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## Safe Bus Ride Facing Problems From Police

Law Enforcement Agency Questions Permit

By Matthew Nelson  
Staff Writer

A local transportation service and popular alternative to driving under the influence faces legal concerns as it readies for graduation business.

By shuttling Isla Vistas to and from the dance clubs and bars of downtown Santa Barbara, Bill's Bus hopes to cut down on intoxicated drivers in the area, according to Bill Singer, the operation's 24-year-old owner.

"That's the whole reason I started it, because I wanted it to be a safe way to stop drunk driving," he said.

But not everything has been running smoothly for the service, and questions have arisen regarding the legality of its operations.

"The service is a good idea, but the problem is that he's not doing it legally," said California Highway Patrol Officer Matt Dawson.

The CHP maintains that Singer does not hold the necessary

permit allowing him to charge a fare. Dawson also questions Singer's use of a busing permit, which belongs to the company the bus is contracted out from. Singer is required to hold a permit for the bus himself if it is in his possession, Dawson said.

But since Singer does not own the bus, instead renting it from a larger van line, he can use the current owner's permit, he said.

"Like everybody says, there's two different stories on that one, too. Obviously if that was the case, then I'd have been stopped a long time ago," Singer said. "I made a deal with the guy that still owns my bus, I still charter from him."

The service has been unable to charge a fee for rides over the last three weeks due to police concerns and has instead asked for patron donations, Singer added.

"As far as the CHP is concerned, they say I cannot charge on a per head basis," he said. "He said as long as I don't charge in the meantime, everything is fine. We're going to just give

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Nexus File Photo

Bill's Bus recently altered its operations until concerns over possible legal violations are resolved.

## Affirmative Action Among Topics of Discussion During Conference

By M. Jolie Lash  
Staff Writer

Plotting future policy on Affirmative Action and University diversity was the goal of a conference that welcomed 45 leaders from the administration, student body, faculty and staff Wednesday.

The University Leadership Network hosted "Diversity and the University in the Modern Political Context" to provide UCSB movers and shakers an opportunity to interact in a non-traditional format, according to Geoff Green, Goodspeed intern for the vice chancellor for student affairs.

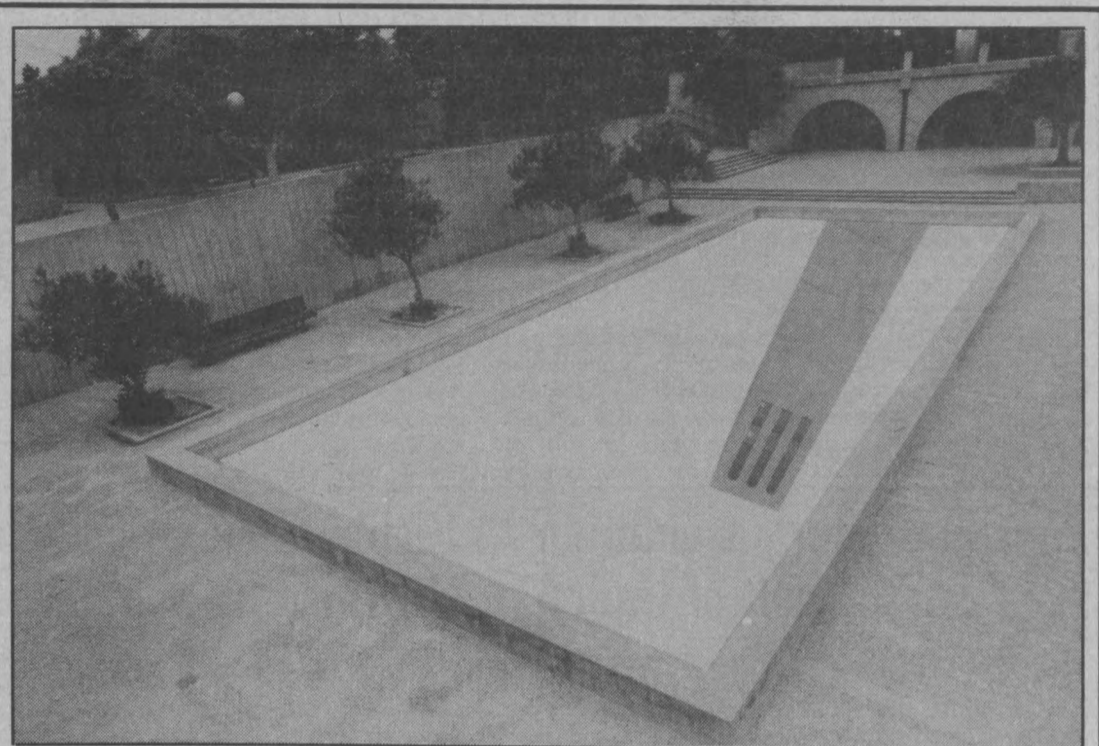
"The primary goal is to get

these groups together to discuss the issues and for people to put faces with names [and] to understand who the players are and who makes decisions on campus," Green said.

The Goodspeed intern sets up several conferences throughout the year to allow campus leaders to discuss pertinent issues and plan future action, according to Green, who believes the loose-knit nature of Wednesday's event helped ease attendees' efforts to gather information.

"A lot of the staff don't have direct contact with these people on a daily basis," he said. "This is very informal. It's over dinner. It's very freeform."

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Students will soon be able to enjoy a look at Storke Tower in the reflecting pool, such as the lovely view simulated above, now that plans to refill the body of water are under way.

## Reflection of Storke Tower Coming Back

By Matthew Nelson  
Staff Writer

Students will soon be able to make like Narcissus in Storke Plaza's reflecting pool while enjoying a waterfall for the first time in 13 years, thanks to a restoration allotment for the site.

Facilities management has been working to restore the cement basin, its adjacent waterfall and a smaller pool — donated by the Class of 1968 and located between the plaza and the Arts Building — for the past two months, according to senior grounds Superintendent Ralph Mize.

"Executive Vice Chancellor

[for Academic Affairs Donald] Crawford was able to come up with a source of funds to spend toward campus landscape restoration and so we decided to concentrate on those areas that are very visible, central points on campus," he said.

Crews working on the project hope to have it completed before this month's graduation ceremonies.

"The goal is to get the thing filled up before commencement, hopefully by the 10th," said facilities paint shop supervisor Eric Ruse, who oversees sandblasting of the pool.

"The main goal is to get the campus back in form, and we had to start somewhere," he

added. "It's going to look great when it's done."

Mize hopes the project will improve the campus' ambience and surroundings. "The feeling is that the pool without water contributes to the inhumane feeling of Storke Plaza, so having some water in the pool should help that area," he said.

