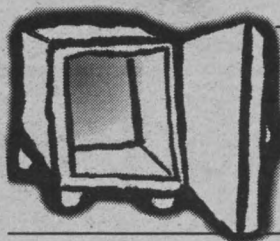




### Open House

EOP is hosting an open house to showcase the services and programs it's offering Fall Quarter. Today, 3 to 5 p.m. in Building 434.



### Opinion

Why Associated Students is \$12,000 richer and nobody noticed.

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Sophomore middle blocker Danielle Bauer: the Nexus Athlete of the Week.

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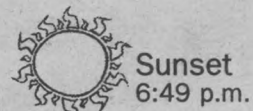
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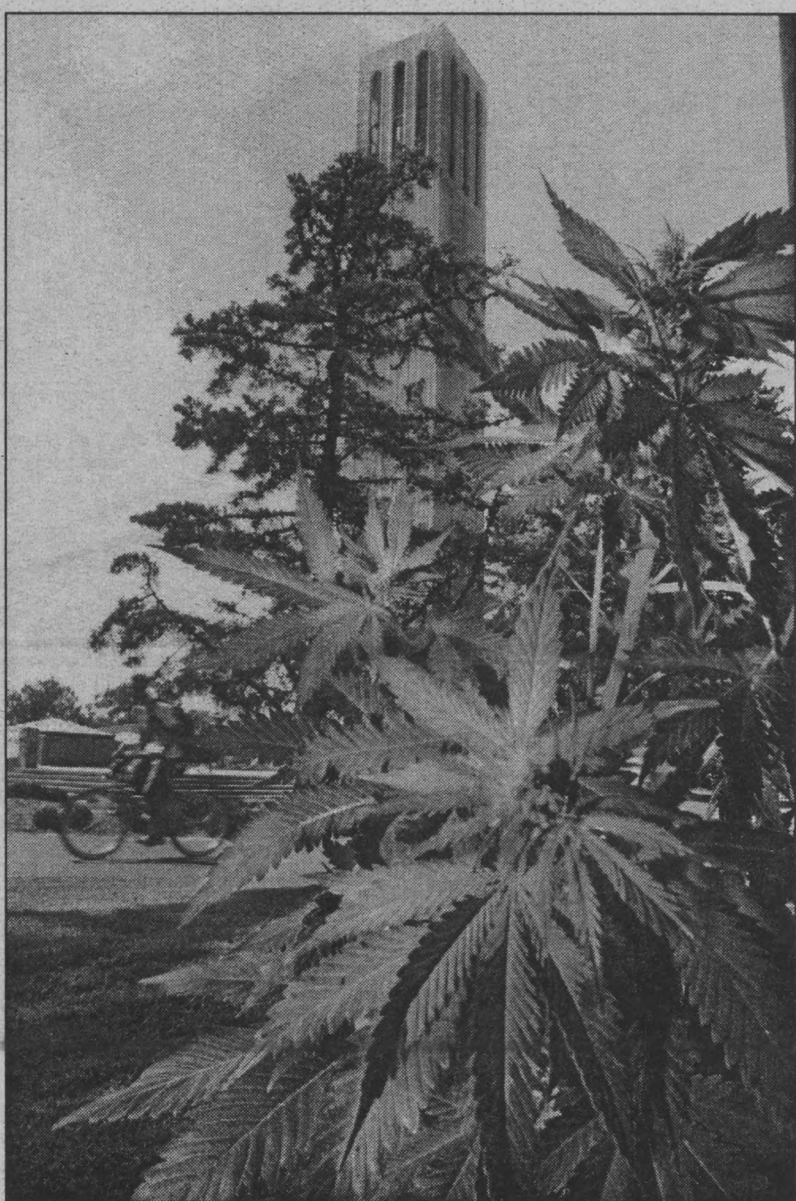
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### Higher Education

A potted marijuana plant makes a brief visit to campus Tuesday at noon, hanging out under the lunchtime sun in the bike circle near Storke Tower for less than an hour before campus authorities ended the party by removing it.

## Vote Shelves Opposed Plan to Expand I.V. Public Lands

### Redevelopment Amendment Sparks 700-Signature Petition

BY MARISA LAGOS  
Staff Writer

Overwhelmed by a wave of Isla Vista concern, the county and eminent domain were forced to retreat to higher ground yesterday.

The Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors voted at a public hearing Tuesday not to extend eminent domain — the ability of a local government to seize private land as a last resort for civic improvements — in Isla

Vista, after opposition toward the extension, including a petition signed by over 700 people, was raised at the hearing.

The proposed I.V. Redevelopment Plan Amendment, brought to the board by the Santa Barbara County Redevelopment Agency, would have extended the county's ability to acquire property through the use of eminent domain for parking, open space and recreational uses for redevelopment after it's Nov. 27

expiration date through November of 2012. Under the current law, the Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District and university already have power to acquire land through the use of eminent domain for public purposes according to IVRPD Director Pegeen Soutar.

John Buttny, 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall's administrative assistant, said the decision to vote on the

See DOMAIN, p.6

## UCSB Tests Online Registration

BY ERIC SIMONS  
Staff Writer

Student Information Services is using this quarter to run final stress tests on several newly created features of the Gaucho Online Data (GOLD) system, which could make class registration as simple as logging onto the UCSB mainframe.

GOLD now offers students the ability to change their schedules online by adding or dropping classes and switching grading options. The system also offers a new weekly schedule map and a new class-search screen. The project has been in the works since

January.

"It's something we've wanted to do for quite some time, and we really didn't have enough staff to address the project [beforehand]," SIS Director Deborah Scott said.

To add or drop classes, students must sign on during their allotted RBT pass time. They can then type in the registration code for the class and make any other adjustments to their schedule. GOLD operates in online real time and is roughly as functional as RBT, SIS Manager Lisa Peppin said.

The new options are fully operational, but in order to complete final stress tests on the

See GOLD, p.7

## Cultural Group Gets Into Swing of Things With Festive Reception

BY MEDEA TORRES  
Reporter

Mystical beats and barbecued food attracted students to El Congreso's welcome back meeting on the lawn of the El Centro building last night.

El Congreso Chair Elizabeth Montano said the event was put together to "welcome Chicano/Latino incoming freshmen and returning members." The additional lure of Mexican food and Aztec dancing also helped. The Aztec dance group Danza Mejica Coyolxavqui, which has been performing for 48 years, put on the performance.

Dancer Mauro Sanchez said the group's dancing was rich in mysticism.

"The dance is a way to thank the cosmos for the gift of life and the powers of fire, earth, and air," he said. "A dancer must be in touch with his spirituality, physical power, the cosmos and mathematics."

Among the people who came out for the event was Dean of Students Yonie Harris.

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### Even Higher Education

Professor Marc McGinnes goes to new heights in his Environmental Studies 1 class, taking to stilts while giving his students an "overview" of the course material for the quarter.

# Top of the News

## Milosevic Proves Stubborn to Step Down



BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Slobodan Milosevic conceded Tuesday that his challenger finished first in Yugoslavia's presidential election and declared a runoff — defying demands at home and abroad that he step down.

Opposition candidate Vojislav Kostunica rejected an Oct. 8 runoff, calling it a "fraud" and insisting he won Sunday's election outright. At the same time, he warned against moves that could raise tensions and called on the opposition to keep a "nonviolent" response.

Kostunica supporters called for a rally Wednesday night in downtown Belgrade to "celebrate its victory" — apparently hoping for a show of strength to demonstrate to Milosevic

the public's refusal of a runoff.

President Clinton said it was clear the opposition had defeated Milosevic, who has led Yugoslavia for 13 years. He said that the United States would take steps to lift economic sanctions if the election result is honored.

"Despite the government's attempts to manipulate the vote, it does seem

believed to have a firm grip on the top ranks of the police and military — to back down.

Two days after the vote, the State Elections Commission released its first results Tuesday, saying Kostunica finished first with 48.22 percent to 40.23 percent for Milosevic. The law provided a runoff Oct. 8 if none of the five candidates

State television said the turnout was 64 percent, far below the 74 percent figure given by the opposition.

