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Steppin' Out

Members of African-American fraternities and sororities turned out in Storke Plaza Wednesday at noon to entertain campus onlookers with an annual step show. Photos by Rachel Weill

Safety an Issue When Oil Projects Proposed

Representatives Insist Highest Standards Met

By C-J Conklin
Staff Writer

Although much of the debate concerning oil development along the California coast focuses on aesthetics, issues of community health and safety have not been overlooked by either side.

Along with the royalty and tax revenues that can bring a quick inflow of cash to a community, coastal oil development presents particular hazards. For Santa Barbarans, memories of a disastrous spill in 1970 have solidified concern over the dangers of drilling.

As a result, county, state and national agencies have beefed up regulations on new projects. In addition to local governments, agencies involved in approving development projects include the Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Dept. of Fish and Game, and the California Coastal Commission.

"There are dozens of permits and requirements," said Dev Vrat, energy specialist at the Santa Barbara County Resource Management Division.

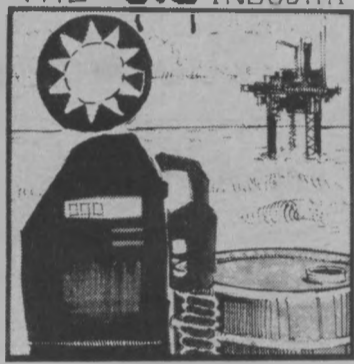
Nevertheless, company representatives prefer to focus attention on their own precautions.

"We have a fairly strong commitment from management to safety and environmental protection," said Mike Jennings, environmental and safety manager for the Chevron Ventura Profit Center. "Our people believe this. I've seen operations shut down even if it means losing money."

Mobil Oil Public Relations Manager Darlene Taylor said that precautions at drilling sites include in-house training programs, 24-hour supervision and a safety meeting every 12 hours.

"There are monitors that mo-

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nitor any slight change in drilling activity, visual and audio alarms. When the buzzer goes off, we check everything," she said.

Toxic hydrogen sulfide gas, present in crude oil when it is extracted from the ground, is a safety concern that companies continually deal with. Mobil uses a chemical that reacts with the gas to form a solid that is no longer dangerous, Taylor said.

"As far as the public is concerned, there is an emergency plan coordinated with the Santa Barbara County office of Emergency Services. We integrate our plan with our neighbors," she said. "We have an excellent record."

To protect against spills, pipelines are surrounded by protective casing, and containment measures that can hold up to 150% of a tank's capacity, according to Shauna Clarke, Mobil spokeswoman and former Clearview Drilling Project leader.

If fire detection sensors are activated, a plant will be completely flooded by ocean or pond water. A foam system designed to smother oil fires is another safety precaution, Clarke said.

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Safer Campuses

Violent UCSB Crime Down, Report Says

By Christine Collins
Reporter

The crime level at the University of California is decreasing, making the nine campus communities safer in comparison to previous years, according to a recently released systemwide crime report.

The 1993 Annual Report and Crime Statistics booklet indicates that general crime rates are down by 2%. Though violent crime has increased 23% systemwide since 1992, six individual campuses have experienced a decline in this statistic, with UCSB showing a 71% reduction.

Numerous factors can influence these figures, said UCSB Police Lt. Bill Bean, including an increase in campus security patrols and preventative

education. "There's so many things that can affect statistics," he said. "In 1991, there was more of a concerted effort through the Rape Prevention and Education Program with the Police Dept. to enhance the reporting procedures."

According to Bean, it is difficult to get precise statistics for crimes such as rape, because so many cases are never reported.

Public drunkenness at UCSB was down by 32% due to police efforts during Halloween, which made a big impact on that number, he said.

Property crimes, including bicycle theft, have significantly decreased on UC campuses for the second consecutive year, by 4%, especially at Davis, Berkeley, Santa Barbara and San Diego, where bikes are a pivotal source of transportation, Bean

said. "Bicycle theft went down 13% because in July and December we stepped up our [Community Service Organization] patrols and foot patrols on campus due to the computer theft, which we also think caught some bike thieves and deterred other crimes," he said.

According to the annual report, the UC average ratio of police officers to population is 1.2 for every 1,000 students and faculty, with UCSB and UCSD both falling below the average at 0.9 officers for every thousand.

Unlike UCLA or UC Berkeley, UCSB and UCSD are not in large metropolitan areas, but are surrounded by small towns like Isla Vista or located 12 miles outside La Jolla, said UCSD Police Chief John Anderson.

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UCSF Researchers Start Tests on Controversial Morning-After Pill

By Susan Burkhardt
Staff Writer

The controversial pregnancy prevention drug RU 486 has been tested as a "morning after" pill for the first time in the United States, by a team of scientists at UC San Francisco.

The French-manufactured pill has been involved in previous research in the U.S. as an abortive method. This new study is unique in that RU 486 is tested as a method to prevent a pregnancy from occurring, as opposed to the usual technique of inducing an abortion, which interrupts an al-

ready established pregnancy.

"We are doing a clinical trial of the 'morning after' pill to be used as a contraceptive, not as an abortive pill," said Lisa, a researcher at UCSF who, because of the controversial nature of the study, could not give her full name.

According to Lisa, the primary goal of the research team is to test the effectiveness of using lower dosages of RU 486 than the usual 600 milligrams that are given in France, Sweden, China and the United Kingdom, the only countries to permit public distribution of the pill, which has an effective-

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Weather

The clouds will go away, and the sun will shine, except for over the heads of those pro-life babblers who shall wail and gnash their teeth over the knowledge that RU-486, the abortion drug, will finally make its way to the states. God, this is the greatest import since Bridget Bardot. Not that this drug will solve everything. I'm quite sure we will see Operation Rescue walking into the local Thrifty's and chaining themselves to the prescription counter. Even better, no stupid pictures of nine-week old fetuses held by protesters outside clinics. Sounds wonderful, doesn't it?

Thursday's High: 68, Low: 44
 Outlook: Partly cloudy, but showers gone.
 High tide: 5:03 am (3.6), 6:17 pm (4.7)
 Low tide: 11:29 am (0.7)
 Sunset: 7:57 pm, tomorrow's Sunrise: 5:54 am.

