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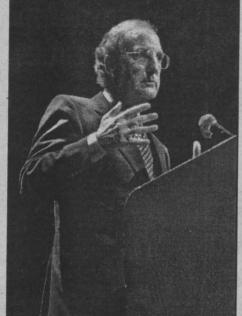
BY BRENDAN BUHLER Reporter

Distributing more than 60 percent of their quarterly budget last night, Associated Students Finance Board gave its stamp of approval to allocations for 10 student funds totaling \$23,538.50.

As it strained against a fourhour time limit, the board heard 10 requests for funding that initially totaled close to \$34,000. That number was then reduced by the scrutiny of the board and through cuts suggested by the petitioners.

Finance Board Chair Mariah Hoskins urged restraint before the board opened up the agenda. "Thirty-four thousand dollars is being requested today ... the amount we have remaining [for the quarter] is \$37,000 ... so there's no way this council can pass out all this money," she said.

The first and largest request of the night came from the Black Student Union, which requested \$7,000 for a series of concerts celebrating Black History Month in February. The program, titled "Unity in the Community," plans to feature a different musical style each week of the month. The music will progress from doo-wop, to jazz, to gospel, to reggae. BSU's Jamie Bender spoke in favor of the festival. "This is a time to educate the community about cultural diversity," she said. Proxy board member Matt McMillan reminded members to bear in mind the quarter's limited funds. "It is my feeling that fair and equitable cuts can be made to all the items budgeted," he said.



JASON SCHOCK / DAILY NEXUS Former Senator George Mitchell speaks in Campbell Hall about his role in negotiating the peace plan in Ireland. His contributions earned him Nobel Peace Prize candidacy.

Former U.S. Senator Addresses His **Role in Negotiations in North Ireland**

BY DANIEL TAYLOR Reporter

Former United States Senator George Mitchell spoke in Campbell Hall on Monday night about his role in negotiating a historic agreement in 1998 that ended decades of bloodshed in war-torn Ireland.

Mitchell was a senator for 15 years, from 1980 until 1995, serving as the Democratic majority leader and playing an important part in opening world markets to free trade. In 1996, President Bill Clinton asked him to go to Ireland to participate in peace talks that eventually led to the "Good Friday" agreement between the Protestants, Catholics and British government.

Chair of the Sociology Dept. Mark in 1922, when the country separated from Juergensmeyer introduced Mitchell with a list of his accomplishments. "Senator

Mitchell has just returned from a historical. successful attempt at a peace agreement ending the conflict in Ireland," he said. "[Mitchell] has already won many awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom and [he] is a strong candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize."

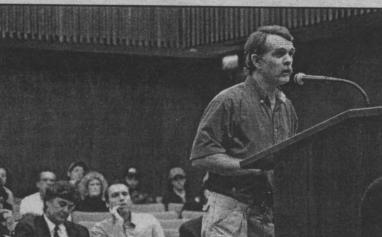
Mitchell began his speech joking about an accidental confusion of identities between himself and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, but he quickly turned serious to address the long history of violence in Ireland.

"The tangled, violent and often emotional history of Irish conflicts is so lengthy and rich in detail that it could be discussed for many days," he said.

Mitchell said the conflict in Ireland began

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Possible Urbanization of Local Coastline Raises Environmental Concerns



BY JEFF LUPO Staff Writer

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) Monday, concerning the development of the proposed Naples town site, to be located 12 miles west of Isla Vista on the Gaviota coast.

The proposed town site calls for the development of several hundred acres of what is currently open coastal space, prompting a strong public reaction against the adoption of the memorandum.

According to Santa Barbara Surfrider chapter Chair Keith Zandona, the development of the Naples area would seriously affect the environment of the Gaviota coast. "This development would promote urban sprawl, the environmental effects of which cannot be underestimated," he said. "The Malibu Hills style of building mansions on the knolls for

McMillan sponsored an amendment that cut the allocation down 10 percent to \$6,300, which was approved without opposition.

The second-largest request on the agenda was for \$5,337 by the Queer Commission. Commission Co-Chair Rodney

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S.B. Surfrider chapter Chair Keith Zandona voices concern about the environmental implications of developing the Naples town site 12 miles west of I.V.

Filmmaker Brings Sex, **Violence to Classroom** BY KRISTEN BRADFIELD Reporter

John Carpenter, director of "Halloween" and The Thing," has taken a pay cut to take a stab at teaching Monday nights at UCSB.

Carpenter is a guest lecturer for the Film Studies Dept. this quarter, teaching a class in Isla Vista Theater 2 on Violence and Sexuality in the Media once a week from 7-10 p.m. The class will examine sex and violence in film and their potential influences on society. According to Carpenter, the topic of the course compelled him to come to UCSB.

"I got an invitation to teach about violence and sexuality in movies in Santa Barbara, or filmmaking at USC, but I would rather teach

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Well-known director John Carpenter leads a discussion in Isla Vista Theater 2. He is currently teaching Film Studies 165, which focuses on portrayals of violence and sexuality in the media.



Congo Leaders Make Pledges for Peace

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - In an extraordinary meeting orchestrated by the United States, the presidents of countries warring in the Congo Monday pledged to recommit themselves to a faltering ceasefire and to peace in Central Africa.

But the half-dozen African leaders, including Congolese President Laurent Kabila in his first U.S. visit, also demanded the world body deploy a U.N. peacekeeping force to monitor the 6-month-old truce.

The United States has acknowledged holding up authorization for the force, arguing the mission would be doomed because the ceasefire has been so widely flouted by all sides.

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni agreed there was an enormous risk and cost in setting up the peacekeeping force, which U.N. officials have estimated could require some 25,000 members.



tion, as witnessed in Rwanda, would be too ghastly, more costly and morally repugnant," he told his counterparts in the Security Council chamber, the first time they have met outside Africa over the war in Congo.

untold numbers and uprooting close to 1 million people from their homes.

The governments signed a ceasefire agreement in Lusaka, Zambia, last July and the rebels signed on in August, but

[T]he cost of inaction [towards a truce], as witnessed in Rwanda, would be too ghastly, more costly and morally repugnant.

> - Yoweri Museveni Ugandan president

Congo's war has drawn in a half-dozen African nations, with Uganda and Rwanda backing those who rebelled against Kabila in August 1998.

Kabila subsequently enlisted the support of Zimbabwe, Angola and Namibia to fight a war that has destabilized the entire Great Lakes region "But the cost of inac- of Central Africa, killing

fighting has persisted.

U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke visited several African countries late last year and invited their leaders to New York to shore up the Lusaka agreement.

Despite the absence at Monday's meeting of the main rebel groups in the Congo, U.S. officials said they hoped the mini-sum-

mit of leaders, which will continue this week behind closed doors, would produce a "Lusaka-Plus" agreement.

In a report to the Security Council last week, Secretary-General Kofi Annan asked the council to authorize a mission of 500 military observers and 3,400 troops to protect them. The next step would be a fullfledged peacekeeping force.

