



PRAXIS MEMBER DAVE STAFFORD addressed a crowd of about 50 people yesterday in Storke Plaza as part of a rally calling for action by the UCSB administration to reduce enrollment.

Photo by Matt Pfeffer

Local Unrest

Rally Protests UCSB Enrollment Increases

By Drew Robbins

Bill Wallace, Third District Supervisor-elect, blasted the UCSB Administration yesterday for their "lack of concern and sensitivity" in dealing with increased enrollment.

Speaking at a Storke Plaza rally sponsored by IVCC and Praxis, Wallace and Praxis members Dave Stafford and Ann Davis addressed a crowd of about 50 students. The main thrust of their talk was the effect of increased enrollment on the housing in Isla Vista.

Davis, also a Leg Council member, led

off the rally by giving background information on enrollment at UCSB. "Enrollment has been increasing ever since 1972," she explained. "This year the increase was only 70 people, but you've got to remember that for each student there will be 1.1 more people on the South Coast," Davis said, explaining the "multiplier effect" which figures a 1.1 increase in South Coast residents to provide products and services for each additional UCSB student.

Davis went on to cite a government survey conducted at Berkeley two years ago. "The survey found that there should be over a five percent vacancy rate, anything less is an emergency situation," Davis noted. "The latest figures for I.V. show a one percent vacancy rate."

"Another important thing to keep in mind is that enrollment has gone up 20 percent since the water moratorium," Davis reported. "That means another 5,000 people on the South Coast."

Wallace spoke more specifically on the pressures of increased enrollment. "I question the inability of the UC system to reduce enrollment here at UCSB," he said. "At Berkeley and Los Angeles they manage to cut enrollment when they want," he continued. "But here they don't seem to be able to make a dent in the number of students."

"The University is the greatest growth inducer on the South Coast," Wallace said, claiming that the increased enrollment is a major cause of rent increases throughout the area.

"With the ordinary supply and demand forces at work, prices have been forced way up," Wallace argued. "It's the combination of increased enrollment and the water moratorium that's putting the pressure on rent prices."

Wallace charged that one of the effects of the housing shortage and rent hikes was the relocation of residents. "It's

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Berkeley Judge Grants Four Students Right To File In Possessory Tax Case

By Claude Ruibal

Superior Court Judge Harold Hove allowed four students from UC Berkeley to be represented in a class action suit that will decide whether Alameda County can collect property taxes from students who are residents in University-owned housing.

The suit challenges county attempts to enforce a 1866 state tax law. It calls for anyone who benefits from the use of state-owned tax exempt property to pay a possessory tax to the county. This could allow the county to collect taxes from students who live in University residences.

Married Berkeley students who now live in University housing are currently subject to payment of the possessory tax. Individuals are subject to a possessory tax if they possess or hold exclusive rights on public tax exempt land.

Early this year the Alameda County Board of Supervisors ruled that the tax applied to occupants of student housing.

Residents of the University's married student housing complexes received

possessory tax bills on July 1. Yet the residents won a temporary injunction in late August which halted the collection of the tax until September 10. On September 22, Alameda Superior Court Judge George Phillip Jr. ruled that the residents would have to pay their bills and any penalty which may have accrued since the deadline payment of August 31.

This action prompted the Associated Students at UC Berkeley (ASUC) to sponsor the class-action suit to stop the Alameda County assessor from applying the tax to all residents of University housing.

Currently UCB has asked student governments from all the UC campuses to donate money to help pay the financial costs involved in the suit. Initially the students sought the help of the University's General Counsel to bring their case to court. General Counsel refused to proceed with the suit in the manner the students desired. Consequently, the student government hired their own counsel and the estimated cost of the litigation is \$6,000.

Administrative Vice President Jeff Bornstein of ASUC stated, "The case has statewide significance since it will be the first of its kind." ASUCSB Executive Vice President Paul Pooley agreed, "The State Equalization Board could perhaps mandate the tax statewide if Berkeley were to lose its test case." These implications have prompted UCB to ask UCSB Leg Council to donate \$1,000 to help pay the legal fees.

Currently, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is attempting to raise money for the legal fund. RHA members hope that Leg Council will match the amount they collect.

If the suit is lost, students living in University owned housing could become subjected to annual bills of between \$35 to \$125.

Some students feel the county should be allowed to tax the students. According to Praxis member Howard Dyck, "The dorms are heavily subsidized by the state which lowers the rentals prices."

Crowd Gathers for 'Celebration of Whales'

By Scott Spiro

Over 14,000 people joined Governor Jerry Brown Saturday afternoon in a California "celebration of the whales," to direct attention to the killing of the marine mammals by Japanese and Russian industries.

"If you want to save something," said Brown, who sponsored the event, "a good way to do it is to celebrate it."

Held at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, the day-long event featured exhibits, lectures, films and entertainment by several pop artists including Joni Mitchell, Country Joe MacDonald, John Sebastian and Fred Neil.

A poetry reading by Pulitzer Prize winner Gary Snyder was followed by the showing of the film "The Great Right Whales," a documentary on the life of the

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endangered species, still hunted by about 14 nations.

Also appearing was Dr. Paul Strong of the Canadian "Greenpeace" foundation which has led efforts to save the whale from extinction. Strong's address was preceded by Stan Minassian's Emmy award winning film, "Last Days of the Dolphins."

The cost of the Sacramento gathering was estimated at \$16,000, provided in full by contributions.

Celebration contributors included Dow Chemicals and Macy's Department Stores who donated several thousand dollars.

In addition, Honda, Toyota and Datsun, three major firms who have been targets of the ban on Japanese goods, put up \$500 apiece.

Brown was warmly received by the audience who paid \$4 each to attend the evening's festivities.

"As mammals, their survival is somewhat symbolic of our own," Brown said Saturday to the whale enthusiasts.

"We are taking this day where people who are interested in whales can celebrate them through music, talk, discussion and films," Brown said, adding that when Californians assemble in support of the whale, "other people are watching."



GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN