Wallace Refuses to Participate in Goleta Sun Candidate's Forum

Incumbent County Supervisor Bill Wallace has released a letter he sent to Goleta Sun editor David Novis declining "to participate in your newspaper."

Wallace faces a June 7th challenge from Jim Thompson, Mike Boyd, and Susie O'Rourke for his seat which represents Isla Vista plus most of Goleta and the Santa Ynez Valley.

As part of the letter, dated May 11, Wallace also said that "I cannot in good conscience participate in any activity sponsored by your paper, including the (candidate's) forum on May 24th... unless..."

A History of Isla Vista, Part 8

SHERIFF JOHN — the Man Behind the Badge?

by Carmen Lodise

Isla Vista Free Press Publisher

John Carpenter has been the Sheriff in this county since 1970. A long time for any elected official in these parts.

Before that he was the chief of an eight-member police force in Carpinteria, not a very impressive position from which to launch a successful campaign for a countywide office. But in 1970, the incumbent sheriff had lost a lot of credibility for this handling of the civil disturbances in Isla Vista and Carpenter swept to an easy victory. So Isla Vista had something to do with Carpenter becoming sheriff.

Carpenter has kept the Foot Patrol going in I.V. and had it report monthly to the meetings of the Isla Vista Community Council until it went dormant last Fall. And Carpenter is on record saying that this town could adequately handle being in charge of a police force in a City of Isla Vista.

Through the years, Carpenter’s relationship with Isla Vista has been fairly decent, even though two write-in campaigns against him have been launched from here — in 1974 by Larry Padway, and in 1978 by Mark Fontana. Padway’s campaign drew over 1,500 votes countywide and almost forced Carpenter into a run-off. While Fontana’s was less successful, it was a lot more fun.

Fontana for Sheriff

Fontana’s campaign platform had three planks which were stated humorously, but each containing more than a kernel of truth.

Fontana called for a drug enforcement plan which would bust only the big dealers — “especially the Sheriff’s Narcotics Task Force.” It seems as some officers from this immensely unpopular unit had been stealing cocaine they had captured and then selling it back onto the street.

Secondly, Fontana called for no enforcement of the law against nude sunbathing. Thirdly, he wanted to make the jails safe for prisoners — two inmates had been killed or committed suicide under suspicious circumstances in the year preceding the election and several others had been beaten either by inmates or jailers — it wasn’t certain who.

Fontana’s campaign poster showed him with a vest and a ten gallon cowboy hat and a sheriff’s badge from the Old West. Despite what most people thought was a great campaign, Fontana won only a thousand votes and didn’t push Carpenter at all as he won his third term handily.

The Sheriff was able to keep his sense of humor about these write-in campaigns. Much better than his deputies did, in fact. They wouldn’t let either Padway or Fontana speak at their endorsement forums. After the election, Carpenter disbanded the care squad, only tokotedly enforced the nude beach ordinance, and cleaned up the jail situation.

An Early Battle

But it was an incident early in his first term that I remember most about Carpenter. In May of 1972, Carpenter faced perhaps his most difficult decision up to that point in office.

A rally attended by more than 7,000
NEW WATER BRINGS NEW BATTLES

I. V. DEVELOPER ATTACKED BY RESIDENTS AND WATER BOARD

What was a full-blown crisis requiring a special meeting of the Goleta Water Board may have turned into nothing.

Ed Harwin, who is developing four buildings in Isla Vista, first had his water hook-ups locked up by the district last Thursday, then turned back on May 18th.

"They told me that they decided that this was in the best interests of the property owners," Harwin told the Free Press.

Harwin the Contractor

Ed Harwin is a small-time developer (or "contractor," as he prefers to call himself) who put up his first unit earlier this year—a six-bedroom duplex in downtown Goleta.

Then he bought "The Well," a communal living space at 6612 Sueno in Isla Vista, and duplicated the duplex he had put up in Goleta. Actually, he had wanted to put up two duplexes at the L.V. site, but the County Planning Commission would only allow one.

That was only the beginning of his problems.

New ZBT House

In the early building stages of his first I.V. development, the Zeta Beta Tau (ZBT) fraternity contacted him. According to a ZBT spokesperson, Harwin made a few alterations to the building design—alterations that they requested and are planning to move the fraternity house to Sueno this summer.

"We're really happy with it," a spokesperson for the fraternity told the Free Press recently. "Right now, we are paying over $13,000 a month for the place we currently have, and the rent is going up another $20 per person next year. Harwin was really good to us."

"The Well" will thus remain a "communal living house," but it will be a bit more upscale.

In the meantime, Harwin secured two other pieces of property in I.V. and went into escrow on two others. He had started building single-family residences on all four of the four current projects underway by contractor-developer Ed Harwin. Below is the lot on Del Playa at El Embarcadero; below right in the foreground is the single-family residence at 6859 Pasado, while in the background are the two projects at 6836 and 6840 Trigo Road. The person from whom Harwin is purchasing the Del Playa property at a water board meeting that their deal had fallen through, however, Harwin assured the Free Press that he is still proceeding with the deal.

When It All Comes Home

A bitter exchange took place during the May 16th Goleta Water Board meeting between two Isla Vista activists.

