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Tonight at 7:30, Campbell Hall is showing "Winter Sleepers," a film by the director and composer of "Run Lola Run."



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Our summer music summary along with the latest, greatest breakup movie...:(

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Sports

Former UCSB basketball standout Brian Shaw returns to Santa Barbara to speak at the Athletic Dept.'s fundraiser.

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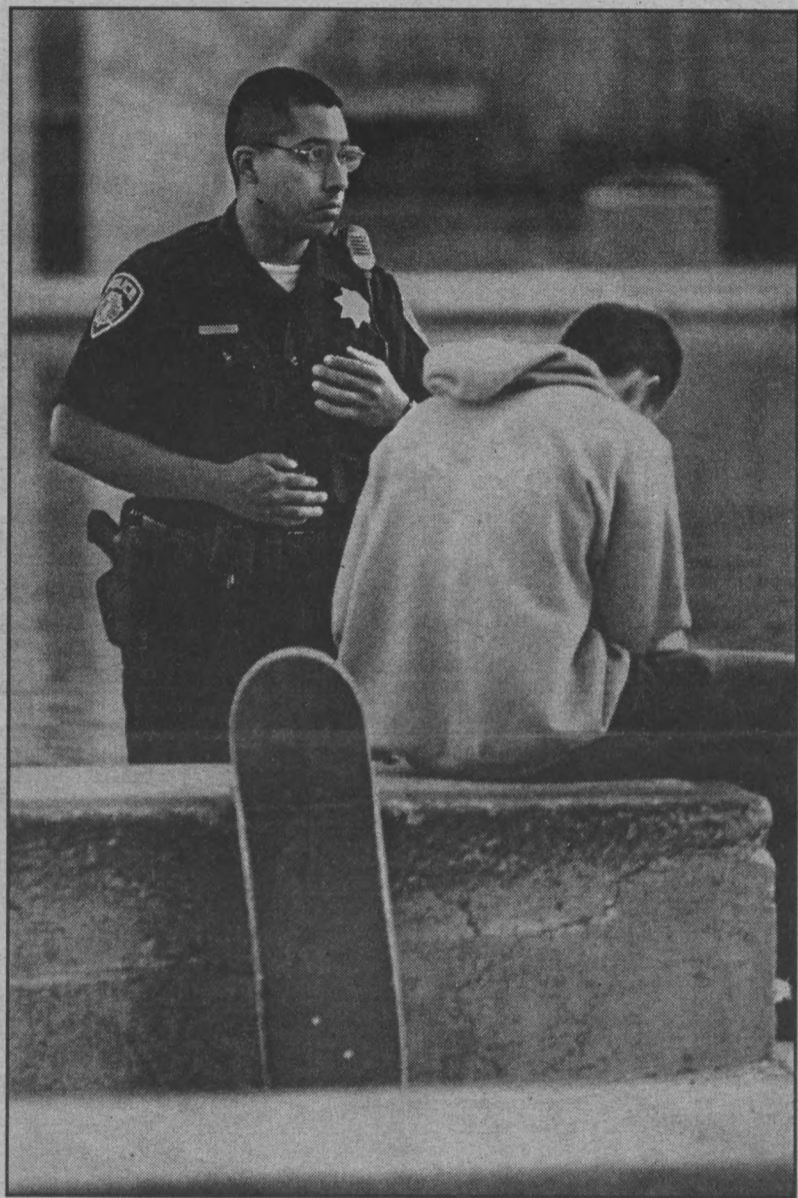
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A UCPD officer cites undeclared sophomore Jonathan Eymann for using a skateboard for nontransportational purposes Tuesday by the Reflecting Pool.

Skaters Face Citations, Fines

'Rolling Stock' Law Keeps Boarders Grounded on UCSB Property

By **SHAUN P. McGRADY**
Staff Writer

Skateboarders seeking rails and stairs on the UCSB campus may find the board pulled out from under them.

"Rolling Stock," the UC Police Department's laws and regulations pertaining to skateboarders, prohibits the use of skateboards for anything other than transportation — which means wheels should not leave the ground. The laws are nothing new and are in place

to protect school grounds, according to UCPD Captain Mike Foster.

"The laws and regulations regarding biking and skating on campus have not changed since they were first instated. We are not citing those who are skating to class; skateboarding as a means of transportation is fine. It is only when we see people skating where they aren't supposed to that we will issue a citation,"

he said. "We don't see a lot of skating-related injuries. What we do have a lot of is damage. Damage to steps, planters, benches, basically wherever people skate."

Although the campus is made up of places ideal for skating, skaters need to be prepared to face the consequences, according to undeclared sophomore Jonathan

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— **Mike Foster**
UCPD captain

Community Service Organization Coordinator Tara Perez said.

A stunt skating citation, although not always issued, is an example of an expensive noncrime, according to Eymann.

"I have friends who have gotten tickets for skating on campus, and they ended up paying between \$55 to \$70,"

he said. "I've personally been stopped two to three times already; usually the cops are pretty cool. If you play stupid they will let you go. I'm just glad that my tax

dollars are hard at work catching real criminals like myself."

The CSOs are not on campus to distribute tickets, but rather to aid the students, according to Perez.

"The CSOs are basically there to educate the students of the rules regarding transportation and registration on campus. The CSOs may say 'please walk your bike,' but

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State Acknowledges IVRPD for Nontoxic Park Management

By **JENNIFER B. SIVERTS**
Staff Writer

After decades of hard work maintaining Isla Vista's parks without the use of pesticides, the I.V. Recreation and Parks District received a Pest Management Alternative "Pioneer Award" from Californians for Pesticide Reform.

Approximately 25 people attended the ceremony Wednesday morning at Tierra de Fortuna Park to witness the IVRPD receive one of only eight awards distributed statewide. The Pioneer Award recognizes cities, schools, parks, homeowners associations and businesses across the state that have employed innovative, alternative, nontoxic pest management. According to IVRPD chair Dianne Conn, IVRPD has been using organic methods since 1972.

"The transition is easy," she said. "Once people commit to trying it, the technology is really easy."

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Leggies Shift Into Gear During Opening Session

By **ERIC SIMONS**
Staff Writer

Without a load of business to weigh them down, Associated Students Legislative Council sped through its first meeting of the year like Olympic runners.



In two hours, the council set aside most of its legislation for next week, including one action item, the lone item of old business, and four of five new business items. The Leggies approved board and committee assignments as well as the 2000-2001 financial policies for the board and both action items. Leg Council also lent its support to the California Public Interest Research Group's Water Watch program by unanimously passing a position paper.

Stephanie Garbaczewski of CalPIRG spoke to the council on the environmental record of her organization, which she said participated in 22 river cleanups and



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A.S. President Mahader Tesfai proposes new guidelines for the A.S. executive director at the first Leg Council meeting Wednesday in the Flying A room.

made over 100 presentations to elementary schools last year.

The Water Watch program would conduct water quality monitoring projects, recruit interns from UCSB

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Top of the News

Yugoslav Public Denies Need for Runoff



BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — More than 200,000 joyful opponents of Slobodan Milosevic swarmed the capital's downtown district Wednesday, supporting an opposition claim of an electoral triumph over the Yugoslav president.

The biggest demonstration ever against Milosevic completely blocked Belgrade's main streets around Republic Square. Much of the downtown area teemed with people waving flags and chanting: "He's finished."

