

# **Perceived Discriminatory Screening Triggers Protesting of Blood Drive**

#### **BY ERIC SIMONS** Reporter

Students gathered outside the campus blood drive Thursday to protest screening questions regarding sexual orientation.

Conflict has arisen over a question in the donor screening test that prohibits males who have had sex with another male since 1977 from giving blood. Associated Students Statewide Affairs Organization Director Sergio Morales alleges that this violates UCSB's anti-discrimination policies.

"The reason we're here is that this is systematic discrimination against a large constituency on campus. It's assuming that all queer men are HIV positive," he said. "It's in direct violation of a policy our school has come up with, and until they change the questions, we cannot tolerate [blood drives] on campus."

Queer Student Union Public Outreach Coordinator Katie Ellis explained that the purpose of the protest was to pressure the blood drives to leave campus and to force an appeal to the Food and Drug Administration, the agency that writes the questions.

"Right now homosexual men are the least growing population get-ting HIV. It's women age 18 to 24 right now," she said. "The question is for no other reason than the myth that homosexual men are the carriers of AIDS to the world."



Student Advocate Rodney Clara approaches another student Thursday near the MultiCultural Center, asking her to sign a petition to let gays donate blood.

gay men have relatively high overall infection rates, they are unlikely to show a dramatic increase, as their data is less sensitive to minor fluctuations, he said.

than a group that already has a large number of infected people in it, so it would be hard for the gay community to show a 50 percent or 75 percent increase," Baldwin said.

While the protesters may have

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### **UCSB Town Forum Meets** to Examine Political Issues

**BY KATHRINA HUELGAS** Reporter

Santa Barbara community members gathered in a colloquium Thursday to debate politics and the effects of the recent election.

The UCSB Town Forum met at the Faculty Club in downtown Santa Barbara to discuss how Tuesday's elections will affect a number of issues ranging from state politics to the presidency. UCSB history Professor Fredrik Logevall, who was the featured speaker at this month's forum, talked about the election's possible ramifications for President Bill Clinton, Congress and the nation

"My aim is to describe these developments," he said. "What the election results tell us about the state of mind of the American electorate, what it means for the impeachment inquiry ... and of course what it means for Bill Clinton and for the Republican and Democratic parties for the next two years."

Logevall said the results of Tuesday's election were surprising. "When you consider history,

when you consider money,

when you consider Monica Lewinsky, it's fair to say that the results on Tuesday were startling," he said. "Not since 1984 has the president's party picked up seats in the House of Representatives at a mid-term election."

Because so many of those elected to vote on the impeachment of the president were Democrats, Logevall believes the removal of Clinton from office before the end of his term is highly unlikely.

"Impeachment is now virtually impossible to imagine, and with that issue effectively off the table, what Al Gore now wants to do is to make himself appear the inevitable nominee in 2000," he said.

Logevall also offered his opinion regarding Clinton's place in history.

"Clinton himself, I must submit, is a student of history," he said. "He, as any other presi-dent does in the last part of his presidency, begins to think more and more about posterity and less and less about the here and now. How then will Bill Clinton be judged? It appears fairly certain that he will not be judged particularly well."

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Walkout Creates New Job Women's Center Establishes a Queer Director

According to Sociology 152 Professor John Baldwin, these statistics can be misleading. Because

### **Bike Committee Puts New Funds Toward Safety**

#### BY BRITTANY LANGAN Reporter

A little relief may be in sight for the approximately 13,000 students who use UCSB's congested bikepaths every day.

In last spring's Associated Students election, the campus electorate passed an initiative adding a 75 cent-per-quarter lock-in fee to every student's tuition in order to maintain bikepaths and parking. The fee is beneficial because biking is a vital component of campus transportation, according to Courtney Ross-Tait, the proposed

"A group that has a small number of [infected] people in it can look like it's growing much faster



ALAN JACOBY / DA

Last year, students voted for a 75-cent lock-in fee to pay for improvements in campus bike facilities.

A.S. representative to the University Public Safety and A.S. Bicycle Improvement Committee.

"Bikepaths are important in the way we get to class. We have a unique community and campus, and

we need to preserve this by keeping the paths safe," she said.

Last year the university allocated \$150,000 to bikepath and parking

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BY JON BOLIN Reporter

Rhetoric is giving way to action, as Chancellor Henry Yang has fulfilled one of the pledges he made at the Oct. 21 and 22 walkout by creating a new staff position at the Women's Center.

The position of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender resource coordinator was established by the Student Affairs Office the day after the walkout culminated with negotiations in Yang's office. According to Women's Center Manager Janie Silva, the creation of a full-time position was long overdue, and the negotiations were successful in bringing this to the attention of Yang and the University of California Regents.

"Although the walkout was specifically concerned with reinstating Affirmative Action, the issue of saving ethnic and gender studies was also brought up," she said. "The negotiations that followed the walkout were centered around nine demands. A part of one of these demands was the creation of a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender resource coordinator position. This is one portion of the demands that has been met."

According to Women's Center Director Deidre Acker, the new position will provide a number of services to the GLBT community as well as to UCSB as a whole.

