

Tuesday

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Men Are From Mars

Check out Garry Shandling and Annette Bening in "What Planet Are You From?" playing tonight at I.V. Theater at 7:30 and 10. \$3 students, \$5 general.

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Opinion

Three pages of the morbid and mundane — highlights include the death penalty, Associated Students, biking and the dreaded student vote.



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Sports

The UCSB softball team failed to make the 48-team field of NCAA Regional Playoff qualifiers, ending a long season of ups and downs.



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Exhibition Kicks Off Bicycle Week

■ Annual Statewide Celebration To Promote Alternative Transportation

By DAVID DOWNS
Staff Writer

As commuters throughout California leave their car keys at home and celebrate Bike to Work Day today, UCSB hosts its yearly Bike Expo 2000, featuring stunt bikers, live music and a lecture/slide show.

Today's bike expo in Storke Plaza from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. will feature the Velo Pro stunt riders, music from Dave Wakeling of the English Beat and a live webcast featuring video and audio streaming. Part of a weeklong series of biking events in Santa Barbara, Bike Expo 2000 will also display massive full-color drawings of the proposed "Broida Expressway," a new bikepath designed to link both ends of the campus.

According to Bike Expo 2000 Organizer and

Graduate Student Association External Vice President Jim Dalton, over 3,000 people attended last year's bike expo, a number he hopes to double this year. Dalton said one goal of the bike expo is to spark interest in the new Broida path by showing students the plan and having them sign a petition expressing their support of it.

In addition to the activities in Storke Plaza, a lecture and slide show titled "Freedom Machine: An Exploration of Body Image, Women and the History of Bicycling" will begin at noon in the MultiCultural Center.

Over 14,000 students, faculty and staff ride their bikes every day at UCSB, and approximately \$100,000 has been spent for bikepath improvements over the past three years, making the university a model of alternative transportation for other schools and the surrounding community.

The rest of Santa Barbara will celebrate Bike to Work Day with raffles, food and free prizes distributed at strategic spots throughout the county. For UCSB faculty and

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Scheduled Activities

16 May

● Bike 2 Work Day: UCSB Faculty Club Lawn. 5 to 6 p.m.

James Wagner 893-5475.

● Bike 2 Work Day: Goleta Valley Athletic Club. 12 to 1 p.m.

Sharon Hoshida 893-3778.

● Freedom Machine: UCSB MultiCultural Center. 12 to 1 p.m.

Sharon Hoshida 893-3778.

● UCSB Associated Students Bike Expo: Storke Plaza. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tawnya Dinsmore 403-7112.

20 May

● Bike 2 the Museum: Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Elaine Campbell 682-4711 x343.

● Bike 2 the Museum: Santa Barbara Museum of Art. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tracey Allen 963-4364 x438.

● Bike 2 the Zoo: Santa Barbara Zoological Gardens. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jay Boettner 962-5339.

● Tour de Cure: Firestone Walker Brewing Company in Buellton.

Check-ins start 7 a.m. Kathie 686-7947.

● Bike 2 the Museum: Sea Center. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Eric 962-0885.

source: www.sbbike.org/BW2K

Local Rape Trial Continues as Jury Considers Evidence

Jury deliberations will begin today in the case of a Ventura man accused of the knife-point sexual assaults of two UCSB females in their Del Playa Drive apartments last summer.

In yesterday's closing arguments District Attorney Ron Zonen and defense attorney Jeff Chandliss summarized evidence presented throughout the case against 24-year-old Jonathan Lamont Hill. Zonen stressed the knife, described by victim Melissa Kerner, was found hidden under the passenger-side seat of Hill's car and, more importantly, the defendant had an exact match to the DNA extracted from the body of Kerner.

"We have a DNA positive match of the semen extracted from the victim and the defendant's sample," he said.

Chandliss' closing argument focused on the difference between direct and circumstantial evidence, alluding to the fact that the majority of evidence held against Hill was circumstantial and therefore unreliable. He emphasized that the defendant was innocent until proven

guilty beyond the point of reasonable doubt and if a jury is presented with evidence susceptible to two reasonable explanations, they are required by law to accept the explanation pointing to innocence.

"Witnesses in the case reflected an indulgence that the jury doesn't have. I believe that they were told about a DNA match and they wanted to believe that the police got the right guy," he said. "So they let their emotions get in the way and amended their testimonies [to the benefit of the prosecution]."

Chandliss concluded his statement by warning the jury that an innocent man's liberty was in their hands.

In contrast, Zonen concluded his case by asking the jury to return a guilty verdict on all counts.

"Jonathan Hill is the man who raped Melissa Kerner and attempted to rape Medea Dosh," he said.

Jury deliberations begin today at 9 a.m. at the Santa Barbara Courthouse.

—Jason Simison

Performance Art Seeks to Encapsulate Student Experiences in College

By TED ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

After four months of organizing, Associated Students President Jason Nazar hopes to present the most solicited bit of "Unsolicited Wit and Wisdom" UCSB has seen in years.

Nazar's project seeks to examine student life at UCSB by dramatizing stories written by current Gauchos and submitted to Nazar. This collection of stories, titled "Unsolicited Wit and Wisdom," will be presented May 25 in Corwin Pavilion, with help from drama students and IVTV Creators Greg Shields and Sevan Matossian.

To obtain stories, Nazar visited classes, posted fliers

and even sent out a campuswide e-mail. He gathered close to 65 stories and then narrowed the pool down to 30 before choosing the final eight.

Nazar said drama students will act out the eight true stories — which all stem from the phrase "Because I went to UCSB ..." — for the students who wrote them. The IVTV-produced video interweaves the stories, creating a fictional plot for the performance, he said.

"It has never been done before ... this has never existed. It started from an idea I had to try to encapsulate how students define their most important experiences at UCSB," he said.

According to Nazar, 500 seats are available in Corwin

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Isla Vista Residents Gather to Plan Future Development

MARISA LAGOS
Staff Writer

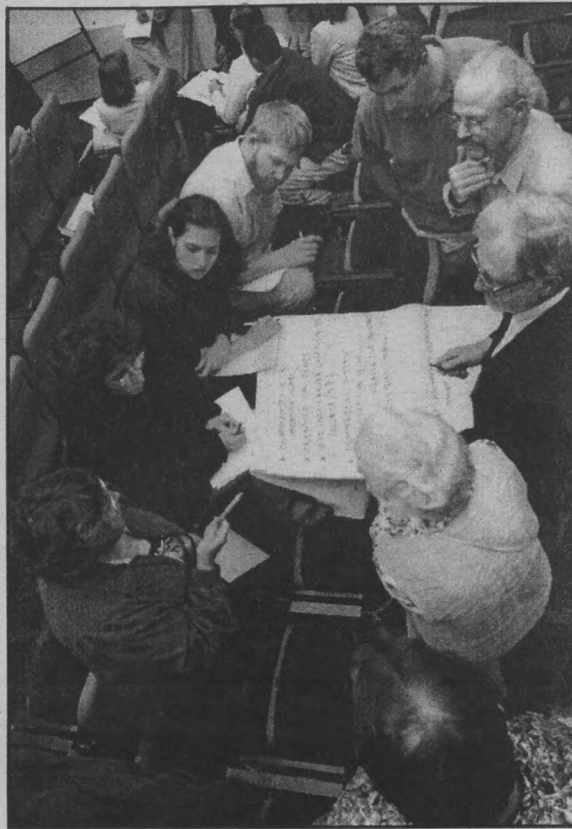
Overflowing with suggestions and concerns, approximately 80 community members flooded Isla Vista Theater 2 during the second [Re]Vision Isla Vista workshop.

