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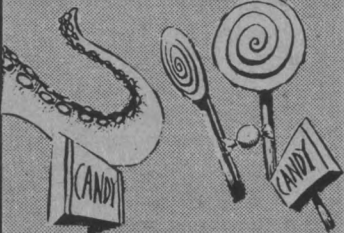
Happening This Weekend

UCSB Arts & Lectures presents Sundance Film Festival award-winner "In the Company of Men" this Sunday at 7 p.m. in Campbell Hall. Students \$5, General \$6.

INSIDE:

Nutt'n But Art

The *Daily Nexus*' brand spank'n new section starts TODAY, offering a delicious assortment of eye candy for your viewing enjoyment.



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"Hold, Please"

This week's "Stick It to the Man" invites you to reach out and touch Bill Clinton. With a phone, that is.

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Explosive Laughter

Start your weekend off with some humor by checking out *Nexus* comics. You know you've been waiting all week for the next installment of "Detonator Pig" ...



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The Kandiman Can

Pacific's 7'1" senior center Michael Olowokandi dominated UCSB in the paint Thursday night, resulting in a 76-60 Tiger victory in the Thunderdome.

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Interested in joining the Hiking Club on its trip to Rattlesnake Canyon? If so, meet them in front of the Events Center on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.



ALAN JACOBY / DAILY NEXUS

Save the trees?

Pardall Road was blocked off yesterday when trucks trimmed palm trees in preparation for El Niño's return.

Forecast for Weekend's Downpour Less Severe

BY TONY BIASOTTI
Staff Writer

While broken branches and fallen trees are slowly cleared away, anticipation grows as the cause of this destruction may return this weekend.

Santa Barbara County officials have declared a Local State of Emergency after Monday night's storm and have requested that Governor Pete Wilson declare a State of Emergency in the county, according to County Office of Emergency Services Planner Richard Abrams.

"[Emergency status] just gets us in the loop to open up potential dollars ... from the state and federal system," he said. "With so many counties already included by the governor, there shouldn't be any problem in including Santa Barbara County."

According to Abrams, a State of Emergency is declared when the damage exceeds the county's ability to pay for it.

"[Emergency status] is based on

damage estimates with information gathered from various county agencies. I'd say there was \$2 million to \$3 million in private [damages] and undetermined public [county-wide damage]," he said, adding that the damage estimates for Isla Vista were unavailable.

According to the County Flood Control District, light rains are expected today, with another storm descending on the South Coast late Saturday. The storm is unlikely to be as severe as the one that struck Monday night, and the Flood Control District does not anticipate any major flooding problems, although they urge citizens to err on the side of caution.

Southern California Edison has almost completed repairs from Monday's deluge and is bracing for additional damage, according to Regional Manager Ernie Villegis.

"We still have about 70 scattered customers that are still out of power, but for the most part, everyone is back on," he said. I.V. residents are fortunate that their

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Brotherhood Brings Together UCSB's Black Community

■ 100 Black Men Encourage Higher Education

BY KERRI WEBB
Staff Writer

Through a group dedicated to empowering and supporting, UCSB's African-American community has been able to find solidarity and leadership in more than just a few good men.

100 Black Men is an on-campus support group for black males that provides an environment for discussion and organization, creating a forum for camaraderie. The group's 60 men meet once a week on campus for a couple of hours to express what's on their minds and to provide an atmosphere of brotherhood as well as to organize and discuss services to the African-American community, according to the organization's current leader, sophomore communication major Kevin Henry.

"I think that 100 Black [Men] serves many purposes on this campus," he said. "It's a support group for the black African-American males on this campus. As far as studying, we may be the only ones in our classes re-

resenting [our race], so we come to meeting each week and see what's going on with our brothers and support each other [and] find out how we're all doing."

The organization started at UCSB over a decade ago under the umbrella organization known historically as Black Fraternity Inc., according to senior communication major Drew Ahiaktor.

"It was actually founded in 1986 as an organization out of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity," he said. "It eventually was formed for those brothers who weren't in the fraternity who wanted to do community service to still participate."

The group is active in outreach programs that provide high school students from inner cities an opportunity to be introduced to higher education. According to Henry, the outreach efforts have proven to be a useful tool in the education of the state's black youth.

"We have an annual outreach that takes place in May where we go down to the inner-cities' schools in L.A., San Diego, and even the Santa

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Leggies Declare Support for Efforts of Teaching Assistants

BY TED ANDERSEN
Reporter

Associated Students Legislative Council made it clear at Wednesday's meeting that it supports the university's teaching assistants in their demands of the administration.

Leg Council passed a bill that was proposed by the Academic Student Employees and endorsed by the Union of Automobile Workers. It stated that Legislative Council endorses the union's request for collective bargaining. This bill is important in making a decisive stand on behalf of undergraduates, according to State Affairs Organizing Director Haady Lashikari.

"Many graduate students feel that undergraduates don't care about their situation. This bill says that 'we, the undergraduates, support our graduate students in their efforts,'" he said.

Currently, TAs are working under unreasonable conditions, said Lashikari.

"TAs are being put into overcrowded classes and continually have to work overtime for very little pay to get things done," he said.

In other events, Representative-at-Large Josh Krom proposed a bill that would prevent Leg Council from overextending their authority in decisions made by Finance Board — the monetary advisors of

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Heavy Rain Raises Bacteria Level, Local Beaches Closed

BY ALISON FINLEY
Reporter

Hard rain and heavy surf are not the only threats to swimmers and surfers, as a dramatic increase in oceanic bacteria has placed disease and infection as a major risk.

Recent storms and high winds have caused unsafe bacteria levels, which have resulted in the closing of nine local beaches, including Sands and Goleta, according to Gerry Winant, ocean monitoring specialist for the Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Services. Although the ocean always contains some bacteria, the recent rain and winds have washed bacteria-carrying vegetation, dirt, animal litter and sewage into the ocean, heightening the bacteria levels immensely, he added.

"All the [bacteria levels] go through the roof after heavy rains," he said.

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Top of the News

Yeltsin Says Bombings Will Prompt WWII



MOSCOW (AP) — No one ever accused Boris Yeltsin of subtlety. The Russian president, a rough-and-tumble Siberian, has been known to shoot from the hip — with a blunderbuss.

But to accuse the United States of risking World War III in Iraq? Even by Yeltsin's flamboyant standards, this week's startling remarks — first made Wednesday, then repeated Thursday — seemed to set a new standard for hyperbole.

There he was, grim countenance, gravelly voice and all, seeming to draw a line in the sand and daring President Clinton to step over it.

"We have firmly adopted a stance of saying 'no' to the force scenario. It is impossible, it means a world war," Yeltsin insisted Thursday, in remarks echoing those of the

day before.

"We must not allow a strike by force, an American strike. I told Clinton about it," the president added.

Had Yeltsin stepped into a Cold War newsreel? Per-

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like he meant.

"One can hardly imagine a more ridiculous and absurd interpretation," presidential spokesperson Sergei Yastrzhembsky told reporters Wednesday, after some had reported that Yeltsin appeared to be threatening the United States.

who have consistently taken a much harder line on Iraq. For instance, the state Duma, the lower house of parliament, voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to violate U.N. economic sanctions against Iraq should the United States attack without U.N. approval.

Second, Yeltsin's efforts to grab the international spotlight probably reflect an obsession with Russia's imperiled great-power status.

Having lost its place at the center of the Soviet bloc, along with a functioning military and other trappings of empire, Russia has clung to whatever remnants of international power it could salvage.

It has cherished its seat on the U.N. Security Council. And Yeltsin has tried to reclaim his country's status in new ways, such as joining the Group of Seven industrial nations.

— Boris Yeltsin
Russian president

haps he had been reading the memoirs of Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet leader who famously warned the West, "We will bury you!"

Probably not. It was, first of all, vintage Yeltsin: the off-the-cuff, bravura statement, the refusal to back down, the aides scurrying to explain that, no, he didn't really mean what it sounded

Few believe that Yeltsin is serious when he says a U.S.-led bombing of Iraq could lead to world war. No one of sound mind believes the Russian president would stand up to Clinton militarily. But there is method to his bluster.