Restoration efforts include installing new drains, replacing bad piping, and sandblasting the reflecting pool with 3,000 units of pressure per square inch to clean the surface before applying a sealant to the concrete which will enable it to hold water, according to Mize.

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## County Salary System Criticized in Report

By Jeff Brax  
Staff Writer

The taxpayers of Santa Barbara County are shouldering an excessive burden in the form of generous salaries and benefit packages for government employees, according to a grand jury report released Wednesday.

The interim final report — a compilation of seven months of testimony and investigation into the county compensation process — includes ideas for simplifying benefit categories and altering misleading fiscal projections among its eight recommendations.

The jury believes it has become increasingly difficult for taxpayers to accept rising governmental salaries in the face of the economic downturn of the last several years.

"What we want to do is call attention to the board of supervisors that they have a job to do, they're not minding the store," said grand jury foreman Robert Glick. "I really think we're calling attention to things the board

of supervisors doesn't even know about.

"We're only comparing it to the private sector, and the private sector doesn't do things like this," he added. "When times get bad, the private sector cuts salaries or levels them off — the least the board can do is level them off."

Although the grand jury has made several important recommendations, the report as a whole is unfairly negative, according to John Buttny, aide to 3rd District Supervisor Bill Wallace.

"The general theme of the article was county employees are overpaid, and I think that's bullshit," he said. "I don't know what kind of positive impact that kind of county bashing has.... I don't know what their point is. All they did was complain."

Buttny also questioned the grand jury's statistical integrity.

"I think there's a lot of misinformation in there. One mistake they made is management employees got a 5 percent raise. I think we got a 2 percent raise this year. So, if they can get basic

information like that wrong, there may be other mistakes," he said.

Glick believes the county payroll is overly complex and burdensome, due in part to its 158 benefit codes and 103 deduction categories.

"That's stupid," he said. "Those kind of things just take up space and time and energy and cost money."

But Assistant Personnel Director Deborah Karoff believes the payroll is instead complicated by difficulties involved in negotiating with seven separate labor organizations.

"Each different union represents different kinds of employees and very different interests," she said.

The report also criticizes the term "No Fiscal Impact," a phrase which it claims presents the board with a distorted picture of the real costs of employee compensation.

"No Fiscal Impact" is a phrase that should be relegated to the Byzantine archives," Glick said.

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# HEADLINERS

## Ruling Denies Illegals Driver Licenses

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Illegal immigrants are ineligible for California driver licenses, says a state appeals court.

The ruling by the 1st District Court of appeal, made public Wednesday, was based on a 1992 state law requiring all applicants for driver licenses and identification cards to give their Social Security numbers to the Dept. of Motor Vehicles.

The law was intended to help officials track down people who failed to pay child support or parking tickets. But the court said the law also had the effect of denying licenses to illegal immigrants, who are ineligible for Social Security.

Illegal immigrants are ineligible for most public benefits in California but

were not barred from obtaining driver licenses in the past. The case is unrelated to the numerous legal challenges against Proposition 187, which would deny public edu-

obtained in the past. They also contended the 1992 law was not intended to exclude applicants who were unable to provide Social Security numbers.

overruled it Wednesday.

"The DMV is not only authorized, but obligated to require applicants for original and renewal driver licenses, identification cards and vehicle registrations to supply their Social Security numbers," said Justice Zerne Haning in the 3-0 ruling. "Persons whose presence in the United States is not authorized by law are not entitled to such documents."



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**Justice Zerne Haning  
1st District Court of appeal**

cation, social services and non-emergency health care to illegal immigrants.

Lawyers for a group of immigrants argued that the 1994 law's reference to "original" licenses did not cover renewals of licenses that were legally

San Francisco Superior Court Judge Stuart Pollack ordered the DMV in early 1994 to allow license renewals by all otherwise eligible license-holders, regardless of immigration status. But the appeals court suspended his order before it took effect, and

Haning acknowledged that possession of a Social Security number "has no relation to one's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle." But he said requiring the DMV to renew illegal immigrants' licenses was not intended by the law and "would produce some bizarre results."

## Superman Star's Condition Serious as Result of Injury

**CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP)** — *Superman* star Christopher Reeve is paralyzed and cannot breathe on his own after breaking his neck in a riding accident, his surgeon said Wednesday. The doctor refused to speculate on his chances of recovery.

The actor's headlong fall during a weekend horse-riding accident caused multiple fractures to his first and second cervical vertebrae, Dr. John A. Jane said.

That caused severe injuries to his spinal cord, and he may require surgery soon to stabilize his upper spine, the doctor said.

"The extent of the damage is not known. At this time, it is premature to speculate about his long-term prognosis," the University of Virginia neurosurgeon said in a brief statement, refusing to discuss the matter further.

The star's publicist, Lisa Kasteler, said Wednesday afternoon that Reeve was conscious and had been able to talk to relatives.

He was listed in serious condition at the University of Virginia Medical



Center.

Reeve, 42, an avid horseman, was injured Saturday during an equestrian competition at Culpeper.

Reeve's athletic 6'4" frame and love of adventure won him the title role in 1978's *Superman*, which was followed by three more movies based on the comic book character.

## Elephant Knowledge for All Provided by Southern Couple

**GUY, Ark. (AP)** — The lesson this day: how to trim an elephant's toenails.

Using a rasp, nippers and a hoof-cutting knife, 10 students from as far away as Australia learned the finer points of taking care of an elephant's feet. It's part of a two-week elephant-handling school hosted by Scott and Heidi Riddle on their 33-acre elephant sanctuary in the Ozark foothills.

"Elephant handling is a dying art," Scott Riddle said. "We have knowledge we'd like to share."

This is the second year the Riddles have hosted students at their farm.

The Riddles' place has more than just seven elephants. Guinea fowl, geese, ducks and chickens run freely. Happy, well-fed dogs and cats circulate, accepting pats and praise. The Riddles' three child-

ren — ages 4, 5 and 7 — bound about.

The dorms are tarp-covered tents. The classroom is earth and sky.

The Riddles' sanctuary, which also drew students from Canada, Japan, the



Netherlands and England for this year's classes, is nestled among cattle and horse operations, with their white fencing or wire fencing to keep the stock in.

Riddle is expecting to receive four African elephants, under age 2, by the end of June. Union Pacific has donated a half-mile of rail to build a second paddock.

## Discrimination Claimant Fails Out of S.F. Police Academy

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A veteran FBI agent who complained recruiters gave minorities and women a break has flunked out of the police academy.

John Mindermann, at 58 the oldest recruit ever to enter the academy, was angry and perplexed over his firing which came three weeks before his scheduled graduation.

"I really can't figure out what the agenda is behind all of this," Mindermann told the San Francisco Examiner. He said he may be the victim of retribution for past accusations.

