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Bicycle Problems Create Police Presence

■ Concerns with Bike, Walk Paths Result in Expensive Tickets

By DAVID DOWNS
Reporter

Campus police have been taking the offensive this academic year in the ongoing battle to curb bicycle violations and prevent bike and pedestrian accidents.

Since Sept. 1, over 300 citations have been issued by University of California Police to students riding their bikes on the sidewalks, allegedly endangering the safety of pedestrians. The majority of the \$59 citations have been issued in high pedestrian traffic areas such as by the Arbor and Davidson Library. According to Chief of Police John MacPherson, the tickets are being issued only after significant warnings from the Community Service Organization.

"Between the officers and the Community Service [Organization] Officers, we've issued in excess of 3,000 warnings that preceded the citation period, and a number of our CSOs would tell you that those warnings typically have been disregarded by someone on a bicycle," he said. "CSOs don't enforce the law, they don't issue citations. They're just trying to bring people's awareness up and get them to cooperate."

MacPherson listed numerous examples of attempts by police to inform the public about the consequences of violating the bicycle



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Bill Leitner receives only a warning, not a \$59 ticket, from Capt. Ron Rodriguez for riding on the sidewalk in front of the Arbor.

ordinances. group," he said. "We've asked

"We've done warnings, we've posted an ad in the *Nexus*, which we've done every quarter of every year. I've gone to the Graduate Students Association, we're going to be contacting the Associated Students and we're going to be contacting the faculty welfare

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A.S. President Vetoes Bill After Much Debate

■ Reps Argue History, Motivation, Validity

By TED ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

Associated Students Legislative Council members found passing financial changes more difficult than they expected Monday, even with unanimous approval.

Because of questionable wording and an alleged lack of background information, A.S. President Erin O'Donnell vetoed a bill unanimously passed by Leg Council last Wednesday. The bill, entitled "Restoration of Conferences Account," aimed to move approximately \$11,000 out of the A.S. Capital Improvements fund and place it into a fund specifically designated for conferences.

According to O'Donnell, because the bill would overturn an A.S. By-Law spearheaded by Executive Director Tamara Scott two years ago, Scott needed the opportunity to present an argument to the council.

"I felt that the board was presented with biased and one-sided information, to the effect that people with the knowledge of the [bill's] history were not in attendance. It's not so much [Scott's] side of the story, as it is for her to give the history of why the bill was pushed through," she said. "I trust my constituents and their vote, but believe in the powers of

persuasion."

O'Donnell said the argument in favor of shifting \$11,000 into a conferences account was incorrectly directed and may have caused representatives to vote without all of the facts. Because O'Donnell chaired last week's Leg Council meeting in the absence of Internal Vice President Danny Costa, she was unable to deliver an alternative view to the motion.

"I think that the side Christina was trying to present was that the administration was trying to save money for themselves, which is a bunch of crap," she said. "I was opposed to it, and I was the chair so I was unable to voice my opposition."

O'Donnell added that because of the stagnation of funds in the conferences account before its elimination in 1995, better steps could be used to free up money for student use.

"In 1995-96 no money was taken out of the conference account, it just sat there," she said. "I don't believe that [the restoration of] conferences is the best solution. I believe that money would better serve students if it wasn't in conferences."

According to Costley, Scott has no place speaking about the bill because she is neither a council member nor a constituent.

"The reasons given in the veto statement are groundless, and there are no specific reasons given

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Wheels Are Turning in Plans for New Downtown Skatepark Facility

By CHRISTINE PUTMAN
Reporter

Skateboarders will soon have a niche to call their own, with an assortment of ramps, halfpipes and rails as its main features.

The Santa Barbara City Parks and Recreation Dept. is in the process of finalizing plans for a 13,000 square foot permanent skateboarding facility planned for the western end of the Chase Palm Park parking lot at the foot of Garden Street, according to Parks and Recreation director Richard Johns. The park has become possible because several large recent donations have brought the city closer to the \$150,000 goal, he said.

"Because of the great need we've had over past years, we've been looking at various sites, and we're

hoping that the park will go forward at this one," Johns said.

Currently, there is a temporary park, Sk8 Si Puedes (Skate If You Can), located off Salsa Puedes Street, adjacent to the Santa Barbara Junior High School. Local youths, who brought up the need for a facility, were contacted through local skate shops to gather input about designs for the current and permanent parks, according to project manager Billy Goodnick.

"Three meetings were held to come up with a basic design for the permanent park," he said. "The design we are currently pursuing was constructed by Mike Taylor of Powell Skateboards. It's a skeleton design; it still needs a lot of modifications."

According to Johns, the city is

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Finance Board Distributes Last of Funds, Dips Into Buffer at Quarter's Final Meeting

By BRAD GOODWIN
Staff Writer

Associated Students Finance Board faced a full agenda and inadequate funds in their final meeting of the quarter and calendar year.

Before the board met Monday night, \$2,024 remained in the year's buffer, but at the meeting's end \$324 remained. The buffer is a reserve fund consisting of money not allotted to any individual quarter. In opening announcements, chair Christina Costley drew attention to the fact that the board already used money from the buffer last week.

"We have spent our total allotment for this quarter from unallocated," she said. "This happened last week, we have already dipped into the buffer."

A.S. President Erin O'Donnell came before Finance Board to request funding for the media relations committee and was granted \$800, plus \$300 in honor-

aria spread over the following two quarters. Several members of the board argued against giving so much money, but board member David Klein said the committee does an important job.

"This is the media relations committee, they need these supplies to mediate to the student population," he said.

Maronyn Scharf, a representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, lowered her request to the board for the NAACP's annual Unity Ball.

"Considering the fact that there is not much money left, the NAACP is asking for \$400 to reserve the ballroom," she said.

It was then brought to Finance Board's attention that they could not allocate money for an off-campus activity unless they made a special exception, which board member Dajaun Cowan encouraged the board to do. Though the board agreed to make an exception,

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Top of the News

Judge Backs Plea for Delay of Execution



SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) — As of press time, a federal judge blocked the execution of Jaturun Siripongs late Monday, less than six hours before he was to die by lethal injection for killing two people in a robbery in 1981.

U.S. District Judge Maxine Chesney said Gov. Pete Wilson's office may have misled Siripongs' lawyers about what information Wilson would consider in deciding whether to grant clemency and reduce his sentence to life without parole.

Chesney issued a temporary restraining order blocking the execution until she decides whether Wilson must reconsider clemency for Siripongs.

Her order, if it stands, would require the state to seek a new execution date.

About 9 p.m. Monday, the state attorney general's office filed an appeal to the

9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The death warrant is valid for 24 hours.