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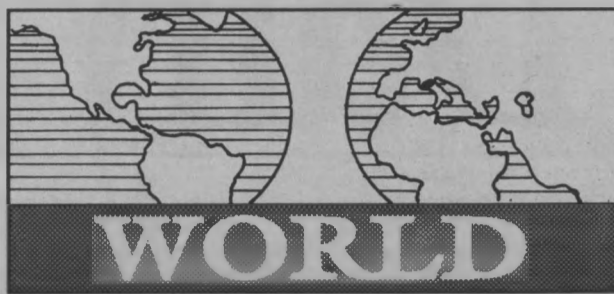
Coalition Wins Senate Confidence Vote

ROME (AP) — Premier Silvio Berlusconi's conservative coalition passed its first crucial test Wednesday, overcoming concern about neo-fascist influences to squeak through a Senate vote of confidence.

After two days of debate over his business connections and whether his coalition partners had broken with their neo-fascist past, Berlusconi won by a vote of 159-153. He needed at least 158 votes.

Parliamentary elections in March left the coalition, Italy's first conservative government since World War II, just short of a majority in the upper house.

The coalition should have an easier time later this week when the confidence measure goes before



the lower Chamber of Deputies, where it has a comfortable edge.

Failing to win the Senate vote could have sent Italians back to the polls. All new governments are required by the constitution to go before parliament for a confidence within 10 days of formation.

The coalition government — Italy's 53rd government since World War

II — consists of Berlusconi's newly founded Forza Italia (Let's Go, Italy) party, the federalist Northern League and the National Alliance.

The Alliance party is the successor to the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement, founded by followers of dictator Benito Mussolini in 1946. Alliance leaders call themselves "post-fascist."

"I am voting against the

government because in my past, I lost six years in jail under fascism," said Leo Valiani, an 85-year-old resistance hero and senator-for-life.

"It is not possible for me to vote for a government in which there are ministers who have not repudiated fascism," he said.

Berlusconi, a media tycoon who entered politics and formed his anti-communist coalition just last year, rejected criticism based on the alliance's past, saying his government should be judged on "facts, not prejudices."

Opposition leaders also attacked Berlusconi for failing to shed his business holdings, including Italy's three big private television networks and its largest supermarket chain.

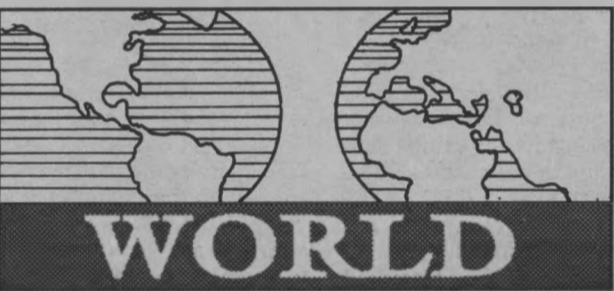
Monitors Cite Major Election Problems

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — President Joaquin Balaguer's apparent election victory may not be legitimate given the depth of problems in the vote, monitors said Wednesday.

The report by an independent monitoring group led by former U.S. Rep. Stephen Solarz came as the longtime ruler's main challenger repeated demands for a recount of Monday's election.

Jose Francisco Pena Gomez called the electoral process "an assassination of the democratic will of the Dominican people." He said his supporters would not stand to see an election stolen from them.

With more than 90% of precincts counted, official figures gave the blind, 87-year-old Balaguer 1,150,191 votes or 42.5%, and leading opponent Jose Francisco Pena Gomez 1,111,840 or 41.1%. For-



mer president Juan Bosch had 358,982 votes or 13.3%.

The election is being closely watched in Washington because the conservative Balaguer has allowed massive smuggling with Haiti, weakening a U.N. embargo against military coup leaders in the neighboring country.

Solarz's vote monitors confirmed opposition allegations of problems in computer vote tabulation and the widespread denial of ballots to valid voters.

"The disenfranchisement, given its magnitude

and distribution, could affect the outcome of the election," Solarz told reporters.

The group's statement did not give a figure of those denied the vote nor rule out that clerical error could have eliminated their names from electoral lists.

"The pattern of the disenfranchisement, however, suggests the real possibility that a deliberate effort was made to tamper with the electoral process," Solarz said.

A consideration for the

international monitors is whether too swift or too strong a condemnation of the electoral process would prompt violence. Solarz's group was careful to recommend Dominicans peacefully resolve the problem among themselves.

Seventeen people were killed in campaign violence, including a rural Pena Gomez candidate shot by a soldier during voting Monday. Hundreds of soldiers patrolled poor neighborhoods overnight, and soldiers randomly stopped and searched vehicles Wednesday.

Many Dominicans also believe Balaguer stole 1990's vote.

Balaguer, the nation's ruler for 20 of the last 28 years, did not discount irregularities. He said that if any occurred, they were related to a new electoral system and to high levels of illiteracy.

Surgeon Gives Motive for Fake Records

BOSTON (AP) — A surgeon who faked records in a landmark breast cancer study said he only wanted the best treatment for patients and didn't believe the project's rules had to be "followed blindly."

Dr. Roger Poisson of St. Luc Hospital in Montreal was one of the chief contributors to the study, which changed the way early breast cancer is treated.

His falsifications of dates in a handful of cases cast doubt on the study, calling into question the now-standard practice of treating breast tumors by removing the cancerous lump rather than the whole breast.

Experts have since assured patients that his falsifications did not change the study's overall results, and other research confirms that the lumpectomy is an acceptable treatment.



Nonetheless, the affair triggered a furor, in part because of a delay in making the fraud public. Nearly four years elapsed from when officials first became suspicious of Poisson's data and the disclosure — in an article in the *Chicago Tribune* two months ago.

Poisson's explanation was one of several letters about the affair published in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Among other versions of events was a step-by-step account by Dr. Bernard Fisher of the Univer-

sity of Pittsburgh, the study's coordinator, who was recently dismissed from the project because of the uproar.

Fisher said that by the time a two-year federal investigation was over last year, it was clear that the fraud had no impact on the study's results, so there was "no issue of public health."

"We failed to recognize that the public might interpret that lack of an immediate announcement or publication of a reanalysis as a sign that we were less than forthright or even

that we had concealed information that could have affected the treatment of women with breast cancer," he wrote.

The lumpectomy study, published in 1985 in the *New England Journal*, was part of the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project, which Fisher headed.