Monday night's workshop began with a presentation by Design Competition Advisor Bill Liskamm explaining the competition process. The audience then broke into eight groups to discuss specific ideas ranging from parking and sidewalks to the lack of community feeling in I.V. According to Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District General Manager Derek Johnson, Monday night's meeting was held to provide a forum for community discussion.

"What we're hoping to get from the meeting is public opinion to shape the master plan. It's a hearing to hear from the public goals, objectives and limitations," he said. "We're looking for a community-based plan in order to find out and meet community needs."

According to Liskamm, designs for I.V.'s Master Plan will be narrowed down and selected by a jury made up of engineers and community members while striving to include community input throughout the entire process.

"We're not going to do the master plan without the community," he said. "We're going to get an array of ideas, put them into exhibits, get comments, reconvene and take the best ideas. We'll work more with



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Resident Hildegard Lagerquist (bottom left) shares her ideas at the I.V. Master Plan meeting Monday night.

them and then pick a winner and team to work on the master plan."

Parking, street and sidewalk repairs and

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Top of the News

Rape Case Ruling Favors 'States' Rights'



WASHINGTON (AP) — Rape victims cannot sue their attackers in federal court, the Supreme Court ruled Monday, saying it is up to the states — not Congress — to give such help to women victimized by violence.

The 5-4 ruling threw out a key provision of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act and continued the court's trend of expanding states' rights at the expense of the federal government.

"The Constitution requires a distinction between what is truly national and what is truly local," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for the court.

The justices barred a federal lawsuit by former

Virginia Tech student Christy Brzonkala against two football players she says raped her in a dormitory room.

Brzonkala "alleges that she was the victim of a brutal assault," Rehnquist said. "If the allegations here are true, no civilized system of justice could fail to provide her a remedy. ... But under our federal system that remedy must be

Congress."

"Congress identified a kind of gender discrimination," Rodgers said. "Congress is trying to address that with a creative, specific solution and the court says, 'No, you can't do that.'"

Attorney Michael E. Rosman, who argued the case on behalf of the two men sued by Brzonkala, called the ruling "a very

student athletes Antonio Morrison and James Crawford. Brzonkala has allowed her name to be disclosed.

"Gender-motivated crimes of violence are not, in any sense of the phrase, economic activity," Rehnquist said. The justices rejected arguments by Brzonkala's lawyer and the Clinton administration that the law was needed because states are not doing enough to protect rape victims, and because gender-based violence restricts women's choices in jobs and travel.

That argument "would allow Congress to regulate any crime as long as the nationwide, aggregated impact of that crime has substantial effects on employment, production, transit or consumption," Rehnquist said. "Indeed, if Congress may regulate gender-motivated violence, it would be able to regulate murder or any other type of violence."

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**— William H. Rehnquist
Supreme Court chief justice**

provided by the commonwealth of Virginia, and not by the United States."

Kathy Rodgers of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, which represented Brzonkala, said, "I consider this to be a severe blow for women's rights because of the chilling effect it will have on

good day for the Constitution and the rule of law." People who allege they are victims of gender-based violence "have perfectly good remedies in state court," he said.

The decision affirmed a federal appeals court decision that threw out Brzonkala's lawsuit against

Congress Extends Help to AIDS-Stricken Nations



WASHINGTON (AP) — On Monday, the House moved to set up a "Marshall Plan" for AIDS-devastated Africa. The action comes days after both the White House and major drug companies took steps to ensure access to cheaper drugs for the continent's exploding AIDS-stricken population.

The disease kills 6,000 people a day in Africa, has orphaned some 15 percent of children in the worst affected cities, and by some estimates will lower life expectancy in sub-Saharan Africa from 59 in the early 1990s to 45 by 2015.

The House bill, passed by voice vote, directs the treasury secretary to negotiate the creation of a trust fund in the World Bank to gather public and private funding to combat the spread of HIV and AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa, which has 10 percent of the world's population but 70 percent of the world's AIDS cases.

The bill is "one of the most important healthcare initiatives in modern times," said Banking Committee Chair Jim Leach (R-Iowa), a co-sponsor.

"Any sense of historical perspective requires that Congress recognize that it is quite likely that no issue in the world is more consequential."

"The survival of a continent is at stake," said co-sponsor Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.). "AIDS is decimating

the continent and leaving behind millions of orphans in its wake. By the year 2010 the number of orphans in Africa will equal the number of children in America's public schools."

The bill, named after the Marshall Plan under which the United States helped Europe rebuild after World War II, authorizes U.S. contributions of \$100 million a year for five years with the aim of using that as a springboard to bring in up to \$1 billion a year from international donors.

The World Bank would administer programs dealing with AIDS prevention, education, treatment and care.

Debrework Zewdie, who coordinates HIV/AIDS activities for the World Bank, said the money will not be enough but it would "send a very strong signal to other governments. ... This is a huge epidemic which requires huge amounts of resources."

"America is clearly stepping up to the plate," said Claudia French of the advocacy group AIDS Action. "While most experts believe it will take more than \$5 billion to slow the epidemic in Africa, we are excited about this down payment."

Last Thursday, five major pharmaceutical companies, responding to complaints that new effective AIDS treatments are beyond the reach of millions of Africans with the disease because of high costs, agreed to make substantial cuts in the price of AIDS drugs for Africa and other developing countries.

Increased Tensions Spur Demonstrators to Greater Violence



RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Carefully orchestrated Palestinian protests spun out of control Monday and escalated into gun battles between Israeli troops and Palestinian police that killed four Palestinians and injured more than 330 people.

At one West Bank

junction, Israeli snipers commandeered a Palestinian-run hotel and took aim at Palestinian gunmen holed up in buildings nearby. Hotel guests and staff, including nine Americans, were trapped in the lobby. One Palestinian guest who ventured out was wounded by sniper fire.

On Monday evening, Palestinians fired hundreds of shots and threw firebombs at Joseph's Tomb, an Israeli enclave in the West Bank town of Nablus. Israeli soldiers fired back, and one

Palestinian was killed, hospital officials said.

Witnesses said about eight Israeli armored personnel carriers moved toward Nablus from a nearby army base, but did not enter the Palestinian-ruled city. The clash ended when Palestinian police formed a line in front of the demonstrators and persuaded them to disperse.

Across the Palestinian lands, thousands battled Israeli soldiers with rocks and firebombs. Streets were littered with stones, and white clouds of tear

gas and black smoke from burning tires rose into the air. Helmeted Israeli soldiers took aim from behind trash bins, and Palestinian gunmen, some in civilian clothes, fired from behind buildings and bushes.

Two Palestinian policemen and two Palestinian demonstrators were killed in the clashes.

At least 337 people were injured. Palestinian hospital officials said they had treated 323 Palestinians, and the Israeli army said 14 soldiers were hurt, including several hit by bullets.

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Weather

Doesn't it suck that you can't really smell yourself? I mean, you can smell other people's funk, but you can't really smell your own. For instance, I haven't been wearing any socks with my shoes lately. Now, when I take off my shoes, I am well aware that my feet have been sweating all day. But it never occurred to me that my little footies smelled, or smelled bad for that matter. But this horrible fact was brought to my attention when I put my freshly freed feet up on my living room table and a visiting friend nearly passed out from the fumes. My bad.

Tuesday's forecast: Socks.

University Clamps Down on Cars With Unpaid Penalties

By JAMIE FRANCISCO
Staff Writer

Daredevil commuters throwing caution and parking tickets to the wind have gotten booted lately.