Siripongs, 43, who trained as a Buddhist monk

when he denied clemency, the governor said Siripongs' background and good prison behavior were irrelevant in light of the seriousness of his crimes, his lawyers said.

If they had not been misled, they could have presented evidence to support

Siripongs' lawyers had raised at least a "serious question" that they were misled, with potentially fatal consequences.

in his native Thailand, would be the sixth man and first nonwhite put to death since the state resumed executions in 1992.

His lawyers filed a final request for a stay of execution Monday morning, saying his rights had been violated in the clemency proceedings.

Defense lawyers said Wilson told them to submit only information on Siripongs' background and prison behavior for the clemency review and to leave out any material on the crime or his court case. But

Siripongs' longstanding claim of innocence, his lawyers said. They asked for a new clemency hearing at which they could offer that evidence.

Chesney said the letter from the investigator was open to either interpretation, but that Siripongs' lawyers had raised at least a "serious question" that they were misled, with potentially fatal consequences.

Siripongs was convicted of killing two people while robbing an Orange County market where he had once worked.

Police said the manager, Packovan "Pat" Wattanaporn, 36, was robbed of jewelry worth \$25,000, most of which was traced to Siripongs. She was strangled and a clerk, Quach Nguyen, 52, was stabbed to death.

Siripongs admitted taking part in the robbery but denied he was the killer.

Siripongs, who returned to his Buddhist faith in prison, sat or knelt in his cell to pray each day. He had impressed guards with his demeanor and willingness to work.

Former San Quentin Warden Daniel B. Vasquez said showing mercy to an exceptional prisoner like Siripongs would encourage good behavior. He had asked Wilson to accept the Thai government's offer to transfer Siripongs back to his homeland to serve out a sentence of life without possibility of parole.

Wattanaporn's husband also recommended clemency.

Lesbian High School Coach Fights To Get Her Job Back



SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A lesbian teacher asked a federal judge Monday to order Spanish Fork High School to reinstate her as the girls volleyball coach.

Wendy Weaver's case has attracted national attention because of the precedent it could set for how public schools treat homosexual teachers and coaches.

The state attorney general's office, representing the school, told U.S. District Judge Bruce Jenkins that Weaver had no claim to the coaching job and that her right to free speech does not supersede the school's right to be free of disruption.

The school acted in the summer of 1997, a few months after Weaver and her husband, Gary Weaver, who also works at the high school, divorced and Weaver began living with another woman.

Both sides asked the judge for summary judgment, which would end the civil rights case Weaver filed last fall after she was told she wouldn't be coaching again at the high school.

Weaver, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union and the Gay and Lesbian Rights Project, claims she was not allowed to coach simply because she is a lesbian, in violation of the Equal Protection Clause.

Jenkins spent much of Monday's hearing asking Martha Stonebrook, the assistant attorney general representing the Nebo School District, whether Weaver's revelation of her sexual orientation to a student had disrupted the school.

"Didn't the student ask? Wasn't it the truth?" the judge asked.

Stonebrook said the student was so uncomfortable with Weaver's answer that she quit the volleyball team.

Weaver's attorney, Jennifer Middleton of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Project in New York, said Weaver agrees that her sexual orientation should not be discussed in the classroom.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **OCEANSIDE, Calif. (AP)** — A 20-year-old transient being questioned by police about an attack on a woman in Los Angeles on Monday admitted to killing a 9-year-old boy at a public restroom near the beach, police said.

The man was taken into custody Monday after allegedly stabbing and robbing a 40-year-old garment worker. Three co-workers chased him and held him until police arrived.

While being questioned about the assault, the man volunteered information about the slaying of Matthew Louis Cecchi, said police Lt. Dave Heering.

"We're confident we have the right suspect," Heering said.

Matthew, of Oroville, was at a family reunion at Oceanside Harbor with his mother, 3-year-old brother and other relatives when he was killed Saturday night.

His aunt had escorted him to a public restroom about 60 feet from their motorhome and noticed a young man follow him inside, police said. She became worried when the man exited but Matthew didn't. She went in and found that the boy's neck had been slit.

The boy's aunt and other witnesses will be asked during a suspects' lineup whether they recognize the man, whose name was not released.

Heering said that while the man was making candid statements, a motive was still undetermined.

• **LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Basketball bad boy Dennis Rodman heard wedding bells over the weekend, but his

agent Monday questioned whether the marriage was legal. The Chicago Bulls star tied the knot Saturday with "Baywatch" actress Carmen Electra.

Security guards searched A Little Chapel of the Flowers for hidden video cameras before the ceremony.

But Rodman's agent, Dwight Manley, said Monday that Rodman was intoxicated at the time and taken advantage of by Electra and people he called "leeches." "From what I can determine, it's not legal. It sounds like he was deeply intoxicated," Manley of Newport Beach, Calif., said.

"We don't issue a license if they're intoxicated no matter who they are," said Cheryl Vernon, supervisor of the Clark County Marriage License Bureau.

• **BALTIMORE (AP)** — A man who killed a woman during a robbery that netted \$3 was executed by injection Monday night.

Tyrone Gilliam, 32, was convicted in the Dec. 2, 1988 murder of Christine Doerfler. Gilliam and two co-defendants abducted the 21-year-old as she arrived at her sister's Baltimore County home and forced her to drive to an automated teller machine.

The men got no more money, and after driving to a dead-end street, Gilliam put a sawed-off shotgun to the back of Doerfler's head and pulled the trigger.

Gilliam said the killing came during a frenzied search for drug money while he was high on PCP and crack cocaine.

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Today's weather: drizzle, sniffles and sneezes in the morning. Chance of clearing and accompanying drowsiness later in the afternoon.

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funding decisions were postponed until the beginning of Winter Quarter so that they could receive all of their money.

"We have always allowed the NAACP the privilege of having an off-campus event," Cowan said. "We should go ahead and make a one-time exception and fund the Unity Ball."

A Latino group called Honor y Orgullo Latino Americano asked for \$225 to support a benefit concert. Board member Amleset Sebhatu praised the group for its effort and organization.

"They went to other financial sources first, no one else today has done that," she said. "This is for a great cause, give them the money."

External Vice President for Local Affairs Alonso Gonzales was granted

\$150 for office supplies for the Isla Vista Community Relations Committee, an organization responsible for allocating the community improvements lock-in fee passed in last year's A.S. spring elections.

"This is going to be start-up costs for the group," he said. "We could take money from the lock-in, but we do not want to set a precedent like that."

