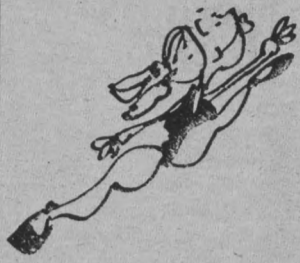


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Feel as if you will be in school forever? Imagine going to school at age 73. Meet a couple of UCSB students in their blue and golden years.



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How many porn references can David Downs include in a single column? Find out on today's Opinion page.



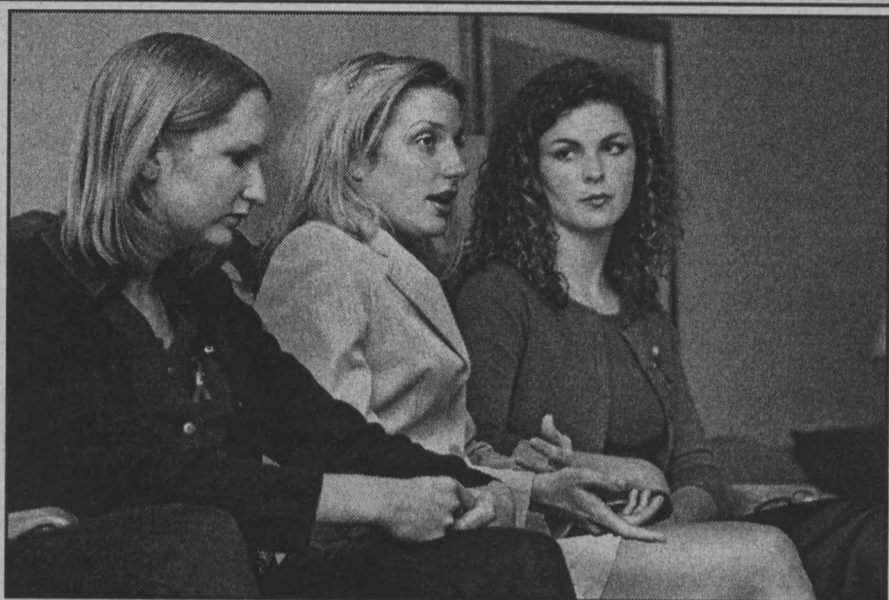
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Adina McGarr recounts her experiences with anorexia and bulimia in a panel discussion for Eating Disorder Awareness Week. Peer Health Educators help to sponsor this event.

Peer Health Educators Offer Advice, Discuss Experiences

By **MARISA LAGOS**
Staff Writer



Over 40 people, mostly women, listen, learn and participate at a forum held at Alpha Phi sorority Tuesday night.

Alpha Phi sorority played host to the second in a series of three panels Tuesday night as part of Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

Nutrition and Eating Disorder Peer Health Educators sponsored the panel during which five members of the group shared personal stories about their ordeals with eating disorders, and fielded questions from sorority representatives. According to Peer Health Educator Sarah Reid, over 23 percent of females and 7.9 percent of males at UCSB are reported as having an eating disorder, a percentage eight times the national average.

According to senior psychology major and health educator Adina McGarr, eating disorders often start early in college.

"I did not want to gain the freshman-15, and I had seen other girls come back from college overweight. My first year at a junior college, I lived in a dorm ... my roommate counted calories, and it rubbed off ... I became obsessed," she said. "It's fine to be healthy, but not to the point where you can't eat something with fat without feeling guilty."

McGarr said the progression of her disease developed into bulimia after her first summer home from college.

"My boyfriend was concerned and told my parents, but I played it off with them. I developed bulimia, but I wouldn't binge ... I felt power and in control, but before I knew it, [the disease] was manipulating me. It had complete control," she said. "I went from being vibrant to angry and withdrawn."

According to McGarr, "It became worse because I couldn't eat anything without it coming up. I developed gastrointestinal problems. I would leave the gym shaking, my chest too tight to breathe. I couldn't keep food down."

Senior English major Jill Burtick shared her cousin's experience with anorexia and bulimia, which led to self-mutilation and attempts at suicide.

"The way I've dealt with it is trying to be there for [my cousin] ... The goal is to make them know that they are important," she said. "You have to want to get help. As a friend, what you can do is be there for them."

Reid said the best way to address a person suffering from an eating disorder is in a nonconfrontational manner.

"Tell the person, 'I care about you.' Talk to them in a nonaccusatory way, or you're going to alienate them. Get help for yourself. Use the Student Health resources," she said.

The peer group encourages students to make use of the resources offered on campus, which include counselors at the

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Large Group Confronts Three Males in Friday Night Attack Next to UCen

Three UCSB students were attacked on campus late Friday night as they walked near the University Center.

According to UCSB Police Dept. Captain Bill Bean, a group of 13 males confronted three UCSB students at approximately 11:50 p.m. Bean said five males out of the group approached the three victims and challenged them to a fight.

"One of the victims tried to calm the situation and avoid a fight," he said. "One of the victims was struck in the head from behind and fell to the ground. When the other two victims attempted to

help the victim, they were also struck. The victim on the ground was repeatedly struck and kicked by two suspects."

While the victim was on the ground, one of the two suspects removed his wallet from his pocket, and then fled in the direction of Ortega Dining Commons, Bean said. According to police reports, the victims received minor injuries and refused medical treatment.

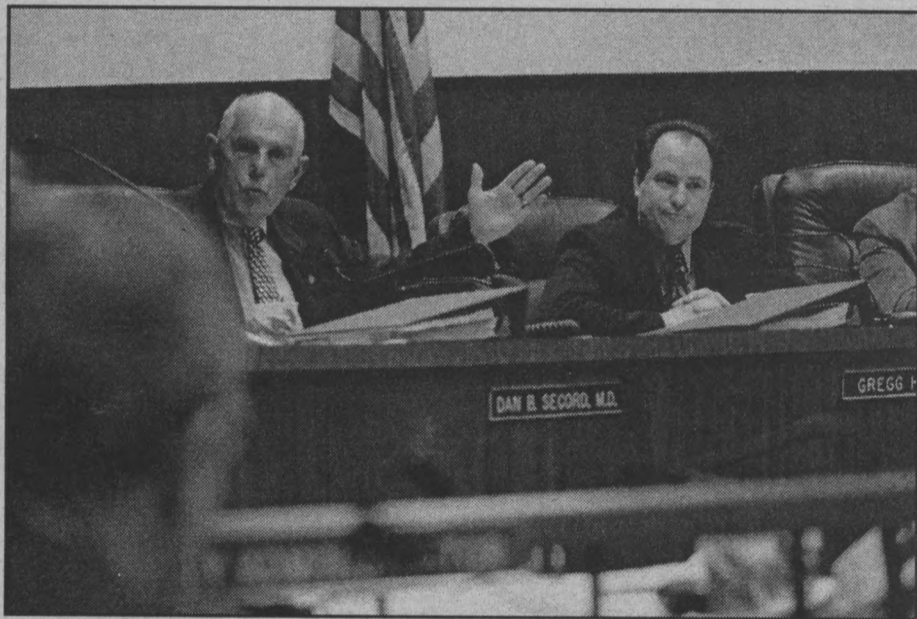
Two of the suspects are described as white males between the ages of 18-21 with medium build. One of the suspects was reported to have blond hair and

was wearing a white Adidas baseball cap with the word, "Golf," on it at the scene of the crime.

Chief of Police John MacPherson said he thought the incident was "unusual" and "[did not] know if the robbery was incidental." MacPherson encouraged anyone with information to call the Police Dept. at 893-8477.

"That's 16 people who know about this, and I'm sure they told other people," he said. "I would like to think that out of those 16, someone would come forward. We would just like to get to the bottom of this."

—Ted Andersen



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Council member Dan B. Secord, M.D., voices his concern on the merit, legality and civility of Prop 22 at Tuesday's city council meeting. The council is in opposition to the proposition.

