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Cats. Yeah, cats. Lots of 'em. More on the way. Don't need 'em. Spay! Neuter! Don't abandon! Yeah.

Feral Felines Flourish in Fertile Fornication Fiasco

By Ben Flamm
Staff Writer

Isla Vista's stray cats have been working overtime recently to propagate their species, spurring renewed efforts to control the local population.

One group working on the problem is Catalyst for Cats, a non-profit organization that has functioned as a "trap, neuter and release" program for more than 1,350 cats over the past three years, according to Randi Fairbrother, CFC founder and president.

"I've done over a hundred cats in I.V. ... The cats are breeding like crazy," she said.

I.V.'s wild cat procreation problem is worsened by some students' tendency to abandon their pets during the summer, according to Fairbrother.

While it's difficult to pinpoint specific cases of abandonment, there seems to be a correlation between students leaving town and increased strays, according to Jerry Pearson, Santa Barbara County Animal Shelter site coordinator.

"We do get an awful increase in animals during the Spring Break and summer months," he said. "There is some negligence on the part of students."

Fairbrother said students need to take more responsibility for their pets and find other options before leaving them to fend for themselves.

Established in 1993, the CFC has an annual budget of more than \$20,000 and a mailing list of roughly 1,000 members, Fairbrother said.

In addition to spaying and neutering stray felines, the organization also tests each cat for leukemia and the fe-

line immunodeficiency virus before releasing them back into the wild, according to Fairbrother.

"The main thing that I want to stress is that students not just abandon the cats but get them spayed and neutered or else bring them home," she said.

Raising the money to continue the program is always difficult, according to Fairbrother, who added that reliable volunteers are difficult to find.

A few months ago senior chemistry major Cindy Hazlett found two tame cats digging through her trash.

"I started feeding them. They were sort of like the complex cats," she said. Hazlett later received a note from the CFC informing her that one of the cats was in heat.

"Randi took them to the Humane

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Organizers Seek Return of Local I.V. Festivities

By Brian Langston
Reporter

Hoping to create a community-based Halloween celebration, members of an Isla Vista Recreation and Park District committee met Wednesday to begin planning for this year's holiday.

The Halloween/Dia de los Muertos Committee hopes to organize a series of events from Thursday, Oct. 31 through Saturday, Nov. 2, to create a responsible party atmosphere for the entire community, said Pegeen Soutar, IVRPD director. The celebration would include performances by local bands, games, contests and a showing of *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, she said.

I.V. resident Carmen Lodise said he hopes the committee's festival plans will help move the holiday away from the rowdy celebrations of the recent past.

"There increasingly are Halloween celebrations in communities around the United States and this one may have gotten off on the wrong foot, but we'd like to see it back on as a community activity," Lodise said. "We thought the key was moving it off Del Playa and into the center of town and providing organized events, something that would relate to those events that are regularly on DP."

The Halloween festivities will be confined to Ansiq' Oyo' Park and geared toward all ages, Soutar said.

"We'll have children's events, pumpkin carving, costume making, pumpkin contests," she said. "We want to have bands and different types of cultural events going on in the amphitheater."

"Throughout the rest of the park, it will have kind of a carnival feeling to it, booths and games and whatever else we're able to put together before that time," Soutar added.

The committee also discussed the possibility of closing off the Embarcadero Loop to create a parade-like atmosphere, a move that would require posting a \$3 million bond as insurance. The IVRPD does not have the funding to do this, but committee members said Santa Barbara County or possibly even the I.V. Foot Patrol might be able to help out.

Friday's activities would include a Dia de los Muertos parade culminating in a celebration at St. Mark's Church. Several musical events and a mon-

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Teaching Excellence Awards Bestowed by Honor Society

By Rachel Howard
Staff Writer

Five professors received a pleasant in-class surprise this week as the campus Mortar Board bestowed its Teacher of the Year awards upon 1996's recipients.

This is the 13th year the senior honor society has recognized lecturers and professors for outstanding instruction. This year's recipients are political science Assistant Professor James Adams, chemical engineering Assistant Professor Eray Aydil, sociology Associate Professor Kum-Kum Bhavnani, dramatic art lecturer Michael Morgan and biological sciences lecturer Barry Tanowitz.

Honored teachers were

selected in part through ballots filled out during Associated Students spring elections, but the board also considered other factors, according to Krista Swagter, Mortar Board co-vice president.

"It's not necessarily done on how many votes the teacher received," she said. "We don't want every teacher that teaches in Campbell Hall only to win. They have more students so they would obviously receive more votes. We also look at class size and student comments."

Co-Vice President Kathy Younker said that while the student vote is the heaviest selection factor, the board also takes other determinants into account for the sake of fairness.

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Year of Well-Attended Concerts Could Turn a Profit

By Tim Molloy
Staff Writer

Associated Students Program Board is calling this year one of its most successful ever because of the surprising success of some concerts and a bright financial outlook as it closes out the year.

While the non-profit group aims to break even each year, some members said it may actually come out ahead at the end of the concert season later this month.

"We've finished in the black for the first time in recent memory," said Program Board Commissioner Brad Locker.

Any surplus at the end of the year could help purchase new sound and lighting equipment, according to Locker. But he said paying for damages sustained to the Harder Stadium field during

Saturday's Extravaganza could cut into the money. No damage estimates are yet available, he said.

Both the audience and transporting equipment damaged the field, according to Program Board Advisor Marilyn Dukes. Locker said rain in the days before the event soaked the field and made it especially susceptible to crowd damage, threatening the show until Program Board agreed to pick up any repair costs.

"We thought about moving the venue, but it was pretty impossible, so we decided we'd take it on the chin for the expenses," he said.

Concert Director Rick Mueller said it is too early to say how well the board did this year financially.

"Until all the Extravaganza bills come in, we won't know where we stand," he said.

But Dukes said the board measures the year's success on the quality of the concerts presented, not finances.

"We don't really determine our success by how much money we have left at the end of the year," she said. "It's how well shows do during the year."

The surprisingly better turnouts of some concerts contributed to an entertaining and financially successful year, according to Mueller.

"Sometimes we're more interested in doing a good-quality show and sacrificing some of the money," he said. "For example, [with] Ben Harper and Charlie Hunter, we were expecting to lose money, but both shows got such a good response. We actually made

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HEADLINERS

Court Issues Ruling on Racial Remarks

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A ban on racial slurs at work, imposed on someone who has racially harassed other workers in the past, does not violate freedom of speech, says a divided state appeals court.