A Parking Services program that places immobilizing wheel locks called "Denver Boots" on the left-rear wheels of cars targets motorists with more than five unpaid parking tickets. As the school year draws to a close, the number of unpaid fines rises, according to Lead Parking Representative Chris Rabe.

Parking Services employees refer to monthly lists that name commuters with multiple citations. Rabe said most violations occur behind the Mesa Parking Structure.

First implemented in 1998, the boot program targets drivers with five outstanding tickets that are more than 21 days

overdue. Assistant Director of Parking Services Bob Sundberg said the program was started as a friendly solution to an inconvenient situation, since boots are a cheaper alternative to towing. Drivers who receive the boot are given prior notice their cars will be immobilized if they do not pay their tickets, he said.

"It's not like they had one ticket and 'Geez' there's a boot on your car," Sundberg said.

In order to have their cars de-booted, citation violators must pay their unpaid citations and a \$35 administrative fee. Depending on the violation, parking fines range from \$30 for a typical ticket, to \$100 for displaying counterfeit permits, to \$280 for parking in a handicapped spot.

According to Sundberg, Parking Services gains no extra money from booting cars.

Instead, violators are saved a \$100 towing fee, as well as impound fees. Rabe added that no quotas or goals are set for how many cars should be booted on any given day.

"It would be easier for us to make the phone call," Sundberg said. "We [boot cars] because we're trying to be friendlier about it."

UCPD Capt. Bill Bean said campus police have benefited from the program because it frees officers to take care of other duties. Prior to the program, officers were required to stay with cars while they waited for them to be towed.

"It's been a good program, as well as less intrusive to the community," he said. "It's been a win-win situation."

Rabe said booting cars makes a bad situation better by keeping vehicles on campus rather than allowing them to be taken away.

"The students have to realize it's still a lot cheaper than being towed," he said.

the two-mile line to consider their two-wheelers and keep parking permit prices down.

"The nature of parking at UCSB is the more parking that's demanded, the more parking we have to supply, and consequently, the higher rates for parking permits," he said. "The more people I get to ride their bikes will keep demand low."

As an incentive to bike, Wagner said alternative transportation is offering

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staff who choose to bike to work today, a reception will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. on the Faculty Club lawn.

Bicycle commuting is the only option for many because parking permits are not issued to residents living within two miles of campus. According to Alternative Transportation Program Manager James Wagner, today's Bike to Work Day will encourage potential drivers who live past

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your Daily Horoscope

by Linda C. Black

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — How much of your money will you have to give to other people? Can you give more of it to people who will pay to have it, such as in your retirement account? You may need to get help with this. It'll be worth the investment.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — A partner will be significant today. You had your mind made up, but you might not have considered certain factors. You hate it when this happens, especially if the other person is right. Take care; it could happen again.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — The pressure you're under could push you into warp speed. You might even break your old record. It's worth a try. What have you got to lose? Nothing! What have you got to gain? Money? Your job? The respect of your peers? Go for it!

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Your friends are there for you, and they'd like you to be there for them. Unfortunately, you also want to be with your kids or another loved one, at approximately the same time! What to do? Get a friend to cover for you at the meeting! Family comes first!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — Everything today is in slow motion. Don't worry; it's like that for your competition, too. Stand up for your point of view. Shout, if necessary. If you don't, you could get steamrollered. You hate it when that happens.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You may feel overwhelmed. Luckily, you can rely on friends, especially Taurus and Scorpios. Set priorities, do the things you must, and ask for help. You've done good deeds for them in the past; they may come through for you now.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 6 — Money's important again today. Don't plan early social engagements; you'll be too busy counting, sorting and making the money you'll need. Later tonight, you may be able to get together with friends and loved ones and spend some of it.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — You have a little extra energy. That is good. You love having a hidden advantage. The trouble is the competition's stronger, too! Maybe you should use that extra brainpower to figure out how to fight on the same side! Together, you'll be awesome!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — A lot of work must be done. This has been going on all month, and you're not through yet. Maybe you ought to get used to it. If you can and if you're cheerful, you'll make bonus points. Can you whistle?

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — This looks like a fun day. You're not interested in wasting it, however. You don't have as much money or time to spare as some of the others. Don't worry about it. You're right. They should do as you do.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — You will run into opposition almost every time you turn around. You're looking good, however. If you can stifle your anger and turn it into creative energy, you could come out of this mess with a few more converts. It's worth a try.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Travel beckons, but you may not be able to go yet. You have too many chores to do close to home. How to get around this dilemma? Planning, that's how. Make a list and a time line. Get a friend to help, and you can have it all.

Today's Birthday (May 16). You may have to live with this year's choices for a long time. Be sure before you say you will. Saving in June may be hard. Ask for more, so you have some left over. Since you've done a good job, you could get it. By July your budget should be fixed, and so is your course. Your next big decision comes around November. Rewrite a contract to get more for home and family. A setback could be expensive in December, so don't gamble then. An older person can help you make a dream come true around February.

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Pavilion for the free show. However, he noted that tickets, which are available at the A.S. Ticket Office, are required at the door, and that half have already been picked up. "One part which I'm extremely excited about will be our audience. It will be made up of students, administrators, professors and staff. It will truly be the definition of diversity on this campus."

Matossian said IVTV chose to film, direct and edit the film as a public service. "We want to help out the community any way we can. [Students are] going to love it. It's exciting and it's thorough in its examination and its presentation of student life," he said.

Senior biopsychology major and IVTV cameraman Chris Kelly said, "Since working on this project, I feel more aware of campus issues, the administration and just with what's going on. When I do interviews, it's surprising some of the stuff people say."

Senior bachelor of fine arts (BFA) major Vanessa Luke, who will perform in the hour-and-a-half drama/video presentation, said the



BRETT STOCKSTILL / DAILY NEXUS

In Corwin Pavilion, drama students show their emotional improvisation skills on May 8 in preparation for their presentation of "Unsolicited Wit and Wisdom."

presentation is an accurate depiction of students on this campus.

"You get a good representation of what life is like from another student. It's nice to see yourself represented truthfully. Jason hits a real chord ... everything from partying to studying," she said.

Nazar said he received most of his

\$7,000 budget through sponsorship from A.S., the chancellor's office, three of the vice chancellors, Orientation Programs, UCen Governance Board and the Residence Halls Association. Afterward, there will be a free catered reception outside Corwin Pavilion, where student groups will be tabling and passing out information, he added.

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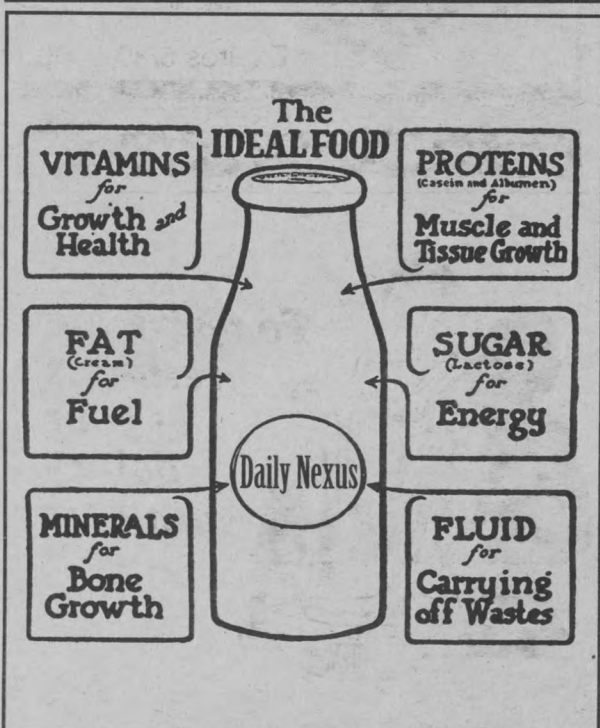
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transportation were major concerns for many participants. UCSB undeclared sophomore Tim Short attacked the "bumpy" I.V. streets and sidewalks.

