UCSB Accepts Record Number of Applicants, Begins Efforts to Recruit Prospective Students

By ERIC SIMONS
Staff Writer

UCSB admitted a record 16,450 high school students out of 34,000 applicants for Fall Quarter 2001, and plans to enroll 3,700 of those students. Acceptance letters were mailed March 20, and statements of intent to register, along with deposits, are due May 1.

UCSB accepted more students from all ethnic groups this year, and school officials said they hope that will translate into more minority students attending the school.

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SB Asks Governor to Declare State of Emergency Due to March Rainstorms

By JENNIFER B. ROBERTS
Staff Writer

When it rains, it pours — and in Santa Barbara County last month, it poured close to $3 million in damages.

Santa Barbara County Administrator Michael Brown proclaimed a local emergency in the County of Santa Barbara on March 14, due to an estimated $1.3 million in damages to county facilities caused by recent rainstorms. The proclamation was immediately sent to Gov. Gray Davis' office in Sacramento, requesting that he declare a State of Emergency for Santa Barbara County in order for the county to be eligible for state disaster assistance funds.

Since the initial March 14 estimated cost in damages, the county has calculated a more accurate estimate at $2.87 million in damages, said Bruce Carter, Santa Barbara County Emergency Services manager.

"[The $2.87 million] is only to county facilities; we are looking at another estimated million from special districts," he said. "There are 60 special districts, for example there is the Goleta West Sanitary District, the city of Solvang, and Guadalupe alone lost a roof at city hall which will cost $100,000." Carter said when weather See REPAIRS, p.5

Lecturers Fight For Children's Rights, World Peace

Marc Kielburger, director from Free the Children International, and Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's Youth Outreach Coordinator Michael Coffey will speak in Bevis Hall 1610 today from 2:31 p.m. as part of the "Global Forces in the Post-Cold War Lecture Series."

Kielburger, who attends Oxford University, is also a chairman for the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee. His brother, Craig, founded the nonprofit organization Free the Children International in 1996 after learning about a 12-year-old Pakistani boy who was shot while defending children's rights. The boy had been a slave since he was four years old and had worked 12 hours a day. The organization's goal is to prevent child abuse and exploitation around the world.

"Free the Children is an international network of opposition and action to help children help children through representation, leadership and action," according to the Free the Children website. Kielburger holds programs to teach leadership and lectures at campuses in New York, India, Kenya and other countries. He is also the author of "You Can Change the World!"

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is committed to ending nuclear threat and encourages its members to help by "waging peace."

"I cannot emphasize enough how much I detest nuclear weapons, as well as the legacy of toxic contamination and human and environmental degradation heaped upon our children because of nuclear weapons and radioactive waste," Vice President of Time Warner Ted Turner wrote on the foundation's website. "The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is providing a critical international network of opposition and action to help bring about an end to the proliferation, indeed the existence of these awful weapons."

— Sarah Healy

The Alternative Is Going at 8 a.m.

Undeterred freshman Jake Foulk fills out an order form at The Alternative Copy Shop in I.V. Although the lines reached all the way to Java Jones, they moved swiftly, allowing waiting students to buy their course materials.
Bush Urges China to Return Jet, Crew

Yugoslavia Arrests Milosevic on Corruption Charge

Belgrade, Yugoslavia (AP) — Slobodan Milosevic may face charges at home that carry the death penalty, Yugoslav authorities said Tuesday, and the country's president ruled out extraditing his predecessor to the U.N. war crimes tribunal anytime soon.

Milosevic has been jailed at Belgrade's Central Prison while authorities try to build a case for corruption and abuse of power against the 59-year-old deposed leader.

But on Tuesday, Serbian Interior Minister Dusan Mihajlovic said the investigation pointed to more serious involvement in severe criminal acts for which the death penalty might be sought.

"This accident has the potential of undermining our hopes for a fruitful and productive relationship between our two countries," Bush said in Washington. "To keep that from happening, our servicemen and women need to come home.

The U.S. should face the facts squarely, shoulder responsibility and apologize to the Chinese side instead of seeking excuses for itself."

— Zhi Bangang, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman

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The admitted students have been admitted to several other schools, Villa said. Although close to two-thirds stay within the UC system, the Admissions Office must estimate how many students will come here before coming up with the total number to admit.

Last year, expecting the university's increasing prestige to draw a higher number of freshmen from the applicant pool, fewer students were admitted than in previous years. The plan resulted in a much smaller freshmen class than admissions officers had planned, and led them to increase the number of acceptances from 14,000 to 16,000 this year.

"It's not an exact science, but we hope we're pretty close to it," Villa said.