The Indian Student Association wanted \$600 to help put on a flute concert, but were only given \$200. Board member Ahud Sela argued that despite low funds, the group should be given money.

"I think if an event is going to have students in attendance, we should consider those students," he said. "They do deserve, I think, a small amount of money."

Three organizations received money from the capital improvements account: Student Lobby, the A.S. main

office and A.S. business office. Board member John Kelleher explained that the business office has proven they can sell spirit items at sporting events, so their request was granted.

"I wanted to see if it could be kept going, and there is one less box of pom-poms, so let's give them the money," he said.

A.S. Internal Vice President Danny Costa was allotted \$225 as a representative of Men Against Rape, a new group on campus that is being run by his office.

"We are trying to increase our membership, so MAR needs this money," Costa said.

In other business, Finance Board tabled requests from the Korean Cultural Awareness Group and the Russian Club until next quarter, when more funds will be available.

VETO

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in the statement except that the proper authorities on the issue had not been notified. However, since this was a financial bill, and I know the investments committee read the bill and since I am the chair of Finance Board and wrote the bill, I don't know who these other 'informed sources' could be," she said. "But I certainly hope that it is not Tamara Scott, because while she may be an informed source, she is not a student and we are a student government. Her participation has been an issue on this subject before, and some things don't change in two years. Input from her was in-

appropriate then, and it's inappropriate now."

In response to the veto, Costley filed a case with Judicial Council, claiming that O'Donnell's action, which became official Monday, was not issued within the legal two-day time frame allotted in the A.S. Constitu-

Costley.

"There is an injunction against the veto because it's pending review by Judicial Council and it won't be heard until next week," she said.

O'Donnell maintained that the veto was issued within the legal two-day

Monday morning to make the decision.

"Because the meeting ended at 2:10 a.m. on Thursday morning, that gives me two business days," she said. "My understanding was that I have until 9 a.m. on Monday morning to veto it with reasons."

Off-Campus Rep and conferences bill second Mariah Hoskins said O'Donnell's veto betrays the student population's interests.

"I think [the veto] is a bad idea and I hope it gets overturned," she said. "[The bill] benefits students and it's funny because we were elected by the students, so that's who we should be serving."

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— Mariah Hoskins
Off-Campus Rep

tion. Because this case will be decided next week, the veto will not be an item on the Leg Council agenda this Wednesday, according to

time period because Leg Council's approval of the restoration of conferences account came after midnight, giving the president until

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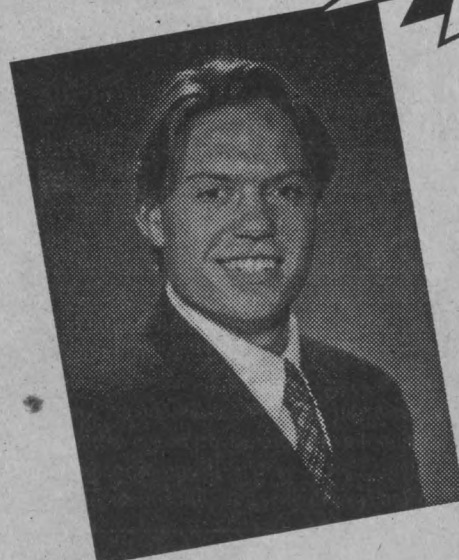
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what we're trying to do to prevent them and provide for a safe environment."

According to Linda Raney, analyst and Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator, several collisions between disabled persons and bikes sparked her complaint to Campus Police, including two visually impaired faculty and staff who were struck.

"What has happened to two of them with visual impairments is one of them got their white cane knocked out and broken by a bicyclist riding on a walkway illegally. The faculty member was hit from behind by a bicyclist riding on the sidewalk," she said. "This year in particular we've seen a higher rate of bikes on the walkways, and this is the first year, that I'm aware of, that people with disabilities have actually been struck on the walkways."

Operations Division Capt. Bill Bean said he believes the number of problems with bikes is no different than in past years.

"You'd have to go back and do a comparison study from year to year to determine whether there's an increase or decrease, and a lot of times that is not very indicative of whether there's any violations or not. It may be indicative of a different enforcement priority that took place," he said. "It's a constant problem in the university, considering the layout of the campus, and the layout of the bikepaths and the short-sightedness of those who wish to get from one point to another."

MacPherson, however, sees the number of bicycle citations as increasing.

"We have over time ... put more of an emphasis on citations this quarter than we have in previous years. For the last 25 years that I've been aware of, officers have

issued citations to pedestrians, skateboarders, bicyclists and motor vehicle operators for an assortment of violations," he said. "This year, the officers have been concentrating their efforts, both on days and the early evening hours, on the center core of campus, and have issued somewhere in the neighborhood of 300 citations. Most of those citations have gone to bicyclists, and I suspect most of the violations have gone to those who were riding on the sidewalks."

Freshman computer science major Nate Elken said the ticketing policy is unfair.

"I think these tickets are a bunch of crap. These kids, all they're doing is trying to get to class on time and do their studies. To be ticketed for going across the Arbor near the library is ridiculous," he said. "Riding a bike is just as safe, if not safer, as riding a skateboard or rollerblades on the walkways."

You have just as much control with a bike."

Steep fines are an effective deterrent, according to freshman chemical engineering major Margaux Haviland.

"It's a lot of money. You're just trying to get to class, you're trying to be a good student, you're trying to study, and you don't want to miss anything the professor is saying. You ride where you're not supposed to when you're trying to get there faster, because it always takes longer if you go the right way," she said. "But then you get in trouble, and you have to pay more money, which you don't really have, because you're a poor college student to begin with."

Campus Police said they will continue their citation campaign to keep the campus safe for everyone who chooses to walk, skate or ride as their means of transportation.

