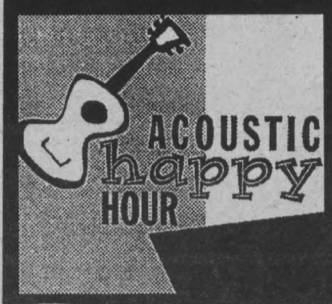


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## Greek Conduct Board Cancels SAE Charter

■ Appeal Denied, Yet House Remains in I.V.

BY GRETCHEN MACCHIARELLA  
Staff Writer

A local fraternity now faces the UCSB administration's equivalent of excommunication, following the failure of its final appeal.

The Greek Conduct Board rejected Sigma Alpha Epsilon's appeal of an earlier recommendation by the board that the university cease to recognize the fraternity. The penalty was imposed for a violation of probation stemming from two incidents of alleged hazing.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Michael Young will now take final action based on Conduct Board's recommendation. Young said that although the process has not yet reached him, he believes that the decision was a fair one and he will act accordingly.

"The appeal has been denied and we will be asking the [SAE] National to revoke their charter," he said.

SAE President Morgan Lutes said the fraternity's national headquarters has not told the house they will be shut down.

"National has not made any decision, at this point, [to] definitely pull our charter," he said.

The national headquarters has previously told the *Daily Nexus* that it would follow the university's recommendation.

SAE Treasurer Jason Groff said the house remains optimistic and will not be leaving anytime soon.

"By no means are we taking down our letters," he said.

Dean of Students Joe Navarro said the recommended four-year suspension will leave the fraternity open to reapply to the university in 2002.

"They no longer exist. They are no longer a fraternity," he said. "They will have to go through the [application] process all over again."

According to Navarro, an appeal to the board must be based on a failure of the process.

Lutes said he feels that Conduct Board gave an excessive sentence for last year's hazing offense, which involved a pledge being hospitalized for alcohol poisoning.

"We were handed an injustice in the fall from our original incident, which we were cleared by the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Dept. and I.V. Foot Patrol of any wrongdoing," he said. "That led up to us being on the butcher block for the second case."

Young stressed that chapters have an obligation to the school, community and peers to follow the rules set for them by the university and the greek system.

"We do take very seriously the responsibility the fraternities and sororities take upon themselves," he said. "There are their rules as well as ours."

Groff said house business will continue to run as usual, including

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## Student Death Attributed to Heart Failure

BY CURTIS BRAINARD  
Staff Writer

The holidays were less bright for the campus community when an undetected medical condition claimed the life a student shortly before Winter Break.

Eighteen-year-old Linda Sutton-Neeley died in her sleep early in the morning Dec. 3 of a long-term heart condition in which tissue builds in the coronary artery, inhibiting the electrical impulses necessary for heart function. The problem was completely unforeseen, according to junior law and society major Natalie Gonzales, one of Sutton-Neeley's roommates at Tropicana Gardens.

"It's not something [she or her



Linda Sutton-Neeley

family] knew about. It takes a long time to develop," she said. "Tissue in her artery built up and all of a sudden [her heart] didn't work anymore, like a timebomb."

Sheriff's Dept. Public Information Officer Mike Burrige confirmed that toxicology reports came back completely ne-

gative. Rumors of alcohol abuse persisted, however, according to undeclared freshman Jennifer Rubins, another of Sutton-Neeley's roommates.

"It makes me mad and it's really disrespectful," she said. "Alcohol had nothing to do with it at all, and people just assumed, and that's not cool."

Sutton-Neeley, an undeclared freshman at the time of her death, was an intelligent and successful student, according to Rubins.

"It didn't even seem like she studied that much, but she got good grades. It was frustrating that she was such a good student," she said.

According to undeclared

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## Senate Prepares for Upcoming Clinton Trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House impeachment team readied opening arguments on Tuesday for President Clinton's historic Senate trial, while White House spokesperson Joe Lockhart ridiculed their written filings as "overblown rhetoric" alleging sinister plots.

"I'll leave the invective to Mr. Lockhart," retorted Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.), the point man in the case against the president.

With the trial to resume at 1 p.m. EST on Thursday, Lockhart also told reporters Clinton intends to stay busy on other matters while the proceedings unfold in the Senate.

The president will deliver his State of the Union speech before a joint session of Congress on Jan. 19, for example, and travel to Buffalo, N.Y., and Montgomery County, Pa., outside Philadelphia, the following day to tout his domestic agenda. According to a tentative schedule released in the Senate, Clinton's attorneys would be presenting his defense both days.

Clinton stands accused of perjury and obstruction of justice in the two articles of impeachment that cleared the House last year.

In a measure of concern for decorum, senators are being asked to observe unusual guidelines for the trial, including a request for all 100 to be in attendance "at all times," and to restrict their reading materials to papers pertaining to the trial.

House officials have until noon on Wednesday to turn over the written record in Clinton's impeachment case. Democratic sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said they would carefully scrutinize the submission to make sure it did not include material that is irrelevant to the two articles of impeachment passed by the House.

Presidential allies are prepared to object if they believe the House has included material that was not part of the two articles, these sources said.

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## Career and Counseling Budget Cuts Priority in Leg Council Meeting

BY TED ANDERSEN  
Staff Writer

New and old legislation alike will be reviewed and decided on Wednesday evening during Associated Students Legislative Council's first meeting of the quarter.

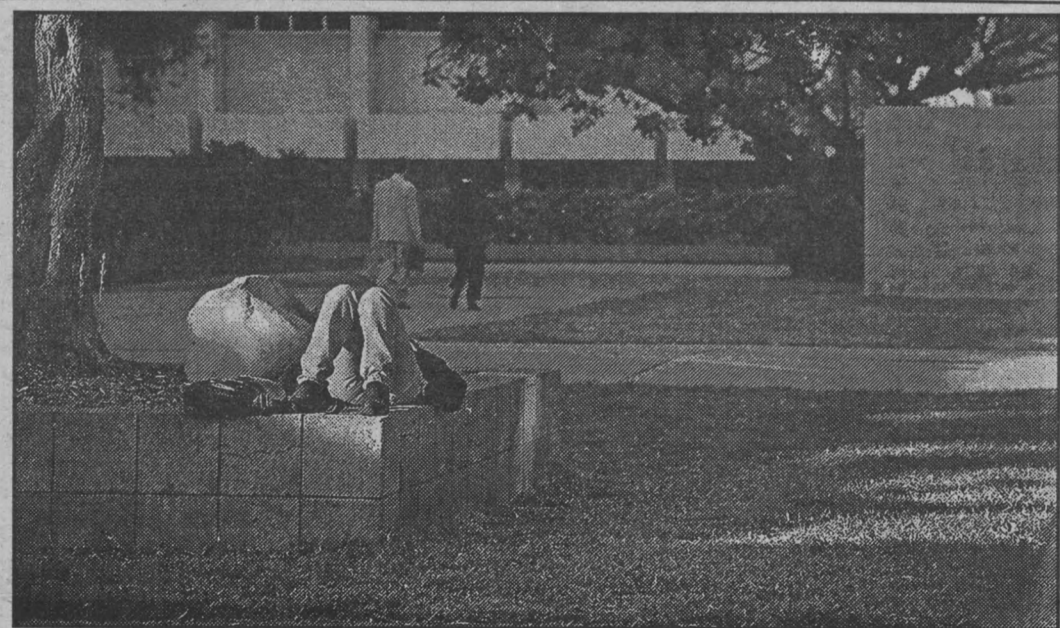
A position paper titled "Career and Counseling Services Budget Cuts" tops the list of bills that will be introduced. According to author and On-Campus Rep Mel Fabi, Career and Counseling Services has experienced consistent budget cuts spanning nine years and totaling \$346,478, or 25 percent of the current budget. The position paper will ask for Leg Council's support in stopping future fiscal cuts to C&CS, he added.