Local Voters Debate Gay Marriage Proposition

By **JEFF LUPO**
Staff Writer

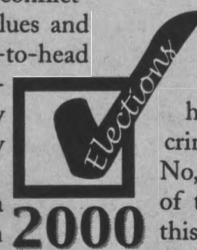
Members of the public with conflicting religious beliefs, personal values and sexual orientations went head-to-head over a controversial ballot initiative at the Santa Barbara City Council meeting Tuesday evening.

Many locals were given a chance to voice their opinions on the controversial Prop 22 in hopes to persuade council members' votes on the initiative. The city council unanimously voted against the proposition, which would declare same-sex mar-

riages performed and recognized in other states as invalid in California.

According to Santa Barbara resident Derrin Watson, similar measures are widely supported throughout the nation as well as the state.

"Thirty other states have passed laws like this, and have we seen an increase in hate crimes in these states since then? No," he said. "More than 50 percent of the people of this state advocate this — it's not out of hate. Church after church after church advocates this — it's not out of hate ... This is a matter that comes down to how you feel about the family and about the institution



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Top of the News

WWII Victims Able to Claim Repayment

WASHINGTON (AP) — An international commission began a long-awaited program Tuesday to settle insurance claims never paid to Holocaust victims or their heirs.

The International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims said people who believe they have claims would have two years to apply. It was planning a newspaper ad campaign and setting up telephone centers in 41 countries to help those who believe they have such claims, said the panel's chair, former Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger.

Eagleburger said he did not know how many people have such claims or how much they are owed overall. But he said some have estimated it could cost up to several billion dollars to pay them back under the negotiated agreement that they get 10 times the original value of their policy.



"Today is about justice ... for some of the victims of the most horrible crime in the history of the world," said Glenn Pomeroy, North Dakota's insurance commissioner and a member of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, who tried to collect on policies after World War II went unpaid because insurers asked for documentation such as policies or death certificates — something impossible to produce for most concentration camp victims or their survivors.

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— Glenn Pomeroy
North Dakota's insurance commissioner

which helped create the commission two years ago.

The program is for any Holocaust victim who owned, was covered by or was the beneficiary of a policy for life insurance, education or dowry issued between 1920 and 1945.

Officials have said some survivors or heirs

Eagleburger said at a news conference announcing the start of the program that the companies now have agreed to "relaxed standards" for evaluating old claims. A commission statement suggested victims might be able to support their claims with diary entries

reflecting policy payments, premium receipts, private correspondence mentioning coverage and recollections regarding insurance agents' visits.

"We welcome the initiative taken to achieve a measure of justice for Holocaust victims around the world," said Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the New York-based Jewish Conference on Material Claims Against Germany.

Eagleburger's commission included Jewish and Holocaust survivor groups, U.S. and European regulators, the country of Israel and five European insurance companies that operated during the era and now have subsidiaries in the United States: Assicurazioni Generali of Italy, Allianz AG of Germany, AXA of France, and Winterthur Leben and Zurich Financial Services from Switzerland.

Britain Provokes IRA to Back Out of Arms Deal

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Stung by the British government's decision to suspend Northern Ireland's power-sharing agreement, the IRA broke off disarmament talks Tuesday, dealing a damaging blow to hopes of resurrecting Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic administration.

In a hard-line statement, the IRA also formally withdrew from the table its latest hint that it might someday disarm. The outlawed group accused the British government and the province's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, of pursuing "a military victory," something that "cannot and will not happen."

The development underscored the failure of a 3-month-old deal brokered by American diplomat George Mitchell.

Mitchell had persuaded the Ulster Unionists to establish a four-party coalition alongside the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party. In exchange, the IRA was supposed to begin negotiating the gradual destruction of its hidden weapons stockpiles, a goal of the province's 1998 peace accord.

Instead, Britain suspended the 10-week-old adminis-



tration's powers Friday after confirming that the IRA had made no commitments to the disarmament commission.

The commission is charged with securing the IRA's total disarmament by May in line with the Good Friday accord.

The British and Irish governments still intend to hold separate talks Wednesday in London with Northern Ireland's key parties. But the odds against transferring powers back soon to the Belfast administration look greater than ever.

Tuesday's IRA statement came after an ill-tempered meeting between Sinn Fein leaders and Peter Mandelson, Britain's secretary of state for Northern Ireland, who took the decision to resume direct control of the province.

"It was a bad meeting, quite frankly," said Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, a reputed former IRA commander. "And this Sinn Fein leadership has now no further room to move. We have seen the failure of politics."

Adams said he blamed Mandelson for rejecting the IRA's last offering to the Belfast-based disarmament commission.

AP Wire Shorts

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hackers manipulated computers at the University of California, Los Angeles, to carry out attacks on commercial Internet sites last week, the school announced Tuesday.

The university was the latest to reveal that campus computers were manipulated by hackers in a rash of "denial of service" attacks last week that crippled popular Internet sites, including Yahoo!, Buy.com, ETrade, CNN.com and eBay.

Officials at Stanford University and the University of California, Santa Barbara, are among universities that have said one or more computers on their campuses were remotely accessed and used in the attacks.

The FBI confirmed Monday that another machine used remotely to attack Web sites last week was in Portland, Ore.

UCLA officials notified the FBI and are cooperating in an investigation of the attacks, the university said in a written statement.

"Campus experts are investigating the extent of the activity, including the number of computers involved," the statement said. "They are confident the hackers are

not based on campus."

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than a dozen suspect parts from MD-80 series airplanes are heading for a federal aviation safety lab in Washington for study aiming to prevent another crash like that of Alaska Airlines Flight 261.

Airlines were ordered to inspect the stabilizer control mechanism in almost 1,100 planes after problems were found in that part of the Alaska Airlines MD-83 that crashed Jan. 31, killing all 88 aboard.

Airlines were given 72 hours Friday to inspect the planes, which meant the work was to have been completed Monday.

In Southern California, the Ventura County medical examiner reported Monday that 47 bodies from the downed plane had been positively identified, and families were being notified.

Also on Monday, the FAA said 13 suspect jackscrews had been removed from planes and sent to Washington, where the FAA was to turn them over to the National Transportation Safety Board for analysis.

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Weather

I can't keep all of these propositions straight in my mind. It seems that half of them are overturning initiatives that passed last year or the year before. Nobody can be expected to remember all of these props. They should name them what they are: "The Paid for by Insurance Companies" prop or the "Last Year Caught Us, The Tobacco Lobby, Off Guard" prop. It really bugs me that these things flood the ballot. I'm all for the people's right to decide, but doesn't it seem that some of these ads for props are just designed to muddy the water enough not to give you a clear picture? It's hard to believe that there would be any dishonesty in politics. Gee whiz.

Campus Event To Promote Safe Sex

BY KELLY BURGDORF
Reporter

Students can partake in friendly games of Condom Darts, Sexually Transmitted Disease Jeopardy and the "Woody Challenge" as part of today's Safer Sex Fair in Storke Plaza from 12-2 p.m.

The fair is designed to educate students about safe sex, and will feature several on-campus student groups offering information and free condoms. The event will include games, statistics and "fun facts," Co-coordinator of Health Education Russell Knight said.

"The fair is not just about safer sex education, it's about UCSB spirit," he said. "We have no football team, what are we supposed to do?"

The literature and statistics at the fair will be provided to students in honor of National AIDS Week. April Beckett, director of Clinical Services and a family nurse practitioner, said, "Anyone who is sexually active should know the risks that are out there, and the Safer Sex Fair is designed to give that information."

Peer Health Educator Stacy Conlon

described the event as an "outreach to students to get involved in a fun way." Conlon advised students to "be aware of their own sexual activity and to take the necessary precautions against disease."

According to Conlon, California had a total of 115,324 reported AIDS cases as of Dec. 31, 1999. She added that Santa Barbara County had 640 reported AIDS cases, while Los Angeles County had 40,739 reported cases, the most in California. San Diego County had the second-highest number, with a reported 10,162 cases.

Knight said by promoting student awareness, "UCSB can combat the negative and false reputation [regarding sex and disease] that it has gained in the past."

KJEE Program Director Eddie Gutierrez said the Safer Sex Fair is a good way to educate students. "This is a great cause, and it's important to have safe sex and to get the message out," he said.