Mindermann had complained to both the U.S. Fair Employment Practices Commission and the San Francisco Civil Service Commission.

"I believe that I have been discriminated against because of my sex, male, and race, white," the 20-year FBI agent alleged

in his federal complaint.

During the recruitment process in 1994, Mindermann charged he was not furnished in a timely manner with forms the department needed for his background check.



Women and minorities were given the background packets sooner, allowing them to gain higher slots on the hiring list, he said.

Mindermann taught at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. In 1981, he returned to San Francisco as a field supervisor, and worked on organized crime, narcotics and counter-terrorism cases. He retired from the FBI in 1988.

## Stanford Publication Brings Lawsuit Against University

**STANFORD (AP)** — The *Stanford Daily* is suing the university over its exclusion from the campus stadium during the World Cup last year, saying the school violated its contract and the paper's First Amendment rights.

Stanford refused to allow the *Daily* to hand out its special edition for the world soccer championship games played at Stanford Stadium.

The school, said FIFA, world soccer's ruling body, bans any unauthorized products from the stadium during tournaments.

But the Stanford Daily Publishing Corp., which is independent of the school but publishes the paper from a campus building under contract, said in a suit filed Friday that the ban violates its lease with the school.

The lease says the newspaper can be distributed anywhere on campus as

long as it "does not physically interfere with the free movement of persons or property."

Stanford said that agreement does not allow the paper to distribute everywhere, citing hospi-



tal operating rooms or faculty homes on campus.

The *Daily* ended up distributing 20,000 copies in stadium parking lots.

Editor Andy Dworkin says the dispute has First Amendment implications because it sets a precedent that the school can limit the *Daily's* circulation.

"We're afraid this may pop up in the future," he said.

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## Weather

I had originally intended to use this space today to muse on the concept of summer and other carefree topics. However, given that at this moment we are experiencing conditions that can only be seen as favorable by gilled creatures, this appears to have been a premature prognostication.

What is making us wet is what we professionals casually call "sub-tropical moisture" coming off the Pacific from the south. What "sub-tropical" really means, of course, is that during the day it gets warm and sticky. "It" being the outside weather conditions, you pervert. Nevertheless, if you want a source of off-color double entendres, your best bet is late-evening TV. No, not Dave or Jay — I mean Ted.

The other night on *Nightline*, former defense expert Zbigniew Brzezinski was on to talk about Bosnia. The upshot of his viewpoint was that the U.S. needed to act quickly lest we, and the U.N., appear "impotent." In fact, Brzezinski used this word, which is most commonly associated with (you guessed it) male sexual dysfunction, to answer every question Koppel asked.

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# Regent, Students Discuss UC Issues

By Tim Molloy  
Staff Writer

The University of California Board of Regents chairman met with student representatives Tuesday to discuss systemwide issues and address concerns that current procedures limit undergraduate and graduate expression. The meeting allowed regent Chairman Howard Leach to hear student input on several issues regents did not have time to adequately address at their May UC San Francisco-Laurel Heights assembly, according to Margaret Heisel, University Office of the President director of outreach admissions and student affairs. "We thought it was important that students have a chance to not just ex-

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It was a very constructive meeting. I think it was a very good exchange of ideas.”

Howard Leach  
chairman  
UC Board of Regents

”  
press views, but to have an exchange of ideas between themselves and individual regents," she said. The 1½-hour meeting enabled both Leach and the students to learn more about each other's views on University issues. "It was a very constructive meeting," Leach said. "I think it was a very good exchange of ideas."

The Office of the President paid to send six representatives from UCLA, UCSD and the UC Student Association to the Oakland meeting because the group could not pay the travel expenses themselves, according to Heisel. "There weren't sufficient funds otherwise within UCSA to cover that, and we thought it was important," she said. Leach expressed dissatisfaction with an incident during May's regents meeting in which UCSF law enforcement officers detained a UCSB student who allegedly crossed a police line after the ending of a public-comment period prevented her from addressing the board on Affirmative Action, accord-

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# Board to Discuss Peace Monument

By Sylvia Luis  
Staff Writer

A proposed peace monument returns to the agenda of the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District board tonight as members consider reversing an earlier decision on the project. The Perfect Park memorial — which would commemorate the peace movement and community unity of the 1970s — was first brought before the board by a committee of concerned students and residents May 4.

A board majority denied the allocation of seed money, approval of the monument's placement and formation of an IVRPD-appointed committee to review the proposal, but left the option open of considering the plan again at a later date. Director Geoff Green has placed the item back on the agenda and believes an acceptable compromise can be worked out. "I talked to a good number of community members and through these conversations I decided that there is potential to create a monument appro-

priate for Isla Vista," Green said. "I'm concerned about focusing primarily as a national monument — it's a local monument and it will address issues that were part of a nationwide sentiment. "I think the best way to do that is to create a committee of the board and community to come up with a conceptual design for the monument," he added. "It primarily needs to focus on what went on in Isla Vista, and if people want to draw parallels of national significance,

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**Spades Help Volunteering Workers in Blazing Trail**

By Giovanni Andolina  
Reporter

Shovel-bearing outdoorsmen will gather by the dozens this weekend to help build a new pathway at Gaviota State Park as part of the third annual National Trials Day.

On Saturday, California State Parks and Los Padres National Forest volunteers will unload spades, picks and pruners in hopes of completing a 1½-mile trail winding through the park's oak-lined hills.

Sponsored by the National Hiking Society, Saturday's event will focus on a state park for the first time, according to CSP Ranger Mike Lunsford.

"All the environmental regulations have been passed and the trail is ready to be built, but I just haven't had the man-

**Expert to Offer View on Crop Phenomenon**

An expert on the bizarre agricultural phenomena known as crop circles will lecture tonight on his belief that the intricate patterns may be a product of alien activity.

London-based author and architect Michael Glickman is a cerealogist, a specialist in crop circles. Glickman will present slides illustrating patterns in grain fields he asserts are produced by an extraordinary intelligence.

"I am presenting the history of crop circles," he said. "I've got about 140 slides."

Glickman believes the formations exhibit properties which make them impossible to reproduce by human means.

"I am left with no alternative but to assume that they are extraterrestrial," he said.

Glickman, who developed an interest in the irregularly-shaped growthless patches several years ago, is a columnist for the journal *The Cerealogist*, a council member of the Centre for Crop Circle Studies in England and a regular symposium speaker on his field of expertise.

While some assert the

intricate geometric designs are the product of hoaxsters, radio talk-show host and Glickman supporter Jeff Rence said such arguments rest too firmly on incidental evidence.

"It's not a question of hoaxes. Though there have been over 4,000 [crop circles] in over 20 countries," Rence said.

