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Community Service: A Degree of Difference

The Community Affairs Board (CAB) is a student-run organization dedicated to providing UCSB students with easy access to community service opportunities. CAB augments the classroom experience by creating occasions for career exploration, connecting UCSB to the community in a meaningful way, and by promoting the ethic of public service.

CAB maintains information on community and campus volunteer opportunities through the Volunteer Action Center. Over 2,500 students use the CAB database each year with 400 volunteer listings representing over 300 volunteer agencies in the Tri-County area (Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo Counties). Students are involved in projects to benefit local communities, as well as being involved in over 200 non-profit agencies, such as Special Olympics, Direct Relief, Camp Ronald McDonald, and Habitat for Humanity.

Students also create, plan, and sponsor community service projects to increase awareness on compelling social issues. They gain experience in non-profit management, training, and funding mechanisms through their funding of student groups with innovative community service project ideas.

During fall quarter, UCSB students participated in many new fund-raising events, such as the 9/11 Twin Tower



CAB volunteers serve Thanksgiving dinner to Isla Vista homeless

Relief Walk, organized by residents of Santa Rosa Residence Hall to raise money for the families who lost loved ones in the September 11 tragedy. Student volunteers also expanded projects like the Family Literacy Program, which matches UCSB students with elementary school-aged children. During fall quarter CAB had 80 UCSB students participating in the program.

During Halloween, students put together Halloween Trick-or-Treat Bags that were distributed to children at Cottage Hospital. For Thanksgiving, students were involved in a campus-wide Turkey Voucher Drive to help provide low-income families with free turkey gift

certificates and food items. CAB also holds a campus-wide toy drive for needy children and families in the surrounding community.

UCSB students are making a "degree of difference" and find that community service can be somewhat addicting. Some say it even boosts the immune system. Encourage your son or daughter to get involved with a volunteer program. Students can drop by the CAB office at the University Center, 2523 (above the MultiCultural Center), call (805) 893-4296 or visit the database of volunteer opportunities on the Web at www.as.ucsb.edu/cab/.

Extension of Jurisdiction for Student Conduct

UCSB has recently made some important changes in our University policies related to student behavior. During the last academic year we extended jurisdiction to the privately owned, University-affiliated residence halls for student conduct offenses covered in the *UCSB Campus Regulations Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students*. Beginning in September 2001, UCSB further extended jurisdiction to all off-campus locations for all offenses, including sexual assault and other forms of physical abuse and assault, sexual harassment, stalking, and hazing. In practice, this policy change means that students committing such offenses may now be subject to the University's judicial process,

no matter where they live or where the infraction occurs.

The process leading to this extension of jurisdiction involved long discussion and thoughtful deliberation that included representation from all members of the campus community. Other campuses in the UC system have found extending jurisdiction in this way to be useful, and we believe it is an important mechanism to help ensure the health and safety of the UCSB community.

Expectations of student behavior are outlined in the *UCSB Campus Regulations Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students*. This document is located on the Web at www.sa.ucsb.edu/Regulations.

Home for the Holidays

In order to help your family have the most joyous holidays possible, consider discussing the following questions as a family at the start of the winter break:

- What expectations do you have about how "house rules" will be handled? Some things to consider are curfew, chores (laundry, cooking, etc.), and how people are to communicate.
- What expectations do you have about personal freedom and independence? Students have a lot of independence at college and often expect this same level at home.
- What expectations do you have about how much time the family will spend together? Are there certain days or events that are very important? What freedom will there be for each individual to schedule time with friends, other family members, at work, etc.?
- Is your family planning a vacation? Are all family members expected to participate and what choices do they have about their time during the vacation?

By discussing each person's expectations, potential conflicts and similarities can be discovered and addressed. There may be some negotiation required, but doing so increases the chances of a great holiday for everyone.

Campus Preparedness to Identify and Respond to Biological Terrorism

Recently, the University has received a number of inquiries from students and parents regarding the ability of UCSB to identify and respond to biological terrorism. While the issue has currently become very high profile in the media, it is important to remember that the risk of death from biological terrorism remains extremely low, about 1 in 140 million. Compared to the risks involved in normal daily activities, such as driving a car or participating in sports, this risk is negligible. However, in an attempt to respond to the concerns and questions, University officials present the following information.

Q. What is the university doing to help prevent terrorism on campus?

The Campus Police currently are on alert, which means that officers are being particularly vigilant with regard to certain kinds of activities and situations that might be associated with a terrorist threat, biological or otherwise. The patrol unit has increased its visibility in the core of the campus by diverting some of the normal foot and bike patrols from the perimeter and has increased the frequency of foot patrols through the residence halls. There is also heightened security at large public events on campus: staffing is being augmented, and a policy of bag checks for all attendees has been instituted.