Peer Health Education and the Student Health Service are sponsoring the fair, and KJEE 92.9 FM will broadcast from Storke Plaza during the event.

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the most."
-Ozzy Osborne

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WISDOM FOR ALL AGES

These students are passing on shuffleboard and hoping to don mortar boards. Rather than retiring, they're re-trying — school, that is. You may mistake them for professors or TAs on the first day of classes, but if you ask, you'll find out that they're not too different from their younger counterparts.



By **BRENDAN BUHLER**
Staff Writer

For Margaret Broughton, the journey to UCSB began in 1958 behind the wheel of a 1949 Cadillac convertible headed west from Cincinnati.

Leaving behind a failed marriage, she was headed for Capistrano with \$600 in her pocket and five children in the back seat.

Fifty-one years later, she enrolled in UCSB at the age of 73.

According to the Office of Budget and Planning, only 1.73 percent of undergraduates at UCSB is over the age of 30, though 5 percent of transfers is.

Now in her third quarter at UCSB, Margaret sits on the patio outside of the University Center, drinking tea and talking about her college experience.

"I thrive on the campus atmosphere. Seeing all these wonderful young people," she says, waving her arm toward the two young women at the table next to us who are sharing coffee, cigarettes and relationship woes, and "who are learning and questing."

As I get older, I am much more aware of how the process is more important than the outcome.

— **Margaret Broughton**
74-year-old student

The last time she attended school was over 55 years ago. She was enrolled in the Cadet Nurse Corps program during World War II, but graduated in peacetime. "It was a wonderful experience, but it didn't yield a degree."

Margaret then married and had children. After 10 years, the marriage ended in divorce, sending Margaret to California, where she had a 30-year career as a nurse at Camarillo State Mental Hospital.

Folding her hands next to her cup, she calls coming back for a bachelor's degree in religious studies something enriching. "This is mostly for self-edification. I love school, learning, reading, all of that; it's just fascinating."

"There's something to be said for studying, now that I have lived a long time. Things have more meaning," says Margaret. "As I get older, I am much more aware of how the process is more important than the outcome."

"Fortunately, I'm in a position where I don't have to worry about preparing for a job, like all you wonderful young people do," she adds with a broad smile. "I can take classes that I'm interested in."

Beyond learning, Margaret

enjoys her immersion in the student population of Santa Barbara. "It's very stimulating and inspiring to be around all these young people," she notes. "I think people are engaged in learning. I'm getting to know a lot of students. Just from each class there are several people I get to know."

She enjoys her interactions with students. "I don't feel in the least out of place being in the classroom with so many young people," she says. "They're very respectful. ... They talk to me and they're interested, and maybe a little surprised, but I don't feel like I shouldn't be here. I feel like I'm accepted. With some of the students, it's very warm."

Despite such student contact, she remains apart from campus life. "I know there's a lot of activity here. I'm not really involved, but I like what I do see," she says. "I'm not as involved as I would be. ... Besides, I'm very involved in my own community in Santa Paula."

According to Margaret, not every older student is as

I think [older students] have more a sense of their own place in the world. There's more assurance and ease in their questioning.

— **Catherine Albanese**
religious studies professor

comfortable. "There are a few students I have met that are older, in their 40s and 50s, who have talked to me about feeling ill at ease. I don't feel that. I guess it's because life has happened, and I've experienced a lot, know what I'm here for, and that's to learn. So I accept the concession," she says, shifting in her seat and taking a sip from her cup.

Professors, however, are people that older students have as much, or more, contact with as average students. "I think sometimes that there's an impression that the professor might be a little intimidated by an older person. I haven't found that to be true, but it's one thing I've heard," Margaret said.

She elaborated on her experience with professors. "We have to reach out to them. ... At first I didn't do this as much, but I find they are more then willing to help if you ask. ... They don't seem to be surprised [at having older students]."

One of Margaret's current religious studies professors, Professor Catherine Albanese, declares that she is thrilled to have older students. "They're often superb students; they have a sort of passion to learn, and absolutely sparkle," she said.

"I think they have more a sense of their own place in the world. There's more assurance and ease in their ques-

tioning," she added.

As for Margaret, Professor Albanese has nothing but praise. "She's really serious about it. Her work is meticulous in a way you don't often see with people right out of high school," she said.

After earning her bachelor's, Margaret plans to continue her journey at Pacifica Graduate School for a masters in death psychology. She plans to use her newfound knowledge in the spiritual psychology therapy group she has run at Camarillo hospital for the last four and a half years. "It's been so rewarding that I just feel like I need more knowledge to do an even better job," she sighs.

An "Old Guy's" Story

The "Baron" Ron Herron offers a different view of the university experience. College is not just for the young.



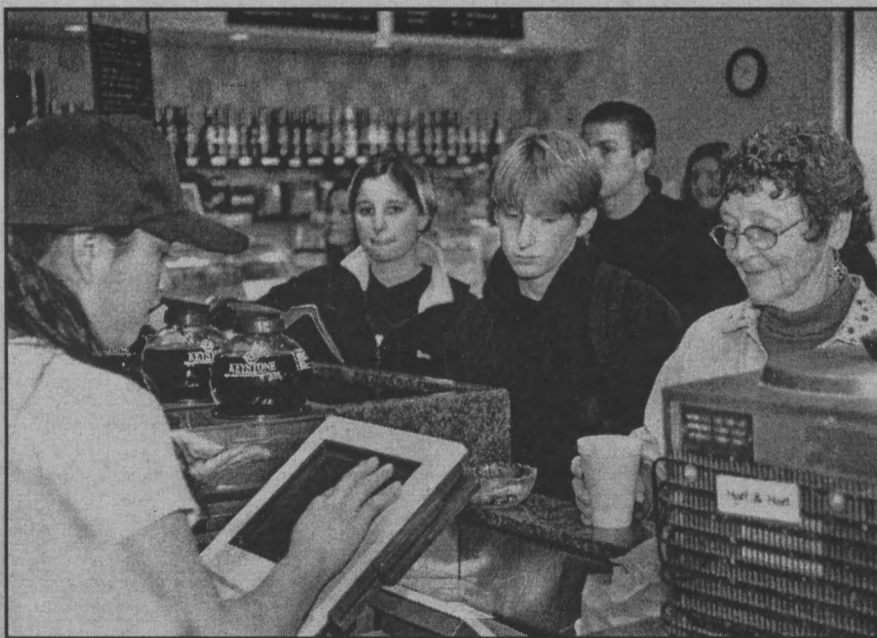
Here I am, still getting up long before dawn, a grown man of 53, continuing to be, as I was at 16, the clown-in-the-back-of-the-class-with-a-radio-show ... except I get paid now for doing what I used to get sent to the principal's office for. With the kids grown and the divorce almost a decade behind me, a few years ago, I got to thinking, "Hey, maybe it's not too late."

On my way to a bachelor's degree in history, I'm looking at teaching while many teachers my age or younger are thinking about retiring. If all I can swing is a "substitute" job, well, that's OK, too. I'll just continue my graduate education, going after my master's and then the Big D, while still holding down my morning radio show at KIST-FM. "Professor Herron" by the time I'm, say, 60? It's certainly not out of the question!

And there are more and more people like me out there, hidden among the overwhelming population of generation X-ers (or whatever the youth are called these days). We are told by counselors (at least I was), "Oh, you older ones are the guys who'll do it — who will make the effort, get good grades, make the Dean's list, take this college thing seriously!" Finally.

Granted, the small minority of us re-entries on campus may be tagged as being outside the mainstream of today's youth culture and lifestyle. We may be stuck in a Beatles-Stones-Motown-Do-Wop/'50s-'60s time warp, and have children older than most of our fellow classmates. You may not see us at the sorority/fraternity functions or catch us seeking out the cool parties in Isla Vista. We don't often hang out with the fresh-out-of-high-school crowds that go to raves or buy hip hop CDs, but believe me, we are just as involved in sweating out term papers, cramming for midterms and getting through these intense university quarters as the younger students.