A judge's order protecting employees from continued verbal harassment does not stifle free expression, but instead targets "employment discrimination resulting from an abusive work environment created by a continual barrage of racist invective," said the 1st District Court of Appeal in a ruling made public Wednesday.

The dissenter in a 2-1 decision, Presiding Justice J. Clinton Peterson, called the ruling an example of "overzealous political correctness."

"We are not granted the right to suppress free speech by issuing prior restraint orders against impolite expressions of which we do not approve," Peterson wrote.

The ruling, which applies equally to sexual

slurs, is the first by a California appellate court on a free-speech challenge to an order against verbal harassment at the workplace. A lawyer for Avis Rent-A-Car and its employee, who were sued in the case, said she expects the ruling to be appealed.

The court substantially upheld a judge's decision

ics, against Avis, co-worker John Lawrence and another employee. The drivers testified that Lawrence had repeatedly called them derogatory names, in Spanish and English, during 1991 and 1992, and demeaned them because of their ethnic background and lack of English language skills.

an employee, challenged only the injunction and did not appeal the damages. The appeal relied on the U.S. Supreme Court's 1991 ruling that overturned a city's ordinance against cross-burning on the grounds that it singled out a type of expression based on its content.

But the appeals court majority said the Supreme Court and other courts have allowed greater regulation of derogatory workplace speech that is so severe and pervasive that it damages the working conditions of its victims and constitutes discrimination.

Larry Currey, a lawyer for the Hispanic employees, said the site of the slurs was the key to the case.

STATE

You can walk down the street and call somebody [names] ... but the state has an interest in regulating conduct in the workplace.

Larry Currey
attorney

to prohibit an Avis employee at the San Francisco International Airport from using racially derogatory terms against Hispanic workers. The court told the judge to narrow the order so it applied only to the workplace.

A San Francisco Superior Court jury awarded \$135,000 in damages to eight drivers, all Hispan-

Judge Carlos Bea then issued an injunction prohibiting Lawrence from using racial or ethnic epithets toward Hispanic workers, or saying such things about Hispanics to other workers. Bea also ordered Avis to prevent Lawrence from making such statements if possible.

Avis and Lawrence, still

"You can walk down the street and call somebody [names], that's free speech, but the state has an interest in regulating conduct in the workplace, and this falls in my view more in the area of conduct than speech," he said.

Capsized Tanzanian Boat Kills 549; 114 Survive

MWANZA, Tanzania (AP) — The heavily overloaded ferry pitched from side to side, throwing passengers out of berths and onto wave-flooded decks.

"I jumped — I decided



I'd rather die in the lake than go down with the boat," Godfrey Simango, a 23-year-old survivor, said Wednesday from his hospital bed.

The final toll, according to the government: 549 passengers and crew presumed drowned in Lake Victoria when the ferry *MV Bukoba* capsized Tuesday. One hundred and fourteen others were

pulled alive from the lake.

Passengers said Capt. Rume Mwiru and crewmen accepted bribes to allow people without tickets to board the ship at the western port that gave the ferry its name.

The *MV Bukoba* was carrying 222 more passengers than its official capacity, agreed William Kusila, the Tanzanian minister for communication and transportation. But he insisted its cargo load was within allowable limits, a statement the passengers disputed.

He said the government would hire a foreign consultant to ensure an unbiased investigation of the disaster, since the company that owned the ferry is state-owned.

In Kemondo, merchants anxious to get their fruits and vegetables to

market in Mwanza broke down a port barrier to board the ship, survivor Justin Lwakatare said from his bed in Bugando Medical Center.

Port officials did nothing to stop them, he said.

After riding badly in the water the whole night, the ferry had nearly finished its 12-hour journey when it pitched from side to side, survivors said. It swiftly capsized 8 miles northwest of Mwanza, Tanzania's largest port on Lake Victoria.

Capt. Cleophas Magoge, manager of the marine division of state-owned Tanzania Railway Corp., said the ferry capsized suddenly at 7:30 a.m.

"The captain didn't even have time to radio an SOS," he said, adding the vessel did not sink until 3:05 p.m.

Passengers trapped in an air pocket in the hull begged for help for hours. "People were hammering on the bulkheads," he said.

Rescuers cut a hole in the hull with an oxyacetylene torch. The air escaped and the ship suddenly sank, he said.

Survivors said the ferry had few life jackets and they were difficult to reach. Eunice Kararuki, 41, said a buoy of bananas kept her afloat for two hours until she was saved.

Divers were to begin cutting apart the ferry's hull Thursday so more bodies could be retrieved, President Benjamin Mkapa said. Hundreds of people were trapped inside when the ferry sank in 90 feet of water.

Geoffrey Put on Defensive: FTC Targeting Toys R Us

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toys R Us unfairly used its size and clout to keep prices high, the government said Wednesday in announcing antitrust charges against the nation's largest toy seller.



Toys R Us said it would "vigorously contest" the charges in court.

The Federal Trade Commission said Toys R Us, facing stiff competition from discount stores and warehouse shopping clubs, used its market strength to force manufacturers to agree to stop selling toys to the warehouses.

"Toys R Us violated the basic principle of fair play," said William Baer, director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition.

With 651 stores in the

United States, Toys R Us is the nation's largest toy retailer.

But the Paramus, N.J.-based retailer has watched sales slide in recent years because of competition from discount retailers like Wal-Mart and Kmart and the warehouse clubs. In February, it announced it was closing 25 stores worldwide and would consolidate some operations to boost profits.

Those facts spurred Toys R Us to act, Baer said.

"Toys R Us was able to stop the steep discounting from going on and was able to prevent comparison shopping that Toys R Us worried would undercut its low-price image," he said.

The five-member trade commission voted 3-2 to file an administrative complaint against Toys R Us, meaning that an FTC administrative law judge will hear the case later this year.

Controversial Identification System Delayed by Pac Bell

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The state Public Utilities Commission voted Wednesday to delay the debut of Caller I.D. in California for several weeks, hoping to avoid confusing the customers



who swamped Pacific Bell with requests to block display of their phone numbers.

The program, which would allow fee-paying customers to see their callers' numbers, was scheduled to take effect June 1 in California, the last state to adopt it. The likely date now is sometime between June 15 and July 1, said Mark Pitchford, Pacific Bell's vice president for consumer marketing.

The Federal Communications Commission,

which intervened earlier to lift PUC restrictions that had effectively blocked the program in California, could upset the current plan by denying Pacific Bell's request to push back the June 1 date.

The snag involves customers' ability to prevent their numbers from being shown, the program's most-disputed issue.