Q. Will the university's health care professionals be able to recognize the agents and effects of biological terrorism?

The CDC (Center for Disease Control) has defined three categories of agents that could be used in terrorist attacks. Category A organisms are the highest priority because they can be easily disseminated or transferred from person to person, have high mortality rates and are certain to cause panic and social disruption. These agents include anthrax, botulism, plague and smallpox. The local medical community, including the UCSB Student Health clinicians, is familiar with the signs of all of these illnesses.

Room with a View: Oceanside Complex Becomes a Reality

Since the beginning of the 21st century, Housing and Residential Services has been pursuing facility renewal and development in an effort to meet the high demand for student housing at UCSB. In the immediate future, Manzanita Village is becoming a reality. The Manzanita Village project includes the De Anza Resource Center, the Loma Pelona Multipurpose Center, the expansion and renovation of Carrillo Dining Commons, and 800 new student bed spaces in seventeen separate buildings.

The seventeen residential buildings will each provide housing for about forty-seven undergraduate students. These three- and four-story buildings are grouped into three quads and are designed to take advantage of dramatic views while creating a "human-scale" living environment.

The two-story DeAnza Resource Center will provide a combination of classrooms, smaller study rooms, a large study hall, a high-tech computer facility, and some office space for the complex administration and front desk operation. The Loma Pelona Multipurpose Center will feature two large dividable rooms to be used for academic and social programming, and it includes a recreation/television room for the complex.

Carrillo Dining Commons is being expanded to a capacity of 600 seats (previously it held about 300) as well as being completely renovated to provide a

Q. Is the university prepared to respond to an incident of large-scale biological terrorism?

The kind of illness anticipated would require a response that is fairly typical of, but on a larger scale than, a standard public health response to a communicable disease. Our campus community has an infrastructure in place (via the programs of Student Health, the Division of Student Affairs, and the Office of Residential Life) to work under the direction of the County Public Health Service. This allows us to deploy necessary medical interventions in an efficient and timely manner.

Q. How would the university be alerted to a local incident of biological terrorism?

For quite some time, we have had a "Sentinel Event Procedure" with the Cottage Health Systems Emergency Rooms. This procedure ensures that the Director of Student Health receives timely notification of medical events that require University intervention. The Director of Student Health is also on the list for immediate notification by the County Public Health Department of possible bioterrorism events. Both of these procedures would ensure immediate notification if a possible bioterrorism incident had occurred locally so that the campus could initiate appropriate action.

Q. Is the local community prepared to respond to biological terrorism?

In Santa Barbara County, the Public Health Department and Office of Emergency Services (OES) operate with state-of-the-art baseline public health response plans in place. In addition, they have been working for more than a year to coordinate and enhance local bio/chemical terrorism preparedness. OES has convened a countywide Terrorist Workgroup comprised of law, fire and health officials as well as military and federal intelligence representatives to further these efforts. Specific response plans have been formulated. The Public Health Department is also actively involved in the State and Regional Bioterrorism Response

Planning Groups, which have direct links to the Center for Disease Control and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). These two agencies, along with the FBI, would be responsible for managing small-scale incidents. Any university response to a bioterrorism event would be conducted under the direction of the Public Health Department.

Q. Has the university ever had to cope with a major public health incident?

Here at UCSB we have had several medical situations over the last few years, such as cases of meningococcal meningitis, that have required significant public health responses. These responses were similar to that which would occur in the event of a bioterrorist attack. UCSB is able to utilize already existing staff in Student Health, Student Affairs, and Residential Life to help respond to such incidents. In the past, the infrastructure and emergency plans of UCSB have combined seamlessly with the Public Health Department procedures to initiate appropriate actions to help ensure the safety of our students.

Q. How does the university plan to use vaccines and antibiotic preventive measures?

Per the recommendations of the CDC and our local Public Health Department, there is no indication for mass immunization or antibiotic use. Vaccines for anthrax and smallpox are not available to the general public. Personal supplies of antibiotic for self-administration in the event of an attack are discouraged. In case of attack, the federal government has assembled a National Pharmaceutical Stockpile (NPS) to supplement local and state resources. This stockpile has been distributed and positioned in secure regional warehouses ready for immediate deployment to the closest affected area within 12 hours of a federal decision to release NPS assets. As a local medical facility, the UCSB Student Health Service would have access to such supplies during a bioterrorism event.

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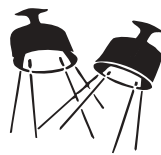
The University of California, Santa Barbara and the Division of Student Affairs recognize the diversity of our society and the many important people who have become "parents" to our students; these include step-moms, step-dads, uncles, aunts, grandparents, siblings, friends and others who play a significant and supportive role in the lives and successes of UCSB undergraduates.