"How can we really serve stu-

dent needs when we are getting budget cuts for student programs?" Fabi said. "Basically, the position paper is to make the administration aware next year when the budget for Career and Counseling is done."

The "Accountability During Budget Allocations" bill is scheduled to be introduced and tabled at tonight's meeting. According to bill author and Off-Campus Rep Mariah Hoskins, the motivation for this legislation lies in the closed session debates A.S. Finance Board has conducted in previous years regarding student groups' budget requests. Hoskins asserted that if passed in weeks ahead, the bylaw change would force all

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### The Heat Is On ...

A student finds time to catch some Z's on a planter in the drowsy warmth of Girvetz Hall Plaza during the past few days' unusually toasty weather. Once again, Mother Nature reminds us of how lucky we are to live in Santa Barbara.



# Top of the News

## TRIAL: White House Prepares Clinton Defense

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They added that Abbe D. Lowell, the lead lawyer for House Judiciary Committee Democrats during proceedings in the House, had met with Senate Democratic aides recently and would be reviewing the material.

The White House worked against a Wednesday deadline for submission of its own trial brief. One outside adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was being drafted to suggest that House Republicans drew conclusions from the evidence that went far beyond prosecutor Kenneth Starr's own analysis of the evidence.

The adviser said the brief, which must still be approved by the president, is expected to highlight contradictory testimony and try to make a strong case that the key witnesses in the case — Monica Lewinsky, Betty Currie and

Vernon Jordan — all made statements that support Clinton's denials of wrongdoing.

For instance, House prosecutors and Starr both concluded, from Ms. Lewinsky's testimony, that Mrs. Currie's retrieval of presidential gifts was an act of obstruction by the president. But White House lawyers will argue that Mrs. Currie testified Clinton never asked her to pick up the gifts and that Ms. Lewinsky testified Clinton never told her directly he was retrieving the gifts and that she just assumed the Oval Office secretary was acting on orders from the president.

The adviser said the White House brief also is unlikely to attack Ms. Lewinsky's credibility, instead dismissing contradictions between her testimony and the president's as differing recollections.

Republican members of the House Judiciary Com-

mittee will present the case for Clinton's removal from office. Pending last minute changes, Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois will make brief opening comments, followed by Rep. James Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin, who will speak for about an hour.

Other Republicans, including Reps. Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas, James Rogan of California and Ed Bryant of Tennessee, will detail the evidence, after which Rep. Bill McCollum of Florida is expected to deliver a summary.

Reps. Bob Barr of Georgia, Chris Cannon of Utah, George Gekas of Pennsylvania, and Steve Chabot of Ohio will discuss the laws governing perjury and obstruction of justice.

Reps. Charles Canady of Florida, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Steven Buyer of Indiana will address the issues of impeachable offenses, and either

Hyde or Rogan, a former prosecutor, will make closing arguments.

The Senate schedule sets aside 24 hours for the House to make its case — three eight-hour days, for example — to be followed by 24 hours for the White House to present its defense. Afterward, the Senate will have 16 hours to pose questions to the two sides.

Under a tentative calendar, that takes up the time through Saturday, Jan. 23.

At that point, the White House or a Senate Democratic ally is expected to seek dismissal of the charges, and the House is expected to counter with a request for witnesses, with no firm expectation of how long that takes.

Few, if any, senators are predicting that Clinton will be stripped of the presidency — a step that requires a two-thirds vote.

## Air Jordan To End Flight; 50 Games Is Not Enough



DEERFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Michael Jordan's teammates want to hear it from him.

They'll believe he is retiring from the Chicago Bulls and basketball only after he arrives at the United Center on Wednesday, faces a mob of reporters and tells the world: "I'm outta here." The greatest player in NBA history is expected to do precisely that at noon EST, according to a source with close ties to the league. If so, it would be his second retirement in five years, perhaps for good this time.

B.J. Armstrong, now with Charlotte but who played on three Bulls title teams, had mixed emotions about the retirement reports.

"There's a way to go out as an athlete and that's the way to go out," said Armstrong. "He went out on top, he made the last shot, he made all the right plays. He's had a fabulous career and everything you could ever ask as an athlete he's done. He had a chance to leave and this was the chance."

The *Chicago Tribune* quoted a source as saying Jordan met with a few teammates at his home Monday, including Ron Harper and Scottie Pippen, and told them the thought of playing an abbreviated, 50-game season wasn't enough of a challenge.

If that's the case and he retires, Jordan's fans' last image of their hero at his best will undoubtedly be his sensational,

last-second shot that won Game 6 in Utah. That thriller gave the Bulls their sixth championship of the '90s.

"The decision is that you're walking away from something where you're the best, not like he's one of the best, he's the best," Armstrong said. "He's doing it his way. There's a part of me that is sad but a part of me, that is happy to see him go out on top."

He would also be going out as a five-time league MVP, 10-time league scoring champion — and one month (Feb. 17) shy of his 36th birthday.

Jordan retired from the Bulls the first time in October 1993, saying he had accomplished everything he wanted to in basketball and planned to devote more time to his family. Instead, he spent 1994 playing minor league baseball for the Double-A Birmingham Barons, a farm team of the Chicago White Sox. He left baseball in the spring of 1995 and returned to the NBA.

Appalachian State Coach Buzz Peterson — a former North Carolina roommate of Jordan — recalled how Jordan once predicted just how famous he would become.

"When he won the Naismith and the Wooden Award in 1984 he came back and said to me, 'They're going to name a shoe after me.' And I said, 'Now, come on, Michael. They make shoes for Larry Bird and Magic Johnson. What makes you think they're going to name a shoe after you?' And he said, 'I'm telling you. It's time to buy some stock in Nike.'"

## Spelling Bee Starts Controversy by Excluding Jamaicans



WASHINGTON (AP) — The national spelling bee — as innocent as apple pie, right? — has spawned an international incident of sorts.

Young spellers from Jamaica, home of the reigning champ, have been disqualified from this year's competition. The island nation is in an uproar. Even the Rev. Jesse Jackson has entered the fray.

And it doesn't end there. Some people in spelling bee land wonder whether Jamaica is drilling students to be super spellers to beat the Americans.

It all started last May

when 249 spellers traveled to the 71st annual spelldown in Washington. The contest is open to contestants from any country, but only a handful come from outside the United States.

Worried that some youngsters might be getting extra time to study, spelling bee officials imposed a new rule: To be eligible for this coming May's competition, spellers had to win a qualifying regional or local contest held no earlier than this Feb. 1. That would require a change in Jamaica, which for nearly four decades has held its spelling bee the August

before the event.

Jamaica's bee, however, was held again in August. The spelling bee then disqualified the sponsor, Phillips & Phillips Stationery Supplies Ltd., from sending spellers to this year's competition.

But the action hit hard in Jamaica, which has sent spellers to Washington only twice — both with good results. In 1998, Jamaican speller Bettina McLean finished sixth and Jody-Anne Maxwell became the first non-U.S. citizen to win the competition by successfully spelling her final word C-H-I-A-R-O-S-C-U-R-I-S-T (an artist who works in lights and darks).

"We basically are a Third

World country. We have a very small voice — like a squeak — and nobody listens," says Ms. Thomson.

The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, founded by Jackson, has written letters to bee officials, saying their action has effectively excluded the young spellers of African descent. "This certainly appears to be very exclusionary," says spokesperson Valerie Johnson.

Kathryn Lewis, 12, who won the Jamaican bee in August and was anxious to compete in Washington, hasn't given up. "It doesn't look like I will be able to go, but I'm still hoping the Lord will work it out," she said in a telephone interview.

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## Weather

Other than Montagu's, there's something else strange on campus.

Many of you might know the building in question as HSSB. I, however, feel it's more like the Winchester Mystery House. A little background: the WMH is an enormous mansion in San Jose that was built with strange rooms and hallways to confuse ghosts.

Back to the HSSB: First of all, why the freshman-bewildering odd/even numbering system? Pretty confusing, huh. Also, look at how strange the building looks. From above, HSSB looks like either Stonehenge or half a swastika.