Throughout Serbia, the main Yugoslav republic, thousands streamed into city streets, celebrating what they say was the opposition's stunning tri-

umph in Sunday's presidential and parliamentary elections.

Such a large opposition turnout — despite fears of clashes with police — indicates Milosevic's attempt to intimidate his opponents may fail.

The victorious atmosphere in Belgrade also suggested the pro-democracy Serbs no longer fear Milosevic's autocratic gov-

If we bargain, we would recognize that the will of one man, Slobodan Milosevic, was stronger than the will of the entire nation.

Vojislav Kostunica finished first with 46.4 percent of the 5.5 million votes to Milosevic's 38.6 percent, thereby forcing an Oct. 8 runoff.

The opposition as well as President Clinton and other Western leaders had earlier rejected a runoff, saying Kostunica had won more than the required 50 percent of votes cast to win outright.

— Vojislav Kostunica leader of Milosevic's opposition

ernment, sensing he may not be able to hold on much longer.

Hours later, in a move likely to draw more protest, Milosevic's government early Thursday released the final official figures from Sunday's balloting, showing that opposition leader

The announcement, distributed by the state news agency Tanjug, confirmed a preliminary announcement by the commission Tuesday that Kostunica had fallen short of the required majority. The opposition, using figures from its poll watchers,

claimed Kostunica won 52.5 percent to Milosevic's 32 percent — enough for a first-round victory in the five-candidate field.

Prior to the government announcement, Kostunica told the crowd there will be no runoff.

"If we bargained with them, then we would recognize the lie instead of the truth," Kostunica said. "If we bargain, we would recognize that the will of one man, Slobodan Milosevic, was stronger than the will of the entire nation."

In New York on Wednesday, former Prime Minister Milan Panic urged Russia, Yugoslavia's traditional ally, to offer Milosevic exile in order to spare the country from civil war.

"Otherwise, conflict is almost inevitable," said Panic, who was defeated by Milosevic for the Serbian presidency in December 1992.

University of Vermont To Limit Same-Sex Benefits



MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — The University of Vermont is giving its gay employees until the end of 2001 to enter a civil union with their partners or they will no longer receive domestic-partner benefits.

The decision was made to treat the "circumstances of married couples and civil union couples consistently," according to a school memorandum sent to 30 affected employees Tuesday and Wednesday.

"If we did one but not the other we wouldn't be very consistent," university spokesperson Enrique Corredera said.

Vermont is the first state to allow gay couples to enter into a legal relationship akin to marriage. There is still a dispute, however, as to whether employers in the state are required to provide spousal benefits to couples in civil unions because company insurance policies are primarily regulated by federal law.

The University of Vermont has provided health insurance and other benefits to the domestic partners of its employees since the early 1990s. Now, with the civil union law in effect, the school says gay employees must enter a civil union by Dec. 31, 2001, if they want the benefits for their partners.

"How odd that UVM should stand out as one of the first workplaces in Vermont to withdraw their same-sex benefits clause," wrote one dismayed staff member in an e-mail to university President Judith Ramaley. "The ink on the civil union law is barely dry."

New employees will have to certify that they are married or civilly unified to get spousal benefits, which include health and life insurance, access to university facilities and free tuition. New employees from out of state who want domestic-partner benefits will have 90 days to enter a civil union to get the benefits.

One employee who will continue to get domestic-partner benefits is Holly Puterbaugh, a lecturer in the math department. She was a plaintiff in the lawsuit that resulted in a state Supreme Court decision that found Vermont's marriage law unconstitutional because it denied the benefits of marriage to gays and lesbians.

The decision prompted the Legislature to pass the civil union law, and Puterbaugh entered a civil union with her partner, Lois Farnham, on July 1, the day the law took effect.

Gay couples have "been arguing: 'Treat us the same as you treat everybody else'" Puterbaugh said. "I was not at all surprised that they've come out saying same-gender couples have to legalize their relationships if they want to keep their benefits. It seems to me to be fair and equitable."

AP Wire Shorts

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A condemned man who won an unprecedented reprieve from Gov. George W. Bush for DNA tests that only confirmed his guilt was executed Wednesday for killing his 12-year-old stepdaughter.

Ricky McGinn, 43, received a lethal injection for raping Stephanie Elanary and bludgeoning her with an ax. He insisted evidence was planted or tampered with, but DNA tests completed in August again linked McGinn to the 1993 crime.

The McGinn case drew attention because of the June 1 reprieve granted by Bush, the Republican presidential candidate who has been criticized for allowing executions to continue in his home state while he campaigns as a "compassionate conservative."

It was the first time he had used his authority as Texas governor to issue a 30-day reprieve to a condemned killer.

Since 1982, when Texas resumed carrying out executions, 231 preceded McGinn to the death chamber. Texas is on pace to execute 40 people this year, which would break the record of 37 executed three years ago.

Bush has said no innocent person has been put to death in Texas during his five-plus years in office.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal bankruptcy judge awarded former Playboy Playmate of the Year Anna Nicole Smith \$449.7 million Wednesday in her claim to the estate of her late billionaire husband, Texas oilman J. Howard Marshall.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Samuel Bufford ruled that Marshall's youngest son, E. Pierce Marshall had deprived Smith "of her expectancy of an inheritance."

Smith testified last year that E. Pierce Marshall defrauded her of between \$556 million and \$820 million she was entitled to as her share of her late husband's estate.

The former model for Playboy, Guess jeans and other magazines and advertisements, was working as a stripper at a topless bar in Houston when she met Marshall. She was 26 and he was 89 when they were married in 1994.

He died the following year at age 90, leaving behind a fortune estimated at as much as \$1.6 billion.

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Weather

Why is it that people feel they need to walk on the *bike* path? I mean, have you ever seen a walking path with directional yellow lines on it? I never have. Yet, people feel that they need to walk, jog, meander or hang out on the *bike* path. I almost hit some freshman the other day when he started to walk across the *bike* path. Let me tell you something, freshmen: Bikes have the right-of-way, especially on the *bike* path. If you walked across Highway 101, a mack truck won't slow down for you, so why do you think a bike would? Just because you think it's different in this town where the pedestrians control the flow of traffic (see: DP Friday night), doesn't mean that on the *bike* path we will slow down for you. Don't walk on the *bike* path. There is a reason it is called the *bike* path. It's for freakin' *BIKES!*

Thursday's forecast: A slight chance of injuries with a 100 percent chance of *bike* traffic.



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Free (Root) Beer!

Sophomore computer science major Ron Caplan watches as sophomore global studies major Jarad Bernstein pumps root beer from a pony keg in Storke Plaza on Wednesday afternoon, sponsored by Hillel in hopes of attracting new members.

Proposal Aims to Increase Access to UCs With New Transfer Program

BY ERIC SIMONS
Staff Writer

University of California President Richard Atkinson proposed a sweeping change in admissions eligibility standards to the Academic Council last week: to improve the University's relations with community colleges and open its doors to more California students.

The UC already admits the top 4 percent of each high school class and the top 12.5 percent of students statewide. The proposal would build on the 4-percent plan by granting admission to the next 8.5 percent of high school graduates after they complete a transfer program at a community college.

The proposal is still tentative, and Atkinson has not heard back from the

Academic Council, a UC-wide faculty group, according to UC Spokesperson Terry Lightfoot. "There are not many details because that still needs to be fleshed out. The faculty is responsible for that," he said. "It's just a very preliminary proposal. It's no done deal."

