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Tonight's Event

The MultiCultural Center Theater will screen episodes from the Japanese animation series "The Guyver" and "Ranma 1/2" tonight at 6. Admission is free.

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Bright Ideas?

Plans are underway to make the streets of Isla Vista safer by throwing a little more light on the subject.



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Listen Up

UCSB custodial workers from the local chapter of AFSCME have a message for the campus community.



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Down, But Not Out

The UCSB women's soccer team has already begun thinking about next year, after posting a 3-15-1 record in 1997.



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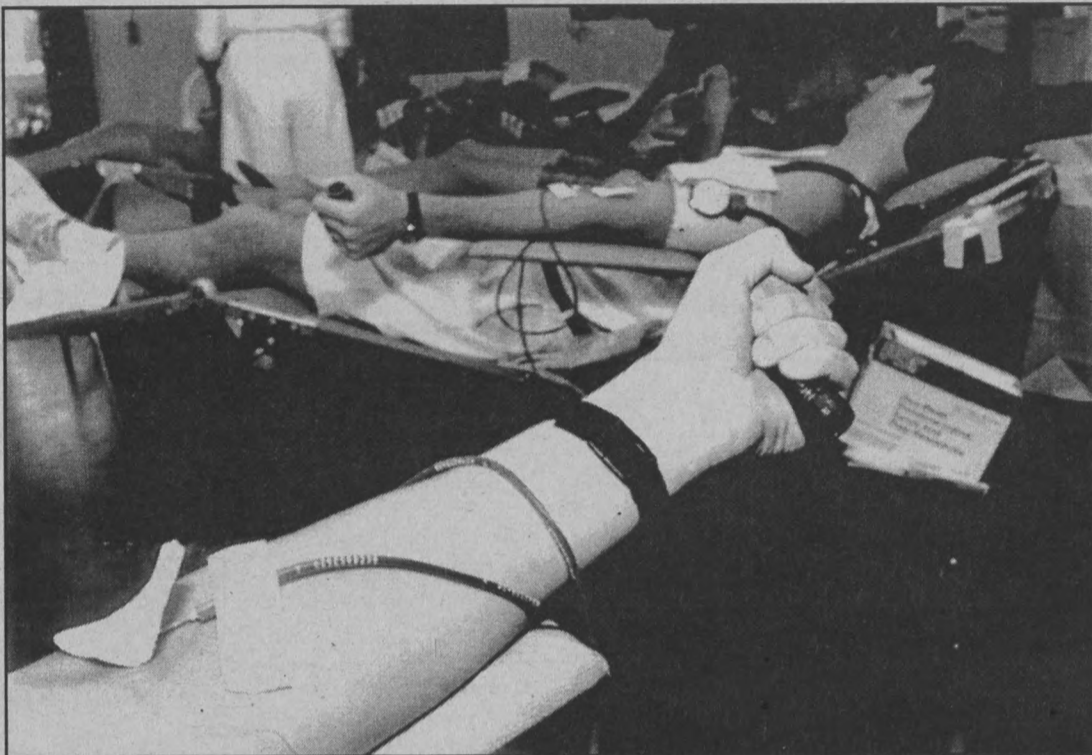
Fun With Powder

Did you know the Scandinavian sport "skiing" was originally pronounced "sheeing"? We're not skitting you. Turn to this special supplement for more wintry fun.



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Groovy, baby! "Austin Powers" will be showing tonight at 8 and 10 in I.V. Theater. General admission is \$5, or \$3 for members of the Film Society.



NEXUS FILE PHOTO

Donors are needed for the blood drive today and Thursday in the GSA lounge. Requirements for donors include weighing at least 110 pounds, being at least 17 years of age, and being healthy.

Groups Seek Volunteers for Blood Drive

BY LORI HARRIS
Staff Writer

People willing to give a little of themselves — literally — can feel the rewards of philanthropy today by donating blood.

The Tri-Counties Blood Bank will be teaming up with the Community Affairs Board on Wednesday and Thursday for a blood drive in the Graduate Students Association lounge.

The event will offer donors gifts in exchange for their participation, according to TCBB tele-recruiter Adele Wojciechowski.

"It's from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., there's going to be free T-shirts and great refreshments," she said.

T-shirts won't be the only prizes offered, said key volunteer Margaret Nguyen.

"I believe this year they are doing a free certificate for a cinnamon roll at Farmer's Boy," she said.

The Tri-Counties Blood Bank is not a non-profit organization — it sells the blood it collects all around the Central Coast, including Ventura, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara, according to Nguyen.

"Tri-Counties is a profit organization. It just recently became a profit organization," Nguyen said. "All blood banks sell their blood to cover costs."

Aside from having a humanitarian heart, there are

specific criteria required for prospective donors, said Donor Resources Director Debra Sheridan.

"You have to weigh 110 pounds, [be] 17 years or older [and] be healthy," she said. "We require that you have a picture I.D. and know your Social Security number."

Donors will also be questioned on various aspects of their past.

"If you've had a tattoo or [a] piercing by anything other than a gun or sterile needle you can't donate," Wojciechowski said. "[As for] antibiotics, if you've had any infection you have to have been off them for a week."

Those who meet the requirements are encouraged to participate. Sheridan also noted that giving blood is a safe procedure and is actually healthy for your system.

"If you donate a pint of blood your body will reproduce that blood you donated within 48 hours," she said. "It's healthy to donate because it forces your body to work."

All the donated blood is screened for blood-borne diseases so that the nation's blood supply remains safe.

"It's tested for hepatitis, four different types; for HIV, two separate tests; one type of leukemia, and syphilis," Sheridan said.

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Firestone Declares Candidacy

BY ETHAN CHILDRESS
Staff Writer

Campaigning is underway for the Jan. 13 special election to fill the U.S. House of Representatives seat left vacant by the recent death of Congressman Walter Capps.

Last Thursday state Assemblyman Brooks Firestone entered himself into the race to represent the constituents of the 22nd Congressional District, which includes Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria. He will face off against fellow Republicans Tom Bordanaro, René Bravo and Mike Stoker, as well as Lois Capps, wife of Walter Capps and the likely Democratic entry in an all-parties primary.

There were many motivating factors behind his decision to run, Firestone said.

"Well, first of all there were the unfortunate circumstances," he said. "Secondly, the people that supported me in the Assembly said that I should go and represent this area because I know it so well. My campaign manager said that I had a real responsibility to this area. That's when my family said, 'Brooks, do this for the district.'"

Firestone press secretary John Davies explained the driving forces that make up the heart of Firestone's campaign.

"His big issue is education," Davies said. "He has always believed that education is the key to a better society. In an educated society there is less crime,

See FIRESTONE, p.10

Awareness Week Highlights Waste-Reduction Strategies

BY CLAIRE SMITH
Reporter

Various methods of reducing the strain we place on Mother Nature have been the focus of a campuswide campaign this week.

In honor of National Waste Awareness Week, Environmental Affairs Board and the Environmental Awareness Program have joined forces and organized a week of education regarding waste-saving techniques. EAB Chair Eric Cardenas sees the week as an opportunity to enlighten the community.

"Waste Awareness Week is a week in which we're trying to educate the campus regarding our consumption habits," he said. "We want people to learn about the ef-

fects of consumption on our national resources, and issues addressing these effects."

Each of the five general themes — composting, recycling, water conservation, alternative transportation and energy efficiency, have been assigned a specific day, according to Cardenas.

Senior environmental studies and geography major Cory Gallipeau has organized today's theme by stressing the vitality of composting.

"Composting is important because you're re-using your waste, not just putting it in a landfill somewhere," Gallipeau said.

Tuesday hosted an array of suggestions for various energy-saving

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Elbow Room Scarce on Bikepaths as Pedestrians, Bikers Square Off

BY EVA LOPEZ
Reporter

As bicyclists and pedestrians compete for limited space, dissension is arising over responsibility for accidents.

Congested bikepaths have caused numerous injuries from collisions over a two-year span. There were 19 bicycle traffic accidents in 1996, and there have been seven so far in 1997, according to University Police Dept. records keeper Vickie Olsen.

The actual number of accidents could be higher because some collisions are not reported, Olsen said.

"We only take injury bicycle accident reports on campus, so non-injury reports we don't take," she said.

Community Service Organization Director Julie Dixon feels that many accidents are the result of carelessness.