"My big thing is the deteriorating streets, and there's no continuity of sidewalks. You walk down Sabado Tarde, and you're on a sidewalk, and then there's no sidewalk," he said.

IVRPD Director Ariana Katovich focused on the need to increase community unity through the beautification of the area.

"I.V. needs more public

art, things that invoke people to take pride in the community. We also need tougher enforcement for sewage violations, tougher housing inspection and zoning enforcement," she said.

Director of the Student Housing Co-op Ben Emery stressed the need for more affordable housing options in the community.

"There are three things I see as my major concerns. The first is that the people putting the plan together don't understand and are not from the community," he said. "The second concern is that we make sure to preserve open spaces and natural

resources of I.V. My last concern is to make sure we address housing — we need affordable housing."

I.V. homeowner Peter Neushul focused on the lack of university involvement in making the community an affordable and viable option for UCSB faculty.

"I'm worried the residential areas will be rezoned and turned into higher density housing. I'd really like to see the university resolve the impending faculty-housing problem," he said. "I'd like to see more faculty live in the residential area of I.V. The university needs to provide housing, and they can make a commitment to

housing that already exists."

According to Neushul, other points of concern lie in I.V.'s lack of parking, and the continuation of community planning during the summer, a time when many students leave I.V.

"We also have to resolve the parking problem. I've lived here a lot of my life, I'm a former student and I'm also concerned things will happen when students are not here [in the summer]. That's always happened," he said.

The last workshop of [Re]Vision Isla Vista is scheduled for Monday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m. in Isla Vista Theater.



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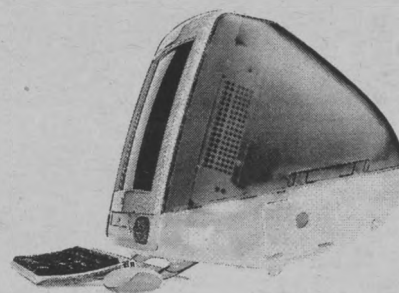
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Staff Editorial

Live to Ride

Students Working for Bikepaths Have the Right Idea; Will Administration Catch on?

It's sunny and beautiful outside, parking spaces aren't magically reproducing, and pollution is ever-increasing — all excellent reasons to participate in Bike Week. Bike Week 2000, including Bike to Work Day, today, is aimed at increasing bicycle transportation, which has numerous benefits for both selfish and environmentally conscious travelers. Here at UCSB, alternative transportation thrives thanks to students' efforts in spite of relative indifference from the administration.

Bicycling to class is cheaper than buying a parking permit and bikes don't cost as much to maintain as cars, which also send enormous amounts of carbon monoxide into the environment, not to mention clogging our roads. One of the long-term goals of alternative-transportation advocates is incorporating biking into everyday life to address these problems, not just one day a year of biking to work.

The A.S. Bicycle Systems Improvement Committee has made impressive steps toward making our campus bikepaths easier and safer to navigate since their lock-in fee was initiated two years ago. Pedestrian crossing lanes near Davidson Library and Storke Tower, safer parking lots and smoother paths have already been accomplished, and a major improvement is in the works: the Broida Expressway. This addition would connect the bikepath between the Arbor and the Broida and Chemistry Buildings, and could begin construction as early as next year.

While the university matches funds raised by the Bicycle Systems Improvement Committee dollar for dollar, their other contributions have been disappointing so far. Students not only fund half of these projects through the lock-in fee, but the projects have been initiated, organized and followed-through by students. The administration is aware of the incredibly limited parking situation, and gives lip service to alternative transportation as a possible solution, yet the university has not made bikepaths a priority. The prime example of this is the lack of adequate bike access to the eastern half of campus — a problem the Bicycle



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Systems Improvement Committee hopes to fix with the Broida Expressway.

In order to make it clear to the administration that bikepath improvements and expansions are a necessity, bicyclists need to demonstrate their strength in numbers. With approximately 14,000 bikes on campus everyday, UCSB already does a great job using this form of transportation. Today at 11:30 a.m. in Storke Plaza, the Broida Expressway plans will be presented during the bike expo, which will also include live music and stunt riders. Check it out, and give the committee your input.

Besides offering your input and support, do your part to be a safe and law-abiding bicyclist. The Isla Vista Foot Patrol now tickets for running stop signs on your bike and for riding on the sidewalk in front of Friendship Manor. Obey these laws, as well as common sense rules (like not talking on your cell phone while you ride), and our campus will be safer and more beautiful.

How to Avoid

There Are Unscrupulous Landlords

DALLAS ATKINS

Recently, students have started coming to see landlords withholding their security deposits, notifying the student tenant in advance of the date that the landlord intends to withhold "a month's rent," even if the rented place is clean. Beware exploitation in the wrongful confiscation or withholding of your security deposit.

I admit that not all landlords wrongfully withhold security deposits. But many of them do, and thinking about the numbers. Almost 15,000, or nearly 20,000 students live in privately owned apartments or houses, from L.A. to Santa Maria. If the average security deposit given to the landlord were only \$300 per student (though many students are paying two or three times that amount in the guise of "last month's rent," which is really a security deposit), that would be \$4.5 million paid to landlords in security deposits. If the average amount wrongly withheld from all of the students by all of the private landlords were \$300, it would be a \$4.5 million loss to the students. If only half of the landlords wrongly withheld \$300 per student, this would be \$2.25 million wrongly confiscated from the students. This boggles my mind.

Legal problems are always easier to prevent than to remedy. There are many obstacles when trying to obtain or enforce a legal remedy for a wrongly withheld security deposit. For example, chasing down a landlord to sue him or her in small-claims court can be a major problem if the landlord never gave you a street address for the office. Also, many of the students have to leave town before scheduling and attending a small-claims court hearing is possible.

So, here is a little advice on security deposits now, before the end of your leases:

1. Amounts paid in advance over and above month's rent are security deposits, even if they call it "last month's rent" or "cleaning deposit" or "move-in fee" or "transfer fee" or "tenant expense reimbursement." The security-deposit law applies to all of these charges, except for a credit check.
2. Security deposits may not exceed the amount of one month's rent, if unfurnished, or three months' rent, if furnished. The amount can be increased by one-half month's rent if you have a waterbed.
3. No lease or rental agreement can call a security deposit "non-refundable." All security deposits are refundable in full if you pay all rents due and if you leave the property in good condition.

The Reader's Voice



PROGRAM BOARD DOESN'T IGNORE FEMALE PERFORMERS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in response to the letter by Angie Lawson drawing attention to the lack of female performers in the lineup for Extravaganza 2000 (Daily Nexus, "Concert Neglects Female Performers," May 1). As a female member of Associated Students Program Board, I thought I could offer perspective for those of you who share her sentiments.

First, she's absolutely right. There will only be one woman gracing Extravaganza's stage this year. Second, she is absolutely right. Extravaganza does historically have a noticeable absence of female performers. Here is why.