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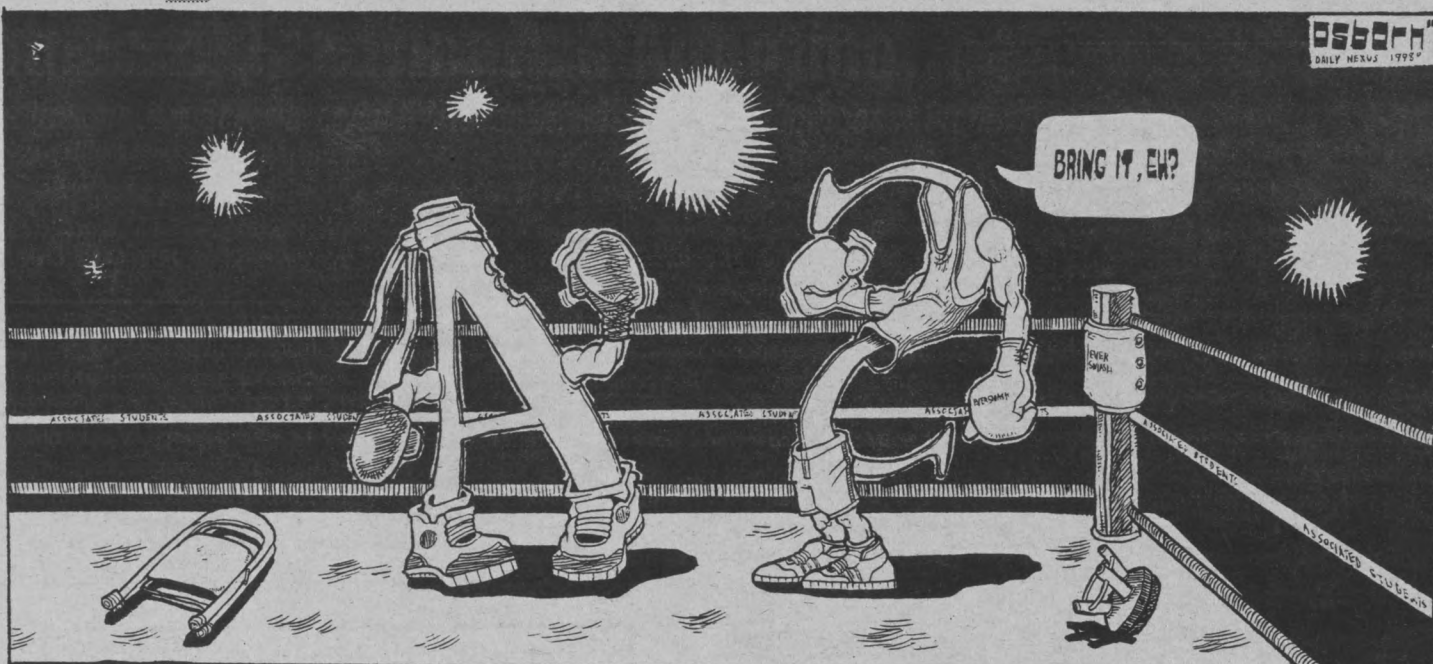
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The Good, the Bad and the Veto

Leg Council's Rocky Year Continues as Even Positive Moves Are Hampered by Internal Conflict

There have been many clouds hanging over UCSB's Legislative Council this year, and we are only eight weeks into the academic year. From internal conflict to disputes over funding, it has been a roller coaster ride from the beginning.

However, last Wednesday's weekly Leg Council meeting brought two refreshing themes to the public forum: cooperation and achievement. The passage of a bill aimed at freeing up money to be dropped in Finance Board's unallocated account and tabling the bill to end all blood drives on campus displayed that Leg Council can use their powers in a positive way.

However, the actions of specific individuals, particularly A.S. President Erin O'Donnell, are producing a feeling of resentment toward the whole process that does not need to occur.

The first positive of the night was the proposal and passage of a bill initiated by Finance Board chair Christina Costley. The bill will take approximately \$11,000 out of the capital improvements account and place it in a conferences account that Finance Board uses weekly to grant money to needy groups and people.

This bill overturns another one set in place a few years ago. Under the previous law, the money went to new computers for A.S. and other purposes that certainly do not benefit the student body in the best way possible. The additional money will hopefully put an end to the type of bitter disputes over money allocation that plagued Finance Board at the beginning of the year.

Costley's research and initiative paved the way for the bill to be created and passed. Her prowess should be recognized as the standard by which Leg Council can aid the student body.

However, A.S. shot themselves in the foot once again with O'Donnell recently vetoing the bill. The veto shows how even the A.S. President doesn't place much faith in her colleagues' decisions.

Despite this controversy, another positive stemming from the meeting was the tabling of a bill that would eliminate blood drives on campus entirely. The action, however, was surrounded by a negative light in the way it was proposed. Put before the board by External Vice President for Statewide Affairs Haady Lashkari and Student Activist Rodney Clara, the bill was put on the agenda only hours before the actual meeting. This gave both Leg Council members and student attendees no time to read over the bill, consult with others and make an informed decision.

Lashkari and Clara tried to backdoor the bill onto the agenda and get it passed without both sides of the story being heard. Unfortunately, up to this point in the year, tactics such as these have worked. However, Leg Council finally made a strong stand and voted to table the bill so as to consult — and this is the best part — their constituents.

It has been ages since a Leg Council member uttered the word *constituents*. It seemed to be an evil assemblage of letters up until this point. However, the members of Leg Council finally took it upon themselves to take what is proposed to them and consult with the people they represent — the students. Victory at last!

Another black mark, however, resides in the time allotted for remarks. Remarks should concern the issues at hand and not the people. Personal attacks and vendettas have no place at Leg Council meetings and only make the people doing the accusing look that much more childish and the atmosphere feel like a never ending soap opera.

Leg Council has a large responsibility to this campus and its students. If they expect students to take time to come to meetings and voice their concerns they need to resolve their squabbles so seven-hour meetings don't happen again. They consistently waver between being on the right track and crashing. Let's hope they can figure it out.

Anti-Smoking Fan Cigarettes Are the Scapegoat for Ever

DAVID DOWNS

The Surgeon General reports that all those fanatical "stop smoking while you still have a chance" activists are a bunch of self-righteous assholes. Oh, did I say that out loud? Yeah, I guess I did!

Normally, I abstain from defending my vices simply because I have no desire to justify my personal choices, life-depleting as they might be, to evangelizing quasi-health nuts, but a little incident happened this week that was the straw that broke this Joe Camel's back.

There I was, 8:50 in the morning, having the first of my usual four daily Camel Lights, before my philosophy class. The Arbor was relatively empty, save a grumpy line of people waiting for coffee, their own socially acceptable addiction.

I finished reading the *Nexus*, and took that long last drag before class, when a middle-aged spinster inter-

rupted my moment. "Excuse me." I ignored her, knowing full well what she was going to pull. "Excuse me!" I turned toward her. "There's no smoking in the Arbor," she said through that pursed-lipped, I'm-better-than-you smile.

I looked around and saw no children or anyone else close enough to even smell my cigarette. I envisioned jumping on top of this woman and putting out my cigarette on her eyeballs while simultaneously breathing secondhand smoke directly up her nostrils. The moment faded. I flicked my cigarette and exhaled as I walked by her.