In a statement, Atkinson cited the 60,000 additional students expected to enroll in the UC by 2010, and called for "all sectors of higher education to aggressively rethink how it serves the state."

"As college-age population grows, I believe that the state and the UC must be committed to maintaining the viability of the California Master Plan for Higher Education, which promises a high-quality, affordable college education to all high school graduates who seek one," he wrote.

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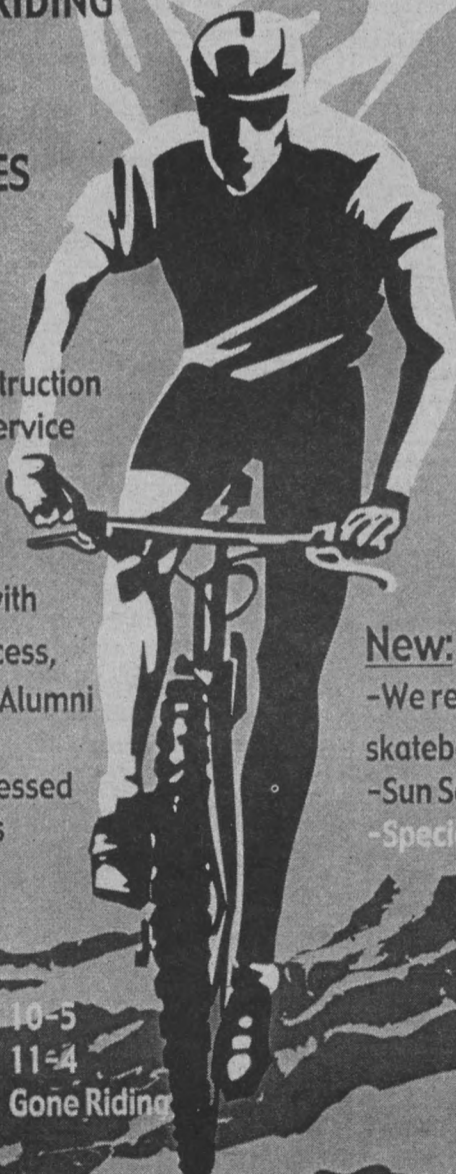
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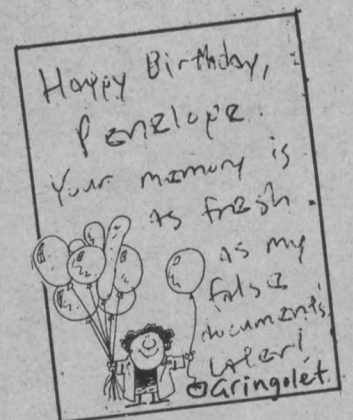
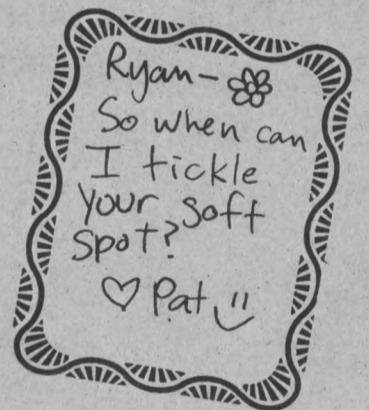
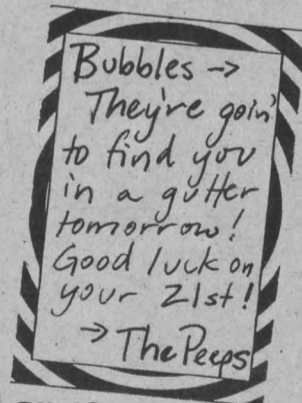
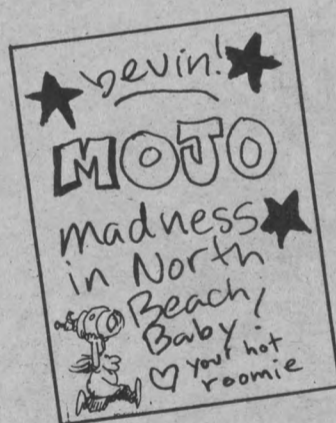
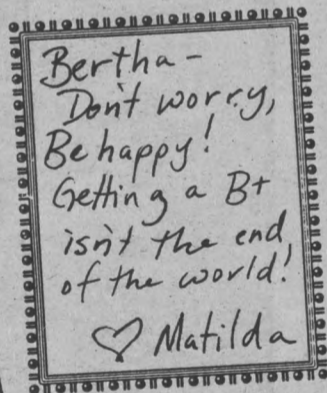
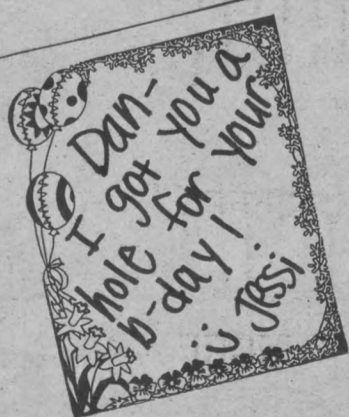


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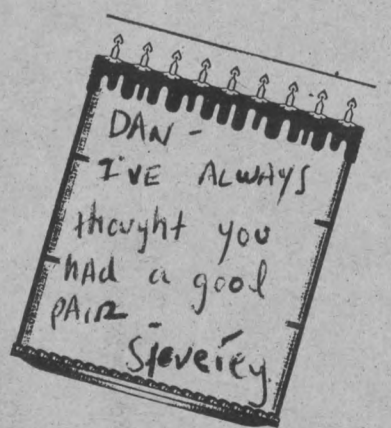
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they cannot issue a citation," she said. "Only the police can issue a citation, but since the CSOs generally work with an officer standing by, it is not a good idea to blow off a CSO."

The presence of the UCPD on campus is intended as a preventive measure, according to Foster.

"We have at least two and up to four officers patrolling the inner cam-

pus every day depending on the time of day and year. Generally, we have more on patrol during the beginning of the school year," he said. "We will patrol all over campus, but if we get a complaint, we will dispatch officers to that location. If we constantly receive calls from a specific area, we will concentrate our efforts in that area as a preventative patrol."

The violators of campus regulations, especially in regard to "stunt skating," are not exclusively

students, Foster said.

"The citations are distributed about on a half-and-half basis, split between students and nonstudents. Obviously, during the summer, the nonstudent number represents a higher percentage, but when school starts up again in the fall, the numbers balance out," he said.

Any questions regarding the traffic policies on campus may be directed to the UCPD at 893-3446 or the CSO at 893-2433.

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Many pesticides used are known carcinogens, toxins and poisons, and raise health and environmental concerns. According to IVRPD Grounds Worker Dan Gaffney, awareness of the dangers of pesticides is being raised around the country.

"We've always been organic and now it's the 'in thing' to do because it's the safest method of growing," he said. "The

plant actually ends up nicer and fuller."

In 1998, a reported 10.9 million pounds of pesticides were applied in California's urban areas. William Coyne, a research analyst with California Public Interest Research Group, said recognizing IVRPD and other award recipients for their positive steps toward more environment-friendly growing techniques may encourage other parks, especially in urban

areas, to use less pesticides.