Annan said Monday that the United Nations was prepared to do its part but that the real responsibility rested with the countries involved.

"If peace is to take hold, if international and engagement is to be sustained, the warring parties face a paramount challenge: They need to demonstrate the political will to apply the agreement fully, without further delay," Annan said.

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Rebels Demand Refuge, Care in Thai Hospital

RATCHABURI, Thailand (AP) —Myanmar rebels armed with guns and grenades crossed into

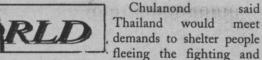
Thailand and seized a hospital today, taking hundreds of people hostage and demanding doctors treat injured soldiers.

The rebels, believed to be from God's Army, a Myanmar insurgent group led by 12-year-old twin boys, have been under sustained attack by Myanmar troops for a week at their mountain base near the border. The violence has driven at least 1,000 minority Karen refugees into neighboring Thailand.

Interior Minister Sanan Kachornprasart, directing negotiations to end the siege in the western town of Ratchaburi, said the rebels were demanding Thai doctors treat their wounded. They also wanted Thailand to give refuge to their estimated 200 fighters and stop shelling across the border into Myanmar.

No one was reported to have been harmed, but the rebels tied explosives to the hospital gates and laid mines around the area.

Kachornprasart and Thai army commander Gen.



treat injured rebels in Thai hospitals. Rebels will also be allowed to take shelter in Thailand, but only if they surrender their weapons.

Dr. Kawat Suntrajarn, deputy permanent secretary at the Public Health Ministry, said 200 medical staff and 600 patients were being held inside the sprawling hospital compound.

The insurgents had secured the five-story administrative building and the emergency room building, where about 200 people were believed to have been when the building was seized. It was unclear how many were actually being held at gunpoint.

More than 100 people had managed to leave the sprawling, six-acre walled compound of the 750-bed facility by midnight. Perhaps 40 were released little by little, and many others had escaped from eight outlying buildings.

A Thai television cameraman allowed inside took footage showing scores of people looking frightened and



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Surayud Chulanond both identified the captors as belonging to the God's Army rebel group, but the rebels did not identify themselves in a statement of demands.

sitting on rows of benches. A masked man spoke into a mobile telephone in one hand and brandished an assault rifle in the other.

Clinton Proposes Initiative for Enforcement of Equal-Pay Laws

WASHINGTON (AP) President Clinton appealed Monday to members of Congress to "do the right thing" by closing the wage gap between working women and men. He suggested they could start by approving his \$27-million plan to bolster enforcement of equal-pay laws.

But the chairs of two House committees that deal with workforce issues noted that money for equal employment enforcement already is at its highest level ever. They accused Clinton of trying to gain a



political advantage by timing his announcement to coincide with the Iowa presidential caucuses.

"It is no accident that he has repackaged an initiative that went nowhere last year and unveiled it on the day that the election season officially begins," Reps. Bill Goodling (R-Pa.) and John Boehner (R-Ohio) said in a joint statement. "We are optimistic that women voters will see through this flawed initiative and realize that it would serve primarily to ensure full employment for lawyers."

The president coupled his appeal with a request for Congress to approve a paycheck fairness act proposed by Sen. Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) and Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) which would direct. federal agencies to collect data about wage disparities and increase penalties for violating equal-pay statutes.

"There is no excuse not to pass it," Clinton said. We need to clearly send the message that wage discrimination against women is just as unacceptable as discrimination based on race or ethnicity."

Women earn an average of 75 cents for every \$1 men are paid - a disparity Clinton has noted in the past as evidence of social injustice. For women of color, he said, the disparity is even greater: 64 cents for black women and 55 cents for Hispanic women.

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Weather

I always wanted to do a one-word weather column. You know, just one word - the forecast would be one word, and the weather headline under the staff box would be one word. I think that would be cool. It wouldn't be like Pee Wee's Playhouse and everyone had to scream when the word was said, but it would be plain and simple, like "Think!" Then when people read the weather column, they would think about it, and maybe clear the bong resin and hops and barley from their noggins and do something useful. I don't know, maybe that's asking too much of certain people that attend this school (Hint: Those that would rather wear Greek letters than school letters on their shirts).

Tuesday's forecast: Think, dammit!

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El Pollo Loco Robbery

At approximately 12:26 a.m. last Friday, Jan. 21, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's deputies responded to a 911 call regarding a robbery of the El Pollo Loco Restaurant in the Calle Real Shopping Center.

According to the Sheriff's Dept., a janitor who was working alone opened the back door to exit the restaurant when a white, four-door Tovota approached. The vehicle was driven by one female suspect and contained three accompanying male suspects.

Two of the male suspects exited the vehicle and restrained the janitor while the third male entered the restaurant. When the male suspect exited the restaurant, he closed the door, locking the janitor out, and fled the scene with the three other suspects. The janitor then ran to a pay phone and called 911.

An undetermined amount of cash' was removed from the business during the robbery. The janitor was not injured.

Anyone with information regarding this crime can contact Sheriff's detectives at 681-4150 or leave information on the Sheriff's Dept. anonymous tip line at 681-4171.

ATM Robbery

On Wednesday, Jan. 19, at approximately 6:30 p.m., a lone female was robbed by a male suspect at a Santa Barbara Bank and Trust ATM after withdrawing \$200.

According to the Santa Barbara

County Sheriff's Dept., after the victim withdrew the money she placed it on a counter in front of the ATM. The male suspect approached from behind and grabbed the money from the counter. When the victim attempted to stop the suspect, he produced a knife and fled the scene.

The victim was not injured during the robbery and described the suspect as a white male in his '50s, approximately 5'8" with a heavy build. The suspect was balding with a small band of hair around his ear line. The hair was described as light in color and was curly in the back near his collar. Still photographs taken from the ATM security cameras can be viewed at www.sbsheriff.org/wn.

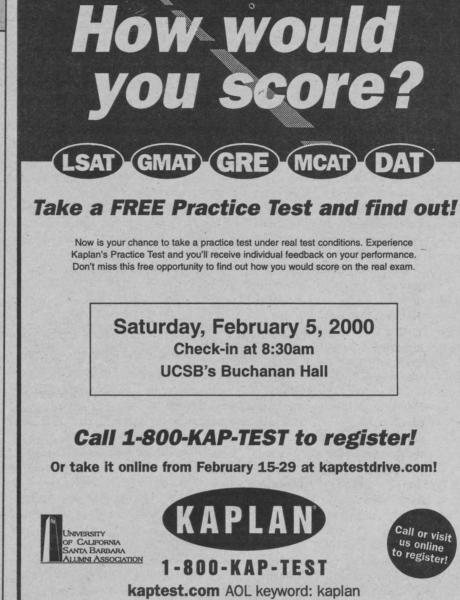
Anyone with information regarding the crime can contact Detective Phil Willis at 686-5000 or leave information on the Sheriff's Dept. anonymous tip line at 681-4171

Winter Rains Bring Dirty Beaches

Due in part to the light winter rains over the past week, several local beaches have been put on "advisory" status due to high amounts of bacteria in the water known to cause ear, nose and throat infections, fever and diarrhea.