"The chancellor desired to create a position that would provide for edu-cation, programming and advocacy," she said. "For example, this person could organize speakers to come and speak about gay and lesbian issues and raise campus awareness regarding homophobia. If someone was ex-





ROLANDO RODRIGUEZ, Nicaragua (AP) - Two days after the mountain slid away, when the sea of mud had firmed enough to no longer swallow people up to their necks, Marcelo Narvaez Gonzalez and his neighbors waded into a peanut field, hoping to find his brother alive.

They tried to ignore the bloated, blanched corpses twisted in fallen branches. They recognized each one as a friend or relative.

Narvaez, 27, spotted a child lying on the top of the muck and saw her chest move. It was 11-year-old Marta Pantaleon, a distant cousin.

One neighbor slogged into the chest-high mud and dragged Marta to firmer soil. In still-pouring rain, he placed her frail body on a plank of wood. Her right arm drooped limply on the ground.

From the search group, Marta's older brother, Manuel, ran to her side.

"Martita, Martita," he sobbed repeatedly. Her eyes slowly fixed on his, but she couldn't respond.

Narvaez and the others struggled on, pulling four more people from the mud before returning for Marta. Manuel was still at her side, but her chest wasn't moving any more.

They left her where she lay so they could carry the living to safety

On Thursday, with a light drizzle falling, she was still there, her frilly, pink dress pulled over her face and flies buzzing around her stomach.

The stench was almost unbearable.

Hundreds of bodies still rot in the tropical heat. The mud remains too deep — six to 18 feet in places — to reach many of them, and there isn't anyone to bury the rest. Rescue

Health Ministry crews roam the mountainside with fuel tanks strapped to their backs, squirting dribbles of diesel onto the corpses and lighting them to try to prevent an epidemic.

workers have given up trying.

In a devoutly religious nation that traditionally honors its dead with elaborate funeral rites, Health Ministry crews roam the mountainside with fuel tanks strapped to their backs, squirting dribbles of diesel onto the corpses and lighting them to try to prevent an epidemic. But diesel — the only fuel available and quickly running out - burns poorly, and some of the oozing corpses are only partly charred.

A week ago, after seven straight days of rain from Hurricane Mitch, stalled off the Honduran coast north of Nicaragua, the downpour relented.

But on Friday morning, villagers in Rolando Rodriguez, El Porvenir and El Ojochal thought it was over. Then they heard the boom above them.

The swollen lake had soaked through its bank, which had buckled over like the pour spout on a pitcher.

Danny Ocejo's jaw dropped when he saw it coming, a 60-foot wave packed with churning trees and rocks thundering straight through the center of town. He had time only to grab his father before it was on top of him, pulling him hundreds of yards in seconds.

When it was over, and the roar had become silence, Danny, 18, lay on the edge of a vast river of mud that stretched 14 miles to the Pacific Ocean.

Across Central America, Hurricane Mitch killed an estimated 9,000 people. The collapse of the mountain accounted for at least 1,950 of those deaths, people either crushed by its unstoppable force or - even crueler - left to



die of thirst, infection and misery stuck in a sea of muck and decomposing neighbors.

When the quiet descended, Alonso Rueda and Mariana Centeno took stock.

Their thatched-roof shack on the outskirts of Rolando Rodriguez was one of only five left standing; the flow had just missed them.

The couple, both 52, picked their way to what had been their cornfield, and gazed out over flat brown that stretched as far as they could see.

Tree trunks were piled every which way. Metal roofing, clothing, boulders and cow carcasses littered the expanse.

Then they heard the wailing - broken children calling for their mothers, adults moaning for help as they flailed at branches or splintered boards that might keep them afloat.

For the rest of the day, the couple waded in and out of mud up to their waists to drag out survivors. They threw ropes to those too deep to retrieve. They worked tirelessly, pushed on by the horror of the scene in front of them.

By the end of the day, 40 people were under their roof.

"Everyone had broken bones, scratches, deep cuts. Their wounds were infected, and they stank," Mrs. Centeno said, crying. "It hurt me to my soul." Days later, she learned that her parents and her three grown children and their families - 20 close relatives in all — were gone.

In the few houses that remained, groups of horribly injured people crammed together with no food and only the rainwater the less injured could gather.

When the government helicopters arrived, medics at first picked up only the worst off; a teen whose shattered legs needed to be amputated, a tiny girl missing the top of her skull but somehow still breathing.

Villagers hold out hope that survivors might still be found in the mud, that rescuers will reach them as the mud dries.

But after five days without food or water, officials say that's unlikely. Wednesday, the army helicopters stopped searching for survivors to concentrate on delivering aid.

Mrs. Centeno called that cruel. She wept at the memory of the wails she heard for days, knowing she couldn't reach the trapped ones.

But she conceded all were probably dead.

"Until Tuesday, we could still hear their moans. They cried and pleaded for water," she said. "Now we don't hear them anymore."



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ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) So Jesse "The Body" Ventura is the next governor of Minnesota.

Who's going to be commissioner of public safety, Hulk Hogan? And when Ventura can't get his way with lawmakers, is he going to poke them in the eyes and put them in a headlock? Go ahead and laugh. It's probably funnier outside of Minnesota than it is within the state, where many people find the former pro wrestler's third-party victory over Democrat Hubert Humphrey III and Republican Norm Coleman either terribly sad or refreshingly sensible.

"This is as embarrassing

as Gopher from 'The Love Boat' being elected Senator in Iowa," said Julia Schrenkler, 29, a software installer who voted for Humphrey. (Actually, the man who played Gopher, Harvardeducated Fred Grandy, was

elected to the House.) Among those defending the state's honor the morning after was the Saint Paul Pioneer Press columnist Nick Coleman.