"I.V. parks' commitment to least-toxic pest management throughout the park system is a model for other communities, large and small, that least-toxic pest management works beautifully," he said. "The [IVRPD's] practices are the wave of the future, and their leadership in showing that least-toxic pest control is better,

cheaper and safer is inspiring."

After presentation of the Pioneer Award, I V R P D Grounds Worker Jay Scheidemen gave a demon-

stration of some of the pesticide alternatives used on I.V.'s organic parks. According to Conn, some methods are as simple as providing adequate irrigation.

"We also use nontoxic methods of dealing with pests when they do happen," she said. "And creating an environment where pests won't hang out."

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**- William Coyne
CalPIRG research analyst**

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As the new quarter begins, the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District invites you to come out and play our new Frisbee Golf Course. Last year, the course opened with lots of enthusiasm, and we expect it to continue this coming year. The Park District thanks everyone who has played and helped make the Isla Vista Peace Course successful, and we appreciate everyone who has helped keep the course clean. This year we encourage all players to be mindful to keep the course clean of litter and to take care not to trample or destroy plants. Please remember that all neighboring properties and the Community Gardens are off-limits. Do not enter these areas to retrieve your discs. This a public course, and we all need to take pride and responsibility for its condition.

We ask the Frisbee Golf players of Isla Vista to review the following course rules once again before playing the course, and then go out and have some fun!

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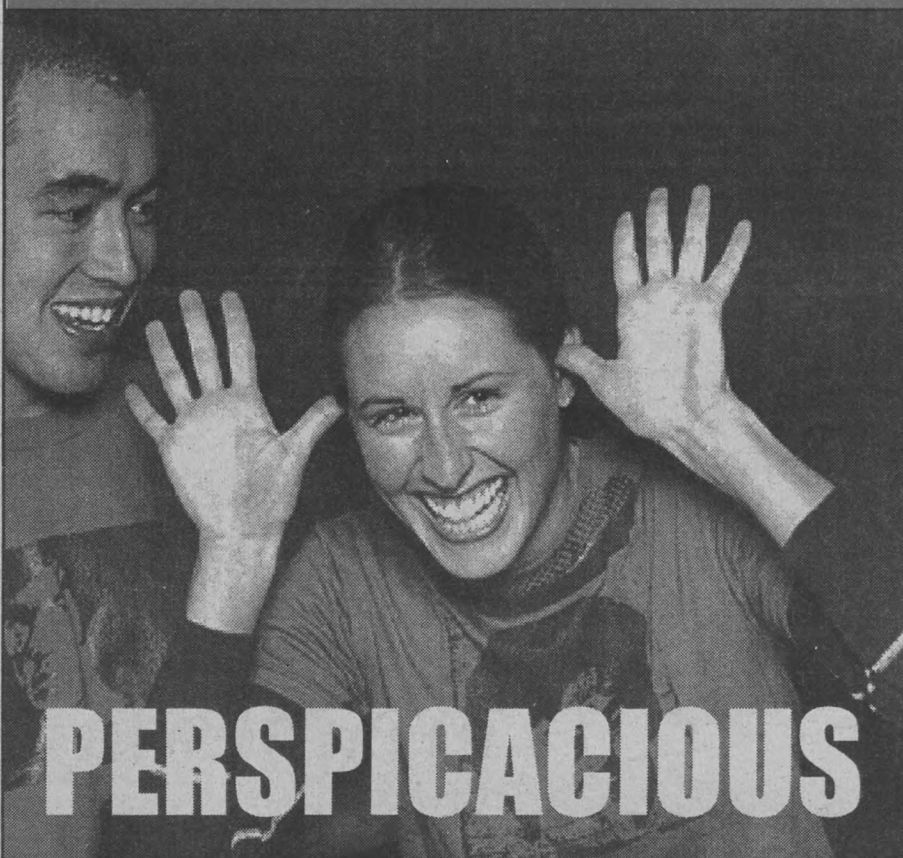
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4. Do not retrieve Frisbees that land in someone's property without their permission.
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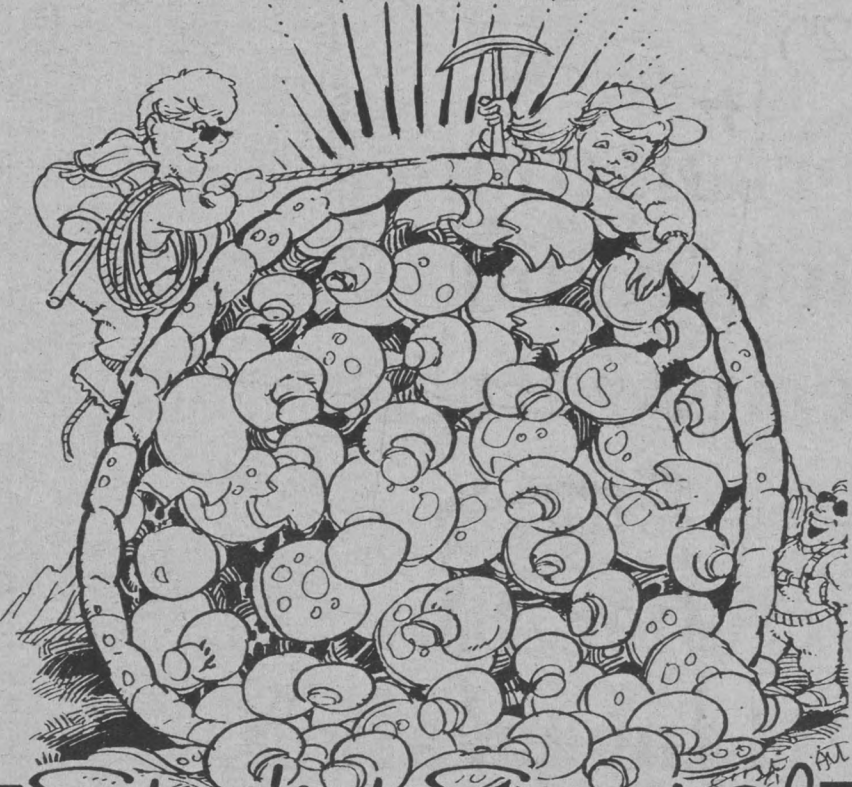
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The tentative nature of the proposal has not allowed the UC to survey the impact on individual campuses. UCSB's acting Admissions Director Christine Van Gieson, said it does not yet know the number of students included in the new group.

"The question becomes, how many students will want to go through the

community college system and want to go to the UC?" she said. "We certainly would be interested in seeing them go to the UC ... The aim is to encourage more high school students who may not be quite eligible to consider coming to the UC."

UCSB is limited to an average of 20,000 students for three quarters by an enrollment cap negotiated with several community and city groups in 1990. It

currently rests approximately 700 students below the cap.

The 20,000 includes students who are enrolled and attending classes on campus, and only during Fall, Winter and Spring Quarters. Education Abroad Program, UCDC and Summer Quarter students do not count toward the cap.

"By 2010, we've been

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and put on community education programs for local elementary schools. The bill lends Leg Council's approval to the program.

"We're searching for funds, and we're asking A.S. for a letter of support because [the council is] very experienced in this matter," Garbaczewski said.

Off-Campus Rep Manuel Silva agreed. "If they need it to raise funds and our endorsement helps them, I think we should do it," he said.