Callers can block display of their numbers permanently by notifying their phone company. Otherwise, the number will be shown to a customer with the proper equipment, unless the caller blocks display by pressing the star key and 67 on a touch-tone phone. Customers can switch between options without charge this year.

The state's other major phone company, GTE-California, ran into technical problems and will not be able to implement Caller I.D. until June 15, the PUC said.

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Weather

As a relatively active and healthy twentysomething, I find myself awake long into the wee hours ("wee hours" is a truly bizarre expression, by the way). When this happens, it always surprises me what other denizens of the night I find around me. I like the raccoon families that crunch my shrimp shells. I like the occasional frog that wanders into the workplace. What I'm not terribly pleased with, however, is the bugs. During the day lately it's been much too windy for people to notice the insect residents of the area, but when the sun goes down the exoskeleton crew pops right out.

I'm sure the frogs like having the bugs around, but I don't. When those pesky critters are buzzing around in the a.m. darkness, I'm left wondering (sometimes aloud) whether or not insects sleep. I mean, it's not like bugs are strictly nocturnal creatures like moths. When they're out in abundance when most creatures are abed, it drives me nuts and makes me think (which is usually a good combination for growth experiences but in this instance it's something I can do without).

But I realize now that I shouldn't begrudge the bugs their lifestyle. After all, why would a creature that has a life span that can be figured in a matter of days stop to sleep? There's a lesson in there somewhere for our generation. I just couldn't tell you what.

Forecast: haze, then sun, then sunset, then dark.

Groups Encourage Safe Graduation Celebrations AWARDS

By Mia Sulpor
Staff Writer

While many seniors will likely use drugs and alcohol to celebrate their graduation, several student organizations are working to make sure they finish off their college careers safely.

End-of-the-year partying has led to increased arrests in June, July and August for driving under the influence, according to Kelly Nespor, California Highway Patrol public information officer.

"During the end of the year students are celebrating the end of finals and more drinking tends to occur," she said.

The summertime jump in DUI arrests gives added importance to events this week aimed at curbing excessive alcohol consumption and irresponsible driving, according to Tracy Martinez, Mothers Against Drunk Driving representative.

"It's not a good thing when a student's parents have to go to the police station instead of graduation," she said.

Students Teaching Alcohol/Drug Responsibility is organizing several educational activities against drinking and driving as part of their end-of-the-year Safe Graduation/Sensational Summer program. Organizers hope to prevent celebrating students from drinking dangerously.

"The goal of the event is to promote moderate drinking and being safe," said Safe Graduation Coordinator Julie Johnson, a senior psychology major.

Campus Health Education Office Special Projects Coordinator Cristina Heinz also said students need to be careful.

"We are asking people to think about what they are doing and to play it safe if they choose to use alcohol," she said.

Organizations such as MADD, the Santa Barbara Highway Patrol and STAR have been handing out educational information this week in Storke Plaza as part of Safe Graduation.

The program began Tuesday with a staged car wreck illustrating the ha-

zards of driving under the influence.

"The mock DUI crash is important because it shows the effects of the misuse of drugs and alcohol," said STAR member Jon Almaleh, a junior English major. "It may eliminate the myth that this will never happen to me."

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The structure has an implicit meaning of being high since it is 6 feet off the ground.

Kim Baker
junior
art studio

The groups have also provided pamphlets on drugs and alcohol, quizzes, prizes and games in front of the UCen.

Martinez will also bring a memorial quilt of county DUI victims to Storke Plaza today.

"The purpose of the quilt is to let people know that these are real people, with real families in your community that died," she said.

The event will also feature a wooden sculpture resembling a child's treehouse created by a group of art studio majors. The house is 6 feet off the ground and features 6-foot-tall walls. Students are allowed to enter the structure to see written warnings about the dangers of drugs and alcohol inside.

"The structure has an implicit meaning of being high since it is 6 feet off the ground. It also represents childhood dreams and how being high or drunk can ruin these dreams," said junior art studio major Kim Baker.

"We are going to paint the structure a really bright color so it seems inviting like drugs and alcohol," Baker added. "But once inside, the tall walls make you feel trapped."

Nespor said students can make responsible efforts to avoid receiving a DUI.

"Take advantage of the safe-ride programs. Also, always make sure to designate a driver," she said. "It only takes a little planning."

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"We try to consider the percentage of votes in proportion to the number of students in their class," she said. "We ask about the difficulty of the class and how the professor has affected their interest in the course."

Mortar Board members presented recipients with a plaque before they began class. Their names will be added to a list of winners hanging between the UCen bookstore and Nicoletti's.

The campus Mortar Board chapter consists of 25 students who work to further scholarship and leadership through community service, according to Younker. This year's board has cosponsored blood drives and held dinners for the homeless, among other projects, she said.

Three-time winner Tanowitz said the award is especially gratifying because of the input students have in selecting recipients.

"I think one of the nice things about it is it's from the students," he said. "It tells me and colleagues who receive it that students care and they are responsive. It gives us a little boost knowing that what we're doing out there is touching students."

Other honorees said the award boosted their teaching confidence.

"At least I know the students don't hate me," joked Aydil. "It's a different thing for your peers to tell you you're a good teacher, but it means a lot coming from your students."

Recipients also said they enjoyed the board's surprise presentations.

"Two ladies came into my class and told me they wanted to make an announcement for juniors," Aydil said. "When they made the announcement, though, it was for me. It was interesting. I was caught by surprise."

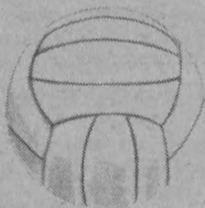
"[The board members] said they'd be inducting some students and it turned out it was actually for me," Tanowitz said. "It was exciting."

PETS

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Society and had them spayed," she said. "What she's doing is good ... she's getting the cats out of I.V."

Hazlett said she was upset at the negligence of the cats' previous owners.

"These cats are tame, they must belong to somebody ... but they're here," she said. "If you can't take your animal home during the summer, take them to the Humane Society."



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OPINION

"Turn the other cheek too often and you get a razor through it."
—Johnny Rotten

Lawyers Provi

Arthur Y. Whang

This is, in essence, an allergic reaction to the unrelenting number of people who have openly criticized the field into which I am about to enter.

As a law student, I suppose I might understand how people might be disenchanted with our legal system, considering what appears to be a number of recent failures. However, the fact remains that for the responsibilities it carries, our system of justice is nothing short of remarkable.