Arroyo Burro Beach, Hope Ranch Beach, East Beach at Mission Creek, Goleta Beach and Refugio State Beach tested into the advisory level Jan. 18. Supervising Environmental Health

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Specialist David Brummond said updates on the beach status should be in within the week.

"Samples were taken at all the beaches [Monday] and results usually take 24 to 36 hours to get back," he said. "I'm surprised more beaches weren't closed."

Grant To Aid Latino Education

UCSB received a planning grant last week of \$100,000 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, which will attempt to form partnerships between the campus and Santa Barbara- and Oxnardarea K-12 public and private schools.

The grant, which is one of 18 awarded nationally, will go toward aiding Latino students in achieving academic success by engaging their families in collaborative programs, Associate Professor of Sociology and project co-director Denise Segura said.

"What this grant is going to do is plan a coordinated system that will strengthen educational delivery to students and their families," she said. "It's a major project and the university usually doesn't get involved in these types of undertakings, but in this case we decided [strengthening Latino education] was such a big issue."

According to Segura, UCSB was the only University of California campus to receive the grant.

UCSB Center Receives Money to Help Student Motivation

The Gevirtz Research Center located in UCSB's Graduate School of Education — was awarded \$168,000 by the Wells Fargo Foundation last Thursday to design and develop a school literacy program.

The program will attempt to devise creative strategies to encourage Santa Barbara County middle and high school students to read and understand course materials used to teach subjects such as social science, science and mathematics.

The new program will target minority students with possible language barriers, but aims to benefit all students with literacy problems, according to Cynthia Hudley, a professor in UCSB's Graduate School of Education and leader of the team selected to design the program.

New Faculty Member To Shed Light on UCSB

Shuji Nakamura, the engineer responsible for developing blue, green and white Light Emitting Devices and the blue laser, recently accepted a position with the UCSB College of Engineering's faculty.

His work on LEDs may lead to reductions in the amount of energy needed to power green lights in traffic signals and common white light bulbs, while extending the life of such bulbs to almost 50 years. His blue laser could serve as a substitute for the current infrared laser in compact-disc players, leading to a 35-fold increase in the data capacity of a CD.

Nakamura has conducted research at Nichia Chemical Industries in Tokushima, Japan, since 1979, where he has served as the head of the Dept. of Research and Development since 1993.

-Compiled by David Downs, Shaun McGrady and Ted Andersen

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optimum views does not blend well with the agricultural coastal zones ... We are in the middle of a domino-style development of the Gaviota coast."

According to 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall, the memorandum is not an approval to begin development, it simply begins the process in which the county will take a closer look into the proposed town site.

"The MOU is not an agreement to do anything. It simply means that we will look into the project and explore options," she said. "We are simply entering the process to study the development."

Part of the MOU the included the intention of the the current landowners to consell the southern coastal be

portion of the land if allowed to develop the northern area.

According to Chief Attorney for Environmental Defense Center Linda Krop, this could provide the opportunity to preserve the coastal area.

"Most importantly, we support the preservation of the Gaviota coast, and we do acknowledge that there are opportunities in the MOU that may further that goal," she said. "The MOU represents the first time that this community has had a seller for the Naples property, and I think the acquisition of the south parcel is significant."

Santa Barbara Surfrider member Bob Keats said the MOU would lead to the urbanization of the Gaviota coast and should be stopped at all costs. "If the significant parcel of agriculturally zoned land on the Gaviota coast is developed, it will start a process which will lead to the development of parcel after parcel until the urban sprawl of Southern California reaches all the way to Gaviota," he said.

Marshall said the supervisors must respect Naples landowners' rights to develop on their property.

"Every parcel has the right to develop a residence. We have to realize that and could possibly explore some other options with the owners," she said.

The Board of Supervisors elected to approve the MOU with a vote of 4-1. The issue will be further discussed at today's supervisors meeting.



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Campus Chapter Urges International Action

BY KYLEE KOLAND Reporter

Amnesty International, an organization dedicated to ending human rights violations around the world, held a meeting in the MultiCultural Center on Monday night to inform students of its goals and principles.

Regional Membership Coordinator for Amnesty International Mario Tafur said Amnesty International's main goals are to educate club members and the public about violations and abuses of human rights throughout the world.

"Amnesty International is a worldwide, non-profit, non-political organization that has about 1 million members worldwide, with about 300,000 in the U.S.," he said. "It tries to give the individual the tools to use to become a meaningful part of changing society for the better.

Tafur spoke about the two-year "Just Earth" campaign recently instated by

Amnesty International and the Sierra Club. This campaign focuses on "problem" areas of the world where environmental activists have had their rights violated because of their actions. "The hope is to bring international attention to these problems," Tafur said.

Maye Saephah, one of three co-chairs, said the group's goals for the remainder of the year are to alert the UCSB campus to human rights violations, mobilize more student participation and establish a unified core group that will be dedicated to the club and its goals.

"We try to encourage students to share their ideas," she said. "We're excited to generate more participation."

Phyllis Sladek, amnesty coordinator for the club on campus, said the organization writes "urgent-action letters" which plead the case of imprisoned activists. According to Sladek, because torture often occurs in the first few days of arrest, involving/the public may force the guilty