That's not all! There are rooms without numbers, hallways that dead-end, doors that open into nothing, and professors without posted office hours. What's going on here?

Also, I've heard through my reliable gossip channels that the Anthropology Dept. has stored human remains that were found during the HSSB construction in a secured basement.

Today's weather: It's listed under Libra on today's horoscope.

# Police Report



## The Buddy System

Two Isla Vista Foot Patrol deputies were driving on the 6600 block of Del Playa Drive on Sunday, Jan. 10, at approximately 3:30 a.m. when they encountered two belligerently drunk pedestrians, according to IVFP reports.

"[The first suspect] was stumbling westbound on Del Playa," reports state. "As we passed him in a marked unit, [the suspect] yelled, 'Fuck you,' at us."

The suspect was arrested for public intoxication, and while the deputies were driving away with him in the back seat, the suspect's companion also demonstrated his drunkenness, according to reports.

"[The second suspect] kicked the patrol car that was transporting his intoxicated friend away," reports state. "He was standing in the middle of the street yelling and 'flipping us off.'"

The second suspect was also arrested for public intoxication, and he accompanied his friend to Santa Barbara County Jail.

## So That's What They Mean by "Meathead"

On Saturday, Jan. 9, at 11:37 p.m. IVFP deputies responded to a fight at a party on the 6600 block of Del Playa, according to reports. The victim, a 22-year-old male, told the deputies his version of the evening's events.

"[The victim's] girlfriend went into the party and when [the victim] attempted to get inside a male subject started to close the door," reports state. "[The victim] told him that he wanted to get his girlfriend and then he would leave. The guy then hit him in the face. [The victim] described the guy as having blond, short hair, and wearing a

'Hooters' T-shirt. He was approximately 6 feet 3 inches tall."

The deputies cleared the party and eventually found the suspect, who expressed dismay that he had been spotted, reports state.

"The guy saw [the deputy looking at him] and said, 'Fuck,'" reports state.

The suspect, who admitted hitting the victim, was arrested for battery with serious bodily injury.

## "Just When You Thought the Bathroom Was Safe ..."

On Saturday, Jan. 9, at 12:16 a.m., three deputies on the 6500 block of Sabado Tarde Road saw an 18-year-old male shouting obscenities from the upstairs courtyard of his apartment building, according to reports.

"He tried to kick a beer bottle off of the wooden platform. I saw him miss when trying to kick the beer bottle. He then picked it up and started drinking from it," reports state. "He looked in my direction as I came close to him. He said, 'Oh, shit!' and threw down the beer bottle."

The suspect then ran into an apartment and locked the door, according to reports. A woman let the deputies in and told them the suspect was in the back of the apartment.

"We found [the suspect] hiding in the shower of the apartment," reports state.

The suspect was arrested for public intoxication and minor in possession of alcohol.

## "Run Away! Run Away!"

On Friday, Jan. 8, at 11 p.m. two deputies on foot patrol

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

**Aries** (March 21-April 19)—Today is a 7—There's somebody out there you've been thinking about, somebody you'd like to talk to, but you're a little shy. Maybe it's an argument you had that needs clearing up. At any rate, this is a fine time to clean up old messes. You may be surprised at the response you get, because it'll be all good. So, go ahead and make the call.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 5—You may be in for a surprise today. Something you thought was too expensive could actually be affordable. And something you thought you could afford might be nickel-and-dimeing you to death. Look at your own money as if it belonged to somebody else. That will help you figure out what you can afford and how you can pay it back.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21)—Today is a 5—You're in an inquisitive frame of mind today, and that's good. You'll make some really interesting discoveries. A person you've worked with before knows quite a few things you've been trying to figure out the hard way, so go ahead and ask. You may be surprised at how simple a seemingly complex matter can be, once you know how to do it.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 5—You have a routine you like to follow, and you'll be dreaming about it today, as everything falls apart before your very eyes. There are surprises left and right and you're caught in the middle. Don't get upset. You can handle even the biggest of messes, especially if you have a little warning, and that's what you're getting right here.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22)—Today is a 7—Most of the difficult stuff has been handled by now. The next thing to do is celebrate, relax, have some fun and listen to a few jokes. There's one person in particular who always keeps you laughing. This is the guy or gal to hang around with today. You deserve a break, and this person always helps you find one.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is a 5—Your place could be in a bit of an uproar, but that's OK. Sometimes you have to stir things up in order to get them exactly the way you want. In this case, it could be quite different from the way it was before. Don't worry. If you think it looks good, your friends and family will, too. Your taste is impeccable.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is a 7—You're in the mood to ask questions, and you could get some interesting answers. A person you thought you knew very well could surprise you. The truth is starting to come out, and you simply won't settle for anything else, especially now. You hate to make waves, but face it. You love justice even more.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 5—"Show me the money"—that's your motto today. You've had it with promises. What you need now is reality. You want that check to actually clear the bank before you'll do any more work for whoever's been selling you a bill of goods. If there's any ambiguity at all, clear it up right now.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is a 7—You're large and in charge today. You're in control of the situation. Actually, it's more like you're steering the ship. Things are changing fast. If you stay focused on the goal, you can make it through this adventure and to your destination safely. Stay loose, be creative, act quickly and don't give up.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 6—If you've got any secrets, you'd better keep them hidden. Even so, you could still get a reputation for doing something you've never thought about, much less did. That's the way the rumors are going to fly today. Counsel those people who have a tendency to blab to stay calm and wait for the facts to come in.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is a 7—You've got the data and all the tools you need today, but what you don't quite have is the willingness to look outside the nine dots. Do you know that puzzle? You have to connect nine dots with one straight line. It seems impossible, unless you get a paintbrush that's wider than the nine dots. That's the kind of answer you'll find today.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 5—Secrets are being revealed, dirty laundry is being aired, people are finding out all kinds of things they probably wish they didn't know. This does not affect you directly. You're lucky. It looks like you'll benefit from this situation, so you can tell everybody to be calm. Tell them things will work out all right, and you can really mean it.

**Today's Birthday** (Jan. 13)—This is a great year to give up bad habits. You're in the mood for transformation. Roust out your secret fears in February, and get ready to give them the boot. Some of them may disappear before you even notice. By March, you should have the skills you need to increase your income. Stash that extra loot into savings. In April, fix up your place or, if that's hopeless, simply move. By August, a distant dream could be close enough to catch. Accept a new assignment to increase your income in October, and try not to spend it all to resolve a private matter in December.

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**BUNTON**

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He's been through a lot and he always keeps it positive." One of the more trying times in Bunton's stint as a Gaucho came at the end of last season, when back spasms sidelined him at a key point in the team's run at qualifying for the conference tournament. A healthy Bunton would almost certainly have propelled UCSB into the postseason, but without number 33 in the paint, the team fizzled down the stretch.

"I felt like, me not being out on the court, it hurt the team," said Bunton of the Gaucho's slide into eight straight defeats to end the season. "It was hurting me watching the team be hurt without me."

Who knows where the Gauchos would be without their power forward this year, but as well as he has played, Williams thinks Bunton can be even more of a force.

"He needs to ask for [the

ball]. He needs to demand it, and have the patience to where we can get it to him," said Williams, whose goal is to get Bunton 20 touches within 10 feet of the basket each game.

Junior point guard Derrick Allen is the man most in charge of getting it in to the big guy with the soft touch, and he knows when Bunton gets the rock, good things happen.

"I try to give him the ball as much as I can because he's a very good post player and a good outside shooter," Allen said.

Despite all of the trying times, Bunton is by no means looking forward to the end of his career as a Gaucho.

"I can honestly say this year has been my most fun year out of all four years," he said. "This is just totally different under Coach Williams. Everything is more upbeat, more positive. I wish I had three more years. I wish this was my freshman year all over again."