Know how you could make our day, while bridging a cultural gap and, at the same time, helping your own educational progress as well? Invite us into your side discussions in class. Trade phone numbers, and then compare notes with us at night. Pick our brains; ask our opinions; share some thoughts; let us take part in your campus study sessions. You might be surprised how much an "old" guy or gal can contribute! A few wrinkles and some gray hair does not mean we are beyond the needs and emotions that all struggling undergrads are wrestling with in these hallowed halls.



After class, religious studies major Margaret Broughton takes a break from schoolwork and buys a cup of coffee in the UCen while her younger classmates wait their turn.

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A.S. To Discuss Issue of UCSB Tobacco Sales

A proposal to snuff out cigarette sales on campus will be presented to Associated Students Legislative Council by the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) at its meeting Wednesday night.

SHAC first proposed the ban in November when members became worried that students were using their ACCESS cards to purchase cigarettes, SHAC Rep Daniel Magpali said. He added that the committee was also concerned with students' health.

If A.S. passes the bill, it will be sent to the University Center Governance Board, which will make the final decision on whether or not the ban will be implemented, Magpali said. In order to show that SHAC is not the only supporter of the ban, Magpali will present a petition to the council signed by faculty, students and administrators.

Rep-at-Large and bill author Courtney Ross-Tait said support for the bill stems

from a belief that it would prevent casual smokers from purchasing cigarettes while on campus.

"The people who buy cigarettes on campus are social smokers," she said. "We're not trying to stop people from smoking; that's not the intent of the bill."

Supporters of the bill also believe that by allowing cigarette sales on campus, the university is supporting an unhealthy habit, Ross-Tait said.

Off-Campus Rep Matt McMillan said smoking is unhealthy, but questioned whether A.S. has the right to ban cigarettes — an act that could lead to objections over anything considered unhealthy by a public majority.

"Nobody denies the fact that smoking is unhealthy," he said. "Informed adults have a right to make their own decisions. Everybody has a right to live the lifestyle that they wish."

— Sarah Healy

The Princeton Review's 2000 Edition Survey on UCSB says:

- students love Santa Barbara, CA
- great food on campus
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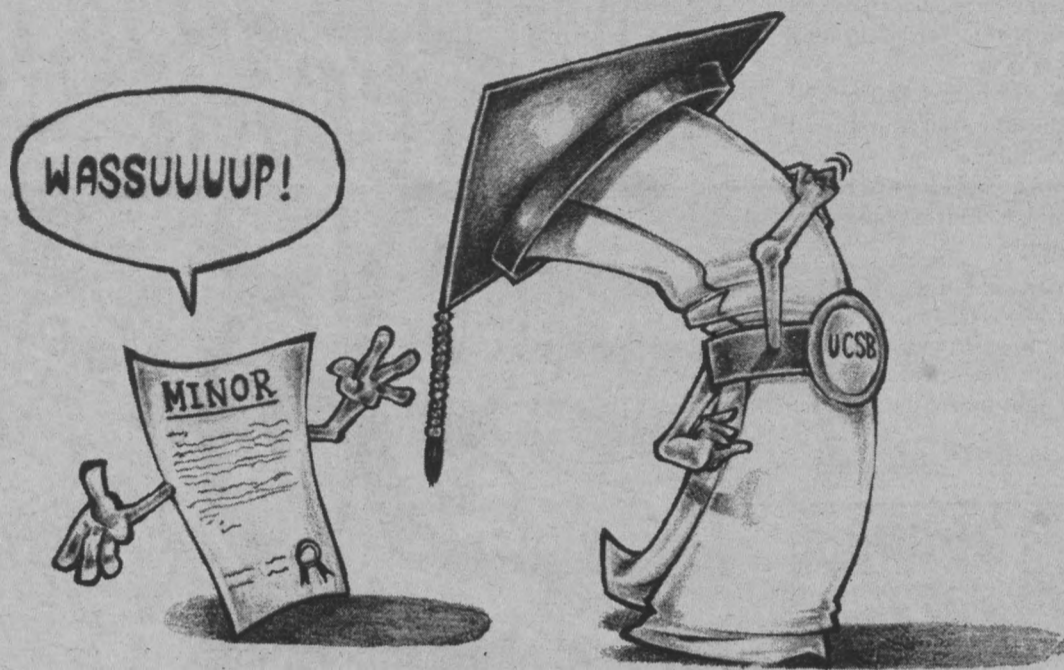
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A Major Victory

A.S. Representatives Have Followed Through on a Decade-Long Effort for Minors on Diplomas

Minors on diplomas may seem like a minor detail, but students deserve the same recognition for hard work in their minors as they do for work in their majors. Majors, of course, are acknowledged on diplomas, but minors remain conspicuously absent. As graduate schools and the job market become more and more competitive, many admissions offices and employers are seeking well-rounded individuals. The broad range of study indicated by an academic minor may be just what a student needs to get that job or graduate school scholarship one is striving for.

Thanks to the work of student representatives, the goal of minors on diplomas is now well on its way to becoming a reality.

Associated Students first hit upon the idea of placing minors on diplomas around 10 years ago. Due to A.S.'s annual turnover and its resulting lack of continuity, it took until two years ago to form a concrete

plan. Academic Affairs Board Chair Christina Costley made the issue a major part of her platform in running for executive office last year, and this year, Legislative Council passed a position paper in support of the effort. On Feb. 3, Costley, Rep-at-Large Jessica Erlich and Academic Affairs Board Vice Chair Bill Flores presented this position paper to the Faculty Legislature, which approved it. With the blessing of the Faculty Legislature, the proposal now must be approved by the University of California Academic Council and the UC Office of the President.

Should the approval process run smoothly, this spring's graduating seniors could be the first to earn diplomas with minors, and thus the first to earn diplomas reflecting their rigorous courses of study.

The reason for all this red tape stems from the concept of standardized diplomas throughout the UC system. UC diplomas are supposed to be uniform, and adding minors to UCSB diplomas would make them different. However, last year, UCLA was approved to include minors on their diplomas, clearing a path for other UCs to seek approval. The initiative shown by UCSB and UCLA in clearing the way for minors on diplomas may eventually benefit all UC students.

Students are more likely to take on the extra work required for a minor if there are incentives such as recognition on a diploma. Even if your diploma ends up hanging on the wall in your parents' den, seeing your accomplishments spelled out is rewarding in and of itself. Whether the minor is in a closely related field and indicates a thorough understanding of one academic area or strays to the opposite end of the course catalog, students put time and energy into earning their minors, and these efforts should be noted.

A.S. has followed through on a plan to truly help students, and we can only hope that the UC administration does the same. Chancellor Henry Yang said he's hoping to see minors on graduating seniors' diplomas in the spring, and so do we.

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The Reader's Voice



LARRY MILLS CARES ABOUT HELPING THE PEOPLE OF GOLETA

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The following is a true story of how Larry Mills freely helped a group of new home-owners in Goleta when its supervisor was unresponsive. In 1997, my wife and I were among the first to purchase a home at Winchester Commons, a new group of houses in Goleta. When the first group of owners began to close escrow, we discovered that our homes would not have lawns in the front yards as the models did. Instead, they had installed county-mandated, drought-tolerant, politically correct indigenous shrubs, which when mature, would have rendered our front yards void of any use.

With the help of the home-builder and his attorney, we appealed to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to allow at least partial front lawns. County staff dug in its heels and opposed us. As we talked to the five supervisors, we found that while the majority favored our position, our own supervisor, Gail Marshall, was against us. Prior to the hearing, I discussed our position with Supervisor Marshall on the phone and explained that our project was approved during the drought when water rationing was in effect, and prior to State Water being approved and the water moratorium being lifted.

I found her extremely combative and unwilling to listen with an open mind. Her response was, "It is a global issue." She also implied that we were "duped" by the developer and that we should be going after him. Of course the "fact" that county inspectors had erroneously signed off on the models had nothing to do with it. You just don't tell your constituency they were duped when it was a county error that caused the problem.

I then contacted Larry Mills, who was on the Water Board, to find out about the availability of water. He informed me that with the end of the water moratorium, the county and water district had entered into an agreement to let the Goleta Water District decide how water was to be made available for usage, and that our water meters had unrestricted use. Larry agreed to speak in favor of our appeal at the hearing before the board, and helped to win the day as reasonable minds prevailed.