While I wish this little occurrence was a rare thing, it's becoming a more and more common experience as cigarettes become the scapegoat for a country plagued with more health problems than Boris Yeltsin's liver. We live in the country of 62-ounce drinks, all-you-can-eat buffets, pie-eating contests, beer bong, deep-fried mozzarella sticks and 4 by 4s at In-N-Out.

Yet, we're the first to bitch about health problems when the guy driving next to us is having a cigarette as we slather down a milkshake, Big Mac and large fries. It's not like we don't know that all the crap we collectively shove down our oversized gullets is just that — crap — but somehow we have to go after the guy lighting up because, "Hey, he's destroying his lungs."

Statistic junkies love to spout how something like 400,000 people die every year from smoking-related illnesses. Good. There's too many damn people anyway. Let's hear some more about heart disease, alco-

The Reader's Voice

MOST CLASSES ARE WHITE MEN'S STUDIES

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This is to respond to the column titled "No White Men's Studies?" published in the *Nexus* on Wednesday, Nov. 4.

Matthew Davis asks the question that I'm sure many other students may be wondering following the Oct. 22 walkout. I believe the answer can be found by looking at both my high school and college transcripts.

The classes in the unofficial white men's studies curriculum include U.S. history, European history, British literature, American literature and classical music.

You could rename current history and English departments "White Men's Studies" in order to reflect the diversity of material I was exposed to in my high school and certain college classes.

In order to find material other than that produced by white men, I took classes or knew of friends who took classes such as

South African contemporary literature, Asian American contemporary issues, history of jazz, West African dance and women in science.

Although these classes were not available to me in high school, they pleasantly appeared in college.

It seems silly to some people to have separate departments such as women's studies and Asian American studies, but until this material is both readily available and recognized as valuable in mainstream departments, I feel strongly that there should be a means to disseminate the information.

Although I am now a graduate student in chemistry, I value the broad educational background I have received in history, literature, psychology, music, ethnic studies and gender studies. Thoughts such as Mr. Ward Connerly's are threatening to the education I hold valuable.

With support from those who participated in the walkout, I hope others can also

enjoy the eye-opening opportunity that ethnic, gender and queer studies offers to them now and in the future.

GRACE CREDO

IMPORTANT SPORTS MIGHT BE CUT OUT

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Student Body, we come to you as concerned athletes and students. A committee, formed by the chancellor in April of 1997, submitted a "secret" report in June of this year. The recommendations of "the intercollegiate athletics review committee" are on the chancellor's desk right now and await only his signature to become reality.

The facts found therewith were reported to Nathan Traxler, a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Board. The most distressing finding of the committee is:

To cut six athletic programs entirely: men's and women's cross country, men's and women's track and field and men's and

women's gymnastics. PLUS one of four additional men's sports to be determined: men's soccer, men's volleyball, men's golf or men's swimming.

This proposal was set forth to cut expenses so that the money and resources used in these programs could be shifted to bolster the other programs still allowed to continue.

This proposal is unacceptable. Not only does it show a severe lack of vision for the future of our university, but it goes in direct opposition to the opinion of the students, voiced in last year's landslide victory of the Athletic Initiative.

This proposal has been sitting on the chancellor's desk since June of this year, and his only action as of yet has been inaction. Right now, the chancellor has the ability to eliminate these sports with a sweep of a pen.

How does the Athletic Dept. support its athletes in this obvious crisis? In a meeting with five student-athletes, Athletic director Gary Cunningham was questioned regarding his opinion of this proposal. His re-

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He cited a "boss," referring to the chancellor's committee, is carrying on lobbying for the solely on themselves the chancellor.

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holism and the veritable encyclopedia of cancer starting with breast, colon, prostate, liver, bone, brain, stomach, and don't forget lung.

Nature has always had a way of keeping us in check, and if you don't believe me, you self-absorbed sack of cells, I have two words for you — "hurricane Mitch." And it's not like smokers don't know what they're doing. We do.

We grew up with the same propaganda you did — the same depictions of toilets, catchy songs, frightening pictures and all the other scare tactics that kids get fed. You know what, it worked just about as well as DARE did. You remember Drug Abuse Resistance Education, don't you — or has the beer killed those brain cells, too?

My favorite spokesperson is Debby, the lady with the hole in her throat that she smokes out of on those commercials. Debby would be great at parties. She could blow perfect smoke rings every time and could you imagine how fast she could bong a beer given that she doesn't have to swallow!

I'm a very conscientious smoker, and I stay away from people who don't smoke when I am. I flick my butts at the evil hellspawn raccoons or put them in the trash can. If there is a kid nearby, I'm very considerate of his/her feelings, and I offer to share — because sharing is caring.

Most smokers are the same way. We've learned to live with the "15 feet away from the building" rules and no smoking within a two-mile radius of a bar, hospital, eatery, bowling alley, mall, Blockbuster Video and every other damn place. WE cope because we like nicotine.

It's an alkaloid and it makes you feel good. Like sex and drugs and loud music and beer and the ocean and

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whatever else does it for the five billion diverse people living on this rock, smoking feels good. For some people it's falling on the floor and worshipping God every Sunday, and for others it's a cigarette. Don't tell me one's better than another.

That last sentence about religion reminded me of my next point. It's about hypocrisy. I can't count the number of times I've been chided about my vice by some idiot walking out of Ortega with a stomach full of three plates of greasy lasagna and a gallon of Dr. Pepper. Smoking, hah! Let's peruse the list of shit we eat every day shall we:



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Vegetables genetically altered to endure bad weather and sprayed with pesticides so volatile it makes Agent Orange look like Herbal Essence Shampoo; more beer and hard liquor than Hemingway could've downed in a year; milk from cows who are fed parts from other cows and grass fertilized with their own feces; diet drinks loaded with saccharin, which is proven to cause cancer in lab rats.

Shrimp marinara sauce from an ocean polluted with more toxins than Rush Limbaugh's colon; deep-fried mozzarella sticks, for the love of god, cheese dipped in batter and fried; the meat, oh god, Dr. Mengele would turn green if he saw what sort of chemical concoctions we pumped into our cows, not to mention the grade of meat in the dining halls (one step above dog food, for those curious).

So, you want to hold it against me for smoking? Fine, you better be a damn vegan or else screw you and the horse you rode in on — which is in your hamburger, for that matter.

I smoke, I drink, I sleep late, I eat bad foods and I gargle meatballs to boot. My actions in no way violate the rights of others with the exception of the Columbia House Record Agency, which is actually filing charges.

With any luck my heart will cease in mid-orgasm and that'll be the end of me. Chances are, though, I'll live long enough to contract some other cancer of the balls from the million of just-realized carcinogens ex-

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isting as a result of man's ruthless industrial expansion into the nature he never bothered to learn from. C'est la vie.

So I'm asking, nicely, whenever you nonsmokers get that little self-righteous urge deep down inside your belly to remember what I've known since I was four: Think about what's in that belly, and the air you breathe for that matter. Close your eyes and realize that we'll both be sharing the same dirt soon enough, and mine might just smell a bit more smoky.

Boy, did that feel good. Was it good for you? Man, I need a cigarette. Later.

David Downs is a freshman business economics and communication major.

Voice

e to the question was, "No comment." cited a responsibility to "protect my referring to the secrecy of the chancellor-committee. While the athletic director vying on business as usual, the athletes ng for the salvation of their sports rely on themselves for backing in going toancellor.

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implore the student body to react to and voice your support. This elimination onmarquis" sports would kill the mis- of this university: to be nationally red- ed on all levels.

r academic prowess has already placed 3 in the upper echelon. To make the fi- p is obvious. Athletics should match est of the school's excellence, and a

shortsighted "band-aid solution" to cut sports is not acceptable.

If Dr. Yang signs the report currently sitting on his desk, he will eliminate more than 100 athletic opportunities for currently enrolled Gauchos. There are 450 student athletes in this school.

Are we willing to sit by and watch him eliminate nearly 25 percent of the athletes in this school? If he signs off on this "recommendation report" this school will lose more than the 100 students who will transfer to pursue their athletic interests elsewhere, and the coaching staff who will be out of a job.

It will lose a great portion of its diversity and its standing as one of the premier UC campuses.

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MEAT IS GOOD, WHY NOT EAT MEAT?

Editor, Daily Nexus:
UCSB MEAT LOVERS:

It is time to extinguish this health-shake trend corrupting our overwhelmed college minds and give in to our instinctive desires. We all know how much everyone loves the taste of a juicy steak over something so god awful as brussel sprouts.

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HOT LINE

Wastefully Aware:

"This is in regards to all the triangles on all the tables in the Hub. I really appreciated how much paper was wasted telling us about Waste Awareness Week."

- Stephanie Bingham

Weather Report:

OK, so normally this is left to another person, but if he/she gets to gripe about it, then so should the *Hot Line*. There's something about crappy weather in Santa Barbara. It's just not supposed to happen. And when it does, it seems to drag everyone down more than usual. I can't even imagine the hell of attending a school back East. Seattle has the highest suicide rates, but people at UCSB complain when it's not sunny enough to go surfing. People on the East Coast have to deal with real shit. That must suck. But hopefully it will burn off and we'll be back to our sunny ways soon.

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Reminiscent of Prohibition days, those who indulge in marijuana smoking today are rather discreet about it, lest they be busted and unceremoniously carted off to jail. Possession of marijuana charges in California bring a possible two to 10-year prison term.

Despite recent crack-downs, marijuana, the modern-day bathtub gin, is no longer confined to the group known as "hippies," "groovers" or "flunkies." Marijuana, asserts one, is used by professors, grad students, greeks and other outwardly "straight" types on this campus. "They would

just rather blow grass than drink, that's all," said one.

"With a few bizarre exceptions," observes sociologist J.L. Simmons and student analyst Barry Wino-grad, "most of them speak English and bathe regularly and are unrecognizable in a crowd photograph."

Distinguished from mind-manifesting LSD-25, marijuana is more "a physical thing." Rather than taking a psychedelic journey through the shadows of the mind, marijuana supposedly makes real things physically more pleasant. "Food tastes better, colors look better and music sounds better to me," relates one user. "The grass high is very pleasant, no comparison."

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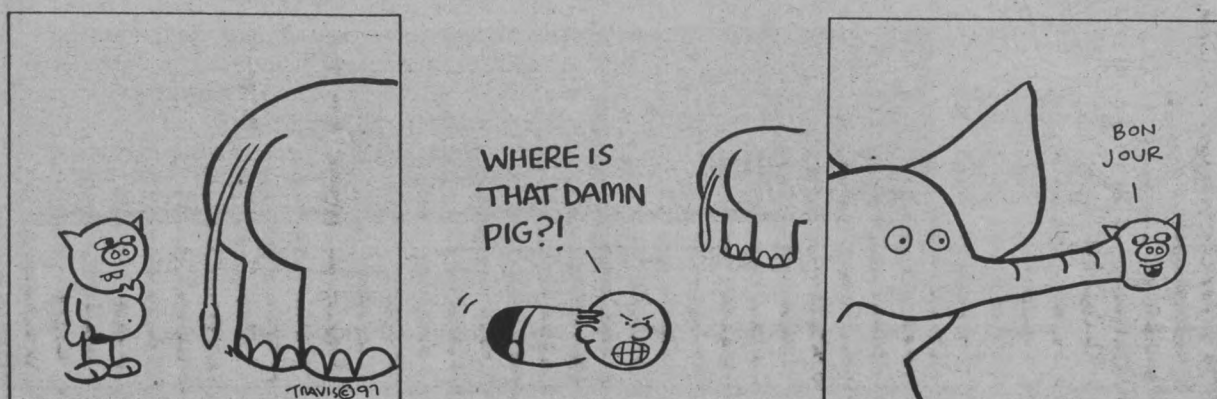
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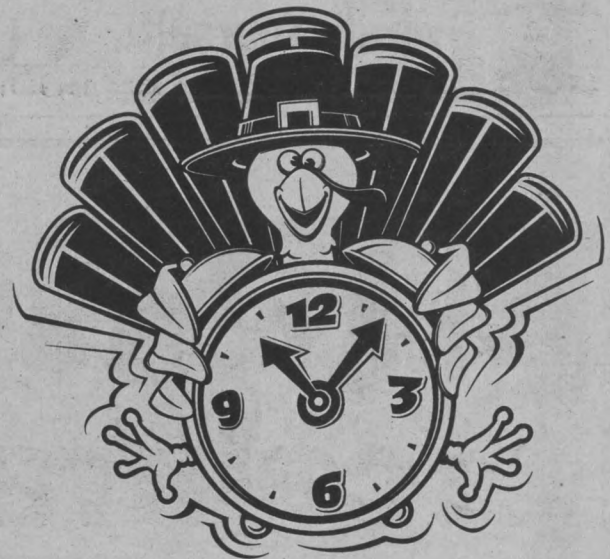
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very close to finalizing the blueprints for the park, which is expected to accommodate 50 to 60 skateboarders.

"We have a consultant working with a youth group to design the facility. We are close to submitting the design to the City Community Development Department for approval," he said.

Questions about permits and concerns from residents regarding location need to be resolved before anything can move forward, Goodnick said.