"Bike riders should be paying closer attention," she said. "But pedestrians should check before crossing the paths."

But some pedestrians are positive in their belief that they have the right-of-way.

"I never check the bikepath when I cross it," said Ebony Allmon, an undeclared freshman. "I have been hit a couple of times, and then on my bike I have had a few accidents."

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Top of the News

Mexican Officials Arrest Drug Smuggler



SAN DIEGO (AP) — Mexico's weekend arrest of an alleged top lieutenant of a violent Tijuana cartel, wanted here for conspiring to import cocaine, is a solid achievement, but key ringleaders remain untouchable, experts said Tuesday.

Phil Jordan, former director of the DEA's El Paso Intelligence Center, said if the reputed drug lieutenant is not extradited to answer to U.S. charges, the arrest will be meaningless.

"Until Mexico starts extraditing those criminals who have been indicted under the U.S. justice system, their sincerity in cooperating with the United States law enforcement is very questionable," he said.

Arturo Paez Martinez,

30, a reputed member of the violent Arellano Felix organization, was arrested Satur-

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— Peter Lupsha
senior scholar
Latin American Institute

day in the border city of Tijuana, Mexico.

According to a U.S. federal indictment, Paez allegedly conspired to distribute about 2,200 pounds of cocaine in the United States.

"This is indicative of the fact that if they wish to arrest higher-ups, they can," said Peter Lupsha, a senior scholar at the Latin American Institute in Albuquerque,

New Mexico. "Perhaps in order to satisfy American intelligence officers, they produce what appears to be high-level-people arrests, without having the princi-

pals arrested."

Paez has been one target of U.S. efforts to dismantle the violent Tijuana cartel of the Arellano Felix brothers believed responsible for much of the drugs flowing across the border.

One of the brothers, Ramon Arellano, is the second international drug lord suspect to make the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list.

Juan Garcia Abrego, leader of Mexico's Gulf Cartel, was placed on the list in 1995. Mexican drug agents captured him the next year in Monterrey, Mexico.

"Since Juan Garcia Abrego there has been no major trafficker turned over to the United States," Jordan said.

He added that Paez was obviously a second-tier suspect and that Mexico has yet to show it can extradite any major Mexican drug lords wanted by the U.S.

"Mexico has been very adamant about not extraditing Mexican-born criminals. The only reason they handed over Juan Garcia Abrego was because he had an American birth certificate," Jordan said.

Solidarity Focus of Mrs. Clinton's Trip Abroad



ALMATY, Kazakstan (AP) — If young Californians and Kazaks can call themselves partners, so can the United States and the former Soviet republics, Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday.

Saying she had made the 16-hour trip from Washington to "promote solidarity" with the emerging republics, Mrs. Clinton opened her five-nation tour with a visit to Almaty School 55.

There, star-struck Kazak student leaders explained how relations with their California counterparts changed their views of the world.

Victor Kam, a student at the National Technical University, said through an interpreter that the Kazakstan Association of Youth Leaders and its partnership with the California Association of Student Councils helped him "learn to be more tolerant" of those who are different.

Olyeg Bakhmutov said he believed himself to be "a minute particle" incapable of changing the world. But now the partnership has helped build confidence among Kazak students. "You see how much I can do," Bakhmutov said.

Mrs. Clinton pushed the students to give these examples, as a symbol of the possibilities between nations that once called each other enemies.

That is the overriding theme of Mrs. Clinton's eight-day goodwill trip to Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Ukraine as the independent republics shift to free-market economies and democracy.

President Clinton and the State Dept. asked Mrs. Clinton to make the journey to such little-traveled places also to promote American interests.

Mrs. Clinton became the first first lady to visit Central Asia solo with a visit to the Kazak capital of Almaty.

After the discussion, the youth group's executive director, Aliya Telemtaeva, gave her a T-shirt and photo album of the members working on their projects.

Her next stop was the marble state museum modeled after a "yurt," or native tent.

Viewing a display of leather animal whips, an interpreter told her that no self-respecting Kazak man leaves the house without one.

"Oh, do you bring your whip to work?" Mrs. Clinton asked the director of the museum, through the interpreter.

"He says he has a good one there (at work), so he doesn't," the interpreter replied.

More Women Allege Sexual Assault by Officer



LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police have been contacted by two more women alleging they were sexually assaulted by a decorated detective who was investigating their domestic-violence cases, police said Tuesday.

The women came forward after hearing news accounts of Detective Earl Valladares' arrest Oct. 30 for investigation of sexually assaulting a woman whose case he was handling, police officials said.

Cmdr. Dave Kalish said the additional allegations have lengthened the investigation of Valladares, but that police should have the case presented to prosecutors as early as this week.

"What we have is two additional victims who have come forward," said Kalish. "They had come to the sta-

tion with domestic violence [reports], and he was investigating their crimes." No other details were given.

"The investigation is continuing," said police Chief Bernard Parks, speaking to reporters at his monthly meeting. He added that he didn't want to guess what the final charges would be.

Asked his reaction to the case, Parks said he was "surprised," as he is any time an officer is accused of wrongdoing.

Valladares, a domestic-violence specialist who won the department's 1991 Medal of Valor, was arrested Oct. 30 and released on \$25,000 bail for investigation of sexually attacking a 32-year-old woman.

According to police, Valladares went to the unidentified woman's home Oct. 29,

the day after she reported being attacked, and asked her to recreate the incident with him.

Valladares' attorney, Darryl Mounger, didn't return a message seeking comment.

The arrest shocked Valladares' colleagues, who described him as a well-respected lawman.

Valladares, a 26-year veteran, received the Medal of Valor, the department's highest honor, after he and his rookie partner, Tina Kerbrat, attempted to cite two men for drinking in public. One of the men opened fire, killing Kerbrat. Valladares fired back.

She was the first female officer killed in the line of duty.

Valladares also was slightly wounded in February's televised shootout with armor-clad robbers at North Hollywood's Bank of America. Ten other officers were wounded as well.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **PASADENA (AP)** — A former Boy Scout leader who was accused of molesting troop members during overnight outings pleaded guilty to three felony counts of child sexual abuse and was promptly ordered to prison for 12 years.

Carlos Gutierrez Abarca, 44, cried as Pasadena Superior Court Judge Janice Croft handed him the sentence.

Abarca, of El Monte, changed his plea from innocent after prosecutors agreed to drop 10 other felony counts.

Abarca pleaded guilty to continuous sexual abuse of a person under 14, committing a lewd act on a child under 15, and committing a lewd act on a child under 14.

The charges were based on testimony from two 20-year-old victims.

The molestations occurred from 1988 to 1992, according to testimony at Abarca's preliminary hearing.

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Say Aye, eh?

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Weather

Foul unpredictable weather be gone!

El Niño, the season's not-so-new played-out catchphrase, has given us sun-spoiled Santa Barbarans yet another taste of what *may* come in the months ahead, but quite frankly, I don't think it's gonna be that bad, particularly this week. Monday was a classic case of feast-or-famine-type weather patterns as we in the meteorological business like to say, with the steady downpour followed by abrupt clearing, but don't bring in the reinforcements just yet. It's not that unusual. Now if it poured, then snowed, *that'd* be some shit.

Forecast: Slight showers still a possibility, highs in the mid-60s, lows in the mid-50s. Keep those wind-breakers out, but have a warm alternate ready.

Project Planned for I.V. Lighting Improvements

By MEGAN SOLOW
Reporter

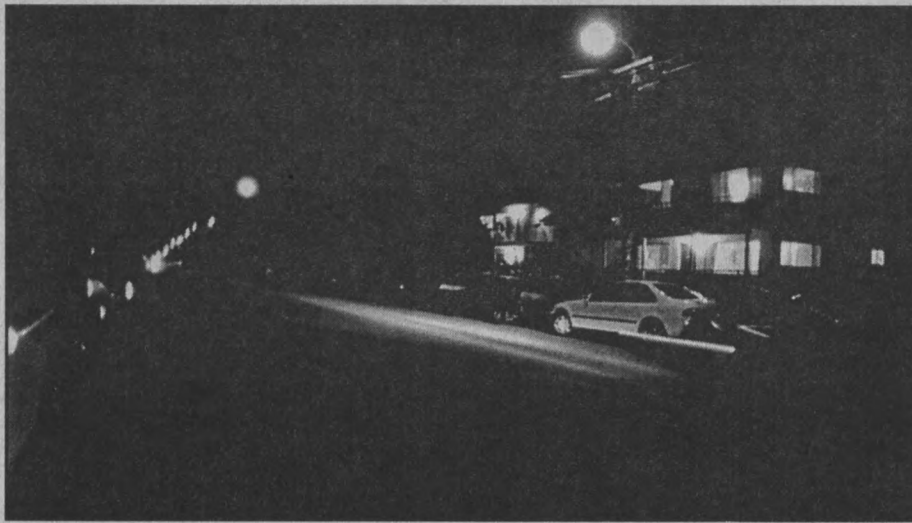
Since much of Isla Vista's action occurs after sundown, plans are underway to improve lighting on local streets in an attempt to make the streets safer for residents.