First of all, Yeltsin is probably playing to Russian nationalists in parliament,

Meteorologists Are Predicting Another Local Drenching



LOS ANGELES (AP) — Soggy Southern California can look forward to more punishing winter weather with gusty winds, rain and possible flash floods through this weekend, forecasters said Thursday.

A powerful Pacific storm already in Northern California Thursday was headed for Santa Barbara County. It was to blow its way on down the state Friday, bringing the second wet assault of the week.

That prompted a high-wind watch through Friday for the mountains of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles counties, said National Weather Service weather specialist Bill Hoffer in Oxnard.

Forecasters were expecting sustained southeast winds of 45 mph gusting to more than 60 mph in the mountains and high winds in many coastal and valley areas of central and coastal California through Friday night.

Strong winds and rain combined with soils already saturated by Tuesday's pounding could mean downed trees and power outages, especially at higher elevations, the Weather

Service warned.

A flash flood watch was in place through Friday for the Santa Barbara south coast, Santa Ynez Valley and Santa Barbara County mountains.

In the watch area, rainfall totals could hit 6-10 inches through Friday in the Santa Ynez Valley and mountains; 3-6 inches along the Santa Barbara County coast; 4-8 inches in the mountains and foothills of Ventura County; 3-5 inches in the Santa Monica Mountains and 2-4 inches in the San Fernando Valley.

Hoffer said peak hourly rainfall rates could hit an inch an hour, and that there was a chance of thunderstorms.

In addition, a heavy surf advisory remained in effect through Friday from Point Piedras Blancas southward to the Mexican border, with surf heights remaining at 6-10 feet.

The Weather Service warned that swells, combined with gusty winds, could damage coastal property.

The outlook for Saturday was for rain to begin in San Luis Obispo County and spread to the south late in the day, with showers Sunday and a chance of showers again Monday.

"This is a typical winter storm for the West Coast," Hoffer said.

U.S. Responds to N. Korean Food Shortage With Donation



WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will contribute 200,000 tons of food to North Korean civilians over the next year in response to a global appeal for assistance from the U.N.'s World Food Program, the State Dept. said Thursday.

The contribution, valued at \$75 million, exceeds the 177,000-ton U.S. donation last year. It represents about 30 percent of the Jan. 6 World Food Program's worldwide appeal for 650,000 metric tons.

A U.S. food assessment team visited North Korea last year and confirmed that "substantial food assistance would be needed to help avert serious food shortages during this year," State Dept. spokesperson James P. Rubin said.

The assistance will be provided in three deliveries between April 1998 and March 1999.

Rubin said the assistance will be targeted at children in nurseries; schools and orphanages; pregnant, nursing women; handicapped people and hospital patients.

To ensure that the donated food is used as intended, the WFP will nearly double its international staff in North Korea to 46, including 26 food monitors, and will create two regional offices.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man stabbed in the eye with an umbrella by an enraged pedestrian remained hospitalized in critical condition Thursday as police sought the public's help in finding his attacker, police said.

The man, believed to be about 40 years old, was unconscious and on a respirator at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center, Detective Robert Bub said.

The man did not have any identification, Bub said. He was attacked at about 11 a.m. Tuesday after accidentally brushing another man along a busy commercial section of Alvarado Street, across from MacArthur Park, Bub said.

The day was rainy and both were carrying umbrellas. "Evidently they passed and crossed each other," Bub said. "Either their umbrellas touched or they bumped into each other." The infuriated attacker stabbed the man in the eye. The tip of the furled umbrella went into his brain, Bub said.

• BALTIMORE (AP) — Perhaps they should have seen it coming, but the operators of the Psychic Friends Network filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection this week.

"They apparently made some bad decisions, and a couple of things happened that they had no control over," said James Olson, a lawyer for the network's operator, Inphomation Communication Inc.

The Psychic Friends Network, which has used singer Dionne Warwick as the host on its 30-minute infomercials, was once the second-highest-grossing infomercial, trailing Jane Fonda's pitch for her fitness video. For \$3.99 a minute, people get advice on their careers or love lives.

Inphomation, founded in 1990, pioneered the use of "900" phone lines and backed them with infomercials and a network of about 2,000 psychics.

Inphomation had estimated revenue of \$100 million to \$125 million in the early 1990s.

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Weather

These foul weather patterns are starting to get more annoying than all the already played-out Clinton jokes. It's not so much of the actual rain and chilliness, but rather the inconsistency and unpredictability of the conditions. Things can suck really bad but if they are at least consistent, then you can count on it being sucky or whatever, and then plan on not dealing with it.

Forecast: There still seems to be some pressure in the air from the various fronts, but hopefully that'll dissipate by late Sunday or early Monday. Things are looking up...

CLEANUP

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power was restored after less than 24 hours, Villegis said.

"It wasn't too bad [in I.V.]," he said. "We were able to get crews out there pretty quick. ... These guys really busted their tails."

Bill Rotando's Professional Tree Care has been flooded with business since Monday, according to Rotando.

"We could only get to ab-

out half the things we had to do today [Thursday]," he said. "We're just trying to get people out of their driveways. ... Safety is our number one thing right now. We're not doing a lot in the way of aesthetics."

Rotando was bracing for more severe weather this weekend.

"We bought some extra rain boots and rain gear and brought some extra guys in that we've used before," he said.

Sophomore business/economics major Danielle Smith is one I.V. resident who is prepared for additional storms.

"We have sandbags surrounding our house," she said. "We're really worried."

Sophomore psychology major Alicia Bayer has taken more unorthodox precautionary measures.

"I'm so worried about the storms that I sleep wearing a helmet and life preserver," she said.

BACTERIA

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Winant explained that there are three main groups of bacteria: total coliform, fecal coliform and enterococcus. Total coliform, being the largest, most encompassing group, includes the bacteria carried by plants, animals and dirt. Fecal coliform is bacteria carried in the intestinal tracts and fecal matter of warmblooded animals, and enterococcus also consists of bacteria carried in intestinal tracts of mammals and birds.

Dr. Michael Mahan, UCSB assistant professor of microbiology, explained that if infectious ocean water is swallowed, high bacteria levels could result in E. coli disease, salmonella poisoning and other infections of the intestine.

"The worst time to surf or swim is right after a storm," he said.

Currently, at Sands Beach

the total coliform level is at 11,200, the fecal coliform level is at 256, and the enterococcus level is at 1400, according to Winant. State standards for total coliform

The worst time to surf or swim is right after a storm.

— Dr. Michael Mahan
Assistant professor of microbiology

levels are 10,000, while Environmental Protection Agency standards for fecal coliform and enterococcus are 400 and 104, respectively.

"If there is no more rain by Monday, the bacteria levels should go down," he said. "They will remain elevated if more storms should occur in the near future."

Winant added rashes,

skin infections, ear, nose and throat infections, and flu-like symptoms to the list of possible illnesses. He also acknowledged that bacteria may not be the only harmful substance in the water.

"If the water is high in bacteria, presumably there could be viruses and parasites in the water as well," Winant said.

In order to alert and protect swimmers and surfers from the dangers of high bacteria, Environmental Health Services is closing beaches and posting warning signs, Winant said.

Undeclared freshman Alex Kahl, who surfs frequently, said that he has gotten a sinus infection from bacteria in Malibu waters before.

"I don't think it stops anyone [from going in the water]. You can't see [the bacteria], and the pros outweigh the cons," he said. "Good waves are worth more than getting sick."

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Morgan Ball
"Untitled"
black and white print
1998 (above)

Tyler Cripe
"Why Hip Hop Sucks in 1998 ..."
pen & ink
1998 (right)

Kazuhiro Kibuishi
cover for high school literary magazine
pen & ink on Bristol
1996 (below)

Welcome to the Daily Nexus's first installment of ART THERAPY. This section will be dedicated to presenting you, the valued reader, with original art created by YOU, the local community.

Because we want this section to reflect the creative energy of the community at large, we ask that anyone who would like to have work displayed bring it on down to our offices under Storke Tower and leave it with your name, phone, title, date, and medium for one or both of the editors — Alan Traeger or Jeff Clark. You don't have to be a student, you don't have to be an artist, hell, you don't even have to have any talent. We don't care! We do care, however, that you have an outlet for you expression.