He wrote that it would be mistake and an insult to Minnesota voters to write off the 47-year-old former Navy SEAL, talk-radio host and action-flick actor as a "knucklehead or a showman."

"He is a bit of both, and

he exploited both traits wonderfully well in crafting a campaign that was lacking in guile but long on guts, strapped for cash but rich in charisma," Coleman said. Cheryl Gage, 40, who lived in Brooklyn Park when Ventura was mayor of the Minneapolis suburb of about 60,000 people from 1991 to 1995, said the city was a better place because of his service.

"He likes to listen to people. He liked to get other people's viewpoints," Gage said

Still, jokes did fly in this proud progressive state.

"Well, finally we have a governor who knows how to execute a flying head scissors," Bill Arnold of Minneapolis wrote in a letter to to tell them that they were the Star Tribune of merely the wards of those Minneapolis.

Far from Minnesota, David Letterman offered his Top 10 list of Ventura campaign slogans. Among them: No. 10: "He's already used to deceiving the public." No. 6: "C'mon, don't you want to see Newt Gingrich in a chokehold?" Back at home, another Saint Paul Pioneer Press columnist, Joe Soucheray, admitted: "Probably it will get turned on its head and become a national joke that we have elected the only man in America to have ever killed Arnold Schwarzenegger on the big screen." But even Soucheray defended the 37 percent of the body politic who supported Ventura.

"What they heard was a fellow who did not presume who knew better," he said.

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#### Weather

I hope you enjoyed my substitute weatherhuman. I had to go to the nation's capital for a job interview.

Now while I was flying out of LAX, I thought to myself, "Man, L.A.'s a dump!" See, it took me three hours to get to the airport because of traffic! What gets me is that the southbound lane will get backed up from an accident that happened in the northbound lane! Here's my theory: Everyone wants to see a dead body. Their lives are so boring that they want to see someone's brains splattered all over the windshield.

Now here's my solution: We make executions public (and more frequent). Then we parade them around town redneck-style (strapped to the hood of an old Buick). See, people will become so desensitized to blood and violence that the next time there's an accident, they will be less inclined to rubberneck.

Today's weather: TBA.

### **IVRPD** Reviews Ideas for Free Box, Teen Center

By CHERYL CHENG Reporter

The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District Board of Directors assembled Thursday in a relatively brief meeting addressing local issues and new programs.

The board approved all of the business on the agenda, including landscape planning for the Teen Center, with the exception of the future location of the Free Box.

The longstanding Free Box, which served as a place for residents to leave unwanted clothing and other items to be claimed by others, burned down on Sept. 12. The box had experienced a number of problems at its location in front of the IVRPD office on Embarcadero Del Mar, including maintenance and management, according to IVRPD General Manager Derek Johnson. Unsupervised children would run over shrubs, tear down fliers and make enough noise to interfere with those working in the office, he said.

Director Arthur Kennedy suggested moving the Free Box to a more heavily monitored location.

"It should be placed in front of the

Foot Patrol where more supervision could be provided," he said.

At the previous location, people still sort through clothes in the parking lot, which creates problems for IVRPD employees as well as frequenters of the Free Box, according to Board Secretary Enid Osborn.

"I try to take the bus once in a while, but the parking lot is still really crowded," she said.

Director Pegeen Soutar felt that despite the noise and distractions, the Free Box should be rebuilt in its original location.

"I like it where it is now. [The Free Box] is a symbol of what we have done for the community," she said.

St. Mark's Church, which originally offered to administer the Free Box program, decided that there was not enough room in its parking lot, according to Johnson. The board is currently trying to find another location for the new box, which will be constructed by Isla Vista property owner Dennis Emory and a group of Eagle Scouts for their community service curriculum, and should be completed by the middle of December.

The other main item on the board's agenda was the landscaping of the I.V.

Teen Center in Estero Park. The board unanimously approved a new \$2,000 landscape plan that will include planting beds and small trees which can be easily removed in case of future development, Johnson said.

"We [have already] started the initial work," he said. "The center will also include a large open area for kids to play and a gazebo to be built for arts and crafts or other activities."

The directors also adopted a resolution that will minimize the staff for small public works projects, formalize the IVRPD's policy of prevailing wages on certain projects and establish a policy for payment when the prevailing wages are not paid by contractors. In addition, the board approved public works contracts for district use when bidding out public works projects.

Johnson introduced an idea to expand IVRPD representation to a larger scale, which will be addressed in future meetings.

"I would like the board to discuss the appointment of a member to be in charge of working with federal and state representatives for park agencies [as well as] work for water and conservation funds," he said.

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had good intentions, targeting the blood drive itself rather than the questions was the wrong strategy, according to registered nurse and volunteer Lisa Givan.

"I think they have a point and that they have the right to protest, but the screening is mandated by the FDA. We, as a little blood bank, don't have any call in which questions get asked," she said. "The issue is that we came here as a community service. We are just here to provide something for the community, but our responsibility is to make sure that the blood people are getting is safe."

Both Morales and Ellis stressed the importance of equal opportunity for donating blood, but they added that their intentions were not to discourage people from contributing to the cause.