"We are talking about political fraud and blatant stealing of votes," Kostunica said. "This is an offer which must be rejected."

But he said the opposition would avoid "careless moves which could raise tensions in society, which could lead to unforeseeable consequences."

"The truth is obvious, and we will defend it by all nonviolent means," the opposition leader said. "The people have given their political 'no' to Milosevic and his policies."

"For us, there is no runoff," Vladan Batic, an anti-Milosevic activist, said. "We won honestly and those who falsified the results have to face criminal charges."

The runoff announcement came despite growing international calls for Milosevic to accept an opposition victory.

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**— Vladan Batic  
anti-Milosevic activist**

clear that the people have voted for change," Clinton said in a speech at Georgetown University in Washington.

The announcement of a runoff raises the stakes in the confrontation between Milosevic and the opposition, which faced the choice of accepting a runoff it considers fraudulent or trying to pressure the hardline leader —

received more than 50 percent of the votes cast.

Before the announcement, the Democratic opposition of Serbia released its own tally, showing Kostunica with 55 percent to Milosevic's 35 percent. It said the figures were based on 97.5 percent of the ballots and were taken from reports by opposition poll watchers at each precinct.

## Anti-Globalization Activists Riot at IMF Meeting



PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — Unleashing a fresh round of fury against economic globalization, 5,000 protesters marched on the International Monetary Fund and World Bank summit Tuesday, throwing firebombs,

sticks and rocks at police who responded with clubs, tear gas and water cannons.

The enemies of capitalism did not get the 20,000 activists they had hoped for but were still able to raise a ruckus that left at least 69 people injured and turn Prague into a smoky battle zone.

Protesters threw Molotov cocktails and rocks they made by breaking up a cobblestone sidewalk. Authorities pushed demonstrators back each time they approached the communist-era convention center where the titans of global capitalism had huddled to ponder economic issues.

Hundreds of activists got so close, however, that officials temporarily stopped the IMF and World Bank delegates and staff from leaving before evacuating them through a subway station closed to the public.

The skies over Prague filled with black smoke after some of the demonstrators built barricades in the streets and set them ablaze, also torching cars in what they

billed as a sequel to riots that marred recent economic meetings in Seattle and Washington.

One of the main goals of the protesters had been to trap the IMF and World Bank delegates inside the convention center, which happened briefly. The fighting hurt at least 69 people, and 44 were hospitalized, including 34 police officers who were attacked by wave after wave of protesters.

Czech President Vaclav Havel appealed for calm, urging demonstrators to "abstain from violent forms of protests."

After nightfall, a group of 200 anarchists moved through the streets, smashing out bank windows and demolishing a McDonald's outlet — the second to be struck in the riot — and a KFC. Police chased them away and the city was mostly calm late Tuesday night.

Another 1,500 activists blocked the road outside the State Opera House, where a reception for dignitaries was canceled, but that protest faded without incident.

"The situation now is more stabilized," Interior Minister Stanislav Gross said.

The protesters call globalization a menace to humanity that helps the rich get richer at the expense of the poor and the environment. The IMF and World Bank have become favored targets, as have capitalist icons such as McDonald's.

## Nationwide Study Reopens Evolutionist-Creationist Debates



WASHINGTON (AP) — In a new chapter of a dispute that pits science against religion, a national organization of scientists gives schools in 19 states unsatisfactory grades for teaching evolution.

The report, commissioned by the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation and released Tuesday at the

American Association for the Advancement of Science, grades 49 states and the District of Columbia on the basis of how well evolution is included in the state science education standards.

Six states — California, Connecticut, Indiana, New Jersey, North Carolina and Rhode Island — scored perfectly and four others received A's in the report.

Fourteen states were graded at B, 7 at C, 6 were given D's and 13 flunked. Kansas, whose standards were described as "disgraceful," got the lowest

grade. Iowa was not included because it has no statewide education standards, leaving that up to each local district.

Linda Holloway, former chair of the Kansas State Board of Education, said the report was deceptive and "very unfair."

"Clearly they have an ax to grind about evolution," she said in a telephone interview.

Kansas last year rekindled the issue of teaching evolution in public schools when the state board of education, led by Holloway, approved sci-

ence teaching standards that minimized the importance of evolution and omitted the big-bang theory of the origin of the universe.

Other states have considered similar curriculum changes and some state legislatures have proposed laws that would forbid the teaching of evolution in public schools.

People who believe the universe, Earth and its creatures were created abruptly by God have been opposed to the teaching of evolution.

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## Weather

Maybe it's just me, but the Olympics don't seem as entertaining as they were when we were kids. I mean, during the Cold War, you had someone to root against. Not only did we want the Soviet gymnast to lose, we wanted him to slip at an inopportune moment and squash his manhood on the pommel horse — leaving him less of a man than the female swimmers from his country.

We still have enemies, but they don't translate to vicious rivalries. Take Yugoslavia. Sure, we're not too fond of the Serbs, but it just doesn't seem sporting to root against them in the Olympics when we've probably reduced their training facilities to rubble. Same goes with the Iraqis.

I've found someone to root against, though: the Americans. Rooting for America is like rooting for the Yankees — it's too easy, and with their money and bad attitudes, they're just easier to hate.

Wednesday's forecast: Clear skies in Santa Barbara, weeping Dream Teamers in Australia.

## Leg Council Reconvenes Tonight for First Session of 2000-01

BY BRENDAN BUHLER  
Staff Writer

The California State Assembly is out of session until December, but local politicians are set to get their legislative fix tonight with their first meeting of the year.

Legislative Council, who will meet in the UCen's Flying A Room at 6:30 p.m., is the most powerful committee within Associated Students and has

final say over all non-judicial matters, including decisions and funding allocations made by subordinate committees.

A.S. Internal Vice President Alison Scheer chairs the council. The other 20 student members represent the undergraduate population — 11 students are off-campus reps, five are reps-at-large, three are

on-campus reps and the final member represents students in university-owned housing. Each of the 20 reps receives \$350 per quarter in honoraria — a payment for services rendered — while Scheer receives free tuition and \$400 per quarter.

The only items Leg Council will take action

said. "Students should try to keep themselves informed as much as possible by going to the meetings or coming into the office."

Off-Campus Rep Matt McMillan said no important business will be conducted at the meeting.

"Serious policy initiatives won't be introduced until next week," he said.

Tesfai said he was optimistic about the meeting and the new legislative session.

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— Mahader Tesfai  
A.S. president

on tonight will be approving their own rules and appointments.

A.S. President Mahader Tesfai said the council represents students and their interests.

"Legislative Council is a representative entity for students on this campus. To be more specific, it is the most important entity in A.S., in regards to policy making," he

"It's going to be amazing to see a bunch of dynamic people working together in their first meeting of the year," he said. "I hope it will be a productive meeting. ... Alison Scheer, as chair of Leg Council, will do a great job in advising and conducting meetings. She's been working hard with the council."



