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It's in the Mail: Parental and Property Owner Notification Measures

Last year, we notified parents that the campus had extended the jurisdiction of its rules and regulations regarding student conduct to off-campus, privately owned residence halls. This extension of jurisdiction covered all violations of our student code of conduct. Later, we notified parents of the extension of jurisdiction more broadly beyond campus borders for certain offenses, namely serious incidences of violence, threats of violence, stalking, sexual harassment, and hazing.

Despite these measures, we still believe that Isla Vista does not offer an atmosphere conducive to the kind of scholarly and civic pursuits that we expect of UCSB students. One recent study indicated that the vast majority of arrests and citations recorded for Isla Vista by the County Sheriff's Department are alcohol related. UCSB students, as a group, fall in the mid-range for high-risk or binge drinking when compared to students at similar institutions across the nation. However, the combination of this level of drinking and the

concentration of such a large number of young people (including Santa Barbara City College students, high schoolers, local youth, and regular out-of-towners) in a very small area makes Isla Vista a unique challenge for the University as well as the County of Santa Barbara and the Sheriff's Department.

In an effort to address the challenge that excessive alcohol consumption presents, representatives from various local governmental agencies and educational institutions, including UCSB, have been meeting for the past nine months. A number of ideas for change have emerged. Among them are two programs that seek to engage the assistance of rental property owners and parents of UCSB students in decreasing drinking and its negative consequences in Isla Vista.

The property owner notification program will be implemented by the County Sheriff's Department sometime in April. It will notify rental property owners and managers when Sheriff's officers respond to Isla Vista residences for certain kinds of

calls, such as out-of-control or keg parties, couch or dumpster fires, chronic disturbances, serious property damage, and crimes of violence. The County Sheriff's Department also is urging property owners to include in their leases provisions prohibiting keg parties and large, open parties.

The University is now considering a parental notification program as a companion to the property owner notification program. The parental notification program would inform parents if their son or daughter is arrested or cited for an alcohol-related offense in Isla Vista. (However, in an effort not to discourage students from seeking needed medical attention, parents would not be notified if students receive emergency medical treatment in addition to the citation or arrest.)

After significant campus and public consultation, we are now evaluating several versions of parental notification and looking to possible implementation in fall of 2002. On other campuses where parental notification has been introduced student alcohol offenses have decreased.

The Cap is Back: Summer Sessions Highlights

When will the catalog be available?

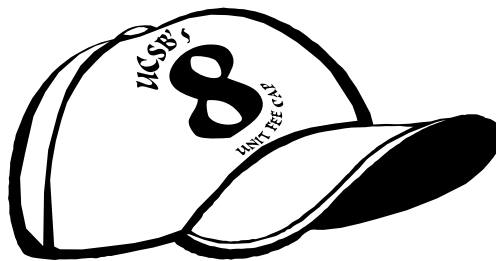
The Summer Sessions catalog is available April 1 and contains an application form and all the information needed to register for classes. UCSB students should stop by the Summer Sessions Office, SAASB, Room 2214, to pick up a free copy.

When is Summer Sessions?

There are two six-week sessions (June 24 - August 2 and August 5 - September 13). Within these sessions, classes are offered in three, six or ten week formats. Refer to the chart on the Summer Sessions web site.

What are the fees for Summer Sessions?

Summer fees are charged according to the number of credit units taken. It is expected that unit fees for UC continuing students will be \$76 per unit for undergraduate and \$100 per unit for graduate students; however, these are subject to change. Final fee information, including fees for visiting students, will be available in the Summer Sessions catalog.



What is the "8-unit fee cap"?

Unit fees for continuing UC undergraduate students are capped at eight units. This unique program offers continuing UC undergraduate students the opportunity to take more than an eight-unit study load at no additional charge. In other words—take eight units for a fee and all additional courses are free!

Is financial aid available during summer?

Complete financial aid packages will again be available in summer 2002 for all UC continuing students. Consult the Summer Sessions catalog and the Financial Aid Office for more information.

How do I contact Summer Sessions?

Address: UCSB Summer Sessions
2214 SAASB
Santa Barbara, CA 93106-2010

Phone: 805-893-2047

FAX: 805-893-7306

E-mail: info.questions@summersessions.ucsb.edu

Web: www.summer.ucsb.edu

Watch the Summer Sessions web site for updates to the Summer 2002 curriculum.

Problems, Solutions, Results:

Working Together to Prevent Alcohol Abuse at UCSB

Like other campuses across the nation, UCSB struggles with the issue of alcohol use by students. Indeed, we know that many of our students sometimes engage in high risk drinking—drinking that increases the risk of legal, physical, personal and/or academic consequences. We also know that four thousand students don't drink at all.