Hal Kopickin, a homeowner active in opposing the new Isla Vista park bond (Measure A) who lives only a half-block from the new houses Ed Harwin is developing, bitterly said to Doug Butler — "See what your Measure T is doing to us!"

Butler, who many credit with having gotten the Measure T water issue placed on last November's ballot, angrily shot back: "You people in R-1 could have bought all of those vacant lots with a park bond for only $40 a year. But you didn't because you're too shortsighted and selfish. You're getting what you deserve!"

Butler is supporting Measure A.

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when lightning struck last week. On Tuesday, the Goleta Water District board of directors rescinded their staff's previous approval of the water meter permits Harwin had bought with the four properties. A Water District official showed up on Thursday and locked up the meters.

Harwin is upset. "It's hard enough trying to put together some of these development packages without these people changing the rules in the middle of the project," Harwin told the Free Press. "I have all the required permits—I bought them with the properties. I just don't think it's fair. Isn't this a capitalist system?"

But now that his water hook-ups have been restored, Harwin feels a lot better. But their attorney still isn't willing to say that this is a permanent situation, so I still am being hung up," he said.

Measure T Water

At the base of the controversy are the new water permits to be granted by the water district as a result of the passage of Measure T last November. Measure T allows owners of properties in the district to receive a meter to build a single-family residence. The campaign committee favoring this amendment to the 1972 water hook-up moratorium emphasized the unfairness of small property owners not being able to build the home for which they had purchased the property. The voters approved enough water from a new conservation project up Glen Annie Road to allow about 150 homes to be built in I.V. and Goleta.

In an attempt to limit the impact of speculation, the initiative stated clearly that only one meter was allowed per landowner. But, the measure didn't say anything about what happens after the permit is granted.

This is the loophole which Harwin drove his bulldozer through—and the hole the environmentalist majority on the water board is trying to plug.

GWB Meeting Breaks Up

The water board promised to hold a public hearing May 16 on their decision to lock up four of Harwin's water meters. But when more than 100 people showed up for a meeting in a room that holds only 50, the crowd summoned the Fire Marshall to declare it an illegal assembly. The meeting was adjourned for 30 minutes and reconvened for an hour out in the parking lot.

The board majority presented its planned resolution—that "no investment or development enterprise ... may have a Measure T meter—"

As director Pat Mylrod explained, "What we're trying to say is that anyone can sell their lot to whoever they want to, but any one person can only buy one lot!"

"This still didn't please a lot of the persons at the hearing because it seemed to limit who the owners of these lots could sell their property to."

Harwin later told the Free Press that "There are still ways to get around this—I just won't take title to the properties I develop with Measure T permits.

Harwin, who has purchased over $600,000 in property in Isla Vista over the past year, using borrowed money, he told the Free Press that "Even a day's delay in these projects is expensive!"

"Fairness" Still Unresolved

So, it's back to the drawing board for the water board. They have promised to present their "final" plan to limit the abuses they see at a May 25th meeting.

— C.L.
BENEFIT FOR EL SALVADOR AT BORSODI'S MAY 22
CAMPER VAN BEETHOVEN HITS TOWN

by Fear Heiple
Isla Vista Free Press Entertainment Editor

Camper Van Beethoven will headline a benefit concert organized by CISPES at Borsodi's Coffeehouse in Isla Vista this Sunday, May 22. Also on the bill is local hero Toad the Wet Sprocket. The event is being put on by the CISPES (Committee In Solidarity with the People of El Salvador) chapter at UCSB in order to raise money for Aguis, which is the general student body organization at the University of El Salvador.

Not Just El Salvador.

"We're not just concerned with El Salvador," explained a CISPES spokesperson, "we're concerned about all of Central America, and Nicaragua in particular, but we have a direct link with El Salvador where a right-wing elite rules the country with U.S. support. We're trying to do something about that by helping the students there."

Revolutionary Sweethearts

It is interesting that Camper Van Beethoven agreed to be on the bill. They are nationally-famous in college and alternative music circles, but got their start in Santa Cruz, where they were students at the University of California (music majors, of course). They released their first album, Telephone Free Landslide Victory, independently in July of 1985. Thanks to the unexpected popularity of the song "Take the Skinheads Bowling," the album went into second and third pressings almost immediately, causing the band to form its own label, Pitch A Tent (as in "She makes me want to pitch a tent in my pants..."), Camper Van Beethoven II & III was released in February of 1986; the band's third and self-titled album was released in November of that same year. Not since Elvis Costello released My Aim is True, This Year's Model, and Armed Forces in an 18-month period has a band turned over this amount of consistently acclaimed material.

in the Village Voice's "Jazz and Pop" critics' poll for 1986, all three albums placed in the top forty.

In 1987, Camper confined its activities to touring the U.S. and Europe, releasing a six-song EP, Vampire Can Make a Oven, recording its Virgin Records debut Beloved Revolutionary Sweetheart, and pretending they had nothing to do with the horrible Camper Van Chabourne disaster. On Beloved Revolutionary Sweetheart, the Campers have come completely out of the closet as wanting to do good music. For the first time they have a major producer-Dennis Herring (Timbuk 3). And for the first time they are not shy about playing their tubas, violins, and mandolins well. The lyrics and concepts have always been brilliant, but now they have taken the time to get the music right and the results are well worth it.