The council automatically tables — sets aside to address at the next meeting — all new business except for position papers. This week, it tabled three well-supported bills, which would have created a local affairs organizing director, expanded A.S. Program Board's membership and required leggies to hold some of their office hours outside.

Rep-at-Large Eneri Rodriguez, who authored all five new business items, called outreach "one of our big projects this year" in her explanation for the outside office hours, which met with approval from other leggies.

The only contended bill was one requiring community service of the representatives. Rodriguez wanted council members to both serve the community and get a chance to work with each other outside of the weekly meetings.

Several reps questioned the bill's intent to force volunteerism, and others said they consider Leg Council meetings community service enough.


"This is not designed to be a punishment," A.S. Adviser James To said. "If you get pressured into doing [community service], I would rather you not do it." Representatives also questioned the

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SHADI MUKLASHY / DAILY NEXUS

Don't Knock It Before You Try It

How Blind Activism Has Hindered a Plan to Fix Up I.V. Before It Got Off the Ground

Local democracy was rudely interrupted Tuesday when a group of activists stormed a Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors public hearing. The board was attempting to gain public feedback about the possibility of retaining its power to use eminent domain, which allows a governing body to annex property needed for a public project. The power is a key tool of the city's long-term redevelopment plan.

Although the vote was scheduled to take place on Oct. 17, the board was pressured into an early vote not to renew the power of eminent domain, which will expire on Nov. 27. The Isla Vista Redevelopment Plan Amendment would have extended the county's ability to use eminent domain in the purchase of land for public parking, recreation and open space through 2012.

Eminent domain has been described as a "powerful tool" in the acquisition of land for redevelopment projects. Landowners can be forced to sell their property if it is located in an area marked for redevelopment. However, eminent domain is used as a last resort, and property owners are paid more than market value for the land. There is no question that its utilization has the potential for abuse. However, protesters are succumbing to paranoia if they believe eminent domain will be used arbitrarily to make Isla Vista into one large park at the expense of affordable housing.

The I.V. Action Committee (IVAC) gathered over 700 signatures in opposition to the proposed amendment. Martin Markovits, founder of the IVAC, and protesters created a large enough presence at the board meeting on Tuesday to force an early vote, shelving the use of eminent domain. These protesters disrupted what was a democratic process by using mob-style tactics,

hindering the voice of others present at the meeting.

Protesters claimed that redevelopers "conveniently" scheduled public forums during the summer and held the last public hearing on the second day of classes — times when students were unlikely to attend. This reeks of an irrational "conspiracy theory" rather than a reasoned assessment of the facts. The I.V. Redevelopment Plan is a project that has been in the works for a decade — the recent road repairs in I.V. are part of this plan. The board of supervisors is certainly taking a long time if they are trying to "sneak" this redevelopment through unnoticed.

Protesters' concerns seem to stem from a deep and fearful mistrust of how eminent domain will be used. Perhaps they are in need of greater clarification. The board voted to set its use aside while discussion continues. Eminent domain is not gone for good; it can still be invoked after the master plan is decided upon. However, what needs to be made clear is that the master plan incorporates a number of strategies to increase the livability and affordability of housing in I.V. There is no city conspiracy to increase the cost of housing in the community. In fact, eminent domain could be used to reduce rents and create more apartments.

Students that jumped blindly on the activist bandwagon are likely to be the same people who complained about the lack of parking, the poor living standards and the badly maintained roads in I.V. These concerns were what initially spurred the I.V. Redevelopment Plan a decade ago. Then when it appears like some actual progress might be made, paranoid concerns cause further delay. Sometimes you're just damned if you do and damned if you don't.

Hey, Don't Mar

HENRY SARRIA

I'm not a George W. Bush fan by any means and will not vote for him come November. When I choose to vote for in this upcoming election is my business and, as an American, I have the right to express my support for the candidate of my choice. Whether it be by a bumper sticker, campaign sign or a T-shirt, it's my right, just as it is for anyone else. After all, freedom of speech is constitutionally protected. My neighbors across the street seemed to feel the same way as I on this matter, but they were George W. supporters. I have to admit that the Bush/Cheney sign on their balcony wasn't my favorite thing to see first thing in the morning on my way to work, but it is their First Amendment right to display it as they please. End of story, right? Not so.

Apparently, a few weeks ago on a Friday night some disgruntled McCain supporters felt that the First Amendment doesn't apply to those who disagree with their point of view and, believe me, it was an ugly scene. It always is when there's media heads involved.

It started with a group outside passing by and yelling, "Bush sucks!" or "Bush is a Nazi!", which I indicated that the sign was noticed by people other than myself. I do have to admit that I was amused by the scandal outside my door. But when they did next crossed the line into just plain being stupid assholes.

It seems that the hecklers came back with some

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reinforcements and decided to rush the balcony to remove the Bush/Cheney sign by force.

This charge was met with resistance by the occupants of the apartment, which led to a near-brawl — just because of a campaign sign. The meatheads threatened to kick their asses if the sign didn't come down, and after some tense moments the meatheads left, creating more havoc as they went.

At this point I was disgusted. Forget about the Bush/Cheney sign; that was minor. Granted, I was not a fan of that sign, but I am an avid fan of t

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SENG FANG'S LAWSUIT IS A SELFISH ATTEMPT TO PAD HER OWN POCKETS

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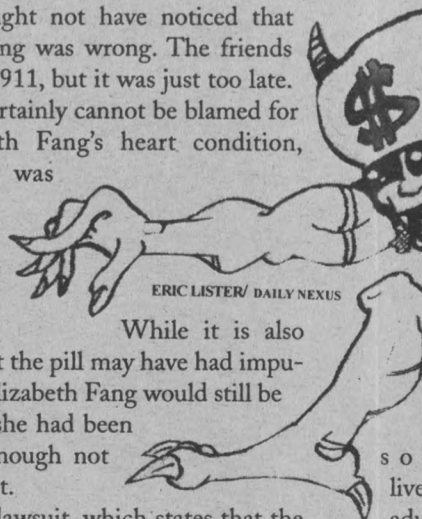
Picture this. You come to college looking forward to a great year. You start buying your expensive books and paying ridiculous housing costs, which is bad enough. But then you discover that you could be punished for a death that occurred last year, which you had nothing at all to do with. Wouldn't you be outraged?

Well, that's exactly what could happen in a few months if Elizabeth Fang's mother, Seng Fang, wins her wrongful death suit (Daily Nexus, "Finger Pointing," Sept. 25). The settlement could run into the millions.

This spells F-R-I-V-O-L-O-U-S-L-A-W-S-U-I-T.

One of the main reasons people go to college is the independent lifestyle. The flip side of freedom is responsibility and consequences. Fang was 21 years old. She was pursuing the lifestyle she wished to pursue and was not coerced by anyone to ingest that Ecstasy pill; her death is her own fault. Some people might say that the pill could have been impure or that her friends should have done more to help her, and that her death was not her fault. This is wrong. If Elizabeth Fang's friends were also high on

Ecstasy, and who knows what else, they might not have noticed that something was wrong. The friends did call 911, but it was just too late. They certainly cannot be blamed for Elizabeth Fang's heart condition, which was aggravated by the Ecstasy.



While it is also true that the pill may have had impurities, Elizabeth Fang would still be alive if she had been smart enough not to take it.

