws, Seawall

BY TONY BIASOTTI
Staff Writer

A proposed change in the Associated Students By-Laws and an examination of Legislative Council's position on the Isla Vista seawall are two core issues the council is set to discuss today at its first meeting of the year.

The by-law change, which will be proposed by Rep-at-Large Matt Barrall, seeks to expand the duties of the A.S. internal vice president. According to Barrall and Internal Vice President Kerry Kops, current by-laws are vague regarding the appointment of council members. "I've tried to change it to make it more streamlined. ... In the legal code it states that the [A.S.] president makes appointments concerning boards and committees, but there's nothing concerning leg council [appointments]," Barrall said.

To remedy this situation, Barrall proposes giving power to appoint council members to the internal vice president, who has had a great deal of input in the appointment process over the last several years.

"[A.S. President Wayne Byrd] has made the appointments this year, but the tradition is that the internal VP has done it for the last three years," Barrall said.

He added that delegating this power to the internal vice president would maintain a separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches of A.S. Currently, if a vacancy exists within the body, the president is in charge of recommending someone to fill the

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Top of the News

Clergy Encourages Support for Gay Youth



NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. Catholic bishops are advising parents of gay children to put love and support for their sons and daughters before church doctrine that condemns homosexual activity.

In a ground-breaking pastoral letter, the bishops say homosexual orientation is not freely chosen and parents must not reject their gay children in a society full of rejection and discrimination.

"All in all, it is essential to recall one basic truth. God loves every person as a unique individual. Sexual identity helps to define the unique person we are," the bishops said. "God does not love someone any less simply because he or she is homosexual." The document, titled "Always Our Children," was approved by the Administrative Board of the National Conference of

Catholic Bishops early in September and released Tuesday.

The turmoil and pain felt by Catholics torn between church teaching and love for their gay children prompted several bishops to request

[Gay men and lesbians] still need to be accepted as people. The judgment part is left to the Lord.

— Bishop Joseph Imesch
Committee on Pastoral Practices chair

guidance from the bishops' Committee on Marriage and Family.

The bishops in their letter describe parents who suffer guilt, shame and loneliness because their children are gay and report that "a shocking number" of homosexual youth are rejected by their families and end up on the streets.

Why the form of a pastoral letter from the church's spiritual leaders? "Primarily to get them to accept the fact that their son or daughter is gay or lesbian, and that their child was not damned forever," Bishop Joseph Imesch of Joliet, Ill., chair of the Committee on Pastoral Practices, said in an

interview.

The U.S. bishops' letter in no way abandons Catholic doctrine. It states clearly that genital sexual activity between same-sex partners is immoral and that the letter is not to be understood "as an endorsement of what some would call a 'homosexual lifestyle.'"

In the letter, the bishops urge parents to encourage their children to lead a chaste life and, at times, to challenge aspects of their children's lives they find objectionable.

But the bishops also tell parents that church rules should not be enforced at the expense of their child.

"First, don't break off contact; don't reject your child," the bishops say. Instead, they say, create an atmosphere in which a child would be willing to discuss his or her sexual orientation. "This child, who has always been God's gift to you, may now be the cause of another gift: your family becoming more honest, respectful and supportive," the bishops said.

Gay men and lesbians "still need to be accepted as people," Imesch said. "The judgment part is left to the Lord."

Bishops Offer Atonement for WWII Placidity



DRANCY, France (AP) — In an unprecedented act of repentance, France's Roman Catholic Church apologized Tuesday for its silence during the systematic persecution and deportation of Jews by the pro-Nazi regime.

More than 1,000 Jews and Christians gathered for the emotional ceremony on the grounds of Drancy, the transit camp outside Paris where Jews languished in squalid conditions before being shipped to Auschwitz.

Standing in front of a sealed cattle car like the ones used to transport Jews to their deaths, Bishop Olivier de Berranger read from a statement atoning for the silence of the church and its clergy from 1940-1942.

"We beg God's forgiveness and ask the Jewish people to hear our words of repentance," said Berranger, the bishop of Saint-Denis, which includes the town of Drancy.

"We recognize that the church of France failed in its mission to educate consciences and thus bears the responsibility of not having offered help immediately, when protest and protection were possible and necessary, even if there were countless acts of courage later on," Berranger said. "We confess this mistake."

Jewish leaders at the ceremony were visibly moved.

"Your words of repentance constitute a major turning point," said Henri Hajdenberg, president of the Representative Council of Jewish Institutions. "Your request for forgiveness is so intense, so powerful, so poignant, that it can't but be heard by the surviving victims and their children." Also at the ceremony was Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, the Jewish-born archbishop of Paris, whose mother was deported through Drancy and died at Auschwitz.

About 76,000 Jews, including 12,000 children, were deported from France between 1941-44. Only about 2,500 survived.

Campus Shocked as Fresh Dies of Alcohol Overdose



CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A freshman found unconscious amid vomit and empty liquor bottles at a Massachusetts Institute of Technology fraternity has died of an alcohol overdose.

Scott Krueger, 18, of Orchard Park, N.Y., died late Monday, three days after the fraternity pledge was discovered in his basement room at the Phi Gamma Delta house.

His parents said his blood-alcohol level had reached .410 percent.

Authorities say that means he consumed about 16 drinks. The medical examiner said Tuesday that Krueger died of an alcohol overdose.