Michael Glickman's presentation will take place tonight at 7:30 in UCSB Chemistry Bldg. auditorium Room 1179. Organizers request an \$8 donation at the door.

—Dan Warren

power," he said. "I really do appreciate the level of cooperation that has taken place between the National Forest Service, the promoters and the state parks."

To offset the lack of experience among some state park officials, ranger Kerry Kellog of the National Forest Service will be on hand to help with construction, according to

Jim Blakley, chairman of the Trail Days program.

"The Los Padres Rangers have really come to the rescue and we are very thankful to have their expertise," he said.

The rangers were joined last month by a number of volunteers in an all-day project to repair the Romero Canyon trail in the Los Padres Forest. Organizers are hoping for another

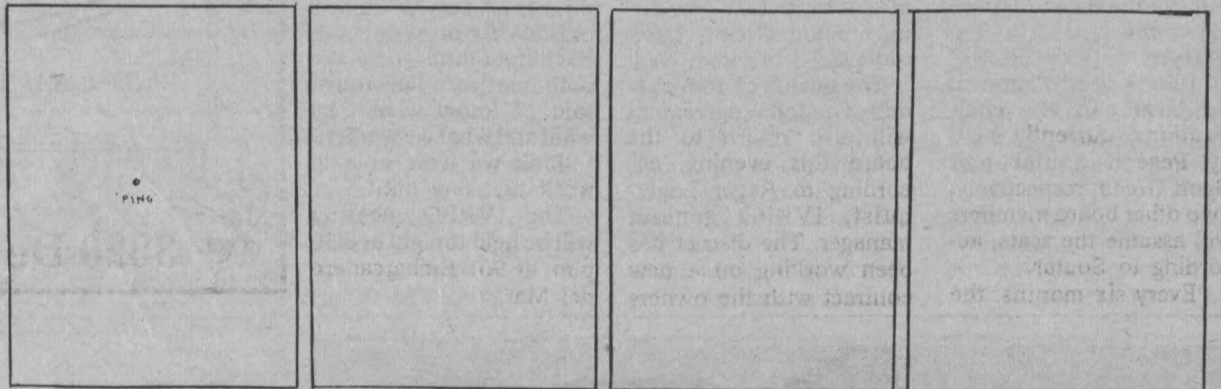
large turnout, according to Vie Oborn, executive secretary of the Santa Barbara County Trails Commission.

"On April 29, we had a state trail day and over 110 people attended," she said. "If that many people show up, we may be able to get the trail completely done and move on to other

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**The Gum Pledge**

Zack Grossman



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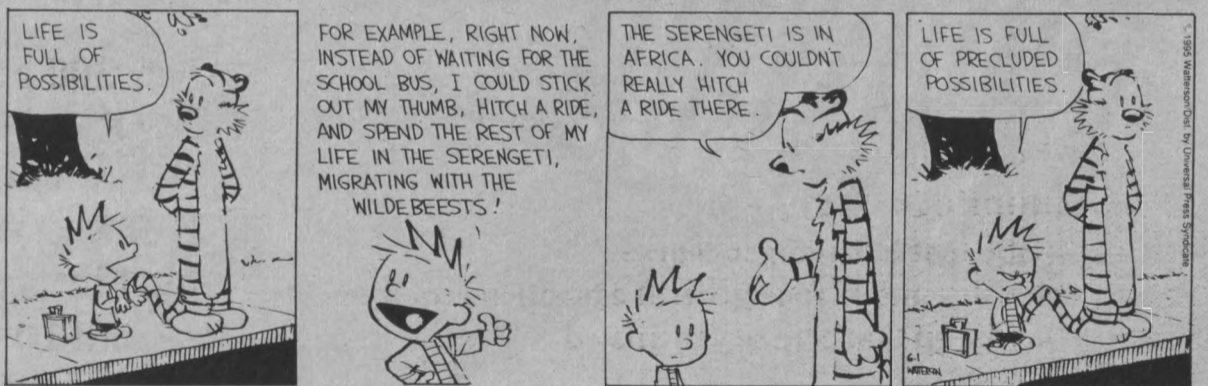
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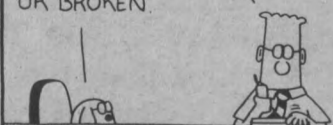
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## FORUM: Future Policy Examined

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The event featured a panel discussion on Affirmative Action, followed by several smaller dialogues. Panelist Kum-Kum Bhavnani, associate professor of sociology, expressed her belief that the policy has been exploited in the modern political climate to further divisiveness.

"The concept of diversity and the concept of Affirmative Action are used to pit people against each other," Bhavnani said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Michael Young believes the meeting provided a successful fact-finding opportunity

despite a disappointing turnout.

"I think it went well," he said. "I would have liked to see more people in attendance. I think a lot of good issues were discussed."

Chancellor Henry T. Yang believes the diverse guest list should contribute to productive future discussions of the policies.

"It is a very good idea to have staff, administration, faculty and students getting together to discuss the issues, and I think it has made an ongoing contribution to the promotion of our diversity and academic excellence," Yang said.

Out-going Associated

Students off-campus rep Autumn Geis took part in a group discussion of the issues as they relate to primary education, she said.

"It was exciting because we were looking at very different perspectives," she said.

The meeting attained its goal of helping leaders plan future policy making, Green said.

"I'm excited," he said. "I think we have some great ideas to go on. I will write a summary based on what we had today ... and we'll look at avenues through which to act on these issues."

## BUS

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them a little speech that we gladly accept donations."

Singer believes any problems will be resolved by July, when he plans on acquiring a lease option on the bus and obtaining his own permit to charge for the service.

"It's just a matter now of them processing every-

thing and mailing the piece of paper to me," he said. "By the time next school year comes around, we'll be charging per head."

Some bus patrons, like senior sociology major Vanessa Garcia, understand the need for regulations, but hope more problems aren't looming in the future.

"I guess it's not the cops' fault 'cause it's their job,

but they should be more understanding of it because if there wasn't this service, then all these kids would be driving drunk," she said.

Singer will expand his weekend service by offering rides Monday of graduation week, and also hopes to charter enough extra buses for Friday and Saturday night to enable riders to leave I.V. every half hour.

## IVRPD

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that's fine."

Tonight's meeting will also mark the rotation of the chair and vice chair positions, currently held by Pegeen Soutar and Geoff Green, respectively. Two other board members will assume the seats, according to Soutar.

"Every six months, the

chair and vice chair rotates and it keeps things fresh," she said. "It's been very educational and rewarding, but it's also been difficult."