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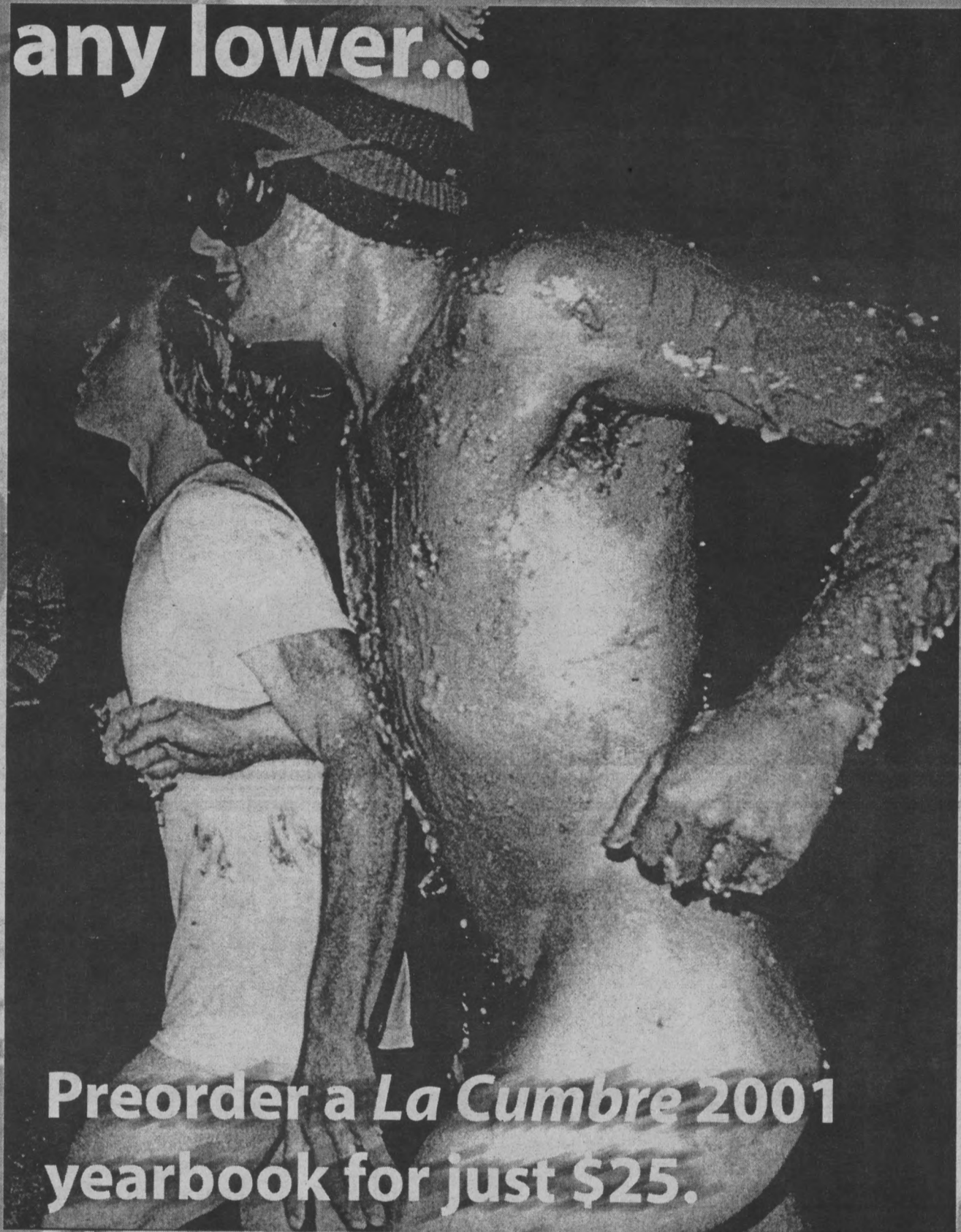
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## UC-Owned Environmental Reserve Provides Fertile Research Opportunities for UCSB

BY ADAM HARMSTEAD  
Reporter

Less than an hour from the crowded streets of I.V., condors and cougars still roam the oak woodlands and open grasslands of the University of California's Sedgwick Reserve.

The reserve is a 5,800-acre holding in the Santa Ynez Valley set aside by the UC system for the education, research and preservation of its unique habitats. Researchers and undergraduate students use the reserve's varied geography to study the link between microbial

activity in the reserve and global warming. They also survey the impact of alien plants on the area's native grasslands as well as examine the connection between rodent populations and the spread of weedy grasses throughout the area.

"Studies are being done in the Sedgwick Reserve on the regeneration of California's perennial grasslands," Sedgwick Reserve Director Mike Williams said. "Native species have to compete with exotic plants introduced to California."

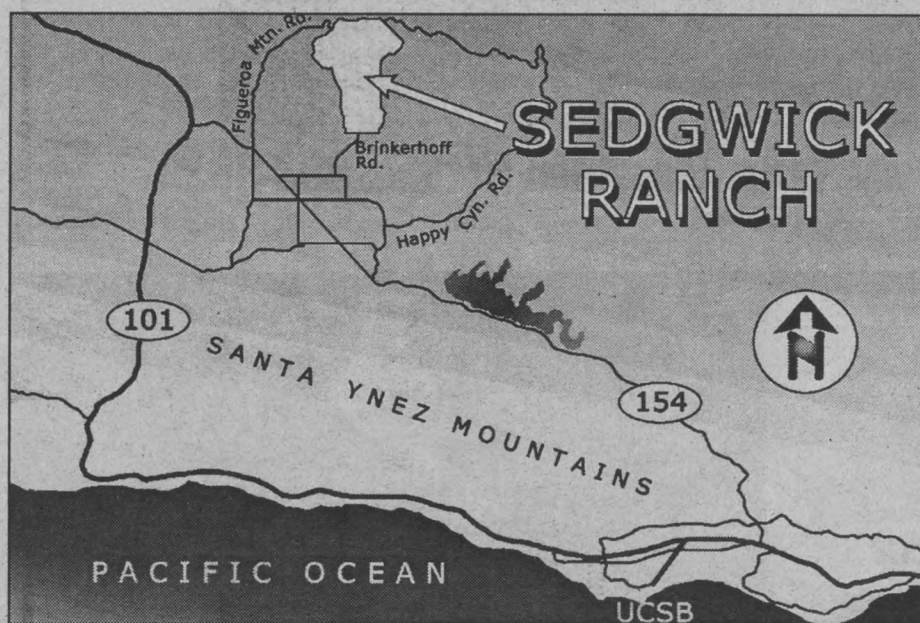
The Sedgwick family donated some of the land

from the formerly private ranch to the University of California in 1968. The reserve was later expanded to its present size in 1989.

Research funding comes from grants obtained through a UCSB advisory committee. Williams is also applying for a \$10,000 grant from the Santa Barbara County Land Trust.

The reserve, in which reside the endangered Santa Barbara jewel flower and California condors, is the largest of six reserves managed by UCSB, according to Sedgwick

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 issue Tuesday, instead of waiting until its scheduled Oct. 17 date, was made after it became apparent to the board that "continuing discussion would be counterproductive."

"The decision was to put it on hold until after the master plan is completed," Buttny said. "If the board had adopted eminent domain, there would have been a bad feeling; a lot of people would have been complaining and focusing on that, not concentrating on the planning process."

Isla Vista Action Committee member Martin Markovits said he gathered signatures in opposition to the amendment because he felt the extension of eminent domain could pose a threat to affordable student housing.

"It was great; we brought enough people downtown to get noticed. Even though the hearing was held on the second day of school, the students had a presence, and that presence combined with a signed peti-

tion with 741 signatures made the difference," he said. "I'm really excited. I feel for the first time in my life I was able to witness democracy work."

Soutar said the board made the right choice in light of the community's concerns.

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**-John Buttny  
 3rd District executive assistant**

"I think they made a good decision today, because after the master plan [is created] if the committee decides it should be acquired, we can still do it," she said. "I like the idea of a plan being decided first, and people talking about what we want, and then talking to the board of supervisors."

Buttny said fears expressed by residents and local groups ranged from misunderstandings concerning how and what eminent domain could be

used for, to disagreements regarding its appropriate usage.

"They said, 'We don't know where you'd use it, and you've never used it before,' — which we haven't. ... they were good, valid points and we decided to table it until later," he said. "Some argued that it didn't go far enough. It's only a tool to be used for the master plan. ... After they finish the master plan, then people will understand how it could be used, where, why and what it could be used for."

According to Buttny, the extension of eminent domain, if adopted in the future, could theoretically help to solve housing problems instead of creating more — a concern raised by local activist groups.

"What's really the important thing in the master plan is to make I.V. more livable and affordable. If we use eminent domain to make more affordable housing, it would benefit the students. We're trying to make Isla Vista a better place to live for everyone," he said.