"When we approach people, we tell them we're not against the blood drive. We encourage people to donate," Ellis said. "We strongly believe that blood donation is an extremely important part of our nation's and world's health. However, we feel that all responsible and healthy people should be allowed to donate blood equally."

The blood drive is sponsored by A.S. Community Affairs Board as part of a service they have done for years, according to CAB Chair Christy Fellner. While she acknowledges that the questionnaire should be evaluated, Fellner feels that the need for campus drives should be the first priority.

"I'm glad that [the protestors are] educating people because I don't think a lot of people know this," she said. "My goal would be to work with them and to work with the blood bank to talk to the FDA and keep blood drives on campus."

The problem lies with an outdated set of questions used by the FDA that are based on AIDS scares from the 1980s, according to CAB member Stephanie Sheehy. However, action toward the FDA instead of a protest of the blood banks themselves would have been a better idea, she said.

"The policy was written in the '80s when the HIV scare was rampant, and the idea then was that homosexuals were responsible for starting AIDS," she said. "It's a loselose situation, and it's hurting people who need blood. CAB agrees with the protesters, but we're looking to do it on a bigger level. We see anger and it's justified, but we need to focus it."

According to Baldwin, infection rates among gay men have slowed because of increased awareness, although younger gay men may have a false sense of security because of recent breakthroughs in protease inhibitors and other AIDS treatment drugs.

"There are some parts of the gay community that are very educated ... but I've talked to some gay men that are worried that young gay men are not being as careful as they should be," he said.

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### **Fifty Dollars!?**

Something Needs to Be Done About Bike Traffic on Campus But Big Fines May Not be the Answer

n the past few weeks, police have been on campus handing out tickets for riding bikes in illegal areas. This presents a problem to those receiving the tickets, since most college students don't usually have \$50 lying around. Major fines may not be the answer to this problem, but the fact remains that bikes are attacking from all sides as students try to make it to class peacefully.

It is difficult to say whether a \$50 ticket is unfair or just annoying. Getting a ticket for riding a bike on the sidewalk is lame if you're the one who gets caught. The flip side is that when pedestrians have to spend their entire walk to class dodging bikes -

making coffee less of a necessity — it is a scary experience. Although a cop in the Arbor may be useful to keep reckless bicyclists away, an officer handing out tickets on the less-traveled end of campus seems like a heavy punishment.

Even if bikes on the sidewalks are a problem, a \$50 fine seems a little severe. A warning may be closer to the answer, but if police have resorted to such extreme measures as writing tickets, there's obviously a problem. Although a ticket may deter someone from riding on the paths designated for walking, the problem is not totally solved.

Ticketing for riding on the walkways stradles a very fine line of through the masses, brushing against you. fairness, because \$50 seems excessive, but at the same time a warning would probably not stop anyone from riding.

Most places on campus have accessible bikepaths, and if you are riding a bike in places such as the walking path by HSSB, you

deserve the ticket. However, some spots on campus involve backwoods trekking to even discover a bikepath that leads anywhere near your destination.

Biking anywhere between Girvetz and Campbell Hall or to the science buildings is nearly impossible. Walking would almost be easier, but not as fast as just hopping on that forbidden bike and cruising illegally to class.

Because these places are the farthest buildings from the heart of campus and also among the most commonly used, it seems that some restructuring is necessary to make these areas more easily accessible to bikes.

Over the past few years, UCSB has seen plans for many new improvements due partially to the growing number of students who are coming to the university. Bikepath improvements generated from lock-in fees are in the works and desperately needed. Of course, a new parking garage and plans for a new dorm are also part of the plans for the bigger, better UCSB. A few new paths might do the job to keep students from cruis-

ing through the middle of a crowd of people, but it is important to be respectful of pedestrians for the time being. There is nothing worse than walking in a crowd of people and having a bike weave

As for the bicyclists, remember that a hefty fine may not be worth the extra time saved by riding through a crowded part of campus. Getting ticketed can happen to you, and that fine sucks when you are the one paying it.

I.V. Halloweens

Looking at Its Crazy Past, This Q

#### HENRY SARRIA

I really blew it this time. I had the chance to wit something cool in the making, but no, I missed The event I missed was the past Halloween week in Isla Vista. Instead, I was off at Lake Perris, which somewhere in Riverside County, at a BMX rad didn't even make it out of my semis. Yup, I blev I remember my first Halloween in I.V. way bac

1987, when I first got up here. Believe me when I that it was wild. This was because of two reason Halloween landed on a Saturday night and 2) Pla magazine rated Isla Vista as the best place to be Halloween night.

That weekend 60,000 people swooped in on quiet little college town by the sea (on top of 20,000 population) and it was nonstop partying f Friday night into the wee hours of Sunday morn

By the time it was all over, hundreds of citations been handed out and many arrests had been m

I remember my first ever Halloween in way back in 1987 when I first got up h and believe me when I say that it was wild.

These were mostly for alcohol-related offer though, and mainly in the form of the newly ena open container law. The streets were left a mess the mass exodus of cars made for a classic case of g lock, but the element of violence was minimal, if e tent at all. It was a fun Halloween.

Sure there was rowdiness, sure there was ou geousness, but what would you expect in a col town like I.V. on such an occasion?

The years to come would never rival that Hallow of 1987, and by 1991 things had taken a turn for worse due to an increase in acts of violence and saults. It started to get just plain stupid.