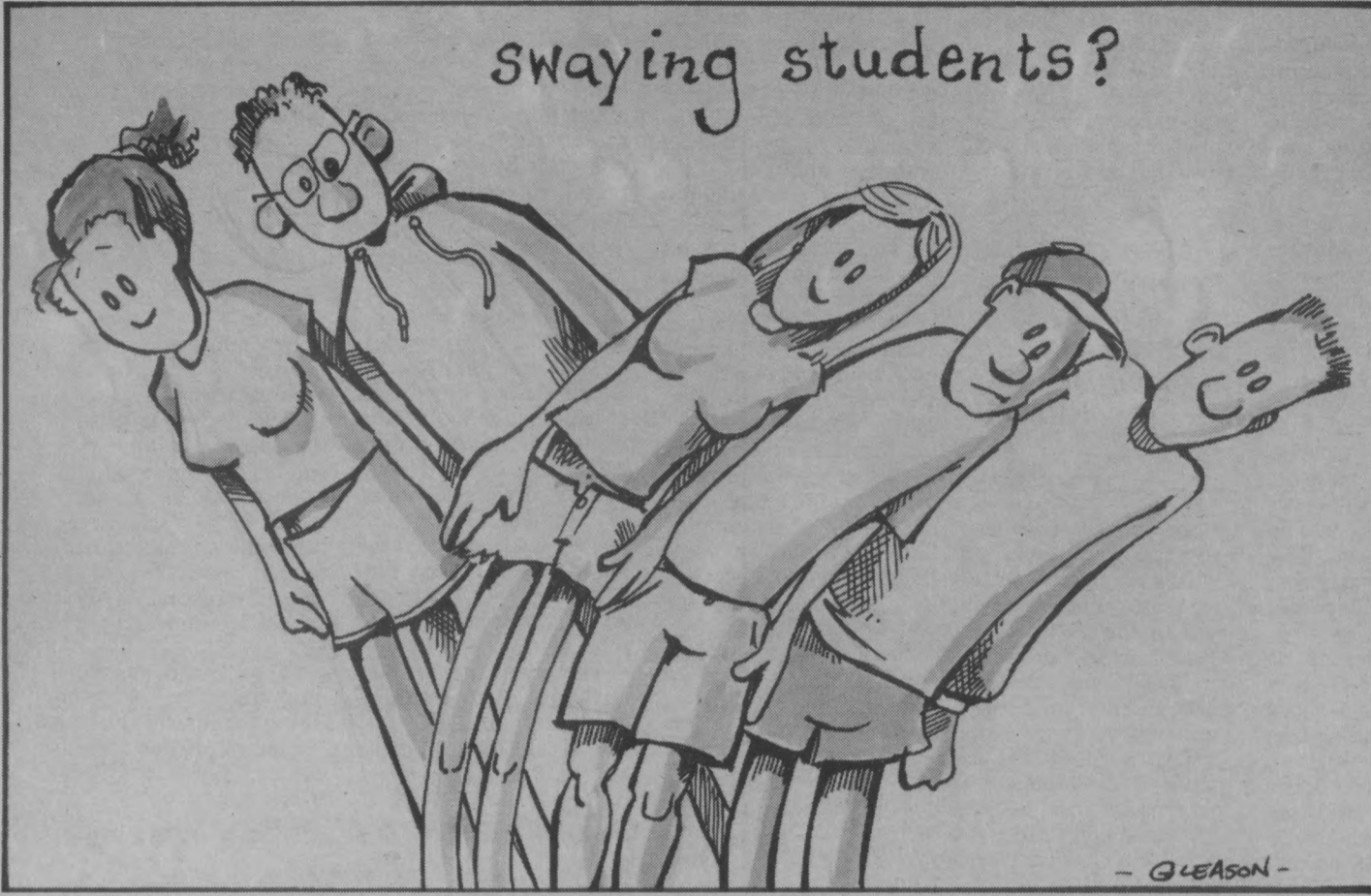
The right to be judged by peers and not upwardly minded politicians, to have competent counsel, to force the government to prove all elements of its case beyond a reasonable doubt, etc., are all hallmarks of a courageous and amazing system. We will gladly suffer the sting of the occasional misacquittal in exchange for the guarantee that we will never, ever deprive a person of his or her fundamental civil rights with a wrong conviction. This is the cost of living as a free people. I submit that any alternative is anathema to our dearest notions of human liberty.

The fact remains, however, that many have brashly judged my career choice as worthless and me as selfish and depraved. Despite the fact that many of these pundits have nary a shred of (well, non-televized) knowledge of the law, they feel sure that its practitioners must be bad people.

A friend of mine recently conveyed disgust at the fact that students from the best law schools graduate with a 98 percent employment rate and a median salary of about \$75,000. According to him, as a Berkeley graduate, he is expecting to make about

\$20,000 less upon graduation from law school. He says that young fools must not deserve such mercy in choosing to be a lawyer (I don't tort your face to effect.)

Frankly, I do think I'm a bit on the steep side.



Unfair Voting?

Ken Pettit Should Be Praised for the Absentee Ballot Program

Editorial

The atmosphere was tense at the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday, as conservative community factions grilled county clerk-recorder Ken Pettit over his instatement of the voter outreach program at UCSB.

Blaming him for stealing "an election in the 3rd District once again," Pettit took much criticism from Andrew Caldwell, executive director of the Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business, as well as from other county organizations that felt the absentee ballot station in Corwin Pavilion last March unfairly targeted students.

Since many of these groups support 3rd District candidate Willy Chamberlin, who failed to win the election outright over Gail Marshall by less than 50 votes, they believe Pettit is part of current 3rd District Supervisor Bill Wallace's political machine, which now supports Marshall.

However, Pettit clearly is being used as a scapegoat in this situation, when he should be praised for making such innovative efforts to increase voter turnout countywide. Any action taken to increase democracy during a time when citizen apathy is at a shameful height deserves support. Even though the program had its share of problems, it is certainly a step in the right direction for county government.

For too long, county politicians and organizations have regarded UCSB students as an illegitimate class of people constantly used by liberal factions to throw elections to the left. Some feel students are easily swayed because they are generally uninformed.

But it is just this situation that Pettit is trying to amend with the early voter program. What's more,

Pettit extended the program to areas throughout the county, not just UCSB. To accuse him of favoring the student vote ignores his efforts throughout the county. Why was there no outcry over the absentee ballot drive at traditionally conservative Westmont College, which had a similar program at the same time and turned out an even greater percentage of voters?