Local rockers Toad the Wet Sprocket will be opening up for the Campers and will be performing at Borsodi's again on Wednesday, May 25.

For more information call 961-2490.
Movie Review

Colors
Directed by Dennis Hopper (ORION Pictures)

With the highly controversial "cops and gangs" film Colors, director Dennis Hopper ultimately leaves the viewer with some fairly serious questions. Among them are, "Now whadda y'wanna do?", "Wanna get something to eat?", and perhaps most importantly (borrowing a bit of terminology from Ann Landers), "What's all the hubbub, Bob?"

Look, Colors is an okay cop movie, with a story line that is certainly both timely and timeless, and, thanks to the casting, locations, and dialog, as authentic and realistic as a film about L.A. gangs could possibly get. Another exceptionally strong performance from Robert Duvall adds immeasurably to the film's strengths, but bottom line, it's not quite as good as the same old "cop" movie that Hollywood's been handing us for years and years.

Whether it's The New Centurions or The Blue Knight, whether it's William Holden or George C. Scott or Stacy Keach (or Robert Duvall), the story in Colors is just too predictably put. You can't escape the feeling that you've seen it before, that you know what's coming, and that all of the film's punches are telegraphed way in advance.

There's no denying that Colors is a powerful and chillingly real portrayal of the gang scene in East and South-Central Los Angeles. The casting of actual gang members as extras certainly added to the film's authenticity, not to mention its pre-release publicity. Both the location shots and the accurate representations of gang lifestyles and attitudes; the "that's just the way it is, man" response to the bullet-riddled war zone that actually is life in the barrios, make for some very strong, but very sad entertainment.

The problem with the script, though, is simply that we've seen the "old cop/young cop", "veteran/rookie" combination too many times. Sean Penn turns in a good performance in what seems a somewhat difficult role as the preening, cocky rookie out to make "righteous collars." Penn's character states that he sees himself as a "guardian of masculinity" and right there we know that he has far more in common with the gang member bad guys than he'll ever know.

Robert Duvall, as the experienced vet, manages to bring an air of real dignity to a role that is as cliched and predictably overdrawn as imaginable. A fair and honest cop with a wife and kids, a new baby, a man just barely short of retirement, Duvall still makes you really care about the character, whose obvious fate is virtually spray-painted on the wall.

Despite all the hoopla and the pre- and post-release publicity, Colors is not an exploitation film. This film is not going to cause young barrio residents to aspire to gang membership, simply because it accurately portrays gang life as the dead end that it really is. At the same time, though, this is a film that with a little more effort, perhaps a bit more attention to the story line, could have made the kind of statement made by Stand and Deliver. And that is simply that there are alternative choices. There actually is a way out of what Colors presents as a near-preordained trap of life. But then, nobody ever said that the intent of Colors was to make some kind of "serious" statement. It is after all, after all, just another cop movie.

-Rick Williams
Good Girls

Written and drawn by Carol Lay (Fantagraphics)

Carol Lay is a good example of a post-feminist kind of cartoonist. She writes and draws her own stories. They contain protagonists from both sexes and all have varied personalities and roles to play. What people can or cannot do is determined by the circumstances involved. For example, when you open up a comic book and see a young woman in a superhero costume flying out of a window, you are inclined to believe that everything is all right. But what if the girl had no superpowers, but was tricked into donning the costume by a dangerous psychopath, who had just thrown her out of the window, possibly to her death?

Yeah, now there's a story and Carol Lay will hook you into it every time with something like that. A New York underground cartoonist, Lay's drawings have primarily been available only in Raw Magazine and assorted other avant-garde publications. But now the ever-brave Fantagraphics Press (Love and Rockets, Particle Dreams) has taken on the responsibility of unleashing Lay's output on an unsuspecting world.

I like the adventures with hip, feminist reporters who get into trouble digging up stories, but Carol Lay's greatest efforts are her parodies of true romance comic books. These are rendered with complex drawings and soap opera-like narratives in the exact style as the torrid trash they parody.

Her key soap opera follows the life and loves of one Irene Van De Kamp. As a baby she was the sole survivor of a plane crash in the African jungle. She was discovered and adopted by the Bongodian people. Raised as one of them, she admired the beautiful tattoos and ritualistic mutilated faces of Bongodian women. The proudest day of her life was when she had her lip disc inserted and tattoos engraved on her now-womanly face.

But then she was discovered and whisked back to civilization, where it is learnt she is heir to billions. Somehow she can't understand why lip discs and tattoos aren't worn by other women.

It is a strange premise. Is Carol Lay trying to say something about beauty and how people are judged by their looks? Or is it Kafka-esque and Irene's predicament is a metaphor for anyone's inability to fit in an alienating world? Or is it some kind of a joke only women understand?

At any rate, Irene has trouble getting her lipstick on right, let alone landing the right man. She was going out with this blind lawyer who seemed perfect. But then she let him feel her face and he ran away. But then he found out she had all that money and he came back and is waiting for her at her front door. But she's already home and kidnappers are breaking in the back.