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Campus Comment

What is the meaning of life?

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Jeff Baumann
junior
global studies

To live life to the fullest, be happy and make other people happy. And listen to the down-fall music.

Marisa Harris
sophomore
undeclared

Health, Individuals, social relations and always exploration for new things.

Bret Widdis
senior
anthropology

It's what you do between jobs. While you're working, it's not much like life.

Jake Bjeldanes
senior
art studio

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— Bruce Carter  
Santa Barbara Emergency Services manager

REPAIRS

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"It started with a string of storms that began on March 5; we are still currently in a state of local emergency," he said.

Derek Johnson, Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District manager, said I.V. will not be submitting any claims to damage caused by recent rainstorms.

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When California voters passed Proposition 215 in 1996 and Prop 36 last year, they showed their acceptance of medical marijuana and endorsement of drug treatment over incarceration. The state has forged a new direction in the war on drugs; however, the federal government has obstinately refused to alter its conservative stance. And we all know what happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object — the U.S. Supreme Court is at the center of this legal controversy.

Prop 215, which legalizes the use of medical marijuana, was a bold move by California voters. This proposition redefined the Controlled Substances Act 1970 (CSA), which classifies marijuana as a Schedule I drug, in the same category as heroin and ecstasy. Schedule I drugs are deemed to have no medicinal value and cannot be prescribed by a doctor. By contrast, Schedule II drugs — opium, cocaine and methamphetamine — have accepted medical uses and may be prescribed by a physician. Prop 215 is in direct conflict with the federal government's zero-tolerance policy on Schedule I drugs.

The U.S. Supreme Court must now decide whether the federal prohibition on pot trumps a state's right to regulate issues of health and safety. The high court's ruling will affect not only California's legislation, but also similar laws passed in eight other states. At present in California, physicians can recommend marijuana to patients who suffer from chronic pain. Cannabis cooperatives are the primary suppliers of medical pot, although many counties allow patients to grow a limited number of their own plants. The Oakland Cannabis Buyers Cooperative is at the center of this legal controversy.

Federal prosecutors sued the club for breaching the CSA. The case was pushed all the way up to the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, where the justices ruled that federal law was not an absolute barrier if the cannabis clubs were only supplying people with a "medical necessity." However, the decision was appealed to the Supreme Court, which appears set to overturn it. Comments made by the Court's conservative justices indicate that they see no legal basis for giving marijuana to gravely ill patients and that "medical necessity" is no defense to the CSA.

I am a member of Concerned Taxpayers I.N.C. We oppose the closure of any portion of the beaches on Vandenberg Air Force Base to public access in order to protect the Snowy Plovers. The Air Force land is public land and subject to full public access, except where safety is concerned. There is no safety concern involved in this beach closure issue. These beaches have been used by the public for over 100 years and are a great source of tourist income for the community. Hundreds of visitors from all over the world visit this area every day. In all this time the Snowy Plovers have been nesting or feeding on the beach and have been undisturbed by humans using the beach.

Concerned Taxpayers I.N.C. has reviewed the information presented by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) of the Department of the Interior. We found that the information is unconvincing as an argument to close the beaches based on the USFWS assumption that the human intrusions of beach lovers are responsible for the alleged present decline of the Snowy Plovers.

In our opinion, the intrusions of nature, i.e., seines, coyotes, owls, hawks, raccoons, the effects of El Nino, etc. are the real culprits — not man. Nature is eating itself as usual! This is what nature does, and the fittest survive! For the ESA to overlook the importance of this issue as the prime reason for any decline in Snowy Plovers is shortsighted and clearly subject to question. There are millions of Snowy Flowers everywhere and no evidence that they are threatened, let alone endangered.

The USFWS is proposing draconian programs without presenting convincing scientific evidence. They are promoting political science instead of hard science. The USFWS must not have carte blanche to take such actions. Their actions must be subject to public review as is everything else in this country.

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Son Saturday, for a mile or two we tried a new way of a conveni State St and 1st Ave. It was wonderful. Very soon the sun was in our face and the kids could They're all crowing about "added value" and "environmental considerations," and we're all gullible people who believe the environmental movement. The USFWS must not have carte blanche to take such actions. Their actions must be subject to public review as is everything else in this country.