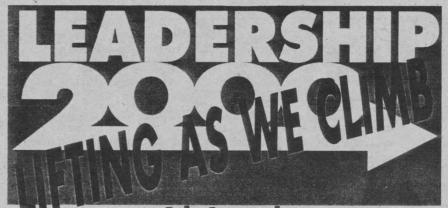
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- Getting Involved Harley Augustino and Miguelangel Arellano
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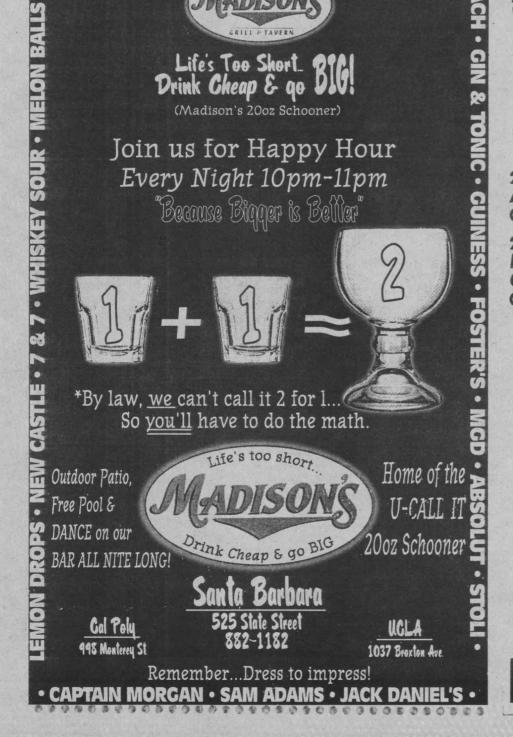
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- Lead Yourself Into a Successful Career Anil Gnanamuthu and Don Lubach
- Peak Performance Michael Takahara
- Queer Leaders Roundtable Queer Resource Center and Queer **Student Union**
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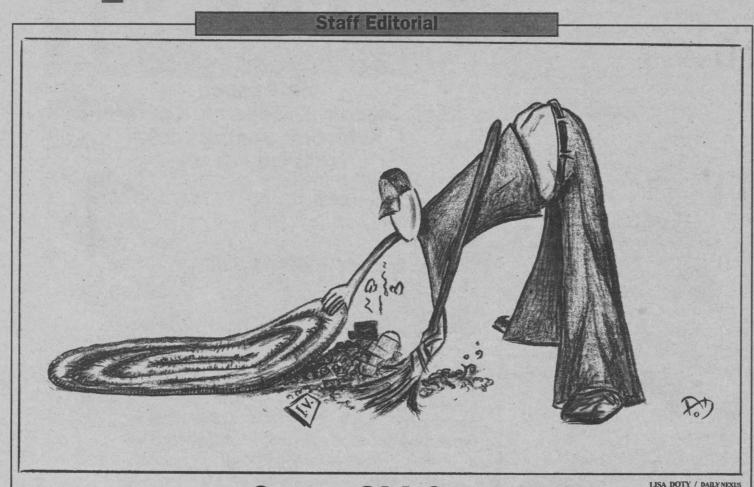
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Isla Vista Gets the Short End of the Stick Once Again With Goleta Cityhood Proposal

ince UCSB was established at its present location in the 1950s and Isla Vista's student population exploded shortly thereafter, I.V. has been the neglected bastard child of Santa Barbara County.

I.V. is an unincorporated half square mile, meaning there are no elected officials that only represent I.V., with the exception of the I.V. Recreation and Parks District. With no direct representation, services and funds for the area are extremely hard to secure. It is an alarming indication of general student ignorance and apathy that most are unaware that neither I.V. nor Goleta is a city.

Citizens of Goleta and I.V. have made numerous attempts to improve this situation. The current proposal for Goleta cityhood, forwarded by a group called Goleta Now!, calls for a city of around 30,000 including most of central and western Goleta, but excluding UCSB and I.V. The

area desperately needs Goleta not stand up for the needs of the a greater share of property and sales tax revenues.

Of course, the best possible option for I.V. self-governance would be to incorporate the area as a city of its own. However, this is not feasible because I.V. lacks the tax base to exist on its own; less than five percent of Isla Vistans are homeowners, and there are no large, revenue-generating businesses.

If the Goleta Now! incorporation plan is enacted, I.V. would be hung out to dry as the only densely populated unincorporated area in the county. Without access to tax revenue from such Goleta stores as Costco and Home Depot, the county would have even less money to improve lighting, roads and other conditions in I.V.

Four proposals for cityhood have come before Goleta voters in the past, and all four have been rejected because of disagreements over the boundaries of the proposed city. Including I.V. has sparked the most controversy,

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to seize their tax dollars. Now is the time to demonstrate that Isla Vistans — including students — do care about their community. Before Goleta Now!'s proposal can be put on the ballot, it must be approved by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), which has the final say on city boundaries. LAFCO is holding a series of public meetings to debate the cityhood proposal. With enough pressure from concerned citizens, LAFCO may decide to include I.V. in its cityhood plan. As Isla Vista residents, this is our only chance to affect the incorporation process. If LAFCO approves a cityhood plan that does not include I.V., it will be voted on only in the areas covered by the proposal — and in that case, Isla Vistans will never have an opportunity to vote on the plan. If the Goleta Now! plan is adopted, I.V. will probably never get another chance at cityhood, so we must act now to fight for our community's future. The next LAFCO hearing is scheduled for Feb. 3. Go to the meeting and pressure 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall and the rest of LAFCO to approve a cityhood plan that includes I.V.

The Reader's Voice MAKE USE OF SEEMING "USELESS" SPECIALIZED

Editor, Daily Nexus:

David Downs, in his essay "Specialized N (Daily Nexus, Jan. 19) has hit upon a major fla system — overspecialization. A university is more or less independent disciplines; all of them In recent years, the physical and life sciences ha to integrate some of their disciplines. But the so humanities lag far behind. They are not "cons perspectives), to use E.O. Wilson's term.

The situation within disciplines is slightly me in the social sciences and humanities. Some disc chic array of subdisciplines or unique individ (sociology, anthropology, English). Even within dent is faced with four or five separate worlds e



Other disciplines are overly regimented (psycl The courses are more related, but arbitrary. As I the information acquired is useless, unless you ar cialist yourself (and even then, much of it is still

So the undergraduate is faced with the proble five courses a quarter that are largely unrelated deal with four or five separate worlds? Strictly a involve themselves minimally in each course, onl grade they need. In this way, they can make it t sity without learning anything except how to pas skill in the real world.)

Can you beat the system as an undergraduat to work at it. Here is one way: Each quarter, con all of your courses but one the way you do now, m in ONE course per quarter, bear down. Pick out ing course or teacher each quarter, and far exc work. For example, read everything the teache only quickly. Then talk to the teacher about w They will be surprised and delighted to actually

community by contacting local officials.

As unincorporated areas, Goleta and I.V. are governed by the County Board of Supervisors, which is a poor arrangement for all concerned. County governments are designed to administer rural areas, while densely populated regions are best served by city governments. Isla Vista, as the most densely populated region in the county, especially needs to be included in plans to create a city government.

As it stands now, I.V. makes up a small portion of the county's 3rd District, so Isla Vistans are represented by only one of the five county supervisors - 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall, who also has constituents in Goleta and the Santa Ynez Valley. This gives I.V. residents very little say in what happens to their community, and the Board of Supervisors has a history of ignoring I.V. For example, it approved the wildly unpopular proposed Del Playa Seawall. If I.V. were included in a City of Goleta, its citizens would have a real say in governance of that city because they would have significant clout in electing the city council and

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has read their writings.

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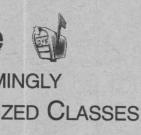
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KATHY HERNANDEZ

FLAG IS REMEMBRANCE OF **OPPRESSION, NOT HERITAGE**

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This letter is in response to a previous opinion that was made by a reader by the name of Martin Doyle (Reader's Voice, "Weatherhuman, Not George W., Spineless," Jan. 20). I would like to tell Mr. Doyle that perhaps he should do some more research about the issues that are occurring in today's society. In his response to Weatherhuman, Martin stated "Standing up for states' rights is an act courageous few federal politicians are willing to do." Well I want to tell you that I strongly believe that South Carolina should remove the Confederate flag from the state building because not only is it offensive, it symbolizes slavery, oppression and racism aimed against people of color. On the opposing side, the state feels that the flag represents "Southern heritage." What heritage? Do you call the oppression of minority individuals heritage? I don't think so! If anything Mr. Martin, you should do some extensive research, even though the decision is up to the state. As for myself, I'm completely against old Dixie and your logic.

KEYMANA GANDY

HARD-WORKING COMM MAJORS GLAD TO GET RID OF DOWNS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I've just read David Downs' column about the "Miscellaneous" major (Daily Nexus, "Specialized Majors Are Useless," Jan. 19) and how it should be offered in the UC academic system as an actual

On behalf of all the students studying the subjects of communication and philosophy, let me just say that we all are hysterically laughing at you!

You may think that theory research and analysis are equal to "horse feces," however I find that both are interesting and entertaining. Considering that the social sciences aid in, among other things, the explanation of human behavior, I guess comments such as those above are what a defeated junior (who "throws in the towel" and has "not completed a single pre-requisite communication class") is reduced to saying.

I guess calling yourself a quitter sums it up.

But let me add that those who can't manage a competitive subject (e.g. communication) would be content with achieving the least of their potential. On the other hand, those who have worked hard

Libel Against a Cheeseburger?

Free Speech Is Often Subverted by Laws Protecting Food

ERIN JAMES

It would be difficult to conceive of any topic of discussion that could be of greater concern and interest to all Americans than the safety of the food that they eat.

-Judge Mary Lou Robinson Texas Beef Group v. Oprah Winfrey (1998)

Few of us would disagree with this statement. Yet, while questions over the dangers of genetically modified foods and beef industry practices have become a common source of debate throughout Europe, in the U.S. it has almost entirely been left for environmental groups and large agrochemical corporations to butt heads over these issues. Why should this be the case? If we dismiss the notion that Americans are just fundamentally apathetic, or that citizens of this country are more trusting of claims made by industry, then we must question whether the distribution of facts and, as a consequence, free and open discussion, has been inten-

tionally suppressed by threats of expensive and protracted litigation.

The likelihood of being sued for entering into this debate significantly increased with the enactment of food disparagement laws in 13 states. These laws are designed to protect farmers, and the food industry as a whole, from economic loss when criticism of a product food results in a consumer boycott. Unlike traditional libel laws, these new laws do not usually require proof that the defendant showed malice or

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ments concerning an overall category, such

as apples or eggs, can result in lawsuits filed

by anyone with an economic interest in

apples or eggs. As a result, it is now easier

than ever to be found guilty of stating a per-

sued under these laws has been Oprah

Winfrey. On April 16, 1996, "The Oprah

Winfrey Show" broadcast a program titled

"Dangerous Food." The first part of the pro-

gram discussed the recent outbreak of "Mad

Cow Disease" in the United Kingdom and a

possible link with a degenerative neurologi-

cal disease in humans. The second segment

of the show considered whether "Mad Cow

Disease" could exist in the U.S. Howard

Lyman, a former cattle-rancher-turned-veg-

etarian who is executive director of the

Humane Society's Eating With Conscience

campaign, was a guest on this show. Lyman

was highly critical of certain common prac-

tices within the beef industry and claimed

that the U.S. was at risk of experiencing an

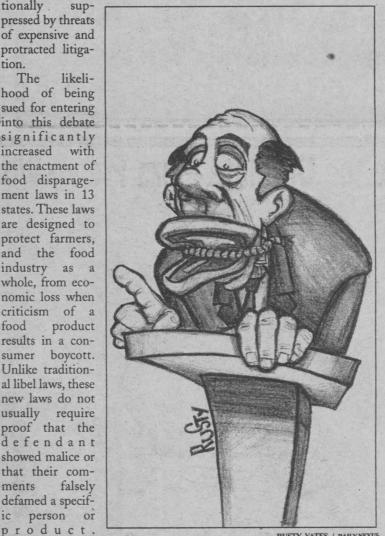
outbreak similar to the one in England if

To date, the most high-profile defendant

these practices were not banned. Despite the fact that Illinois, where the program was taped, does not have any food disparagement laws, when it was broadcast nationally Oprah Winfrey and Howard Lyman were sued in Texas, which does have such laws.

Winfrey and Lyman won their case - a victory for free speech. However, Oprah's defense cost more than \$1 million and she now faces a lawsuit in Louisiana. It is a very hollow victory, indeed, when a critic can be sued for merely questioning food safety. The result, inevitably, is silence of the next critic. There has been a distinct "chill" in public discussion of these issues. Ultimately, it is consumers that lose if the media is afraid to provide a forum for debate. Although 13 states have enacted food disparagement laws, a greater number of states have considered, and rejected, similar laws. It is all the more outrageous, then, that the parochial interests of a minority of states can subvert national communication and First Amendment rights.

The mere threat of defending a lawsuit



has seen many smaller publishers and broadcasters running scared. Dr. Rob Hatherill, faculty member in the Environmental Studies Program at UCSB, experienced these fear tactics firshand. Dr. Hatherills' book, Eat to Beat Cancer, had lengthy segments removed by his publisher. In a Los Angeles Times op-ed article (April 12, 1999), Hatherill claimed that he was not allowed "to disclose dangers inherent in some common foods like dairy and meat products. ... The problem had nothing to do with whether

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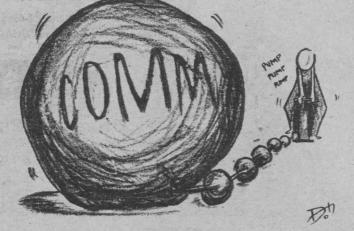
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and received the position and privilege of studying communication are glad to have you out of the major, letting more space available for others who are more deserving into your slot. I guess you've worked it out so that you gave up your spot and let more serious pre-com students study the subject. And for this you have my greatest appreciation.

Lastly, I strongly believe a student of your caliber and questionable views of reality should pursue philosophy. Perhaps there you can receive the support you need and spew all you want about how your inept expectations and actual reality can be consistent in some other world.

JON DEHAAN

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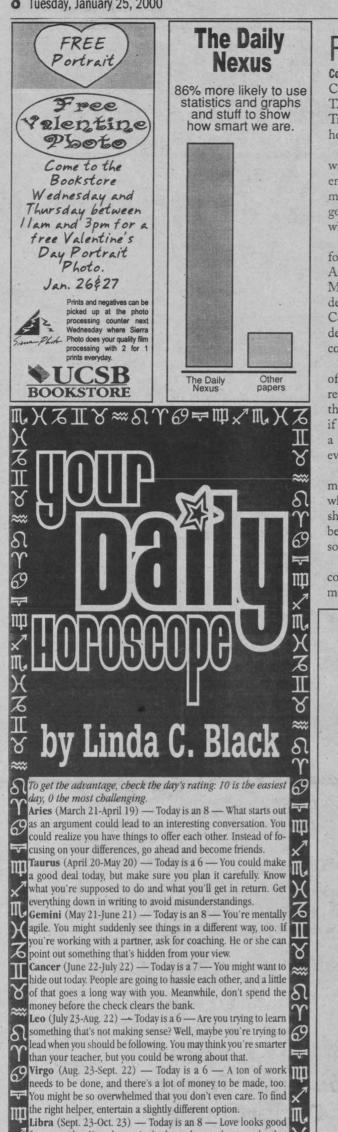
tion. I was told, 'We could win the lawsuit, but it would cost us millions, and it is just not worth it." If these laws were in place 30 years ago, groundbreaking literary works, such as Rachel Carson's Silent Spring (1962) might never have been published.