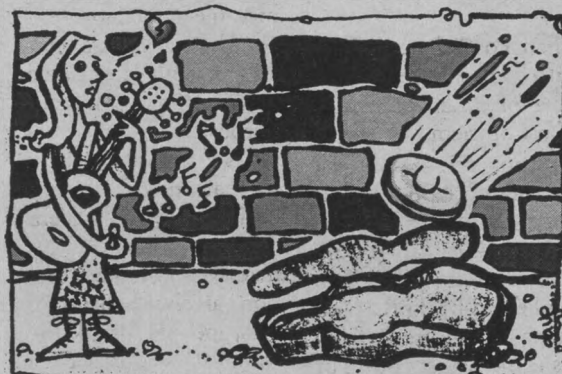
From the start of the Extravaganza planning, female performers were a priority. ASPB discussed this at great length, at every meeting. But you have to understand that Program Board operates with the BIG-MONEY MUSIC BUSINESS WITH A MINISCULE BUDGET. If you have ever watched MTV or listened to the radio you have no doubt noticed that there are far more male acts that get play-time than female acts. There are simply more male acts than

female on the market. Because male performers grossly outnumber female performers and by the rule of supply and demand, popular female acts are much more expensive. We can only draw our talent from the pool of acts we can afford. As a consequence, we are forced to rule out almost all of the popular female performers.

Another thing to consider is that Program Board cannot just say, "Hey let's get this band," then just call them up on the horn and square everything away. We have to work with the bands' schedules too. More often than not the band is out of the country touring or recording in the studio, or for any number of reasons, is not available. This is the problem that ASPB ran into with the female acts. We explored many options including Fiona Apple, Portishead, Paula Cole, Beth Hart, DJ Rap, Beth Orton and many others with no success.

So, as a board, we narrowed down the list of female acts to those who were affordable and available. We came up

with zero. The next place to look was in the tapes submitted by local bands. In choosing the local bands to be added to the lineup, the board went through 45 tapes. NOT ONE FEMALE ACT SUBMITTED A TAPE FOR OUR CONSIDERATION.



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ing. As a member of the board, your opinions would directly influence the priorities for next year's Extravaganza, as well as what acts are brought to campus during the year.

BETH ZYGIELBAUM

Letters:

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Did You Get Screwed out of Your Deposit

Landlords out There, So Know Your Rights as a Tenant and How to Protect Them

the premises in as clean a condition as when you moved in, without any damages beyond "ordinary wear and tear."

4. Security deposits can be used to remedy defaults in payment of rent; to repair damages to the premises caused by the tenant (except for "ordinary wear and tear"); to clean the premises, if necessary when the tenant leaves; and to pay for the tenant's failure to restore or replace personal property (if the rental agreement allows for it). You are *not* responsible for damages made by the previous tenant.

If you want to entitle yourself to a refund of your security deposit, do the following:

1. Clean the place thoroughly. You do *not* have to shampoo the rugs, dry-clean the curtains, or wash the ceiling

judge can impose a penalty of up to \$600 (payable to you) in addition to the amount owed. Simple carelessness or ignorance of the law is not enough for "bad faith."

Please note that the landlord does not have to return the deposit until all of the tenants under the rental agreement move out. If the landlord sells the property, s/he must either return the deposit to the tenant or transfer it to the new owner to be refunded to you at the appropriate time and in the appropriate amount.

If your landlord wrongly withholds all or part of your security deposit, there are legal steps to take, but we'll talk about that issue some other day.

Can you withhold your last month's rent and force your landlord to take it out of the security deposit? Not legally, but for *really fed-up* tenants who have heard their landlord wrongfully withholds deposits, there is one radical suggestion found in *California Tenants' Rights* (Moscovitz and Warner, Nolo Press, 1999). The authors provide a sample letter requesting the landlord to apply all or part of the deposit to the last month's rent. Here it is, modified a bit, but my caution is: Don't even think about trying this if you are not leaving the place spotless and undamaged:

Dear landlord or property manager:

As you know, I occupy Apt. #4 at 1500 Acorn Street and regularly pay rent to your office once a month.

Please take note that this is a formal written notice of my intention to vacate Apt. #4 on June 15, 2000.

In speaking with other tenants in this area, I have learned that from time to time the return of cleaning deposits (or security deposits) has been the subject of dispute between you and your tenants. Accordingly, I have decided on the following course of action: Instead of sending you the normal \$600 rent payment today, I am sending you instead \$200 and ask that you apply the \$400 cleaning deposit to my last month's

rent. I will leave the apartment spotless and undamaged so that you will suffer no damage whatsoever. If you should doubt this or want to discuss the matter further, please give me a call and come over. I think that you will be satisfied that I am dealing with you honestly and in good faith and that the apartment, which is clean and in perfect repair now, will be in the same condition when I leave.

Very truly yours,
Terry Student

Dallas Atkins is the attorney for the A.S. Legal Resource Center.



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unless the dirt there is beyond ordinary wear and tear; e.g. you spilled spaghetti sauce on the carpet. Clean the refrigerator (inside and out), stove, floors and bathroom fixtures well. Vacuum carpets and dust or sponge all surfaces.

2. Carefully document your cleaning work through pictures and witnesses.

If you have fulfilled your obligation, the landlord has a legal duty to account to you within three weeks after you move out (even if you are evicted). He or she must either return all of your deposit or give you a written "itemized statement," personally or by first-class mail, saying why he or she is retaining part or all of the deposit and returning the remaining part to you. If the landlord's illegal use or tardy return of your deposit was done "in bad faith," a

A.S. It Is Committee Search Is on

MEL FABI

We, as students, often underestimate our power to influence decisions that affect our lives and education. You can experience that power through using the local, state and national resources that Associated Students has to offer in making that difference. As a student service and student representative organization, A.S. provides many leadership and employment opportunities. Through your participation, you will enhance your academic experience and promote progress that affects and empowers the student community to a new level.

To welcome your participation, the A.S. Committee on Committees has been searching for students to join the various A.S., academic senate and administrative advisory committees. But time is running out! Hurry, and submit your application before the deadline — Wednesday, May 17 at 4 p.m. — for consideration for the 2000-2001 appointed student representative seats. This is your chance to gain experience in areas such as organizing events, holding meetings and learning how to advocate for student interests. Here is just a sneak peek at some of the various committees that need your voice:

- Environmental Affairs Board
- Finance Board
- Women's Commission
- Elections Committee
- Student Commission on Racial Equality
- Childcare Committee
- I.V. Community Relations Committee
- B.I.K.E.S. Committee
- Media Relations Committee
- Shoreline Preservation Fund
- Student Fee Advisory
- UCen Governance Board
- RecCen Governance Board

Although completed applications should be submitted to the A.S. Main Office (near A.S. Notetaking and the MultiCultural Center) by the deadline, A.S. is always accepting applications. If you have any questions about the committees or the application process itself, you can contact the A.S. Main Office at 893-2566, or e-mail me at <melf@as.ucsb.edu>. I hope that you will take this opportunity to consider applying for the various boards, committees and commissions. Your voice and energy will help strengthen the power that we, as students, carry within ourselves.

Mel Fabi is the A.S. university-owned housing and family student apartment representative.

LETTER WRITER JUST BLOWING SMOKE ABOUT POT

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in response to Nathan Post's letter (Daily Nexus, "Curing Alcoholism With Pot Doesn't Fix Problem," May 9). He has a number of interesting ideas about marijuana and its use. Sadly, most of them are wrong.

First, he accuses marijuana legalization activists of just being interested in getting high. For the most part, this is not the case. Some are against the hypocrisy of a government that locks up marijuana growers while subsidizing tobacco pushers. Some have friends or relatives whose lives have been extended or their suffering ceased by THC (and other cannabinoids present in marijuana but not in artificial formulations). But if so, what of it? Is it the wisest course of action for us, as a society, to jail people for seeking pleasure from a plant that is far safer than alcohol?