Jeff and I hope you enjoy this first edition and ask that if you have any questions, comments, or most importantly any work that you'd like seen — let us know.

Remember we're here for you. Enjoy!



Michael Velasquez comic book page
multimedia, 1997 (above)

COUNCIL

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A.S. — by changing the voting majority from 50 percent to two-thirds (or 66 percent).

"This bill gives power to no one — it just limits Leg Council's power," he said. "There have been a lot of instances where Leg Council has made mistakes."

On-Campus Rep Christina Costley cited Legislative Council's past relationships with Finance Board.

"There have been two debates in my four weeks on Leg Council about Leg Council's power over Finance Board. This bill will give us a formal guidance," she said.

Rep-at-Large Matt Barrall contested the bill, saying that the supposed problem is nonexistent.

"Leg Council is the supreme decision making power to Finance Board. I see no reason why we need to have this bill," he said.

The bill was tabled and will be voted on at next week's Leg Council meeting.

OUTREACH

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Barbara schools, and we bring young African-American brothers and sisters up and try to instill in them aspirations of higher education," he said.

"The schools that we do hit up usually don't have a high college rate, so we bring them up and show them what college life is like — the good and the bad. Usually the students that we bring up have a good time and want to come back, which is one of our main goals," Henry said.

During these outreach programs, students from the high schools are chaperoned by a member from 100 Black Men, shown around campus and taken to classes.

In addition to the outreach programs that the organization maintains, the group is active in campus events as well. The group participates in a variety of fund-raising programs that help raise money for its efforts. Such events also help provide entertainment, education and appreciation for the campus's black community, according to sophomore sociology major John Calvin Byrd III.

"We've put on comedy shows, which is a fundraiser every quarter," he said. "We invite comedians from L.A. to come up and entertain."

In addition to comedy shows, the group puts on an annual tribute to African-American women that serves as a way of showing appreciation to its female counterparts, according to Henry.

"The biggest thing about Black Women's

Appreciation Night is that we have an opportunity to honor the black woman," he said. "It's a time when we show the sistas how we love and appreciate them."

100 Black Men also plays a significant part in the political leadership of the campus. According to Associated Students President Wayne Calvin Byrd II, he was appointed by the group as its representative to be a presidential candidate.

"We decided communally who was going to be put forth for running for president," he said. "It was something that we did together."

Community member Matef Harmachis emphasized the importance and the necessity of this organization by drawing from a quote by a famous civil rights and Black Panther leader.

"100 Black is essential because Kwame Ture said that only 3 percent of the Africans in the USA belong to an organization where it is the number one goal to uplift the African people," he said. "... These people carry on their backs the other 97 percent — that's some hard work. They should be commended, but that's not why we're in this. We're trying to move forward from what our ancestors have put down before us. The only thing standing between Africans and liberation is organization."

100 Black Men meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the MultiCultural Center lounge. For more information on the organization contact Kevin Henry via e-mail at uhenrk00@mcl.ucsb.edu. or call the group's sponsor at 685-8868.

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Peter Kreeft is currently a Professor of Philosophy at Boston College. He is author of over 30 books including *The Best Things in Life*, *C.S. Lewis for the Third Millennium*, *Fundamentals of the Faith*, and *The Unaborted Socrates*.

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Check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)—Today is a 7—Handle business this morning. This evening, you're going to want to relax at home. A nice meal, good music and perhaps a soak in the hot tub will make this a memorable Friday night. If your sweetheart has other plans, let him or her go without you. An occasional absence does make the heart grow fonder.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 6—You're able to learn more quickly than usual. Information just sticks to your brain. So study something your boss or professor has been trying to teach you. A loved one can help. He or she may not have complete mastery of the subject yet, but the insights will be priceless.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)—Today is a 7—It's a good afternoon to go shopping, if you can find the energy. It looks like you'd rather just take off early on your weekend jaunt. That could prove more expensive than you'd planned. Better check on your motel reservations and other little details.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 7—It looks like you could pull off the deal of the century if you got insider information and tried something unusual. You might be able to wrangle an unconventional loan. If you don't have somebody helping you with a real estate deal, start investigating one. He or she will most likely be a Libra.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)—Today is a 7—Your luck changes for the worse as your day progresses. There's a whole lot to do. Scan over your lists first thing this morning. Sort out those little pieces of paper in your pockets, too. A couple hours spent getting organized this morning could really save your bacon later in the day.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is a 7—Conditions are hectic this morning, but you'll get the most creative work done then. Meet with friends later in the day. A party would be a good way to relax and renew your energy. In fact, it's a good weekend to party, from tonight clear through Sunday.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is an 8—This morning is easy, but don't get lazy. You're going to have to perform up to the standards you've already set for yourself. Better check your calendar again. If you miss this meeting, you'll be in trouble. It looks like there might be quite a bit of money involved.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 6—Conditions for travel look excellent through Sunday. How long has it been since you and your sweetheart had a romantic cruise? If you can't afford the Princess line, a sailboat will do. If you can't even manage a rowboat, don't let that stop you. There's some sort of cruising you can do this weekend.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is an 8—You and your partner had better have a meeting this morning. You're going to have to shell out some money later in the day, so you need to agree on priorities. If either of you spends the money without the other's approval, it could make the mutual purchase impossible.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 6—If you push yourself hard this morning, you might get out early. It'll definitely be worth the effort. You work harder than three or four people most of the time, so why not allow yourself to relax harder than three or four people as well? Go for it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is an 8—You'd like to spend the whole day in fascinating conversation. Instead, you're going to have to take care of business. Consider the possibilities and make the best decision. It won't be easy, but it could bring you fame as well as fortune.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 6—This weekend you'll be even more romantic than usual. If you don't have a sweetheart, consider somebody you've always thought of as a good friend. There might be a difference in your ages, but that's OK. It's the level of communication that counts.

Today's Birthday (Feb. 6). Finish up a big project this year so you can launch a new one. This might mean changing teams to become even more successful than you have been. Catch up on your reading in February; specifically, figure out what you need to know to get where you want to go. Pay the money in March and make the move in April. A loved one's support and advice gives you the confidence you need in June. Money from an old investment bolsters your enthusiasm in September. Don't spend it all in one place. It'll go faster than you think possible. A change is required in December, but it's for the better. Heed an older woman's secret advice in January.