Oh my... — Nils Hoffman
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR
Isla Vista/UCSB/Goleta

Thursday 5/19
MUSIC
Shaken, Not Stirred, Borsodi's, 938 Emb. del Norte, Isla Vista.
Julie Miller Band, Jaime's, 5838 Hollister Ave., Goleta.

RADIO
60's Revisited hosted by Gerry DeWitt. 9 AM to Noon, KTYD 99.9 FM.
Fear of Music — Progressive rock hosted by Fear Heiple. 8-11 PM, KTYD 99.9 FM.

Monday 5/23
MUSIC
Jon Horvitz (jazz), Borsodi's, 938 Emb. del Norte, I.V.

FILM
Great Old Time Comedy with Buster Keaton, W.C. Fields, and Harold Lloyd, 7, 9, 11 PM, Isla Vista Theater.

ART
Illusionist Space: an exhibition by Denise Shavers, through June 17, UCSB Women's Center Gallery.

Friday 5/20
MUSIC
Chandrika Belty-Dance Troupe w/live music, Borsodi's, 938 Emb. del Norte, Isla Vista.
Prisms Prisms: a Concert of Contemporary Music, 8 PM, UCSB Lotte Lehmann Hall.
Tom Ball & Kenny Sultan, Jaime's, 5838 Hollister Ave., Goleta.

ART
Native American Women's Art, last day of exhibition, UCSB Women's Center Gallery.

Saturday 5/21
SPECIAL EVENT
Angela Davis, 8 PM, UCSB Campbell Hall. $3 students, $5 others.

MUSIC
Purple Turtles (60's, Grateful Dead), Borsodi's, 938 Emb. del Norte in Isla Vista.
Nick Pyzow, Spike's Place, 6030 Hollister, Goleta.
Julie Miller Band, Jaime's, 5838 Hollister Ave., Goleta.

Sunday 5/22
MUSIC
Camper Van Beethoven, Toad the Wet Sprocket, in a CISPEES benefit, Borsodi's, 938 Emb. del Norte, Isla Vista. (See story in this issue.)

FILM
Go Tell the Spartans, Faces of War Film Series, 7, 9:30 PM, UCSB Campbell Hall.

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Wallace Appoints Youth Project Staffer to County Commission for Women

County Supervisor Bill Wallace has appointed LuAnn C. Miller to the Santa Barbara County Commission for Women. Miller is the director of the Isla Vista Youth Projects which has been providing child and youth programs in IV since 1973.

"LuAnn's work at the I.V. Youth Projects puts her in daily contact with working women and children and her own personal experience as a working mother with two small children, will be a valuable asset to the Women's Commission," said Wallace in a press release.

Appointments of Isla Vista residents and UCSB students to County policy advisory committees have become an issue over the past two years. Mike Boyd (who, perhaps ironically, is currently running against Wallace) is the only I.V. resident currently serving on such a committee. While Miller lives in Goleta, given her I.V. experience, her appointment is seen as a move in the direction I.V. community and student leaders have been asking Wallace to move.

Several vacancies exist on these advisory committees, including Human Services and Drug Abuse Prevention. For more information, call Wallace or his assistant John Buttry at 568-2190 during office hours.

Needs Assessing I.V.

It has been about five years since anyone did a survey of Isla Vista's human services needs. Suddenly there are two organizations seeking more information on what services and assistance I.V.'s low-income population requires.

In this (or the next) issue of the Isla Vista Free Press is a survey put out by the Let Isla Vista Eat Program (LIVE) which asks for respondents to specify what assistance they would like. LIVE is asking that readers return the survey to them via mail. And on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:30 PM, the Community Action Commission (CAC) will host a public meeting at the University Religious Center (URC), 777 Camino Pescadero, to "get input on community needs and ideas for programs and services."

LIVE is an Isla Vista based organization which primarily tries to feed hungry people. They provide free breakfasts at the URC each morning and at the I.V. Elementary School Monday through Friday.

The CAC is a countywide agency which provides a wide array of services to low-income people, including an Advocacy Office located in the I.V. Medical Clinic building.

For more information about LIVE, call Joe Moritz at 968-2111; about CAC, call Laura Price at 968-5138 between 1-5 PM.

New Blufftop Housing

OK'd by Coastal Panel

A new two-story house at 6553 Del Playa has been approved by the California Coastal Commission. The applicant, William P. Ferschler, was granted an "administrative permit" on a lot which has been protected by a seawall since 1983. The report also notes that the wooden post and rubble seawall appears to have "virtually eliminated" the 10 inches per year of erosion the lot had experienced for the 45 year period before its installation. The structure will still be set back 37.5 feet from the current bluff as required by the County's Local Coastal Plan. Although the permit is for a 1,710 square foot single-family residence, the plans call for four off-street parking places.

Sheriff, from page 2

people had materialized around noon behind the UCen following some action by the Nixon-Kissinger team — invading Cambodia or bombing North Vietnam. I don't remember the details any more.

After the speakers finished, people rose from the audience to suggest the next step we should take. Most suggestions were politely ignored or laughed off. However, Jim Gregory, then a writer for the Santa Barbara News & Review, made a suggestion that immediately rang true. He suggested that we all march to the airport and do a sit-in on the runway as a symbolic protest against the U.S. air war. People turned to each other and laughed, slapped each other on the back, saying "Yes. That's it."