Were it not for Larry Mills' willingness to take his own time to research and then speak at the hearing, we would not have the beautiful front yards we now enjoy. Every time I see one of the children playing in the front yard, I am thankful for Larry's help. It isn't often that one finds a person in office who is willing to serve his community without political motives. Service-oriented leaders are badly needed in government.

Larry Mills took time off work twice to help us, as hearings in Santa Barbara County are often postponed. He is a service-oriented, no-nonsense, fiscally responsible man with common sense. Please support him — it is time for a change.

DEAN BRUNNER

The Low Down Hackers a

Reflecting on the E-F

DAVID DOWNS

Midterms are kicking my ass with steel-toed boots, and I regret that this week's installment of "The Low Down" must be brief. I've had to learn how to type standing up so as not to break the sutures.

I was very disappointed to learn that the

E-commerce, e-trade, hell.com, e-revolution, web-minded, networking ... please direct me to e-vomitorium.

hacker who jacked up all those Internet sites wasn't from UCSB. Stoked at the prospect of having some pale little computer science major show up at my door with a laptop under his arm asking for me to hide him, I put up posters of Laura Croft and stocked the fridge with Dr. Pepper.

As I later discovered from CNN.com, the

Keep the Spirit

MICHAEL LANE

As a devoted supporter of the UCSB basketball team, I feel compelled to express a concern regarding recent events at the UCSB Events Center more commonly referred to as the Thunderdome.

Last Saturday, following a victory by the men's over UC Irvine, I was party to a discussion between a middle-aged woman and a few members of the G-Locos fan club. The woman berated us for what she deemed were offensive and inappropriate cheers, even went so far as to make a list of the cheers in question. We tried to explain the nature of men's games at the Thunderdome, but she was steadfast in her dictation. She accused our section of having no pride in our school, saying that if she was athletic director she would have us all escorted out of the facility. The encounter ended with her declaration that this was the last men's game. She then stormed toward the exit, her somewhat bemused husband in tow.

My first thought was "good riddance," but I quickly checked myself. I have never tried to encourage someone to not attend a men's basketball game, and I am willing to allow that this woman's heart is in the right

SHOW COMPASSION FOR JUVENILES; VOTE NO

Editor, Daily Nexus:

On March 7, we as Californians have a choice to make. Proposition 21 purports a "tough on crime" attitude, which will not serve our communities best because it ignores the dignity of victims nor the welfare of the state. This proposition ignores the old adage "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" because it will cost hundreds of millions of dollars on the streets rather than working to prevent it.

For example, Prop 21 will allow prosecutors to send many juvenile cases to adult prison, more 16 to 17-year-olds into adult prison, and "three strikes" laws to juveniles, which will increase sentences and life terms. Most importantly, it will increase the penalty for certain gang offenses.

Our justice system views crime as a violation of the state, rather than a violation of the community. It is seen as retributive and revengeful, rather than

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and Whores

E-Future of our E-Country

UCSB network was used as a pawn to attack other sites and then dumped faster than a Valentine's Day hookup. No phone call, no IP address, just a limp hard drive and a few bad puns. The real hacker is somewhere in Germany or Bangladesh or Mozambique or wherever. The point is, he's making the FBI look like Inspector Gadget minus Penny or Brain, and it's funny as hell.

Whenever there's news about some hacker messing stuff up on the Internet, I'm always rooting for the hacker. Like I'm supposed to care that a whole bunch of mega-corporations lost millions of dollars in ad revenue. "But I couldn't get my e-mail," screams the 11 percent of America rich enough to be on-line daily. If it was so damned urgent you should have picked up a phone.

My only beef with hackers is that they think too small. If I'm going to devote my life to knowing the gizzards of the Internet and risk incarceration in the process, I'm not going to send a bunch of junk e-mail to some websites.

I would reroute all cell phone calls in L.A. to a fish taco stand in Guatemala, or put the name and address of every registered Catholic priest on the mailing lists of every midget porno site I could find. Maybe steal a whole bunch of credit card numbers and use them to buy and ship truckloads of chocolate chip cookie dough to all the weight-loss clinics in this fat-ass country.

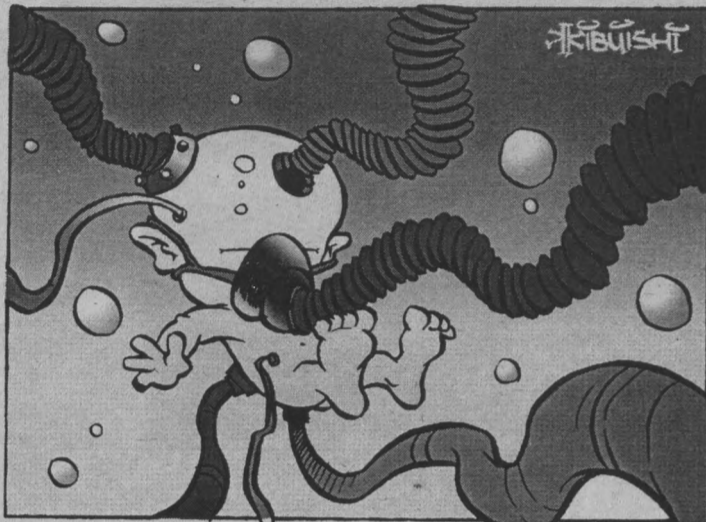
A good hacker has the potential to really traumatize the techno-elite, and all he does is clog up Yahoo! — which, along with "floozy," is on my Top-10 List of Stupid-Ass Internet Words.

The same 11 percent that nearly pissed blood when they realized they couldn't yahoo! for a couple of hours has decided it's hip to give techno names to its new toys. The evil bastards even have the gall to buy up all the ad space during the Super Bowl and give Christopher Reeves magic legs. E-commerce, e-trade, hell.com, e-revolution, web-minded, networking ... please direct me to e-vomitrium.

Keeping up with my "if you can't beat 'em, make fun of them 'til they cry" mantra, I would like to add a new word to the list. e-fart.

As in: The computer at the *Daily Nexus* is such a piece of crap, it e-farts about halfway through every porno download, and I have to start all over. To avoid the occasional e-farts, my roommates and I are contemplating getting one of those ultra-fast cable

modems. Normally, I would have no problem with Cox's lightening-fast click-and-print porno, but I'm hesitant about letting my computer remain online 24 hours a day. It sounds a little too George Orwell-1984-tescreen for my taste, especially con-



KAZUHIRO KIBUSHI / DAILY NEXUS

sidering there is a commercial on TV depicting thousands of children saying, "You were born to turn your mind over to the web." Cut to that scene in "The Matrix," where Keanu Reeves wakes up to all those millions of people playing 12-volt batteries to a race of machines, and you can grasp my terror.

Coincidentally, that freaky e-children commercial came right before the one about network television auctioning off some filthy whores. It's technically called "Who Wants to Marry A Multi-Millionaire?" but this phrase turns out to be a loose translation of the Bangladeshi word for "filthy whore."

If the ratings are good enough (and I was watching), buying beautiful soulless women can become a new item for auction on eBay. Click on the "humans" icon, and name your price on kidneys, stem cells, NFL linebacker sperm or your very own money-grubbing Welcome to the future.com.

I am the tagline for David Downs' column. Normally I say, "David Downs' column appears every other Wednesday in the Daily Nexus," and then something witty and pretentious. This time I don't feel like it.

Spirit of the 'Dome Alive

after a slow start, the team has hit its stride and we continue to breathe life back into the still-feared, but much tamer, Thunderdome.

The point I would make to the irate woman who stormed out of the gym on Saturday is that she hasn't seen a fraction of what we're capable of. As the program gets stronger, the 'Dome will get more and more raucous. Remember, we're still rebuilding. It will be a couple of more years before we can realistically talk of the NCAA's again. If you think last Saturday was bad, imagine 6,000 people saying and doing the things you found so objectionable from 2,000.