In the study, women with breast cancer were randomly assigned to have lumpectomies or mastectomies. All participants were supposed to meet explicit rules regarding their health and treatment. The goal was to ensure they were as alike as possible so valid comparisons could be drawn.

Of the 1,511 women in the study, 354 were Poisson's patients. The U.S. Office of Research Integrity concluded that Poisson faked records of six of them.

CRIME

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 "It's safer on campus than in the city," Anderson said. "I think it's such a different area both demographically and the way it's placed within the city."

The increase in UC vio-

lent crime may be due to contributing socioeconomic forces, said UCSB Police Chief John MacPherson. "Crime prevention starts with each and every one of us," he said. "There's always a whole host of social and economic factors associated with crime, such as unemployment, and I think that's where violent crime

may be taking an increase."

According to MacPherson, it is crucial for the campus community to be aware of the crime prevention services available. "Some of it is simply visual," he said. "People need to know we're here, that we do care and know what programs we provide."

OIL

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 Local environmentalists disagree that the oil industry's track record is so sterling, and they are unconvinced that their concerns have been adequately addressed. "[They] use heavy metals that can affect the fish, shellfish that feed around the platform, bioaccumulate through the food chain," said Linda Krop, acting

chief council for the Environmental Defense Center. The West Campus Point Homeowners Assn., in conjunction with several local groups, issued an information packet detailing Mobil's history in Southern California. The report cites 34 news articles, including reporting of recent criminal charges pending over pollution at Mobil's Torrance refinery. "If you want an oil company in your backyard, you need to look at how

they treat their neighbors elsewhere," said Isla Vista Student Coalition Co-chair Brent Foster.

"All you have to do is look around — at the Mobil spill at Ellwood Beach ... that Unocal has been leaking diluents in Casma, that Texaco is leaking diluents into the Ventura river," Foster said. "It just goes to show that the process of oil poses serious risks to human safety and the natural environment."

PILL

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 tiveness rate of 96%
 At the San Francisco site, a total of 150 women will be given the pills five days after unprotected intercourse and before the 13 days it takes for the fertilized egg cell to become an embryo by implanting itself in the lining of the woman's uterus.

In 1989, the Food and Drug Administration enforced a ban of RU 486 in the United States at the urging of anti-abortion groups. Researchers at UC San Diego were testing the pill for other medical purposes, including tests upon women with fibroid tumors, benign tumors in the uterus and on endometriosis, which causes infertility.


"It's sad that we can't test [the bill's contraceptive potential], but the problem is that the pill can be used for anything," said Pam Malcolm, study coordinator at UCSD. "The reason anti-abortion advocates disliked it was because it can be prescribed

for medical purposes but also used for an abortion."

According to Malcolm, President Bill Clinton's decision in 1993 calling for more research to be done on the pill encouraged the makers of RU 486 to license it for research.

"There has been a change of philosophy," Malcolm said. "Politically the tide has turned and hopefully we can start testing again soon."

Studies will soon begin to test RU 486 as an abortion pill to be taken up to seven weeks into the pregnancy. Researchers hope the pill will receive FDA approval and be available to women in 1996.



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SUCH AS IT IS, YES.

OPINION

"Coincidences are the miracles God performs anonymously."

—Arianna Huffington

One Really

Duke Conover

But Enough About You ... A Bad Sign

Sybil Kelly

I almost hit rock bottom this morning. At first I was excited that someone else had already braved the cold and brought in the *Los Angeles Times* for me to enjoy with my morning coffee. I quickly glanced at the headlines, then abandoned current events and flipped through the paper in search of the really important stuff. It wasn't there.

I went through the sections again, this time licking my fingers to separate the thin newsprint, in case it was stuck together. But no luck. I began to panic. Had the paperboy forgotten it? Had it fallen out? Been stolen from our front porch? Had one of my roommates already run off with it? The latter seemed the most likely, even though they claimed to have stopped reading it. So before I made any accusations, I looked around the living room and in the stack of old newspapers by the fireplace. Where was it? I double-checked the kitchen, and, embarrassed by my own desperation, wondered if it was worth the humiliation to call out for help. I decided it was.

"Has anyone seen the horoscope?" I begged weakly.

A roommate appeared, holding the astrology page and a pen in her hand. "We're doing the crossword puzzle —

"Can I see it?" I interrupted.

She sighed reluctantly. "We're almost d—" She jumped back a ways as I snatched it from her.

"Just for a sec ..." I assured her, descending upon the paper like a junkie on a fix. She regarded me accordingly, with the patronizing disgust of a dealer who's kicked the habit, but still sells to sorry addicts like myself.

"You're pathetic," she said.

Fine — I admit it. I read my horoscope. Every day I know my celestial number, too, and have, on more than one occasion, spent at least 10 extra minutes at the Vons checkout counter reading my forecast in every monthly publication available. But I don't have to, man. I'm a social reader. I could stop any time ...

My need to read my horoscope is to me a somewhat abject dependency, as I would like to think of myself as a bit more sensible and self-guided. (I would also like to think of myself as very tactful, independently wealthy and trilingual. I have a very rich fantasy life.) As a result, I admit to my addiction with only slightly more reluctance than to my fixation with "Melrose Place" — which is really just a by-product of my adolescent crush on Billy, and the fact that I would watch the weather channel if it were anchored by Andrew Shue.

My habit becomes especially strong during uncertain phases in my life (read: since I was 12), and stems from a need to feel in control of, or at least knowledgeable about, my future. In these aimless times, I need directions, clues, answers ... and something to blame if they turn out to be wrong. Tired of haphazardness, I try to outsmart the madness of chance and to search for some rhyme and/or reason to the random people and series of even more random events I always seem to find myself in the middle of, and consequently call my life.

I have yet to shell out \$3.99 per minute to speak directly with a professional astrologer or one of Dionne Warwick's Psychic Friends, but who knows? I haven't graduated yet, and there is still a certain range of predictability to my randomness.

Horoscopes are readily available daily advice, perfect for those who want instant gratification and directive responses to their questions. I crave these crash-diet-quick-fix type of answers, not so much because I believe them, but because it is such a relief to stop trying to figure out which wall I should bang my head up against next, and have something *present itself* as a possibility. It is comforting in the same way that it is when someone tells you that everything is going to be OK, despite all evidence pointing to the contrary.

Please understand that I do not seriously expect to open the "Life & Style" section of the *Los Angeles Times* one day and find a complete inventory of my personal priorities, all shiny and organized in a neat list in order of importance, from most pressing to truly frivolous (although that would be rather nice, and terribly convenient). But I do harbor an optimistic, however asinine, hope that in the daily Mad Lib of my life, Sydney Omar will provide me with appropriate nouns and adverbs to fill in my blanks and mold mine into a more colorful, interesting, and perhaps grammatically correct existence.

The advice is vague, but I have learned to interpret the astrolog-



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ical generalizations on a personal level. For instance, if Syd says, "VIRGO: Get out and mingle! Do not wait for others to take the initiative. Spotlight on finance status, debts, relative involved. Keep resolutions regarding health, fitness." I hear, "SYBIL: Get a life! He is never going to call you. Check your account balance and call your mother for money to cover the Sprint bill. Remember Gold's Gym? Why don't you go reacquaint yourself with the Stairmaster."

I read the fine print. I know that it is for entertainment purposes only. So I entertain myself ("You will make great achievements in your career without even trying ..." Career? I'm a student. Oh my God — I'm going to get a 4.0 without studying for finals!), and the unlikely possibility that all the good parts of my horoscope will come true (the negative things I disregard because I am, after all, the master of my own destiny). Someday, I will have to wean myself from my concern with the planetary influences in my life, but until then, I'm going to keep reading my horoscope for the same reason some people pray. Just in case.

Sybil Kelly is a Nexus columnist.

I'm really not sure what time means but if I'm to rely on the murmurs and mumblings I hear around me, I guess it's been about seven weeks that I have been aware of my surroundings. Counting the time it took me to get here, I guess I've been hanging around for about nine weeks.

Although my mind has been rather clouded, I guess it's been a pretty good stay so far. It's a little dark, but I get plenty to eat and I sleep whenever I want. At first, I thought the mumblings I hear were just in my head. That is until I figured out that I was hearing them from outside my head — through my ears.

The mumblings are nice — sweet and soothing. Sometimes they'll lull me off to sleep. If I knew what love is — I hear it talked about all the time — I believe I would be in love with whatever it is that produces these mumblings.

Lately, though, I've been getting mixed messages. At times the mumblings have sounded rather terse — almost frightening. Sometimes they're really strong and it seems like they're conveying a negative message directed at me. But as fast as the vibrations of anger pass through my body, everything seems happy again.

I guess it's supposed to be a big day today — whatever a day is. The mumblings have said everything will be OK after today. Gosh (yawn), I'm feeling tired.

I guess I was out for awhile. This really loud sound just woke me up. I've never heard anything like it before — it's incredibly loud and it's really scary. Hold it! What's that? Some kind of hard long thing that's sucking everything out of my room. What the hell is going on?

OK, I've got to think this through. Calmly now, what was that? It's really scary. Relax. Oh no! Here it comes again. It's got me. This monster thing has got me and it's shaking me back and forth. It's pushing and prodding and it's moving really fast. It's got a hold of my foot and it won't let go.

AAAGGGHHH!!! My foot is gone! The monster, it ate my foot. I've heard the mumblings talking about pain. This must be pain. I just can't stand the feeling. This has got to be pain.

Oh my God, here it comes again, but its mouth is wider this time and it has a hold of my legs and arms. It's really throwing me around this time. I've heard the mumblings talking about death. Is this what I'm going through? Death?

I'm going to try to get away but I don't think that I can. This monster really has a tight hold on me. It won't let go! It won't let go!! Oh please, just let me

The Reader's Voice And Then ...

Editor, Daily Nexus:

While it is tempting to lampoon the recent Latino earlier this week with the demand for a Viking Studio to be serious because humor seems to endanger acculturation, I believe that interracial dialogue is sorely needed.

I feel that those in the Hispanic community (a phrase identified as such) are doing enormous harm to their particular and to the need for a race-blind society in "Viva la Raza" are inherently racist and separatist, an individual being the unique and important entity.

People of my generation, who happen to be white, efforts to their own economic detriment to make ourselves to "minorities," find ourselves in the position by the very people we have supported. It can certainly be that oppressed people commonly engage in the behavior, the treatment of Palestinians by Israelis, El Salvador, Hutus. How tragic that at a university we see this supposedly educated and enlightened people.

I understand the anger of oppressed people. Being trampled on for more than a thousand years, the denied their own culture, their language, their self-respect. Further, it is a responsibility of the individual to fight back. There is nothing more inspiring to me than the amazement that I see in many of my fellow citizens of color who refuse to be crushed.

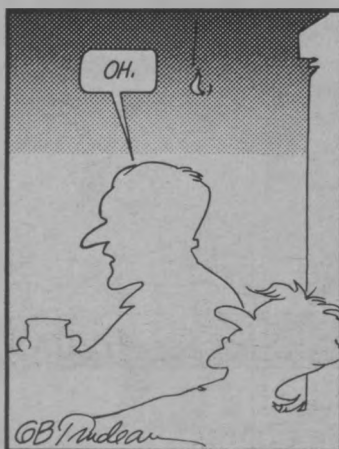
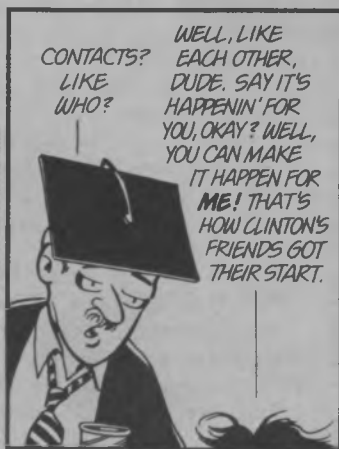
What is sad to me is that I truly consider them my incredibly grateful for their presence and contribution when they say "brothers" and "sisters," they are talking opportunity to relate to them. One of the worst experiences I had was walking past a group of young Black men who called me "white bitch." It wasn't so much the bitch part, I told myself to forgive it, that that man first of all rudeness was not an emergent property of his race, but that we make us speak in hateful, painful ways. How, then, can we give society as long as young people of color are told "gringos"?