I've never seen such a spontaneous agreement on the part of a large crowd before or since — outside of a sporting event. The march started immediately. We walked up Los Carneros, turned on Hollister Avenue and onto the airport runway — at least 4,000 people. We were warned by the airport authorities to leave immediately, but with no one paid attention.

Carpenter's Big Decision

Within an hour a big yellow school bus filled with police pulled onto the airport and Carpenter — at the helm of a jeep began circling the runway on which the demonstrators were chanting the anti-war slogans of the time. With a huge megaphone, Carpenter told us to leave within five minutes or he would "clear the area."

While no one knew exactly what "clearing the area" meant, it sounded pretty painful. Suddenly we noticed down at the end of the runway a dozen black and white police cars, motors running, heat from their engines making them appear as a wavy hallucination as they began to drive slowly toward us.

At least half the people jumped up and fled back toward Hollister Ave. But, at least 2,000 people held strong on the runway. As the black and whites got about half way up the runway toward us, Carpenter called them off. He had changed his mind and wasn't going to have his men attack this crowd of unarmed demonstrators. He gave us the runway.

Celebrating All Night

Boy were we happy! We remained there for several hours, burning fires, singing, huddling together, and cheering wildly when it was announced that the flights had been cancelled for the balance of the day. At sunset we marched back to I.V. and parted way into the night in the vacant lots of what now is Anisq'Qo'Yi Oyo Park.
from the
Publisher's Desk

NICE GUYS, BAD RULES

I first met Ed Harwin last fall when I did a story about his plans to redevelop The Well, a communal house at 6612 Sueno Road, into two large duplexes. He seemed like a nice enough guy, refreshingy self-effacing for a developer-type. So even though his project would result in severa of my friends losing their low-cost housing, I found that I couldn't really dislike him personally.

As it turns out, the County Planning Commission limited his project to only one duplex and his new tenants there, the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity — another communal house — think they are getting a really good deal. So, it would appear that everything has turned out pretty well.

Then why am I getting more and more uncomfortable about both this new duplex and the other four projects Harwin is developing in L.V.?

I think it’s because there are so many exceptions to the rules involved with all of his projects. It seems as if Harwin converted the garages in the duplex into several bedrooms, making the fraternity happy, but making his project very different from the plans that the County had approved initially. Harwin says that having twelve bedrooms in this duplex isn’t really illegal so he will be able to get a change in his building plans.

But is that the point? Do we really need a twelve bed-room apartment complex holding 20-25 people (and who knows how many cars) on a street which has mostly two and three bedroom duplexes? And what does this say about the County’s planning process?

And while it would appear that there is nothing strictly illegal about the other four projects he is developing with Measure T water, it would certainly appear that collecting several lots with water meters is against the spirit of that measure.

While I think that Harwin was dead wrong adding the bedrooms at his Sueno duplex without County approval, I think that he was just crafty in garnering the lots with Measure T water permits. However, I am in full sympathy with the Goleta Water Board’s fumbling efforts to plug this loophole.

Much of the problems Isla Vista has today of high-density and congestion resulted from the County allowing developers in the 1960s to get away with exceptions to the rules which he held elsewhere in the County. It is government’s responsibility to regulate development in the interests of the overall community and yet to make the rules clear enough so that entrepreneurs can still fulfill their needed functions. As Harwin said, “After all, this is capitalism, isn’t it?”

In this situation, we need some help from both the water district and the County, because no matter how nice a person Ed Harwin is, Isla Vista residents — not him — have to live with the results of his projects.
THE ISLA VISTA FOOT PATROL

POLICING ISLA VISTA

by Andrew Shulman
Isla Vista Free Press Reporter

When you walk into the Foot Patrol office at 6547 Pardall, you realize immediately that it isn't the ordinary kind of police station.

First of all, the person who greets you in the front office is definitely "laid back." Secondly, there is a poster on the wall of the Isla Vista branch of the Bank of America in flames — a reminder of the event which created the Foot Patrol.

A foot and bike patrol established in 1970, the Foot Patrol is the main policing force in this town which has 10% of the population of the county's unincorporated areas but 27% of its reported crimes. The Foot Patrol was designed as a solution to the specific problems Isla Vista was experiencing in the wake of the civil disturbances that resulted in the rioting of the Bank — problems, some said, that were directly associated with the lack of community relations between police and students.

But there were problems in the beginning bridging that gap — some of which have not entirely gone away.

The Early Patrol

In the early 1970s, military policemen near the end of their tours of duty in Vietnam were offered early discharges if they agreed to join law enforcement agencies upon their return to the United States. Several former MPs found themselves on the Isla Vista Foot Patrol and the result was an intensification of the sense of alienation between the police and the community which existed before the riots.

One resident recalled Foot Patrol officers returning to Isla Vista residents as "gooks," in return, mistrust of the newly-formed Foot Patrol felt by the community was echoed in the nicknames residents had for them: "authoritarian pigs," "Nazi punks," "army of the establishment".