There is still plenty of

work to do this season, with conference play just getting into gear, and things won't get any easier on Bunton. In last Saturday's loss to Boise State, the Broncos clearly tried to take Bunton out of the game, double-teaming him on every touch. Idaho employed similar strategies in the second half of the Gaucho's conference opening victory. But hey, what's a few double team's to the battle-hardened senior?

"B.J. has earned this," said UCSB Assistant Coach Jon Wheeler, who has seen Bunton grow over the three years he has been with the program. "Going through what B.J. has gone through has made him tougher, and has prepared him to step up and do some of these things."

"So many people, I feel, after going through what he's gone through, would have just said, 'Eh, I'm just gonna play this year.' Would have kind of quit," Wheeler continued. "And he does not even come close to that."

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**SAE**

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rush activities.

"We're just trying to live in the present and get everything back to normal," he said. "We're not doing any-

thing through the school any more. We're just going to publicize rush through our own means."

Delta Tau Delta fraternity President Josh Klein said he feels the entire SAE house is being punished for

the actions of select ing the rest of us for what a few did."

"The incident that they got kicked off for was handled in-house," he said. "If that happened in my house, I wouldn't want the university stepping in and punish-

Lutes said he sees the decision as a hurdle that the fraternity will try to overcome.

"We will rise like a phoenix from the ashes," he said.

**LINDA**

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freshman Regan Smith, another of Sutton-Neeley's roommates, the short time spent with Sutton-Neeley was enough to create a lasting friendship.

"When you were having a crappy day she would always come and make you laugh," she said. "She didn't need to die for people to write poems about her. People wrote poems about her when she was still alive. That was the effect she had on people."

A candlelight memorial service was held the following day in the Tropi-

cana recreation room, according to Assistant Director Jake Diaz, who said the event was a testament to the students' mourning.

"It was initiated by the students at Trop and the [Tropicana] student government," he said. "A lot of people came out in support of this event. We must have had 300 or 400 people out the doors."

The vigil was an opportunity for both friends and strangers to offer condolences and recount fond memories of Sutton-Neeley, Rubins said.

"Even people she didn't know came up and talked about how they'd seen

her, what they'd known about her. People that did know her came up and talked about the favorite things they'd done with her and impressions about her," she said. "They had candles and music and millions of flowers — it was beautiful."

The tragedy touched the hearts of many Tropicana residents, including freshman political science major Pete Hart.

"I didn't know Linda personally, but my sympathy goes out to her family and her friends," Hart said. "It makes you think about the ones that you love and the ones you're close to."



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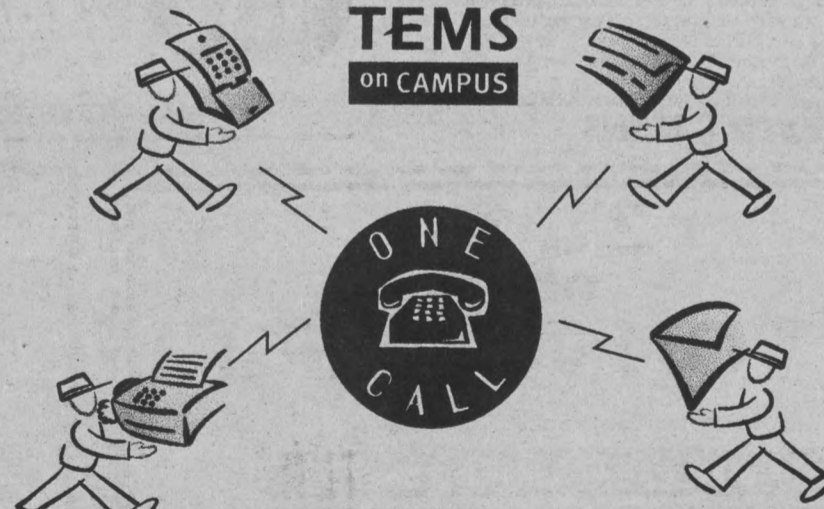
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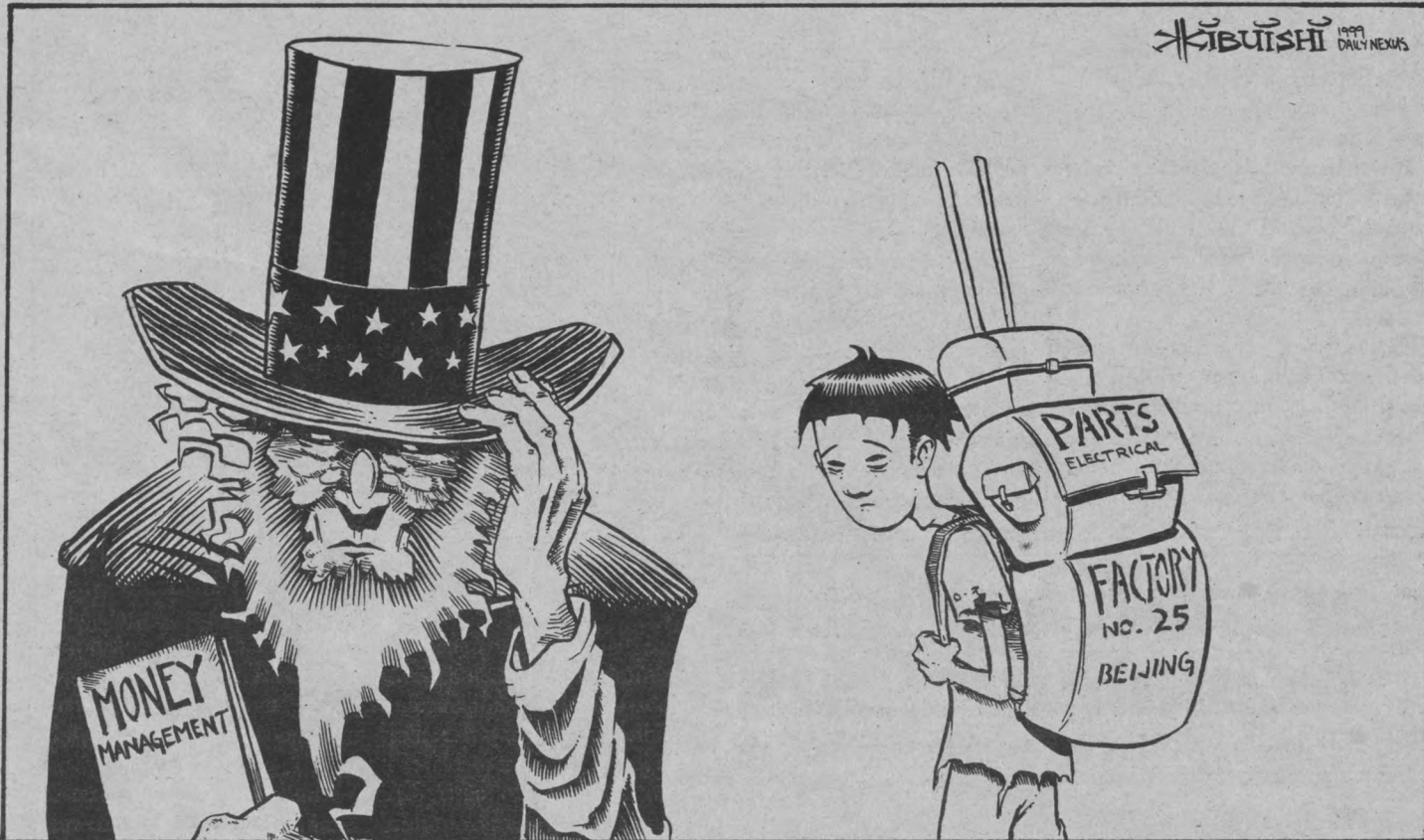
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KAZUHIRO KIBUSHI / DAILY NEXUS

## Human Rights Are Not an Option

*The United States Must Achieve Some Consistency in Their Foreign Policies*

Picture a government that allows no one to speak out against it or to question its ways — a government that disallows human rights in general. Now picture that same country receiving some form of favor from another country, which maintains a completely different human rights philosophy. In short, picture hypocrisy.

This series of pictures represents the current state of affairs between China and the United States. U.S. officials have been intermittently traveling to China since Nixon's first historic trip. China continues to limit human rights while the United States, democracy's traditional champion, continues to aid China by granting it a "most favored nation" trade status. Instead of getting to the real crux of any issue, the U.S. government continues its happy-go-lucky public relations missions to China.

A few months ago, China's government squashed a group of political activists who attempted to organize China's first opposition party. Many dissidents were thrown in jail upon their futile attempt to attain a party license; all this happening while China continued to profit from its favored nation trading status with the U.S.

Now then, let's compare the situation in China to another state that suppresses human rights. However, this state is one that the U.S. does not even maintain positive — much less "favored" — relations with: Cuba.

Are the human rights practices in Cuba that much different from what occurs in China? No, not substantially. They are both

Communist states that have no respect for human rights. And yet, the U.S. makes no effort to do anything about the human rights situation in China.

If the U.S. is going to continue sanctions against Cuba, it should re-examine the favored trading status currently maintained with China. While encouragement and nice words may be an effective way to make a child take his medicine, it is likely not going to make a country change its practices.

U.S. officials recently began talks with Chinese officials on the current state of human rights affairs. This provides an ideal launching point for the U.S. to assert itself. While they are currently seeking ratification of the U.N. Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, our officials can also ensure that China is aware of just what can be at stake.

China needs to be shown that a real threat exists if they continue to disrespect innocent lives. The U.S. can drive this point home by taking away China's favored nation status.

The U.S. needs to stop turning a blind eye to the human rights affairs in China. Policies against China can and should be tougher. Realistically, the U.S. can get its business and make its money elsewhere, whereas China may not find another state to help it; a little extra money is not worth the cost of a life.

Moreover, the U.S. could demonstrate that a respect for human rights really is the heart of its policies, rather than a hunt for successful countries with which to trade. It is time for the U.S. to seek to protect others and not just its own economy.

Make A New Year's Resolution!  
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can make one for you. How  
about: "Be nicer to cops."  
Well OK, how about:  
"Write a letter to the editor"?

## The Point May Not

A Campus Point Employee Pleas for Press

ERIK VAN COOPS-LOTSPEICH

Dear Erin O'Donnell,

As a member of the *Campus Point* staff and as one who has a great deal of respect for UCSB and its organizations, a great concern regarding *Campus Point* has come to my attention.

I am a photographer and a computer-support representative for *Campus Point*, and before I state my concerns, I just wanted to give a little "Campus Point History" as I understand it.

There have been various "Campus Points" throughout the years, and the most recent (and present) incarnation occurred when Russell Bartholow and his A.S. cronies were upset with the *Daily Nexus*' endorsement of Wayne Byrd for A.S. president. When the *Nexus* endorsed Wayne Byrd, various A.S. members acted in a controversial (and possibly illegal) way and "stole" virtually every copy of the *Nexus* from various campus distribution points.

In retaliation, Russell started *Campus Point* as an alternative to the *Daily Nexus* for news and information. *Campus Point* was intended to provide an alternative point of view. To both Russell and A.S.'s disappointment, *CP* grew into an Arts & Entertainment magazine and now is under the "control" of the brilliant and creative hard-working people who, despite the minor content and quality-control issues, have made *CP* a success.

My concern for *CP* mirrors that of those involved with *CP* and involves word that both yourself and A.S.

## The Reader's Voice

### PISSED OFF: AN ANGRY DIATRIBE

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

I applaud the UCSB Associated Students' attempt to commandeer an organ of the free and independent press. This all too long in coming action is sure to win applause throughout the world, in countries as diverse, noteworthy and (dare I say???) comforting as Iraq, Cuba, Iran, Syria and the sovereign-state-formerly-known-as-Burma.

Now, let's be honest here (we can be honest, can't we?), University isn't about the free flow of conflicting ideas, the jolly interplay of contrary opinions, or the healthy debating of differing philosophies, now is it? Any fool that would attempt to tell you different is not only utterly misinformed, but goodness, pathetically delusional.

No, no, no, University is about crushing the advancement of knowledge, the drawing of un-crossable divisions among groups and peoples, and the merciless stifling of heterodox philosophies.

The leaders of the Student Union have learned their lessons well, have embraced the fashionable notions of "might makes right," and are exploiting their positions of power whilst they still can, before those barracudas on the *Campus Point* staff can destroy them with their merciless commentary on art in all its most vile and despicable forms.

I can almost see Machiavelli tearing up with pride, nay, envy. Kudos to all, and to each and every member of the UCSB A.S. student government, a hearty salute.

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l submissions, but please include your name and phone number. For columns, is three pages, typed and double-spaced; for letters, one page. All submissions of the *Daily Nexus* upon being turned in and are edited for length and clarity.

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**Not Remain A.S. Sharp**

or Present and Future Support of Alternative Press

**ICH** desire to change the format and content of the students' "Arts & Entertainment" biweekly magazine. The impression that I get is that A.S. wants *CP* to become an A.S. newsletter that will advertise A.S. events and give the status on current A.S. issues and activities.

The back page of *CP* contains A.S. "information" in a wholeheartedly half-baked and error-written prose that tends to cheapen *CP* as a respectable publication. Just imagine if the whole magazine included A.S. "information"! Nobody would advertise with us. The quality of this back page definitely needs to be improved and the responsibility for this improvement lies with the A.S. representatives who write the articles.

I do not believe for one second that A.S. representatives could handle an entire publication full of useful information if *CP* was made into an A.S. newsletter. Even if it was the responsibility of current *CP* authors to write these articles, I doubt that there are enough A.S. issues of interest to the general student population to warrant a halfway decent readership.

In short, very few students actually care about A.S. The general bickering, financial (mis)management, and inner-workings of A.S. are not of interest to most students.

One of the reasons why *CP* is successful is because it is different from the *Daily Nexus*. I turn to the *Daily Nexus* for most of my campus (and sometimes world-



wide) news. The *Nexus* is quite liberal and has an (understandable) disdain for A.S. This is good because it keeps A.S. in check.

*Campus Point* provides an alternative by giving us a glimpse into interesting issues, events and activities that students might not see in the *Nexus*. Just look at the past *CP* issues.

We have covered death, campus oddities and local bands. These items are of interest to many students. We include poetry, movie reviews, stories on dance, stories on plays, and just plain funky articles that one will not find in any other campus publication.

*Campus Point* is not perfect. Our issues often contain spelling errors. Our articles are often controversial (this is not a flaw). Sometimes we present inaccurate information. The complaints are minor, but the over-

all advantage to the students is a positive one.

*Campus Point* is a valuable and worthwhile A.S. activity. I think it unconscionable that student groups can ask for and potentially receive large sums of money but members of the *CP* staff who put blood, sweat, tears and uncountable hours of hard work into *CP* are not paid.

If *CP* in its present state is dismantled, it will send a message to the students that A.S. does not support alternative press. To those of us who have worked so hard on *CP*, the dismantling of our small press organization says that our hard work is unappreciated. I urge you with all seriousness to reconsider your views regarding the present and future of *Campus Point*.

Erik Van Coops-Lotspeich is a senior electrical engineering major.

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

ly, if Mussolini, Stalin, the ers (Papa and Baby Doc), as that wacky bastard Pinochet see you now ... what would ay? I'd wager a pretty penny cascade of "cheers," "pip- here-heres" and "way-to- would undoubtedly foresha- round of hugs, back slaps, and knowing "winks." And if s well, there'll not have to be fortunate losses of blood à la gically necessary Night of ng Knives or the oft forgot- equally necessary, liquida- the kulaks to make room for lshhevik collectivist dream.

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course, once the takeover ns, and *Campus Point* is d into service, err, entrusted the "voice of the students," a ame has to be found. No of former glory must be al- to exist. Just look at what ed to the Soviets when they to annihilate the remaining es of former tsarist majesty.

recommend, in humble re- ce to glorious propaganda of past, a name so hallowed in nals of steadfast despotism, s very mention causes a near rsal moment of silence g students, connoisseurs and es to the art of propaganda: da."

I know that this may raise eyebrows, and cause ques- such as, "Dare we aspire to

reach such levels of unmitigated and unabashed self-serving behavior?" But, darn it, why not? As the official organ of all things glorious (i.e., A.S.-related), shouldn't *Campus Point* (aka *Pravda*) ditch all pretense of independence and embrace its newly found "lackey-hood?"

In time the new editors c. *Pravda* II (sort of like the new "60 Minutes," but without the unnecessary and burdensome credibility) will be able to comfortably adopt the guiding philosophy of the original, and in some respects better, *Pravda*, "[w]e pretend to report the news, and our readers pretend to read it."

GREG PRILL

**DRUG LEGALIZING IS A BAD IDEA ...**

Editor, Daily Nexus:

In the recent Opinion piece "Let Them Have Pot," (Daily Nexus, Jan. 11) Steve Rider argued for the legalization of drugs. I would like to point out a few flaws in his argument.

First, let me assure everyone that I am in no way in favor of the "barbaric and unconstitutional" measures mentioned in Rider's article. Such measures are absurd.

I also will not address the issue of prescribing otherwise illegal drugs to patients suffering extreme pain. I will confine my remarks to the recreational use of drugs by healthy individuals.

To point out the largest flaw in Rider's argument, allow me to indulge in hyperbole. Consider a society in which a majority of the population practices ritual cannibalism. Suppose that this society has an enlightened ruler who decides that cannibalism has harmful effects on society. Suppose that this ruler attempts to stop the practice, both by persuasion and by law, but is unsuccessful in doing so.

By Rider's argument, this ruler should admit that the war on cannibalism was lost, and make the practice legal, rather than incarcerate or otherwise punish a majority of the population.

The flaw in this argument is that it presumes that "everybody is doing it" is a valid moral argument. If society finds that a certain practice is harmful to it, it has the right to attempt to halt that practice, regardless of the percentage of the population engaging in the practice.

This is not to say that all means of halting a practice are equally valid; we should seek civilized and constitutional means of accomplishing our aims. Above all, our public morality, our judgments of what is harmful and what is helpful to society as a whole, should be based on a firmer foundation than popular practice.

This brings me to another flaw in Rider's argument. He claims that marijuana never killed anyone. That is false. While marijuana may not have killed anyone directly, it is certainly lethal in an indirect way.

My parents can attest to that. They were struck head-on by a young man who was driving while high on pot. While their lives were spared, they will carry bodily reminders of that crash with them to the grave.

Recreational drugs in general impair driving abilities. Society certainly has a right to keep impaired drivers off the road, impaired pilots out of the sky, and, in

general, to prevent recreational drug users from operating any device with potentially lethal effects.

The final flaw in Rider's argument is his attribution of high crime rates to the illegal status of drugs. This presumes that drug users are helpless creatures, given no choice but to engage in theft and prostitution when faced with the high costs of drug use.

I can think of no argument more demeaning to humankind. Have we no ability to choose, to think, to predict the consequences of our actions? If I engage in recreational drug use today, knowing that I do not have enough money to continue the practice, what should I do — stop using the drugs, find an honest way to increase my income or commit crimes to gather more money to support my drug use? Rider would have us believe that only the third option is viable.

If drugs were legalized and the price actually did drop, would all the drug lords retire? Is it not more likely that they would find another illegal business to run? Those engaged in crimes do so because they choose to do so.

If they do not know how to do anything else, then let us educate them. This is beneficial for all. However, there will always be some who are unwilling to do anything else. Such people are a threat to society, and society is justified in incarcerating them.

JERRY JAMES

**MORE TRENDY THAN KRUIZ 103**

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I have become inspired lately to

think that someone should come out with a CD called *Frat Rock '99*. It should consist of all the crappy songs that are played continuously on the radio and then played over and over again at all of our favorite frat houses.

I personally get nauseous when I ride pass these houses and hear this music. With the help of some friends, I have composed a Top 10 list of artists and songs I think would be a good start for this CD.

10. Two words for you, Wu Tang, 9. Sugar Ray, 8. "Mo' Money Mo' Problems" by Puff Daddy, or just anything by Puff Daddy, 7. MASE, 6. Dave Matthews Band, 5. Any song that Dave Matthews likes, 4. Any song starting with a D, 3. Chumba Wumba, 2. Sublime, and 1. That "Intergalactic" song by Beastie Boys.

There are definitely more songs that could be added to this list. I wouldn't go as far to say that you could make a box set, because most frat boys aren't sober long enough to remember which other songs they like. Plus, they don't want to have to change the CDs in their disc changer. If it only holds six, then they will only listen to six.

It is a shame that they can't expand their repertoires to include a little more variety in music. Anyone can listen to what's popular this week, but only frat boys can wear it out.

I don't really have anything better to say about sororities either. They pretty much fall into the same boat as the frats. I will be composing a Top 10 list of songs for sorority houses soon, so keep a look out for it in the *Nexus*. If anyone has any complaints they can just stick them where the sun don't shine.

THOMAS RHODES

*Hot Line*

**Oasis:**

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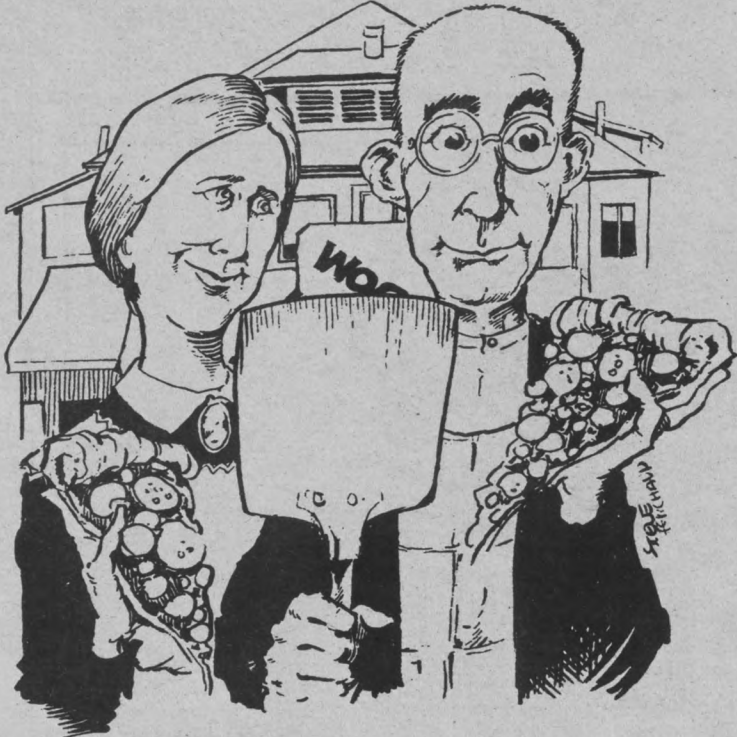
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## Aroma Bonanza!

A myriad of incense varieties draw the attention of a student. Merchants can be found selling a multitude of different items each day in front of the UCen.

## COUNCIL

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Finance Board deliberations to be opened up to public viewing.  
"Finance Board listens to everybody's presentation and then decides how much each group gets," she said. "It would be nice for students to see the budget processes instead of having A.S. go behind closed doors. There would be no public comment during this period. I don't see what harm it

would do."

Up for a vote at the meeting will be the "Women's Commission Restructuring" bill, a piece of legislation tabled before Winter Break. According to author and Off-Campus Rep Jill Burdick, the bill would give current commission members more power to appoint new members.

"Basically, Women's Commission each year likes to elect their own officers," she said. "This allows for the members of Women's Com-

mission to elect their own members."