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Make some arrangements to spend the day with your emotional partner. Renovations will turn out as planned. You will be in a do-it-yourself mood, so much can be accomplished. 3 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** This is not the day to put demands on your partner. You should look over legal documents and make sure you have all your papers in order. You can make money if you invest wisely. 4 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Older relatives may try to cause problems for you and your mate. Be adamant when dealing with those who wish to meddle in your personal affairs. You need to stick up for the one you love. 2 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't be too quick to agree to pending settlements. You need to look at the situation objectively. Ask a good friend for advice. Make purchases for your home that will bring comfort. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You can expect to have difficulties with those you live with. Make plans to be out as much as possible. You should be an active member in groups or clubs. 3 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Romantic relationships will end as quickly as they began. Try to be honest with yourself about your position. It is best not to make waves at work. Gossip will get you into trouble. 3 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You'll be in the limelight at group meetings. Your ideas are solid, and the other members will be willing to help you put them into motion. Don't feel guilty for doing things you enjoy. 4 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** A jealous rage may cause your mate to back away from you. Try to stay calm and keep in mind that you can't force someone to stay with you if his or her heart is somewhere else. 2 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Pleasure trips will be fun, but realize that they will cost more than you bargained for. Your tendency to overspend and gamble will cause problems with your partner. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Sudden good fortune can be yours if you take a chance. Deal with government agencies or any red tape you have hanging over your head. Be secretive about your personal life. 4 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Your mate will be disappointed if you have been too busy to spend time with him or her. Try to plan activities that will allow you to bring your partner along. 3 stars

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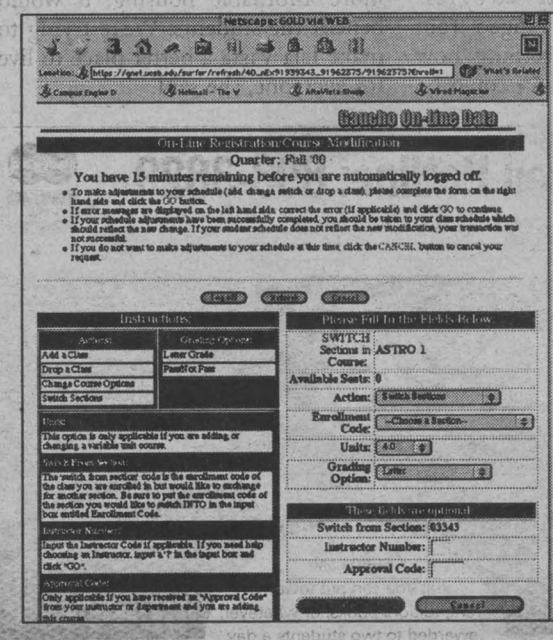
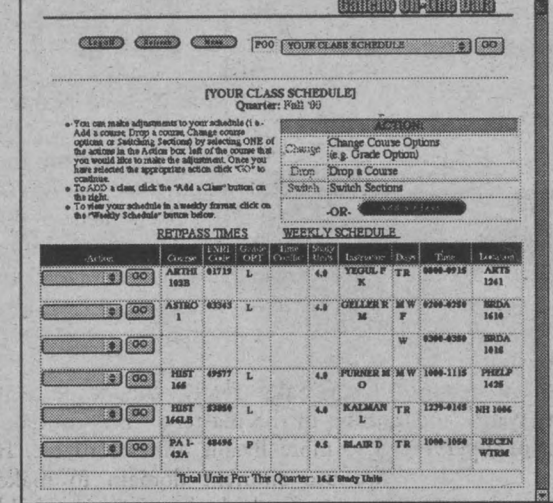
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# GOLD

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system this quarter, SIS has not announced the completion yet.

"What we've decided to do is do an evaluation with Pass Three of how it's stressing the system. We'll do a real stress test before next quarter's Pass One," Peppin said. "That will help us determine what kind of pressure the mainframe can handle during the day."



GOLD is tied into the UCSB mainframe, which gets heavy use during weekday work hours. The stress tests will check to see how well the new system can handle such weight.

"All people on campus use the mainframe from 8-5. ... Slowing it down a lot by providing a lot of student access [to GOLD] isn't a viable option," Peppin added.

While access to GOLD may be limited during the day, RBT is still operational — and the new online registration appears to have significantly cut into RBT's usage.

"Typically, the first days of class during Fall Quarter, RBT is full, but so far this quarter it's only been about half full," Computer Processing Associate Registrar Patrick McNulty said. "That's not to say that GOLD and then RBT won't get even fuller as time goes by, but so far it looks good."

"That's our hope ... that it'll make it easier to get into RBT during peak periods," he added.

Scott expects to announce the new system before the first pass for Winter Quarter.

# Community to Approve I.V. Peace Statue

After having eliminated all but five proposals from across the nation, Isla Vista and UCSB community members will vote on the design for the Perfect Park Monument.

The monument commemorates those who worked locally for peace during the Vietnam War and will consist of a series of arches in Perfect Park, located on Embarcadero Del Norte. According to Perfect Park Monument Implementation Committee Chair Bob Potter, many UCSB students were drafted for the war, upsetting the I.V. population.

"During the war, many people demonstrated at Perfect Park, protesting for the United States to pull out of the war," he said. "Back then, Perfect Park was the central place in Isla Vista."

Potter said he feels the monument will be a reminder of how the community bonded together in a time of war.

"People denounced the protesters and accused them of being traitors," Potter said. "However, people still kept strong and protested what they believed in."

— Jasmine Suko



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7:30 p.m. / Campbell Hall

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# Opinion

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### Staff Editorial



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## Lining Their Pockets

How A.S. Leg Council Quietly Gave Themselves a \$12,000 Pay Increase

Associated Students is constantly bitching that the University of California Board of Regents work to pass legislation over the summer — a time when students are less likely to keep a watchful eye. Now our student government has followed suit. Isn't hypocrisy wonderful?

Last spring, during its final meeting of the 1999-00 year, Legislative Council approved a \$12,000 blanket pay raise for A.S. members. The bill, however, did not specify where the money would come from. Icing the cake, in July our elected officers left it to proxies — a group of nonelected stand-ins — to decide that the money would come from Finance Board's unallocated funds.

A.S. conveniently scheduled the meeting at a time when most students would not be able to attend, participate or even notice, and then left a group of random people to do its dirty work — not very democratic. When Leg Council approved the bill in spring, the A.S. budget — which would have been the proper channel for a pay raise — had already been set. The unallocated funds are set aside during the quarter for student groups in need of financing events. Finance Board runs out of money in this department every quarter, and a \$12,000 withdrawal represents 11 percent of the unallocated budget. Major events, such as Halloween and Día de Los Muertos most likely will be financed, but some group will inevitably be rejected later in the quarter because of this 11 percent withdrawal.

By taking a look at other business in last spring's meeting, it is not difficult to see where the council's priorities lie. It took A.S. 20 minutes to

approve the pay raises, but nearly 45 minutes of debate to approve funding for handicapped-access signs in the A.S. office — money that, under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, A.S. must legally provide. Government can be a scary thing when it starts to care more about itself than its constituents; and that's an important thing for A.S. to remember.

A.S. members do not make a fortune, but neither does any student who works for the university. Granted, most of student government puts in more hours than the average student, but it is duly compensated. Executive officers receive free tuition in addition to their new \$400-quarterly salary and expense budgets. New honoraria range between \$180 and \$350 for board and committee members. A.S. has defended itself, saying that low UCSB wage rates must be brought up to statewide levels and that the pay hike is necessary to entice students to participate in government. Must we remind our student government that it is not in the business to make a fortune? One would hope that one is participating because of a desire to serve our community and receive a small salary for good measure.

Daily Nexus editors understand the anguish involved in working long, hard hours for minimal pay. But A.S.'s unprofessional conduct in this matter has literally shortchanged the community. Twelve thousand-dollar legislation must pass through the proper channels at a time when the university, as a whole, can participate in the matter.

## The Politics

DAVID DOWNS

"The art of a democratic government is the art of rationally exploiting mass unreason." — Aldous Huxley, *Hearst Essay*, 1932

The year of our Lord 1932 was a dark time for Aldous Huxley and the rest of the world as well. Between the rise of Nazi Germany and Joseph Stalin's first five-year plan, it was getting very difficult to find graves for all the bodies. The world was about to take a giant dump on itself and Huxley was there on the sidelines, calling the turds as they came in.