In the early years, the Foot Patrol program was made possible by a grant from the California Council on Criminal Justice, the state agency in charge of disbursing funds from the federal Anti-Crime and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

Then as now, the UCSB Police Department assigns six officers to the patrol on an 18-month rotational basis and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department provides six of its deputies. Financing is split between the County and UCSB.

The Foot Patrol operates between 7:30 AM and 3:00 AM with auto patrols covering the remaining hours. Even during the regular shift, some of the patrol work is still done with the Sheriff's black-and-whites and the University's all-white cars.

Santa Barbara County Sheriff John Carpenter maintains that the current goals of the Foot Patrol are no different from the community's original objectives — to humanize the relationship between police and Isla Vista residents and to help stifle the area's extraordinary crime rate.

"Nothing has changed in respect to the objectives of the Foot Patrol," said Carpenter, "What has changed is the constituency. Current Isla Vista's residents are very different from who they were back then."

A National Trend

A unique feature of the patrol, and one that has attracted great interest nationwide, is the return to what was once a basic trademark of all police activities — the foot officer on the beat. The Houston Police Department recently adopted a similar "community policing" program, assigning each officer a permanent neighborhood beat. Hard to imagine in the semi-military world of policing, what Houston Police Chief Lee Brown did was introduce innovative principles borrowed from Japan and U.S. industry. Different variations of community policing have been seen in Dallas, Baltimore and Los Angeles. But the I.V. Foot Patrol was one of the first.

One problem, however, is that the Foot Patrol was originally designed as a "specially trained" force of officers. Patrolmen received specialized training in police relations including public relations, human relations, race and ethnic relations, and sensitivity sessions with Isla Vista residents. Currently, however, officers assigned to the Foot Patrol do not receive any of the special training needed to help them deal with problems unique to the Isla Vista community.

Special Training Ends

However, both the UCSB Police Department and the County Sheriff's Department claim their officers receive specialized training in all aspects of law enforcement before they are ever assigned to the Foot Patrol, with each County-supplied deputy "hand-picked" and personally approved by the Sheriff himself.

The assumption is that the kind of "community relations" training which I.V.'s special police force received during the 1970s has become generalized in all police training schools. The University of California's training program covers it all," said UCSB Chief of Police John McPherson.

And serving on the Foot Patrol is now a priority among police officers. According to Lt. Joseph Smith, special details officer with the Sheriff's Department, deputies wishing to work on the Foot Patrol must pass an intensive screening process.

"Every officer who comes to the Foot Patrol is hand-picked for a wide variety of personal qualities and the good job they've done with the department," said Smith. "Proof of that can be seen in the absolute absence of complaints against Foot Patrol officers despite the much greater number of calls they receive as compared to those assigned to the main station."

One of the reasons there are so few complaints against the Foot Patrol might be in the difficulty of obtaining an official complaint form. While the UCSB police chief quickly produces a university form upon request, several days of search at both the Foot Patrol office and the Sheriff's Department produced only evasive answers. One thing is certain: they aren't available at the Foot Patrol office.

Specific I.V. Training

Even though all police officers now receive "community relations" training at the police academy, there is still a concern that Foot Patrol officers should receive training that is specifically relevant to the problems currently found in Isla Vista. The concern is illustrated in the criticism voiced by some Isla Vista residents.

"They seem to go out of their way to harass people," said one 17-year-old resident who said he's been brought into the Foot Patrol office for questioning six times without being charged with a crime. "Once they get to know someone, they automatically start hassling him," he said.

The same teenager said he has friends who have been beaten up with nightsticks by members of the Foot Patrol — far beyond any need to restrain him for questioning. These incidents go unreported because the youths are afraid of retribution later.

"After all, we have to live here," he concluded.

CRIME STATISTICS in Isla Vista

for the year 1987. Source: County Sheriff's Department

| OFFENSE or Activity          | Isla Vista reports/arrests | Isla Vista as a % of County
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<tr>
<td>Violence</td>
<td>167/70</td>
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<td>All Assaults</td>
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<td>Rape</td>
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<td>Burglary</td>
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<td>Felony Drugs</td>
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<td>Misd. Drugs (mostly marijuana)</td>
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<td>56/25</td>
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<td>All Misdemeanors</td>
<td>386/3113</td>
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<td>County Ordinances (including open containers, curfew, leas housing law, illegal camping)</td>
<td>752/740</td>
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| Traffic Citations            | 3325                       | 26%                        |
| - moving violations           | 275                        | 8%                         |
| - parking                     | 2929                       | 40%                        |

* Isla Vista's population of 15,000 (excluding the UCSB campus) is approximately 10% of the jurisdiction of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department.
Many women have complained that Foot Patrol officers were not doing their part to limit the kinds of sexual abuse that have occurred in Isla Vista. Last year, a citizen's committee called "Red Alert" was initiated to perform much of that function. While the Red Alert people felt that they had accomplished quite a bit, the head of the Foot Patrol at the time dismissed their efforts as 'relatively harmless.'

Cheri Gurse of the UCSB Women's Center said her staff provides training to UCSB officers on rape prevention and sensitivity. The Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center does much the same for the Sheriff's Department, according to Gurse.

"While I've found that the officers are very professional in their investigations, some handle situations better than others," Gurse said. "It depends on a lot of what's going on in their personal lives.