When compared to the large sample of colleges that participated in the highly publicized Harvard School of Public Health, College Alcohol Study, UCSB falls in the mid-range for binge drinking (5 or more drinks in one sitting.) Despite the fact that some other campuses experience more serious problems, we are not comfortable with our students' level of high-risk drinking and are taking aggressive steps to reduce alcohol (and other drug) abuse and their negative social and health effects.

Guiding these efforts is our Alcohol and Other Drug Task Force which makes recommendations for all program, policy and enforcement issues related to alcohol and other drugs. To stay current with science- and evaluation-based research, the Task Force has adopted the Environmental Management Model (developed by the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention). The model adheres to the premise that programs must be comprehensive in order to reduce problems. It also suggests including strategies in four program elements: education, early intervention, environment and enforcement.

Using these four elements as a framework, in the spring of each year the Task Force develops a strategic plan for the following year. For 2001-2002, goals and activities are focused primarily on

environmental change and enhanced enforcement.

2001-2002 Strategic Plan Themes/Goals

- Increase the number of **alcohol-free options** for students.
- Increase **media coverage** of positive program elements so as to decrease the party school image.
- Increase **safety and health promotion**.
- Increase **community collaborations** with Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara City College, Isla Vista Foot Patrol, Isla Vista property owners, Isla Vista business owners, etc.
- Support increased **enforcement and compliance** with sanctions.
- Improve **relations between law enforcement and students**.

2001-2002 Highlights of Strategic Plan Activities

- Beginning fall quarter, UCSB extended the jurisdiction of its campus judicial system to cover certain serious types of behaviors that occur anywhere off campus. These include violence and threats of violence (including sexual assault), stalking, hazing and sexual harassment. Sanctions vary but may include suspension or dismissal from UCSB.
- A team of UCSB staff has been meeting regularly with Santa Barbara County officials, Santa Barbara City College officials and law enforcement to review and revise some existing County ordinances and propose new ones in order to reduce the number of problems resulting from large parties in Isla Vista.

- Property owner notification—See page 1.
- Parental notification—See page 1.
- New mechanisms are being established for enforcing the recently updated campus Substance Abuse Policy & Implementation Guidelines.
- The Task Force is seeking funding for large alcohol-free programming initiatives.
- Alternative events on campus and in the local community are being advertised in the student newspaper, *Daily Nexus*.
- A social norms campaign continues with widespread distribution of posters and weekly ads in the *Daily Nexus* to get the facts out and change misperceptions about student use of alcohol.

These are just a few highlights of this year's activities. They serve as a complement to a broad range of strategies already in place. In fact, the comprehensive nature of our program has led to UCSB's selection as the site for a major evaluation of campus alcohol and other drug prevention efforts. This study, conducted by the Mid America Research Institute (under contract with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration), should yield solid information about what aspects of our program are working best. This will make future efforts even more focused and effective. For more information, contact Judy Hearsom, Director Alcohol and Other Drug Program at (805) 893-2263 or hearsom-j@sa.ucsb.edu.

Scholarship and Award Opportunities

The Special Programs Office in the College of Letters and Science provides listings of scholarship and award opportunities. This office has been designated to coordinate the required review and nomination procedures for UCSB applications for state- and national-level scholarship and selection processes. Scholarship application deadlines vary, but often occur early in fall and winter quarters each year. For more information, deadlines, and applications, your son or daughter should contact the Special Programs Office via e-mail at special_programs@ucsb.edu, stop by their new office at 2110 North Hall, or call (805) 893-2319. Below is a partial list of scholarships and award opportunities:

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships—for high-ability sophomores or juniors interested in a career in mathematics, natural sciences or engineering, January deadline, <http://www.act.org/goldwater>

Harry S. Truman Scholarships—for junior-level students with high academic achievement and outstanding leadership potential who will pursue careers in public service, January deadline, <http://www.truman.gov>

National Security Education Program (NSEP)—resources to study abroad in less commonly studied languages and cultures, January deadline, <http://www.iie.org/nsep>

The Donald A. Strauss Scholarship Foundation—requires a proposal for a community or public service project, to be carried out during the end of the junior year and end of the senior year, February deadline, <http://www.straussfoundation.org>

Beinecke Brothers Memorial Scholarship Program—for junior-level students who will be graduating within a year of application and plan to pursue graduate studies in liberal arts, February deadline, <http://www.BeineckeScholarship.org>

Los Angeles Times Scholarships—for junior-level students from specifically targeted areas in California with an expressed interest in a career in newspapers or a related field, February deadline, application/information available at North Hall, Room 2110

British Marshall Scholarships—for study at any British university in the United Kingdom, October deadline, <http://www.acu.ac.uk/marshall>

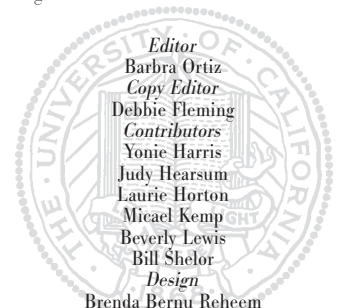
Rhodes Scholarships—for undergraduate or graduate study at Oxford University, October deadline, <http://www.rhodesscholar.org>

Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, Inc.—newspaper editing internship program, October deadline, <http://www.dowjones.com/newsfund/college.html>

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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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For the Record

The Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. Colleges and universities are required to comply with restrictions on the release of student education records.

Information classified as directory information may be released to the public unless a student has chosen to place a hold on his/her record. This information consists of name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, attendance dates, birthdate, birthplace, degrees, honors, scholarships, last school attended, major field of

study, number of course units in which a student is enrolled, participation in official student organizations, and class level.

The remainder of student academic records cannot be released without a student's written permission. UCSB has provided students with tools enabling them to obtain all of the information from their academic records. They are free to share this information with their parents or any other individual whom they choose. Parents may also obtain this non-directory information by obtaining a signed consent from their son or daughter.

UCSBriefs

* **California Governor Gray Davis** signed a bill in the fall that requires the University of California, along with state and community colleges, to adopt policies to combat the aggressive marketing tactics of credit card companies and prohibit the distribution of free materials. With the passage of this bill, the Assembly hopes to eliminate credit cards with twenty-two percent interest rates and educate students about the consequences of incurring credit card debt, making them more fully aware of their rights and responsibilities. The bill recommends that university governing boards create ongoing debt education programs. A study conducted by Public Interest Resource Groups on campuses nationwide found that, of the one third of students who have applied for credit cards on campus, eighty percent cite free gifts as the reason for applying. UCSB's University Center Governance Board, a long time advocate for restraint of campus credit card promotions, had already set up restrictive guidelines that meet the requirements set forth in the new bill prior to its passage.

* **Remodel of Embarcadero Hall**, a recent University purchase in Isla Vista, is on schedule.

The Hall, formerly the Bank of America building, will provide 9,000 square feet of new learning space after completion in November of 2002. Its state-of-the-art lecture hall will seat approximately 240 students and will help alleviate the need for large undergraduate instructional space. Embarcadero Hall also will contain two smaller classrooms to serve as tutorial space, an eight-station computer lab, and offices for the UCSB Isla Vista community liaison.

* **The UC Office of the President** has revised the academic calendar to accommodate the Veterans Day holiday on November 11 as a "movable" holiday and not one that will always be celebrated on a Friday or Monday. In fall, 2003, the holiday will be observed on a Tuesday. In addition, the systemwide office has directed all campuses to set aside the last Friday in March of every year as the Cesar Chavez holiday. This will replace the Monday spring break holiday currently extended to all campus employees, which has coincided with the first day of the students' spring break. The UC observance of the Cesar Chavez holiday will begin March, 2003.

Tuition Exemption Program

The University of California Board of Regents has conditionally approved a new tuition exemption program. This program will allow certain nonresident students to pay in-state fees. To be eligible for the tuition exemption, all five of the following criteria must be met:

- The student must have attended a high school in California for three or more years;
- The student must have graduated from a California high school (or equivalent);
- The student must not be a nonimmigrant alien (as defined by federal law, including, for example, those who have been issued a student visa);
- The student must be enrolled, or have been enrolled at the University of California after January 1, 2002; and
- The student must be subject to the Nonresident Tuition Fee.

The Regents' action aligns UC policy with new state policies for California State Universities and the community colleges. It is important to keep in mind that any student admitted into the University of California must meet UC admission requirements.

Additional legislation is pending; consequently, implementation of this policy is still conditional. We will keep you informed of the effective date and further details as they are provided.

FAQs: Financial Aid Questions

My son or daughter has not yet applied for financial aid for the 2002-2003 academic year? Can he/she still apply?

YES! Students applying after the priority filing deadline of March 2, 2002, will only be considered for the Pell Grant, Perkins Loan, Work Study, Direct Loans (subsidized and unsubsidized), and the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS). In addition to applying using the paper version of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), students may also apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. UCSB's school code is 001320. Students are encouraged to apply now to ensure aid is available in time to pay fall quarter charges by the September 15, 2002, fee deadline.

If my son or daughter has already applied for financial aid, when will he/she receive an award letter?

Financial aid award letters will be mailed beginning in late May and throughout the summer. If additional information (e.g., tax returns) is requested, we urge students to respond as quickly as possible. No further analysis of students' eligibility will occur until all requested documents are submitted.

What scholarships are available?

UCSB awards its limited allocation of scholarship aid primarily to continuing UCSB students who filed the FAFSA by the March 2, 2002, priority filing deadline. UCSB students can get an application for restricted scholarships from the Financial Aid Office or download the application from the scholarship section on the Financial Aid web site. Additionally, there are links to free scholarship search engines on the scholarship section of the web site (www.finaid.ucsb.edu).

How does my son or daughter receive his/her financial aid?

All aid is disbursed quarterly and credited to students' BARC (Billing, Accounts/Receivable, Collections) accounts with the UCSB Billing Office. The aid that is credited to BARC accounts will be applied to existing charges such as quarterly fees and university housing (if applicable). If the aid credited to a student's BARC account exceeds the charges, the UCSB Billing Office will mail a refund check to the student. No refund checks are mailed sooner than ten days before the first day of instruction each quarter.

What is the PLUS Loan?

The PLUS Loan is the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students. Because it is a non-need-based loan, parents may take out a PLUS Loan on behalf of their dependent undergraduate student to help fund educational expenses. In most cases, parents use a PLUS Loan to cover the "parent contribution" portion of their student's financial aid eligibility. The interest rate is variable and is capped at nine percent.

Is financial aid available for Summer Session 2002?

Summer Session financial aid (grants and loans) will be available to eligible continuing UCSB undergraduate students who attended spring quarter 2002, are in good academic standing, have a complete 2001-2002 FAFSA on file with the UCSB Financial Aid Office, and submit a Summer Session 2002 Financial Aid application. These applications will be available in the Financial Aid Office and on the web site (www.finaid.ucsb.edu) beginning March 15. The priority-filing deadline for the Summer Session 2002 Financial Aid application is April 19, 2002.

MyRoad™

One of the most compelling questions for college students is, "What major should I choose?" In a few cases, there is a direct connection between a particular undergraduate major and future careers. For instance, a student who wants to become an electrical engineer might naturally select electrical engineering for a college major. But most careers do not require a specific major. Ask any ten business administrators or city planners or advertising execs about their undergraduate major, and you will get ten different answers. Many college students believe that the world of work is organized by college majors; in fact, employers hire them for the quality of their skills and experiences, not for the content of their major. Employers seek candidates who can learn, regardless of the undergraduate major in which they demonstrated that capacity.

So, if students can not always look to their desired career to help them choose a major, what can help? *MyRoad* can. *MyRoad* is an on-line program available through Counseling and Career Services. It has two sections of particular interest to those struggling with the question of major. "QuickStart Majors" asks students a brief series of questions, then suggests majors they can explore. After filling out an extensive questionnaire, students are provided with a personal profile and a list of suggested majors based on the profile. They gain in-depth information about the majors including information on the content of classes in the major, fields of study, and typical research topics.

For students who have already declared their major, *MyRoad* has a "Careers" section useful for exploring career options. This section contains a good description of a few hundred popular careers including qualifications, training required, and mini-information interviews (interviews with people in those careers describing a typical day).

If you think your son or daughter would be interested in *MyRoad*, please refer him/her to Counseling and Career Services to establish a password. Counseling and Career Services has purchased 500 subscriptions for students to be given away on a first come, first served basis.

Planning Ahead: Commencement 2002 Ceremony Schedule

Sunday, June 9	1:00 p.m.	College of Creative Studies
Saturday, June 15	9:00 a.m.	Science and Mathematics
Saturday, June 15	1:00 p.m.	College of Engineering
Saturday, June 15	4:00 p.m.	Environmental Studies and Social Sciences I
Sunday, June 16	9:00 a.m.	Social Sciences II
Sunday, June 16	1:00 p.m.	Arts and Humanities
Sunday, June 16	4:00 p.m.	Graduate Division



For more information, call (805) 893-7382, send e-mail to: parent@ia.ucsb.edu or visit the website: www.instadv.ucsb.edu/commencement.

Make your hotel and restaurant reservations now to ensure that accommodations will be available. Visit www.santabarbaraca.com for a complete listing of area hotels and restaurant suggestions, or call Coastal Escapes at (800) 292-2222.

Staying Connected

UCSB Campus Calendar: <http://events.sa.ucsb.edu/calendar/>

UCSB Home: <http://www.ucsb.edu> or call (805) 893-8000

Campus Connection Newsletter e-mail: Newsletter@sa.ucsb.edu

Campus Learning Assistance Services: <http://www.clas.ucsb.edu> or call 893-3269

Associated Students: <http://www.as.ucsb.edu> or call (805) 893-2566

Counseling & Career Services: <http://career.ucsb.edu> or call (805) 893-4411

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

Office of the Registrar: <http://www.registrar.ucsb.edu/> or call (805) 893-3592

Office of Student Life: <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/osl/> or call (805) 893-4569

Orientation Programs: <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/orientation/> or call (805) 893-3443

Student Health Service: <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/studenthealth/> or call (805) 893-3371

UCSB Crime Statistics: <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/policies/CrimeStatistics.asp> or call (805) 893-7884

UCSB Bookstore: <http://www.bookstore.edu/> or call (805) 893-3271