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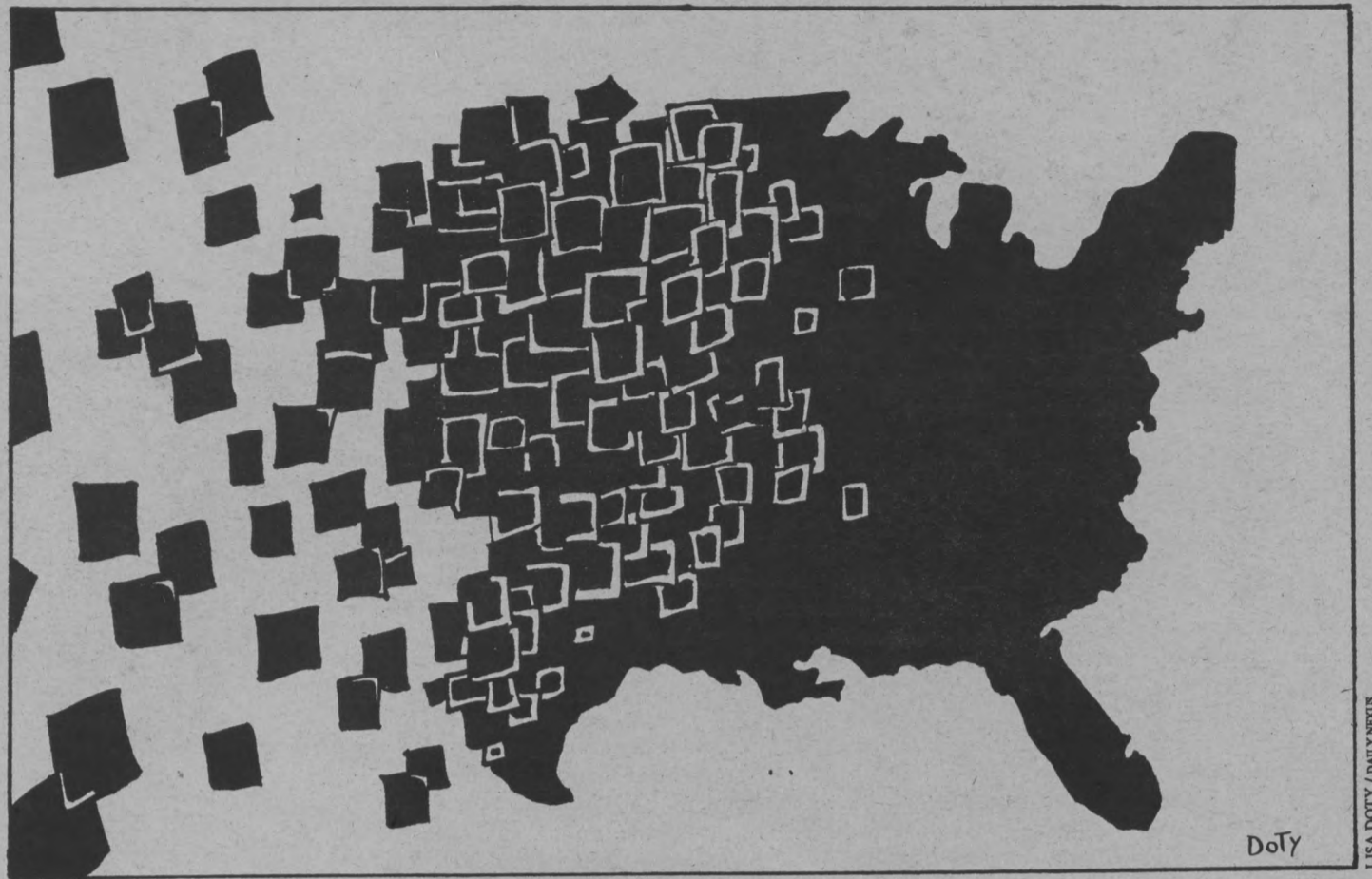
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Black History Is American History

The Phrase "Black History Month" Misses the Point

February is Black History Month. Doesn't that strike you as just the least bit odd? Not that it's only one month out of the year — we've certainly heard that before, and that's not our quarrel with the concept. Not that it's the shortest month, either. That notion is straight out of the conspiracy theory file.

Actually, the oddity is that the phrase "February is Black History Month" seems to imply that "Black history" actually exists separately from "American history."

Is there some way to separate the lives of millions of black people from the lives of millions of people of other races at the infinite number of points at which they intertwine, all down the centuries of the life of America or down the millennia of the life of the human race?

Does "Black history" somehow occupy its own continuum, apart from everyone else's history? Does it make sense to divide history along racial lines, especially after we've learned not to do it with jobs, schools, buses and drinking fountains?

Certainly, articles, magazines, books and whole encyclopedias of history can focus on the movements, the struggles, the innovations of people who fit (more or less) a particular racial mold. And there is no reason to say that a people cannot celebrate its own story and its own long and honored lineage. But the point remains: The history of blacks in America is the history of America. There is no line of separation.

The America we know *would not exist* without Africa's sons and daughters. For the first two hundred years of extensive European presence on this continent, the massive social and political changes, the explorations and inventions, all of our *beginnings* — these were founded upon an economy backed in large part by slavery. America's greatest shame was in her first years her great strength.

It has been theorized, and not without reason, that it was slavery that raised the white standard of living in America to the point where nonlandowners called for the vote — and won it, ensuring to this day that the vote does not belong only to the landed. The first broadening of the scope of American democracy might never have happened without American slaves. Black history is American history — the story of the slaves is the story of our nation.

Slavery's end in law, if not in practice, came at the close of the

Civil War — which itself was sparked by escaped slave Dred Scott's insistence on his freedom and Chief Justice Roger Taney's incendiary reply that Congress had no power to keep slavery out of any U.S. territory. Black history is American history — Dred Scott's story begins the story of the Civil War.

America's next great struggle came with the civil rights movement of the 1960s, putting full flame to the slow boil of the last hundred years. The lives of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X brought hope to those who had been waiting all their lives for a change in America's ideas about itself — and when that change began to come, others took inspiration from the great black leaders of the civil rights movement and began revolutions of their own — people like Cesar Chavez, Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinem. Black history is American history — the story of the black civil rights movement is the story of the women's rights and farm workers' rights movements.

What is America without its music? Of the four great "American" styles of music (rock 'n' roll, jazz, blues and country) only country cannot be traced directly back to the musical traditions and innovations of blacks and their African musical inheritance. Black history is American history — the story of black music is the story of American music.

Black men and women have contributed so much to America, collectively and individually, and in so many ways that remain so little-known. The famous names — Sojourner Truth, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. Du Bois, Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, Jesse Jackson, Louis Farrakhan, Geronimo Pratt — they may loom large in American consciousness, but they are not the whole story. Charles Drew and the Red Cross Blood Bank. George Washington Carver and the end of Southern dependency on cotton. Ida B. Wells' anti-lynching crusade and modern investigative journalism. The list, as they say, goes on and on. Black history is American history — their stories are your stories, their legacy your inheritance.

If you are an American — if you have any interest in America's story — you should not neglect to study these names, these stories, these lives. They have defined, and continue to define, America as it is and as it will be. Black history is American history. The two are one.

Take advantage of the MCC's free presentations to make the best of Black History Month.

"The Watermelon Woman," Feb. 11, 6 p.m.

"Rap, Race, and Equality," Feb. 17, 12 p.m.

"Blacks & Jews," Feb. 18, 6 p.m.

"Flame," Feb. 25, 6 p.m.

"He who has butter on his bread should not go into the sun."

— Yiddish Proverb

Opinion

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The Reader's Voice

MESSAGE TO MY FELLOW NEOCOLONIALISTS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I have found that those who call themselves residents or citizens of the United States of America, known as Babylon along with western Europe) have some strange ideas about what justice means. The question is, "How can a country founded on the very principles of injustice be capable of administering justice in any sense of the word?"

The "college-educated Americans" should all understand the colonizer-colonized relationship. The colonizer is the one who invades and takes over that is already inhabited by others. The colonizer then imposes his or her will on those who just had their land stolen from them (the colonized). The indigenous people of this land were civilized by European elites, who then set in motion a plan to create what many have called "The most advanced civilization ever." Sure folks, and Jesus of European ancestry, right?

Hopefully, we all understand that what the colonizer wants is land (capital). However, these colonizing Europeans needed to justify stealing land from the indigenous people. They had the solution. From a European perspective indigenous people were "pagan savages" in need of some "civilizing," and who was better equipped for the job of "civilizing" than these "Christian" European invaders? Do not forget about Manifest Destiny. According to this BS idea, it was the will of their "Christian" god that demanded that European invaders expand into the interior of the continent. Does anyone see any signs of racism? I hope so. Racism was used to justify stealing this land from the indigenous people. More simply, racism was used to justify greed. Say hello to capitalist America. Now, a country born from racism (racism is inherent before an inherent quality) can never cleanse itself of racism and still exist as that country. For those of us who were supposed to benefit from the Civil Rights Act of 1965, has shit really changed? (USA) think you've found a solution, but it's another illusion."

Now some of you "college-educated Americans" are saying, "That happened in the past, I'm not responsible." Yet you fail to realize that we "Americans" are still living on stolen land. We

present-day "Americans" are nothing more than "neocolonialists" (M. Shell). Do we "Americans" think that our presence and the politics (a so-called democracy) of our presence are going to free people (now on reservations because of us) who were free before we "Americans" ever showed up? "Every man got a right to decide his own destiny, and in this judgment there is no partiality." A country born from racism sounds pretty partial to me.

To Woojac Lee (*Daily Nexus*, "Know When To Run," Jan. 22) my neocolonialist brother, you need to rethink your "criminals." Remember, Mexicans are the descendants of indigenous peoples and raping, colonizing Spaniards. Mexicans did not ask to be poor. Poverty was forced upon them by the greedy colonizers, and we as neocolonialists continue to keep them impoverished by our very presence and laws of injustice.