Rape is always reported to law enforcement agencies. Gurse said that there are probably 10 to 20 more rapes that never get reported. "We did a study recently that indicated there are between three and ten date rapes each week on just the campus properties alone," she said.

Embellishments

The Foot Patrol has not gone without its share of public embarrassment either. In 1983, formal complaints were filed against members of the Foot Patrol by the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity after several off-duty officers allegedly fired bottle rockets and threw firecrackers at the fraternity's house on Cordova Road. The complaint also stated that the officers were drinking beer inside the Foot Patrol office and continued to shoot off the fireworks despite receiving complaints from members of the fraternity.

Race Relations

Ethnicity is another issue in Isla Vista which often is not handled in a manner satisfactory to minorities. Last year, someone broke into a black man's apartment, stole his computer and other items, and spray-painted racial slurs on the walls. This was reported by the Foot Patrol as only a theft.

A few months ago, a black woman working for the I.V. Park District was hit by a large rock thrown by a fraternity member as she worked in the street near the house. The police never uncovered the identity of the person throwing the rock supposedly because the "bothers" hide the person in their house. The results of a followup investigation by the Greek Peer Review Board has been buried in Vice-chancellor Birch's office, although the fraternity has agreed to perform some community service hours for the Park District.

One long term resident said he remembers when the Foot Patrol officers would spend a day each year in a retreat with community leaders at the University's Cliff House on West Campus. "These were great opportunities for both us to get to know the police better, but for them to get to know us, too. I'm sorry that this kind of interaction has dropped," he said.

Strong Support, Too

There is, however, strong support for the Foot Patrol from many I.V. residents and business owners.

Vern Johnson, owner of the Isla Vista Market, enthusiastically supports them. "I would be 100 times worse a place without them," he told the Free Press. "I think that they're great."

One young mother who asked not to be identified said that they "have always been very helpful and very concerned when we've had any problems."

Turkey of the Month

In 1976, the Isla Vista Community Council (IVCC) invented an award called "The Turkey of the Month" in order to call attention to one Foot Patrol officer who most people thought spent too much time harassing residents. This prestigious award was given to UCSB Officer Al Phillips for having made so many marijuana arrests. Even into the early 1980s, one member of the Foot Patrol said that he thought Phillips made far more than one-half of all the arrests for small amounts of marijuana possession in the entire county.

The other members of the Foot Patrol must have had some empathy with what the IVCC was trying to say with this tongue-in-cheek award because they framed the certificate and kept it hanging on the wall at the Foot Patrol office for several years.

Responsible to Public

Beginning in 1972, the Foot Patrol reported at least once a month to public meetings of the IVCC, relating crime statistics for that period and discussing any events on police policy within legal limits. With the phase out of the IVCC last Fall, this regular reporting to the community no longer occurs.

However, Sgts. James Drinkwater and Lt. Joe Smith, both of the Sheriff's Department, often attend the monthly meetings of the Isla Vista Federation and the UCSB Major Events Committee. Both are good opportunities for interaction, but in a more limited fashion.

Drinkwater reported recently at the Federation meeting that he and his staff were stepping up their ticketing of illegally parked cars. One community member suggested that the police should warn the community of such a change in policy, because most people have grown used to the lax enforcement. "It would be better to start out with an education campaign in the Fall, and begin a strong ticketing plan right away, rather than waiting until after Christmas," he said.

While the officers reacted somewhat defensively at the meeting ("People complain both when we do it and when we don't."), it appears that the stronger enforcement plan has at least leveled off.

Police Review Board

Through 1976, the IVCC had a police commission which heard citizen complaints. The commission eventually stopped meeting, both because there were fewer complaints, and because it was almost impossible to resolve even valid ones. An advisory body in these circumstances can't really accomplish a lot, and both the Sheriff and University refuse to establish any kind of "citizen review board."

Several law enforcement agencies united in Isla Vista on the evening of May 14th when gunfire where heard in apartment #13 at 6691 Abrego Road. Here two officers hide behind a police car while keeping their guns aimed at the apartment from which two sheepish I.V. residents finally emerged.

IN ISLA VISTA

OTHER POLICING AGENCIES

Isla Vista is policed by a lot more than just the Foot Patrol.

There is an extensive backup system on which the UCSB Police can call on as needed. This was demonstrated last Saturday night when two 21-year-old Isla Vistans fired off a gun in their apartment at 6691 Abrego. Sgts. James Drinkwater and the Foot Patrol called the University Police, the Highway Patrol, and the Sheriff's Special Enforcement Team (SET).

At one point, there were almost twenty squad cars surrounding the sixteen unit apartment building, snipers with night scopes on top of the three story Campus Court building across the street, and more than twenty-five police in uniforms swarming around the area — and a couple hundred curious spectators from the neighborhood. A local TV station even did a live remote from the scene during their 11:00 PM news.

"We're going to try to convince these guys that this is not a serious problem — that they can come out and not be afraid for their safety," Drinkwater told the Free Press early in the event. "But first, I want the SET people set up and in place — just so no one out here gets hurt in case this is something more than we think it is."

It took over an hour for the SET team to get to the scene and set up. But the wait was worth it when the two young men came out of their apartments where they had been hiding under the bed and very sheepishly were taken off to the jail.

