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
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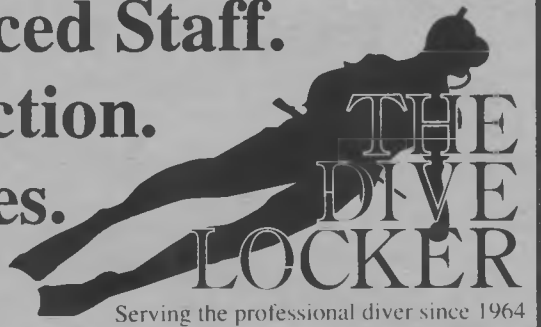
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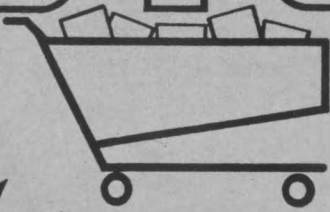


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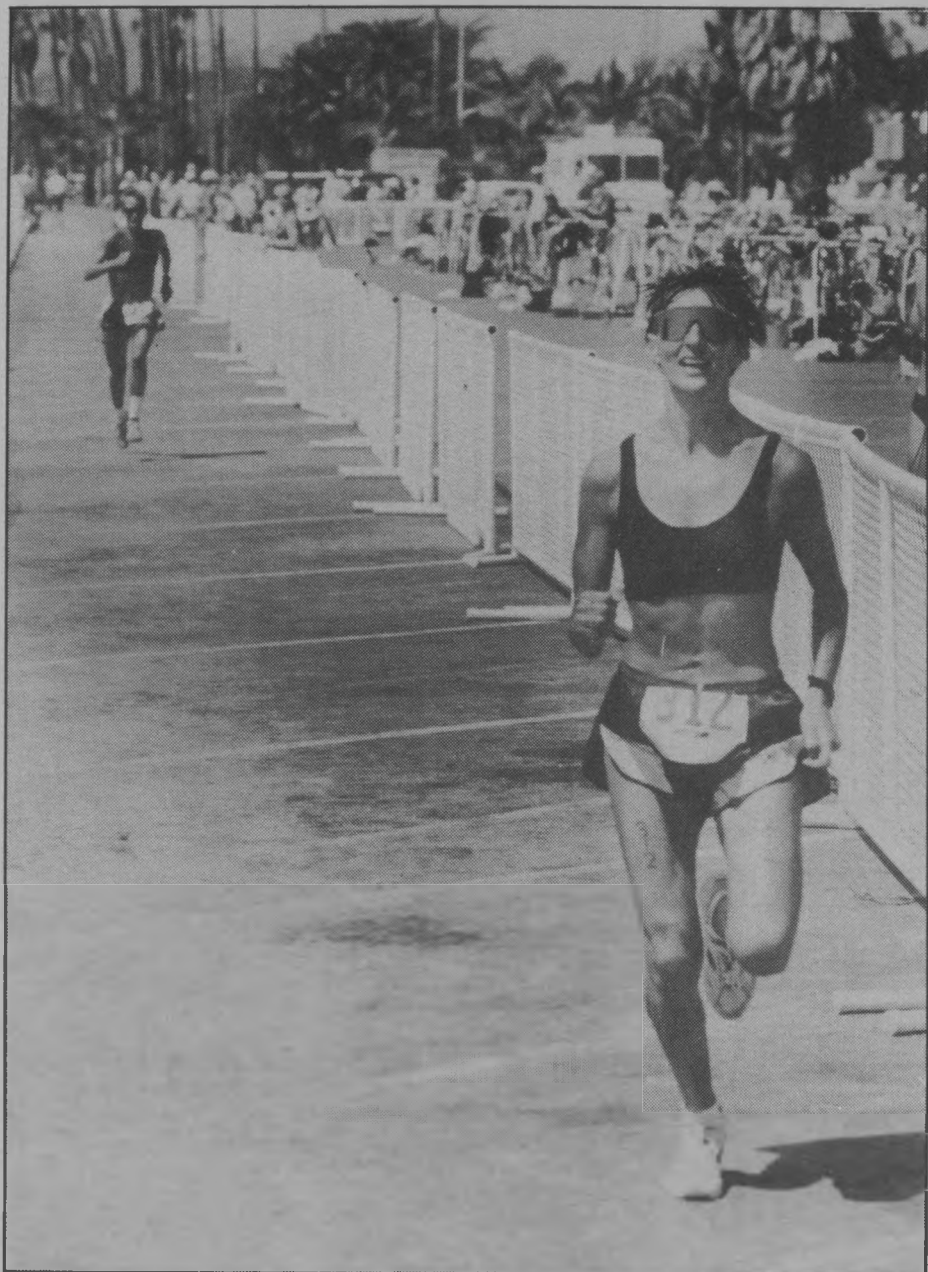
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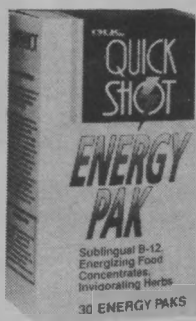
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By Geoffery Battey