I was born and grew up in Santa Barbara, as did my parents. There were, of course, many Hispanics in the community. I personally took enormous pride in the Hispanic heritage. I was also well aware of the failings of that culture. No one, not Hispanic, not African, not Asian. European. Many cultures would never have encouraged and supported the success of minorities as this country has done. Mexico, for example, is criminally, and is incredibly class-conscious.

For individuals, it may seem like a long time ago, but I changed myself in a revolutionary way in my lifetime. I changed myself further. The commitment to individual opportunity for all Americans should not be underestimated. It is so difficult to be the most outwardly racist person can be persuaded to change economic, political and social opportunity.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



y Short Story

go!!!
I'm moving now. But where is it taking me? Why doesn't it just eat me whole? Why doesn't it death me?

Now what's that? It's very strong and it's making my eyes tingle. I have to close them because it hurts to have them open. It's really hot and it's making my room change color. Where everything was dark, now it's bright. Or is my room changing? No it's not, the monster is just dragging me into another room.

Here it comes. Here comes the death. My chest really hurts. My head really hurts. And even though I'm now in this bright room, the monster is still shaking me around.

It let go. It let me go. But now I'm laying on something cold. It's very cold and wet and sticky. I can't move. I can't see what it is. But it smells like death. It smells like me.

The mumbblings are back, but now they're really clear. What's that? What are they saying?

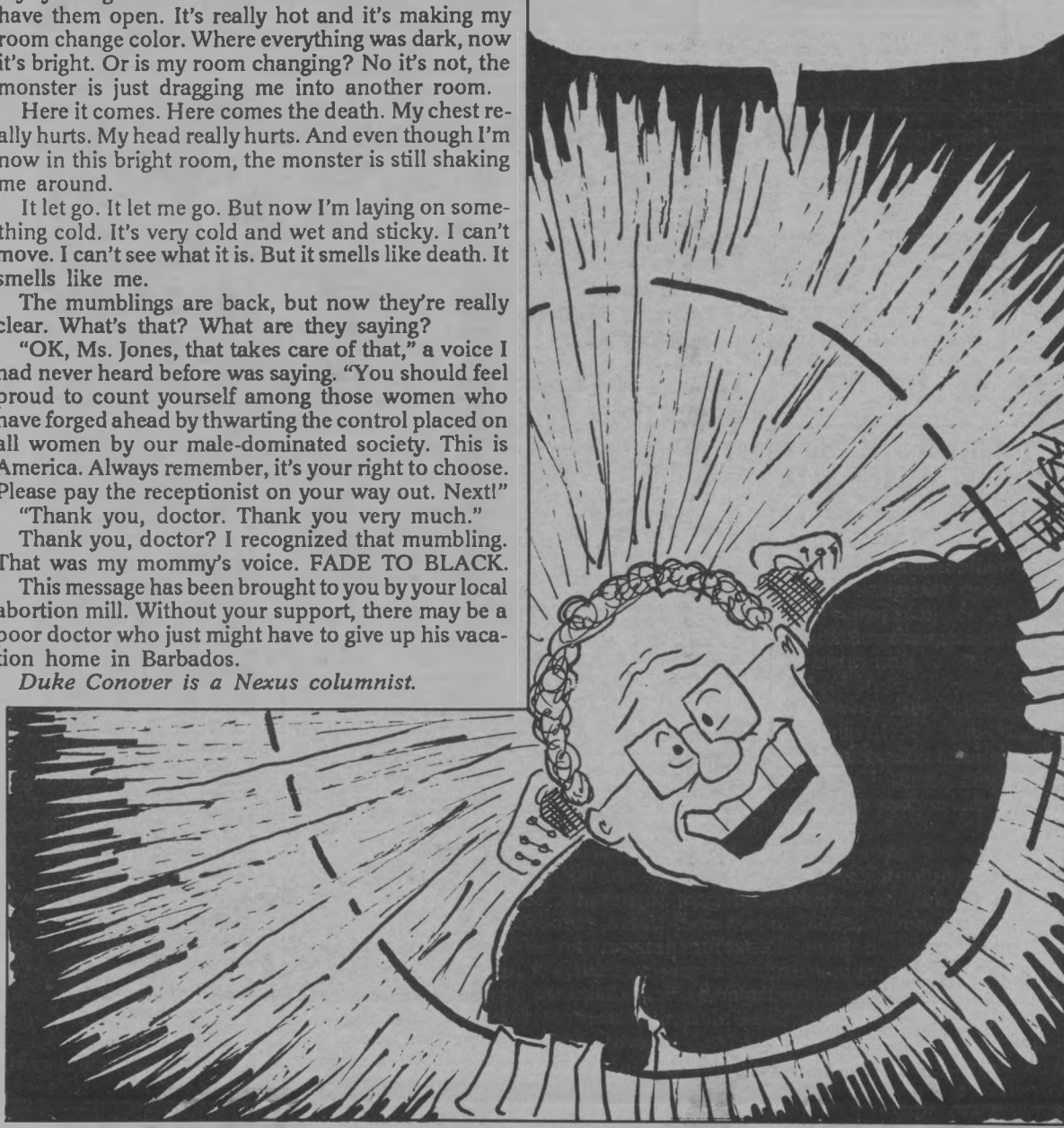
"OK, Ms. Jones, that takes care of that," a voice I had never heard before was saying. "You should feel proud to count yourself among those women who have forged ahead by thwarting the control placed on all women by our male-dominated society. This is America. Always remember, it's your right to choose. Please pay the receptionist on your way out. Next!"

"Thank you, doctor. Thank you very much."
Thank you, doctor? I recognized that mumbling. That was my mommy's voice. FADE TO BLACK.

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Duke Conover is a Nexus columnist.

HOW DO YA STOP THIS THING?!?



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Reduced to Words

Jason Sattler

Though my nephew didn't speak for the first year or so of his life, he didn't waste that time. Instead, while he teethed, while he drooled and burped, he was quietly contemplating the absurdity of the modern infant's condition. When he was 8 and finally could articulate every thought that had been passing through his head, he told me something that I'll never forget. "Uncle Jason, I realized two or three months into my life that the confines of night and day that ensnare every human soul around me are the false pretenses of a false society." My nephew is gifted.