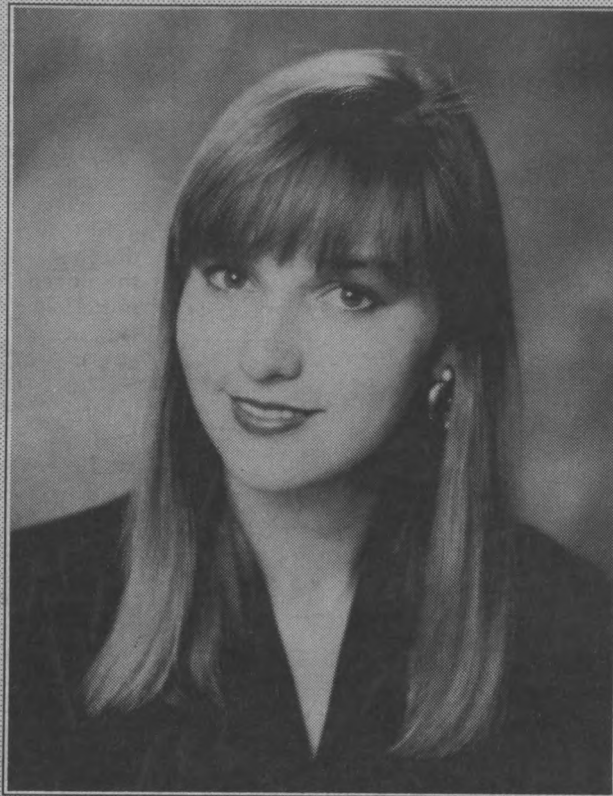
The push for a new Pardall Gardens agreement will also return to the board this evening, according to Roger Lagerquist, IVRPD general manager. The district has been working on a new contract with the owners

of Moo Shi Factory, adjacent to the park, to ensure the land is properly maintained, he said.

"I made a proposal contract that I think will serve both parties," Lagerquist said. "I know what they want and what we want, so I think we were able to work that one out."

The IVRPD meeting will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. at 961 Embarcadero del Mar.

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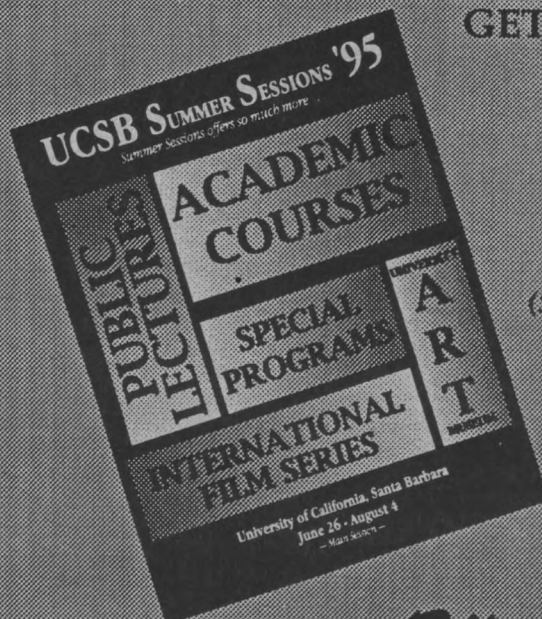
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# OPINION

"One may smile, and smile, and be a villain."  
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# Come Together

Travis Moon

As you rise up this month — together — to meet and duation, look around at your round faces. Look around round Earth and reflect and detect, with determination, tion of your life, as it will determine the direction of Earth in this decade of decisions.

The wheel of your life is pushed by your willpower. With individual journey driven from below — from a lower ness — that lowers you into a meaningless competition or wealth or personal glory, and gradually to excesses and more and more until, alas, there's less and less, t none?

These pursuits, you see, leave one engulfed and d walls! Walls of separation! The barbarism of these barriers come down crashing! But not crushing. Falling, but not save the Earth's diversity. Freeing the Earth and i through respecting the Earth and its people. Add your v to cooperation on Earth ... not to the corporatization of

We must rise up and put an end to the barriers (racism, speciesism). These divisions have driven a schism so must take each other's hands and, pulling together, h wounds. The Great Circle of Life, after all, is held through brotherhood and love. It is our shared power t us all holding on, and it is we holding on that keeps Circle from breaking. Chicanos, Blacks, yellows, red wild ones and wild rivers, seeing that our power separ shared, is what the now-powerful use as the very wall th against.

This wall, if reached, or read from the other side, exist the mining of our minds ... removing our most precious ores of love, of love of justice, of love of respect, of love o sion, of love of peace, of love of brotherhood. This w down when you rise up! To graduate, you must see th past war and its hate, past plates of fellow mates, past f flags, past race, past waste, past all that separates.

Rise up! Rise up and graduate! The Earth awaits your your deeds. Rise up and Graduate!

Travis Moon is a Nexus columnist.



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## Benefit of the Doubt

Recent Regent Decision May Not Be as Shady as It Seems

### Editorial

The regents are at it again, or are they? The governing body of the University of California and the students whose fate it affects haven't always seen eye to eye. Many past decisions — reflecting disregard for student concerns — have only helped build an attitude of distrust toward the board of governor appointees.

But the regents may deserve the benefit of the doubt concerning a recent action that has drawn criticism from student representatives — or at least a little more slack.

The UC Board of Regents is under fire by the University of California Student Association for changing the location of their June meeting from a Los Angeles campus site to a UC San Francisco meeting room. Regents announced the switch roughly two weeks before the gathering date.

Because of the regents' plan to tackle the controversial Affirmative Action program, as well as other topics, this meeting could attract a sizeable public turnout and prove to be an explosive event. For this reason, the board contends, the meeting was moved 400 miles north to a larger auditorium in San Francisco's Laurel Heights.

However, some say the sudden shift is not actually meant to accommodate more students. UCSA believes moving the meeting north is intended to inconvenience students who had planned to travel to Los Angeles. The new site is further from five of the nine UC campuses, and Berkeley will not be in session at the meeting time.

While the decision to move to a larger location may appear suspect, the regents could have good reason for it.

After the problem the board faced at its last meeting in San Francisco, where over 30 students were shut out of the gathering due to the room's size, the

regents have taken an active measure to increase access at the upcoming meeting. Responding to the barrage of student interest, the regents arranged for a bigger auditorium and closed-circuit television for any overflow.

While it would have been more appropriate to find another location in Los Angeles to accommodate a larger crowd, the board nonetheless had the right idea.

The decision to move the meeting to a larger auditorium has its merits. Although it will be difficult for some to make it to the San Francisco meeting, UCSA said those interested will most likely not be deterred from making the trip.

And while holding the meeting in San Francisco may make it less accessible to those from the Southern California universities, the locale change will make it available to students on the four other campuses upstate, which have just as much say and interest in the topics to be discussed as anyone.

