Two 1.5 m cores were removed from South Lake Merced as part of an ongoing study of deformation in lacustrine sediments. A preliminary bathymetric map was made to aid in selecting core sites. Cores were obtained using a Mackenzie corer from a small boat (Mackenzie, 1959). After retrieval, the cores were extruded into polyethylene tubing to prevent moisture loss. The sediments, rich in organic material, vary in grain size from fine silt to medium sand. One centimeter thick slices of the cores were examined by X-ray radiography. The sediments appear to be homogeneous throughout, however this may in part be due to extensive bioturbation which would render deformed zones and other sedimentologic features uninterpretable. These cores may be examined by contacting:

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