Now 10 and excelling in the fourth grade, my nephew refuses to go through the promotion to the higher grades that he could more than excel in. "If anything is learned in life," he told my sister, his mother, "it is indeed from our peers." His peers are not thankful for his humility. In the second grade his calls for an end to sexual discrimination resulted in a termination of all "cooties" amusement. In the third grade he refused to visit the student nurse, whom he claimed knowingly used products needlessly tested on animals.

Just last year he led a boycott of his school cafeteria, which refused to provide healthy vegetarian alternatives. He was suspended for a week after inviting the media to visit the cafeteria. In the press release he sent out he called the facilities "Upton Sinclair's worst post-mortem nightmare."

Though the tallest and most athletic boy in his class, he abstains from participating in any school-based athletic competition. "Forcing me to compete with my comrades is morally wrong, if not unconstitutional." He prefers to take P.E. time to practice yoga meditation. He also refrains from any art project that does not touch upon the emotions he is dealing with at the time. The Second Grade was his blue period.

My sister and her husband have given up almost all hope of controlling this freckle-faced menace with hair the color of the apocalypse. His lucrative lemonade and escort service provide enough money to keep two lawyers on retainer. From those lawyers come each month a letter reminding his parents that my nephew is willing to proceed on the emancipation proceedings he began when he was 7. They also have filed an injunction keeping their client away from any psychologist or psychiatrist who practices based on the "failed theories of Mead, Jung or that sexist pig Freud."

With the freedom that he has won, my nephew has started spending his weeknights reciting poetry at several local coffee shops. Snap. Snap. "Rejected spawn of wisdom and lies," he reads, "Blue truth come from Sacco and Vanzetti's closed eyes." Snap. Snap. He is accepted in every circle where the ideals of intellectualism and knowledge are valued.

The accolades and praise that a 9-year-old hears in a smoke-filled room among snaps of approval can be intoxicating. In his typical fashion, my nephew became a part of the "Beat" scene and a pot addict within a week. Stumbling home one night at two in the morning he was arrested for possession of half an ounce. In hysterics, my sister called me to ask if I would come downtown with her, her husband was out of town.

"Are you another lawyer?"

"No. I'm his uncle, this is his mother."

After two weeks all charges were dropped and a social worker was assigned to meet monthly with the juvenile offender and his parents. My nephew sold the rights to his story to Columbia Pictures for an undisclosed fee. They plan on making it into a TV Movie titled "Taken From the Grips."

The unwitting social worker assigned the case told my sister that she thought it would be a good idea if the boy spent some quality time with a positive male influence closer to his age. My nephew disagreed, "That's just what I need. To be shaped by the awkward and distorted views of someone whose greatest wish is to shave every day." I volunteered.

Somewhere on the way down the 405 on the way to Sea World we stopped talking about politics. Suddenly and abruptly my 10-year-old nephew started talking about personal ethics — my ethics.

"Uncle Jason, you do not have one conviction in the world."

"That is ridiculous."

"Name one conviction that you are absolutely dedicated to. One you would never break."

"I would never kill a person."

"If you impregnated a girl tomorrow, would you want her to get an abortion?"

"What are you trying to prove? OK, I'm a hypocrite! OK, everyone is. Do you want to live a life of alienation and private satisfaction? There is a world out there where you can do anything. What do you think you will be doing in five years? Writing a 1,000-page suicide note?"

"No, in five years I'll be on the football team. It's the only smart thing you can do in high school."

He wasn't being sarcastic and I don't think he was wrong.

We spent the day together at Sea World. I took him to a couple of Dodger games and then I went to college. I called him a few times from school, but I really didn't see him again until Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving, when my entire family comes together for a meal and a few hours at my aunt's house. As soon as my nephew entered the room he went straight for my Dad. I attempted to detain him, but he avoided me. He went straight for my Dad, straight for the jugular vein of the family.

"Grandpa Bernie, were you alive in 1945?"

"Yes, I was."

"Well, then you should be ashamed of yourself. Ashamed that you live in this country."

"Why is that?"

"Hiroshima."

"Hiroshima? Bless you!" I said hoping that a really bad joke would disrupt the terrible continuity of the evil seed's thought. But my nephew didn't stop. "That's right, God bless you and all of the other terrible sinners that were alive in 1945 and still call themselves Americans."

"Kids today," my Dad smiled, "they grow up so fast."

Jason Sattler is a Nexus columnist.

Cultural studies programs are a mistaken notion, and while trying to suggest that "minority" students "need" these programs in order to find out who they are, they tend to prevent students from finding out who they are as historians, writers, scientists and engineers. There is room for the study of every culture in history, political science, anthropology, literature and art departments on campus.

It seems so much more fruitful to me to integrate the studies of Hispanic, African, Asian and indigenous cultures into the standard curriculum of the university than to ghettoize them in individual departments, where there is no cross-cultural exchange and thoughts and opinions on culture are essentially monotonous. If individual cultures are worth studying, and I think that they are, then they should be part of the standard curriculum for all students. The token ethnic studies requirement only makes students feel that these studies are another politically motivated quota structure and actually prevents them from inquiring into other cultures in a respectful way.

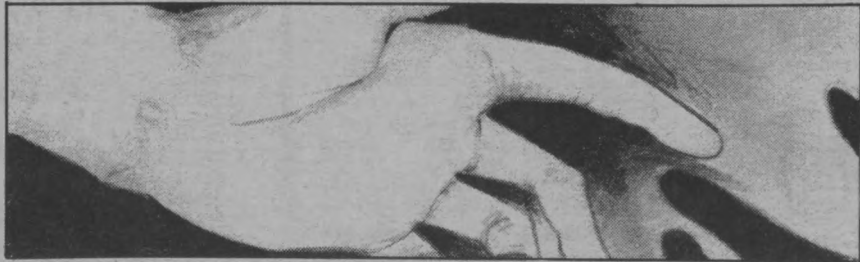
It makes me angry to see minority students in these programs, when those same minorities are underrepresented in almost every other major on campus. Those students are so badly needed, especially in the sciences, that it is almost painful to think of the great talents that have been misdirected into a narrow and, dare I say it, essentially racist undertaking. This is the one opportunity that many young people have to sample widely of the human body of knowledge, and their own political leaders are robbing them of an enormous learning opportunity.