Critics claim Pettit failed to fulfill the rest of his responsibilities while organizing the early voter program, such as sending out other absentee ballots on time or ballot information packets. They cite instances where the program failed through computer breakdowns and employee overwork as reasons the program is inherently flawed and too costly. Once again, they don't see the real merit behind Pettit's objective.

This is the first time Santa Barbara has undertaken a project of this nature, and some glitches should be expected. The next time there is an election, operations will run more smoothly, ultimately serving to improve county representation.

However, the most ridiculous charge Pettit has received is that of conspiracy — namely, the convenient timing of the Toad the Wet Sprocket concert in Storke Plaza on March 6, sponsored by Measure A supporters, when students were voting. Pettit had nothing to do with the booking of the band, and in fact took precautions to ensure the music and speakers could not be heard in the voting area.

Pettit got a bad rap for a project that promises better voter turnout, despite a few first-time problems. It seems the real problem these critics have is not increased voter turnout, but an increase in student voting.

Cops Are Stomp

Kazia Johnson

There is a building on State Street. I walk into it and feel a shifting of my spirit.

Simultaneously I feel excited and queasy. I feel overwhelmed by the power of the speakers and the house music that runs through them. I have, at times, felt dizzy and confused by an intense vertigo. Most of the time I feel extreme joy. Lately I have felt frustrated, angry and harassed.

The New Savoy, located at 409 State St., is home of The Breaks, The Players Club, The Vixen Room and Vertigo.



The staff, manager and the owner Bobbi Bennet host the best parties on State Street, even in Santa Barbara. The club has two levels, holds three bars, a pool table, a lounge area, a great sound system and a great dance floor. But from the very opening of the club, it has been feeling harassed from the Santa Barbara police force.

Every night that the club has been open, uniformed officers walk in and out of the club a great number of times. First it began as a one-time walk through the club. It has now escalated to coming into the club three to five times a night. There have been times when more than four police officers came into the club at once. The police officers come in and harass the customers with their presence. They have even begun to harass the staff and the owner.

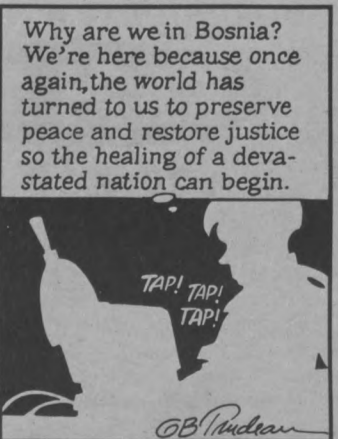
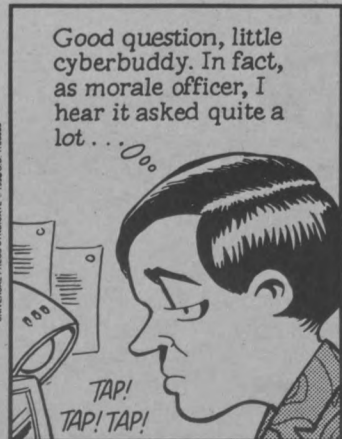
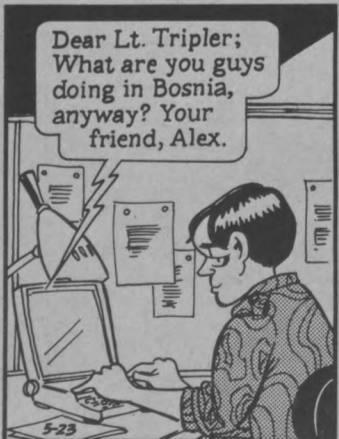
Saturday night, May 11, the police demonstrated blatant harassment and sexual discrimination. After inquiring about a stage door that was thought to be illegal, six police officers charged into the club with flashlights on, pushing customers aside, looking for fire exits.

They claimed that the stage door should be treated as a fire exit, when there are legal fire exits and the stage door is legal in its existence. After Ms. Bennet explained to the policemen about the stage door and other exits they began to intimidate her with the threat of citation. In her situation, I would understand the frustration and anger that Ms. Bennet felt at this time.

She is trying to run a successful club, and she is being hindered by the Santa Barbara Police Dept. While being

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Provide an Important Service

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I do think, however, that lawyers provide a valuable and extremely difficult service at an often terrible cost in terms of hours worked (slaved), brain cells killed, etc. Consequently,

know that customers are armed with the great American right to seek redress for negligence and harm in our courts.

Recently in Santa Barbara, a man

streets are now a bit safer in his absence.

Now, more than ever, individual liberties need to be defended, criminals need to be prosecuted and beneficial public policy needs to be enacted. More than any other group, we need lawyers to responsibly bear these tremendous burdens. I would ask that the sea of critics be a bit more

sure the survival of the public good. Consequently, there will always be a need for able and caring lawyers to oversee the constant evolution of those laws. So, I am glad to be entering a school whose great legacy was built on a foundation of passionate commitment to public service and ethics.

Indeed, I believe that the only career worth a damn is the one that will allow you to say to yourself upon its completion: "I did some good in this world. As a result of my talent and hard work, someone's life is a bit safer and better."

I am happy to know that I, like most lawyers, will be able to say those phrases to myself. There will certainly be those of you who will live your entire lives ignorantly wishing death upon lawyers. However, as long as I will know that I have done some good, maybe that's enough.

Arthur Y. Whang graduated from UCSB last June and will enter Georgetown University law school in fall.

I do think that the money
the steep side. The prob-



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I don't have a problem with lawyers being paid somewhat well.

Ironically, lawyer-haters, on a daily basis, enjoy the countless elements of safety and comfort whose paths were paved by attorneys. For example, at 40,000 feet over the Rockies, I'll bet you're mighty glad that you're in an American aircraft (run by a major airline, I should add) and not a Turkish airbus, since the former is forced to strictly adhere to safety regulations that cost them money and were championed by lawyers.

Have you ever been in a car? Drunk a cup of coffee? Been a victim of crime? The reason why car manufacturers don't skimp on parts (more often) or coffee makers don't add harmful preservatives that might enhance profits, is largely because they

raped and beat several women. One of them, a Japanese visitor, was beaten so badly that her eyes were "the color of plums" and she cried tears of blood. Well, as a direct result of the tireless work performed by caring and talented lawyers, who do so much with so little in return, our

circumspect before issuing knee-jerk opinions as to the moral indignities they suffer at the hands of lawyers.

Moreover, I would encourage those of you who feel drawn to the chance to foster good and help others to consider the law as a career. Society will always have laws to en-

The Reader's Voice

Dunk This!