The project will not be that difficult because much of the work simply involves repairs, according to Mark Chaconas, executive staff assistant for 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall.

"It has always been Gail Marshall's plan to improve Isla Vista, whether by adding street lights or improving the already-existing street lights," he said.

Chaconas sought the input of I.V. Foot Patrol Lt. Geoff Banks in finding exact locations for the proposed lights.

"We didn't do much until after Halloween," Banks said. "We're trying to find a



Certain streets in Isla Vista — perhaps even the 6600 block of Sabado Tarde — will soon receive more street lights as a result of a county project to increase safety.

place where residents would like new street lights."

Making the streets safer for Isla Vistans is the primary reason for upgrading the lights, Chaconas added.

"It's a matter of perception," he said. "Someone walking alone may notice the dark more than a group

of people walking."

Junior psychology major Katy Fazlollahi feels that many areas of I.V. need the improvement.

"On certain streets like Sueño, I think there should be more lighting because there's open space and not enough street lights for the

street," she said.

The lights should be installed around Thanksgiving, according to Chaconas.

To make suggestions on where to install street lights, contact Gail Marshall's office at 681-4700 or the I.V. Foot Patrol at 681-4179.

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EMERALD

"It's amazing that brain can generate enough power to keep those legs moving."

--Gene Hackman
SUPERMAN

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FILM
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FROM CHINA
Monday, November 17
7 p.m. / Isla Vista Theater
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PERFORMANCE
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Saturday, November 22
8 p.m. / Campbell Hall
Students: \$10/\$13/\$16.

MISSION: POSSIBLE

Each year, local volunteers shuttle down to Mexico to cheer up little kids. While the trips are organized by a church, many student participants aren't religious. Instead of preaching to the kids, they're painting and playing. Some come back saying it's the kids who cheered them up.

A FEATURE BY CLAIRE SMITH

Alijihia slowly pieces together her 6-year-old version of art, cutting out shapes from different colors of tissue paper and sticking them onto a sheet of paper. Her long dark hair, tied in Pippy Longstocking pigtails, narrowly misses the bowl of glue each time she bends over her work.

Sitting nearby, 11-year-old Leticia sorts through beads, her brow furrowed, choosing colors for her first necklace.

Meanwhile, Carlos laughs as he produces a stuffed rabbit from a black fishing cap. Though he's small for his four years, his belly-buckling laugh is tall enough for a 10-year-old.

These kids, who were abandoned by their parents, live in an orphanage situated within a virtually isolated valley in the middle of Mexico. Accessible only by dirt road, Rancho de los Niños is nestled in a small, rural valley about an hour northeast of Ensenada.

That the road is still unpaved exemplifies how hard it is for the orphanage — or anyone — to get assistance from the government. The local government was given funding to pave the road, but instead of doing that, local officials pocketed the money, according to Scott Forbes, a volunteer who has visited the orphanage several times.

Fortunately the orphanage does get assistance — economic and otherwise — from other sources, including local churches in Ensenada, charities and churches in the U.S. One such provider of support is the Turnpike Church of Christ in Goleta, whose members organize an annual trip to the orphanage to show God's love in a constructive way while exploring the culture, the people and themselves.

With hopes of fostering relationships with those they would be helping, 26 people from Santa Barbara — including myself — descended upon the village the weekend of Oct. 3-5, teaching arts, crafts and magic tricks to kids who had as much to give us as we had to give them.

About two-thirds of the group

was affiliated with the church, ranging in age from junior high to late 50s. Of the adults, many were married professionals, although there were also some single men. Students from UCSB, most of whom weren't actively religious, made up the other third. For some students, this was their first experience volunteering. Many had Latino backgrounds, while other ethnicities included Assyrian, Indian and European.

Many of the students came alone. Some felt a connection with kids and wanted to help them; others simply wanted to "get involved."

A couple, including me, had

I had the Mercedes, the yacht and the two-car garage, but the kids just took me as I was.

— Don Hinton
director
Rancho de los Niños

just returned from long trips abroad and saw this as another opportunity to learn about a different culture. Senior biopsychology and religious studies major Tammy Smith spent the summer volunteering in the rain forests of Ecuador and Costa Rica, while I had just returned from a two-month backpacking trip through Europe.

Mixing Paint

The seven-car entourage traveled all day, finally arriving around 8 p.m.

We didn't meet the children until the following morning. They were playing in the yard. Though they'd cleaned their rooms in preparation for our visit, that first glimpse of 26 American strangers-made them a little hesitant.

But one volunteer produced some stickers, and another some balloons, and soon the children

were too curious to resist.

Church member Ron Sharp brought out his clown costume. An older man who had never been to the orphanage before, Sharp appeared wearing a bright red wig and beard. Kids crowded around him, laughing and chattering at the man in the silly-suit.

That afternoon, we organized an arts and crafts fair, using supplies donated by stores in Santa Barbara. We taught the children how to make jewelry, use Fimo (a pliable colored substance that turns hard when it is baked in an oven), and how to make green by mixing blue and yellow poster paints.

One little boy discovered, to his dismay, that mixing all of the colors together made an anticlimactic shade of gray.

Although I and many other volunteers have a very limited knowledge of Spanish, and all but one child didn't know English, we managed to communicate through a combination of actions, pictures and demonstrations.

That night, we donated a few dollars each to buy every child a few rides at the annual fair that had come to town. By the standards of middle-class Californians — to which Disneyland and Magic Mountain are rituals as common as pre-dinner prayers — it was a third-rate fair. But here, people gushed through the gates, dressed up to the nines for one of the most exciting events of the year.

Three-year-old Victor, who walks on his knees because his feet can't support him, was carried around all evening by one of the volunteers, who had taken a liking to him.

Missionaries No More

The rapport established between the volunteers and the children provided the basis for the dramatic effect that this weekend had on most of the students.

"You can never get the emotional experience unless you do it yourself, think outside the everyday life and beer-drinking of Isla Vista," Smith said.

Two decades earlier, a successful California Highway Patrol officer experienced a similar realization on his first trip to Mexico.

"On my first trip I didn't know what to expect. I had the Mercedes, the yacht and the two-car garage, but the kids just took me as I was. All they expect is for you to care about them," said Don Hinton, who is now director of el Rancho.

The experiences she had while working with the children of Rancho de los Niños affected one UCSB student so deeply that she changed the course of her life. After her first trip to Rancho in 1993, senior sociology and Spanish major Erica Estrada has spent every summer volunteering in underdeveloped countries.