Sixty-eight years later — amid the swine orgy of another presidential election — I flip through Huxley's collected William Randolph Hearst essays, and I'm impressed. He doesn't grab the reader with feces and insensitivity like I do, but his points are valid.

"... the growing strength of bureaucracy has meant the creation of a more or less secret oligarchy of permanent officials assisted by experts."

Translation for our functionally illiterate A.D.D. generation:

Political insiders like Al Gore, Dick Cheney, George W. Bush and Joseph Lieberman run our big-ass government, and these

## A Hard Lesson

MATT HURST

Let me start by saying that skateboarders get no respect. And I am not a skateboarder either.

I know it's almost an oxymoron for non-skaters to like or even respect skaters, but an experience over the summer made me change my mind.

I tried to skateboard. Now, I don't exactly know why I did this, but I know it was because I thought it would be cool or maybe it was so I would have a second mode of transportation (besides my legs) in case my trusty bike got ripped off. So, I borrowed my buddy's board, and it sat in my room staring at me for a week.

One day I felt bad for the little board and I picked it up and took it outside. I had only boarded once in my life, that was when I was 10. A decade later, nothing had changed.

I got onto DP and immediately fell off. The street not only sucks to live on when the weekend hits, but it is in my need of repairs.

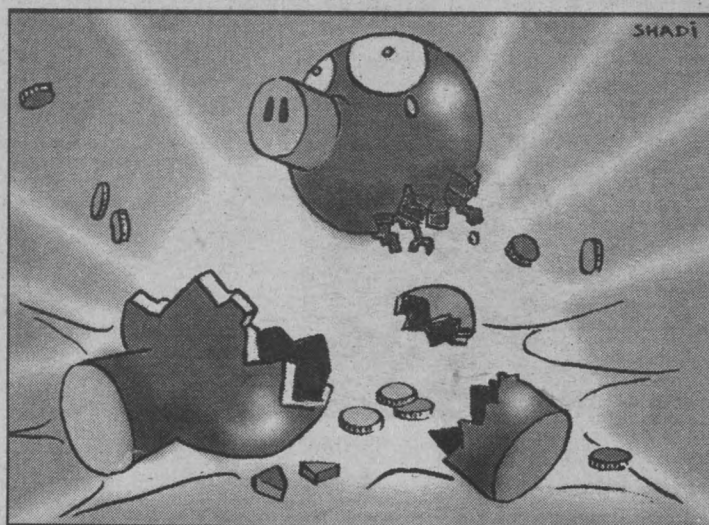
I walked my board to Sabado and jumped on again and rode for a while. I was pushing with all my might with my little old foot and I went about 5 feet

## The Reader's Voice

### STUDENT WORKERS CALL FOR A CHANGE TO PAYDAY

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The purpose of this letter is to propose a new campuswide student payday. Currently, we, the students, are paid on the fifth working day of every month, which ends up being between the fifth and the eighth calendar day. The current student payday is inconvenient for students for a variety of reasons. The first and foremost concern is that students pay their rent in Isla Vista with their paycheck. Rent is due for most people on the first day of every month. Some landlords are generous and allow for rent to be turned in up to the fifth day of every month before charging a late fee. However, some are not so fortunate and end up paying a fine for each day they are late. In addition to rent, students have bills to pay, which are due around or shortly after the first of the month. I have received complaints from students who find it difficult to pay their bills without receiving late fees.



SHADI MUKLASHY / DAILY NEXUS

For the sake of University of California student employees, I'd like to see a more convenient payday. I am curious to see if alternate options are possible. My question to you is this: Is there a way that students can be paid on an earlier date? One possibility is for students to be paid

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bimonthly. According to the UC Accounting Manual, a bimonthly pay schedule is an acceptable method of payment. This would assure financial stability for students who have deadlines to meet. This method of payment is currently in use at the UC Berkeley, campus. Another possibility is to make payday a set date every month. For example, can students be paid the third calendar day of every month? I hope that everyone can see the inconvenience students are experiencing. I am currently working on collecting signatures from student employees, not only UCen Dining, but other organizations on campus as well. I hope that these other options will be considered.

JASON SOUZA



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# Politics Behind Our Paranoia

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Americans tend to be more skittish than a Chihuahua on crystal meth, and politicians bank on this propensity for fear. In fact, so much bank that 20 percent of America's gross national product goes to our own government. The U.S. government isn't making one-fifth of my feces jokes, but somehow they are entitled to them. Now that's bullsh— America has a very distorted view of what to be frightened of. The timid middle-class American cannot sleep a wink unless he knows his doors are deadbolted and a high-priced security alarm is monitoring the broom closet. He needs protection against a world of sociopaths and rapists largely fabricated by television and news.

This same timid American will climb into a steel coffin and hurl himself down a freeway at

door during the Y2K un-disaster. At dawn the politicians were on the TV congratulating the mindless sheep for their successful preparedness. Meanwhile, in Egypt, the government didn't lift a dung-crusted finger to stop Y2K, and none of their oil pipelines were exploding. We get played every day.

Gore is now courting the living-dead vote with his idea that old people can't get their drugs cheap enough. Bush is biting his style and also preaching the "Grandpa Can't Afford His Viagra" platform. Why is this a national issue for the most powerful country in the world? Shouldn't we have already figured out a way to keep the elderly drugged and sedentary? You mean to tell me that the most fearful, moving issue for the so-called "Greatest Generation" is drugs? Damned hippies.

Bush and Cheney are pushing for an increase in defense-spending to arm ourselves against rogue countries like Iraq. They don't mention that our country's defense budget equals the next 10 countries' defense budgets combined. As for rogue states like Iraq: Baghdad is a Third World parking lot, child mortality rates are ungodly, and Saddam Hussein's biggest scuds suffer premature ejaculation before impact.

Traffic accidents kill more

people my age than any other cause. If you die today, chances are it will be in the car ride home from class. Thousands and thousands of us get maimed and murdered every year. Where's the proper outrage? Where is the fear?

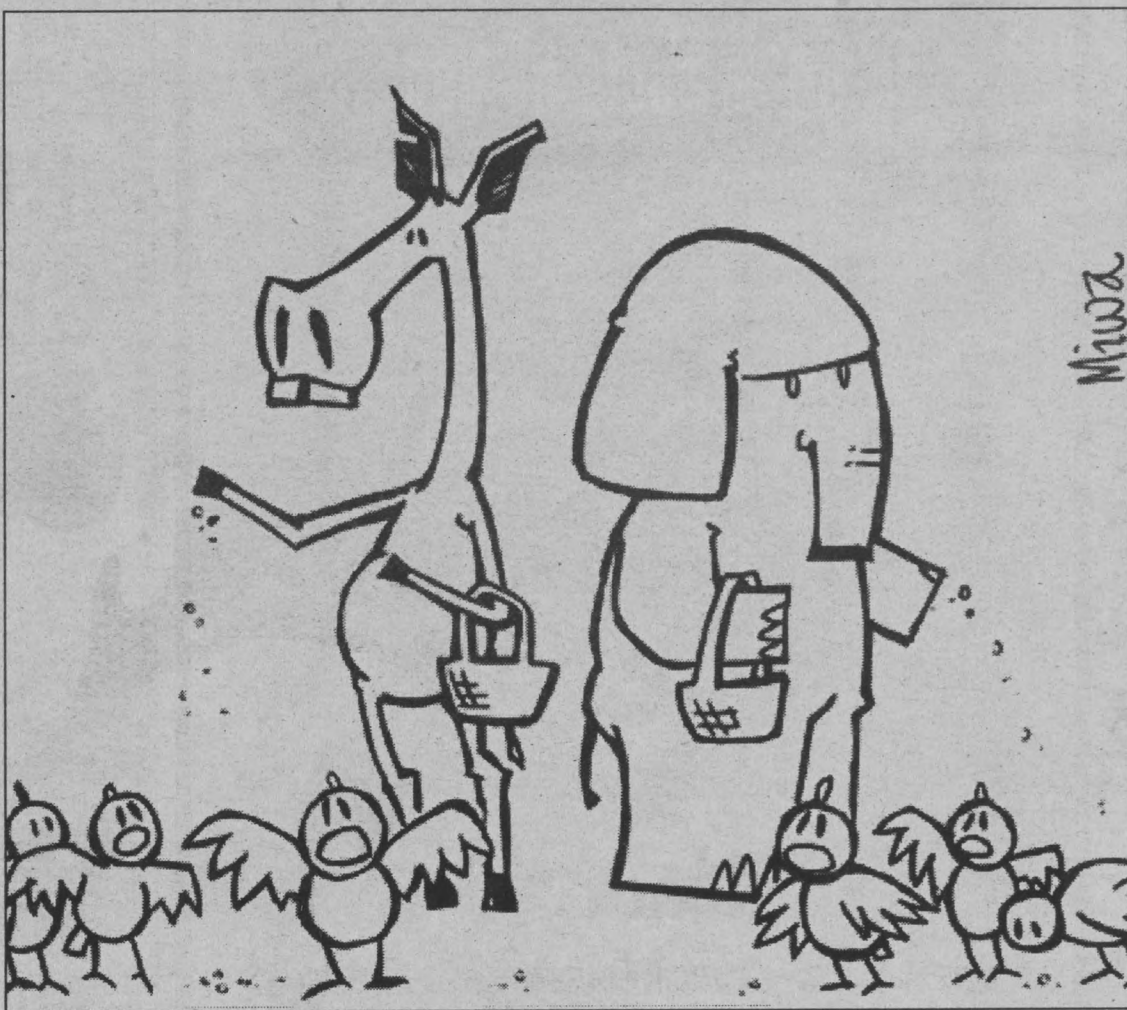
Instead, America is afraid we'll do drugs, play violent video games, and take Eminem seriously. We waste \$1.8 billion fighting cocaine in Columbia while our Firestones blow out from under us, and the bodies