"We've probably only got a misdemeanor here," Sgt. Sam Gross told the Free Press, "but it looks like a lot more because of all the police and the crowds."

The UCSB Police Department is the most immediate back up system for the Foot Patrol because they have a jurisdiction within one mile of the UCSB campus according to State law. Thus, you sometimes see UCSB patrol cars even in downtown Goleta.

It is the Highway Patrol (CHP) that is responsible for enforcing traffic laws in I.V. because the town is unincorporated (it is not a "city"). This is probably the most irrational of all the overlapping arrangements because the CHP is seldom here while the Foot Patrol is here all the time.

Special events bring in a whole new police force to Isla Vista. For example, the mega-event of Halloween. Last year, with Halloween on a Saturday night, 150 extra police were put on duty here at an extra cost running over $40,000. Yet, many of these "officers" were volunteers, part of a special program in which civilians receive 40 hours of training in crowd control and volunteer to "police" special events. Actually, most of the complaints that police officers were insensitive to protecting women from sexual abuses during the time 20,000 people were roaming I.V.'s streets was probably addressed to these volunteers.

The regular guys are more attuned to these kinds of problems, but it's hard to do that with these part-time volunteers," Sgt. Ron Hurd, then in charge of the Foot Patrol told the Free Press shortly after last Halloween.

Both the Sheriff's Department and the University also employ plain clothes detectives to work in Isla Vista on a continuing basis. The Sheriff has one fulltime detective to work on property-related crimes, and others as needed, while the University detective only comes into I.V. in pursuit of an incident which occurred on campus. -- C.L.

One of the goals of a City of Isla Vista has been to establish such a police review board. In addition, the police chief would be appointed and responsible to the elected city council.

Funding Problems

Funding the Foot Patrol has been the source of additional problems for the community through the years. After the federal grants gave out in the mid-1970s, funding came from the UCSB administration and the County general fund.
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Although there were many years that Sheriff Carpenter asked the County Board of Supervisors for what he called “extra money” to pay for the Foot Patrol, he now is quick to dispel any talk of a cut in funding for his deputies assigned to L.V.’s special police force. “There was talk of it six or seven years ago,” said Carpenter, “but not any more. The Foot Patrol is a very efficient operation and we need to have it.”

However, the University’s share of the Foot Patrol became very controversial in 1979 when it was converted from student-run administration funding to student “education” fees by then-Chancellor Huttenback. Since then, a UCSB advisory committee has charged that students were being taxed twice to pay for the Foot Patrol, once by their student fees and a second time by Isla Vista landlords who pass their county taxes on to them. Taking over the University’s share of the Foot Patrol funding was one of the major arguments in favor of a City of Isla Vista as proposed in 1984 — but the UCSB administration still fought against it.

The controversy finally subsided when Huttenback’s temporary successor Chancellor Aldrich promised during his 1986-87 tenure to phase out student funding of the Foot Patrol.

According to MacPherson, the issue of dual taxation is in the process of becoming eliminated. “Student registration fees are being replaced with state monies to fund the Foot Patrol,” said MacPherson. “The phase-out is taking place over a three-year period.”

Debbie Donaldson, a student on the Student Fees Committee, confirmed that the $252,136 that came from "educational" fees last year had been cut to only $100,000 for this year, or to less than $6 per undergraduate student per year. However, since 1979, this fee has applied to both the 12,000 students who live in Isla Vista (including the campus) and to those 6,000 who live in Goleta, Santa Barbara and beyond.

Working Together
Because the University and the Sheriff’s Department are each responsible for its own staff, it is easy for coordination problems to arise during the Foot Patrol’s 20-hour-per-day operation. After completing a management study of the Foot Patrol two years ago, MacPherson said he found only one major problem with the patrol’s operation.

“We took a look at the operational issues,” he said, “and most were satisfactory. However, we need a more formal agreement between the two agencies. We’re pretty well satisfied with the practices which have developed over the years — we just need to get them down on paper.”

“In fact, this whole area is up for discussion and review at the present time,” said MacPherson.

And so the Foot Patrol goes on in this unincorporated community with the county’s worst crime rate — that is, statistically speaking. In 1987, with 10 percent of the population under the Sheriff’s jurisdiction, Isla Vista had 27 percent of the Sheriff’s reported crime activity, according to Sgt. Sam Gross, the Sheriff Department’s crime analyst officer.

The largest number of crimes in L.V., an alcohol-related misdemeanors followed by bicycle thefts. I.V. also gets over 40% of the parking citations written by the Sheriff’s Department and over 60% of the reports of violations of County ordinances (which includes the enforcement of the ban on open containers). See the enclosed chart CRIME STATISTICS IN ISLA VISTA for 1987.

As Foot Patrol Officer Ray Pimentel said, “We get all of our activity on weekends. In between, it’s pretty laid back. It’s a nice place to work.”

Despite its experimental nature, sometimes controversial funding sources and an occasional embarrassing incident, the Isla Vista Foot Patrol continues to be the Isla Vista community’s main law enforcement agency.

Shidman was assisted in this story by Isla Vista Free Press publisher Carmen Leslie.

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