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The Weekend Spotlight: Options & Alternatives



Every weekend there is the familiar ring of questions...What's happening? What's up? What's going on? And, too often, there's the same old reply...NOTHING. If your son or daughter is under the impression there is nothing to do on weekend evenings but "hang out" or party, perhaps he/she is not aware of the *Weekend Spotlight*. A collaborative effort between the Office of Student Life and Student Health Service, the *Spotlight* is meant to serve as a weekend resource for students looking for things to do on campus, around Isla Vista, and in the communities of Goleta and Santa Barbara. The *Weekend Spotlight*, a half page ad, appears in the

Daily Nexus student newspaper every Thursday announcing events and activities on campus and in the local community scheduled for the upcoming Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. By providing up-to-date listings of events in a broad range of areas from arts and entertainment to sports and recreation, the *Spotlight* offers students interesting alternatives to the college party scene. The *Weekend Spotlight* is one of UCSB's many efforts to alter the campus environment through influencing students' perceptions of their options for having fun and socializing.

Financial Aid Now Available for Summer

UCSB experienced a first during summer 2001. In prior years, all University of California campuses have offered courses during the summer, but this past summer three campuses—UCLA, UC Berkeley, and UCSB—were asked to enhance summer academic offerings so that they would more closely mirror those of the regular academic year. For the first time in the history of the UC system, financial aid was available to students taking summer courses in 2001. At UCSB, this means that the summer term is now considered a "quarter" like fall, winter, and spring.

For summer 2002, financial aid will again be available to students in the form of grants and loans. Students who want to shorten their time to graduation or attempt more difficult courses with a lighter academic load can take advantage of this summer opportunity. Summer Sessions 2002 is scheduled for June 24 through August 2 with additional schedules through September 13.

For more information or to request a catalog, call UCSB Summer Sessions at (805) 893-2047 or send an e-mail to info.questions@summersessions.ucsb.edu.

UCSBriefs

• **Summit for Danny.** UCSB and UCSB students teamed up on a recent Saturday in October to show support for local efforts to reduce the negative impacts of alcohol and other drug abuse in the Santa Barbara community. The "Summit for Danny" is an annual event sponsored by the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse designed to raise funds for the locally based Daniel Bryant Youth & Family Treatment Center. Nine UCSB students dedicated their Saturday to joining other community members on three local hikes to raise money and awareness. UCSB sponsored the hikers by covering their registration fee and minimum monetary pledge. Members of "Team UCSB" completed both the five-mile Inspiration Peak hike and the nine-mile Tunnel Trail Trek.

• **Convocation 2001.** New freshmen and transfer students were welcomed to UCSB at the start of the fall quarter during New Student Convocation held on September 17, 2001. Over 4,500 new students gathered for the mid-morning ceremony held on the lawn overlooking UCSB's campus lagoon. Faculty members dressed in full academic regalia joined new students for the ceremony, which included a moment of silence for the victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Inspirational keynote speeches were delivered by UCSB faculty member Dr. Edwina Barvosa-Carter and Dr. Bertice Berry, author and gifted motivational speaker.

• **What's a Gaucho?** UCSB adopted the Gaucho as mascot in 1934, as a replacement for the original Roadrunner mascot. The Gaucho was known to be

a liberty-loving cowboy of the South Americas, combining the qualities of both Mexican and Indian heritages. The Gaucho was a colorful character, known for occasional rabble-rousing, but always respected.

• **Staying In Touch.** Keep up with the latest university news, campus activities and student opinions. Log on to the on-line edition of the *Daily Nexus*, UCSB's student newspaper, at <http://www.ucsbdailynews.com>.

• **Safety Counts.** The annual UCSB safety brochure, "Dedicated to the Safety of Our Community: The Clery Act Campus Security Report," was mailed directly to each registered student and every employee at the University. This information is made available in accordance with the "Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act," formerly the "Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act." The brochure discloses reported criminal activity for the previous three years on campus, in off-campus buildings, on property owned or controlled by the University, and on public property adjacent to the campus. The report also includes campus security policies, such as those concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, victims' assistance programs, student discipline, campus resources, and other matters. The annual security report can be accessed at the following web site: <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/policies/> or by calling the Office of Student Life at (805) 893-7884.

Important Dates for Financial Aid Recipients

December 15, 2001—Fees for winter quarter 2002 must be paid or deferred with the Billing-Accounts Receivable Office (BARC) by 4 p.m.

If your son or daughter is a financial aid recipient, the aid will be automatically credited to his or her BARC account, which requires an enrollment minimum of six units. The status of your student's BARC account can be reviewed on the GOLD system. For more information on this process, refer to pages 13 and 14 in the *Winter 2002 Schedule of Classes*.

January 1, 2002 to March 2, 2002—The 2002-2003 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed and mailed to the federal processor.