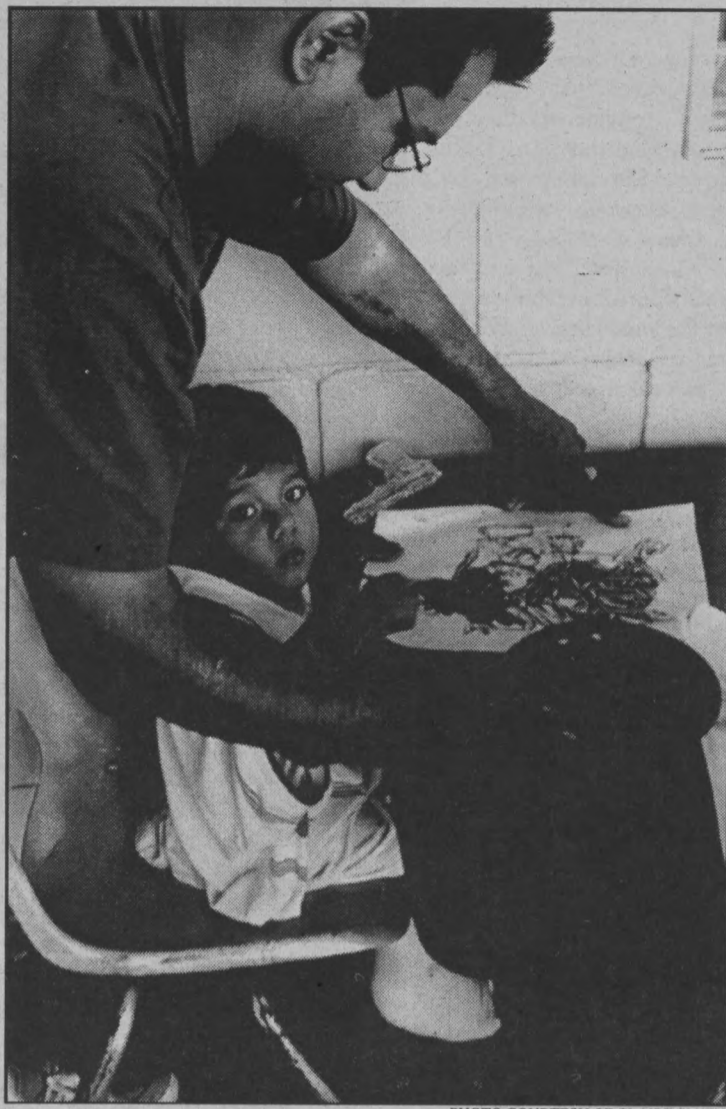


PHOTO COURTESY OF CLAIRE SMITH
Three-year-old Javier Cruz glances up from his work as a volunteer critiques his use of "controlled chaos" as catharsis in his idiom.

"That weekend triggered a desire to travel to places that didn't have the things I enjoy here. The following summer I got invited to go to Honduras for two and a half months, which was a life-changing experience for me."

Estrada's group taught basic hygiene and nutrition and donated school supplies to the residents of Trujillo, a city in Honduras. The treatment Estrada experienced while she was there radically changed her perspective on her own life.

"I worked with people who lived in mud houses, and they always opened their homes for us. I learned generosity from the people. ... They were so happy to receive a pencil, which is something we would throw in the trash can."

Echoing Estrada's observation, Smith was struck by the children's

My feeling is that we come away benefiting the most.

— Cord Christiansen
campus minister
Campus Advance for
Christ

appreciation for what they have.

"These kids are in an orphanage, but they have this core of happiness," she said. "Hearing the kids' voices singing the songs made me realize that simple joy is all you need."

The organizer of the annual trips to Rancho de los Niños believes the trips are as beneficial for the volunteers as for those who are helped.

"My prayer is that we all benefit. My feeling is that we come away benefiting the most," said Cord Christiansen, campus min-

ister for Campus Advance for Christ. "When we come back our eyes are opened and we think again, 'What's important?' And maybe we plant seeds of something to come in the children. Maybe they'll consider college."

Hinton and the Christians from Santa Barbara who annually visit the orphanage say they don't aim to directly convert the children.

"I don't think of myself as a missionary," Hinton said. "I just want to show the children God's love through example."

Unlike 18th- and 19th-century Christian missionaries, who actively tried to convert the people they encountered, these church members say their focus is one of cultural understanding.

Estrada's experience in Honduras reflected this goal.

"I didn't preach to the kids," she said. "I just hoped that they would see my faith through my actions and my love for them."

Christiansen said that his motivation for organizing the annual trips comes from his desire to do the will of God.

"I wouldn't be doing this if it wasn't for God," Christiansen said. "The main reason is that I'm trying to have more of the heart of God, and to encourage others to have that and to understand that."

Christiansen believes that close contact with the people is the key to a change in perception.

"We're not just talking about sightseeing," Christiansen said. "You never usually come into contact with the people — it's a different kind of travelling."

But no matter how far we travel, Hinton believes people are more alike than they may think they are.

"Beyond the language, we're all the same," he said.



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The writer looks on as the kids of Rancho de los Niños revel in song. Says volunteer Tammy Smith: "Hearing the kids' voices singing the songs made me realize that simple joy is all you need."

CONFLICT

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Public opinion on the matter is divided.

"[We] pedestrians should know that we have the right-of-way," said Vanina Guarnario, a sophomore sociology major.

"The pedestrians should watch where they are going," said Ryan Alam, a freshman business economics major. "But I don't think the bikers should be ... almighty."

Some think more bike-paths would not help.

"I think there are enough [bikepaths] because those bikers are going to get in pedestrians' way anyway," said Larry Wen, a freshman chemical engineering major.



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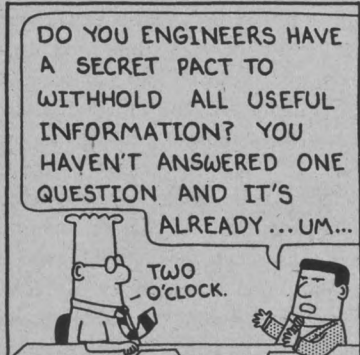
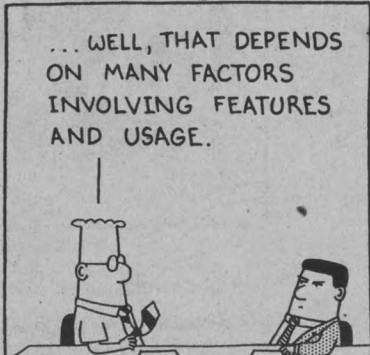
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OPINION

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... And Your Little Dog, Too

➤ Too Many Cops, Too Little Justice in Isla Vista

SAMANTHA A. MITOMA

As I begin another year here at UCSB, I'm noticing a few changes in our usually joyful weekends. Just as the year before, and the year before that, herds of students stumble their way down Del Playa in search of yet another keg to dust.

Yet this year, as we roam the streets of I.V., we're greeted by rude cops and a vicious canine. Working their way through the crowds of kids, an angry dog leads the pack of I.V. Foot Patrol officers down the streets terrorizing all that it comes near. What could be worse than encountering a bloodthirsty mongrel and five or six stern-looking officers while in an intoxicated state of mind?

When I arrived at my home away from home, I immediately noticed the growth in the number of police vehicles that lined the street in front of the substation. I was warned by several friends that the overabundant police force was "in full effect" and cracking down hard on the city kids and all those who had chosen to stay here for the summer. MIPs were being handed out like parking tickets from a meter maid trying to meet her quota by the end of the day.

Horror stories of mishaps with the law are exchanged at parties; I was told about a girl from my dorm last year who was handcuffed by her hands and feet when she protested the actions of our local law enforcement agents. The story that frightened me the most came from my best friend's lips as she tried to recapture the nightmare of the MIP she had received.

A few friends had gathered at her house for the usual pre-partying many partake in before they hit the streets of I.V. Hanging out on her back porch, my friend assumed the role of a good host and began picking up after her guests. Not even a minute after she had picked

up a nearly empty bottle of beer to dispose of in a nearby trash can, she was intercepted by a pair of Foot Patrol officers who had strolled up her driveway and onto her property.

Being under 21, the cop proceeded to give her a "minor in possession" ticket for having a bottle of backwash in her hand. Acknowledging her explanation, the officer scribbled on the ticket, "in possession of less than an eighth of beer" and offered his presence at her court hearing.

While she waited in shock for that little slip of paper that threatened her license (not to mention her life if her parents were to find out!), a fellow party member was heard muttering, "This isn't fair, I'm going to save her!" Pushing past those who objected in a drunken rush of testosterone, the boy charged toward the cops and demanded that they let him take the heat in this incident. Somehow threatened by the teenager's forcefulness, the officers proceeded to pull out their batons and beat him into "control." They then arrested him for "threatening an officer" and carted him off to jail, but not before they finished up the paperwork for my friend's MIP.

It's sad to hear of the day when our police can only contain violent behavior with more violence. Their motto "to serve and protect" does not seem to hold much water when you consider things like these two cops vs. one drunken teenager, and the actions they saw fit to take.

It's no wonder that our police are met by our students with such disrespectful behavior, when they do not offer us any respect in return. They treat us as if we're infants, yet in many cases they are ones who are behaving callously. If they continue to handle their jobs of "law and order" in the same manner, I can only expect to see more unruly behavior from my fellow students, such as the party at which students chucked beer

cans and cups at the Foot Patrol when they attempt to shut down a party before midnight.