I can remember walking out of my apartment Sueño, a relatively quiet street, only to get caught r in the middle of a brawl in progress right at my do step! That Halloween I ended up breaking up a do or so fights and watching the arrest count incre This was BS.

Halloween was no longer fun and by 1992 it even worse than before. That's when Sheriff Jim T mas decided to prevent Halloween in I.V. from coming the violent free-for-all it was that previ year.

### **More Reader's Voic**

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offensive. You can spot it by the 20 people WHAT'S WRONG WITH stuck behind them. On the freeway when two cars are side by side going the same speed it's pretty irritating. You want to get around and can't.

I would have stayed home with my mom. 7. Nexus: Yes, this very newspaper you are reading. Is there anything, other than this letter, that is actually interesting? 8. Banks: Why isn't there a Bank of America ATM at the UCen? Is Wells Fargo that much better?

6. Dorms: If I wanted to be watched over, on my floor

### **ON YOUR BICYCLE**

#### Editor, Daily Nexus:

This quarter has been scary on the bike paths. I work at the A.S. Bike Shop and see the consequences of people's inattention, carelessness and stupidity on a daily basis.

Usually I see the innocent person hit by the inattentive rider. This article is to keep you and your bike in one piece with a little refresher in common sense. The fact is, people are not treating bicycles like the potentially dangerous vehicles they are.

Here is a list of some of the dangerous behavior that is common place: 1. Short cutting the circles. This is very dangerous and very frustrating. By short cutting the circles you are putting yourself head on in traffic. Would you drive a car up a one-way street just to save a couple of seconds?

When I see this I yell "You're going the wrong way," and am shrugged off by the perpetrator. The next time you might end up splayed out across the asphalt remembering my words.

2. Riding two abreast. This has got to be the most common offense, but none the less

This forces people who want to get to class on time into oncoming traffic and can take out a lot of people. Slower traffic should stay to the right so people can pass safely.

3. Riding unsafe bikes. I have seen it all in this category: no working brakes, wobbly wheels, etc. This is irresponsible. I don't care if you hurt yourself but you can hurt others. Your student fees pay for the A.S. Bike Shop and the staff can help you fix your bike.

4. Not thinking! This is a general category for stuff like riding with headphones, drinking hot coffee (ouch!), riding barefoot, passengers on the handlebars, passengers on the rear rack, riding while wearing rollerblades, dragging dogs by the leash on the bike path and any combination of these.

What the fuck is going on here? This is a university and this kind of shit does not speak highly of the admission process. Think about what you're doing and look around it couldn't hurt.

#### NOAH CRARY

### UCSB: THE DARK SIDE

#### Editor, Daily Nexus:

As I walk around this campus everyday, I find more and more things that piss me off about UCSB. Although there are some things that are cool, the problems I see stand out more. Here is a list of the many things wrong with UCSB.

1. Dining Commons: Can I get some clean dishes once in a while, huh?

2. Bikes: Last time I checked, walkways were for people and bike paths for bikes. I almost got taken out by somebody turning off the bikepath onto the walkway.

3. People: Let's not stand in the way and talk to our friends while somebody's trying to get by. The other day I almost took somebody out on my skateboard.

4. Cracks: Yes, all you skaters know what I am talking about. One time I fell; that didn't piss me off; it was the fact that I was holding some fries at the time.

5. Beach: If I wanted tar on my feet, I would walk on blacktop right after it has been put on the road.

9. I.V.: This is actually one bright spot, except for drunk idiots spilling beer all over everybody.

10. Fliers: How many of these do I need? I actually got five of the same flier from five different people.

These are just some of the things that piss me off. If this get printed, look for more to come in the future.

One more thing I will address in this letter, or whatever you want to call it, is all of the abbreviations at this school: DLG, I.V., San Mig and others.

I believe that these and other abbreviations are not because there are too many names to remember, but because most can not pronounce many of these names. I have heard De La Guerra pronounced many different ways.

Well that is it for now, but one final thought. The subject of euthanasia came up in a conversation among a group of people

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In 1993 I can honestly say that there were more sheriff's deputies patrolling I.V. than ANYWHERE else in Santa Barbara County. This led to some friction and there were many wrongful arrests and citations that would eventually get thrown out of court. I can honestly say that year the sheriffs posed more of a threat than the usual drunken tough guy. Even I got hassled for carrying a 12er of beer to my place.

By 1994 it got to the point where there were more police on the streets of I.V. than actual Halloween party-goers and it was ridiculous since the protectors (sheriffs) seemed to be the actual threat.

The years to come would lead to the IVRPD organizing a series of Halloween events to make it the community event it once used to be before the Playboy magazine poll, and to hopefully reduce the "police state" siege that would occur every year. This was not an easy task since there were many still living in the old spirit of Halloween in I.V. Still, it was worth a try.

Halloween of 1996 saw a reduced police force and events at Anisq' Oyo' Park that drew lots of people, and it was actually fun. I had just gotten back from a tour with my band and was not looking forward to being in I.V., but I actually had a good time and I also felt safe. This was the beginning of a good trend and the rest is history. Halloween is safe once more.

The only incident I know of this year that involved any stupidity was the hit and run accident that occurred on my street and to this I can say, "Hey, they got your license plate number you idiot. You're busted!"