What next? Outlawing amusement park rides? Misdemeanor chocolate-bar possession? Felony masturbation charges? Are we still so enslaved by the puritanical fear of joy that we must shun any and all means of proactively

generating pleasure? I can see the objection forming that none of the above are officially classified as "bad drugs," like marijuana. Then it stands to reason that we should immediately make cigarettes illegal and begin hunting down and locking up their users since nicotine is far more addictive than THC and smokers certainly aren't taking in nicotine for medicinal purposes.

We tried that already with alcohol. It was called prohibition, and it fueled a dramatic upsurge in organized crime, police corruption, alcohol consumption (yes, people drank more when it was illegal) and disrespect for the law. If this sounds familiar, it's because it is, only now the names of the substances are different. The fact is that it continues to be the case that making a substance illegal only increases the problems that result from its misuse.

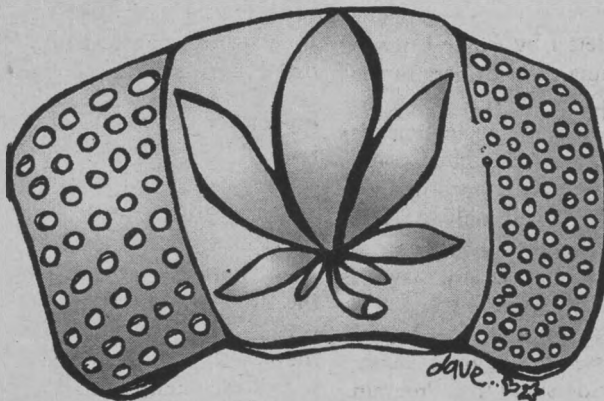
My sympathies to Mr. Post's relatives, however, I suspect that they also drank Pepsi (which contains caffeine) before moving on to heroin. Should we outlaw Pepsi as a result? And for every hopeless marijuana addict that he can name,

I bet that I can name 10 people who smoke in moderation with few (if any) untoward effects. In fact, I would not be at all surprised if the ratio was similar to that between moderate and problem drinkers.

The time to end prohibition (of marijuana and other substances) once and for all is now and the means is the repeal of the appropriate laws. Not decriminalization, not

legalization. These are merely new laws atop old ones. But rather repeal and freedom for those incarcerated on only drug-related charges.

JAMES GERKEN



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Opinion

Death Penalty Should Be Put Out of Its Misery

ANDREW SYWAK

On March 15 of this year, Darrell Keith Rich became the eighth Californian put to death since the state resumed capital punishment in 1992. Convicted of killing four women and raping five others in a reign of terror in the summer of 1978, Rich's grisly crimes warranted a stern life sentence without parole. Many, however, will argue that only the ultimate punishment is suitable for one who commits such heinous crimes.

But beyond the satisfaction of bloodlust, does the death penalty really have any effect in reducing crime and protecting potential murder victims? Upon an examination of the evidence, capital punishment in America is shown to be a primitive throw back to the days of vigi-

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lantism and is not consistently applied to criminals or effective in deterring crime.

According to Amnesty International, the United States executes the fourth largest amount of people in the world, behind such stalwart supporters of human rights as China, the Congo and Iran. A majority of the world's nations — 105 — now oppose the death penalty, yet America keeps executing inmates, sending 68 to their deaths in 1998 and 630 overall since capital punishment was reinstated in the 1976 Supreme Court case *Gregg v. Georgia*.

After almost 25 years, the death penalty has proven to be ineffective at reducing crime and completely unfair and arbitrary in administering justice. Texas, which exe-

cutes far more prisoners than any other state (George W. Bush has sent 126 people to their deaths since taking office), still remains one of the most violent states in the union, with a higher percentage of its population in prison than any other state. Indeed, Southern states have the highest murder rates in a country that has more homicides than any other industrialized nation, and execute the greatest number of inmates. Instead of deterring violence then, the death penalty seems to have the opposite effect — violence just begets more violence.

There is also solid ground to abolish the death penalty based on the actual methods of execution. The Eighth Amendment expressly prohibits the use of "cruel and unusual punishment." It seems odd, and a little sick, that no court has found that prisoners who bleed profusely in the electric chair (Allen Lee Davis in Florida), or whose veins are so ruined from prior drug use that it takes paramedics an hour of sticking and re-sticking an IV for lethal injection (Texas's favorite method), does not qualify as "cruel or unusual."

Another major flaw of capital punishment is that it is handed out arbitrarily. Of the 22,000 criminal homicides committed annually in America during the late 1980s, about 2,000-4,000 were heinous enough to qualify for the death penalty and, on average, only about 250 actually resulted in a death sentence. Of this number, just 22 were executed annually. The chances of a killer being apprehended, prosecuted, convicted and then executed during this period were only about one in a thousand. Execution,

then, is not evenly decided in the courts; it is a matter of plain rotten luck. As the *Economist* writes, "For the death penalty to be an effective deterrent, America would probably have to execute hundreds, even thousands, every year, not a few dozen."

In January of this year, Illinois Gov. George Ryan declared, "the system is broken" and his state became the first since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976

not valid enough reason to do away with the failed system altogether?

Proponents of capital punishment ignore statistics and emphasize "tough on crime" rhetoric. Yet, in an irony to proponents, it seems that those who are closest to the executions often come away from them the most deluded. A 1995 poll by the Death Penalty Information Center found that two-thirds of police chiefs did not agree that capital punishment reduces

homicide or serves as a useful tool of law enforcement.

"People don't understand the effect that executing a human being has on the people who do it," said Don Cabana, a former Mississippi prison warden who participated in four executions. "It's something you live with for the rest of your life." Cabana has since come out against the death penalty. "I could hardly be accused of being soft on crime or a do-gooder," he said.

The practice and unfair application of the death penalty remains a disturbing reality in a nation that prides itself so fervently in being the ultimate arbiter of human rights and upstanding moral values. Capital punishment does absolutely nothing to deter crime and is costly to our nation emo-

tionally, financially and legally by stockpiling courts with death-row appeals. Gov. Gray Davis would be well suited to stare down the "soft on crime" critics and join the 13 other states in the union that have left this primitive and self-defeating "eye for an eye" justice where it belongs: in the past.

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to declare a moratorium on executions. This came after Anthony Porter, who had spent years on death row, was released from prison just 48 hours before his execution after new evidence dug up by college students exonerated him. In fact, since 1973, 87 death-row inmates have been released after courts found them wrongly convicted. If our nation has executed just one innocent prisoner, is that

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More Reader's Voice



"GOUIE" IS AN INSULT TO SERIOUS CANDIDATES

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This letter is in response to the election poster I saw advertising a candidate named "Gouie" for president. Who is this guy they call "Gouie," and what did he hope to get out of those horribly degrading posters? Most of you probably do not know what I am talking about, but if you go to the Buchanan store and look up above the doors, you will see!

"Gouie" promotes "free parking to all males," "home economics required to all women here at UCSB" and "getting rid of financial aid to all women." He passed all this off to the fact that "this is a man's world!" Does he think that this is funny? Does he think that women will see this and just laugh? I am not a woman, and honestly I don't know how they think, but let's be realistic, this is the year 2000 and I would be appalled if these posters proclaimed the opposite claims. Women have come a long way from the days when they could not vote and now this jerk, Gouie, slams them to the ground.