The weekends are our relief from the rigorous we spend in school, and now we must live the tedious moments in fear of the law instead of being able to let our hair down and relax. Partying safely behind fences of our own front yards we are harassed by police actions. Why are the police using so much of their time disciplining us when there are far too many crimes occurring around us that pose much more of a threat to our community than a kid in her own house with a drink?



Just last week one of my neighbors had his truck stolen from his truck, which was parked in his garage. An RA at Tropicana suffered the same fate a few weeks before that. When I arrived from school today I was greeted by a few officers

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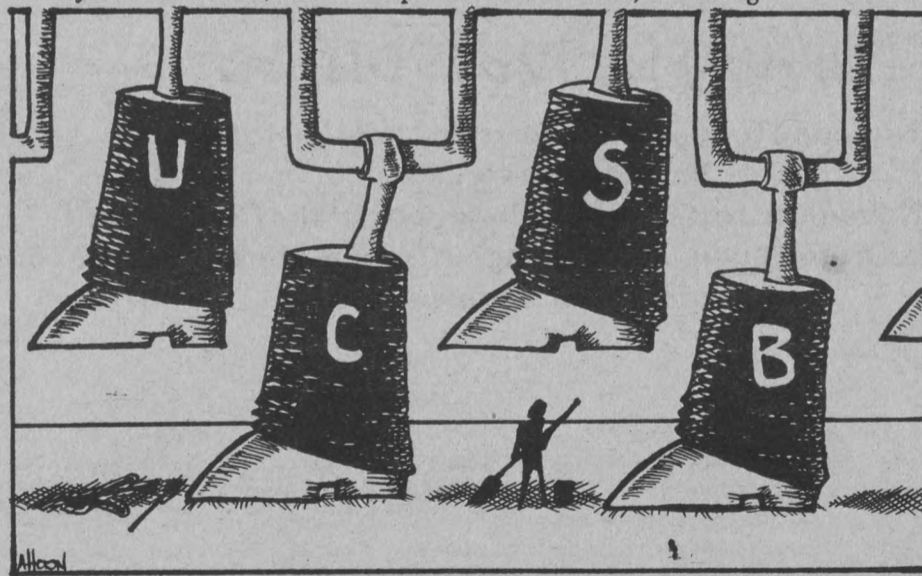
AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Just like other members of the campus community, custodians take great pride in doing a job well, enjoying congenial working relations with their colleagues, peers and the units they serve. Knowing the entire campus and its many visitors benefit from the work and service we provide is another incentive to do our jobs well. However, that sense of pride

in Facilities Management seeking solutions to correct the abuses faced by the custodial staff. But rather than working with us to solve problems, we continue to hear the same unproductive, pass-the-buck rhetoric from Facilities Management administrators: "I don't know," "I'll get back to you," "I never said that," "Let's just get along," with no problem-solving actions or solutions taking place.

The working conditions we now face are not unlike those we worked under in 1993 when we were forced to face Vice Chancellor David Sheldon, who recognized our com-



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and community is being greatly eroded by the unjust actions of Facilities Management supervisors and administrators.

The current unacceptable working conditions our — and your — custodial staff face every workday morning from 2 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. need to be addressed and corrected immediately by the leaders of this university.

Too many complaints of job harassment in its numerous, odious and unjust forms, and undue abusive pressure imposed on the work force to perform job tasks over and above what are considered customary and usual — these cannot be ignored, wished away, or placed in limbo to remain unresolved.

We union leaders of AFCSME Service Unit 3241 have gone through the proper channels and up the chain of command at Fa-

ilities Management seeking solutions to correct the abuses faced by the custodial staff. But rather than working with us to solve problems, we continue to hear the same unproductive, pass-the-buck rhetoric from Facilities Management administrators: "I don't know," "I'll get back to you," "I never said that," "Let's just get along," with no problem-solving actions or solutions taking place.

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plaints as valid and removed a certain high-ranking corrupt supervisor. The vice chancellor promised that if the conditions which forced us to that action were not eliminated we could meet with him again. We left thinking that justice had finally been served. Well, the conditions are back, only the problems have spread and taken over more of our unit. The problem supervisor has been hired back into a position of authority he once occupied. He is taking orders from a new boss who is less trained than some of the newest part-timers in the work force today.

ment employees who have moved on.

Some routes have been eliminated by moving unsuspecting custodians to new and unfamiliar surroundings where they are less efficient and effective — this senseless game of musical chairs was used before the problem supervisor was removed.

The part-time workers are the most abused; management plays are to dangle carrots of permanent employment: better, easier routes, bonuses and overtime — things which hard work methods and a "keep your mouth shut" attitude will accomplish. Many of these part-time workers serve numerous probationary periods that can last almost a year for each period, during which they are forced to forgo rest breaks and take shortened lunch breaks, hoping against hope that they'll become permanent employees. When reality does set in, usually during their second period of probation, they start to question their situation to their supervisors, who in turn move them to other buildings, routes or supervisors and this vicious (never-ending?) cycle starts again. But, they must bend to management's demands. They are very vulnerable because they are forced to please the very people who demand so much of them and who all the while know that the efforts of the employees to become permanent are in vain.

Many more examples of workplace abuses can be included but would serve no useful purpose if steps and actions are not taken to change our concerns of workplace conditions and abuses, job security and the taking away of our civil and human rights.

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FROM THE RELATIONSHIP

PEERS TO YOU

Editor, Daily Nexus:

To whom it may concern, a message from

your friendly local

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were in the process of dusting for fingerprints on another neighbor's window sill. Over the summer, my friend and I were flashed three times within one night by a sick old man who the police department was unable to catch.

Something is seriously wrong with our law's priorities if it cannot protect us against these types of offenses, yet can find the time to harass us when we go out. On several occasions I have gone out walking at night only to find that there are more police officers on the streets than there are kids.

At times, the police seem almost fearful of the resi-

I've also taken note of a few officers that travel down DP during the prime time of our weekends carrying a camcorder along to "record certain arrests." It seems like we are witnessing "Rodney King — the Dyslexic Version," and I can only wonder what will come next. The police force acts as distraught as the Los Angeles Police Dept. did during the 1992 riots.

If the police are having such a hard time controlling the chaotic environment of our night life now, how are they going to efficiently control order when a panic attack rushes through the street as the barking of their rabid dog startles a group of intoxicated students into a frenzy? The sight of an officer using all of his strength to restrain his dog worries me, as I can imagine the disasters that would befall our town if the mutt were ever to break free from its master's grasp.

The harassment that the Isla Vista police force is executing is detrimental to the youth that resides in this town and threatens the tradition that Santa Barbara's college community is notorious for. The resistance that many have been exerting will only increase if the cops continue to repress our parties and other weekend activities. I think that the point I am trying to make can best be summed up by the words of Sublime's lead singer Bradley Nowell when he said,

"Can't fight against the youth
'Cuz we're strong
And we're rude, rude people
Can't fight against the resistance
And the rude, rude people."

The residents of this town do not deserve the treatment we are being given and a deep grudge is being burned into the hearts of everyone who deals with the cops and their violent tactics to maintain order. Hiding behind their badges they bully all those who must comply with their demands. Until we are given some of the respect that we as human beings deserve, I can almost guarantee that all they will find is "rude, rude people" with a vengeance for the authority that harasses us. *Samantha A. Mitoma is a second-year communication major.*



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dents of Isla Vista and in turn are breaking up all of our attempts to have a good time. If they continue to come down on us like criminals for merely trying to have some fun, I can only think of the protests that will follow.

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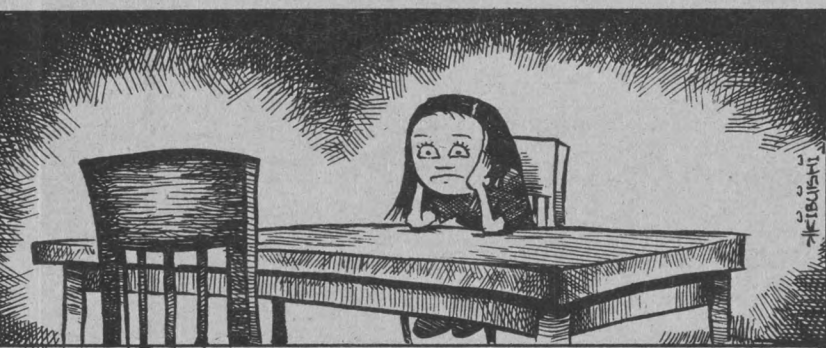
ndly local relationship peers:

Cary, a British novelist, once said: doesn't grow on trees like apples in it's something you have to make. must use your imagination to make ust like anything else. It's all work, What kind of work is Cary talking

of the main causes of relationship s is "not-being-there." What does n? Not-being-there can refer to the ong-distance relationship. It can be who doesn't want to listen about his

ning when the other half is just not there. This is why the phone bills sky rocket; it is a desperate attempt to produce presence in the absence, to remedy not-being-there.