To Nicole Hause (*The Reader's Voice*, "Us vs. Them' Mentality Clouds Race Dialogue," Jan. 20) the "equality and unity" you speak of does exist. We U.S. citizens and residents as neocolonialists are all equally racist and that racism is what unifies us all as "Americans." This country should be called the United Racists of America. Granted, Nicole, the "equality and unity" stems from hatred rather than love. But hey, this country was not built on love. It was built on land stolen from others (greed).

To Katie Bock and Gail Readdie (*Daily Nexus*, "Wake Up to Activism!," Jan. 23) my environmentalist neocolonialist sisters, you two wouldn't happen to have belongings (food, shelter, clothing) made by machines would you? Before you attack multinational corporations, ask yourselves who supports the continued use of Earth's resources. It couldn't be us materialistic "Americans" with our love for mass production, could it? I doubt indigenous people, who all lived in harmony with nature, knew of Exxon spills and manmade materials (producers of toxic waste). It took a "Western" mentality, one thoroughly saturated in vanity, to fuck up the world. Hence, the name Babylon.

To close this thought, I'll again quote a man so many "Americans" listen to as they light up that bowl. "It takes a revolution to make a solution." Damn, you mean to tell me the brother was about more than smoking weed and having "cool" hair?

MACKKEY J. WIGGINS

Stick It to the Man

It's for You, Mr. President

White House Operators Are Standing By!

KATIE BOCK

Now students, it's time to call the president. This is not Monica Lewinsky-related. It's President Clinton's fiscal 1999 budget plan includes some unsavory morsels that are ill-suited to the palates of students: financial aid cutbacks. Problems with financing a brighter future for individuals and the world at large are familiar to all of us who value higher education. In today's economy, a college diploma isn't a bonus on a resume, it's a must. Yet, students are finding it more and more difficult to afford even the most basic of attendance.

The fact that most of us attend school full-time as the Dept. of Labor reports, work an average of 25 hours a week, indicates that we believe the financial investment is worthwhile. So we borrow and we borrow; this year's graduate will face an average debt of over \$14,000 — excluding credits — and interest rates and fees will add another \$7,000 in costs to the average borrower.

At banks and loan companies, the price is a \$7,000 profit per loan. But the price of education worries students and those who believe in entering an educated citizenry.

In the recent past, the Clinton Administration made education more affordable. Last year saw a significant increase in the Pell Grant and tax incentives for college students. But, as you know, this, both the Clinton administration and Congress are considering proposals to cut or eliminate need-based financial aid programs like the State Loan and State Student Incentive Grants (SSIGs).

SSIGs are need-based grants that currently

help 500,000 people across the country pay for rising college costs. Grants are the most important kind of financial aid to protect because, unlike loans, they do not need to be repaid.

The Perkins Program is the government's oldest need-based aid program, offering reduced rate loans (at 5 percent) to 700,000 students. 83 percent of Perkins Loan borrowers are from families with incomes of \$30,000 a year or less. In addition to the low interest rate, Perkins Loans play a unique role in financial aid — they forgive the debts of students who do certain community service jobs after graduation.

Right now is the time for us to tell the government what's good for students. If you've ever had to wait in line for hours only to find that your financial aid check was not available, you've been denied financial aid, or been appalled by the cost of your student loans, do yourself and thousands of other students a favor: call the special hotline set up by the Alliance to Save Student Aid and tell the president to:

1. Keep the new lower interest rates on student loans
2. Increase Pell Grant eligibility for working students
3. Reauthorize and increase funding for the State Student Grant Program and Perkins Loans
4. Eliminate Origination Fees on student loans
5. Modernize the delivery system for student aid.

The hotline number, 800-574-4AID, will connect you to the White House Switchboard. From there, you should ask to leave a message for the president in support of student aid.

Katie Bock is CALPIRG chapter president.

Letters to the editor should be no longer than 500 words and MUST include the author's name and phone number.

RACE RELATIONS ARE A TWO-WAY STREET

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I must wonder about Keenan Lampkin's mean-spirited tirade against white people on campus (*The Reader's Voice*, "Just Don't Ever Call Me 'Bro,' All Right?" Jan. 29). The generalities he draws about all white people, simply because of his own experiences, are more than a little racist. Not to mention that his ire is misplaced. I think we would all agree that it is better that those people call him "bro" and talk about rap music than it would be if they called him "nigger" and talked about how he must have gotten into UCSB on Affirmative Action.

The fact is, those people are TRYING to be sensitive and understanding. They might not be succeeding, but does that diminish their efforts any? Rather than writing angry letters to the *Nexus* about it, Mr. Lampkin could simply tell the people in question what mistakes they are making. The next time someone calls him "bro" or talks about rap music, he could say, "Please don't call me bro" or "I don't feel like discussing rap music right now." He might be surprised to discover that the people he talks to are actually willing to do as he asks. After all, they are already making efforts at closing the gap. They would probably appreciate a bit of advice on how to do better.

Race relations are a two-way street, and no one group has all the faults and responsibilities. We all need to remember that.

FRANK WUSTNER

BUDGET SURPLUS SHOULD BE SPENT IN NEVADA

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The president's speech and the Republican response failed to point out the real state of the union: Please note that today's prosperity and "balanced" budget were largely enabled by the "final" noncompensation of 1-2 million fallout radiation victims who cannot meet the bogus compensation guidelines. This is an ethical and moral debt of at least 1-2 trillion dollars. You can add "all Americans" to the list of former lies, such as "justice for all." Now you know what any budget surplus should be used for: Nevada holocaust victims!

BRENT BAKER

JACKSON RALLY WAS A POLITICAL EVENT

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in response to the Associated Students Judicial Council's decision Monday evening that the Oct. 20 Jesse Jackson rally was educational and not political — clearing A.S. President Byrd of the charges against him.

I attended the rally Oct. 20, and can attest, as probably can the thousands of other students who were there, to the clearly political nature of the event. A few examples come to mind. One of the ladies who preceded Jackson (I've forgotten her name) began her short speech by asking the crowd, "How many of you like Governor Wilson?" After a disapproving response from the crowd, she continued, "Well, it's a good thing then, because he can't run for re-election!" Where was the educational value of that remark? Maybe I completely missed her point, but it seemed quite clear that she was attacking Governor Wilson, and it was that opening remark that gave to the rally, during her speech and beyond, the excited atmosphere of a political rally.

Of course, the most obvious example of the political nature of the rally was Rev. Jackson's speech. Yes, he began by explaining Affirmative Action and the results it entails, but then went on to encourage student action to uphold and support Affirmative Action in our state. He actually encouraged us to go to Sacramento to "voice our opinion." And, since Prop. 209 had already been upheld by the Court of Appeals, political action could only mean action against what had already become law.

Whether I am in favor of or against Affirmative Action is not important. I neither like nor dislike Rev. Jesse Jackson. I went to see him simply because it is cool to see people of his stature in person. Similarly, I neither like our A.S. president nor dislike him, as I know nothing about him. All I know is that if it is in fact a funding guidelines violation to use mandatory fees for political events, then President Byrd should have been found guilty, because the Oct. 20 rally could not have been more political.

MICHAEL GORBACK

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Heartfelt Confessions of a Former Rainbow

➤ An Apology for Harsh Words and a Sociological Exposition of the "Average Isla Vistan"

Occasionally when I think, or should I say when I think occasionally, my thoughts aren't so much concerned with what "me" thinks so much, but methinks of those who are sick, treated unfairly for unjust cause and are in such terrible situations that the whole damn "a god must have designed it, isn't it obvious?" theory could kiss my ass.

It's like, people fucking die, man, they die after having lived a life! Isn't that kind of simple? I'm sorry, but life is a lesson and you don't have to take a test at the end of it, or continue on to the next course in the series, you just have to decay into worm feed shit, all right?

So, now that we have that out of the way, now that we know we are all going to die, let's move on to the next part of this seemingly contradictory commentary before us.

I, Rafael Moscatel (aka Grant R. Destiny), atheist to the bone, anti-conformity preacher, do hereby say this to everyone I've ever pissed off through the iconoclastic medium that is this newspaper (as if you cared):

I apologize for the harsh tone I may have taken with my words. I truly am sorry. I actually feel bad about it and I just wanted you to know that I don't care anymore now that I got that off my chest. Really, I was just so distressed that I had to take a month or two off, just to relax and realize what an asshole I sounded like.