Not only were those posters degrading to all women, but how about the candidates who care about the fate of this campus? They put their blood, sweat and tears into campaigning and making sure that their word got out to the students. Then "Gouie" comes along and throws up a couple of posters the night before the election and possibly may have stolen some real votes from those people who deserve them! I have never run for office in my time here at UCSB, but I ran every year in high school and I lost every time. I lost to jokers who didn't care about the

politics of the school; no, they were the popular kids who everyone looked up to. I am telling you this, "Gouie," it hurts a lot to lose year in and year out to undeserving people. I am sure that all the "real" candidates deserved to win this election, and due to your shenanigans, you have single handedly made a mockery of this year's election.

Shame on you, "Gouie," and oh by the way, NICE PICTURE ... you are the real loser here! GOOD LUCK GETTING A DATE NOW!

DANNY HARRIS

STUDENT VOTE NEGATIVELY AFFECTS 3RD DISTRICT

Editor, Daily Nexus:

UCSB students probably have had no time, inclination or interest in the results of the 3rd-District Supervisorial election, but they all did vote and they all are in that district, so here are some results. The proposition was to reelect incumbent Gail Marshall or to elect challenger Larry Mills. Marshall got 13,204 votes to Mills' 10,582.

The North County (Marshall's home area, by the way) overwhelmingly elected Mills — they were really fed up with the lackluster, do-nothing Marshall. The South County elected Marshall primarily due to student votes.

There was an average 35-percent turnout at the 23 UCSB and I.V. precincts in the 3rd District. Had these votes not been cast by the students, Mills would have won by about 78 votes. Student voters outside these 23 precincts were not included to offset nonstudents in I.V.

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The student "block vote" distorted what the local permanent residents wanted in a candidate.

Now, the students have the right to vote, but do they know for whom they are voting and the quality of the candidate's record? Many students will not be returning after June and most do not live permanently in the 3rd District, but due to their vote in this primary election, permanent residents, homeowners and taxpayers are stuck with their selection for the next four years.

The local permanent residents believe that the students have no vested interest in our local elections and that they should exempt themselves from voting in them. We believe that students should vote in their home districts by absentee ballot. For years, local residents have tried to incorporate a city without students because of this custom of block voting by UCSB students. Local citizens do not want students voting in candidates that we have to live with while they all go back to their hometowns. UCSB students should talk this issue over with their families back home. We bet that their parents would really object to local students telling them who they should be electing in their hometowns.

One of the requirements of voting in a democracy is that the voter be informed. UCSB students were not informed about Gail Marshall. She has not done anything in the 3rd District but hold meetings and, in particular, has achieved no improvements in I.V., where UCSB students rent temporarily, and she never will. Why did students vote for her? Local residents of the 3rd District see UCSB students' actions as very irresponsible.

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BIKE WEEK

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vouchers for six free days of parking if residents outside the 2-mile no-drive zone do not purchase parking passes for the school year.

Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition Bike Week Coordinator Jonathan Humfrey said alternative transportation habits learned in college would hopefully last long after graduation.

"Young people have become less and less active over the last decade," he said. "Bike Week would reinforce the idea that just because you leave college doesn't mean you have to jump in your car all the

time."

Bike Expo 2000 is sponsored by the UCen, A.S. Bike Shop, the Graduate Student Association and expertcity.com. Humfrey said Santa Barbara's Bike Week would not be possible without the forward-thinking people at expertcity.com and the substantial donation they made to this week's activities.

For more information concerning Bike to Work Day and Bike Week check out www.sbbike.org. The Bike Expo 2000 webcast will be located at www.ucen.ucsb.edu and more information on parking vouchers can be obtained at www.park.ucsb.edu

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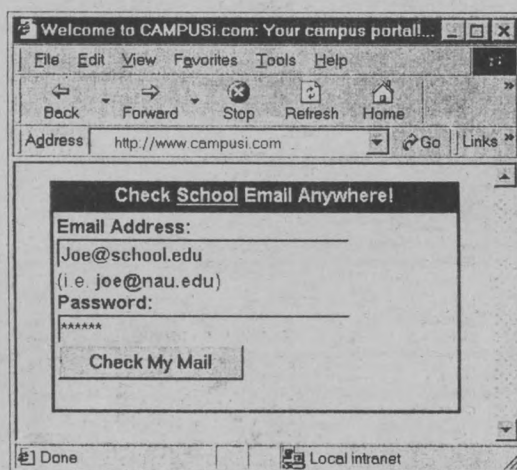
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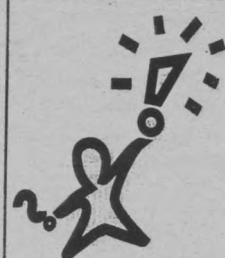
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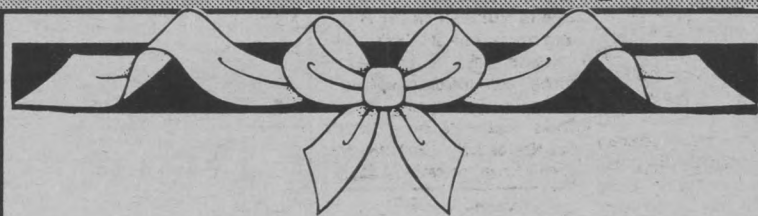
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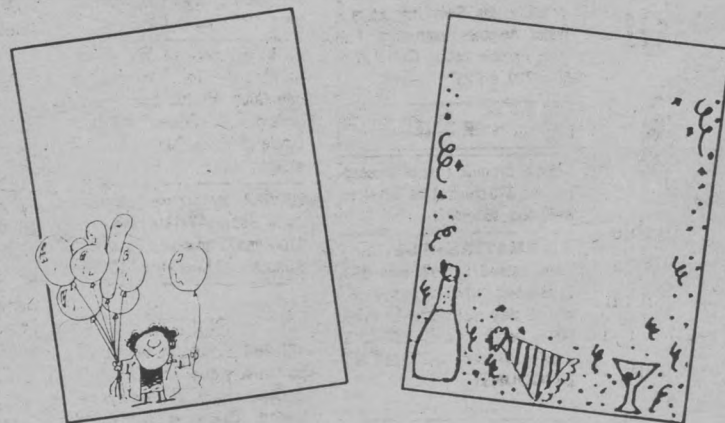
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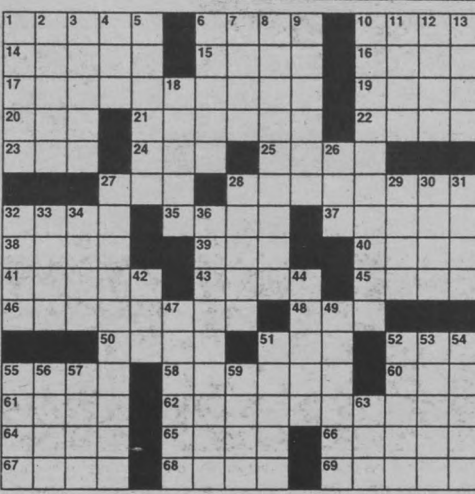
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Sports

UCSB Left Off Short List for Regional Playoffs

■ **Softball:** Santa Barbara Out of Postseason Contention After Losses to New Mexico State

By ZACK O'NEILL
Staff Writer

The UCSB softball team called it a season this past weekend in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Gauchos squared off against Big West Conference rival New Mexico State three times last Saturday and Sunday, in the final series of the year for both teams.

Santa Barbara, which entered the weekend on a five-game winning streak, was hoping to snag a low seeding in the NCAA Regionals with a strong showing against the Aggies.