Good communication can cure not-being-there. The No. 1 cause of not-being-there and the No. 1 cause in relationship problems in general is a lack of honest, effective and direct communication. Talking is hard. Listening is harder. So many beautiful prospective relationships are plagued with someone not saying how they feel and the other not listening to and recognizing those feelings. He wants a girlfriend, she wants a friend with benefits, and they go on thinking that they want the same thing because neither says anything. Communicate. Communicate, or



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's day. It can be the girl who is too spend a few quality hours with her e end of the week. It can refer to the is just too preoccupied with his v or sports to care what his girlfriend It can be when she is nowhere to be hen he needs her the most. Not- ere can be a lack of physical pre- n absence of emotional support, a n concern for the other's well-being, or ll impermeable to communication. relationship, when something good e want to share the happiness with ficant other, and when something ens we want to hide in his/her arms old that everything will turn out all hen we are unable to do this, the e- p begins to break down. The gears rust and the motor stalls. Not- ere fatally hurts a relationship. s the problem with long distance re- ps. OK, love is great and all of that, ps to share common interests, but it keep a relationship fueled and run-

else suffer from not-being-there.

Communication is not just verbal. This explains why so many long-distance relationships can suffer from both not-being-there and nasty phone bills. Nonverbal communication is essential to effective communication. His/her eyes have to agree with the words; the face expression, body posture and speaking tone and volume have to agree with the message that comes out of the mouth.

Long-distance relationships can work. But it takes more than love and a cheap long-distance phone carrier. It takes effort and work. Frequent phone calls and occasional visits may or may not be enough to shield a relationship from the not-being-there disease. If you are having long-distance relationship problems, remember you need communication of both quality and quantity. You need to talk and listen. And most of all, you need to be there.

Student Health Service's relationship peers offer group interactive presentations on effective communication, active listening,

sex, values clarification, relationship stages, intimacy, inter-ethnic relationships, long-distance relationships, roommate troubles and more. For more information call the Peer Health Educators for Relationships at 893-2630.

JASON PRYSTOWSKY

**POLICE ON CAMPUS
UNNECESSARY**

Editor, Daily Nexus:

In regards to the police presence on campus giving out tickets for people riding their bikes on the sidewalk: Why on God's green earth is this going on? There is no reason why this should occur. Granted, there is a potentially dangerous problem with too many people weaving in and out of pedestrian traffic. However, do police officers need to be hidden throughout campus to crack down on this problem? NO WAY IN HELL!

People are too accepting of authority. I go to bed every night thanking God my parents taught me to constantly question authority. Some people are reactionary in nature.

Suddenly, there is a bit of a problem with bike riders, BOOM — bring in the cops!! Then what? After the police leave, the bikers realize it; the problem comes back. So, what is the answer? A permanent police presence? Yeah why not, they're good people. HELL NO! I don't care if one of the cops is the pope himself. These reactionary attitudes will lead to a greater police presence on this campus.

Now, it might sound like I don't like cops, that I am a lawbreaker griping about being caught doing something wrong. I am a pedestrian. I don't own a bike. SHOCKING! I deal with bikers every day. It is a pain, but it is no cause for a greater police presence on this campus. We are giving up too much. Before this drastic step is taken, maybe the CSO should take a page from the cops' book.

How about a "no tolerance" policy on bikers from the CSO. Look what it did to Halloween in world-famous I.V. Amazing! Bringing more cops on campus creates a sense of uneasiness among all. Nobody likes being watched or viewed as suspicious, especially on this quiet campus. Level heads must prevail in this matter.

ADAM STONE

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Blame It on the Rain

➤ ... But Batten Down the Hatches

BRIAH TANNER

The pitter-patter of rain dancing on the sidewalks and rooftops of I.V. awoke me from a restful sleep the other morning, but instead of the images of hot chocolate and warm blankets that I usually associate with rain, my first thought was of *El Niño*!

Now it seems to me that *El Niño* is just one big excuse waiting to happen. I mean we're talking the major Milli Vanilli "Blame It on the Rain" revival. Miss a class? It's OK, *El Niño* flooded most of the roads anyhow. Forget to write a paper? No problem! Didn't you know that *El Niño* caused a power outage at your house last night? Forget to call your mom and wish her happy birthday? Your mom shouldn't be so sensitive! After all, you were busy buying flashlight batteries and water and covering the TV and stereo in plastic wrap. Everyone would buy it. How could they not? The news just reported heavy *El Niño* rains until January, so get those excuses ready.

But honestly, I'm frightened of *El Niño*. I'm from SoCal — sunny San Diego. And even though I've been in Santa Barbara for a year, I don't really even own a good raincoat. And in my infinite wisdom, I neglected to bring my umbrella. So, I decided to tough it out and face *El Niño* in jeans and a sweatshirt. It really made my day when this Parking Services van pulled up along the curb of my usual walking route and out jumped a guy armed with plastic ponchos for one and all. Two points for the Gauchos, zero for *El Niño*.

I have a car. Therefore, I could have driven to school. But, I walked. I walked because I can recall the horrors of driving in I.V. during heavy rain. I.V. may only be one square mile, but in the rain you can be stuck in traffic for a good half an hour or more.

Even though walking or biking is a less comfortable option, I highly recommend it in order to reduce traffic, pollution, parking congestion and increase the sanity of all drivers. If you do feel the need to drive to classes, I have only two words of wisdom: PLEASE CARPOOL. There are only so many parking spaces, and Parking Services has no way of actually measuring whether lots are full or empty throughout the day. This means that you could end up buying a pass and driving around for 20 minutes only to find zero empty spaces and ending up horribly late for class or work or whatever you had to do.

Another alternative to walking, biking or driving is MTD. You can take the bus or the Associated Students Electric Shuttle at absolutely no cost to you if you are a currently enrolled UCSB student. Schedules for the bus can be found on the busses themselves or at most bus stops. Schedules for the shuttle are on the shuttle itself and in the A.S. office, as well as posted on most kiosks on campus.

El Niño may affect your home life as well as your scholastic life. Your A.S. reps are currently researching flood and renter's insurance. The streets of I.V. have flooded before and it is possible that they will flood again. This could mean wet carpets for some buildings, resulting in the damage of any items that you may have stored on the carpet.

It is also important that every residence prepare itself for power outages and/or flooding. These kinds of precautions include having emergency medical kits around as well as emergency supplies such as water, canned food, flashlights, candles and matches.

I know it seems kind of silly and that *El Niño* could turn out to be a lamb rather than a lion, but it is better to be safe and dry (or safe and wet) than miserable and sorry. I know that all of the above suggestions aren't very brilliant or revolutionary. Don't worry, the *El Niño* question is far from over. Pretty soon we are all going to be eating, sleeping and dreaming *El Niño*. Bad guys in the movies are going to be named after *El Niño*. Madonna might even name her second child after good old *El Niño*. We'll keep ya posted.

If you have any questions or concerns about *El Niño* or flood renter's and insurance, please direct them to Leila Salazar (external VP for local affairs), Amy Wu (off-campus rep) or Briah Tannler (off-campus rep) in the A.S. Main Office, 893-2566.

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BLOOD

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Donors who test positive for any blood-borne disease will receive a letter from the Tri-Counties Blood Bank informing them of their condition, said Sheridan.

"We would send them a letter, totally confidential," Sheridan said. "We're bound by the FDA for confidentiality."

Blood donors are still needed in order to reach the goal that has been set for this year.

"I'm hoping for 60-75 pints each day," Sheridan said.

Nguyen mentioned that it is hard to recruit previous donors from last year because Isla Vista residents frequently change their phone number.

"Since we don't have all the phone numbers of donors we really can't actively recruit because everybody's phone numbers change," she said.