I still hear people bitching about how many police are out on the streets and that parties with loud bands get shut down, but as there was a time for those things, it's now time to move on and enjoy Halloween in I.V. for what it is (and should be): a community-based

I also want to say thank you to all of you who did have fun on Halloween weekend and were totally cool without beating the crap out of each other.

It's the folks at the IVRPD that made it possible, and they deserve many props for this, but the people who really deserve props are all the people who had fun without having to be an asshole.

Yes, I missed out on this year's Halloween parties, but as I stated earlier, I had my priorities to take care of and I never back down on my word. I'm still bummed, though.



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Maybe next year the American Bicycle Association won't hold the Fall Nationals on Halloween weekend, but next Halloween is a long way from now - A WHOLE YEAR!

So take the time to thank the folks at IVRPD and let them know they did a GREAT job once again in putting together a Halloween celebration the way it should be: community style.

I also want to say thank you to all of you who did have fun Halloween weekend and were totally cool without beating the crap out of each other. It's all about having a good time and it seems like everyone did just that, even if it meant not being able to throw a rager on DP.

Still, I can't escape the fact that I missed out, and for this I won't be at peace until next Halloween comes around in 1999. It should be just as good, if not better, but rest assured I'll be there.

Henry Sarria is a longtime Isla Vista resident and Nexus columnist.

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#### Pro Wrestler Governor:

"If Jesse 'The Body' Ventura ever runs for president, do you think the title of president and vice president will be replaced by the term 'tag team'?" - Travis LoDolce

#### Spanish Naivete:

It's amazing that in a world where so many people are now proficient in other languages, and in California, especially Spanish, that words continually show up in commercials and on street signs that make absolutely no sense. Streets that in English would have totally boring names are put into Spanish, does that make them suddenly interesting? Take just Isla Vista for example, all the streets are so bland. Embarcadero Del Norte or Del Mar, are simply Street of the North or the Ocean in English. There is actually a street in Sacramento called El Camino Road. How redundant. But this is not uncommon; people are always using everyday words and translating them into Spanish as if they'll be more interesting.

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**STEVEN CORTEZ** 

### OUR UNIVERSITY NEEDS **1ORE SCHOOL SPIRIT**

litor, Daily Nexus:

Ah! I love this time of year. The Santa rbara air is cooling, thoughts of the holiy season are beginning to stir and it is time me to break out the ol' selling tray for the ginning of GAUCHO BASKETBALL! This being my fifth year working with CSB Concessions, I have spent almost as iny hours hanging out in the Thunderme as I have spent in class.

Over the course of my college career I ve grown to love all aspects of Gaucho orts, from Tanya Dias' home runs to Rayond Tutt's unstoppable drives. Even when m not working I have been known to go to mes just to cheer on my team.

While I would not expect everyone to ve as much enthusiasm as I do, (the majoruniversity did have more school spirit. Everyday I hear opinions regarding the way our tuition is spent, how no one thinks A.S. does anything and how we need to repeal Prop 209, but hardly anyone discusses UCSB sports.

Sure, you have read about school sports in the Nexus, but that is only because you want something to read while you're eating lunch or just trying to stay awake in class!

On Thursday, the UCSB men's basketball team played its season opener in the Thunderdome under the new, long overdue head coach, Bob Williams. Shortly following the beginning of the men's season, our nationally ranked Gaucho women will start yet another exciting season.

So, if you're new to the school, or still have not been to a game, come out and see why we call it the Thunderdome. Tickets are free to UCSB students and you have already helped pay for the new scoreboard. (I heard it cost over \$100,000.)

If you get there early you will be able to sit in the best section — where you can help Reza talk shit to the opposing players while they warm up, see the Phantom and his crazy time-out cheers, make some noise supporting fellow students and be a part of one of

I hope to see you there. I'll be walking around, waving a Snickers bar and tempting you with an overpriced soda while we all cheer our Gauchos on to many victories.

DAN MARCOTTE

### MADONNA IS A GREAT AND LASTING MUSICIAN

Editor, Daily Nexus: \*

How many times have you been out in front of a live audience, with a mic on, singing your heart out, knowing that every little move you make will be watched, recorded and critiqued by not only the live audience before which you sing, but also by the billions of people whom are having their day made just by watching you sing?

OK, so at times Madonna may be a little off in her live performances, but at least she gets out there and sings and actually means what she has to say. Unlike many of the flavor-of-the-week musicians nowadays, Madonna co-writes her songs so that they apply to the experiences and emotions that

in their life.

In the past, Madonna's music may have been about material worlds and being touched for the very first time, but now she has some real issues, like thanking her daughter for making her spirit whole, and telling all the closed people that if they don't open their hearts then they will only see what they want to see.

Is it a crime to sing a little off when your heart is beating so fast that you think it's going to fly out of your body and you are so nervous that the butterflies in your stomach have turned into an uncontrollable sinister force?

When has Courtney Love ever found the tune and stuck to it? I say thank you, Madonna, for creating a new album that has a permanent parking place in my three-disc CD player, and having an aura that no one can outshine, no matter how hard they may

try.

For this, I forgive your slightly-uneasyto-listen-to live performances, and though I don't know where or when it is, I will be there at your next concert.