As it turns out, Santa Barbara's fate was probably sealed before the series even began.

When the playoff brackets were announced Sunday, the NCAA included only three Big West teams and four West Region teams (UCSB finished in fifth place in the Big West and seventh in the West Region) in the Regional Playoffs.

But if the window of oppor-

tunity was narrow for the Gauchos before last weekend, UCSB (30-21 overall, 14-10 Big West) slammed it shut by losing two of three games to NMSU (27-31 overall, 11-13 Big West), including a doubleheader sweep Saturday.

The story of game one on Saturday was the pitching of the Aggies' Amber Mosher, who blanked the Gauchos on seven hits.

NMSU, leading 1-0 in the sixth, put the game to bed by scoring twice on three consecutive Santa Barbara errors, winning the first game of the series, 3-0.

"We didn't play bad in the first game," UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly said. "We just left too many runners on base. We gave them a few runs on errors, and we just couldn't get them back."

If there were any lingering doubts as to the Gauchos' postseason chances after the first game, they were erased in Saturday's nightcap.

UCSB raced out to a 6-3 lead in game two, scoring in each of



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A STEAL? A DOUBLE PLAY? WE DON'T KNOW: The UCSB softball team dropped two of three games to New Mexico State this past weekend. After failing to qualify for the NCAA Regionals, Santa Barbara's season is over.

the first three innings. Santa Barbara was ignited by home runs from the bats of seniors Mandy Edwards and Jessie Ziese, but another poor sixth inning cost the Gauchos the game and probably their season.

Trailing 7-6 in the sixth, UCSB surrendered six runs to New Mexico, and the game became an embarrassing blow-out. Santa Barbara committed four errors in the game, and lost by a score of 13-6.

"A team like New Mexico is

hard to sweep, and we were feeling the pressure to finish our season strong and maybe make the Regionals," said junior Abigail Murphy, who suffered her eighth loss of the year in game two. "But on Sunday we played like New Mexico did on Saturday, and it was awesome."

In Sunday's lone game, the Gauchos went out and pounded the Aggies. UCSB scored in each of the first four innings (including nine runs in the fourth) to slaughter NMSU 12-

1, in a game called after five innings on account of the NCAA's eight-run mercy rule. Murphy went five innings for her eighth win of the year in what turned out to be UCSB's final game of the 2000 season.

"It started to hit me after Saturday's games, that I was playing in my last games," Edwards said. "But I think Sunday was a great way to go out. We showed New Mexico what kind of team we were on Sunday."

Big West Is Next Hurdle for Santa Barbara

■ **Track and Field:** Gauchos in Peak Form at Occidental Invitational

By BROOKE ROBERTS
Staff Writer

You might say the 800-meter is its 'forte.'

The UCSB track and field team competed in the Occidental Invitational in Los Angeles this past weekend, where the Gauchos had many impressive individual showings — the men's 800m, first and foremost.

The highlight of the meet was the performance of junior Ryan Locklin, who came in with a time of 1:47.73 in the 800m. His time was a UCSB school record, and it also met the NCAA provisional standard of 1:48.80 with some room to spare. Locklin's time is the fifth-fastest NCAA time this season, and is about a tenth of a second short of the American Olympic Trials Standard of 1:47.60.

"This is the first heat I've been in with other fast runners," Locklin said. "It definitely helped me run faster, because I wasn't out there by myself."

The top 18 runners in the 800m will go on to compete in the NCAA Championships, which will be at Duke University on May 31-June 3.

"I'm definitely going to Nationals," said Locklin. "It feels ... well, let's just say I've only slept three hours in the past two days."

The men's 800m proved to be an exceptional event for other Gauchos as well. Senior Pat Longhini notched a PR in the event, clocking in at 1:55.36. Sophomore Jacob Green also clinched a lifetime best in the 800m with a time of 1:51.56.

Green's time places him at #6 on the Big West Conference list.

Junior sprinter Kesha Wood led the impressive performances on the women's side. Wood ran a personal best in the 100m with a time of 12.51. She also took third place in the 200m, clocking in at 25.94.

On the field, senior Mary Kailihiwa threw 137'05" in the discus to clinch second place out of 14 competitors.

Santa Barbara's women captured second place out of six teams in the women's 4x100m relay. The UCSB squad crossed the finish line at 47.58, missing first place by two seconds and narrowly managing to capture second, clocking in one-hundredth of a second ahead of Claremont Mudd Scripps University. In the meet, the Gauchos' runners only participated in sprint and middle distance races, as the long distance runners opted to stay home.

"Our coach gave us the option of whether we wanted to rest or not before Big West," senior middle distance runner Ali Pearson said. "There weren't any long distance runners down there."

More highlights for the men were turned in by freshman Kevin Weaver, who took third place in the high jump by clearing 6'06.75", and sophomore Pat Turner, who jumped 15'01" to land fourth place in the pole vault.

"Individually, I didn't do that well," said Weaver of his performance in the high jump. "I'm waiting for this weekend, since it's [the Big West Championship]."

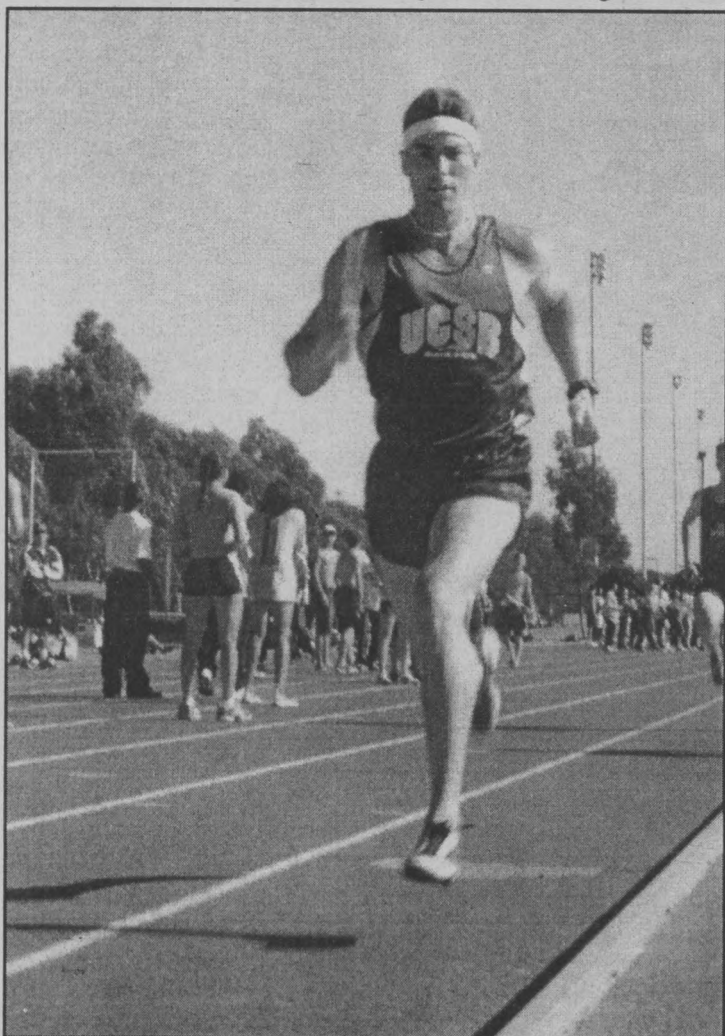


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A LOCK FOR THE NCAA: After running the 800m in 1:47.73, junior Ryan Locklin is virtually guaranteed a spot at the NCAA Championships in June.

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