pile up on the freeway shoulders. America needs a severe head check when it comes to what we should actually be worrying about. It must start by flushing the brain of decades of sensational media manure. Only then, when the BS has been hosed off the real issues, will we force our politicians to drop their own BS act.

The sad thing is, Huxley hit the nail on the head almost 70 years ago, in one of the most

prominent American newspapers of the time. Generations later, Americans still fear poorly and vote against their papier-mâché political bogeymen, oblivious to prophetic authors and snide college columnists alike. We deserve morons like Bush and Gore.

*Junior David Downs is the Daily Nexus features and daily Friday editor. His columns appear every Wednesday. On Election Day he will be voting the Jon Stewart-Jesse Ventura Freak Ticket.*



MIWA MATREYEK / DAILY NEXUS

## Americans tend to be more skittish than a Chihuahua on crystal meth, and politicians bank on this propensity for fear.

A.D.D. 80 miles per hour every morning without a second thought. Come again? We all hid under our beds with shotguns pointed at the

# Lesson in Respect for Skateboarding Skeptic

have a bumper sticker that said, "Skateboarding Is Not A Crime."

I am going to stick with my bike. I feel that if I tried to board, I would be the ridicule of the campus, and I would probably break in half. So, skateboarders, you won't be hearing a peep out of me concerning your ways. I want to shake all of your hands. I want to pat you on the back. The next time one of you runs into me, I will pick you up off the ground and

**The people in the office kind of laughed at me when I told them what I had been doing. I walked the board all the way home, realizing that I suck.**

tell you to keep trying. If one of you eats shit in front of Broida on one of those acorn things, I won't laugh. I will help you up and give you a Band-Aid.

So, in my short, but profound, experience, I realized that boarding is a helluva lot harder than it looks. I put that skateboard away in my closet to give back to my friend. I should have burned it instead.

*Matt Hurst is a former Daily Nexus editor-in-chief and weekly columnist. He's awful at skateboarding, but makes a damn fine wannabe.*



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got on and started to ride. I could feel the wind in my face, and I thought, "I'm finally skateboarding!"

Then, disaster struck. I hit a rock. I fell forward, but didn't eat it again. I had to run to grab my board, and I was laughed at by some girls on their balcony. My face was red, not from embarrassment, but from pushing so damn hard.

I walked the board to campus and then tried it again. I skated down to the *Nexus* office, weaving all around. I must have looked completely wasted, but it was because I had no control over my board; it had complete control over me.

I got down to the office looking like I had just run a marathon. I had sweat pouring from all pores of my body, was red in the face and probably looked like

I had been beaten up.

The people in the office kind of laughed at me when I told them what I had been doing. I walked the board all the way home, realizing that I suck.

So, skateboarders, I have mad love for you guys. Cops berate you and so does society. Other athletes believe that your sport isn't even a sport. That's crap. I sweated as much from that 20 minutes of walking/boarding as I have playing baseball, basketball or football.

I used to hate skateboarders, with their beady little eyes and cocky attitudes. I would laugh when they hit a rock and fell down, scraping their hands. I hated when they sped past me on the walking path. Yet, for some reason I wanted to be like them. I wanted to speed past people and weave in and out of traffic. I wanted that cocky attitude. I wanted cops to hate me. I wanted to

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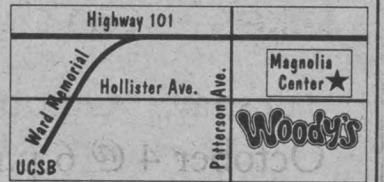
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**BBQ**

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"This event is a tradition at UCSB, and it wouldn't feel right without it," she said. "[El Congreso] always makes me feel a part of this event, and I really appreciate it."

Michael Young, the vice chancellor of student affairs, said the night enriched his relationship with students.

"It helped me develop new friendships, and further developed those connections already established with students," he said.

Jesenia Chavez, a junior sociology major, said the event was, "spiritual and [helped] create cultural unity and awareness. El

Congreso was first established in 1969 and has been a part of UCSB for the past 30 years."

Internal Co-Chair Nick Centino said El Congreso has over 100 members and is a collection of 13 different Latino

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*- Michael Young  
vice chancellor of student affairs*

umbrella organizations, such as the Latino Business Organization, MUJER, Los Curanderos and Los Ingenieros.

Montaño said the organization is well known for its role in Raza College Day, an event that brings hundreds of high school students to UCSB.

"Beside Raza College Day we are also planning on having Día De La Raza, or Indigenous People Day, on Oct. 12 at Storke Tower. This day focuses on educating people on Christopher Columbus' actual role in destroying indigenous people," she said.

"We are also going to be putting on a Halloween Dance, Día de los Muertos and a Valentine's Day dance. Besides these events, we are also hoping to establish an alumni association soon," she added.

Students interested in El Congreso can attend its first meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. in the El Centro building 406.

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The Student-Initiated Outreach Program allocates funds to facilitate outreach projects by registered UCSB student organizations. Consideration is given to projects that are designed to increase the eligibility and college attendance rates of underrepresented, low-income, and other specifically identified disadvantaged populations. This includes programs that seek to motivate pre-college students by encouraging academic excellence and by introducing them to the university environment. Grants awarded to projects will be based on the needs justification as presented in the application and Budget & Planning Guide, the review committee's assessment of the amount of funds required, and the quality of the proposal. Two series of proposals will be accepted each quarter during the 2000-01 academic year.

**What to Know:**

1. Applications must be submitted by one of the below deadlines, to the Office of Student Life, SAASB, Room #2201. No exceptions.
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2. Speak with the Office of Student Life Activities Advisor.
3. Return application to the Office of Student Life - by the appropriate deadline (it should be turned in at least one month prior to your event date).

Applications will not be considered complete without:

- ✓ Consultation with the Student Life Activities Advisor
- ✓ Completed SIOP application form
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- ✓ Signature of the organization's president/head of organization
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- Hmong Student Union conducted extensive outreach efforts to Hmong high school age students to promote higher education and to recruit potential Hmong applicants to UCSB.