Finally, I would like to say that I resent the claim by many Chicano/a politicians that they were oppressed and driven out of California as indigenous people. How dare they co-opt the suffering of the Chumash and Canalino people (to mention only a few), when it was their own culture that tormented and eventually extirpated them. The last I heard, most Mexicans and Central Americans are descended from a mixture of Aztec, Mayan, African and European people — folks who have no more claim to California than anyone else who is currently here.

Mexicans came to California as conquerors and oppressors, and were eventually driven out by Californian Hispanics (known as Californios) who formed their own sovereign state well before the United States decided that they would like to own it instead. The incredible suffering of the indigenous people of the Southwest should not be co-opted by an essentially European culture (check your maps, Spain is in Europe) whose representatives see some political advantage in casting themselves as virginal victims on the altar of Western culture.

All cultures have their dark side. Because we are human we have the potential to be greedy and vicious. No culture comes to the table without blood on its hands. The question is, can we not recognize our common humanity for our common edification? Or will we hide behind the barrier of our skins and fight to the last rock?

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Wanted: Gaucho Athletes

The Ins and Outs of Getting the Top Players to UCSB

By Brian Pillsbury, Staff Writer

The stereotype of the big-time college recruiter is often one of a hustling, jet-setting fast-talker who tells athletes everything they want to hear to get them to sign with a particular school.

Basically, a recruiter at the top of his game could sell Ralph Nader a Yugo with a transmission problem.

In this age of collegiate athletics, recruiting has become somewhat of an art form. The "great" recruiters who make headlines seem to have almost always come from universities with a tradition of athletic excellence but of only marginal academic reputation.

Players seeking the spotlight and a ticket to the NBA wanted to go play for Tark at UNLV. Jim Valvano's charisma alone sold many on the idea of attending school at North Carolina State and Barry Switzer's loose-cannon style brought him the players who made Oklahoma one of the dominant football powers in the 1980s.

At schools such as USC, Texas and Tennessee, where athletic budgets run in the \$25 million range, the recruiting period has become a much-anticipated annual event made easier by the enormous financial support athletics are given at such institutions. And then there are schools like UCSB, which must support 21 intercollegiate sports teams on a budget of around \$3.7 million per year.

Undeniably, UCSB isn't an athletic powerhouse. But other elements often prove to be what

draws recruits here when the sports programs by themselves cannot. While the relatively small athletic budget does make it more difficult for Gaucho coaches, when they hit the recruiting trail their ace in the hole is the campus itself.

"It's not as tough a sell now as it was when I first got here," said 11th-year UCSB men's basketball coach Jerry Pimm. "Now we're a little better known. It all depends on what a youngster is looking for. But we bring them

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to campus, and once we get them here, it's an easier sell."

In addition to choosing UCSB as one of the five campuses he was allowed to tour as a recruit under NCAA rules, sophomore Kyle Milling took trips to UCLA, Northwestern, Colorado and Notre Dame. But the beachside atmosphere combined with a UC education was what led Milling — and most other Gaucho athletes — to sign with UCSB.

With the new gender equity rules taking effect, high-quality women's soccer programs are springing up all over the country. Since UCSB has no football dollars to be siphoned off, Gaucho soccer still remains underfunded. But the personal networks that women's Head Coach Tad Bobak has built up with top high school players,

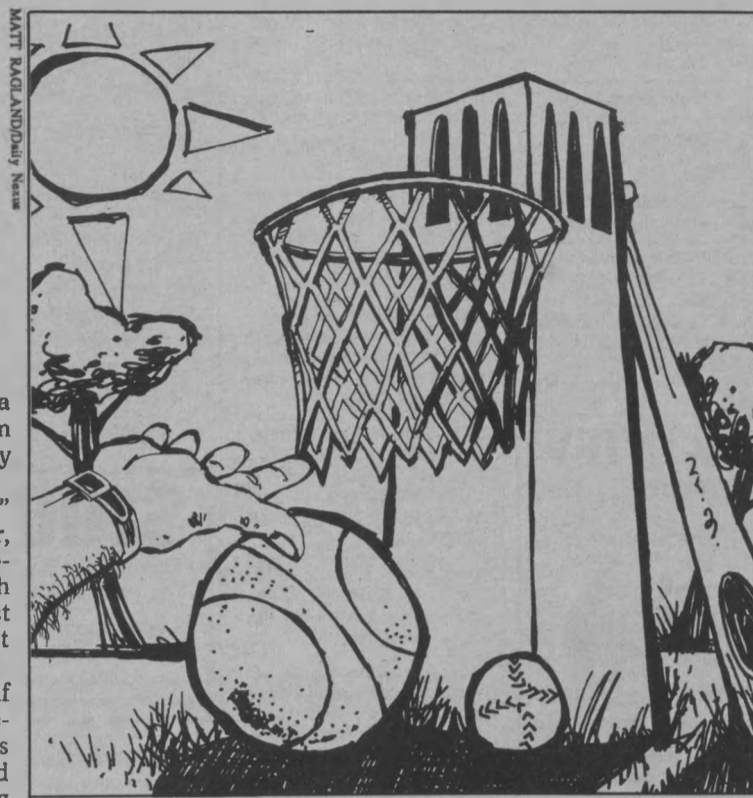
along with his reputation as a coach, have helped the program lure players who could easily find a scholarship elsewhere.

"It obviously wasn't money," said sophomore Amy Hunter, who had been coached by Bobak on a select team in high school. "Tad was very honest and said that the school doesn't have a lot of money."

The recruiting process itself can be very time-consuming. Besides lengthy correspondences with prospective athletes and their coaches, travel is often a big part of it. On the road for the whole month of July and onward, Pimm and his staff travel the country to get a look at the nation's basketball prospects. There are the Nike camps in the South, all-star games in Phoenix, and tournaments in the Midwest. According to Pimm, all the hotels, airports and rental cars make for a draining experience.

"Getting to the places is probably the most difficult part," he said. "It can be so monotonous, all the travel. But once I get there and get into the homes and sell our institution, it's exciting."

When recruiting athletes for the UCSB swimming and diving programs, what Aquatics Director Gregg Wilson can get is limited due to the number of available scholarships he can offer. Though the number of scholarships for swimming and diving is "considerably less than the maximum allowable," according to Wilson, UCSB has nonetheless become one of the most respected programs on the West



Coast.