UCSA was too quickly skeptical of the board's action. It seems, in this case, that the regents and student representatives are butting heads even though they are driven by the same intention — to increase student accessibility to the meeting.

Yet student cynicism toward the board is not without a basis. If regents were more in touch with these representatives, such misunderstandings could be minimized. Regent outreach has been marginal and infrequent, contributing to the breakdown in communication with students.

The Board of Regents might well take a good look at dealing with the problem of increasing their connection to students and building a relationship of trust with them.

Right now, many students seem to feel that they wouldn't accept a helping hand from a regent even if they were hanging from a cliff, and that is an attitude that needs to change.

## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



TOWARDS UNITY

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## The Reader's Voice

### Please Don't Go

Editor, Daily Nexus:

We, the undersigned alumnae of the UCSB Women's Studies Program, are writing to express how appalled we were to hear that Dr. Judith Raiskin may be forced to leave UCSB. Dr. Raiskin has been an integral part of the Women's Studies Program and an invaluable resource for students. One need only look at the many honors she has received to realize her worth as a scholar and as an accessible, interesting and challenging teacher.

Professor Raiskin has continually initiated innovative courses and tackled difficult and intriguing topics, keeping our program on the cutting edge of women's studies. Her commitment to undergraduates and to the campus community is undeniable. As students, we were motivated in our efforts to broaden our education beyond the classroom, both by her encouragement and her example. We were spurred to achieve our highest academic potentials, and supported through our personal trials and triumphs. Dr. Raiskin's contributions have enabled the Women's Studies Program and each of us who have studied with her to grow and become something more than we were before.

So why is it that Dr. Raiskin is being compelled to look at employment offers from competing universities? Hiring the spouse of a valued professor has been an established practice. That no movement has been made to offer a spousal hire to Dr. Mary Wood (a scholar of significant merit herself, with published works and tenure at a rival university) is an affront not only to Drs. Raiskin and Wood, but to the Women's Studies Program. This denial reeks not only of possible sexism and homophobia, but what does it say about the university's commitment to women's studies when our only full-time professor is being pressured to leave? Will the program itself be starved out of existence? While programs at other schools grow and thrive, this possibility merits the concern of all members of the UCSB community who wish to see our

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school remain current and competitive with other institutions.

We have been proud to be alumnae of one of the best, most well-grounded and challenging undergraduate women's studies programs in the country, and we remain convinced that women's studies is a valuable academic pursuit. None of us would change our decision to major in this program. Its intimacy, diversity, academic challenge, interdisciplinary focus and courage to question the assumed make it valuable, and its people, Dr. Raikin at the forefront, make it priceless. The founders and first participants in the Women's Studies Program fought for its institution. Neither the present nor past participants will watch it fade away in silence. We urge you all, **fight to retain Professor Raikin!**

KSENIA LUCHKOWSKA  
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## Pick Up Your Butts

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The warm, sandy beach; the sacred Santa Ynez Mountains; the busy campus of UCSB; the tourist-filled sidewalks of State Street. What do all of these



places have in common? They all end up being the dumping grounds for your nasty, numerous cigarette butts.

Now, don't get me wrong.... What you do with your own life has nothing to do with me. But, when I'm hiking to Devil's Playground or walking the streets of the concrete jungle, leaving nothing be-

# True Brotherhood Tainted

Sylvia Luis

Michael Davis was beaten to death. He was a student at the Southeast State University of Missouri where he had dreams of being a successful journalist one day. Michael was a strong Black man who was trying to make it in this world, struggling to be a success in this racist society.

Michael was barbarically murdered at the hands of those he looked up to and wanted so badly to be accepted by — his fraternity brothers. That was another dream that he had, to be a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, but the requirements to get into the greek house on his campus was to withstand a severe beating to prove an individual's manhood. Michael was no coward, he was ready to sacrifice his body for brotherhood and that is what he did.

So Michael entered into the darkness of the forest that surrounded his university, with two other pledges by his side. He took the consistent kicks, constant hits and continuous beating until he was unconscious and unmoving. The fraternity brothers carried him back to his dorm, where he never woke up. The next morning passed, as did the early afternoon, and that was when he took a turn for the worse. One of his brothers dialed 911 to request an ambulance.

The worst of this sad story is not over. The brotherhood of these fraternity men did not leave room for trust — the fraternity brother lied to the emergency operator and said that Michael was injured in a game of football that they had played the previous day. For that fleeting moment the fraternity brother was able to conceal the truth, but later the coroner would be able to uncover the morbid realization that the injuries sustained went beyond the football field. The coroner reported that the extent of the wounds was so severe that it can only be compared to a tragic car accident, when the mixture of speed and sudden impact have that sort of fatal encounter.

Hazing is illegal in over 40 states in this nation. It is a process of physical punishment that some fraternities and sororities require their pledges to go through as a process of initiation. Not all greek members put their pledges through such suffering, but the ones out there that do should be put behind bars. What are they doing to the next generation of politicians, doctors, lawyers and journalists? They are beating them to death across this nation and not letting them have the chance to grasp the opportunity to make a difference in this world, and ironically, that is what these academically blessed scholars are working so hard for.

A lot of impressionable young kids are shipped off to universities across the nation at the tender age of 18, completely vulnerable to any outside influences. The academic life can get so stressful and overwhelming that most students turn to booze, drugs and a whole lot of partying to ease the pressures that they face each day in the classroom. It is hard to go to a school that is removed from your childhood and high school society, and be able to find that familiar sense of belonging. So many kids turn to the brotherhood and sisterhood that the greek organizations can provide to help individuals come together in an inseparable bond, and to unite together like a family away from home.

There are a lot of positive things that go on in these organizations and I've seen some of the good that they do firsthand. A lot of them hold fund-raising functions for needy organizations and they hold special events for the underprivileged members of their community. Some of the sororities and fraternities volunteer a certain number of hours to nonprofit organizations and other fundamental groups to help make this world a better place. Just like in all other aspects of life, with the positive comes the negative.

There is a dark side to this comradery; the drinking, drugs, hazing and rape are realistic elements that can easily follow the do-gooders. Each and every year, on campuses nationwide, these events happen and we need to take a step back and ask ourselves if it's worth it. The handful of kids who are accidentally killed on an annual basis need to be taken into consideration in regard to the greek organizations. Even if just one person died last year, it is still a human life we are talking about, and if we are going to kill off the next generation that is going to make this world a better place, is it really worth it?

I firmly believe that if there are greek organizations that are still practicing hazing, they should be put out of commission. And for those organizations out there that are only doing positive things for our society, I tip my hat to you. We need to keep the focus on a positive structure of acceptance and comradery that incorporates sobriety and friendship without the need for substances. A lot of the harmful events that transpire within the life of the greek organizations are more often than not a result of intoxication.