Johns said that eager skateboarders should be able to use the permanent facility in approximately one year.

"It depends on how long the design and review process takes, but we hope that by the fall of '99 construction will be completed," he said.

Santa Barbara Publicity supervisor Jean Feigenbaum explained that new state legislation ensures that cities cannot be held liable for injury due to skateboarding in designated facilities, as long as protective equipment is required.

"Skateboarding is in the category of activities that cities cannot be held responsible for, that is why we are encouraging this project," she said. "It's going to be a state of the art, world-class beachfront showcase for skateboarders everywhere."

The skatepark, like many other public facilities, will operate without full-time employees, Johns said.

"What you're going to see now in California with the change of laws is just an open, drop-in facility like any public tennis court," he said. "It will have hours of operation, but there will be no supervisor on duty."

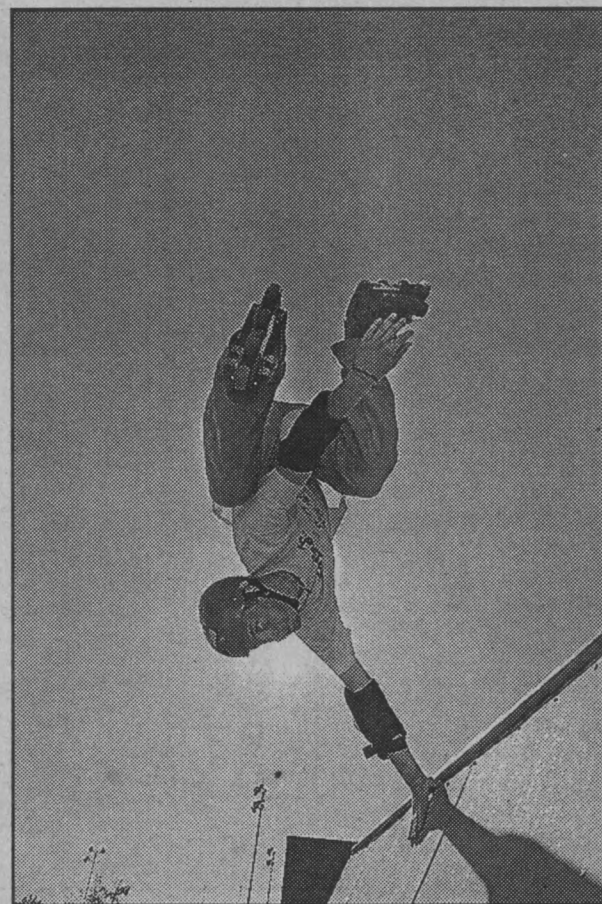
Funding for the project is proceeding smoothly, according to Johns. The PARC Foundation, which is pooling funds for reallocation to the city, has received a \$20,000 grant from the Santa Barbara Foundation, a \$3,600 donation from the Santa Barbara Youth Council and a \$50,000 anonymous donation, he added.

"The city put up \$150,000, so we have \$300,000 if we meet our goal [of raising \$150,000]," Johns said. "The balance would have to come from additional fundraising or from the city general fund."

Santa Barbara Police Dept. Lt. Nicholas Katzenshtein said a permanent park could pose law enforcement problems.

"Since the temporary park has been downtown, we have seen a lot more violations in the downtown area," he said. "We don't think that a permanent facility will decrease these violations."

According to Johns, the facility is a response to requests from youths for a place where they can skate legally.



ALAN JACOBY / DAILY NEXUS

Inline skater and SBCC student Zachary Eichart busts a phat freestyle at Sk8 Si Puedes skatepark.

"We have an ordinance in place that precludes skating in certain places," he said. "Voices from young people that we've heard from for years have expressed the need for a permanent skateboard facility."

Local skateboard advocate and longtime Isla Vista resident Henry Sarria is enthusiastic about the permanent facility. Sarria, who is involved in the fundraising for the park, commended

the youth on their involvement.

"These kids raised \$3,600 on their own, the effort is very commendable," he said. "They worked to make this dream come true. Now that skateboarding is a punishable offense, the city needs to provide alternatives for these kids."

— Staff Writer Curtis Brainard also contributed to this article.

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Ask the Athlete

Here at the *Nexus*, we like probing the minds of UCSB athletes. In another addition of Ask the Athlete, we peek into the heads of our Gaucho athletes to see how they tick, how they respond to tough questions, and it's an emergency space filler.

This week's question: What was the greatest sports moment of all time?

"The time Larry Bird stole the ball from Isiah Thomas in the playoffs and passed it to Dennis Johnson for the score."

— Senior Josh Merrill, Men's Basketball

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"The 1980 U.S. Hockey Team beating Russia in the Winter Olympics."

— Senior Tom Poser, Men's Basketball

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"When they broke the four minute mile way back when."

— Sophomore Marie Ferguson, Women's Cross-Country

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"When Jordan hit six threes on Portland."

— Sophomore Chris Lynch, Men's Basketball

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"The pass from Joe Montana to Dwight Clark in the end zone."

— Junior Jeff Wood, Men's Golf

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"When the U.S. Olympic Team beat the Russians at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics."

— Senior Stephanie Shadwell, Women's Basketball

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"Game six of the NBA Finals last year when MJ. nailed the game-winning shot."

— Junior Naoya Takemoto, Men's Golf

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"When NC State won back in the '80s and Jimmy V. was running all over the court."

— Senior Lance Wahlert, Men's Water Polo

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"The greatest sports moment of all time will be when we win the championship."

— Junior Roberta Gehlke, Women's Volleyball

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"When my fiancée Michael Jordan hit the game-winning shot against Utah in the NBA Finals."

— Sophomore Nicole Great-house, Women's Basketball

— Compiled by Marvin Gapultos

Poloists Can't Come Up With Wins in Southland

BY MATT HURST
Staff Writer

Donuts might be good and inviting, but in reality they are bad for you. The #9 UCSB men's water polo team had four-straight donuts given to them Friday, which led to a case of bad water polo.

The Gauchos were shut out for the first time this season against #6 Pepperdine 10-0 at Raleigh Runnels Memorial Pool in Malibu. Senior goalie Merrill Moses kept Santa Barbara at bay with 11 saves while junior two-meter man Chris Tilden scored three goals to run the Waves record to 10-9 overall. Sophomore driver Sean Hylton and senior holeman Todd King



Lance Wahlert

scored two each for Pepperdine.

"Things just didn't connect for us," sophomore Jay Brem said. "We had opportunities but we couldn't convert them. They capitalized on that and that's how they took control of the game."

