Newspaper at UCSC gets awards

UC Santa Cruz' student newspaper, "The City on a Hill Press," received a first place award for overall excellence for a weekly publication from the California Intercollegiate Press Association at the association's annual meeting held last month in Santa Barbara.

The award was based on three consecutive issues published last spring. Cover stories included a Guatemalan art exhibit, the UCSC grade option and a hunger strike for third world studies.

In addition to the overall excellence honor, there were five first place awards for best special section, breaking story, editorial section, art and entertainment and a sports feature.

Two second place honors were given for news reporting (the closure of the Firestone plant in Salinas) and overall design (attributed to Sharan Street and Leo Fels).

Competiton included 50 other member schools of the California Intercollegiate Press Association.

The City on a Hill Press is operated by students, with only accounting services handled by the University. Operation costs are financed by student registration fees and advertising. Staff members are largely volunteers, and no academic credit is offered for time given to the newspaper.