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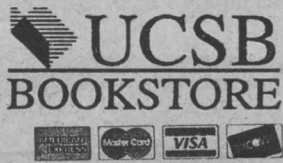


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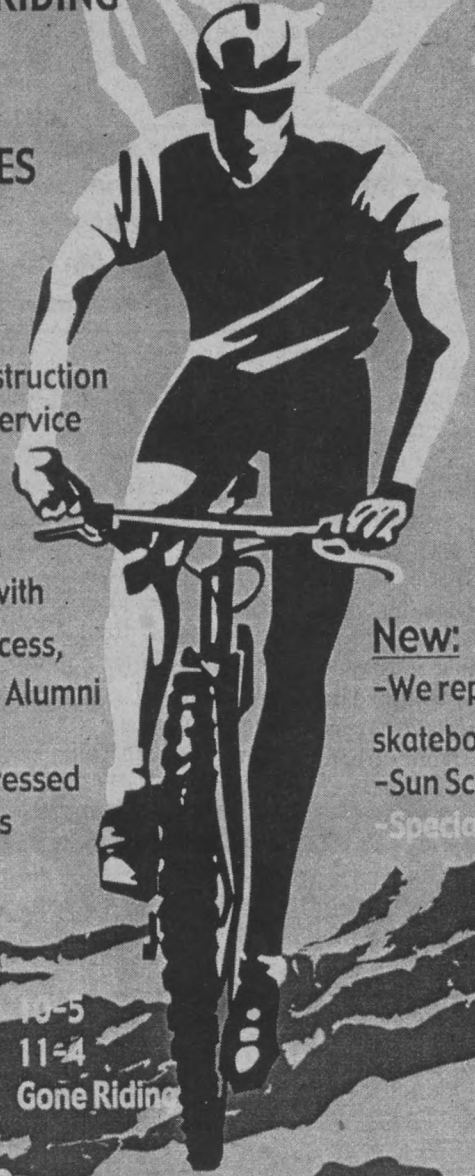
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Reserve volunteer John Carson. The other reserves are located in Carpinteria, Coal Oil Point, Santa Cruz Island and Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory and Valentine Camp, both near Mammoth.

"The [Sedgwick] Reserve contains spectacular oak woodlands, grasslands and chaparral," Carson said. "We're looking at how to restore these habitats after they have been damaged by cattle ranching."

The UC system maintains 33 natural reserves, covering over 120,000 acres of protected land available for research and outreach. The Natural Reserve System, which oversees the Sedgwick Reserve, was established in 1965 to preserve areas against the rapid urban sprawl that characterized California at the time.

Sedgwick Reserve Outreach Coordinator Nancy Emerson hopes to increase awareness and participation in the area through a volunteer program.

"Our goal is to have students and adults come to the reserve and leave with a new scientific concept," she said. "They will respond to learning about the area's natural history through the arts."

Volunteers for the reserve will guide visitors through a three-hour tour that combines science, visual arts and creative writing. The program covers topics from the area's Chumash Indian history to the earthquake fault and serpentine rock that make up its unique geology.

"We want visitors to the Sedgwick Reserve to internalize the tranquility and beauty of the area," Emerson said.

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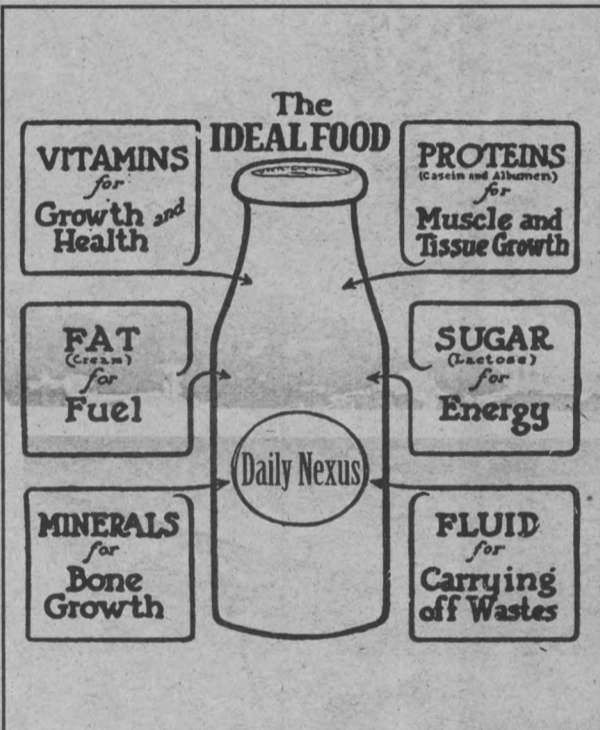
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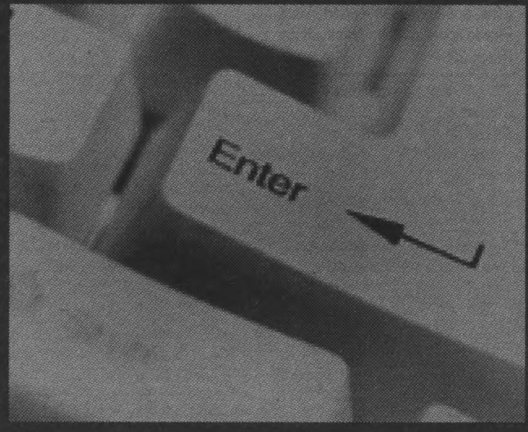
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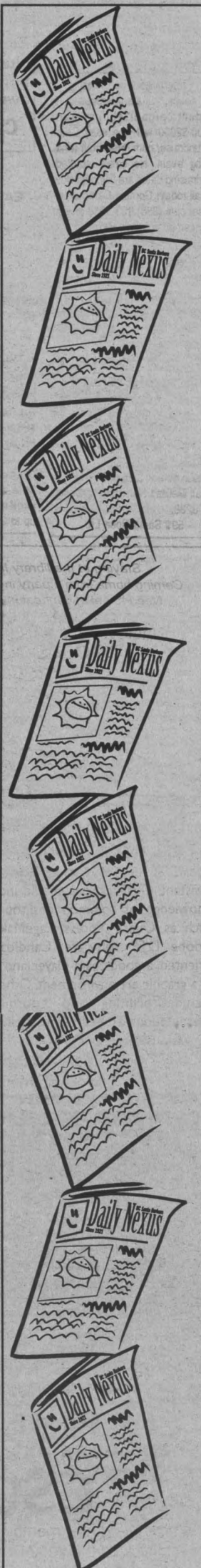
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# Sports



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After losing another heartbreaker to LMU, 1-0, UCSB will attempt to kick itself back into gear this weekend at Harder Stadium.

## UCSB Loses Fifth-Straight Game; Shutout by Lions

BY BRIAN CHONG  
Staff Writer

After playing together on the Real Santa Barbara professional soccer team back in 1989, UCSB men's soccer team Head Coach Tim Vom Steeg and Loyola Marymount University Head Coach Paul Krumpke stood at opposite ends Tuesday night, intently coaching their respective teams.

Santa Barbara (3-6 overall) is currently on a four-game losing streak and was looking to turn things around against LMU (6-3 overall), a team consisting mostly of sophomores.

Both UCSB and LMU executed tight defense throughout the entire game and the teams remained scoreless going into the locker room at the end of the first half. The score remained at 0-0 with time winding down, and the Gauchos and the Lions took the game into overtime.

During the second half of overtime, LMU connected with the back of the net to shut out the Gauchos, 1-0, and hand Santa Barbara its fifth-straight loss.

"We played a great defensive game," Vom Steeg said. "But somehow, we just couldn't seem to find the net. If we don't finish the chances that we get, then we don't win."

Finding the net was a heart-wrenching affair, leaving UCSB fans and players on the edges of their seats. The Gauchos had several key opportunities to strike the ball in the net, but each time, the ball sailed past the goal.

UCSB's best opportunity to score came during the 30:00 mark of the first half. Senior Thiago Martins was standing in front of the goal and, after receiving a nice pass from junior Jaime Ambriz, LMU goalkeeper Jerad Bailey tackled Martins, resulting in a penalty kick. Martins' free kick missed wide to the right, keeping the score 0-0.