So what is the solution? Awareness. Young adults across the nation need to know the reality of what is going on in the fraternities and sororities and the toll it is taking on human lives. What a wonderful focus that type of advocacy would be for the greek organizations to undertake, the consequences of what hazing has on the future of our society. The Bible says, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). If we have respect for ourselves and adoration for humankind, then maybe we wouldn't be putting potential scholars of our society through barbaric rituals in order to prove an individual's stamina. Send the message of love and peace — the more you give and love another, the more accepted you will be in society!

Sylvia Luis is a Nexus columnist.



LEXI COFFEE/Daily Nexus

hind but my good vibes, and I find myself surrounded by thousands of cigarette butts, it really makes me wonder. Why do people leave behind the toxic remains of their bad habit? As a calling card, or is it like leaving behind your scent?

In any case, your environment is a sacred place, whether it be downtown or on the beach. Additionally, you are sharing your environment with others. Why not show some respect for yourself, your environment and your fellow brothers and sisters? It takes such little effort to throw that nasty little butt away after smoking.

Instead of being so ignorant of where our luxuries come from and where they end up after they leave our sight, we need to become responsible and take authority over our actions. We all need to start celebrating our environment instead of trashing it.

COREY PETERSONS

## Dole Out Donations

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Many students may be unaware that scavenging (AKA dumpster diving) has been made illegal in Isla Vista. Supposedly, all the mess that's left behind after the great move-out is caused by scavengers who don't put stuff back in the dumpster after sorting through it (not the fact that over half the

community's population is moving out at the same time). According to the powers that be, scavengers are "in it" for themselves, all to make a fast buck, and things should be donated to local charities like GIVE, the Salvation Army or the Tenth Life Foundation.

I have no problem with this and hope that students moving out do donate things rather than throw them out. However, I would like to bring to people's attention that there are some smaller organizations out in Santa Barbara that can put certain things to better use than others, or use things one wouldn't consider all that valuable. For example, The Friends of the Library would certainly welcome donations of non-textbook-type books; the volunteers at the animal shelter can always use old towels, laundry soap, bleach and other cleaning supplies (and wouldn't complain about partial boxes, either); and food is always welcome at Shelter Services for Women, or Let Isla Vista Eat. Notebook paper, pens, pencils, etc., could be given to Isla Vista Elementary School and used by the students — this is only a small example of what's out there. Let's make this a move-out to remember and make sure nothing goes to waste.

LAURIE SURIBIE

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## LEACH: Reps Relay Campus Ideas

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ing to Peter Pursley, UCSA University affairs director. "He ... made it clear that he did not approve of it," Pursley said.

UCSA representatives also requested the regents allow one member to sit near the podium during meetings and help speakers recall factual information.

"We made a proposal that at least one UCSA staff person be allowed to have white line privileges, which means they sit much closer to the podium where speakers — primarily student representatives — are speaking, to be a resource," Pursley said.

Students also called on the regents to increase the accessibility of the sign-up sheet for speakers by increasing its visibility and standardizing its location

at board meetings, according to Pursley.

"There's got to be better publicity around the sign-up procedures," he said.

Leach told students a final board decision on possible Fall Quarter fee hikes will depend on whether the state legislature votes for a \$38 million increase in funding for the University.

"We know we're on the horns of a dilemma there because of our desire to keep fees down and the difficulty the legislature has to give us the funding," he said Wednesday.

The University's Affirmative Action policies, UCSA's and UCOP's differing interpretations of the *Smith v. Regents* decision, graduate student fee remissions and the guidelines by which UCSA recommends student-regent

candidates were also discussed.

Leach declined to address graduate student-employee unions with the group because several proposals regarding the issue are pending, according to Pursley.

UCSA members called the meeting generally successful. "Chairman Leach was obviously genuinely interested in hearing what the student representatives had to say," Pursley said.

The meeting may establish a precedent for increased student-regent communication, according to Heisel. UCOP is working on a tentative program to allow students to express their views on Affirmative Action before the board discusses the policy at their June meeting, she said.

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## Gaucha Softball Squad Scores a Pair of Recruits to Help Restore Winning Ways

By Michael Cadilli  
Staff Writer

The UCSB softball squad has signed a pair of athletes with collegiate experience to help fill holes in the lineup and add to the team's depth for the 1996 season.

Head Coach Liz Kelly announced on Wednesday that Santa Barbara has received commitments from pitcher Laura Richardson and second baseman J.J. Miranda, both of whom should have an immediate impact on the squad.

Richardson, a right-handed hurler, will jump to Division I competition after taking a year off. The Camarillo High School graduate — who pitched at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo during the 1994 season — will enter UCSB with sophomore eligibility. In '94, she was 7-3 with a 3.10 ERA in 16 games for the then-Division II Mustangs. She also held opponents to a team-low .288 batting average. She will likely start the season as the Gauchos' #2 pitcher, behind Stacy Atwood.

"We're looking at her to be the second punch we need at pitcher," Kelly said. "She is real capable of doing that."



UCSB softball Head Coach Liz Kelly has inked a pitcher and an infielder to help improve on the Gauchos' losing record in 1995.

Miranda comes to Santa Barbara from Hancock Community College in Santa Maria with a .302 batting average, one home run, 47 RBI and eight stolen bases in 1995. A four-time All-League selection in high school and an All-Western States Conference honoree in her first season at Hancock, she will be asked to fill the shoes of graduating second baseman Annjanette Vitulli.

"We are glad to have her here at UCSB," Kelly com-

mented. "She is a very consistent hitter and just a smart player."

The Gaucha coaching staff is hot on the recruiting trail and is in the process of trying to sign two junior college standouts. Although Kelly indicated that she was recruiting these athletes, no commitments from the players have yet been received.

"We're trying to build the program up so we can compete in our conference, and that's saying so

we can compete with the best teams in the country," Kelly added. "To do that, we are going to need resources to be a consistent contender."

Kelly is attempting to raise the level of the Gaucha program to improve upon 1995's 10-22 Big West Record.

"It's going to take time [to build up], but we could be a lot better next year," she said. "It's possible that we could even contend for playoffs next year."

### Men's Golf Season in Review

## Too Little, Too Late in UCSB Golf Season

By Alex Nugent  
Staff Writer

Although there were some bright moments for the UCSB golf team this past season, a combination of injuries, academic ineligibilities and all-around inconsistent play hampered the squad from being invited to the NCAA Regionals.

The Gauchos, who finished strong towards the end of the season by placing fifth in the Big West Championships, were edged out by the University of Southern California and UCLA for one of the 12 bids in the postseason regional tournament.