As the sun beats down in Santa Barbara and sports take to the streets, you upstanding citizens better expect us roller hockey junkies to be all over your precious sidewalks and parking lots.

Once I was almost arrested for playing hockey on a tennis court, supposedly trespassing or something, so my friends and I took to empty parking lots. But this got stupid because the puck always seemed to fly all over the

place.

However, these days there are several places for us die-hards to play to get out our frustrations on that little plastic disc, and sometimes other people.

At UCSB there are several intramural leagues for students to join, no matter what your level. But mark my words, if you join the A league, you better be ready for some hard slap shots, hard checks and smooth skating, which some people think they have until they come up against me.

The word on the street is that the UCSB Bookstore

is moving back into the UCen on May 13, freeing up the Old Gym, where us old-timers used to play even before intramurals were introduced. So we might be able to take back our once-happy hockey home, where the boards are wide enough for some good skating and not too long, allowing for some good defense to be played. See you there soon!

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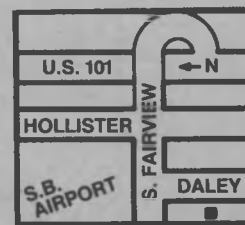
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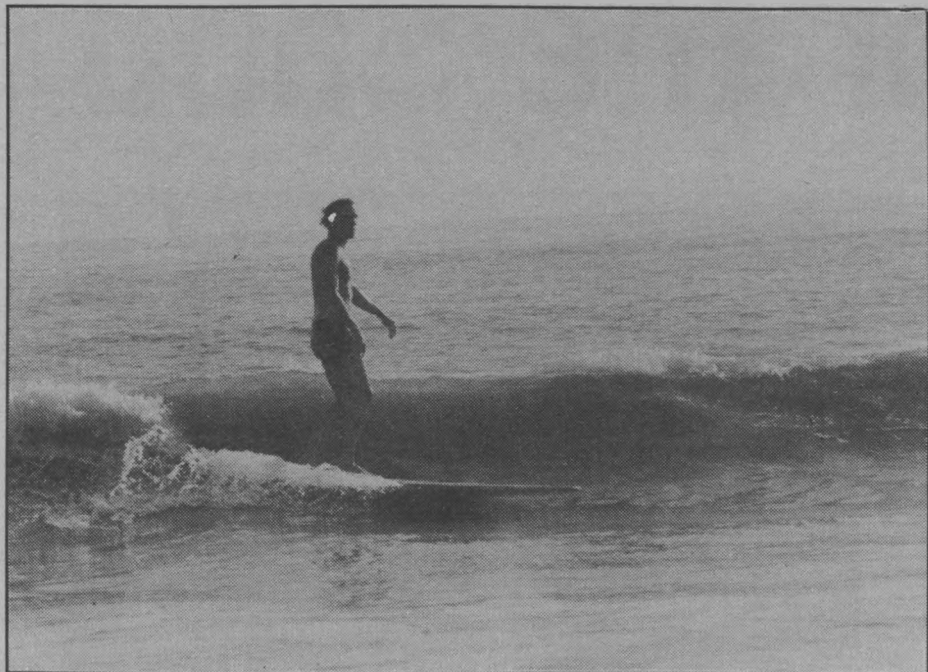
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Spring at the Beach



By Odessa Robinson

As a California native growing up on the shores of the Golden State, the ocean has always played a large part in my life. When I was young, my family would visit the beach frequently. Summer days and nights were often spent combing the sand for the perfect shell, boogie boarding or sitting in front of a roaring fire roasting wieners.