Burdick said she feels good about the topics on tonight's agenda, although she was less positive regarding the meeting's prospective length.

"I don't know how long it's going to last. I'm hoping we get out before midnight," she said.

Tonight's Leg Council meeting is open to the public and will be at 6:30 p.m. in the UCen State Street Room.



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# REPORT

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spotted a male subject walking westbound on the 6600 block of Del Playa. As the deputies approached him, they saw that he was holding a half-full beer bottle, according to reports.

The deputies had the suspect sit on the curb and asked for his identification. The suspect said his name was "John" and gave a date of birth which would make him 22, according to reports.

"At this point, I told 'John' that if any of the info he had provided me was false, he should tell me now, because after this point, if any part were a lie, he would be arrested. 'John' assured me that he had been truthful," reports state.

While the deputies were confirming the suspect's I.D., he bolted up and began running westbound on Del Playa, reports state. The deputies chased the suspect,

who made an attempt to mislead them.

"As the suspect fled, he was discarding his outer garments, which I believe he was deliberately doing to change his identity," reports state.

The suspect passed two other officers on bicycle patrol, one of whom put the suspect into custody using a CHP-approved bicycle take-down technique, according to reports. When the first two officers arrived, the suspect expressed remorse.

"I asked 'John' why he had fled. 'John' stated, 'It was really stupid,'" reports state.

The suspect was taken to the IVFP, where the deputies found his real name and age: 20. He was transported to county jail and booked for minor in possession of alcohol, providing false information to an officer and resisting arrest, according to reports.

— Compiled by Tony Biasotti from Isla Vista Foot Patrol reports.

## Members of the Campus Community

### Re: NCAA Division I Athletics Certification Program

UCSB is completing a year-long, campus-wide study of its athletics program as part of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Athletics Certification Program. The specific areas studied were:

- governance and commitment to rules compliance
- academic integrity
- financial integrity
- commitment to equity

The steering committee also examined how the activities of the athletics program relate to the mission and purpose of UCSB.

On April 13-14, 1999, an external team of reviewers will be visiting UCSB and conducting a two-day evaluation of our athletics program.

We welcome this opportunity to review our athletics program, to confirm its strengths and to develop and implement plans to improve in areas that need improvement. The Steering Committee looks forward to widespread campus involvement in this important process. Copies of UCSB's Draft Self-Study Plan are available in the Davidson Library Special Collections Section or you may pick up a copy of the Plan from the Athletics Department in Room 2312 Robertson Gymnasium or at the Office of Budget and Planning, 1325 Cheadle Hall. You are encouraged to review the Draft Plan and send your questions, comments and suggestions to the Self-Study Steering Committee:

E-mail: [ncaa@bap.ucsb.edu](mailto:ncaa@bap.ucsb.edu)

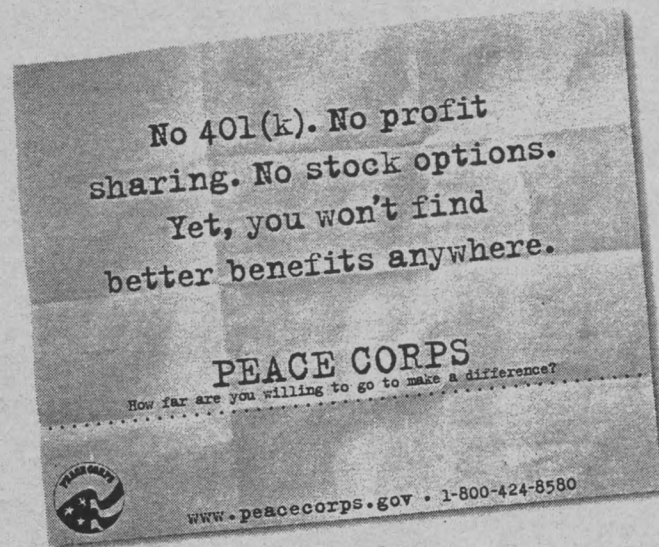
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Mail: UCSB Office of Budget and Planning ATTENTION: NCAA

Deadline for receipt of comments is **Thursday, January 21, 1999.**

A public meeting with the Steering Committee, to receive in-person comments on the Draft Self-Study Plan, will be held at 11:00am on Thursday, January 21, 1999 in the UCen State Street Room.

Robert W. Kuntz  
Assistant Chancellor  
Chair, NCAA Athletics Self-Study Steering Committee



**Campus Information Meeting**  
Girvetz Hall Conference Room 2326  
Wednesday, 1/13/99 4pm - 5pm  
Thursday, 1/14/99 4pm - 5pm

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In front of UCen  
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Thursday, 1/14/99 9am - 2pm  
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### On campus interviews

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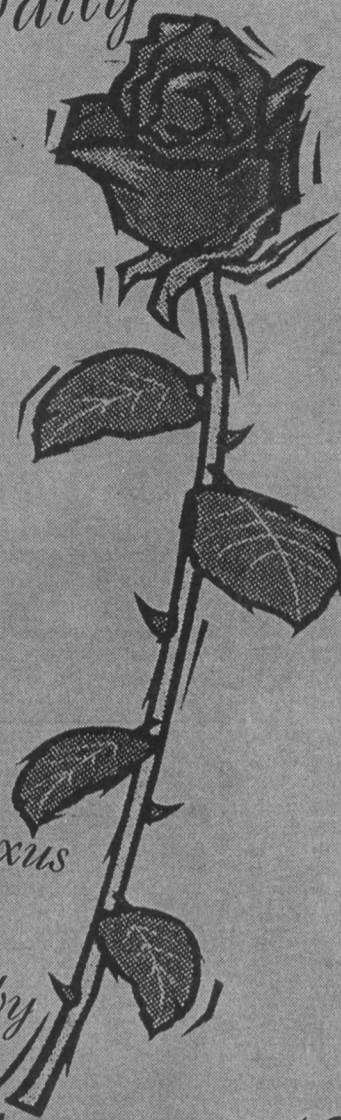
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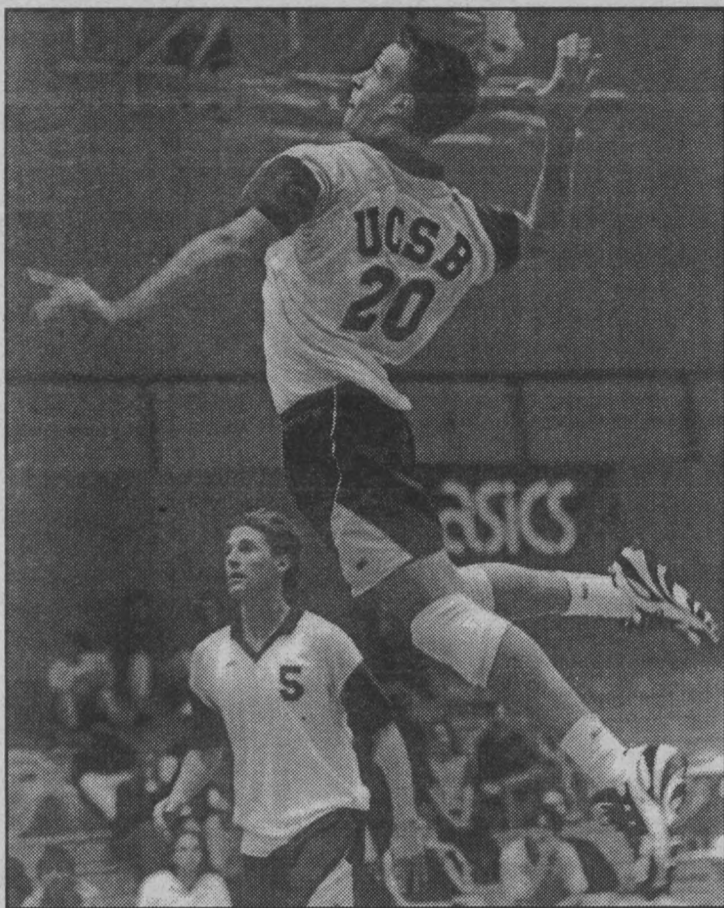
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# Sports



**I SPIKE, THEREFORE I AM:** Junior Kevin Collins and the rest of the UCSB men's volleyball team will be looking to improve on last year's 10-13 record.

## Men's Volleyball Team Has New Faces to Lead Them

### Season Preview

BY JUSTIN MAUCH  
Reporter

With the loss of five starters from last year's #13 squad, the 1999 UCSB men's volleyball team is in a state of transition.

What this boils down to is that freshmen David Kohl, Joaquin Acosta and Andy Rivera will be playing in many games despite their lack of Division I experience.

UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston will look to junior outside hitter Rick Rauth and senior setter Matt Riley for leadership and emotional intensity. Preston concedes that this team is different from any other team he has coached.

"I don't know how these guys are going to play," he said. "We lost five starters from last year and the only guys who have experience are Rick Rauth and [junior] Kevin Collins. Riley has no experience setting, and Rivera, Kohl and Acosta have no experience in our league. However, they seem to be playing well together. After watching them play [last Saturday against] Calgary, I think we have some fairly good hitters on our team."

Despite the youth of Santa Barbara, the team has bonded well and looks forward to playing together throughout the season.

"Everyone has an equally important role," Rivera said. "We are a well-balanced team. No one takes or shoulders the role of leader. Everyone is one person and if we can keep that we'll all play well."

Junior middle blocker Andy Tomkinson added to Rivera's thoughts, "The chemistry we have is outstanding. Since there are no superstars this allows everyone to contribute and gain from that."

The freshmen's preseason efforts have impressed Preston. According to Preston, Acosta, Rivera and Kohl are able to pass the ball well and hit the left side efficiently. However, Preston views these performances with guarded optimism.

"It might be a different story when the guys are bigger on the other side of the net and there is a little pressure added," the 21-year coach said. "Since there are a lot of young guys on the team, I want to bring them along slowly and work on things as we go through the year."

In order to be successful this year, the Gauchos must work on their middle attack. Development in this area has been somewhat hampered due to a team that is less than 100 percent healthy: Collins sprained his ankle last week and did not play in the 3-0 win over Calgary and is doubtful for the season opener tonight against #1 UCLA. Rivera is still not at full strength after undergoing knee surgery in the fall.

The Gauchos have also regained the services of junior middle blocker Luke Carlson, who was ineligible during Fall Quarter. Now that Preston has Carlson and Rivera available, the Gauchos should see improvement in their attack.

"We went the whole fall without those two middles," Preston said. "That tells a little bit about why our middle attack is off."

According to the players, this year's team can improve on last season's 10-13 record (8-11 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation).

"The sky's the limit for us," Rivera said. "It's up to us to be as good as we want to be."

## B.J. Bunton

*The UCSB men's basketball senior has grown into a leader on and off the floor*

BY SCOTT HENNESSEE  
Staff Writer

If any Gaucho basketball player could be forgiven for wanting to pack up his bags, take his ball and go home, it's B.J. Bunton. As the only senior on the team who has spent all four years at UCSB, Bunton has been through a 16-game losing streak, a player revolt against former coach Jerry Pimm, three losing seasons, and four one-point losses in a span of seven games.

More so than any current player, Bunton can recall the heyday of Gaucho basketball. His freshman season was only two years removed from a winning team that made regular appearances on ESPN and defeated the once-mighty UNLV. He's seen the Thunderdome deflate from the raucous, ear-splitting arena it once was to an often hollow building that is lucky to be half-full.

Under circumstances in which many would have crumbled, Bunton has stood tall and solidified his game to become not only one of the best players on his own team, but in the entire Big West Conference.

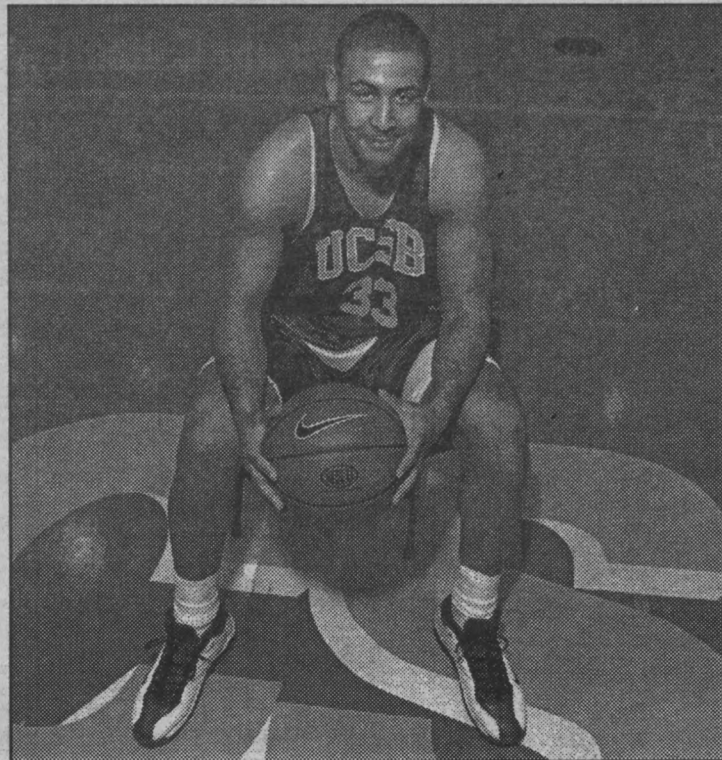
Through all the tough times,

Bunton has relied on support from his parents — especially his father, who played in two NCAA Final Four's at Louisville — and his faith in God to keep his spirits up.

"I talk to my parents a lot, and I call various people in my life," the 6'7" native of Kentucky said. "I talk to God and do a whole lot of praying. Keep a positive attitude on things and hope and pray things will turn out for the best."

Things couldn't have gotten much worse for Bunton and the Gauchos on Dec. 19, when they suffered their fourth one-point loss in seven games against St. Mary's. After the game, emotions were running high in the UCSB locker room. Some had broken down, and some had blown up, but Bunton remained solid.

"The team came in [to the locker room] very, very upset," first-year Head Coach Bob Williams said. "Guys were very emotional, yelling and screaming, so I kind of left the locker room and let them handle it. I came back in and B.J. had one player under one arm and another under another arm and was talking to the team, telling them you've just got to keep your head up and keep working hard."



One of the players under Bunton's wing in that distraught Moraga locker room was sophomore forward Chris Lynch.

"He just told us to keep our heads up," Lynch said. "We had a couple tough losses, but it's going to turn around."

"It seemed at the low point in the season in terms of the frustration level, B.J. seemed to understand that it was his time to say a few things and kind of take a leadership role," Williams elaborated. "I thought he did a very nice job of it at that time."

In Santa Barbara's next game four days later against Western State, Colorado, Bunton made good on his proclamation that things *would* get better. Bunton poured in a career-high 27 points and pulled down 14 rebounds in a 90-71 win over the Rams, the Gaucho's first victory of the year.

"I felt like nobody was really taking any initiative, and being a senior, I was just tired of losing," Bunton said of his explosive performance. "I feel I just got to take it upon myself just to make something happen."

Bunton has made things happen all season, leading the team in almost every major offensive category. Bunton is tops on the team in minutes played (30.9 per game), field goal percentage (54 percent), rebounds per game (7.8), and points per game (16.8). More important than the numbers is that, on a team with only one other player with more than a year of Division I experience, Bunton has asserted himself as a team leader.

"I feel it's a role I have to take," Bunton said. "Being a veteran, being that I've been here four years and just been around. A lot of those guys, this is their first go-around, and I feel it's a responsibility of mine to show them the ropes."

Lynch, whose game has skyrocketed of late, is appreciative of everything Bunton has done for him and the program.

"B.J.'s like a big brother to me," Lynch said. "I look up to him a lot."

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