"It makes it difficult when we go against teams like Vegas and Hawaii that are fully funded, but we also have a lot of things they don't," Wilson said. "We tell them up front that this is not an athletic factory."

"Sincerity is the bottom line," said men's tennis coach Don Lowry, who does most of his recruiting inside California. "Playing straight with the kid is the best policy so you don't get caught up in a shopping war."

In the world of junior tennis, scholarships have become a status symbol among kids and their parents, and Lowry is deluged with literally thousands of letters per year from prep players and parents.

"Every player at every level thinks they deserve a scholarship," he said. "What they don't realize is that a scholarship puts pressure on them later."

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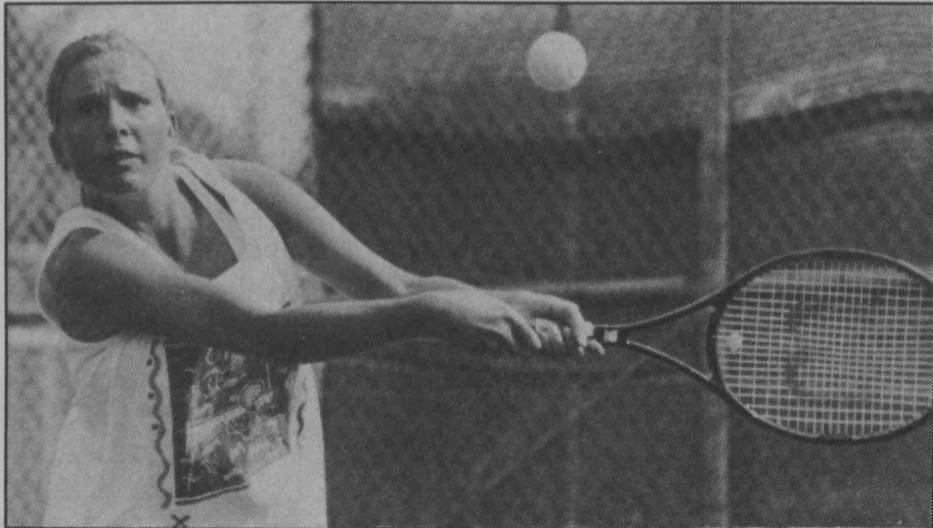
getting players who can turn a program around only to lose them at the last moment."

But when a coach is able to get a player that is capable of turning a team around, the rewards are incredible. Lowry landed a prize recruit this season with the signing of Alex Decret, one of the top five prospects in the nation.

Brian Shaw, now the starting point guard for the Miami Heat, was just a sixth man on his team at Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland. But after his two years at UCSB, he can be credited as the player who put Gaucho basketball on the map.

Playing in the land of schools that have a tradition and commitment to athletics has made UCSB's job of trying to compete that much harder. But what the university has lacked in its on-field dedication, it has made up for in its commitment to the idea of the student-athlete.

"Everybody we recruit we have an interest to see that they graduate," Lowry said.



Lynn Coakley (above) and Jean Okada both lost close matches at NAAs.

Okada, Coakley Break at NAAs

Athletes on the UCSB women's tennis team indicated that they weren't disappointed with a first-round loss to Notre Dame last week at the NCAA Championship Tournament at the University of Georgia, because just being there was an honor.

After Gauchos Jean Okada and Lynn Coakley both lost yesterday in the first round of the NCAA individual competition, they probably still hold the same sentiment.

However, the team, as well as Okada and Coakley, came very close to advancing before bowing out — leaving people wondering what could have been.

UCSB top gun Jean Okada took on Holyn Lord of Notre Dame in the first round of the competition. Lord was a three-set victim of Coakley's when their teams met last week. Okada breezed

through the first set of the match, breaking her opponent's serve at will. But she was slowed down once again in the final two sets to lose the match, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6. Okada once again let a one-set lead disappear, as she did last Friday in her performance in the team match against the Fighting Irish, when she lost in a close three-setter.

Coakley had an almost identical experience in her first-round loss to Rachel Epstein of Indiana. After blowing Epstein out in the first set, 6-0, Coakley dropped the next two in close fashion, 6-4, 7-5.

"We went to NAAs this year and we'll be back next year to do better," UCSB Head Coach Chris Russell said. "The level of expectation is higher on this team now. They expect to be back at nationals."

—Michael Cadilli

Women's Club Sports Considered for Move to Athletic Department

By Duke Conover
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The success of three UCSB women's club sports has been brought to the attention of Intercollegiate Athletics, and they are now being considered for inclusion with the NCAA-sanctioned department, officials said.

Women's water polo, golf and lacrosse have done extremely well in maintaining strong teams within the campus physical activities department, and a recommendation to move the three teams up to the next level of play has been sent by Director John Spaventa to the Intercollegiate Athletics Policy Board.

"We've done everything to raise the level of our club sports to a national level," Spaventa said. "For the last three years, we've had teams that, due to their success and national trends, it would be more advantageous for their sports to move up."

Club sports must meet three criteria before they can move into the athletic department. Spaventa indicated that to be considered there must be enough teams within a region or conference to promote competition, the sport must be recognized nationally and a team must have had some success.

Although these three women's sports have met the criteria for advancement, that doesn't mean change is automatic.

"It's completely in the hands of the

policy board," Spaventa said. "[A recommendation] doesn't mean they have to, or that they will, move those teams to that status."

Steve Allaback, policy board chairman, was not available for comment. However, Athletic Director Jim Romeo confirmed that his department is considering the promotion of the three sports.

"We're currently reviewing the programs for inclusion in our department," he said. "We're trying to look at a systematic way to bring them in."

Romeo, who is employed on a one-year contract that expires in January, said it would be beneficial to move these programs up and that his department is receiving no pressure from the NCAA to comply with the gender equity rule under Title IX in collegiate sports.

However, success of the club sport programs may not be enough to advance them.

"With the work requirements and our budgetary restraints, there is no way they'll be advanced," said a staffer in Romeo's department, who asked to go unnamed. "It's a luxury for us to look at these sports and add them to the program. ... Maybe women's golf or water polo, but there's absolutely no way lacrosse is going anywhere. With almost all of their competitions occurring in the Southeast, their travel budget would be enormous. We just don't have the money."