Free speech is a principle that this nation was founded upon. Courts have continued to reaffirm that debate on public issues occupies the highest rung in the hierarchy of First Amendment values. Food safety is a serious public health issue; therefore, it should be discussed uninhibited by the economic interests of industry. Waving the flag of freedom after each victory in a food disparagement lawsuit is an ironic gesture if debate is ultimately suppressed through the insidious silencing of the media.

Support First Amendment rights -Howard Lyman will be discussing his new book, Mad Cowboy, on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in 1910 Buchanan Hall.

Erin James is a senior environmental studies major.

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Clara said he plans to take 55 students to the UCLGB-TA (University of California Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Association) Conference, which will be held at UC Davis this year.

Clara voluntarily reduced his request to \$3,870, which was unanimously approved. He said he hopes the experience will inspire potential leaders in UCSB's queer community. "We're hoping that at least some of them are going to get out there and be gung-ho about queer issues when they come back," he said.

The allocation that stirred tempers was an allotment for \$3,232 to A.S. External Vice President for Statewide Affairs Sergio Morales, who initially requested \$3,922. Morales said he intends to use the money to take 30 students to the UC Student Association's Student of Color Conference at UC Santa Cruz. "The conference is designed, meant to and supposed to help students of color empower themselves," he said.

Board member Tawnya Dinsmore, although in favor of an allotment to Morales, asked the board to consider reducing the amount allocated for travel expenses. "It has the potential to help a lot of people on campus. ... [But] if you look at the student body as a whole, I don't think a student of color conference will be representative of everyone on campus," she said.

Raising his voice to be heard over the audience, board member K.C. Mmeje strongly objected. "I think people who are not represented on our campus right now get shitted on, and for people to oppose this conference because it's not going to be representative of everyone or something, well, that's just wrong," he said.

Morales waited until remarks to address Dinsmore's comment. "I thought that was a horribly racist comment," he said.

In Dinsmore's remarks, she apologized for the way her comments were taken. "I think what I said was misinterpreted ... I'm sorry if I offended anyone," she said.

UCSB's branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had two requests before the board. The first was a \$2,415 request for their annual Unity Ball in the Goleta Community Center, while the second was a \$2,500 request to hold a "Guaranteed 4.0" educational seminar co-sponsored by the ReJoyce in Jesus Campus Fellowship.

The amounts were reduced to \$1,904 and \$2,250, respectively, and passed without opposition.

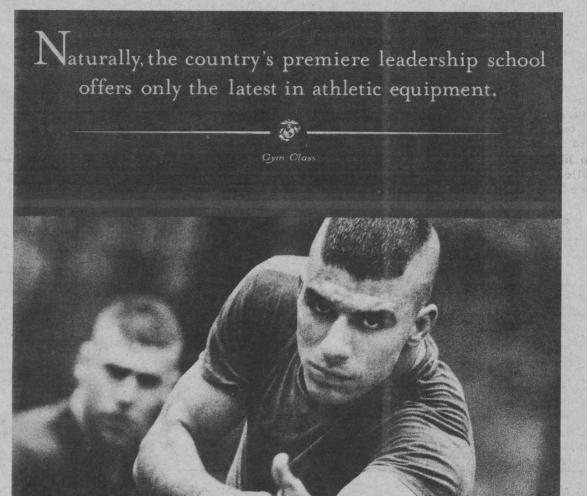
A.S. Internal VP Yumi Matsui was scheduled to ask the board for \$3,958.50, but volunteered to reduce her request to \$2,515.50. Matsui wanted the money to augment her office's budget and to fund a five-student trip. to a Grass Roots Organizing Weekend, a 10-student trip to the Asian/Pacific American Awareness Conference and a five-person trip to the Conference on Education vs. the Prison Industrial Complex. Matsui's request was approved by a vote of 13-2.

The FOCUS Film Journal requested \$3,608 to cover printing and distribution costs for their annual publication. They were allotted \$1,500 by a vote of 9-2, with three abstentions.

The board also approved \$450 in back honoraria to the A.S. Sub Judicial Council and \$500 for a Kwanzaa celebration to be held in the formal lounge of San Rafael Residence Hall.

A.S. President Jason Nazar closed the meeting by telling the board, "I think maybe you've made too many decisions based on your emotions and not on your values."

Finance Board's appropriations are pending approval by the Legislative Council at its next meeting, which will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Flying A Room of the University Center.



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Britain, leading to hostile relations between the two countries. He added that an even older strife exists between Protestants and Catholics within Ireland.

'There were 10 political parties and I could never get them all in the same room at the same time; they would not talk to each other, they would only communicate through me," he said. He added that the peace talks were "by far, the most difficult task that I have ever undertaken."

According to Mitchell, everything was at stake for those involved in the negotiations. "In Ireland, these political leaders are not only risking their careers, but their lives and families as well in the pursuit of peace," he said.

Mitchell said Clinton

was instrumental in the peace talks, being the first president to put Ireland high on the agenda. He added that strong ties to both Britain and Ireland had discouraged the United States from getting involved.

"America's role in the talks was not to dictate a solution, but to provide an environment in which these parties could work out their differences," he said.

Although bombings, assassinations and murders did not stop during the talks, Ireland's rapidly growing economy, war weariness and a majority desire for peace allowed the talks to happen, Mitchell said.

"Eighty-three percent of the public felt that no agreement was possible, even though a far greater number wanted it to happen," he said.

Senator Mitchell also used his lecture to talk about the role of the United States in foreign affairs.

"Too many Americans see U.S. strength exclusively on a basis of military might. But the ultimate base of American strength is in American ideals," he said. "It is in America's best interests to advocate, maintain and police the peace around the world."

Geology graduate student John Rogan, an Irish Republican, praised Mitchell for allowing his party an equal voice in peace talks.

"Irish Republicans have struggled for a long time to have an equal say, and Senator Mitchell gave us that equal say," he said. "Someday my grandchildren will remember him as the catalyst of eventual Irish reunification.'

VIOLENCE

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issue courses. Everybody seems to teach filmmaking these days," he said. "Some, but not all, of my students are in the major and I'd like to influence them. So far the students have a lot of opinions."