#### DARCY GRANT

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### LOCK-IN Continued from p.1

improvements. Part of the money was spent over the summer, and the rest will fund improvements made this year, according to Vice President of Administrative Affairs Jim Dalton. \$37,000 will be collected from the lock-in fee by the end of this year, a total that will be matched by the university. In June, the university will decide how this money will be spent. Dalton co-wrote the bill to ensure the use of bike transportation in the face of unfavorable opinion.

"There's a strong vocal minority opposing bikes on campus," he said. "[I was] informed that people were getting hurt. ... Bikepaths need continual upkeep or they can get dangerous, and I wanted to improve the system rather than lose it."

According to Ross-Tait, the university-funded improvements are expected to be made over Winter Break.

"With this money we plan to improve paths and increase awareness by putting up signs and possibly organizing a bike day," she said.

According to Ross-Tait, money from the lock-in fee may be insufficient.

"I hope students realize that \$37,000 doesn't go a long way," she said. "We can make one or two improvements with that."

A.S. President Erin O'Donnell said the committee is breaking new ground.

"I hope students are patient. This bike committee is new and there's a lot of fine tuning to how the process will go," she said.

Ross-Tait plans to attend meetings once a month to advocate the bike system at UCSB, and is eager to hear suggestions from students.

"I take my position seriously because I know how lucky we are to have bikepaths and we need advocates to represent them," she said. "If students have concerns or ideas about improvements, we're open to them for future projects."

Anyone wishing to discuss bike-related issues can visit Ross-Tait in her office hours Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Graduate Student Lounge.

#### FORUM Continued from p.1

A question-and-answer session followed Logevall's lecture. A number of people who attended, including Santa Barbara resident Nicole de Lorimier, voiced their impressions of the event.

"I was amazed at how many topics he was [able to] touch on," she said. "And he answered many questions. He didn't dodge things. So many issues came up that it whet my appetite for more."

Santa Barbara resident John Alrich was also pleased with Logevall's presentation.

"[My wife and I] attend many of the UCSB Town Forums. We are particularly interested in economics. We like them all," he said. "I think [this one] was excellent. Logevall does a wonderful job." The Town Forum is a

monthly event in which community members meet with UCSB faculty to discuss important issues, according to acting Assistant Director of UCSB Community Relations Nora McMeeking.

"The Town Forums are held once a month and are sponsored by the UCSB General Affiliates. Topics of current interest [are discussed]," she said. "[Town forums are held] to get the university and community together in an interesting setting. It's very often a faculty member who volunteers to give the presentation."



#### CLIVE AND CABBAGE

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# Santa Barbara Men's Basketball Smacks High Five America

BY MATT HURST Staff Writer

While the NBA players and owners are making basketball fans bitter, there was some salvation at the Thunderdome Thursday night.

The UCSB men's basketball team took on High Five America in its first exhibition game of the new season and did something Gaucho fans weren't used to seeing: playing tough defense and walking away with a smile on their faces.

Santa Barbara won the game 72-68, thanks mainly to hardnosed defense and quickness on offense. The Gauchos forced 17 turnovers on defense and had seven blocks, four coming off the hand of sophomore Adama Ndiaye.

"He blocked a lot of shots," UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams said of the Senegal, Africa, native. "He needs to get in a better position defensively on his man, but I think overall he played pretty well. He didn't shoot the ball as well as he's capable of, but I think he showed that he's going to be a factor with the turn-around jumper and the jump hook, and that he can definitely play."



CHRIS CAN: UCSB sophomore Chris Lynch was part of the Gauchos' victory in their exhibition seasonopener. Santa Barbara downed High Five America 72-68 in the Thunderdome.

Santa Barbara scored in spurts and was unable to build much of a lead. Every time the Gauchos pulled ahead the High Five shooters kept them in the game.

Three guards started for UCSB, and the Gauchos obviously missed B.J. Bunton. The senior was sidelined due to bone spurs in his right foot and sat out the game, but he expects to play next Wednesday against Tawain. The forward-bycommittee idea didn't turn out too bad though for Head Coach Williams.

Playing against a skinnier High Five team, the Gauchos muscled their way into the paint with three Tom Poser dumped in 10 points,

big men scoring in double digits for UCSB. Santa Barbara outrebounded the journey team 40-33, cleaning the glass while grabbing 11 on the offensive end of the court. Senior Josh Merrill had a double-double with 11 points and 10 boards, eight defensively; senior

and Ndiaye contributed 12.

"I thought Tom Poser came off the bench and played very, very well," Williams said. "I thought Josh Merrill had a pretty good second half. So I think there were a lot of guys who showed some signs, but we're just learning to crawl right now."

The starting guards, junior Derrick Allen, sophomore Brandon Payton and junior Erick Ashe lit up the High Fivers for 39 points among them. Ashe shot the lights out from downtown with three three-pointers in five attempts, and Payton hit two of three. Allen shot 3-5 from the field, dishing out five assists, while Payton had seven dimes.

"I'm happy with the win; we had to get the win," Payton said. "We played hard, played pretty good defense. We got work to do; we're being unselfish. What I liked the most was the spirit, the hard work, the trust, just having fun and helping each other. Everybody's all together. We win together, so we're just a team and I'm liking it."

The fans took to newcomer Ndiaye especially well.

"It feels good," Ndiaye said. "I heard my name a little bit, and it was cool. I just wanted to play and get the fans excited about us.