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means of transportation, said Leslie Meyer, EAB's alternative transportation authority and a junior environmental studies major.

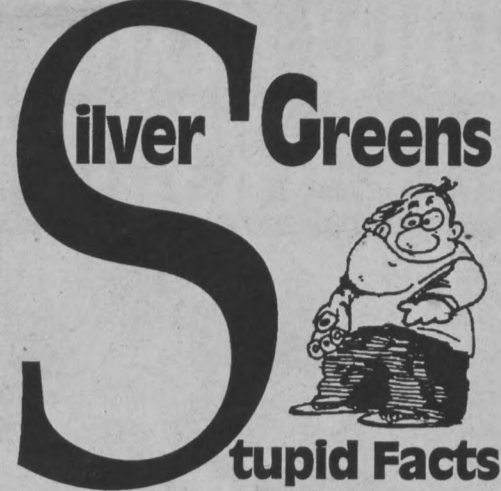
"Right now we're stressing reducing car driving and focusing on using mass transit like MTD," she said. "Other alternatives are bicycles, obviously, especially since we're such a bike-friendly campus, and the new A.S. Shuttle."

With Thursday covering water conservation and Friday focusing on energy conservation, the main areas concerning waste awareness have been addressed, said sophomore environmental studies major Jeremy Mull.

"They're the five most important aspects of waste conception and waste accumulation," he said. "Recycling is important because that deals with the whole loop."

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SILVER GREENS



tupid Facts:

In 6 months, Silver Greens makes enough Caesar salad dressing to fill the F.T. swimming pool!

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE BY LINDA C. BLACK

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - Finish as much as possible this morning. By afternoon, your energy will wane. What was easy yesterday will be practically impossible today, not only for you, but for your friends, too. Money matters will go well, however. You could get the funding you need this evening.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - This morning could be hectic. There's pressure on a loved one, too, so help wherever you can. By tonight, your energy level should be high. It's an excellent evening for romantic travel. If you can't afford a real trip, rent a video of faraway places.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - You may be the first to spot the action taking place. That's because it won't be where the other person expects. Team up and you have a better chance of success, especially in a work environment. The competition is tough!

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - Everyone seems to be upset about one thing or another, or for no reason at all. But there's never really a good reason to be upset. Remember that, if you can. People who were in a froth this morning will be laughing about it tonight. Make that your objective.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - An older person may be enticing you to jump out of your rut and make a break for it. There's a thin possibility that such a tactic could work. This evening is best for impetuous action. But be warned - something you've overlooked could bite you tomorrow if you haven't been responsible.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - Keep a low profile again today. You're pretty lucky, but don't stretch it. Wait until tomorrow before making any suggestions. Right now, people's tempers are too short and their emotions are raging too hot. Hang back and wait until the dust settles.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 7 - You want to quit your job and run off to Tahiti. There are bills to pay, remember? The pressure won't last forever. Do what needs to be done this morning, so you can get the money to take care of responsibilities. It sounds boring, but it's the best course of action.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - If you've been paying attention, you have a pretty good assessment of people's strengths and weaknesses. This is good. It will help you figure out what to do next. You have the advantage. All you have to do is stall and you'll probably get most of what you want.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - A loved one is under a great deal of pressure. Offer suggestions and information. You know things that can be helpful. If truth and justice are to prevail, it's going to take a team effort. Keep the big picture in mind and you will eventually succeed.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Something someone says just hits you the wrong way. Should you jump all over this person? Nah. Instead, try for a peaceful resolution. If you can do it, there's hope for all of us. The end to conflict starts at home, remember?

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - You feel like rattling the establishment's cage a little. You like to do this. You might even have the facts and figures to back you up. Your radical suggestions may be summarily rejected. It could be wiser to wait a little longer. But it wouldn't be nearly as much fun.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - You want to go out and do things this morning, but you don't have the money. Or something else needs to be done first. Get together with friends tonight. Cancel your lunch date and reschedule for later tonight or tomorrow. Everything will be easier then.

Today's Birthday (Nov. 12). Your work threatens to disrupt your home life this year. Learn management skills and you can have it all. A difficult job leads to treasures in December. New skills learned lead to more work in January, and maybe more love as well. Use skills you learned at work to fix something at home in February. Hide out in March so you can work even harder in April. Your energy level will be stupendous, but tension is thick. Visit the water, even if you can't travel on it, in July. Follow your destiny through a group endeavor in September.

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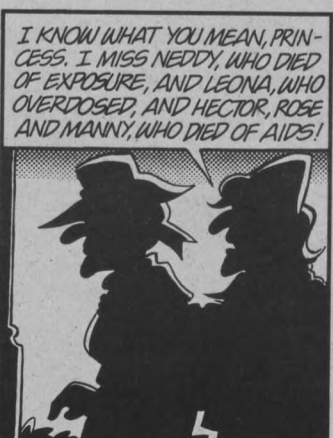


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less unemployment and less poverty.

"His second concern is to keep the economy strong, not only to keep America strong in the world, but also to make California strong within the nation," he said.

Davies detailed Firestone's experience in both the public and private sectors that could aid his performance as a congressman.

"Brooks has been involved with government on one level or another for most of his life," Davies said. "His father was the ambassador to Belgium, and he is currently an assemblyman for this area. He has had experience running a large corporation, so he knows how to get things done, both at home and abroad. He really is ready for this job, so he won't need any on-the-job training."

Although the local 3rd Supervisorial District of Santa Barbara County is predominantly Democratic and Firestone was not the first to announce his candidacy, UCSB political science Assistant Professor Eric Smith believes that the Republican has a good chance of winning the election.

"There is no incumbent, so that makes this an open race," he said. "It will be a very competitive race, but there is a good chance that he will come out on top, mainly due to the fact that in a race like this the richest candidate has a substantial advantage, and he is very rich."

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To help educate people about the specific daily themes as well as how to help the environment in the future, the EAB has set up an information table in front of the UCen between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for the rest of the week, Mull said.

"At the table we have a lot of information about what people consume, waste, and what can be reused," he said. "A lot of people just don't know what they consume, so we want to educate them."

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Sports

Year in Review

Women's Soccer Squad Had Heart, Few Goals

By STEVE WENDT
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's soccer team was big on heart this season. Unfortunately, they were short on goals.

The Gauchos finished the 1997 season with a 3-15-1 overall record. With a 4-2 loss to Big West Conference foe Cal State Fullerton on Nov. 4, Santa Barbara dropped to the bottom of the league with a 1-5 conference mark.

While it's inevitable that a team will be judged by its record, junior midfielder Alison Lott feels the Gauchos, who had 11 of their matches decided by one goal, can be proud of the effort they put forth.

"People look at our record and scoff at it and think it's terrible," Lott said. "But look at all the one-to-nothing games. That shows you how many times we were in those games. It tells a story about how close [the games] were."

Senior goalkeeper Ilsa Bertolini felt that UCSB was no pushover.

"Our record doesn't really reflect our year," the Big West leader in saves said. "We played good teams and were able to rise to their level. We improved and really came together as a team."

Team solidarity and persever-

ance proved to be two of Santa Barbara's strongest qualities, a fact that pleased first-year Head Coach Kris Bassler.

"Team unity was a big thing," Bassler said. "Our ability to come in day in and day out and train to be competitive all the way to the end was definitely a positive. I know this team is stronger, in terms of unity, than it's been in the past two years, and it'll be even better next year because they've all played together."

Lott agreed.