According to Carpenter, the class is designed to foster critical thinking on the roles of sex and violence in films. "I'm challenging the students to answer the question of whether violence and sexuality should

b o t h the ideas from society. sides?" he said.

Film Studies

Dept. Chair Constance Penley invited Carpenter to teach here at the end of last quarter. "I was looking for a course on violence in film, so I thought why not ask a director whose films are bound up in this issue?" she said.

The class will feature a range of movies instead of focusing only on Carpenter's movies. "He's picked a series of films that have been flash-points in the public debate about violence in the media," Penley said.

Senior film major Anthony Conroy said the opportunity to participate in a class taught by Carpenter has appealed to many non-film major students.

"He's taking an opposite angle from most teachers at UCSB. They believe that film promotes violence in society," he said. "[Carpenter] says that society influences film because he gets his ideas from society.'

The three-hour class consists of a twohour movie fol-

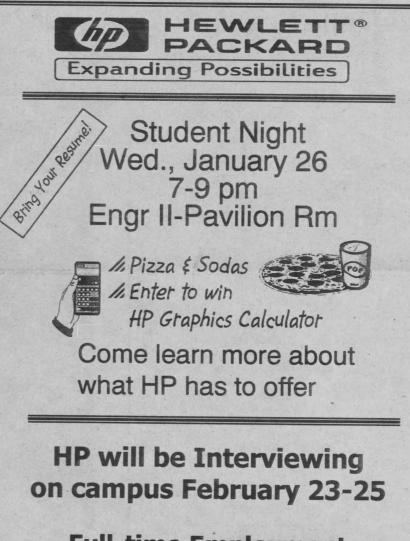
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makes Hollywood more tangible when you're one step away from him," she said.

Penley said Carpenter was excited about teaching the course. "He was delighted to be asked to teach a course that addresses an issue that he's been concerned with in his own filmmaking, rather than the nuts and bolts of filmmaking," she said.



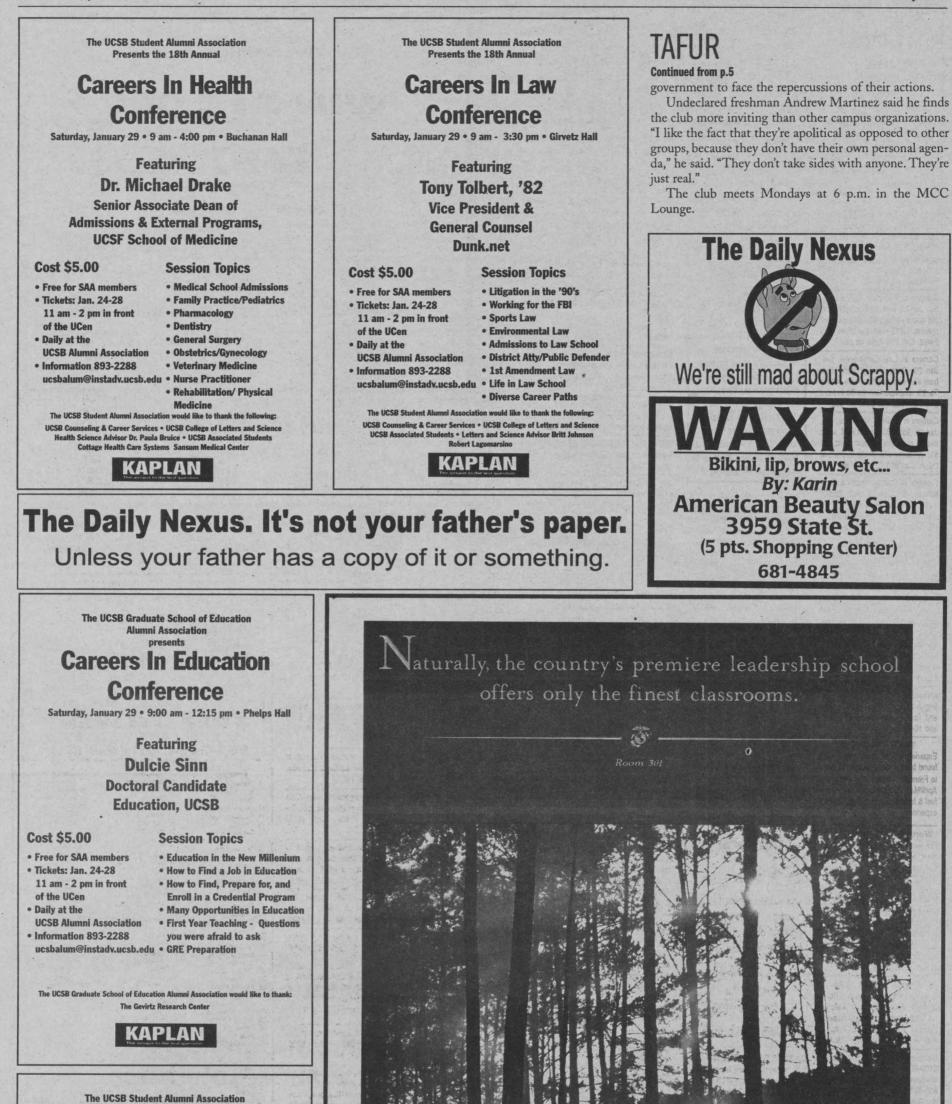
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UCSB's Black Tide Falls to San Diego in Final of Santa Barbara Invitational

BY JUSTIN LANDAU Reporter

The UCSD Tritons reversed the flow of UCSB's Black Tide this past weekend, handing it a loss in the finals of the Ultimate Frisbee Invitational hosted by Santa Barbara.

The Tide was looking to continue its winning tradition by capturing its fourth national championship in five years. Last Sunday, the Tide advanced to the finals of the Santa Barbara Invitational only to fall to UCSD by one point, 12-11.

The match against the Tritons ended in disappointment for the Tide, after it blew a late lead in a game cut short by lack of light. Down 8-4, San Diego rallied and came back to win 12-11, as the match ended because of the ensuing darkness (the games usually end at 13).

The Tide, led by senior captains Jaime Hussein and Tommy Hellyer, felt that its loss to the Tritons was a definite let down, but not necessarily a precursor to the rest of the season.

"It was tough," Hussein said of the loss to UCSD. "We just

had a few mental breakdowns. [But] we have three more tournaments this quarter [and] the rookies played well. We should be all right this season."

Victory appeared to be imminent for the Gauchos, who were leading 10-7 late in the game and needed just two more points for a win. But the Tritons, who had a significant height advantage, threw the disc long and over the reach of the shorter members of the Tide, in hopes of accumulating a series of quick points and stealing a victory. The change in strategy worked, and UCSD won five of the last six points to thwart the Tide.

"We wanted to win pretty badly," senior Adam Glimme said. "We had them pretty good, but they put a zone on us and it just killed us at the end."

The Gauchos played a total of eight games on Saturday and Sunday. The semifinal game against the Cardinal was a tense victory for the Tide. After a seesaw battle that featured very physical play and flaring tempers, the Tide rallied at the end to win 14-12 in a contest that took place entirely in the rain.