### **Defending Big West Champs Looking to Cook Kangaroos**

BY STEVE WENDT Staff Writer

The defending Big West Conference champion UCSB women's basketball team is finally back in action tonight at 7 in the Thunderdome. The Gauchos were to host the Ipswich Eagles, but apparently



Head Coach Mark French's team also is blessed with juniors Stacy Clinesmith and Kristi Rohr, each of whom were All-Big West in the 97-98 season. The sharpshooting Clinesmith and highscoring Rohr (15.7 ppg) will provide leadership roles in addition to big numbers.

Power forward Nicole Greathouse is also expected to do great things for the Gauchos; the 6'2" Ventura native was named to the Big West All-Freshman team last season, averaging 9.9 ppg.

French, who was the 97-98 Big West Coach of the Year, will also rely heavily on junior Tawneé Cooper (10.8 ppg) and freshman

### **UCSB V-ball Can't Conquer Pacific Tigers**

UCSB women's volleyball Head Coach Kathy Gregory's wish for at least a split of her matches this week got a bit tougher last night in Stockton.

The Gauchos (22-4 overall) were disposed of in four games by #10 University of the Pacific 15-10, 8-15, 10-15, 10-15. The Tigers (20-4) were paced by a trio of juniors, Tracy Chambers, Elsa Stegemann and Jennica Smith. Smith impressed with 24 kills and a .365 hitting average, while Stegemann was unstoppable. She had 32 kills, 21 digs and a .452 hitting clip. Chambers earned a tripledouble (14 kills, 15 digs and 12 blocks).

"We ran into a team that was able to take apart our offense," said



**Hilary Gunsaulus** 

Gregory, whose team travels to #1 Long Beach State on Saturday. "We just didn't serve well enough either, and that put us on the defensive all night.'

UCSB was handled at the net by the Tigers, too. Pacific outblocked

the Gauchos 22-10.

"[UOP] was excellent on the block tonight," Gregory said. "They just had more weapons than us.

UCSB junior Roberta Gehlke had 20 kills and 22 digs. Junior Charlene Conley had a career-high

19 kills in addition to her 17 digs. UCSB Senior middle blocker Hilary Gunsaulus also had a career night. The Long Beach native had 15 kills for a .480 hitting mark.

The Gauchos and Tigers now boast identical 11-2 records in the Big West Conference.

Santa Barbara must travel to Long Beach State to battle the undefeated and top-ranked 49ers on Saturday at 7 p.m.

- Steve Wendt

**Erin Buescher** 

that squad has gone walkabout. Santa Barbara instead will host a different Australian team, the **Riverland Raiders.** 

The Gauchos are coming off a season that saw the young team post a 27-6 overall record with a Big West-best 14-1 conference mark. UCSB came within five points of the NCAA Tournament Sweet-16

Santa Barbara returns a starting five that boasts the reigning Big West Player and Freshman of the Year, Erin Buescher (17.1 points per game).

NBA **Hate-Fest** Day 4

Kayte Christensen.

With all the honors and accolades, it would be easy for the Gauchos to mail in some performances this season, but that doesn't seem to be the case with this bunch.

"Whatever we've done in the past, it's just not an issue," said Buescher, who spent her summer hooping it with the national team. "Nobody on the team is saying, We're so great,' at all."

French is making sure that the one telltale sign of complacency a lack of intensity — is not a factor.

"[Coach French] has had us working on transition defense a lot," Buescher said. "We've been stressing boxing out and really working on the defense."

As for the Aussies, Buescher isn't too concerned about them.

"We really don't know a whole lot about them," she said. "We've heard that they like to play zone and they shoot a lot of threepointers."

### **Gaucho Soccer Has David and Goliath Task** Followed by a David Vs. David Showdown

**BY DENNIS JENKINS** Reporter

We all remember rooting for the underdogs and seeing the big upsets; Kirk Gibson's homer off Eck, Doug Flutie's hailmary and Steve Prefontaine; so why not our very own Gauchos?

The UCSB men's soccer team, 2-15 overall, 0-6 in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play, will have a chance to play for some respect in the college soccer world. The Gauchos will be playing host this Friday at 7 p.m. to #1 UCLA, who recently notched a 2-1 victory over Indiana.

On Sunday at 1 p.m., Santa Barbara has a chance for bragging rights and an attempt to salvage a dismal season against Sacramento State, which means this weekend it's a given that there will be plenty of action at Harder Stadium.

"From our standpoint, it's a great opportunity," UCSB Head Coach Mark Arya said about facing the nationally ranked Bruin squad. "It's almost an honor

to play a team such as UCLA. It's going to be the largest challenge this year, like it is every year."

Sacramento State has been having a season that Santa Barbara can relate to all too well. However, this game isn't going to be a walk in the park and the Gauchos are prepared to meet the challenge.

"We should be pretty pumped up for the game," freshman Tate Travis said about playing the Hornets.

For UCSB, Sunday's game will be for pride and that only. Both team's seasons are not what either team had hoped for, and each squad will be looking to take out their frustrations on each other.

'It's going to be the most important game of the year," Arya said. "Both teams have been struggling, so it's a matter of bragging rights."

Despite the long, hard season, UCSB won't back down Friday. The Gaucho players fully feel they won't be a walkover for the powerhouse Bruins.

"When people hear about the [UCLA] game they're going to hear that UCSB played good soccer," junior goalkeeper Trent Ulicny said. "We're going to get some respectability in the soccer community."