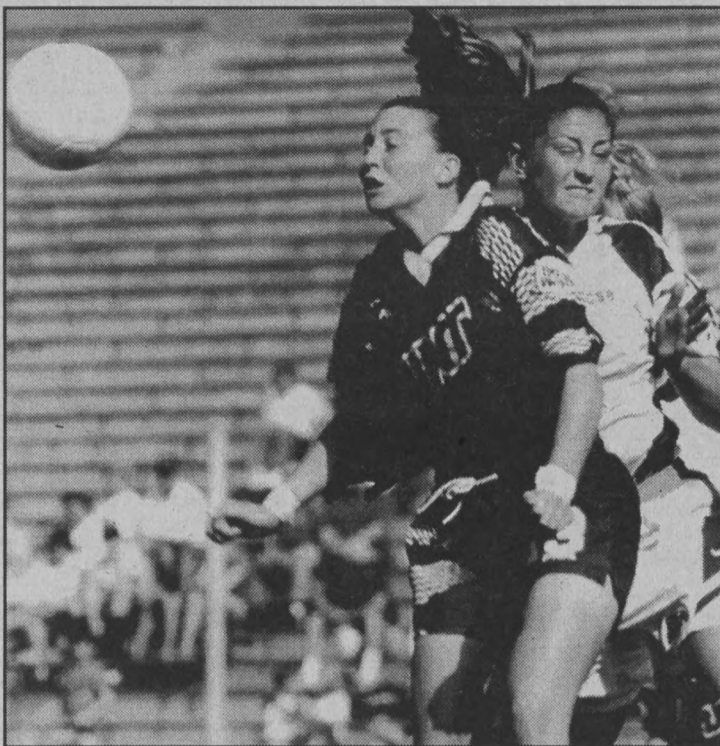
"This was my third year," the Gauchos' point leader (four goals, two assists) said. "This was the closest-knit team I've been on. We really were a team, which is nice."

Santa Barbara was able to stay in contests this season due to an aggressive defense and the outstanding play of Bertolini in net.

The modest goalkeeper tied the UCSB record for saves in a season with 176. She now shares the mark with Monica Hall from the 1985 team.

"It's an honor for me," the Santa Rosa, Calif., native said. "I really think of myself as a team player, but when I heard about the record, I got really excited."

The Gaucho defense was respectable, surrendering 38 goals on the year. Led by sweeper Chelsea



ALAN JACOBY / DAILY NEXUS

BUTTIN' HEADS: This collision caused one of many headaches for the UCSB women's soccer team, which finished at 3-15-1 overall.

"Chuck" Cleland, and freshman April Loveland, UCSB defenders were tutored by Bassler, an All-Conference performer in the Santa Barbara backfield from 1991-94.

"Kris was a defensive player; she was a fullback," said Loveland, who along with Bertolini were the only Gauchos to play all 1,793 minutes this season. "I learned a lot from her. I think we all did. I changed my style of play a lot. Defense was one of her main priorities."

While the memories of the '97 season aren't even distant, Bassler is already thinking toward the

future.

"We need to be able to do all the basic skills under pressure and be able to be given the worst ball and still collect it," Bassler said. "If it takes us day in and day out of drilling it in them, that's what we'll do. Team tactics will fall into place, but individually the players need to bring themselves up another level."

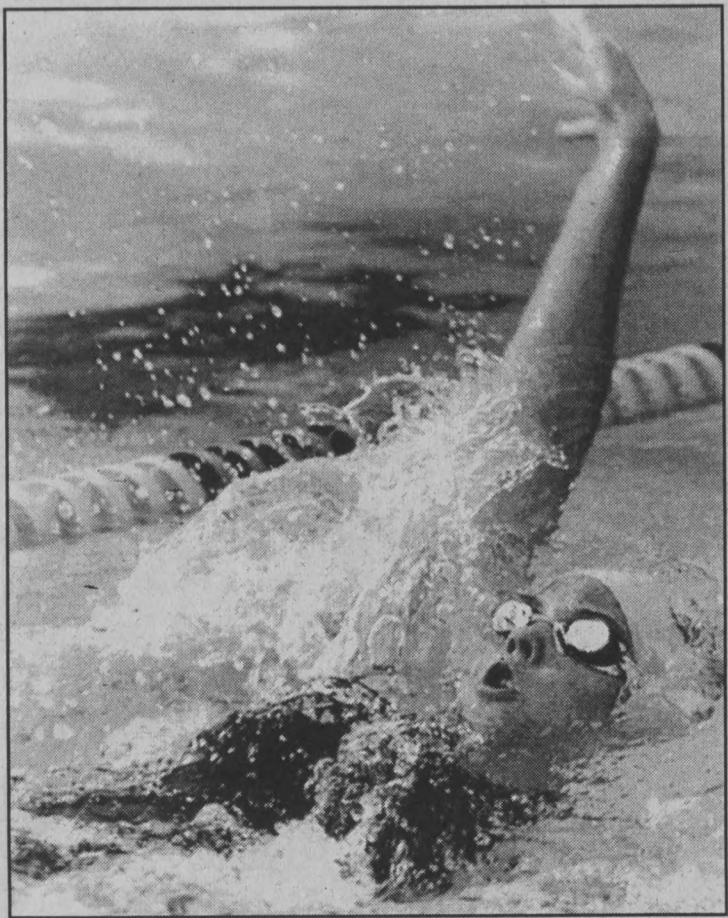
When asked if she experienced any first-year headaches, Bassler smiled wryly and replied, "I love challenges."

GaUCHO Swimmers Upended by Bruins at Campus Pool

By ADAM DEL CASTILLO
Reporter

The UCSB women's swimming team lost to UCLA on Friday, 164-94, in a meet that was much more encouraging than the score suggests.

UCLA, ranked in the top 10 nationally, is the strongest team UCSB



NEXUS FILE PHOTO

I BE STROKIN': The Santa Barbara women swam with the big fish Friday at Campus Pool, losing to national powerhouse UCLA 164-94.

has faced thus far this season, and will probably be one of the top teams they swim against all year. In spite of the Bruins' national prominence, the Gauchos were not intimidated, and turned in a strong performance. Santa Barbara swimmers won two events and placed extremely close in several others.

"In spite of the score, we performed well," Head Coach Gregg Wilson said. "It is only the beginning of the year, and I don't want the team to worry about winning or losing, I just want them to continue to take positive steps forward."

Two swimmers who are improving and winning at the same time are sophomore standouts Amanda Rose and Meagan Fain, the only two Gauchos who placed first in their respective events Friday. Rose won the 1,000-yard freestyle in a time of 10:27.3, and Fain had the fastest time in the 200 butterfly at 2:06.15.

"Meagan and Amanda swam really well," senior co-captain Stephanie Stuppi said. "In the past not too many of our swimmers have beat UCLA, so it's good that this year we won a few."

Also turning in strong performances for the Gauchos were sophomore Jacqui Schoppe, who finished second in both the 100- and 200-yard freestyle; freshman Megan Griffis, who placed second in the 200 breaststroke; and Stuppi, who finished only a second behind the top swimmer in the 100 backstroke.

"We did better against them than we did last year, and last year we did better than the year before," Wilson said. "These kids now realize that they can compete against the best teams in the country."

According to Rose, swimming against a team with UCLA's talent early in the season is beneficial for the Gauchos.

"Competing against a better team forces everyone to step up," she said. "It makes the team more prepared for the big meets."

The Gauchos will need to compete at a high level this weekend, when they are forced to swim in two meets on consecutive days. The team faces Cal State Northridge on Friday, then a tough Fresno State squad on Saturday. According to Wilson, Saturday's meet will be a true test for the team.

"So far this year we have not swam against a team that is on our level," he said. "In the Big West Shootout we were a lot better than the rest of the teams, and last week UCLA was a lot better than us. Fresno State is a good team, and their talent level is similar to ours. We are looking forward to some good competition, and we want it to go down to the wire."

Ask the Athletes

We at Nexus Sports want to delve deep within the psyches of UCSB's student-athletes. Today we ask them ...

Who is your favorite athlete, AND WHY?

"Karl Malone, because he's from Utah, and I'm a big Jazz fan. He just carries the team and is classy, too. He likes to bully people around, and that's what I like to do."

— Senior forward Matt Pinkney, men's basketball

"Janet Evans. She's really fast and has been in the sport for a long time. She's a great swimmer known worldwide."

— Junior Britt Howard, women's swimming

"[Teammates] Danny Mann and Danny Swaim because they both have such cute smiles. And because Danny is 'The Mann.'"

— Senior goalkeeper Tim Branley, men's soccer

"Jerry Rice. He works really hard and loves the sport so much. He blows everybody away and is just over the top."

— Junior middle blocker Katie Crawford, women's volleyball

"Wilt Chamberlain because of his prowess with the ladies."

— Junior driver Ryan Peddycord, men's water polo

"Michael Jordan. He's basically The Man. He works hard on the floor [and is] above everybody else mentally and physically."

— Freshman guard Brandon Payton, men's basketball

"[Teammate] John Stires, because he has the most hair on his chest of anyone I've ever seen."

— Senior Nate Elston, men's cross country

— Compiled by Ben Alkaly