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This is in reply to a "sports editorial" last week (Daily Nexus, "Women's Basketball Needs Some Changes Above and Below the Rim," May 15).

I was disgusted by this article last week by some pseudo-wannabe sports writer/editor who, among other things, compared the excitement of women's basketball here at UCSB to that of golf. The main thrust of the argument was that there were no slam dunks,



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and that if the basket were lowered to 9 feet there would be, so the game would become exciting.

This was ridiculous for two reasons: first, because it is not true, and second, because it is an insult to a group of women who have played excellent and exciting basketball at UCSB.

For the first point, I need go no further than some team long ago at an obscure place called UCLA. I believe they were referred to as the "Walton Gang." Something about 88 straight wins and a couple of national titles. Of course, no one watched the games because not once was a slam dunk to be seen and it was as boring as golf.

I have been a UCSB women's basketball fan over the last four years and I can tell you from personal experience that it is anything but boring. And yes, I have a comparison — I am a longtime UCLA fan and had season tickets during some of the Reggie Miller and Don McLean years. The women here play with an intensity, particularly on defense, that I very seldom see in a men's game. I have seen any number of occasions where the scramble for a loose ball looked more like a football game than basketball.

Despite attitudes like those of Michael Cadilli's, we who have been regular fans over the last four years have seen the attendance begin to grow, especially this year. This can be credited, to a large extent, to five seniors who started playing together as freshmen four years ago.

You want competitiveness? I remember Sasha Scardino getting in an armlock with an opposing player that ended with a body slam that would have made professional wrestling proud. Chris Grazzini had eight blocked shots in one game, and that was coming off the bench. These ladies played anything but boring basketball.

A strong supporter of the men's team, when told that a Nexus sports editor thought that [the women's] team was boring, reacted with great surprise. She thought that the women's game against Hawai'i this year was probably the most exciting basketball game she'd ever seen.

Next year's team will be young, but we return with two national-caliber offensive players, Erin Alexander and Amy Smith, along with a group of very talented players and some top recruits.

If you are in the Phi Slamma Jamma fraternity that believes the height of basketball excitement is a broken backboard, then you shouldn't go see this team. If you want to see basketball that is played with skill, heart and intensity that often surpasses the men's game, then come out and join us — you'll see some great (and very exciting) basketball.

DOUG DONALSON

We Love 'Dents

Editor, Daily Nexus:

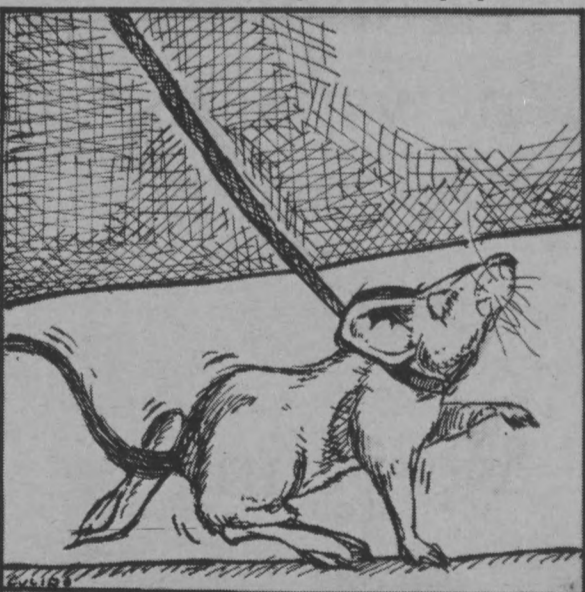
All right. I've been reading the letters section, with interest, for a while now, and I think it's about time for me to put in my two cents worth on vivisection. Please bear with me, I do tend to rant...

First off, what's up with these anti-rodent sentiments? I just read Caleb Turk's letter (Daily Nexus, The Reader's Voice, May 20), and I feel offended. (Why not? Being offended is an American right, right?) You see, I own rats, two of them. Does this mean my place is infested with vermin? I don't own snakes, and therefore these two aren't meant as food, although one was destined for snake fodder until a friend intervened. These are pet rats.

Rats do have emotions — ever see one throw a fit after a bath? Sure, they aren't like dogs, seeing as how they don't bite. My 'dents (as we call them at my place) love attention and seem capable of recognizing people (although they seem to suffer from a short attention span).

Oh yeah, "Who really gives a fuck about rats?" Well, in the past, when Nicodemus (my first rat) died, and I told my ex-girlfriend about it, long distance, she cried. I know my roommates play with the present 'dents, and let them run around on their shoulders and muss their hair. They must not care about "disease-carrying animals," huh?

Oh, yeah, as to their being bred for the purpose, for-



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give me if I'm wrong, but I seem to recall that pet rats and lab rats come from the same stock. Does this mean I should entrust them to a lab if I should get tired of them? Of course not.

But in the course of writing this letter, I started thinking: If animal experimentation is absolutely necessary, as some say, why can't we "clone" humans? According to an anthropology class I had last quarter, we've already done it with the aforementioned persecuted species. Can't we, then, clone a "brainless" human (or just pith the clone early on, like a frog), perfect for organ harvests and drug tests? Actually, I'm beginning to disgust myself.

I won't claim to have any answers, but I personally feel there's something wrong with vivisection. And you can call me a hypocrite anytime you spot me eating a burger with my leather boots propped on the chair next to me.

EDUARDO MORENO

mpin' on the Savoy

upset, two police officers explained to Ms. Bennet that she was being detained. They would not allow her to move to call her lawyer or go to her office. When Ms. Bennet asked why she was being detained, one officer shrugged his shoulders and looked to his partner questioningly. This night, it is rumored that she was arrested. That never happened. She was cited for the stage door thought to be a fire exit. The club did close early — an hour early. The police scared all the customers away.

Ms. Bennet has been more than cooperative with ABC, the city and with the Santa Barbara Police Dept. She has made a number of calls requesting help from these organizations, but they have yet come to help. They have made



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no replies.

Santa Barbara has needed a new venue for a long time. What is so unique about the New Savoy is that it encompasses all that a person could want. It is an open space created to accommodate everyone. It is not a gay club. Gays and lesbians go to have fun there, but so do straight people. If one was to look closely, one could see that every night the club is open, the club has a mixed crowd. People go to have a good time no matter what or who they are. Famous people have been known to walk through the doors and have a good time. People travel to come and have fun. The New Savoy, as with any other club, should have the chance to grow and be successful.