Not to mention the fact that I'm a Pisces, and therefore inevitably drawn to the pounding waves and salty spray of the ocean, regardless of the founding

location of my existence.

But that's another story. Anyway, after years of sand castles and seashell hunting, the beach was transformed from a childhood playground to a place of freedom. My friends and I would plead with our parental units endlessly for a ride to the place of fun and sun.

Once there, it was a trip to the local convenience store for a Diet Coke, then off to the boardwalk to see who was about. After scoping the scene, it was time to lie in the sun until it was so unbearably hot that the group of us would scramble to the waves.

The ritual would begin

right about now, spring. The season that brought sunny days and warm nights. It also brought with it an intense sense of anticipation; if only summer would finally arrive and we would be free to enjoy the weekend routine every day.

Throughout most of my teenage existence, the story remained pretty much the same. But then came the last day of my senior year in high school. I went out on a blind date and came home the girlfriend of a surfer. Looking back, the summer of 1988 was one of the best I've

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Some of my best leading men have been dogs and horses.

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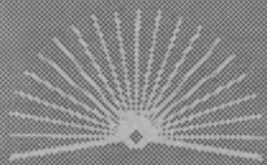
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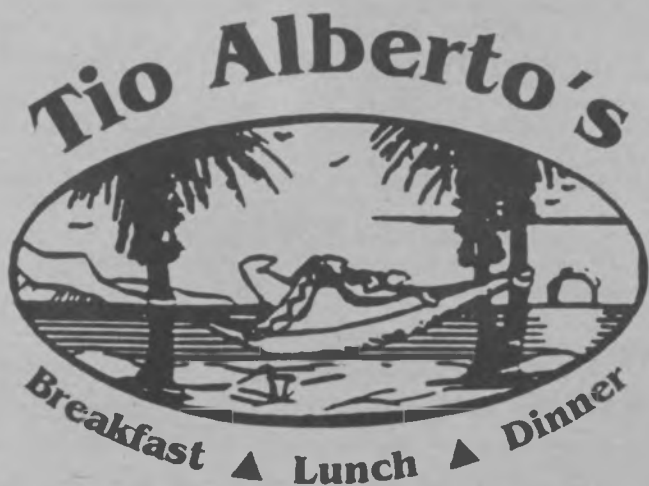
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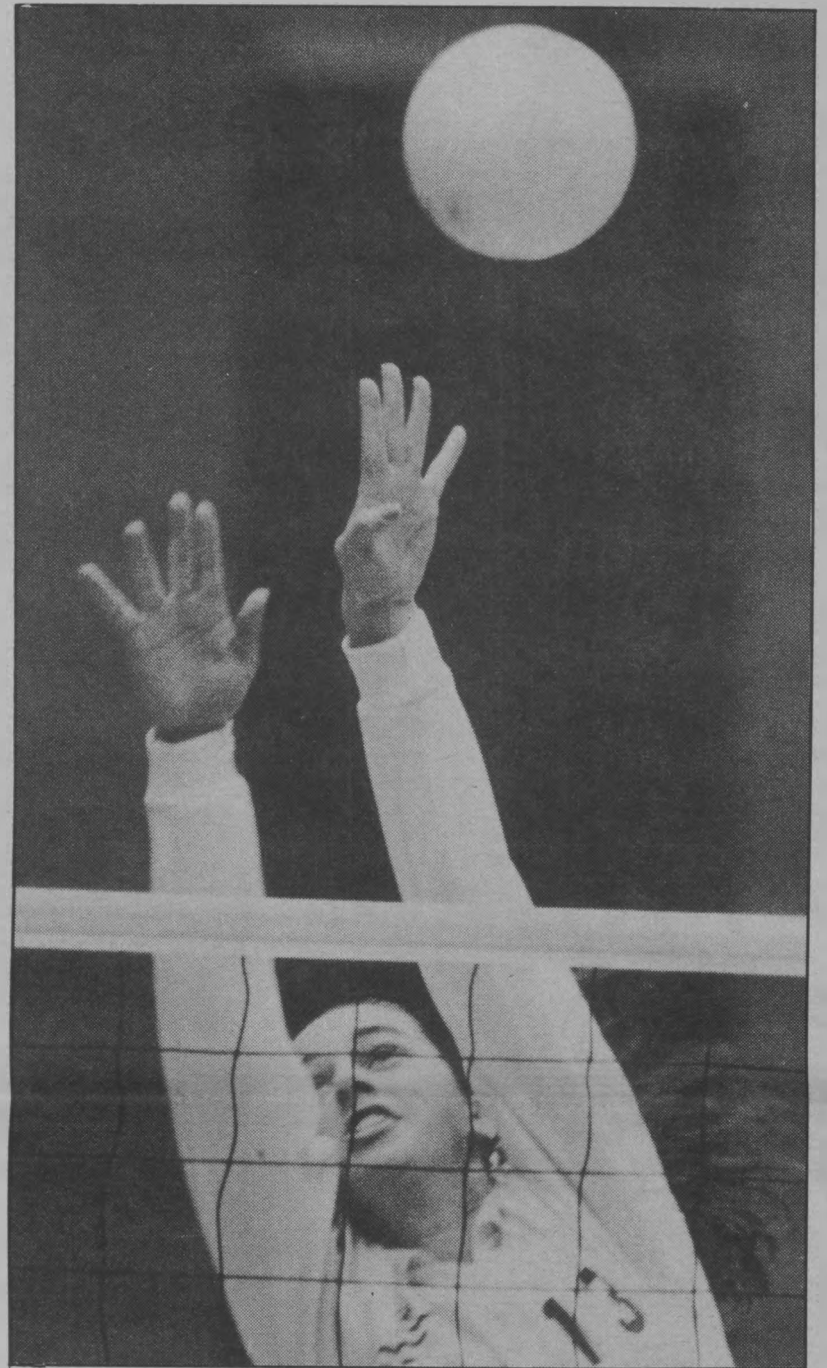
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By Erma Brushman