"The NCAA took the top 12 teams for the regionals and we were unfortunately the 13th," Head Coach Steve Lass said. "For the past two or three years we have been finishing 13th with, of course, the exception of last year. It wasn't a new scenario for some of the seniors on the team."

"The season was really more of an up-and-down one," he added. "We were horrible in the first half of the season and we were only a solid team in the second half."

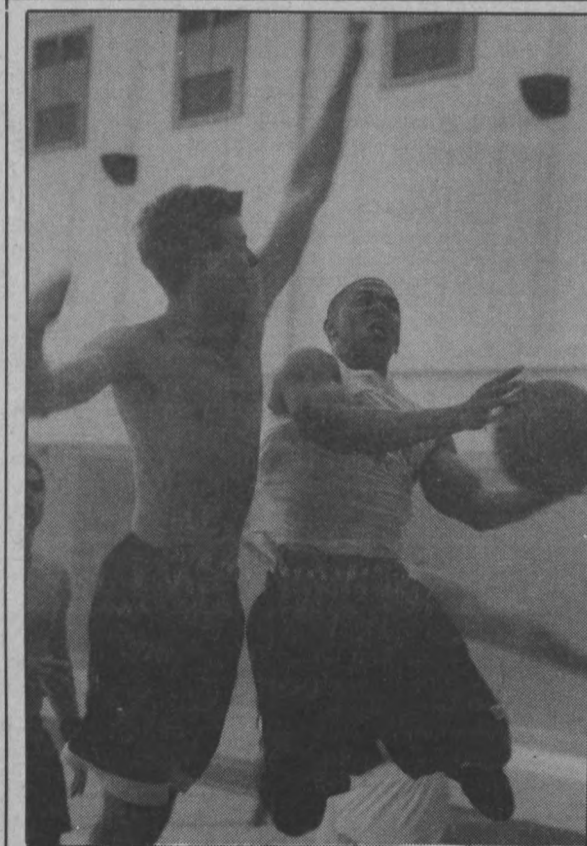
During the first part of the season, when some of Santa Barbara's golfers were academically ineligible, the squad competed in four tournaments where its highest finish was only 11th. The tough fall season was definitely evidence that the top golfers were missed.

"During the fall season, I was injured and Dan Buckner was unable to play, either," junior Brian Hull said. "The team didn't do very well and it really put us in a big hole for the rest of the season."

With its ineligible players back for the spring season, UCSB became a rejuvenated team, placing second in both the Mauna Kea Invitational on February 14-16 and in the Aldila/Callaway Collegiate on March 6-7.

In the next three tournaments, however, the team's successful momentum slowed down as it placed no higher than ninth. The combination of senior Ryan Mitchell and Hull carried the team in the last part of the season as they managed to place in the top 20 in two of the last three tournaments of the year.

"Outside of Ryan Mitchell and Brian Hull, we had some good players, but no one stepped forward and played great," Lass said. "To be a great college team, you need kids on the bottom of the lineup to step up and play just as well as everyone else in the tournament. The key to our success was that the #1 and #2 guys played excep-



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### Taking It to the Hole

Even with papers due and finals approaching, some students still find time to hoop it up.

tionally well and carried the rest of the team."

Mitchell and Hull averaged 73.8 and 73.5, respectively, for each round of golf they played during the season. Mitchell's highest individual finish was fourth in the Windon Memorial, while Hull enjoyed a second-place outing in the Aldila/Callaway Tourney. Because of their solid play, both Gauchos were selected to the All-Big West First Team. However, the loss of both of these players for the 1995-96 campaign results in a slight lack of optimism in Lass' eyes.

"Mitchell is graduating this year and we're also losing Hull next year," he said. "He could possibly be one of our best players, but he received a full ride to USC for his final two seasons of eligibility. However, I have some pretty good recruits coming in next year, but unfortunately, they won't be very experienced."

## AROUND THE HORN

By  
Daniel  
Solomon

Eating my Cinnamon Life cereal in De La Guerra Dining Commons four years ago as a freshman, I began reading a *Daily Nexus* baseball column written by then-assistant sports editor Josh Elliot. He was giving his end of the season award predictions for major league baseball and for the national league MVP, his choice being San Francisco first baseman Will Clark.

The favorite to win the award and the player who ended up taking it was Atlanta Brave third baseman Terry Pendleton, who, despite posting a league-leading .319 batting average and 187 hits to go with 22 home runs, 86 RBI and 94 runs, had stats which were slightly weaker than Clark's .301, 170 hits, 29 HR, 116 RBI and 84 runs.

However, Pendleton was the clear leader at the plate, in the field and in the clubhouse of a World Series-bound Atlanta squad which went from worst to first with a 94-68 record. Clark, on the other hand, could only manage to guide his Giants within 19 games of the Braves with a 75-87 record.

Disgusted by this obvious case of NorCal bias, I decided on that day that I wanted to write for *Daily Nexus* sports. After writing two dull and boring news stories (some things never change), I asked my editor Ross French to put in a good word with the sports editor Andrew Paul.

Four years and some 250-plus articles later, I'm still sitting in this same sports office underneath Storke Tower (the one with old layout flats and sports posters all over the walls) at this same 1979 Mycro-Comp computer writing my farewell column.

Thus, with the fat lady warming up her vocal cords and the refrigerator door beginning to close, it's time to give thanks to those who helped me as a writer and broadcaster during my four years at UCSB.

Thank you to the past and present members of the UCSB media relations office — Bill Mahoney, Tom Hastings, Kirk Reynolds, Diane O'Brien, Tim Cummins and Chris Carlson — for making my job that much easier and never kicking me out of your office when I came to visit almost every day.

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Thank you to KCSB 91.9 FM radio for opening the way to another option in the sports media experience. While writing was always a satisfying individual effort, broadcasting play-by-play for volleyball, basketball and baseball games was always great because of the team effort that was involved.

Thank you to my roommates for leaving the porch light on during my late editing nights and for giving me my messages when I called home seven times a day. Special thanks to Eric Baran for encouraging me to use big words like "obstructed" and "submission" in my articles, and to my roommate of four years and my best friend, Diego Eder, for being my biggest critic and fan.

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Thank you to UCSB for being a research-based institution with no journalism major and a communication department that offers a bastion of theory courses with virtually no practical experience. Because of this, though, I was left with no other choice but to get involved with the newspaper and radio station to keep my (in)sanity.

Five weeks from now, I'll be in New York at Syracuse University beginning their masters program in radio, television and film. And although the Orangemen have a better basketball team, which makes the NCAA Tournament almost every year (something that was never done by UCSB's men's team in my four years) — and oh yeah, a football team, too — I will forever remain a Gaucha at heart.

So, here it is. The fat lady is singing away and the refrigerator door is closed tight. My farewell column. My last hurrah. My last time to go *Around the Horn*.