To be considered for financial aid, your son or daughter must re-apply each year and list UC Santa Barbara, school code #001320, in Step 6 of the FAFSA. The FAFSA is available at high schools, colleges, and universities across the U.S. It can also be filed electronically on the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Note: If your student filed a FAFSA for the 2001-2002 academic year, the federal processor will automatically send a "renewal" FAFSA in the mail in late January or early February. If your son or daughter does not receive the "renewal" FAFSA in the mail and the March 2 deadline is approaching, he or she can file a regular FAFSA or file a FAFSA on the Internet.

March 2, 2002—This is the priority filing deadline for UCSB financial aid and Cal Grants.

Students who file after this deadline will be considered only for federal Pell Grants and student loans. Students who file the FAFSA should obtain a "certificate of mailing" from the U.S. Post Office as proof that it was filed by the priority-filing deadline.

March 15, 2002—Fees for spring quarter 2002 must be paid or deferred with the BARC Office by 4 p.m.

If your son or daughter is a financial aid recipient, the aid will be automatically credited to his or her BARC account as long as your student is enrolled in a minimum of six units. The status of your student's BARC account can be reviewed on the GOLD system. For more information on this process, refer to the "Special Instructions for Financial Aid Students" in the *Spring 2002 Schedule of Classes*.

April 15, 2002—This is the deadline to file the 2001 federal tax return with the Internal Revenue Service.

Please note your son or daughter can file the 2002-2003 FAFSA using estimated income tax information. In order to meet the March 2, 2002, priority-filing FAFSA deadline, do not wait to file the FAFSA until your taxes are prepared. Educational tax credit information can be accessed at the following web site: <http://www.nasfaa.org/publications/2000/grevhopec111698.html>.

For more information on financial aid, please visit the UCSB financial aid web site at www.finaid.ucsb.edu or call the Financial Aid office at (805) 893-2432. The office, located in 2103 SAASB, is open from 9 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Looking Ahead...

- **A Voter Registration Drive** will be held on campus during winter quarter for the March 5th primary election. The voter registration deadline is February 19, 2002. Students must use a current local address in order to vote in Santa Barbara County. Students need to re-register if they have moved, changed names, or wish to change political party affiliation. For election information or to register online, students can visit the UCSB Voter Registration web site at <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/voterreg>.
- **Commencement** is Saturday, June 15, and Sunday, June 16, 2002. Parents are advised to make hotel and restaurant reservations early. Visit www.santabarbaraca.com for a complete listing of area accommodations and restaurant suggestions.
- Freshman students are encouraged to enroll in UCSB's **Freshman Experience Course, Interdisciplinary Studies 20**, which many seniors say is the best class they took at UCSB. This popular course is available winter and spring quarters. For further information, students should refer to the *Schedule of Classes*.
- A new course, **Interdisciplinary Studies 15: Digital Skills for Academic Success**, offers students the opportunity to improve computer skills. Designed to assist students in completing their college coursework more efficiently and effectively, the class is offered in winter and spring quarters. For further information, students should refer to the *Schedule of Classes* or visit Instructional Computing.

You've Got U-Mail

Most UCSB students are not only very comfortable using the Internet and electronic mail, they actually prefer (and oftentimes expect) to use these tools in conducting their university business. GOLD is the campus web tool that students use to register for classes, update their addresses, and view their academic records. U-mail is the university e-mail system. The use of electronic mail for communicating with students is gaining prevalence across campus. For example, many UCSB professors use U-mail to communicate with their students outside of the classroom, and administrative departments are increasingly using U-mail for business formerly conducted on paper.

The Office of the Registrar will begin to use U-mail this year for student notifications. The goals are to provide information to students more quickly and directly by bypassing the U.S. mail system and to make it more convenient for students to contact the Office

of the Registrar with follow-up questions. Since U-mail is the campus's official e-mail system, it is important that your son or daughter activate his or her U-mail account at www.umail.ucsb.edu. Students who prefer to read e-mail on another system can easily have U-mail forwarded to that service (instructions are available at www.umail.ucsb.edu/help/account/forward.php).

Many UCSB students have personal computers, and support is available to financial aid students for the purchase of a computer. However, a personal computer is not required to access U-mail; students can use computers in the library and in other labs on campus to access both GOLD and U-mail. The Office of the Registrar is available to help students in person (1105 SAASB) or over the phone (893-4165). U-mail capabilities offer yet another, often more convenient, way for students to contact the Office of the Registrar.

Staying Connected

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Division of Student Affairs: <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu> or call (805) 893-3651
Educational Opportunity Program: <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/eop> or call (805) 893-3235
Financial Aid Office: <http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/> or call (805) 893-2432
Housing & Residential Services: <http://www.housing.ucsb.edu> or call (805) 893-2760
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Student Health Service: <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/studenthealth/> or call (805) 893-3371
UCSB Crime Statistics: <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/policies/>
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