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Justin M. Rudge is a Goleta resident and member of Concerned Taxpayers I.N.C.
"Syllabus" Classes Can Unravel Academic Gridlock

David Downs

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Robert Antonucci

Saturday, March 10 I walked westward along State Street or two, then sat down on a concrete block in the drive-convenience store to rest up a bit. This location was 4144 and the time was in the 8:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. range. Soon thereafter I was approached by policemen (two to three) and forced to take an alcohol breath test and perform an eye test for them. I passed a few of them successfully, decided to make things more difficult. Before making me an offer, one of which he proposed and that's it. The point was that for the next circuit try he was able to make me a particular trick, one of them said something extremely "You're a professor. You're so smart. Do you know what 36 in?" The professor then had something to do with the academic preferences of 20,000. The lesson best learned young.

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Syllabus Classes Can Unravel Academic Gridlock

Robert Antonucci

Robert Antonucci is a UCSB professor of astronomy in the physics department. He says that the discovery was Venus-like, but not a planet after all. The scientists who were doing it for my own good, I said I thought that at this point they were just doing it for fun. I could usually get one stuck in place, asking "Am I smiling?" The only reason I put this particular exchange in this letter is that it reminded me of a bit of a Jefferson Airplane song:

"Hide Witch Hide! The good folks come to burn thee— Their keen enjoyment hid behind a Gothic mask of duty"

Another officer mentioned that some of the others present were new, and the others were training them in the techniques of modern police work. I got a bit of a laugh, which was a mistake. One of the officers told me I'd been acting like someone who was drunk or on illegal drugs would act. It wasn't true — for the record I wasn't on anything — but I took this as the point: They could say anything they wanted at the station or in court, as long as the majority of the others' testimony. I think this method was used many times in the Ramparts case; I believe it is a staple, for the safety and efficacy of police work.

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Santa Barbara Falls to Long Beach State at T-dome

By Brittany Langan
Staff Writer

On Tuesday night the #8 UCSB men's volleyball team had something to defend — a four-match winning streak.

However, #5 Long Beach State (15-6 overall, 10-5 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) wasn't intimidated by UCSB (11-9, 4-9) and came to the Thunderdome with a game plan of its own. The 49ers executed all the right moves and came out on top in a 30-12, 30-26, 30-26 victory.

"We didn't come out and compete in the first game," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "They out-served and out-received us. They had some good blocks and we didn't have a middle attack.

In game one, the Gauchos lacked a consistent nucleus of starters and the team quickly found itself up to its neck in debt. UCSB tried to find a spark, but all hopes of winning game one was lost in transition as Santa Barbara was punished the entire way through.

The Gauchos found the right elements in game two and put the pressure on Long Beach State. The score remained close, but the way of the gun fell in the 49ers favor and with the score tied at 23, Long Beach pulled ahead for the victory.

"Our goal going into the game was to pass well because we know they're a good serving team," freshman middle blocker Justin Adams said. "We didn't pass well and when that happens it's hard to run our offense because you don't have all of your options open.

Santa Barbara was ahead 7-5 in game three, but Long Beach shifted the momentum while Nordberg finished with 10 kills and a 492 hitting performance to lead the Gauchos. On the other side of the net, senior opposite hitter David McKinnon dominated with 22 kills and eight defensive digs.

"They're capable of playing better than this," Long Beach senior outside hitter Jim Polster said. "They caught us on a good night and we caught them on a bad night. We disunited earlier this season, but we're on a streak now."

The 49ers solidified a seed in the upcoming MPSF playoffs and are on a three-game winning streak. With four games left in the regular season, UCSB knows that its upcoming performances are critical. This weekend the Gauchos travel north to Stanford and Oregon State to prepare for a tough stretch of three games.

UCSB Falters in Round One of NCAA Tournament

By Matt Heitner
Staff Writer

Cinderella's glass slipper nearly fell on the collective foot of the UCSB women's basketball team. Playing in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on March 16, the fourth-seeded Gauchos proved that they could have put the National Champions Purdue, tragedy blossoms with the Boilermakers for nearly a year and a half to的成长. The Gauchos lost last season's leading scorer, junior guard Erin Buescher, who transferred to Master's College, and freshman guard E.J. Lauchland, who was suspended for shoplifting before playing in only two games.

"Every team has adversity," senior guard Rachelle Rogers said. "But I think it was really difficult for us because we were so young and didn't have that much leadership. To overcome the adversity was a huge accomplishment."

Santa Barbara managed to right its ship before Big West play and extended its conference-winning streak to 49 games, while cruising to a 7-0 start. But then the wheels came off as UCSB dropped back-to-back conference games to Cal Poly and Irvine. Yet, the Gauchos then displayed their intestinal fortitude defeating Cal Poly and Irvine. The Gauchos then displayed their intestinal fortitude defeating Cal Poly and Irvine.

Senior guard Rachelle Rogers drives against LBSU. The Gauchos lost to Purdue in round one of the NCAA Tourney.

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