You just don't see fans like us on the West Coast. Why do you think other teams hate coming in here? Because we make them hate it.

All of this relates back to the atmosphere surrounding men's games. Women's games are different. The fan base of our outstanding team is community-driven. When we go to their games, we respect the fact that a more toned-down form of support is the norm. We respect the environment created by the women's team and their fans, and you should respect the atmosphere we're trying to bring back to the men's team.

Someone who, in her own words, has only been following Gaucha hoops for a short time, and who did not identify herself as an alumna, has no right to indulge in self-righteous preaching, especially in that building. That's akin to walking into someone else's house and

scolding them for watching too much television. If people of her bent have their way, the Thunderdome would be reduced to an arena of stiff sitters on their hands saying, "Nice shot there, lad." There would be no energy, no passion and no students. The very thought turns my stomach. Look at UCLA home games, or any other school in our own conference. You just don't see fans like us on the West Coast. Why do you think other teams hate coming in here? Because we make them hate it.

Sure, we ride them hard, but it's all in fun. And it's done with the understanding that if we saw them outside after the game, we would probably shake their hand and say, "Nice game." But the rules change when you walk into the Thunderdome, and I couldn't be happier.

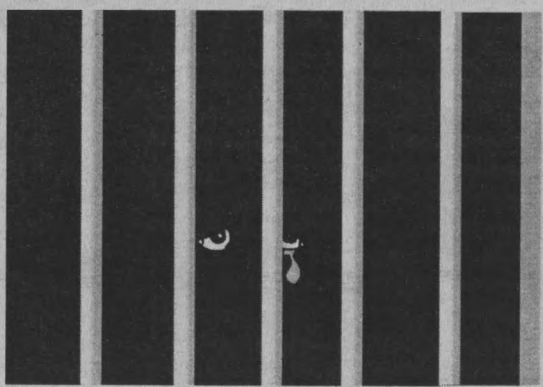
I'm all for banning tortilla-tossing, as well as the more profane chants. And while the latter do occasionally resurface, they are not nearly as popular as they once were. Besides, your list included "Shut up, coach!" — hardly NC-17 material. Maybe a vacation is in order. You need to unclench a little. Why don't you come with us to Cal Poly next year, where we are greeted with signs that say "Suck me," and pelted with condoms?

Bottom line: The players love us, the students love us and every true Gaucha fan who has reveled in the good times and sat through more losing than they care to remember appreciates what we are trying to do. We make a difference. I love my school, and I have never been prouder to be a Gaucha. See you in the 'Dome!

Michael Lane is a Gaucha Loco and a 1996 UCSB graduate.

ASSION TOWARD NO ON PROP 21

— learning. However, programs, which allow reconciliation and creative punishment, tend to be more effective against recidivism, and provide a foundation for dialogue between the victim and the offender. So often the victim is left defenseless after the violation, neglected by the state. To really enact justice, we should help our youth make good decisions, participate in community building, and address their needs as youths, like education and job training.



CATIA CHIEN / DAILY NEXUS

Juveniles are not adults, even when they commit adult-like crimes. Whether due to neglect, drug and alcohol abuse, or lack of supervision or guidelines — or a combination of these problems — a 17-year-old in chronological years might be a 12-year-old mentally and emotionally. We as a community have the responsibility for educating this child and setting him/her on a straighter path. Voting against Prop 21 shows our commitment to our children and our communities.

LEAH WELLS

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WORKERS OF THE CAMPUS, UNITE AGAINST FOOLS LIKE BRIAN FREDIN

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Although I disagree with Memry Hamik's claim that the RecCen should not be expanded (Reader's Voice, "Money for Education, Not Indoor Workouts," Feb. 10), her attack on Brian Fredin's letter is well-justified. As someone who has worked in the dark bowels of a coal mine for 10 years to save enough pennies to attend this school, I take offense when someone like Brian assumes that everyone is on his economic leave.

Brian shows his narrow-mindedness when he says, "Most of you probably aren't paying tuition, and we all know that \$37 will go straight to the BARC statement that only your parents see." One can only imagine the cruel things that such a callous man is capable of doing to the working man. This type of selfish mind-frame is just the type of thing that leads to factories being shut down, rainforests being cut down and elephants being killed for their tusks.

So, I call out to all of you, stop the malicious, plotting, evil Brian Fredins of this world from keeping you down. Fight the oppression, if not for yourself, then for every working man.

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Free Theatrical Show To Deal With Campus Alcohol Abuse

BY TRISHA KANNAN
Reporter

Student actors and actresses in the Dramatic Arts 194T class will address binge drinking at UCSB with a play titled "The Bar" tonight at 8 in the MultiCultural Center Theater.

The play, which is directed by dramatic arts Professor Maggie Mixsell, examines binge drinking with an emphasis on the gay, lesbian and bisexual community, MCC Director Zaveeni Khan-Marcus said.

"Students were coming to me and discussing how they felt outside the social circle if they did not drink," Khan-Marcus said. "I initiated the idea of this performance in a sense. I wanted to involve the entire community with the MCC."

"The Bar" is a series of dramatic scenes and monologues with flashes of comedy, according to Eve Price, an actress in the performance and a second-year student in the Dramatic Arts Masters Program. MCC Programmer Anette Kubitz said, "The idea is to create social change via theater."

Khan-Marcus said, "Dramatic art is a powerful tool. It touches the heart and soul of students in order to initiate change."

According to Student Health Alcohol and Other Drug Program Director Judy Hearsum, Student Health performed a mail survey of UCSB students in February 1999 on their drinking habits. The results revealed that 17 percent of students seldom, if ever, drink, and half do not binge drink.

Hearsum said binge drinking — five or more drinks in one sitting — is a problem at UCSB.

"The dangerous part of binge drinking is the 'or more' part. People are more prone to problems when intoxicated," she said. "These problems vary from hangovers to sexual aggression to death. Part of the problem is lack of education. Many students just are not aware of the fact that they can die from an alcohol overdose."

Although "The Bar" is specifically geared toward alcoholism within the gay, lesbian and bisexual community, Khan-Marcus said there will be future student performances that address this issue in relation to other groups.

"We are making people aware of this one narrow issue, but alcohol abuse is a theme for the entire community," she said.

The MCC, Student Health and the Queer Resource Center are sponsoring the event. Admission is free.

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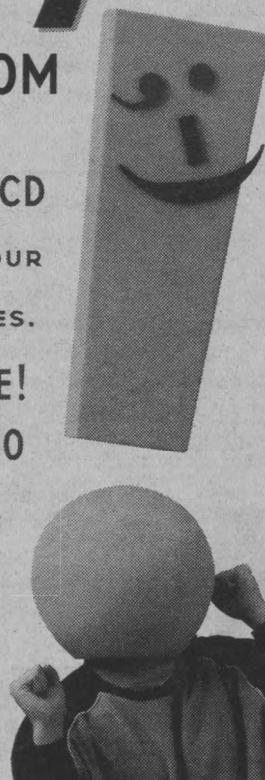
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 Student Health Center who specialize in eating disorders. Both services are free and confidential.
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from 12-2 p.m. in front of the UCen. All donations will go to battered women's shelters. They will also sponsor a forum Thursday night at Santa Cruz Residence Hall at 6:30 p.m. To contact a counselor for free advice, or to get in touch with the Peer Health Educators, call the Student Health Center at 893-3371.

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by **Linda C. Black**

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — Your nerves could be a bit on edge. Instead of worrying about that, use it to your advantage. Your antennae are more sensitive than usual. You could pick up a vibe or an innuendo that will clue you in to potential danger. Listen.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — You're learning quickly and with enthusiasm. If you get out, you might also meet some interesting new friends. Get involved with a group who can inspire you to unleash your own creativity. Don't just sit there; go DO something!