The great thing about our, and I mean all of us when I say OUR, precious Isla Vista, in my humble opinion, is the fact that so many kids come in here initially to begin their adult lives and get "experienced," and yet a great majority seem to be just drifting through a bunch of BS post-adolescent stages.

A friend of mine has a disagreement with me concerning the difficulty in defining "the average Isla Vistan." We both agree that there looks like there's a bunch of different groups moving around, recruiting and kickin' out available humans at their discretion. But I happen to find some quite redeemable qualities that, when strung together, actually do fit the above "average Isla Vistan."

I bet that by the end of this extensive blurb, you, the reader, will still not give a goat's ass who the fuck I am, why should you care, and why God hasn't taken a loser like me yet? Well, I'm going to try and successfully defend myself from these understandable attacks on my character. This is not about Monica Lewinsky. What I'm about to do right now is not so much a sellout, as much as it is an exercise in the founding and most wonderful of Christian principles, pacifism.

Now, I never intended for anybody to care in the first place, but maybe that's my whole point. You know people write letters to this paper every day. Some people think that the *Daily Nexus* is basically a pen for liberal, biased pigs to sit around complaining about Associated Students, but I happen to think that they have done a more than adequate job of presenting a thorough example of protection of the First Amendment.

The thing is, I used to write these letters and editorials and whatnot, and I read the responses but they never sunk in. Since I've been back in Santa Barbara, it appears that I have begun to see that I, myself, am indeed the problem. I still have my ideas listed 1-666 in my wallet, took it up from time to time, listen to my Dylan and all that, but I'll tell you pal, I'm no better than you.

Let the healing of Isla Vista begin, I say. Here, listen, I am sorry to all greek persons, Jesus persons, and Associated persons. Let's just forget all this ever happened and chill out. You know what, so many of us would just be so much better off if we just said, oh, this is me and that is you and that is it, end of story. But no, we tear at each other's throats, throw mud and generalize, stereotype and never compromise, trivialize and deny.

You know, I talked to a lot of people after that article I wrote about the greek system, and there were a great deal of persons from the, let's call it the "rainbow" club, who really dug it. You may be asking yourself right about now, what is this you speak of, the "rainbow club?" The difficulty with putting this forth is that I must now give you an overview of the makeup of Isla Vista residents. This is hardly possible. The only way to explain it is by giving a few examples and hoping I have made them clear enough that even elderly members of the rainbow will be able to make the connection.

Everyone knows the "goths" right? Well you may not be one yourself and you may not even have a clue as to what their mind set is, (that which doth prompt the black attire) and yet you know that they are defined, they have gone out of their way to define themselves. But what group hasn't? The "rainbow" group is more of an "eat mushrooms and instantly be a pseudo-intellectual (like the author) rapping BS around a rickety coffee table, finding yourself" kind of club. Well, you know, I don't think I want to be in the club anymore, because if anybody needs to take a good look at themselves, it's people like me.

I've got to admit, for many imaginations, the few coffee shops on Pardall can become the streets of sweet Pa-ree if you're in the mood. I've had quite a few conversations with the "rainbow" group and here are my impressions:

1) Female rainbows believe that "the details get in the way of the bigger concepts because when you're stoned yogurt, you don't need to know the names of the songs, it's all about the music, right on, later."

2) Babylon isn't any kind of reality, not even in the mind of God could total Nirvana exist.

3) The rainbow group requires no prior experience with drugs, just that you do them when you are in a "constant state of inspiration."

4) The rainbow group isn't very Christian, it's all about eastern religion, bro, don't you understand, you aren't even here right now if I wasn't looking at you, trippy, huh?

5) The rainbow group is critical of other groups, especially that which I have heard mentioned rarely and only on special occasions between elite rainbows, known as the ever-powerful "New."

II

Who, or what is the New? It's all in the word of course. The weird thing about the New is that it's been around for



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longer than a lickety split, man. And yet, the New is only as old as the newest thing out! And people who live by the New, for the New, and will die without the New, fall into this category. The truth of the matter is, with a few exceptions aside, even the rainbow club is subject to the laws of the New. The greek system pays homage to the New, and Christians tend to have accepted it, and I too, after weeks or millennia of self-analysis must fervently come to the conclusion that I, too, am powerless before the New.

To me, the New doesn't just represent the disgusting power of corporations and greedy capitalism, it is the oppressor and companion here in this challenge. My challenge is to be one with the New because I don't want to fight anymore, and I think that maybe the best thing to do would be to just jump into the New and start buying crap. It's nothing bad to be in with the New, and this is straight from the horse's mouth, because the New is.

The rainbow group feels quite threatened by the New, and yet, some club members are the very definitions of the ideal New human. The problem is that even though the rainbow group and the New have conflicting philosophies, neither have the simple decency to let the other guy win and just "let it be." Now, when I find myself in times of trouble, I think before I accuse, and so I am apologizing. I'm not just turning my back on everything I've ever believed in, (that's what you'd really like to believe, huh?) I'm just revising it to include "reality." Take this example here, for example, as an example.

I met a girl in English class whom I had to call one day for class. We got into a really deep conversation about the sorority letter I wrote. She happened to be in the targeted sorority that the dimwit writer used to erroneously and maliciously generalize every person in the greek system. Within a half hour, she had explained to me a great deal of interesting things that may have persuaded me to think twice about submitting my inane comments, such as:

1) I had assumed correctly that the frat and sorority houses were used for the purposes of introducing people to each other. I had a problem with that because that's not how I live my life. But why should I tell them how to live their lives? And since when has it been a crime to want to make friends? Who cares if they socialize together? They have that right. They have things in common and they enjoy each other's friendship.

2) Another thing this bombshell of a woman (and guys, take it from me, she was hot) told me was that girls have a right to feel safe when they go to parties. While I've heard stories to the contrary, I must admit that her honesty was in-

deed genuine, and she certainly felt safer with the system. And I thought, well that's really fucked up that they feel (perhaps rightly) that they cannot walk as much as the rest of the party herd does.

OK, let's fix the lighting, let's start talking. I don't want you to feel afraid, I don't want anything like that to exist in this community. As of this conversation, I haven't met a sorority girl I didn't like. I used to have picks and qualms about all sorts of things, but then I realized that everyone dies, just relax, it's all a dream, baby.

3) I had no argument by the time she was done with me. She was so beautiful, and energetic, and fit, and perfect, that her very presence convinced me that I had gone wrong somewhere in my already feeble thought process. She had intellect, and some wisdom. She was struggling harder than I was to get money to pay for school. And I just sat there listening to her, and eventually just apologized. She told me that almost every sorority girl had read or had somehow heard of that article.

I thought, oh great, can't wait to see them all down at the bar with their boyfriends. As I said, I'm a pacifist when it comes to that. Funny thing is, pacifists really don't have to worry about being macho grande or anything in front of their girl because the situation never arises. You tend to find just as much pacifism, if not more, in the greek system, than you do with the rainbow club.

III

What needs to happen is this: The rainbow nation must enter into an accord with the New that will ensure peace and logic in this mad old town of I.V.

It is you rainbows, you who wear no shoes upon your feet, you who listen to Bob Marley and understand every fucking word, you who sit at cafes crying out your bleeding hearts, taken by the mysteries of life and living, and of love, and everything that comes with, sweet wines and frankincense.

Oh people of the rainbow nation, whose ideals are so divine and impractical they could not be envisioned even by angels in heaven, oh friends who march down streets like enlightened national guardsmen, mumbling drunken god talk and wondering when you're going to get your shit together and stop letting the rainbow get you down, taken back by the illusion that is everything until you realize it's an illusion and begin to live with or without it, whatever it will be.

It is you, the 26-year-old grad student, who knows that to starve is ridiculous for she has done it, and it is you my young brethren whom, through wire and news, park and rec law, it is you whom have been chosen to be in charge of the signing of the treaty with the New.

Gypsy mistress with frappuccino pleasing, with ankle and belly bracelets that make me want to dance naked in these January rains, take heed of this statement, this sellout, this disgusting display of tolerance.