The lawsuit, which states that the University of California authorities should have had better control over students, demonstrates a poor under-

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Manhandle the First Amendment, Pals

First Amendment. The next morning on my way to play a round of Frisbee golf, I noticed that the sign was gone from the balcony. I felt bad for my neighbors having to buckle to some idiot meatheads that probably don't even vote.

In life you'll see and hear many things that you don't agree with, but you can either counter-protest, or petition the issue, or you can just turn the other way. That's freedom of speech, and that's guaranteed by the law.

What is not guaranteed by law is the unlawful and forceful removal of opposing points of view, especially if the slogan is on somebody's private property. It's wrong but it happens, and in some cases people do get caught, either by the police or by video camera. But to get into a brawl over a sign, well, sometimes I have to wonder. It doesn't matter if you're a Republican, a Democrat, a Libertarian, an Independent or whatever; you're all Americans that are bound by the same laws and protected by the same rights, just as this article is protected.

I know that in political campaigns it is a common practice to steal as many of the opponent's campaign signs as possible. Though politicians engage in this behavior more for mischievous reasons than to squelch constitutional rights, what they are doing is wrong.

If you have beef with somebody's point of view, then approach it with an intelligent counter-argument, not with the intention of getting into a brawl. But then again, this would take intellect, wisdom or at least some thought — all properties that meatheads don't possess.

As for my neighbors and their campaign sign, all I can say is they should put their sign back up because they have the right to. Maybe I'll put up a campaign sign representing the candidate of my

choice, and when it's all said and done, may the best candidate win. Is there anything wrong with that?

I hope that my neighbors follow through with my advice to express their support for their candidate. Their candidate is definitely not my choice for president, but as an American, I won't question their choice to express their support, just who they're supporting.

In some countries people disappear in the middle of the night for expressing an opposing point of view, and they're either found dead or not found at all. Not in the U.S., though. Unfortunately, we have drunken idiots that decide for others what campaign sign can be put up. That's bullshit.

In November, the elections will come and it will all be over. I'm not voting for George W., but I'm also not tearing anyone's campaign signs down. As an American, I can't and won't. It's not part of the deal the last time I checked.

Henry Sarria is a Daily Nexus columnist and long-time Isla Vista resident.

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standing of UC policy and the law. They do not control students'

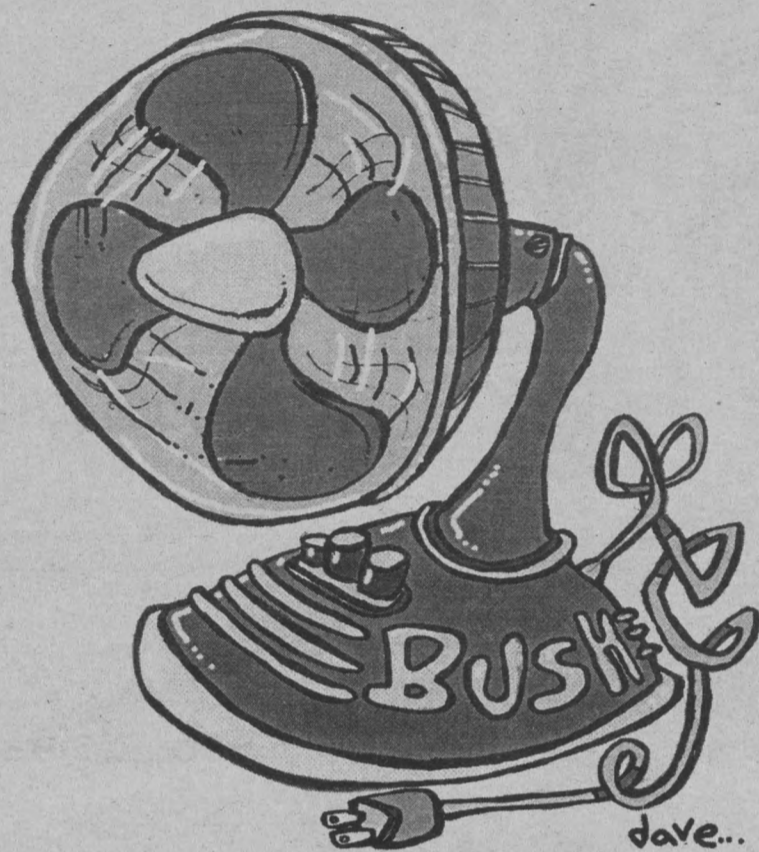
a substitute parent for kids in college, was abolished by federal legislation in 1975. Students are responsible for their own behavior. Does anyone seriously expect the top UC bosses to control the behavior of thousands of party-mad students? When Fang chugged the pill that night, the UC Board of Regents, President Atkinson and Chancellor Yang were most likely asleep at home. There was nothing they could have done. Could it be that Braa was trying to encourage Ms. Fang to sue everybody so that he could get a big chunk of the settlement?

If they win, where will the \$1 million come from? That's right, it comes from you and me — California

taxpayers and the students who pay to attend the UC schools. We will be fined for something we had nothing to do with — punished for the irresponsible behavior of one person. Is this justice? Seems more like a scam to benefit a greedy woman and her greedy lawyer.

Elizabeth Fang made a foolish choice and died a fool's death. Some people may choose to pity her, and that is their right. But there is absolutely no justification for penalizing people who had no connection with this death. Neither Elizabeth Fang's mother, nor her lawyer, should get a penny.

Michael Jabbra



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Davis Has No Eye for Justice, Only Politics

BRENDEN BUHLER

Gov. Gray Davis just gave Rose Ann Parker an early Christmas present — an extra two months in jail.

After 13 years in prison, she could have been at home with her children last Sunday, but Davis overruled the parole board in order to look tough on crime. A murderer, Davis says, should not be released before her minimum sentence is served.

About that murder: On March 26, 1986, Rose Ann Parker killed the man who, minutes before, had threatened to kill her, her unborn child, her lover and members of her family. His name was Arthur Boga, and he was her violent, abusive and estranged boyfriend. He came to Parker's apartment, pulled a revolver on the pregnant Parker and her two-year-old son, and made his murderous threats. Parker pleaded with him to put the gun down. He did. She picked it up and shot him in the back.

Smart woman. A man who has beaten you in the past threatens to kill you and those you hold dear. He then gives you an opportunity to kill him. It's hard not to appreciate the pragmatism of Parker's decision to plug the son of a bitch.

Unfortunately, in 1986 the state of California had no legal

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sympathy for battered women. That bit of simple human decency didn't make it into the penal code until 1992.

The judge who presided over Parker's case, now retired Superior Court Judge William Pitt Hyde, said he believes Parker should have been acquitted and never incarcerated.

Gray Davis, however, believes in something else. Since becoming governor 18 months ago, he has rejected all 29 parole recommendations to cross his desk. One of those was the similar case of Jane Woods, who also killed an abusive boyfriend who was threatening her.

Davis, though, is too tough on crime. Even though the release of one prisoner would not have knocked California off of the top of the incarceration chart, he tried to have Woods' parole blocked. Unfortunately for Davis and his unquestioned desire to punish abused women, the previous governor (notorious convict molly-coddler Pete Wilson) granted her parole and Davis had no say in the matter. Not that such details stopped "Hang 'em High" Gray from trying to have one.

Another prisoner who may go free despite the No-Love Guv's wishes is Robert Rosenkrantz, 33. Rosenkrantz killed schoolmate Steve Redman on the night of his high school graduation when Redman broke into Rosenkrantz's home, assaulted him and exposed him as gay. The 18-year-old Rosenkrantz, convinced that his father would disown him, killed Redman then and there.

A judge in Los Angeles recently ordered Rosenkrantz's release, after concluding that he poses no danger to society and is being treated unfairly by Davis' parole board. The state is appealing the judge's ruling and trying to keep Rosenkrantz locked up at the state prison in San Luis Obispo.

So now we have Rose Ann Parker, who is the first person convicted of murder that Davis has ever paroled. But even in a moment of uncharacteristic mercy, Davis just can't help himself. In a crass political move, he is refusing to release her until Dec. 8, for no apparent reason other than to look tough. To add insult to injury, the jelly-spined, fecal-souled prick is requiring that Parker undergo random drug testing and, in a particularly brick-witted bit of irony, a class in parenting skills.

Perhaps it didn't occur to Davis that a woman who killed the man who threatened to kill her children is already scoring pretty high on elementary parenting skills. It's pretty easy to see how he could have other things on his mind. In the 18 months since taking office, Davis has raised \$21 million from special interest groups, including a nice, but not surprising, chunk of change from the prison guards' union.

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social lives. Students are adults under the law. Michael Braa, Seng Fang's attorney, should have told her that *in loco parentis*, the doctrine that a university is



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wording of the bill, which some called vague. However, Rodriguez said the murky writing could be a benefit. "The fact that the wording is vague is an advantage because it gives us a lot of leeway as to what we're going to do," she said.

Just before it was tabled, Off-Campus Rep Matthew McMillan raised a constitutional objection to the proposal, making the bill's future uncertain.

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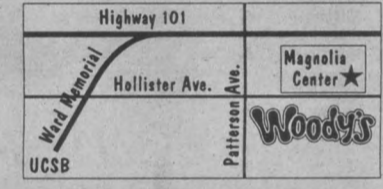
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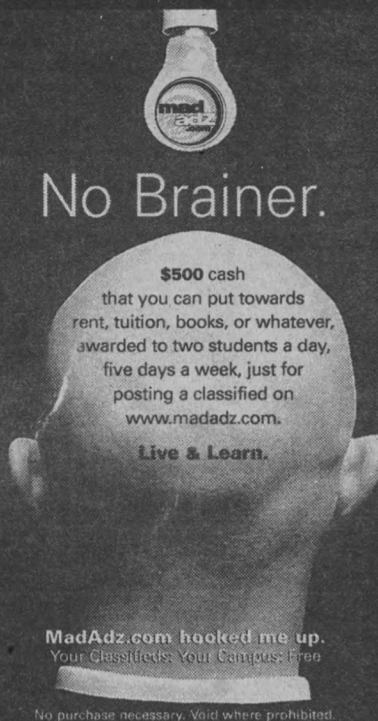
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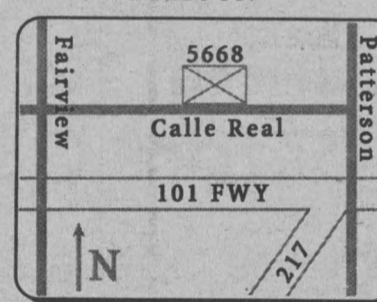
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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Consider making a career change
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll have trouble handling the
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't rely on someone else
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 2 stars
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your partner will overreact if
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Sports

Shaw-ing His Gratitude to Athletics

■ Brian Shaw Donates Time to Speak at Gauchos' Athletics Fundraiser

BY BRIAN CHONG
Staff Writer

After creating numerous memories in the Thunderdome and on the campus of UCSB 15 years ago, Brian Shaw came back to Santa Barbara Wednesday night for a benefit for the UC Santa Barbara Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Brian Shaw, who is currently a guard for the Los Angeles Lakers, was welcomed as the guest speaker at the Coral Casino Beach and Cabana Club in Montecito by the Athletic Dept. to speak about the enhancements of the department.

"He was approached about this event and he had no objections," Assistant Athletic Director of Media Relations Bill Mahoney said. "I think he had a really good experience at UCSB, and he's willing to give back as much as he can to this school now."

Shaw, who transferred to Santa Barbara from St. Mary's College in 1985, turned the Gauchos' basketball program around after 10 consecutive losing seasons. His first year as an active player, Shaw led Santa Barbara to a 16-12 record and a second-place finish in the Big West.

In 1987, Shaw led the Gauchos to one of their best seasons, posting a 22-8 overall record and 13-5 record in the conference that led to their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance. In addition, he recorded the greatest single game in UCSB history,

sinking 22 points, grabbing 20 rebounds and dishing 10 assists.

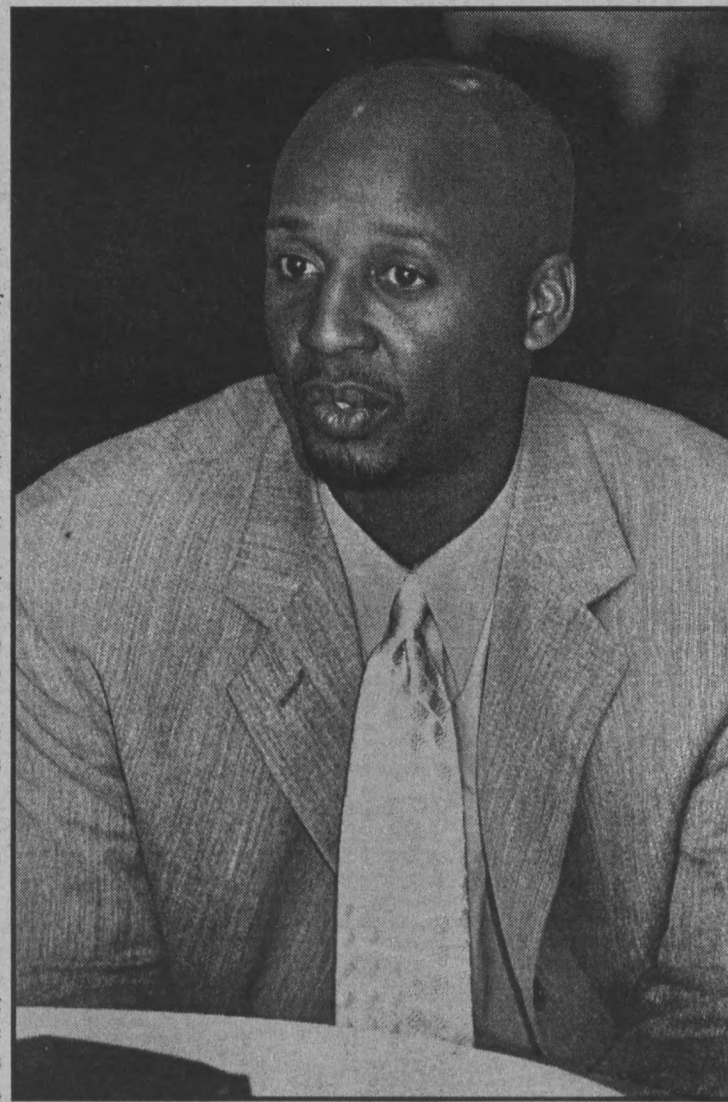
As members of the Athletic Dept., the media and many acquaintances of Shaw stood present, Shaw began to speak about the Lakers and his brief homecoming experience to Santa Barbara.

"It feels so good to be back," UCSB's first-ever Big West Player of the Year said. "It's been a long time, and although I was back in Santa Barbara in July for the Lakers' Basketball Camp, it's a different atmosphere for me now. I took a walk around campus and the Thunderdome, and I just remember it always being so packed with people."

The dinner event, which was welcomed by UCSB Athletic Director Dr. Gary Cunningham, consisted of an auction with all proceeds going to the athletic department. All proceeds will go to expanding and enhancing the current athletic program in all aspects, in order for Santa Barbara to be a more competitive school among the numerous other Division I schools in the nation.

Shaw spoke in favor of the improvements and discussed the role he would play in conjunction with UCSB.

"You know, the timing was great," Shaw said. "Training camp with the Lakers starts on Monday, and I'm glad to be here before that to speak about the possibilities. For me, I realize that to stay on the competitive edge in a Division I school, a lot is required. UCSB has had that competitive edge with its academics, and now it's time to do that on the athletic edge."



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Brian Shaw of the Los Angeles Lakers returned to Santa Barbara to speak on behalf of the Athletics Dept.

Lezak Jumps Into Waters of Sydney, Pulls Out 2 Medals

BY BRIAN CHONG
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He left a hint of the UCSB men's swimming program in the pools of Australia as he quickly treaded up and down the waters in the Sydney Aquatics Center.

Jason Lezak, who swam for Santa Barbara and graduated in 1998, performed exceptionally well in the United States Olympic Trials and was mentioned as a favorite in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle events.

Lezak's spectacular performance landed him a dream opportunity to represent the U.S. in the 2000 Summer Olympics, which resulted in a gold and silver medal.

Expecting nothing but the highest competition from around the world, Lezak stepped up to his opponents with poise and confidence.

Lezak, an Irvine native, was a Gaucho standout sprinter for four consecutive years, setting Big West Conference records in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle events back in 1997 with times of 19.89 seconds and 43.68 seconds.

"After his second year, we knew there was something there," UCSB Head Coach Gregg Wilson said. "He started making a big breakthrough his junior year."

Another break for Lezak came two weeks ago. On the first day of the Olympics, he was part of the U.S. 4 by 100-meter freestyle team that has never lost in the Olympics or the world

championships. Lezak recorded his 100 meters in 48.4 seconds — his fastest time throughout his career.

With the Australians and the Americans changing leads throughout the race, the fans in the Aquatics Center were on their feet.

"Some people thought this was the most exciting relay race ever," Wilson said. "With the U.S. having never lost, the race was too close all the way up until



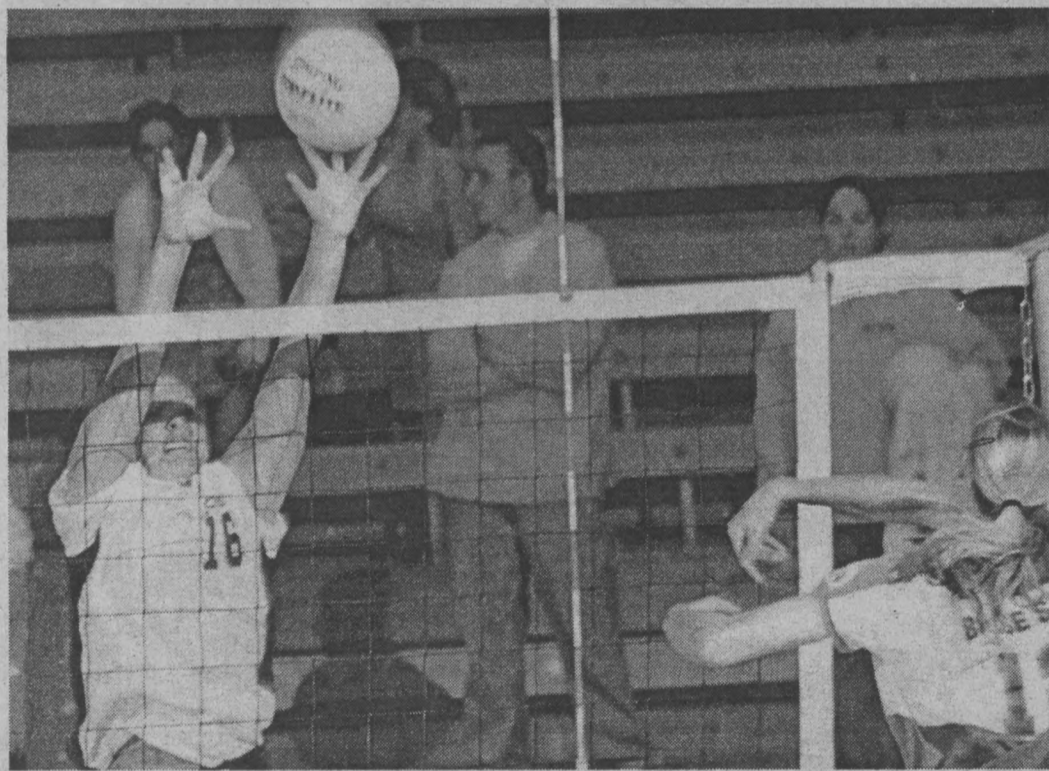
Jason Lezak

the finish."

In the final leg of the race, Ian Thorpe of Australia edged Gary Hall Jr. of the U.S. to take the gold and hand U.S. the silver.

Seven days later, Lezak was shooting for another medal in the 4 by 100-meter medley relay, which consists of the backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke and freestyle. He swam the freestyle, and this time, the U.S. came out on top.

"It was very nervewracking to sit in the stands and know the fate of the gold medal was in the hands of another country. I guess I can't complain too much about a gold and silver medal."



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Santa Barbara is up high off the ground after defeating #6 Long Beach State and #12 UOP last weekend and will look to repeat the stellar performance on the road versus Boise State and Utah State.

Santa Barbara Looks to Sweep the States

KEITH BUSAM
Reporter

After last weekend's grudge matches against two nationally ranked squads, Long Beach State and the University of the Pacific, the #9 UCSB women's volleyball team is hoping to have an easier time this weekend on its first conference road trip of the year.

Tonight, the Gauchos (8-3 overall, 2-0 Big West) face the Broncos of Boise State (5-5 overall, 1-1 Big West). Although the Broncos are off to a rough start, UCSB knows it must stay focused going into the match.

"Those two wins [last weekend] are great to have under our belts," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "But they could also work against us. It's still early in the season."

One advantage UCSB has on its side is his-

tory. The Gauchos have never lost a match against Boise State in their eight previous meetings, and last season UCSB swept the Broncos in three games, 15-10, 15-5, 15-5.

UCSB will look to freshman outside hitter Erica Menzel, who was named Big West Player of the Week for her performance against LBSU and UOP. Menzel averaged 4.67 kills and 3.89 digs per game during the two matches.

However, the Broncos' program has been changing. Boise State signed head coach Fred Sturm two years ago and the program has been improving ever since. Sturm carries an impressive resume, which includes six years as the Men's National Team Head Coach, highlighted by a bronze medal at the Barcelona Olympics.

"I don't think we need to worry about being up for this match," said junior setter Brooke Rundle. "Whenever we play a league match, it is huge for us."