It was at least the second such death at an American university this semester. In August, a Louisiana State University fraternity pledge died at a hospital after a night of drinking.

Police have begun a criminal investigation, and licensing authorities in Boston, where the fraternity is located, have charged it with serving alcohol to minors, allowing an overdose of alcohol and other violations.

MIT has also suspended Phi Gamma Delta from participating in campus social activities.

MIT's other fraternities and its dormitory council have agreed to ban alcohol indefinitely, and the school is sending letters to students, holding seminars and asking resident advisers to counsel freshmen.

AP WIRE SHORTS

•**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Vice President Al Gore was in the White House on Tuesday watching "Sesame Street." He changed the channel and "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" appeared. All of a sudden, the screen went blank.

Gore was demonstrating the new "v-chip" technology, which is designed to give parents the chance to block programs they find objectionable.

The Federal Communications Commission, carrying out the wishes of Congress and the Clinton administration, has begun setting technical standards for equipping sets with v-chips.

A 1996 telecommunications law requires that TV sets sold in the United States with screens 13 inches and larger must eventually have the technology built in.

The v-chip will work with TV ratings for sex, violence and language aired on broadcast and cable programs.

Under the FCC's proposal, TV-set makers would need to have the blocking technology in at least half the sets sold in the United States by next July 1 and have the rest equipped by July 1, 1999.

Gore said the v-chip gives parents a third option besides "throwing out your TV" or monitoring every show children watch.

•**CHICAGO (AP)** — Patrons of Hooters won't find mustachioed musclemen in sexy T-shirts and shorts asking for their order.

The restaurant chain known for its scantily clad waitresses agreed to pay \$3.75 million in a sexual discrimination lawsuit brought by men turned down for jobs because of their gender.

The settlement allows Hooters to continue luring customers with an exclusively female staff of Hooters Girls. The chain also agreed to create a few other support jobs, such as bartenders and hosts, that must be filed without regard to gender.

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Weather

Today's column is brought to you by the word "trivial."

What is the first thing you think of when you hear this word? Is it that unexplained hand gesture that everyone does now, synonymous to pushing a ceiling up and down? (I heard it replaced Arsenio's arm pumpin' Hoot!Hoot!Hoot! move.) Maybe it's that cute little UC Disneyland-esque tram that seems to be scooting around campus with no passengers in it. Or maybe the first thing you think of is this column (Why, thank you, I'll take that as a compliment!).

Though trivial is defined by Webster's as "of very little importance or value; trifling; insignificant," I think the random, and many times funny, things in our everyday lives only serve to enrich the overall experience of being who we are, where we are. Sure it probably sounds like an Oasis song, but then again they are the poster boys for trivial.

Have a trivial Hump Day!

Reps Serve Dorm-Swelling Students

By DEBI FINESTONE
Reporter

With a constituency of around 2,700 living in UCSB's residence halls, Associated Students on-campus representatives are looking to tackle housing and transportation issues in the coming months.

Three positions on A.S. Legislative Council are filled each year by students hoping to assist those who are a part of university residential life, according to On-Campus Rep Rebecca Doubledee.

"On the Leg Council, we represent the on-campus students and the problems and concerns that we feel might affect them," she said. "We are the liaisons between the [Residential Housing Association] and A.S."

Plans for a new dormitory complex will be a starting point for the leggies, said Internal Vice President Kerry Kops, who chairs Leg Council meetings.

"The reps deal with the plans for new housing going up in the San Rafael lot, and to some extent parking and the tram on campus," Kops said.

On-campus reps chose these and other issues based on research and feedback received from those living in res halls, Doubledee explained.



"We see things that maybe the students want to see done and issues that come up," she said. "We can take action by writing a position paper or bill and presenting it to the rest of Leg Council to get it passed."

Overcrowding is not an issue that the reps plan to eliminate due to other complications with the housing crisis, according to On-Campus Rep Erin O'Donnel.

"It's better to have all the freshmen housed safely on campus rather than homeless in Isla Vista," O'Donnel said. "We'll be working on some programs to make the students feel comfortable. We want to help them however we can."

The low res hall turnover rates resulted in the plans for a new housing complex, to be completed in the fall of 2000, Doubledee said.

"We have the biggest comeback we've ever had of sophomores and juniors, plus the largest freshman class," she said. New housing is "going to be apartment-style living like San Rafael. They want to put it in Lot B-2."

"We're here to be a resource to the new students, to point them in the right direction," O'Donnel said. "Approach us with anything—that's what we're here for. Students have to help us help them."

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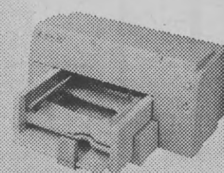


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— William J. Bryan

Opinion

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At Any Rate

I Just Don't Get It

➤ Why Ride When You Can Walk?

NICK ROBERTSON

Like most of you, I have seen the new trams mysteriously appear on our already-crowded walkways, humming along like an eerie caravan of robotic elephants, forcing aside anyone who dares cross its path. And like most of you, I wondered, "Why?"

Is not our campus the most compact of the UC system? One of the prime draws of attending UCSB is that our entire student community is accessible via walking, biking, rollerblading or any other mode of human-propelled transportation. When I first saw the trams rumbling along by Storke Tower, my mind reeled in disgust — has our already-spoiled society truly come to the point where its citizens aren't expected to walk a quarter mile because of the strain?

I understand that a massive parking crunch is on thanks to various circumstances, all rooting back to the fact that **THERE'S TOO DAMN MANY PEOPLE HERE**. I understand that commuting students, professors and staff may now have a longer trek from their parking spot to their various offices and classrooms. And by all means I don't want to see anyone die of simultaneous cardiac arrest and heat stroke from braving the harsh elements of our treacherous Santa Barbara weather.

But, Jesus! All over the world, starving and decrepit people walk miles every day just to get *fresh water*. They push their plows through barren soil under the hot sun as flies drink their sweat, because if they don't toil, they will die. And we need trams to haul our lazy asses to our comfy classes? Hell no!

Fortunately, from my observations over the past week, the students seem to agree. Most trams I've seen passing were carrying less than five people, and the still-walking and biking students seemed pretty indignant of this mechanical presence on our paths. Actually, considering that the money used to buy the trams could have been used to revamp our ailing bikepath system, I was a little surprised that the students haven't yet started a massive protest campaign against the invasive vehicles.

So before the riots begin and the trams are overturned in flames after students lie across the walkways to blockade their path while chanting "DAMN THE TRAM! DAMN THE TRAM!!!" I decided to take

one ride on the controversial convoys. What the hell, I figured — we are paying for these trams, either through our student fees or taxpayer dollars. And they do look pretty luxurious, after all, they have padded seats.

So, on Tuesday afternoon I mixed some rum into my orange juice bottle and waited by the Storke Plaza stop. I was expecting the tram to arrive with plenty of empty seats so that I could sprawl out, sip my cocktail, and relax in the Indian summer breeze. I anticipated a leisurely magical mystery tour — but instead I found tram crowds rivaling those at Universal Studios.

Every row of seats had at least one occupant, much to my chagrin, and only when someone exited toward the UCen was I able to find a full bench to lounge upon. As we started along at our breakneck pace, to the monotonous mantra of "Tram comin' through ... tram comin' through ..." directed toward the many shuffling pedestrians, I scanned the crowd on board.

Instead of the aged professors clutching their canes and walkers that I expected to be my only company, the whole tram was packed with *students* — healthy, young, spry students, laughing and joking about the suckers who were *still* walking. I had originally planned to drink my Cuban Screwdriver for refreshment, but now I was chugging it for consolation.

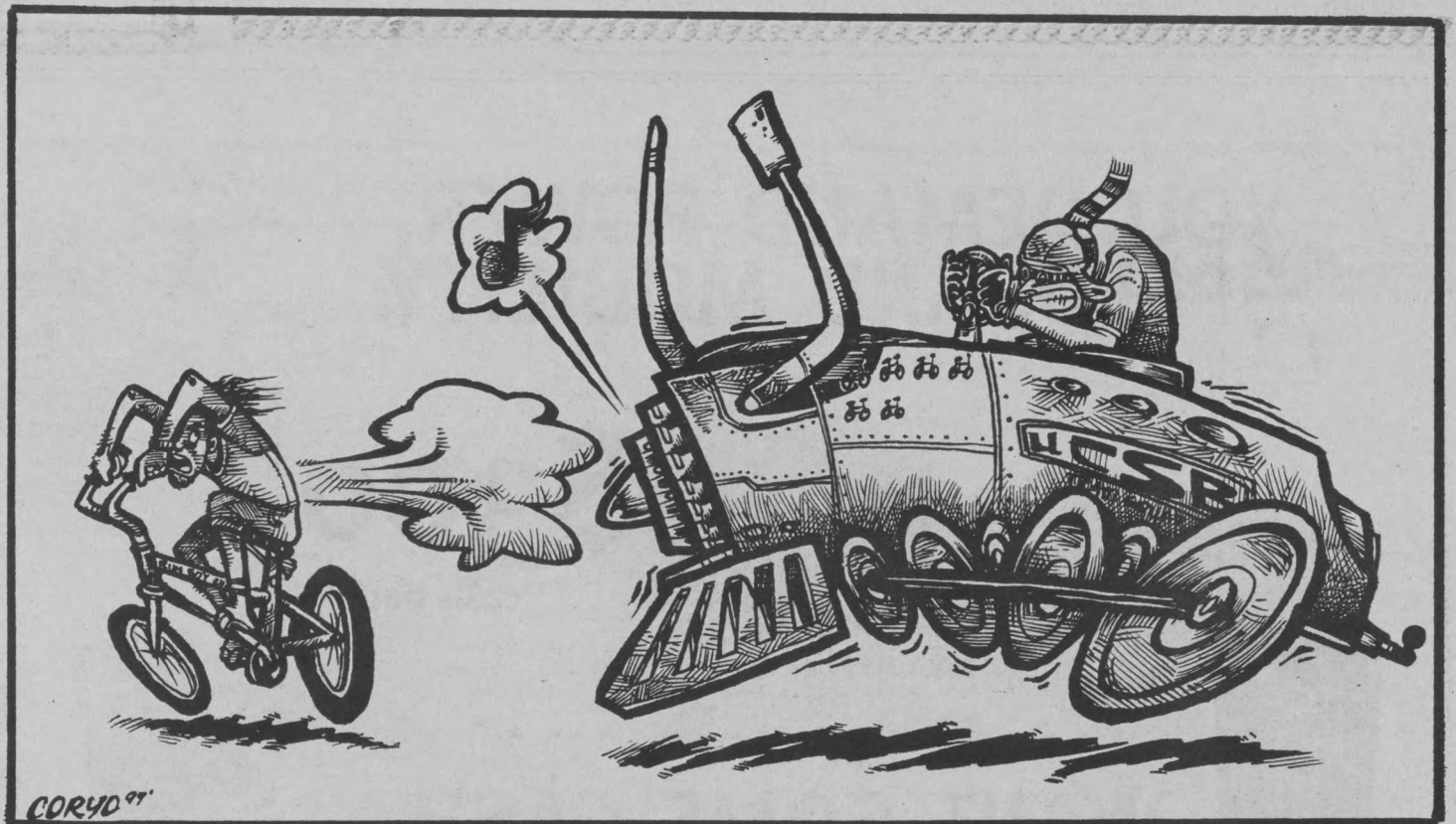
What happened here? Only last week, the campus rumble I constantly heard was along the lines of, "What the fuck is up with this tram?" Now I was hearing, "Y'know, I didn't like this tram when I first saw it, but now that I'm riding it, it's pretty cool." Are we progressive students who want to do everything we can to promote non-motorized transportation, or are we sheep who will be herded into any system the university devises for us because it takes too much effort to really think about our actions?

Students, this is the *prime* of our physical lives. Frankly, we're all starting to get a little out of shape now, and we're only in our early 20s or less. *Relish* the opportunity to walk to class in this balmy paradise of a campus, because before long they'll probably tear up all the paths and install conveyor belts.

At any rate, as I hopped off the tram for the first and last time, disgusted and nauseous from a cross of cheap rum and motion sickness, I stretched out my legs and thought about how great it is to walk — especially when you have that option.

Nick Robertson is the Daily Friday editor.

**TOMORROW:
WE TALK ABOUT THINGS OTHER
THAN THE TRAM. HONEST.**



So Here's the Deal With the Tram ...

➤ The Intricacies of Parking Solutions Explained

LEILA SALAZAR

Many of you, especially new students, may be wondering: "Am I at UCSB or Disneyland?" Just to let you know, you are at UCSB. There just happens to be an electric tram cruising through the middle of campus right now that makes us feel like we're in some kind of amusement park. In addition, there are two van-type shuttles and two electric shuttles.

Now you may be wondering why there are so many shuttles, trams, etc. Well, as you may have figured out by now, there is a limited amount of parking spaces on campus and in Isla Vista. Very limited!! (That's why students

were urged to not bring their cars unless they really needed to.)

To alleviate this shortage of parking, parking lots and parking structures are in construction. Because of the current construction, parking close to campus has been made inconvenient for those of you who drive to campus (staff, faculty and students). That's why there are shuttles everywhere now; so you don't have to walk from the Harder Stadium parking lot to campus, for example.

Originally, Associated Students, along with MTD, had organized two electric shuttles to provide transportation for those students, staff and faculty who had to park far away (Harder Stadium parking lot). A.S. and MTD also

recognized the need for an alternative way for faculty at West Campus to get to campus, so they designated one of the two shuttles to go through Isla Vista: Embarcadero del Norte, around the loop to Pasado, stopping at the end of Pasado to pick up faculty from West Campus, and then returning to the UCSB bus loop via Trigo Road.

This was the original plan, but this plan is not set in stone!!! Because of the fact that services have been doubled up at the Harder Stadium parking lot, the schedule may, in fact, change for the A.S. UCSB electric shuttles. So those of you who are wondering why the shuttles aren't going to Storke Road, West Campus, Santa Ynez, Francisco Torres, etc., don't get discouraged, because the shuttle may be headed your way soon. If you have any comments or suggestions for future route schedules please contact me at 893-2566.

Leila Salazar is the A.S. external vice president for local affairs.

TRAM

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tiz presented her recommendation that the funding be culled from the Fines and Forfeitures account and the Parking Operations Reserve Account, both of which fall under PTS's budget. Fines and Forfeitures monies are used to administer citations, pay enforcement officers, foster ride-share programs and other alternative methods of transportation. Money from parking permits funnels into the reserve account. Ortiz said that PTS is trying not to hit just one fund with the cost because of the adverse effects of such a large expense.

"If we took it all out of parking reserve, that would affect parking rates," she said. "We're trying to keep a reserve in the Fines and Forfeitures [account] because we'd like to deal with some of the bigger issues."

Namely, their promise to GSA to allocate \$150,000 for the improvement of bikepaths on campus.

A.S. President Wayne Byrd II expressed concern that the tram funding would take away from the money he hoped would go toward improving the bikepaths.

"I do believe Fines and Forfeitures from parking services should be used toward alternative transportation," he said. "I don't think the tram would be included in alternative transportation. The money would be better spent on fixing the bikepaths and creating more bikepaths."

However, at the meeting Ortiz promised GSA that the proposed funding would not decrease the money allotted to improving the bikepaths, according to GSA Internal President Jessie Diaro, who sits on the planning committee and attended the meeting. The proposal would increase the price of parking permits by a couple dollars over the next few years, Diaro said. Ortiz's recommendation will now be subject to

approval by Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services David Sheldon.

Meanwhile, the tram has gotten mixed reactions from students. Senior business major Tom LaPierre was apparently comfortable with the irony of riding the tram and at the same time shunning people who ride the tram. In answer to the question of whether anyone had given him dirty looks, LaPierre said, "I've given some myself. I'm gonna give some hard looks to the tram riders, I expect."

He added that the trams were convenient in the heat. "You walk to class and you get all sweaty and hot. You take a tram and you don't at all. Besides, think about when it was raining. We have to keep these guys in business through the winter."

But one student had a problem with university money keeping tram drivers in business. While at first supportive of the tram, after junior economics and environmental studies major Gilbert Casillas learned about the price tag for each tram, his enthusiasm ebbed.

"It's a good idea, but I don't think many people know they spent \$30,000 on it. It's pretty much a big waste," he said. "Why don't people just wake up a little earlier to go to class? Walking's good for you anyway. I never really thought it would be that much money. That's what one person makes in a year."

"I just hope there aren't any accidents," he added. Ortiz was ready to acknowledge that the trams are an experiment whose operation has not been carved in stone.

"We're prepared to decide it's not working, and say, 'OK, let's do something else' — either use them for special events or sell them," she said.

COUNCIL

Continued from p.1 slot. It is then up to the council to accept or reject the chief executive's candidate.

Barrall is looking to change the process so that the internal vice president, the executive who is responsible for running council meetings, will have appointment power.

"Because the internal VP is head of Leg Council ... that person has the most knowledge of Leg Council members and what they do best," he said.

Kops supports the change, believing it would make the candidate submission process more efficient.

"This year we were delayed in the appointment of Leg Council members," she

said. "I've been looking into it and I just want to clarify the duties of internal vice president."

In other business, the council plans to examine its position on the proposed Isla Vista seawall, with assistance from Dan Schneider, Isla Vista Community Relations Committee chair.

In addition to discussion about the seawall, Schneider, a former Leg

Council member, plans to inform the group about his film on the subject, "Behind the Wall." The documentary, which was co-produced by senior film studies major Steve Oleartz, will show Sunday night in I.V. Theater at 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30. Admission is free.

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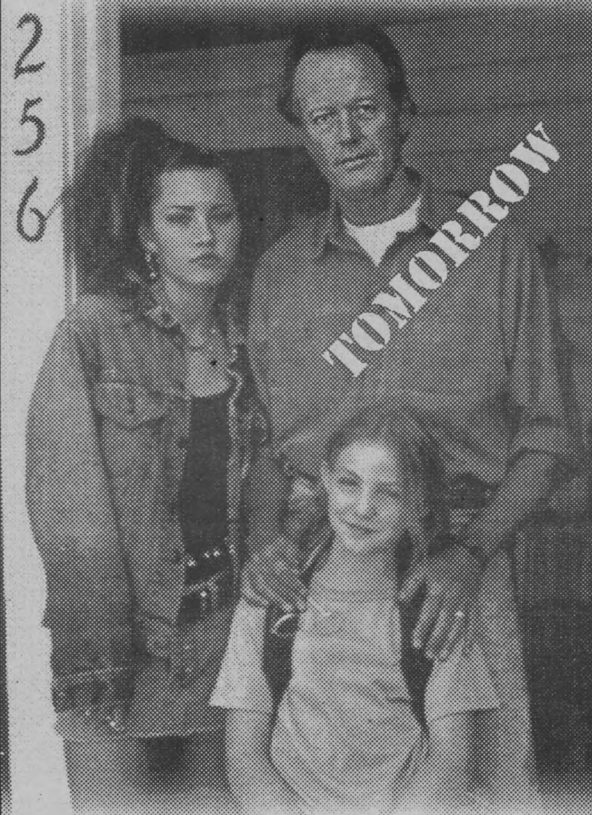
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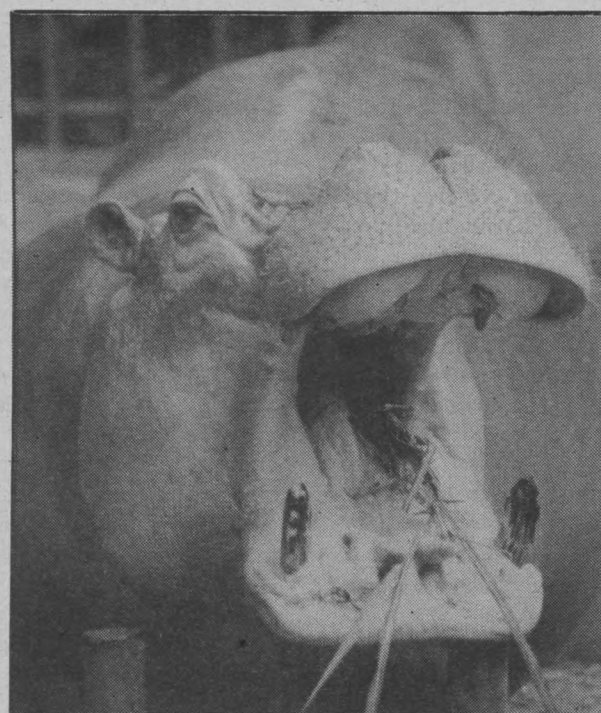
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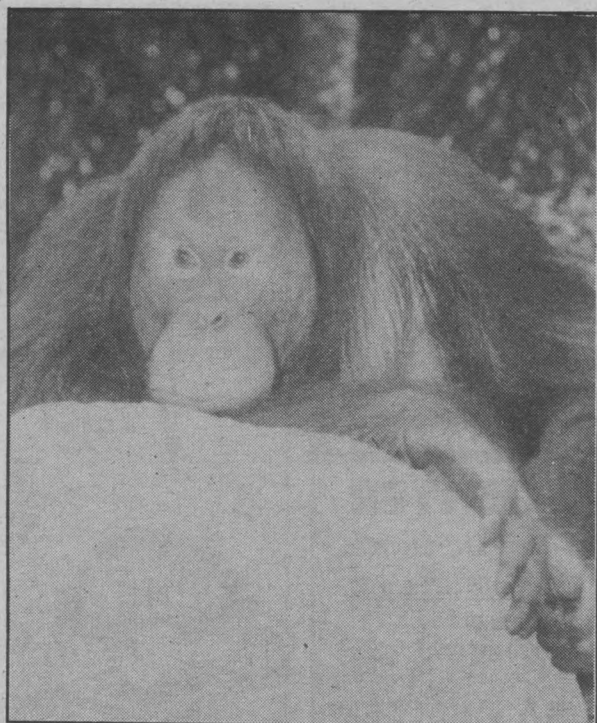
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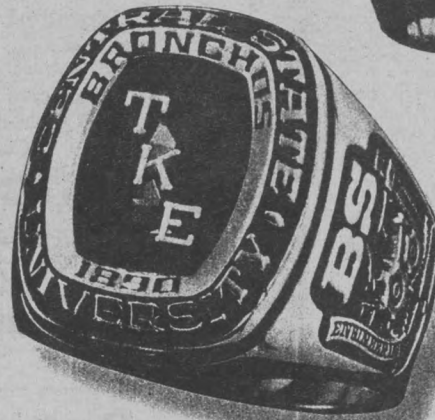
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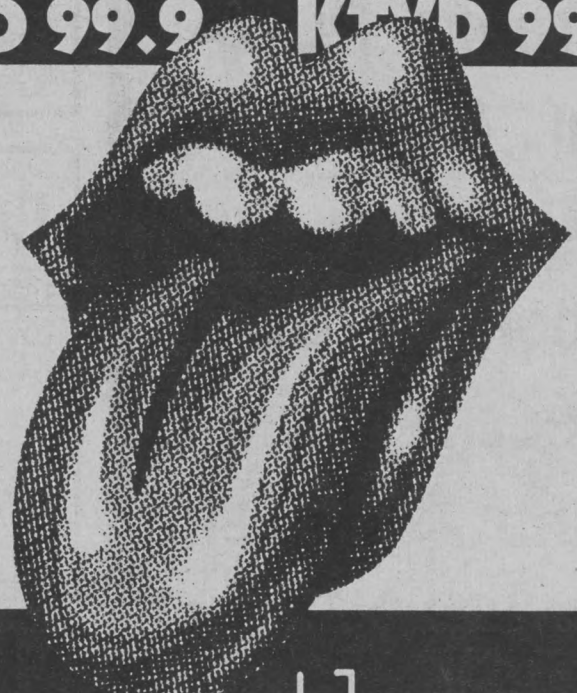
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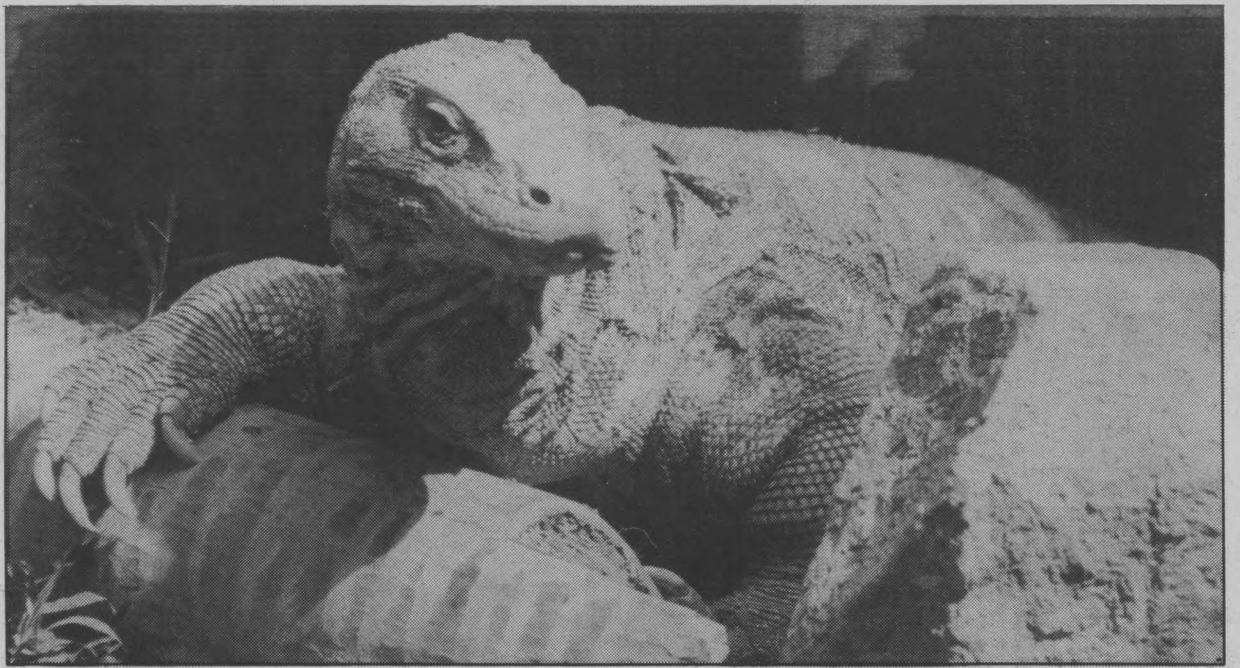
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Sports

Gaucha Soccer Down, Still Kicking

BY STEVE WENDT
Reporter

After limping to a 1-6-1 record midway through the season, the UCSB women's soccer team looks to the future with guarded anticipation. The team, 0-1 in conference play, is struggling to put the ball in the net, and standout senior goalie Ilsa Bertolini has been getting peppered with shots.

"We're trying to keep positive," Bertolini said. "The whole team is frustrated right now. We're being beaten by teams we shouldn't be beaten by."

First-year Santa Barbara Head Coach Kris Bassler has found that some of the difficulties can be attributed to the group's youth. Sixteen of the team's 22 players are underclassmen.

"As a whole, I'm trying to teach this team how to play soccer,"

Bassler said. "Yeah we're not winning, but we're improving."

Bertolini says the team is not about to quit. "We're playing with heart," she said. "I'd be mad if we were giving up."

Bassler also found comfort in her team's effort. "Mental and physicalness will get better with college-level play. And they're picking up on remaining intense," she said.

The squad's next game is today at 4 p.m. against St. Mary's College in Moraga. The game will be a homecoming of sorts for many on the Santa Barbara team, as the Bay area is home to 11 of the Gauchos. Moraga should seem more like a neutral site than a home field advantage for the host Gaels.

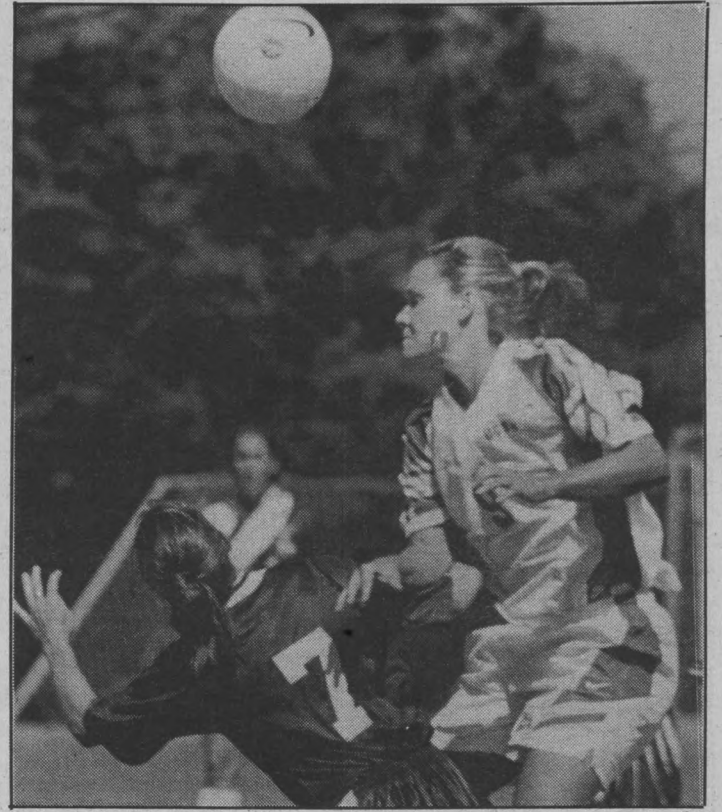
"All my friends and family will be there," said Bertolini, one of four Gauchos from Santa Rosa.

"The team is excited to play up

north," said junior midfielder Allison Lott, who will return to action after suffering a concussion in the game against the University of San Diego Sept. 21. Also banged up is midfielder Cindy Goebel. Goebel sustained a dislocated shoulder, but is listed as probable to start.

The Gaels (3-8) are led by Val Williams, who has scored the game-winning goal in all three of St. Mary's wins. She has netted seven of the 11 shots she's taken this season. With an assist mixed in, Williams has recorded 15 of the team's 27 points this year.

While containing Williams will be a primary concern, offense remains job #1 for UCSB. The Gauchos will focus on breaking in a new goalkeeper, as injuries to the Gaels' first- and second-string goalies will leave midfielder Daisy Renazzo as the probable St. Mary's starter in the goal.

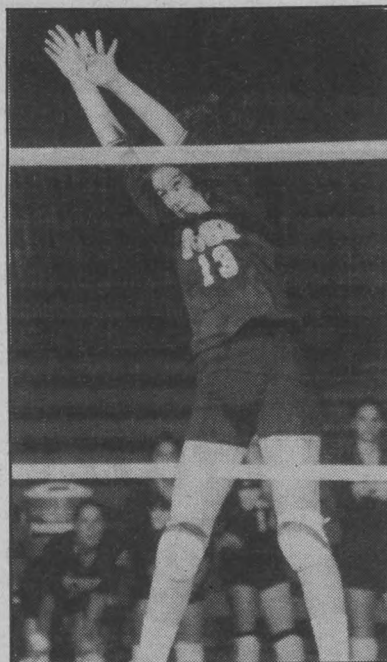


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HEADS UP! Junior midfielder Allison Lott returns to the lineup after missing two games with a concussion.