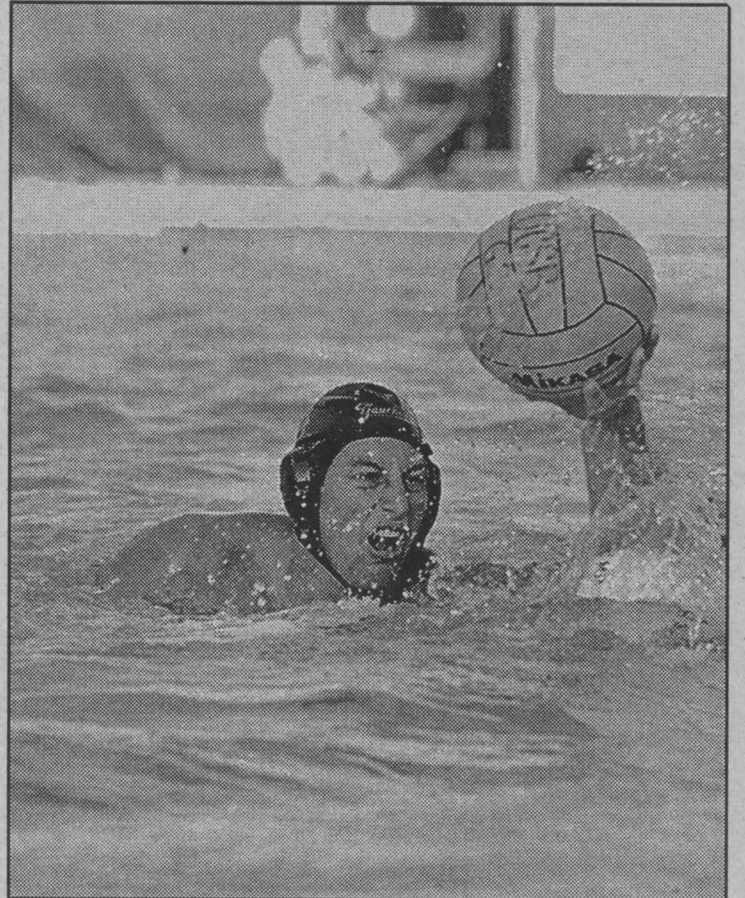
It appeared that UCSB was looking for revenge Saturday against Long Beach State as they jumped out to a 5-3 lead with 20 seconds remaining in the first period. But, over the next 12:36 of the game the 49ers struck gold, erupting for six unanswered goals and led the Gauchos 9-5 with a little more than a period to play.

Santa Barbara tried to stage a comeback, but it was to no avail. The Gauchos found the back of the cage three more times, but LBSU scored twice more to take the match 11-8.

"We were trying to vent [our frustration] and we were more focused on Saturday than on Friday," sophomore Tom Coughlan said.

"We were more mentally prepared and we were pretty pissed off. I wouldn't say that they dominated us, but they just finished their opportunities."

Long Beach senior goalie Adam Carter led the 49ers with a season-high 13 saves, but outshining the Antioch, Calif., native was



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MARCO? POLO: The UCSB men's water polo team saw its record fall to 6-15 with two losses in Malibu and Long Beach last weekend.

UCSB's own goalie: senior Lance Wahlert. Wahlert stopped 16 shots, his most since a season-high 18 against Stanford on Oct. 16.

Leading the Gaucho charge was sophomore Paul Rave who had three goals, one for two points to give him 14 goals and 16 total points on the year. Long Beach

countered with senior Jeff Colyer who found the back of the cage three times, two coming in the six straight goal span.

"Paul Rave came off the bench and scored a few for us," sophomore Eric Vlasic said. "Lance has always been solid for us. He is the foundation for this team."

Santa Barbara Runs in Middle of the Pack at Regionals

BY JUSTIN MARCH
Reporter

The city of Fresno may not be known for its exciting atmosphere, but for a day it was the cross country capital of the Western world.

The UCSB cross country teams concluded their seasons on Saturday at the Western Region Championship hosted by Fresno State. The men's team placed 12th out of 26 teams in the 10 kilometer race with 353 points, while the women paced themselves to a 15th place finish in the five kilometer race, accumulating 390 points. The competition featured some of the best cross country teams in the nation, according to UCSB Head Coach Pete Dolan.

"Stanford is ranked #2, Arizona was #5, Oregon was #3, so we're going up against the top-ranked teams in the country," he said. "We finished in the middle of the pack, but we came a long way to get to that point."

The Gaucho men were led by Jason Kolb, who finished with a time of 32:36, good enough for 51st place in his last race for Santa Barbara.

"We were hoping to beat UCLA and Berkeley," the senior said. "We wanted to show well. We were hoping [to finish] between seventh and ninth."

Not far behind Kolb were so-



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FEEL THE BURN: The UCSB men's and women's cross country teams took 12th and 15th place, respectively, in the Regionals.

phomores Joshua Horton in 58th place with a time of 32:47, and Alexander Gomez, finishing 75th with a time of 33:11. Overall, the Gauchos were expecting more success in their last meet of the year.

"I was a little disappointed because we had a shot at some teams that finished 50 to 100 points ahead of us," Dolan said. "It was tough to take, but overall I would say it was a pretty good race for us. We salvaged some good things out of the year."

One good thing that came out of the meet was the impressive race run by Gomez. Dolan said that it was an accomplishment to see their seventh man finish third among the Gaucho runners.

"He's a guy that's a good example for the rest of the team," the 12th year coach said. "He runs with a lot of heart and desire. He is becoming a very good Division I runner."

Junior Brett Strahan, who finished 89th in Saturday's race, said

that the meet provided an optimistic outlook for the future.

"We finally worked out our kinks as a team," the Wake Forest transfer said. "We know how to race together, we just need to pull it all together next season. Hopefully next year we can come in and knock out some big names."

On the women's side, senior Gabriela Rodriguez was the top Gaucho finisher with a blistering time of 18:28 in the five kilometer race, translating into 58th place. Sophomore Marie Ferguson was close behind her in 60th place with a time of 18:31. Junior Jessica Lunt rounded out the top three Gaucho runners in 82nd place with a time of 18:50. Dolan said the women had a good season, even if they were not able to bring home a championship.

"We didn't get the places we could of had," he said. "We thought we could have won the women's side in conference, but we had some good races during the year."

It was important for the women to prove themselves after a sub-par sixth place performance at the Big West meet. Ferguson stressed that the Gauchos had a positive attitude entering the regionals.

"I think we were more focused than we were at the Big West [meet]," she said. "After Big West, we all felt poorly. We didn't live up to expectations so we wanted to come out and do well."

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