Martins recorded four shot attempts, which were potential goals. However, none of the attempts seemed to bite the net.

"He obviously missed some shots he could have put away," Vom Steeg said. "But we have to keep going to him with the ball. You don't stop giving the ball to Michael Jordan because he is having an off day, you continue to take it in to him."

Overtime produced another string of defensive stops. However, during the 118:00 minute of overtime, LMU's Arturo Torres slipped by a Gaucho defender and scored the only goal of the game. The Gauchos laid motionless on the field with another hard-fought game ending in defeat.

UCSB will host a weekend series against Centenary College on Friday at 7 p.m. and Sacramento State on Saturday.

"We can only create so many chances in our soccer games," said Vom Steeg in a quiet demeanor. "I don't know, I'm just at a loss of words right now. If we miss chance after chance, then it's going to be very tough beating our opponents. I'll tell you now that with the guys that I have, we're the best 3-6 team in the nation."

## Fonoimoana Finds Gold in Australia

BY BRIAN CHONG  
Staff Writer

He once walked on the grounds of UCSB. He was also a frequent guest on the beaches in Santa Barbara. Now, his 6'3", 210-pound frame has made an imprint on the sands of Sydney, Australia, and his feet have occupied the gold medalist's platform with his partner Dain Blanton in the 2000 Olympics.

He is professional beach volleyball player Eric Fonoimoana, also known as "The Body" and "Fonoi." Fonoimoana took a long journey before hitting the sands of the Association of Volleyball Professionals and producing stellar performances.

The Manhattan Beach native played volleyball when he was young, moving on to play for Mira Costa High School, then competing in intercollegiate volleyball at UCSB.

Fonoimoana is in Sydney with Blanton representing the United States in the internation-

al championships. After battling numerous countries, Blanton and Fonoimoana realized a shared goal Tuesday afternoon in the Olympic finals. The U.S. tandem's dream came true by defeating Brazil's Ze Marco de Melo and Ricardo Santos, 12-11 and 12-9.

"There will be sand in our ears for a few days," said Fonoimoana, who set an Olympic record for sand diving as he tried to dig every ball the Brazilians hit anywhere in his sight.

Fonoimoana blocked the spike of de Melo to end the match, which lasted one hour and 45 minutes. Once the match was completed, Blanton and Fonoimoana hugged each other on the sands of Bondi Beach.

"When Eric blocked that last ball, it was a relief," Blanton said. "When you play every point to its fullest, good things happen, and that's what happened today."

The gold medal victory was an upset — de Melo and Santos came into the match as the #1

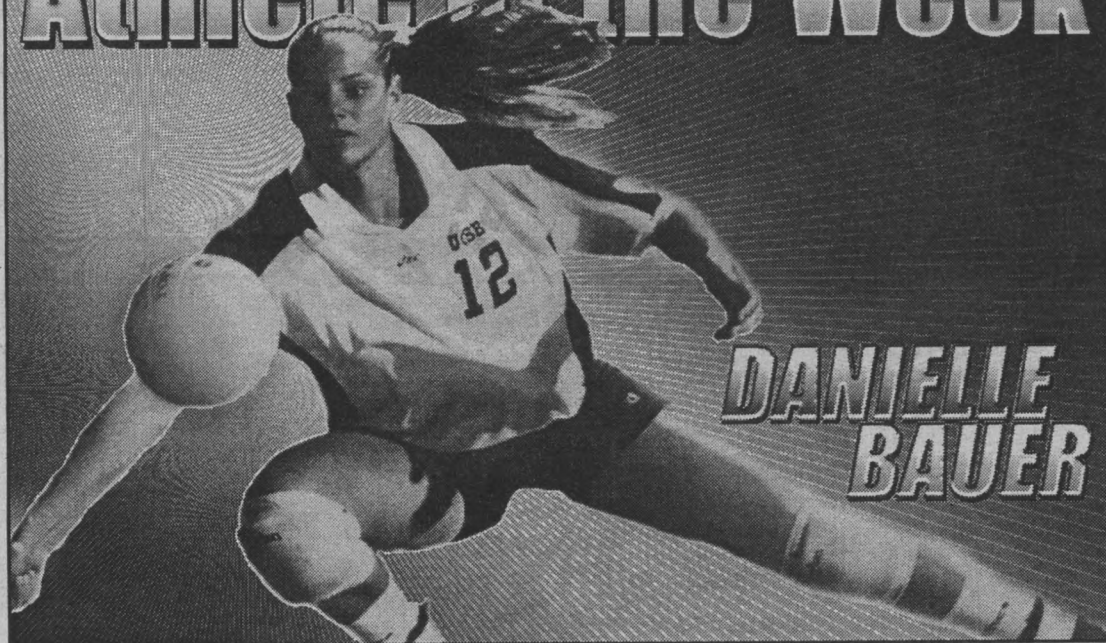
team on the Federation of International Volleyball tour, winning five tournaments this year. Their record against Fonoimoana and Blanton was 4-0 until the U.S. victory.

Claiming the gold was not an easy task for the U.S. duo that fell behind 4-1 in the opening game due to 6'7" Santos' presence at the net. Fonoimoana and Blanton slowly fought off four set points and tied the score, 11-11. The Brazilians committed two-consecutive errors to hand the first game to the Americans.

After edging the Brazilians in game one, Fonoimoana and Blanton took the lead in the second game and never looked back. Although they held the lead the entire game, the Americans did not breeze by Ze Marco de Melo and Santos, taking 66 minutes to put the Brazilians away and bring home the gold.

"It's awesome," Blanton said. "It puts the U.S. #1 for four more years. We did our best and it was enough to win the gold."

## Athlete of the Week



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## UCSB Middle Lane Shut Down by Undersized Phenom

BY BRIAN CHONG  
Staff Writer

Standing at 5'11", Danielle Bauer is considered short for a middle blocker in intercollegiate women's volleyball.

"I'm too short for the position I'm playing," Bauer said, referring to the Big West's 6'-plus middle blockers. "I haven't played against a school where their middle blockers are as small as I am."

However, despite her size disadvantage, Bauer has used her quickness and knowledge of the game to assist the Gauchos in crucial victories over some of the top volleyball schools in the nation.

"You know, I'm quite surprised that I was chosen for this honor," she said. "But I'd have to say that at the same time, I'm really excited to have been chosen."

Bauer, who is currently an undeclared sophomore, comes from Foothill High School in Santa Ana where she led Foothill to back-to-back league championships during her junior and senior year. Bauer also was selected as one of *Volleyball Magazine's* "Fab 50" and was the Century League and Orange County All-Star game MVP.

Entering her second season at UCSB, Bauer has made an impact on a team that has lost several players, such as All-American Roberta Gehlke. She is one of the four returning players on the roster this year, including sophomore outside hitter Brooke Niles and juniors Brooke Rundle and Brianna Lampe.

"Although we lost some of our key players, we have some new younger players who have come in

and stepped up," Bauer said. "For the short time that we've been playing together, I'm really happy with the chemistry that we have."

Bauer has continually answered her 6'2"-6'3" adversaries with quickness and athleticism. She displayed her ability last weekend when UCSB hosted #6 Long Beach State on Friday night and #12 University of Pacific Saturday.

Bauer was the main focus of last weekend's matches, with key kills and blocks during the crucial points of the matches. Her offense led the team as she recorded 28 kills in the match against Long Beach State and 26 against UOP.

"She's one of our most physical players," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "She's small for a middle blocker, and yet she uses her speed and jumping ability."

Being only a sophomore, yet one of the more experienced players on the team, Bauer is considered a leader on and off the court. However, the leadership she brings is more by way of action rather than by way of word.

"When I first came to Santa Barbara, I was like a little mouse," Bauer said. "I think I'm beginning to talk a little more now that I'm considered one of the veterans and there are a lot of younger players."

The Gauchos are about halfway through their 2000 season, but the second half will be significant with the majority of games being conference matches.

"Danielle is the main focus of the team," Gregory said. "The team is noticing her quiet, and yet significant, leadership and presence on the team, and I think with her exceptional play and the team's help, we'll have another great season."