Athlete of the Week

Katie Crawford



Crawford Does It All for UCSB Volleyball

BY SCOTT HENNESSEE
Staff Writer

Katie Crawford is the type of player every team would love to have. She can do it all: kill, block, pass, dig and everything in between. She can dominate the game from every position, but it seems she doesn't even know how good she is — at least she doesn't show it.

When you talk to Crawford, the word "I" very rarely comes up in the conversation. Everything is about how the game is a team effort and one person can't do it all by herself. But when you look at the numbers and add up all the stats, you see that there really isn't anything Katie Crawford cannot do on her own.

"She has been a force," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory said of her prized middle blocker. "Not only blocking, but she is starting to connect offensively with Tanja Hart [the team's first-year setter]. And I believe in her 100 percent as

a back-row player. She has a great serve and she has great ball feel, so I like to play her all the way around."

It's tough to blame Gregory for wanting to keep Crawford in the game as long as possible. In last Saturday's three-game sweep of Cal Poly SLO, the junior posted team highs in kills (15), blocks (8), and hitting percentage (.417). She also had four digs and a service ace.

"I guess I bring some excitement to the game," Crawford said. "I consider myself one of the go-to players. Not *the* go-to player, but one of them. I think if I want to be more of a go-to player I need to become more consistent and know that the team can count on me."

Gregory has counted on the 6'3" Crawford to plug up the middle of the court, and she has done just that. She leads the Big West Conference with an average of 1.97 blocks per game, ranking her fourth in the nation. Crawford tops the Big West in kills per game as well, tallying 4.59 kpg.

"I like blocking — when you set up the perfect block," Crawford said. "The greatest is when I'm going to the right to block with the right-side player and it hits her left hand and my right hand. It's an equal effort and the ball just goes straight down. It's awesome. You know it's not just you, it's someone else too."

Crawford has been playing volleyball competitively since her sophomore year at Fallbrook High School, and has steadily improved her game every year. She was named to the Big West All-Freshman team in her first year at UCSB, and last season earned First Team All-Big West and American Volleyball Coaches Association All-District honors. What individual accomplishments does Crawford hope for now?

"I think everyone wants to be an All-American," she said. "I would love to get that kind of honor, but I know that it's something I need to work really hard for."

Cross Country Runs Well; Flamm Gets Top-10 Finish

BY SHANE CULBERTSON
Reporter

It is always a good feeling to know that your team can hang with the best of them.

The UCSB men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Palo Alto last weekend to participate in the always-challenging Stanford Cross Country Invitational. Both squads had respectable meets, especially when considering the level of competition they were up against. The men's team finished fifth out of 16 teams, while the women placed 12th in a 19-team field.

Santa Barbara Assistant Coach Gus Harper was pleased with the results.

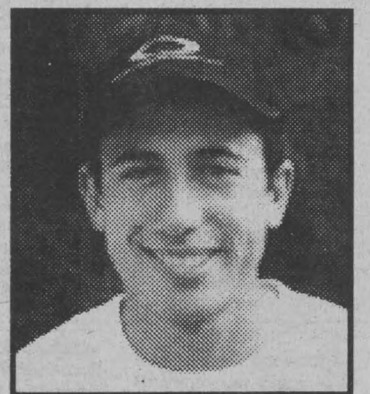
"I felt both our teams had a strong showing," he said. "It was a hard meet for our women's team because we had to hold out our best runner due to injury, but our men's team had a tremendous performance."

The men's team did, in fact, perform quite well. Finishing with a score of 133, the Gauchos were just 4 points away from beating third-place Brigham Young University. If UCSB had placed third they most likely would have earned a national ranking.

"That would have been big time had we finished third," Harper said. "It was bittersweet to finish so close. But to come in fifth and have a runner place in the top 10 is a prestigious accomplishment in a meet of this caliber."

The top-10 finish came compliments of senior Ben Flamm. Flamm turned in a time of 25:04 to earn 10th place. Other standouts for the Gauchos included seniors Trent Bryson and Nate Elston, who recorded times of 25:40 and 25:53, respectively.

The UCSB women's team found itself having to cope without the services of senior Gabby Rodriguez. Rodriguez, the team's best runner, is out with a stress fracture but expects to return soon. Freshman Lindsay Buwalda took it upon herself to fill the shoes of Rodri-



Ben Flamm

guez, as she led the Gauchos with a time of 18:42.

"I was really impressed with Lindsay's performance," Harper said. "She stepped up for us at a good time and had her best meet this season."

Senior Vanessa Lund also helped out by crossing the finish line second for the Gauchos in 18:51. Although she was happy with the team's performance, Lund looks forward to better times.

"I felt that we all ran a very good race," Lund said. "But we know we'll improve our overall score when Gabby returns."

The Gaucha's next meet is at home on Saturday, when they play host to UC Irvine, Cal State Fullerton and Cal Poly.

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