From sandy beaches to hardwood gyms, volleyball is being played everywhere.

Whether it be the thrill of a jump serve flying at you at an insanely high speed or just serving the ball overhand successfully for the first time, nothing beats the excitement of this increasingly popular sport.

UCSB is definitely a great school to attend if you like to play volleyball. From beginners to more advanced players, there's a game being played for all levels of competition, whether it be in a league, a tournament or just for kicks.

One of the first things I did when I came to this school was sign up for an intramural team. When I got to the I.M. trailer, I was amazed at the variety of leagues that were offered. There was a women's league, men's A and B leagues, and co-ed A, B and C leagues.

Having played in all three co-ed leagues and the women's league, I was happy to see that the level of competition was where it should have been for each level.

The C league was basically filled with beginners, with the exception of

maybe one person on each team. The emotion was limited to cheering and usually a lot of happy faces. I had to smile when I heard a couple of C league teams cheering at the top of their lungs when one of the players spiked her first kill.

When I started playing in a B league, the level of play was much higher, but not what I would consider advanced. At this level, I saw tougher serving, much quicker movement and a lot more accuracy. People tended to be a little more upset when they made mistakes, but it was obvious they were still having fun.

"A" league definitely stood for "advanced" league. There, I played against anyone from red-shirt freshmen from the men's volleyball team to avid beach players. Everyone was at least good, if not great, at volleyball.

Communication on the court was more than necessary as I started seeing fakes and extremely hard-to-read spikes. The matches were hard-core and every player kept a high intensity level until the very last point. Winning became much more important at this level. So when people made mis-

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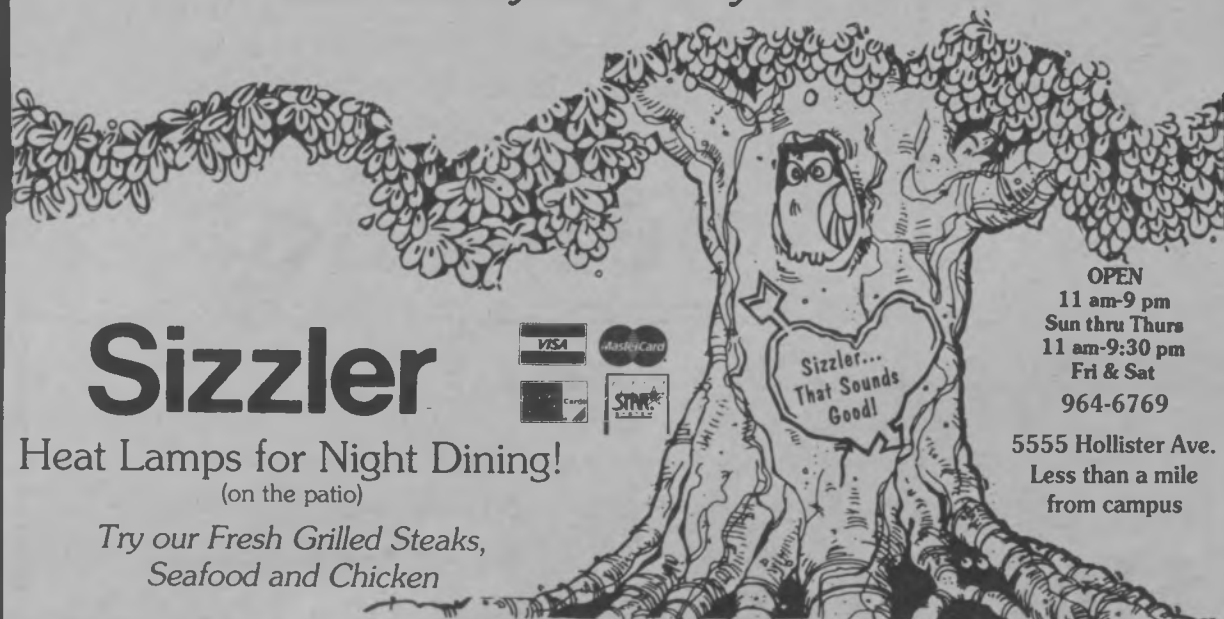
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HOCKEY

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 come out and play for an organized team. This is a nice touch, because roller hockey is entering the legitimate world of sports, offering alternative sports for kids and adults.

Hockey is no longer confined to the natural ice

ponds of Canada and the Eastern United States, because people have learned that a comparable version of the game can be played on concrete. Heck, there is even a professional roller league that took the country by storm. The Anaheim Bullfrogs took the championship last year because they were a stacked team made up of mostly Cana-

dians that played in major juniors.

Although you can't stop as fast and the puck isn't as hard, you can still get an exhilarating, fast-paced, stick-handling, goaltending, defensive battle as seen in the NHL (well, I'd like to think so). I know you ice guys are probably saying how stupid I sound, but the concrete is all I got

and all I can afford.

Ice rinks did exist with league teams back home, but the price was so high my parents couldn't afford to put me in. And now that I can buy it for myself, there is no rink in Santa Barbara to play at. This could change in the near future, as there are hundreds of people lobbying for an ice rink to be built.

But for now, people are taking to the streets and makeshift rinks to play the roller brand. I see kids in the street, adults at the beach and experts like myself at The Lot. But no matter what your level, just get out there and play.

The speed of my roller blades can take me up to 20 mph in the direction of the opposing goaltender.

My Titan stick can send the hard circular disc toward a guarded net at up to 70 mph with deadly accuracy. My moves to get around flailing defenders can be compared to the grace of a cheetah stalking down prey. Sometimes players collide at mid-rink or into the boards tracking down the puck, but most of the time it's clean.

SURF

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 ever had.

The beach routine continued but suddenly I was part of a whole different culture. Besides, he was 24, had his own apartment and could buy alcohol.