The New controls us. The New law must be followed, but there is room for compromise. OK, do you understand now? Given the fact that this was written for myself, I hope you can accept the sincerity here. Nobody get pissed off. Nobody write letters in response to this. Nobody care. I am with the New. We are one.

Rafael Moscatel, M.D., (Doctor of MeloDramatic Arts) is a former rainbow.

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Campus Comment

Interviews by Steve Wellborn
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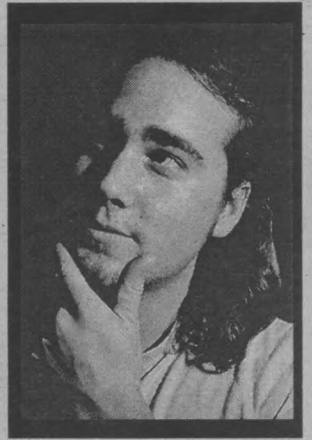
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HOOPS

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"I felt that I could play at this level. I just had to adjust and try and grow up a little bit," Lynch said. "Coach left it up to me and I just decided I was going to stick it out and earn my playing time. It just came around."

Down by as many as 13 in the first half, UCSB battled back to within six at halftime when junior forward Josh Merrill, who started in place of Bunton, put back a missed shot as time expired. But easy lay-ins were hard to come by for Santa Barbara with Pacific playing tough defense in both zone and man-to-man situations. Senior guard Raymond Tutt

had a hard time finding open looks and went only 5-14 from the floor for 13 points.

Anders, who was guarding Tutt most of the night, said he tried to keep the ball out of last year's conference scoring champion's hands.

"The best thing to do is limit his touches," Anders said. "If not, just keep him off guard and make him shoot threes instead of getting easy layups."

The Gauchos shot plenty of three-pointers, (22) but converted on only six. The most accurate long-range shooters from UCSB were in the stands — twice Santa Barbara was assessed technical fouls for fans throwing tortillas onto the floor.

"That was silly. It accom-

plished nothing," Pimm said. "[Pacific] got four free throws out of it and the ball back twice. It's kind of disgusting actually."

The Gauchos will look to bounce back Saturday when they take on Long Beach State in the Thunderdome. Tip-off is at 7 p.m.

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893-2694

Softball Ready To Play

By MATT HURST
Reporter

Last weekend, the UCSB softball team was rained out of three of its four scheduled games against St. Mary's and Santa Clara. In the only game they did manage to play, the Gauchos prevailed 4-1 over the Gaels. The team scored all four of their runs in the first inning as they rode on the back of sophomore Jennifer Tolton's four-hitter.

Santa Barbara was held to only four hits as well, but a two-run double by sophomore Sara Mertel in the first inning put Santa Barbara up 3-0 after catcher Kendra Wood's RBI double had already scored sophomore Mandy Edwards.

This weekend, UCSB will again attempt to battle the same two teams, this time at Santa Barbara's Campus Diamond. Saturday's contest with Santa Clara begins at noon, while Sunday's rematch with St. Mary's starts at 1 p.m. Both contests are doubleheaders.

The field is wet and rain is expected, but if the teams can play the Gauchos will be ready.

"We've been on a weather alert and practice has been limited," said UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly. "I think we're prepared to play. We want to get these games in."

The Gauchos aren't only anxious to boost their 1-0 record, but hope to see some game action to work on the team's chemistry with so many new faces on the team.

Kelly said the Gauchos match up well with the Broncos and Gaels, having stronger pitching, hitting and defense. However, it is the beginning of the season, and that means it might take a few games to get into the swing of things.

"We are ready to execute our plays under game situations," Kelly said. "We are mentally and physically prepared to do it under game situations."

The squad seems confident about the upcoming contests, mainly because there is so much emphasis on the defensive side of the ball. Three out of four of the Gauchos' infielders are new, and a deeper pitching staff has Kelly excited about her team's chances.

"Our pitchers keep us in the game," Kelly said. "Our defense wins games for us — they take away hits. So I'm not worried about scoring."

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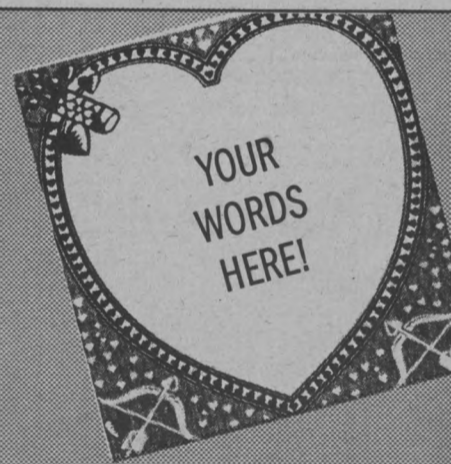
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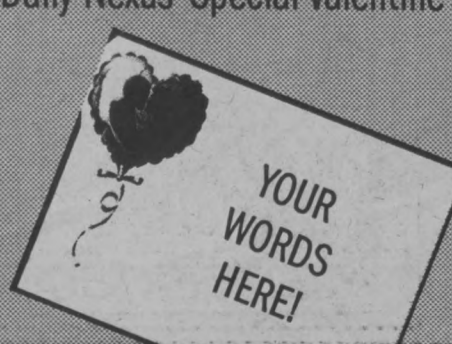
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Pacific's Olowokandi Has Field Day in Tigers' 76-60 Victory Over UCSB

BY SCOTT HENNESSEE
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's basketball team tried to stop University of the Pacific's one-man wrecking crew with only one player last night. It didn't work.

Much to the surprise of Pacific, the Gauchos decided to single-cover the Tigers' 7'1" behemoth, Michael Olowokandi, in order to stop UOP from getting open three-point attempts. UCSB neither stopped the big fella or slowed down Pacific's long-range attack, as the Tigers defeated Santa Barbara 76-60 in front of 2,092 fans in the Thunderdome last night.

The senior center from London, England, had a field day in the paint, scoring a game-high 31 points while pulling down 13 rebounds and blocking seven shots.

"I didn't think there was a way in the world they were going to guard me one-on-one," Olowokandi said.

Tiger guard Corey Anders was just as surprised as his teammate that UCSB played them straight up.

"I don't understand what they were thinking about, trying to guard him one-on-one," said Anders, who finished with 13 points. "Any time a team does that, that's our dream to let him go one-on-one down there. Eventually we thought they might double down, but they didn't do it. We hope it's that easy every game."

UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm stood behind his strategy of letting Olowokandi score his points while trying to stop the other players from beating them.

"If you double up on him, they're going to get the ball for more threes," Pimm said. "The disappointing thing is, we didn't double up on him and we still allowed threes. You've got to give Pacific credit. They got the ball to the open man."

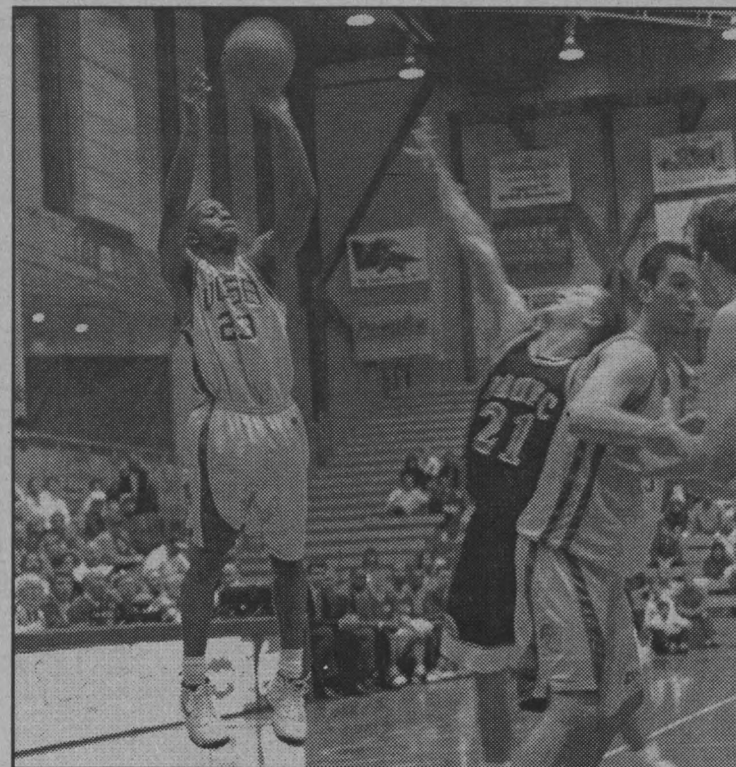
All five of the Tigers' starters are seniors and it showed in their play all night. UOP used quick ball

movement to get plenty of open shots, most of which they knocked down — the team shot 58 percent, including 7-12 from three-point territory.