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — More education could lead to an increase in your income. That's a theme you'll hear over and over again. That's because for you, it's always true. And now, it's even more true than ever before. Don't get stuck in a dead-end job. Take a class. Read a book.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — A few things need to be cleaned up around your place. You still need to buy things at the store, too. The sooner you get all those little things out of the way, the sooner you can get creative again.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — People will have a tendency to be wimpy today. Take care. A person you yell at, all in good fun, could take offense. You could find yourself on the ugly side of harassment litigation if you're not careful. Be nice, as if it really mattered, which it does!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Do you have the next few days planned out? Discuss your schedule with your friends and family and make a few improvements. You've got everything down on your list except for one thing, and it's the most important. Do you have time slotted for fun?

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 5 — You are expected to act a certain way. There's no point in arguing; the other person outranks you. This is not going to be easy, but it could be quite lucrative. In other words, look sharp. You can relax later.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — You have a grand trine in water signs today. That means your intuition should be excellent. You may have a technical problem to deal with at home, however. Well, it'll get handled. You may not know how, but somebody does. Get them to help.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — You are cautious about allocating your resources. You may not have thought of yourself of a penny-pincher, but that's what seems to be happening now. You would like to splurge on educational materials, and that's OK. Do without food; buy books.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — You should think about partnerships, legal matters and money. If you're having any problems with finances, loans, investments or taxes, get expert help. You may know a lot, but you can't be expected to know everything!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — The sun's in your sign, and the moon's in Cancer. This means you're strong, but you also must be gentle. If you're so smart, you should be able to figure out what's going on. You'll never get there by talking or explaining. Listen, instead.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — The phase is about to change in your favor. Better get ready. Clear the cobwebs out of your workbench and dust off your hopes and dreams. You don't have to worry; your fears are only in your mind. As you exercise your creativity, they'll dissolve.

Today's Birthday (Feb. 16). Work on a household project pays well this year. Rough out your plans in February. Find ways to get the money in March. You'll be anxious to get going in April, but don't break anything. To get the work done, the more the merrier in May. Put on the final touches in July and have your dedication ceremony in August. A foreign friend provides a festive flair in December; and old love's a real comfort in January.

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of marriage that has treated the state so well."

President of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee Helene Schneider said the proposed bill has nothing to do with the institution of marriage — it is simply a hate crime in disguise.

"People against this initiative are not a small interest group, it's a broad coalition," she said. "The proponents are talking about protecting marriage. I'm married; is Prop 22 going to hurt or threaten my marriage? Absolutely not."

According to Trinity Episcopal Church clergyman Mark Asman, many religious groups do not support Prop 22.

"Some people are using the Bible to support [Prop] 22. If you'll remember, the Bible has also been used to advocate

slavery, oppose women's suffrage and most recently, to justify the outlaw of interracial marriages," he said. "This is one more example of the use of the scripture to keep people, in this case gays and lesbians, as second-class citizens."

Santa Barbara resident Chris Haskell challenged the beliefs of the council, citing religion as a dominant force in support of the proposition.

"By every study performed, there has been an overwhelming majority in support of the measure, by those with values and religious views that have been with us since the beginning of time. Are your values and morals higher than those of the majority of voters in the state?" he said. "To vote against the proposition would be derisive, attacking Judeo-Christian beliefs full on."

In supporting the city council's unanimous vote against the support of

Prop 22, council member Tom Roberts offered perspective on the measure.

"As a gay American, I'm getting very tired of heterosexual moralists coming in and telling me they know more about my orientation than I do," he said. "We, in this country, are living the politics of division, and something like this would certainly breed hate crimes."

Council member Gil Garcia said the city council has a job to do, personal opinions aside.

"We have to look at the rights of each and every citizen of this city. As far as the law of man, it is our duty to make sure everyone has their basic civil rights," he said. "It's up to them with the law of God, but we have to fight laws that would take away or harm the rights of any individual man."

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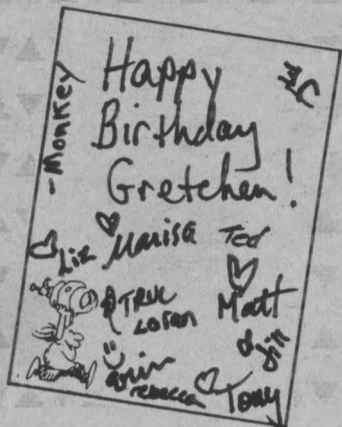
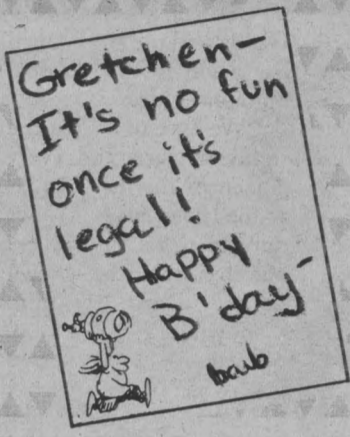


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Sports

Gauchos Place Sixth in UCSD Triton Invitational

By KEITH BUSAM
Reporter

The UCSB women's water polo team was in Southern California this past weekend, where the Gauchos competed in the UC San Diego Triton Invitational Tournament. After three days of competition, Santa Barbara (3-6 overall, 0-1 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) won two of six matches and finished sixth in the 10-team tournament, which was won by UCLA.

The weekend started out rough Friday, as Santa Barbara opened its tournament play with a rematch against the Bruins, a team that had handed the Gauchos a 16-4 defeat Feb. 5 in Hawai'i. Just as in the first match, the Gauchos battled hard and were trailing by only one goal at the end of the first period, 1-2. But UCLA broke the game wide open by outscoring the Gauchos 4-1 in the second quarter and put it in cruise control from there. At the game's end, the final score was 12-2 in favor of the Bruins.

"We need to keep our focus and not get distracted from the goal at hand," senior two-meter Holly Rodrigues said after the defeat. "We made a lot of mis-

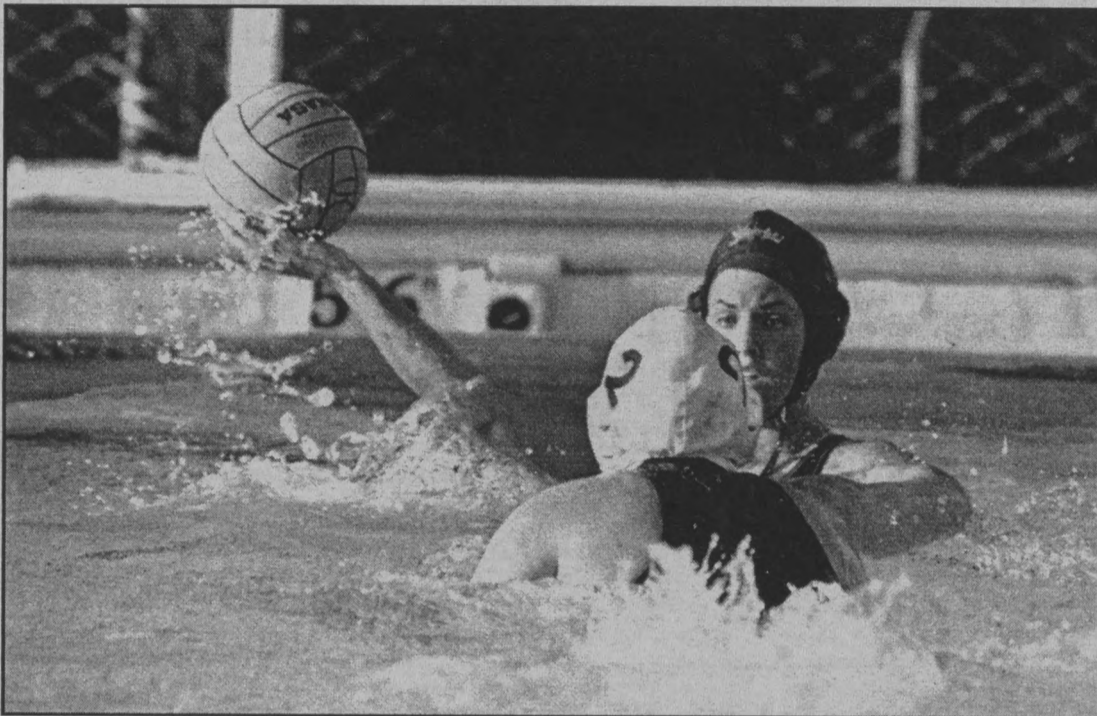
takes, and UCLA fed off of them."

UCSB squared off against Stanford in its second game of the tournament, in a match that was almost a mirror image of the first: a close first quarter and a shaky second one. Despite two goal efforts from sophomore two-meter Kelly Tiffany and freshman driver Teresa Gorbett, the Gauchos lost the game 9-6.

Santa Barbara looked to change its luck Saturday, but it did not happen in the morning match. The Gauchos again got off to a strong start, but after a close first quarter, San Jose State took the lead with a 6-1 run. This time, UCSB responded by outscoring the Spartans in the third quarter, cutting the lead to 9-5. However, San Jose closed the game out with two goals in the fourth quarter and cruised to an 11-6 victory.

"We lost our confidence out there," Gorbett said of the match against San Jose. "We forgot why we were out there. We weren't having fun, and we didn't execute our fundamentals."

If the Gauchos were feeling low after losing their first three matches of the tournament, they were flying high after their fourth match, where Santa Barbara drubbed host team UC San Diego 9-2. Tiffany again led



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SURFACE TENSION: The UCSB women's water polo team went 2-4 in the Triton Invitational at UC San Diego this past weekend, defeating UC Davis, 7-6, and host UCSD, 9-2. The Gauchos are 3-6 on the season.

UCSB with three scores, and sophomore two-meter Brittany Brendel added two goals of her own in the victory.

"San Diego is a good team," sophomore driver Mary Blumberg said. "They always play to everyone's level. The difference in this game was how we pressed the lanes and played good team defense."

In their fifth match, the Gauchos played a stingy UC Davis team and needed a dramatic fourth quarter comeback in order to secure their second win of the tournament. Trailing 3-6 entering the last period,

Santa Barbara stepped up its offense to score four unanswered goals and squeak out a 7-6 victory.

"The whole team got together during the break [in between the third and fourth quarter], and we decided to step it up," said junior driver Cathy Holmberg. "Our intensity went way up in the last quarter."

In the fifth place match, Santa Barbara again faced San Jose State in a match that resembled its first of the tournament in more ways than one. The Gauchos again battled hard in the opening portion of the

match, but San Jose State methodically pulled away en route to an 11-7 win and fifth place in the tournament.

"We need to play with consistency from quarter to quarter and game to game," Rodrigues said of UCSB's weekend. "If we can do that, we should have a very good season."

The women's water polo team will be in action Saturday against USC in Los Angeles. The Trojans were ranked #1 in the nation before finishing third in the Triton Invitational, behind UCLA and Cal.

Trojans Dispose of UCSB in Three Games

The #14 UCSB men's volleyball team was a hop, skip and jump away from victory in each of its three matches against #2 USC, but the Trojans proved why they are holding their most successful record in over a decade. USC ran past the Gauchos in a 15-11, 15-13, 15-11 victory and remain the team to beat in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

UCSB (4-4 overall, 3-3 in the MPSF) came out on fire in the first game, blazing to an 8-3 lead over the Trojans (10-1, 7-0), but USC came back with some points of its own to breeze by the Gauchos, 15-11.

In the second game, UCSB surpassed the Trojans in kills, 41-31, but USC squeaked by Santa Barbara, 15-13, putting the Gauchos in a tough 2-0 hole.

"We just have to take that step and have the killer instinct to put teams away," sophomore setter Britt Galang said prior to the game. "Almost every game we jump out ahead, and then we let them

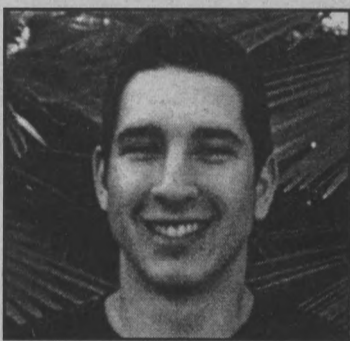
come back."

Jumping ahead or not, the Gauchos were on the losing end in the third match, falling to the Trojans 15-11 and limping away with their fourth straight loss of the season.

"We have to believe in ourselves and play with confidence," freshman outside hitter Andy Rivera said. "Every season has its ups and downs, and right now we are in a rut, and we have to get out of it."

If UCSB is hoping to get out of its slump, senior opposite Kevin Collins may be the key. Collins led the Gauchos in kills with 19, as well as contributing four blocks Tuesday night. Other strong performers were senior middle blocker Chris Komer, who had 12 kills and eight blocks and sophomore outside hitter Dave Kohl, who held his own with 11 kills. Freshman outside hitter Jan Carlo Zegarra sparked the team as well with 10 digs and six blocks.

— Brittany Langan



Andy Rivera

Gauchos Go Winless in Bay Area Over Weekend

The UCSB women's gymnastics team was in Northern California this past weekend for the All-Cal Quadrangular and a two-team meet at UC Davis.

In the Quadrangular, the Gauchos competed against UCLA, Davis and Cal. The meet was dominated by UCLA, which won the competition with a team score of 196.425. UCLA's Heidi Money-maker swept all five of the meet's events, including a perfect 10.000 on the vault. Santa Barbara finished fourth in the meet, scoring 185.150 total team points.

Against Davis, the Gauchos won only one event — in the balance beam with junior Tamami Ito's 9.750 — in a 191.250-188.000 loss to the Aggies.

Highlights of the meet were freshman Rianne Stroh's 36.650 second-place finish in the all-around, freshman Cara Simkins' 9.625 second-place finish behind Ito in the beam, and sophomore Sonia Mondkar's 9.575 second-place finish in the vault.

Senior Fairouz Azzam also earned a top-three finish for UCSB, placing second in the uneven bars with a 9.775. Simkins finished third behind Azzam in the same event, with a score of 9.425.

The Gauchos will next compete against Utah State this Friday. The meet will be held in Logan, Utah at 7 p.m.

— Nexus Staff Report

Santa Barbara Edges Out Sun Devils in Southwest Cup

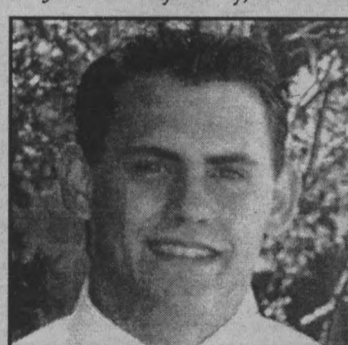
By BECKY FREEMAN
Staff Writer

Steady improvement is the name of the game with the UCSB men's gymnastics team, which has notched season-high scores in each of its last three meets. This past weekend the Gauchos were in Tempe, Arizona, competing in the Southwest Cup against Arizona State and Stanford.

UCSB improved on their overall team score and beat the Sun Devils on Saturday, 215.3 to 213.9. Though they lost to the Cardinal, it was by a mere four points (219.3 to 215.3), a huge step up from the last time they met with Stanford, and lost 224.925 to 203.20.

"We did excellent," UCSB Head Coach Mircea Badulescu said of the meet. "We're on the way up; our team attitude and spirit is up."

Junior Cody Casey, an All-American in 1999, once again led the



Cody Casey

Gauchos with his own individual success. Casey won the all-around with a season-best 55.1, broke the school record in the vault with a 9.85, and tied the school record in the floor exercise with a 9.80.

"Cody's score in the vault puts him 27th in the nation in the all-around and 10th in floor," Badulescu said. "[Casey is also] second in the vault, only .075 away from the top guy in the nation. He's doing great."

Most importantly, Casey's success has brought up his teammates, and the entire team is stepping up to make strides toward its goals.

"I knew that the Colorado meet [against Air Force two weeks ago] was going to be the turning point for us," Casey said. "Now every meet is going to be better and better. We have a lot of big meets coming up, and we're probably not going to win, but our primary goal is to gain respect, and we're definitely starting to get it."

This coming Saturday the Gauchos match up against #10 Nebraska in Rob Gym at 7:30 p.m., but with their newfound confidence, the team feels that they're ready to surprise the Cornhuskers.

"The team really pulled it together," freshman Marshall Higa said. "Hopefully, we can improve even more [this] weekend."