Not that those things are what made that time exciting, of course. Gra-

duating and summer had something to do with it. It was the newness, the late nights spent on the cliffs overlooking the Pacific and the early mornings watching the sun rise as dolphins swam alongside the surfers.

Suddenly I knew half of the local beach crew, the police with the La Jolla beat knew my name (not because I was in trouble)

and a whole new world opened up, as did parking places rotated between incoming and outgoing "locals."

I even got my name in surf wax along the boardwalk wall. That is, until the city sandblasted it about two years ago.

However, the pinnacle of my summer as a surfer's girlfriend is yet to be mentioned. It was the time I at-

tempted to learn to surf.

This didn't go so well. I had paddled out before and rode in on the front of the board, with someone else steering, of course. But actually taking the helm of the board was going to be something new and different.

It went a little like this. I was handed the board, a big green thing that was about 10 years old and had

a broken keel. "Be careful to keep the board straight as you go through the waves" was the last piece of advice I remember hearing as I headed out.

I had practiced jumping to the standing position while onshore; however, this was the least of my problems. As I headed out, the board became more and more difficult to control. It turned just as a

wave came, and suddenly the board was being hurled at me.

I put my arms up to block it, then I was under the wave.

Needless to say, I haven't been out on a board since. But I still enjoy late nights on the cliffs and early mornings on the beach watching others riding the waves.

VOLLEY

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 takes, it was common to hear a lot of swearing.

Outside of intramural leagues, a variety of tournaments occur throughout the year. The Intramural Dept. holds its own

Spikefest in March, where co-ed A- and B-level teams compete in two different pools. Coming up on May 21, the Evian Spikefest co-ed volleyball tournament will make its way to the UCSB campus. This event will take place during UCSB's Extravaganza and includes prizes and a

chance to compete with some of the best volleyball players on campus.

Another increasingly popular way to play volleyball here in Santa Barbara is at the beach. In Isla Vista and on campus, more and more people are coming outside to play. The Intramural Dept. is

now offering a sandcourt league for the outdoor players.

"I started playing at the sand courts at Francisco Torres last year," said UCSB sophomore Charles Rice. "I had never played before, but some of the guys on the men's volleyball team started teaching

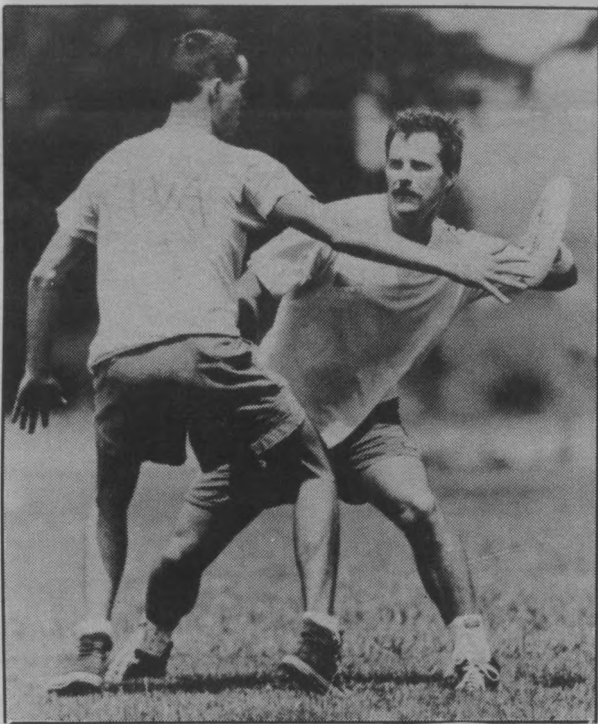
me how to play.

"My favorite place to play is at Dog Shit Park. It has a beautiful setting right on the cliffs and there's a lot of other things going on. But for a more intense game, the Storke courts are great."

Finding an outdoor volleyball game isn't much of

a search in all of Santa Barbara County. There are courts on campus, in between dorms and a few scattered throughout I.V. But if you really want to see some action, go to East Beach in downtown Santa Barbara.

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