"[Olowokandi's] 31 doesn't beat you, it's the other guys that scored that beat us," Pimm said. "Thirteen points by Adam [Jacobsen] and threes by [Aaron] Woliczko, those are the ones that really killed us — the open looks. We didn't want them to get any open looks at three."

Even though it was without the services of second-leading scorer B.J. Bunton due to back spasms, Santa Barbara (7-12 overall, 4-5 in the Big West) challenged the first-place Tigers (14-8, 7-2) for most of the game, pulling within 39-42 two minutes into the second half. But a 10-0 Pacific run fueled by three Gaucho turnovers gave UOP the comfortable lead it would enjoy for the rest of the game.

UCSB never quit, however, and sparked by the solid play of freshman forward Chris Lynch, kept the game interesting until the end. Lynch came off the bench in the



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SMOOTH STROKE: Brandon Payton had 10 points last night, but the Gauchos struggled offensively, shooting only 34 percent.

second half to lead a Gaucho charge that would pull them to within seven at 56-63 with just over five minutes left. His fall-away one-hander that capped the mini-comeback sent the already rowdy crowd into a frenzy while giving him a career-high 11 points to go with seven rebounds.

"I just felt like we needed a

spark," Lynch said. "I felt like I had to go out there and get a couple boards and do something to spark the team."

Lynch nearly red-shirted this year, but after talking it over with Pimm and his family, decided he wanted to play this season.

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Women's Hoops Hopes to Keep Game at High Level

BY BEN ALAKLY
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's basketball team will put its up-tempo style of play to the test this weekend against a pair of conference opponents struggling through disappointing seasons.

Santa Barbara (15-5, 6-1 in the Big West), which ranks ninth nationally in scoring offense at 82.4 points per game, will battle University of the Pacific in Stockton on Friday night at 7 before heading south for a Sunday afternoon date with Long Beach State. Should the Gauchos triumph in both road contests, UCSB Head Coach Mark French will be just two wins shy of 300 for his career.

According to sophomore point guard Stacy Clinesmith, these upcoming games against the two lowest-scoring teams in the league hinge upon Santa Barbara maintaining its intensity and proving it belongs among the nation's top squads.

"We've played teams that haven't been as good on stats before, and we haven't played up to our level," said Clinesmith, the conference leader in assists at 5.5 per game. "Hopefully these games we'll really beat these teams and hold them down to a low score. Tennessee is beating some of their lowest teams by 50 points, so we're going to try to do that."

A 50-point blowout win may be a tall order against a UOP squad that surrenders only 60.8 points per game and forces opponents to shoot 38 percent from the floor. Senior guard Cathy Lauritzen, projected to be the Tigers' team leader, has struggled thus far with averages of only 10.7 points and 4.8 rebounds. Sophomore forward Eden Palacio and senior post player Sarah Yarbrough have stepped in to pick up the slack, averaging 15.5 points and 7.2 boards, respectively.

Assistant Coach Cory Close knows Pacific (7-11, 3-4) cannot be taken lightly despite its sub-par record.

"Pacific does a really nice job, as does Irvine, of trying to make us play defense for a longer period of time. They do a really nice job of taking away high percentage shots," she said. "I think our players will really be surprised at what happens on the road up there."

UCSB may have an easier time getting its transition game going against the 49ers, who are currently riding a four-game losing skid and possess the second-worst scoring offense in the league (60.1 ppg). Two bright spots for LBSU (4-14, 1-4) have been junior forward Tomika Canty, top in the conference in rebounding with a lofty 8.9 average, and league steals-leader Kesha Wade (3.6 per contest).

Clinesmith expects her squad to be merciless during the matchup in Southern California.

"Long Beach is a rival," she said. "They are a scrappy team, but if we outhustle them, outscrap them, we'll beat them by 50."

"We're going to have to win on the road to go to the NCAA Tournament, so no better time than now to learn about that," Close said. "I'm sure we'll be tired, we're in the middle of midterms, but they'll have to make up for their lack of physical energy by emotionally preparing more."

Baseball Heads to Santa Clara for 3 Games

BY STEVE WENDT
Staff Writer

The UCSB baseball team travels to Santa Clara University today to take on the Broncos in a three-game weekend series. The Gauchos hope that this year's round goes better than last year's.

Santa Clara swept its three games with UCSB last season en route to its 41-20 record and its appearance in the NCAA West Regional Playoffs.

Those games were anything but pitchers' duels. The Broncos' sweep was marked by wins of 21-8, 11-10 and 8-2.

Santa Clara is led by a pair of outfielders, sophomore Todd Hughes, a Freshman All-

American a year ago, and two-time All-West Coast Conference senior Bill Mott. UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema remembers Hughes and Mott, who batted .337 and .325 respectively in '97, very well.

"Mott was a real solid player last year," Brontsema said. "Hughes was outstanding. He's a great runner and a real offensive threat."

The Broncos' ace on the hill is Vince Boyanich. In his sophomore campaign he went 5-4 with a 3.36 earned run average.

Boyanich struggled last weekend in Santa Clara's opener vs. #1 Stanford. The junior surrendered six earned runs in three innings to the Cardinal, the same team that eliminated the Broncos from the '97 Regionals. Santa

Clara (0-2 overall) went on to lose both games of the weekend set.

UCSB dropped a pair of games to UNLV last weekend, 4-2 and 10-3. The first game, while a Santa Barbara defeat, was highlighted by stellar play up the middle.

Freshman second baseman Chad Peshke and sophomore shortstop Justin Gemoll turned four double plays and were errorless, a fact that Gemoll does not attribute to luck.

"We work on that a lot in practice," Gemoll said. "We do a thing called 'hit and run drill' in practice. It's a simulated game situation but the hitters try to hit us ground balls. That helps us a lot."

Today and tomorrow's games both start at 2 p.m. and Sunday's contest begins at 1 p.m.

Spikers Searching for First Conference Win

BY SHANE CULBERTSON
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's volleyball team (1-3 overall, 0-3 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) will be in search of its first conference victory when they go up against UC San Diego on Friday and San Diego State University on Saturday. Both games will be at 7 p.m. in Rob Gym.

After an impressive showing against Hawai'i on Tuesday, Gaucho Assistant Coach Lee Nelson said Santa Barbara's primary focus will be on playing its own game.

"We started playing some very good volleyball against Hawai'i and we would like to carry that into this weekend's matches," he said. "It's important for us to concentrate on what's happening on our side of the net. We want to dictate the tempo of the match and make them beat us."

Friday's match against Division III UCSD looks to be a test of the Gauchos' patience. The Tritons have a relatively small lineup adept at making digs and keeping the ball in play.

"UCSD is a scrappy team, so we have to worry about

playing our game and not making errors," UCSB senior outside hitter Mitch McCoy said. "We're going into that match looking at it as a chance to improve and get ready for the bigger game against San Diego State on Saturday night."

Returning five starters from last season, San Diego State should prove to be a formidable opponent for the Gauchos. The Aztecs are led by 6'5" senior Matt Hyden. An outside hitter, Hyden led San Diego with 345 kills last year, averaging 4.99 per game.

McCoy insists that UCSB isn't feeling any heat after having lost its first three conference games.

"There really isn't any pressure. We know that wins are going to come," McCoy said. "We've had some close matches and have come up short, but a lot of that is just the way the ball bounces."

"We are a little disappointed about our home record so far. We started out with eight home games and are hoping to come out at least at .500. But, other than that, the ball is going to start rolling for us pretty soon and we're going to start winning."

Nelson prefers to place Santa Barbara's slow start on the back burner and get a fresh start this weekend.

"We just have to take it one match at a time," Nelson said.