"We stepped it up at the end,"

junior Nicholas Fiske said. "A strong performance by the freshmen [also] helped us beat Stanford.

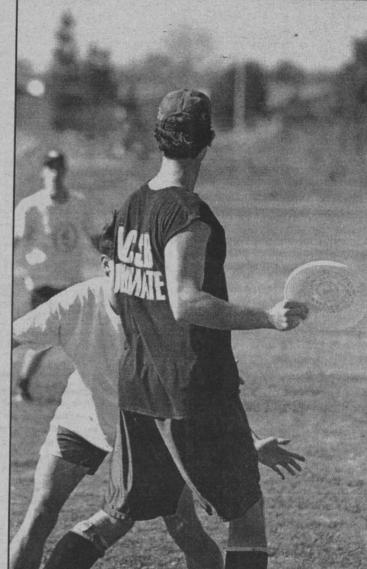
Ultimate Frisbee is a relatively unknown sport that fails to attain much recognition. Even now, in the early part of the season, teams compete for power ratings, which dictate which teams advance to the national championship tournament. Last year UCSB finished at #2 in the nation, losing to North Carolina State in the national championship game. When the Tide lost to NC State, it was competing for its fourth consecutive national championship, making it UCSB's most successful program in recent years, in terms of dominance over its competition.

The next tournament for the Tide is in two weeks, in Tempe, Arizona. Soon after that, it will square off against UCSD again in a rematch of the Santa Barbara Invitational final, and the team is confident about its chances in the second meeting between the programs.

"The next time we play UCSD," Glimme said, "I guarantee a victory."

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JASON SCHOCK / DAILY NEXUS DETHRONED: The UCSB ultimate Frisbee team was ranked #1 in the nation before losing Sunday to UC San Diego's Tritons in a close game.

Santa Barbara Crushes Davis for First Win of 2000 Season

BY BROOKE ROBERTS Staff Writer

UCSB women's tennis met UC Davis at home this past Saturday in their second match of the year. The Gauchos (1-1 overall) held the Aggies hostage for the majority of Saturday afternoon, finally letting them go but only after securing a strong victory and sending them home with their tails between their legs.

It was UCSB's first home match, and they put on a good show for their fans, with an 8-1 victory. The win was especially important for Santa Barbara since it followed a season-opening loss to #10 USC.

"[The UC Davis match] went about as expected," Head Coach

Gaucho Swimmers Split Weekend Meet BY ZACK O'NEILL

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The UCSB women's swim team competed in a three-team meet at Campus Pool last Saturday, one of the Gauchos' final tune-ups before the Big West Championships in mid-February. Santa Barbara, up against UNLV and the University of San Diego, lost 189-101 to the Runnin' Rebels and defeated the Toreros, 189-101.

The meet was dominated almost entirely by UNLV, which won 12 of 14 events and destroyed USD, 188-79. The two lone events the Rebels didn't win were the 50 free and the 200 free relay, both of which were won by UCSB swimmers. "They've got several very good swimmers," UCSB Head Coach Gregg Wilson said. "It's hard because they come at you strong in every stroke. They've got a very good women's team, plain and simple." Freshman Brenna Wilkinson

1:56.25. In the 500 free, Mosquera came in six seconds behind Dionescu, but her time of 4:57.03 was good enough for a second-place finish.

In the 50 free, Steadman finished less than a second behind fellow Gaucho Wilkinson at 23.93, giving UCSB its only one-two finish of the meet. In the 100 free she placed behind Dionescu (who won three events and was part of UNLV's winning

400 medley relay team), finishing second at 51.64. "I'm happy with my speed," Wilkinson said of her performance in the meet. "But I'm hoping to improve in the coming weeks. The training that we've had has been good and I think I'm pretty ready for Northridge and the championships."

"We've never had two Gaucho women go under 50 seconds in the 200 free.



Pete Kirkwood said. "We played pretty good. We could have had a letdown, but we didn't. Instead, we took care of business and beat them pretty good."

"I think everyone played well," added sophomore Shannon Wilkins. "I was a little bit nervous after USC, but I think that everyone knew that we were going to win against Davis."

In the number one singles match Cindy Ammann defeated UC Davis' Jill Howard, 6-3 and 6-3 and got the ball rolling for UCSB. The next four singles followed Ammann's lead, and brought the Gauchos up 5-1 over the Aggies. The final singles match put one point on the books for Davis, when UCSB's Melissa Dillard lost to Davis' Lisa Boochangkool, 6-2 and 6-3.

"I was pretty happy because it was my first home match," Ammann said of her victory. "I just want to play well at home. I felt pretty strong on Saturday. After the loss to USC it was a good confidence- building match."

Ammann and Wilkins were in the number one position for doubles, and they started off with a close win for UCSB, 9-8. Dana Mazza and Tracy Keyser won another close-scoring doubles match at #2, with the final tally at 9-8. Sophomore Gaby Andrade and junior Jill Katzenberger put the match to sleep for the Gauchos with a final victory in the #3 doubles match, 8-3.

"We have a little work to do at doubles," Kirkwood said. "For instance, we have to work on getting our returns back. I think that USC was a barometer to see where we are at a national level. Davis was a confidence-builder game, and Hawai'i [who UCSB faces in Rob Gym this Saturday] is a match that could go either way."

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took the 50 free with a time of 23.71, and the UCSB relay team of junior Suzy Bagg, sophomore Brenna Wilkinson Karin Finger, freshman Julia King

and Wilkinson won the 200 relay by over two seconds, finishing with a time of 1:35.78.

"I thought that the relay was good for the entire team," Bagg said, adding, "Overall I thought we did really well as a team. We had some spectacular [events], but everyone swam at where they've been swimming all season long."

Other highlights of the meet were the performances of the Gaucho freshmen, in particular Romina Mosquera and Danielle Steadman.

In the 200 free - an event UNLV sophomore Lorena Dionescu won by over five and a half seconds - Mosquera placed second at 1:55.22, just ahead of Finger, who was third with a time of

Wilson added. "Last Saturday, we had two freshmen, which is unbelievable." One other positive aspect of the

meet was that the Gauchos avenged last season's 147-114 loss to the Toreros, which came in UCSB's own pool. The 112-point turnaround was satisfying for Santa Barbara, which marked this meet as one of the more important ones on its schedule.

"As a team we crushed San Diego," Finger said. "That was one of our goals this season, knowing they beat us last year at Campus Pool."

Santa Barbara has one remaining meet on its schedule before the Big West Championships: a dual meet against Cal State Northridge at Campus Pool on Saturday. The Gauchos will be off for three weeks between CSUN and the Big West finals, and know the importance of what is their last matchup before championship competition.

"I think we just need to finish up with all the details like our starting and turning," Wilkinson said. "That's what we need to do well in our meet against Northridge."

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