I and others believe that the harassment is coming because we do have clientele who live "alternative" lifestyles. The club is on State Street, not on the outskirts of the city. The club is in the city's face. No longer are clubs of this sort going to hide.

Fathom, a gay bar, just opened on the same block as the Savoy. Who said homosexuals don't multiply? Will they receive the same harassment? They are a GAY bar. This harassment needs to be stopped. Letters need to be written. If you feel that you have been harassed or have seen the harassment, write a letter. Send the letter to the chief of police. Send a letter to the fire marshal, the city council and even to the mayor. This is a campaign to stop harassment.

Kazia Johnson is a senior black studies major.

HOLIDAY

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ster movie festival are being considered for Saturday.

The committee plans to obtain an alcohol permit for Halloween so that party-goers would be allowed to bring alcoholic beverages to the park. This will hopefully keep residents from driving to Santa Barbara to celebrate, Soutar said.

"A lot of Isla Vista people are now going downtown for Halloween because it's not fun in here anymore," she said. "They go downtown and they drink there and then they

drive back."

IVFP Senior Deputy Daniel Osuna addressed concerns that drunken party-goers would be immediately arrested for public intoxication after leaving the park, and stressed the need for responsible partying.

"If the kids are afraid that they're going to be staggering out of there drunk — yes, they can be subject to arrest. But if they have somebody taking care of them, the buddy system, we're really going to be pretty fair about that," he said.

Funding for the celebration is uncertain at this point, according to Soutar. Most of the money will come from the park dis-

trict, but the university and local businesses may help sponsor the event, she said.

The committee is looking for volunteers to be involved with all aspects of the project and would appreciate input from the community. Soutar said there may also be several paid internships available to students helping the committee.

There are still six official committee positions that need to be filled, including a student resident, a non-student resident, a representative from the I.V. Youth Projects, a representative from Associated Students and two representatives from the greek system.

PROGRAM

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a couple dollars."

Mueller said the support of students and the UCen — which hosts most of Program Board's concerts — has helped make

the year a success. But the board has also been lucky, he said.

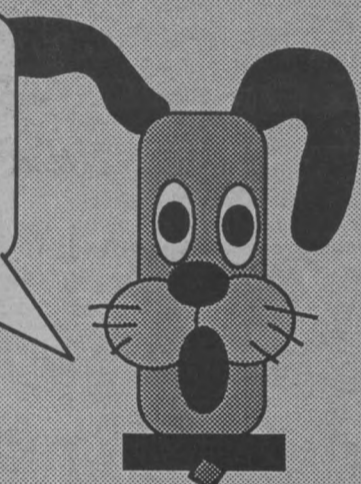
It booked the group No Doubt just before they became really popular, Mueller said. And comedian Adam Sandler's decision to record his new album in Campbell Hall also helped make it a good

year, he added.

Program Board will be able to better determine their financial outlook after their last concert of the year next week. The May 31 show will feature ska bands Voodoo Glow Skulls, Buck o' Nine and Mealticket.

Howl II (a canine sequel) I haven't seen the best minds of my generation do anything yet. At least I hope not.

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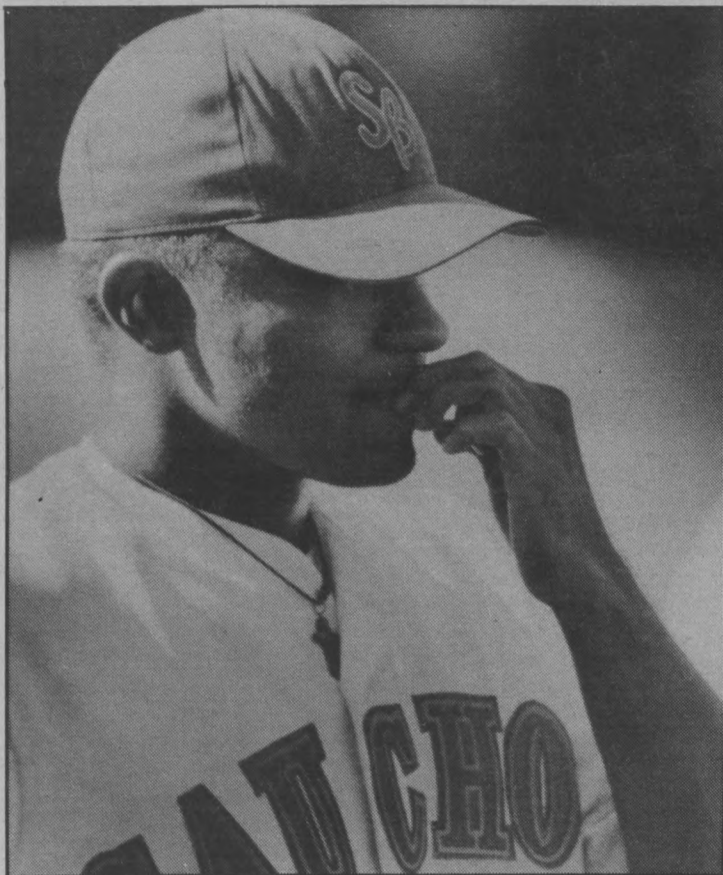
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NAIL BITER: UCSB will take to the field today against #3 seed Mississippi St. in the double-elimination NCAA West Regionals.

Okada Gets to 2nd Round, #12 White and Spencer Fall

By Steven Large
Staff Writer

The thermometer in Tallahassee, Fla., may have read 99 degrees Wednesday, but neither of UCSB's women's tennis team entries were playing hot in the 1996 NCAA Individual Nationals at Florida State.

Nevertheless, Santa Barbara's #1 singles player, senior Jean Okada, was able to advance the Gauchos cause by moving into the second round of singles competition, beating Minnesota's Danna Peterson 6-2, 6-2. UCSB's #1 doubles



Jean Okada

team of seniors Amelia White and Kelly Spencer lost to Vanderbilt's Meredith Chiles and Kim Shiff 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

"We're still in it," said UCSB Head Coach Pete Kirkwood. "The heat zapped Kelly and Amelia, but that kind of humidity kind of plays to Jean's advantage since she's from Hawaii."

The win means that Okada advances to the second round of nationals and will play the intense Bonnie Blecker of the University of Florida today.

Okada's 6-2, 6-2 victory looked dominating on paper, but talk to the nation's 30th-ranked player and she will tell you that it was not her play that led to the wide margin win.

"I was a little off today," Okada said. "I was shanking a lot of balls. But it got a little better as the day went on."

Okada's relatively decisive

victory was made possible in part by Peterson's lack of mobility due to an ankle injury incurred at the end of the regular season.

Okada's match today will not be as easy as yesterday's — Florida's Blecker is known to be a powerful presence on the court, and with the homecourt advantage, mistakes and shanks by Okada will not be easily overcome.

"Blecker's a totally competitive fireball and she has a big following here," Kirkwood said. "There was a lot of crowd support for her in the stands today."

If Okada is able to beat Blecker, she will move up to one of the final 16 spots — a feat she has never accomplished. Last season she made it to the second round before losing.

White and Spencer were not as fortunate as Okada in their pairing by the tournament committee. The top UCSB doubles team (ranked 12th in the nation) did not play up to their ability in what turned out to be the final match of their intercollegiate career, according to Kirkwood.

"They made it to nationals and that was a great honor," said Kirkwood. "The only disappointing thing was that they've had so many great and entertaining matches and then on their last day they didn't play their best tennis."

Both White and Spencer were equally frustrated.

"They had spins on their serves that were really hard to get a groove on when they changed up, and we had so many easy volleys that we missed because we were over-anxious," Spencer said. "It was a hard day."

While admitting that the hot temperature was a factor in all of yesterday's matches, Spencer said it was not the reason for her team's loss.

"We were not used to the humidity and we were really tired," Spencer said. "But I don't want to use it as an excuse."

Gauchos Take to the Plate Against Mississippi State in West Regionals

■ Fourth-Seeded Baseball Squad Faces Third-Seeded Bulldogs

By Curtis Kaiser
Staff Writer

For nearly two weeks, the UCSB baseball team crossed its fingers, hoping to be selected for a berth in the NCAA Regional Tournament.

Now that the Gauchos (32-18) have been awarded a #4 seed for the West Regional Tournament, beginning today at 3 p.m. at Stanford University's Sunken Diamond against #3 seed Mississippi State (37-22), the squad has its destiny firmly gripped in the palm of its hand: To lose twice means a swift return to Santa Barbara, while four wins will result in a trip to Omaha for the 50th Annual College World Series.

UCSB junior reliever Steve Cain knows that the Gauchos must take charge of their situation at Stanford.

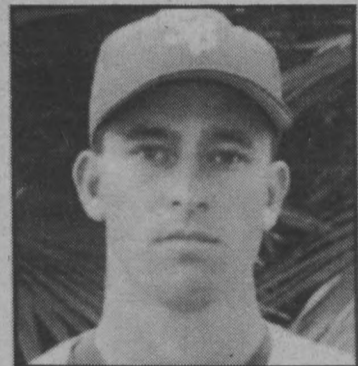
"We can't be complacent," Cain said. "We have to go there with an aura of confidence and maybe even a bit of cockiness to know that we belong there — get hot for four games and you're in Omaha."

In today's game against #3 seed Mississippi State (37-22), the Gauchos will send junior right-hander Bryan Noyes — the

team's most consistent pitcher over the last few weeks — to the hill.

Noyes, who is second on the team with five wins and tops among starters with a 4.88 ERA, is confident that he will be successful against the Bulldogs without altering his normal pitching routine.

"I heard that [the Bulldogs] are dead-pull hitters," Noyes said. "And that matches up pretty well with my slider."



Bryan Noyes

[UCSB pitching Coach Tim] Montez is pretty confident in the matchup. If I can hold them to three or less runs, it shouldn't be a problem."

Because the squad's chances of being selected for the tournament were up in the air after its

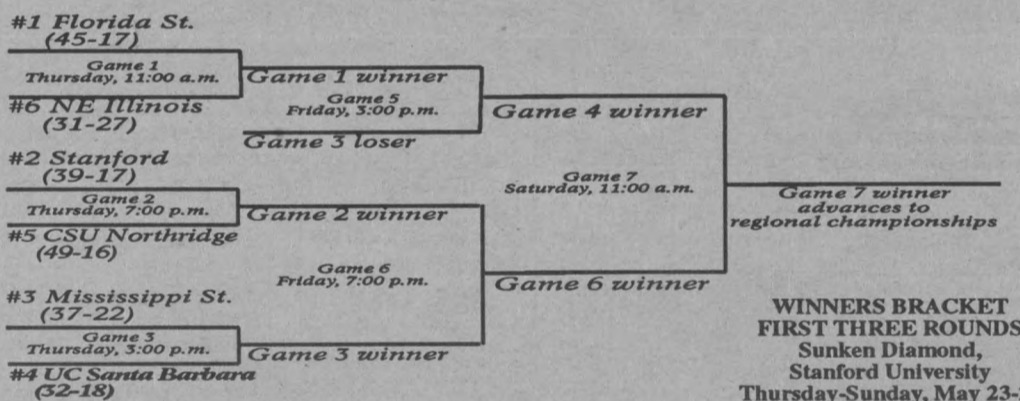
two consecutive losses at the Big West Tournament on May 10-11, the Gauchos had cut back on their practice schedules in order to enable players to catch up on schoolwork. Despite the reduced practice schedule, the team doesn't expect to be any less ready for its competition this weekend.

"It won't affect our sharpness at all," said Montez. "It's a bonus for guys like [Seth] Bean, Noyes and [David] Uris to come in with fresh arms and the guys struggling in the pen to regroup."

The Bulldogs will come into Palo Alto with an attack led by infielders Adam Piatt (.363) and Rob Hauswald (.349, 15 HR, 56 RBI) as well as first baseman Brian Clark (.331, 7 HR).

Although Mississippi State does feature some outstanding hitters, the Bulldogs really shine on the mound. The squad's top hurler is Eric DuBose, a flame-throwing lefty who is considered one of the nation's best pitchers. DuBose features a 9-4 record with a 3.18 ERA and 163 strikeouts in 124 1/3 innings of work. Earlier this season, he fanned 18 batters in one game against Jackson State. Van Johnson (6-1, 3.00 ERA) and David Hooten (8-7, 4.58 ERA) are solid starters who round out the rotation.

1996 NCAA Baseball West Regional



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Daily Nexus Athlete of the Year Honorable Mention

Kim Keys



SPORT: Volleyball

HOMETOWN: Whittier, CA

POSITION: Outside hitter

STATS: Finished 10th in the Big West in digs per game at 2.86, while finishing eighth in kills per game at 3.9

ACCOMPLISHMENT:

Led the UCSB women's volleyball team to a second-place finish in the Big West and to the second round of the NCAA Championships

QUOTABLE: "When a match is on the line, I know [Kim] is ready to step up. She's a real student of the game. She gives it her all, all of the time." — UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory