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Raise Awareness

AIDS Awareness Week will be commemorated with a ceremony at noon in Storke Plaza and a discussion in San Miguel Hall from 8-9 p.m.

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Infantry, Bombers, and Bears, Oh My!

Looks like more troops are destined to visit the Middle East, while a black bear attacks a crew member in Alaska. Spanning the globe to bring you the facts.

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Devils, Demons, and Hellfire

Well, not exactly. But C.S. Lewis' Uncle Screwtape did provide food for thought.



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Polo Power!

The UCSB women's water polo team proved it can swim with the big fish, placing fourth at the prestigious UC San Diego Invitational Tournament.



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Don't miss the movie "The Devil's Advocate," playing at Isla Vista Theater at 10 p.m. Admission is \$3 for students, \$5 general.

Yoga Uses Power Of the Mind

BY SCOTT LYON
Reporter

Persons in need of an emotional, spiritual and even physical uplifting were elevated to higher grounds of consciousness to search for protection from the sweeping waters of day-to-day frustrations.

Students of the Transcendental Meditation Program performed a yogic flying demonstration in the UCen Santa Barbara Room Monday afternoon. The event featured guest speakers from the Maharishi University of Management in Fairfield, Iowa.

The event aided in educating the public about meditation so that they could benefit from its positive results, according to Jane Biolotiski, coordinator of the demonstration and chair of the Santa Barbara chapter of the Transcendental Meditation Program Center.

"I think the main thing ... is just

to bring [transcendental meditation] to people's attention," she said. "Everyone can potentially tap into [consciousness]."

Patrick Piel, a graduate of the Transcendental Meditation Program and a teacher of yogic flying, explained to the attending audience the goal of the 15-20 minute

meditation process.

"This is a technology for developing the full potential of the mind and the body of the individual," he said. "The side effects are that you could eventually be floating in the air. We're actually not practicing Maharishi's program to learn how to levitate, even though

that is part of the technique."

The serene practices included in yogic flying are habitually exercised by people from all walks of life, including the faculty of MUM, according to MUM vedic medicine Professor Paul

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Yogic levitation can appear to defy gravity in still images, but closer inspection reveals the mattresses below.

New Off-Campus Lot Under Consideration

■ I.V.'s Parking Crunch Has Sparked Ideas for Alternative Vehicle Area

BY MEGAN HERR
Reporter

A possible solution to Isla Vista's parking problems has surfaced, although the idea is merely treading water for the time being.

A parking lot at the corner of Los Cameros and El Colegio roads, across from the Santa Ynez apartments, has been discussed as a potential remedy for I.V.'s insufficient parking, but is currently dormant because of the financial burden it will incur, according to 3rd District Executive Assistant John Buttny.

"[Nothing has been done on the parking lot], mainly because of the cost," Buttny said. "Both the university and our district have gotten sidetracked into different issues. It's still alive. ... Our Public Projects Works is still trying to put something together."

The parking lot is expected to cost \$700,000, so a contributor would be needed, although the contributor might get a return on his or her investment, according to Buttny.

"Initially, the parking lot was tied to a parking permit," he said. "However, no work has been done on that for a year."

The lot would hold over 300 spaces and be equipped with bike racks and safety features such as telephones and low-level lighting, according to 3rd District Executive Assistant Marc Chaconas. It would also need to be landscaped because it serves as one of the main entrances to I.V. Such extra features would compound the cost of the proposed lot, Chaconas added.

"[3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall] and I sent it to public works to pare some dollars off of it," he said. "We'll bring it back to the community to see what

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Housing Quality Inspection Is Simple as Ever

BY MEGAN SOLOW
Reporter

The recent focus on Isla Vista housing has brought attention to a previously neglected avenue for possibly alleviating the problems.

Although the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors rejected 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall's housing inspection plan, I.V. residents can still use the current plan to report substandard housing. Setting an inspection process into motion is relatively simple, according to 3rd District Executive Assistant John Buttny.

"Right now it takes a phone call to our office or to the building department," he said. "You might get better service if you call Marshall's office."

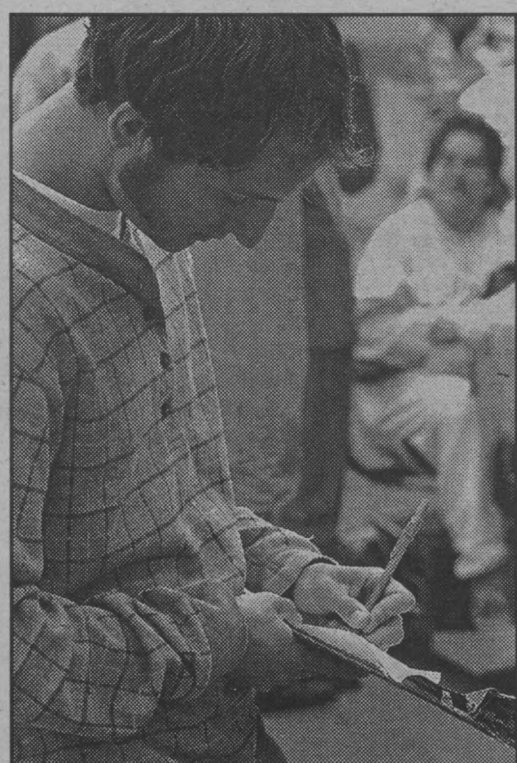
Buttny said that because of the limited staff the response time depends on the severity of the complaint.

"The smaller complaints are secondary, which is why we want a full-time person in I.V.," he said.

Plans for a full-time inspector for I.V. are underway, but the process takes time, according to 3rd District Executive Assistant Marc Chaconas.

"Up until last July, we only had a half-time person doing inspections for the whole South

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Up Close and Personal

Lois Capps campaigned for the 22nd Congressional District election in front of the UCen on Monday and encouraged students to register to vote.



Top of the News

German Profs Urge Postponement of 'Euro'



FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — German economic professors appealed to European leaders Monday to postpone the debut of a common currency for the continent, saying financial conditions are "most unsuitable" for the euro.

A petition signed by more than 150 professors and published in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine* and London's *Financial Times* was just the latest warning from Germany's leading experts that Europe should delay the euro's Jan. 1 debut.

The critics say European countries have failed to reduce their deficits and debts to levels low enough to make a single European currency successful.

European leaders want a single currency, believing it will become a rival to the U.S. dollar and make the

continent an economic powerhouse.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who has made the euro central to the platform for his race for an unprecedented fifth term, said the currency

We consider it totally irreversible. There's no question of postponing.

**— Patrick Child
monetary affairs spokesperson
for EU executive branch**

union would begin as planned.

"The time is right for the euro," Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said, noting that dozens of other economics professors have endorsed the plan.

In Brussels, the monetary affairs spokesperson for the European Union's executive branch said declining inter-

est rates show that financial markets support the euro.

"We consider it totally irreversible. There's no question of postponing," Patrick Child said.

Four German professors filed a lawsuit last month in Germany's highest court, saying the currency union is

by 155 professors.

In attempts to satisfy critics at home, Kohl has urged European contenders for the euro to adhere to strict requirements, such as limiting budget deficits to 3 percent of gross national product.

But critics, including the four plaintiffs who filed the lawsuit, maintain that Germany and EU members are making unrealistic adjustments to meet the criteria.

The practice has been derisively called "creative accounting" — speeded-up privatizations, pension fund transfers and other maneuvers to raise money.

While EU members may meet the criteria on paper, the plaintiffs say, their stop-gap measures are creating unhealthy economics that are not ready for the euro.

Economic Outlook for SoCal Addressed in Recent Survey



LOS ANGELES (AP) — A university survey of Southern California's economic, social and physical conditions found areas of hope as the region emerges from recession, but spotted problems with housing costs.

"All things considered, we are doing pretty well economically," said University of Southern California geography Professor Michael Dear. "However, some of the clouds on the horizon are troublesome. And I think the longer-term prosperity of the region depends on directly addressing those issues."

USC's second annual Atlas of Southern California is being released this week.

The atlas surveys topics in Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino and Riverside counties, but focuses this year on Los Angeles County.

The median income of all Los Angeles County households climbed from \$35,700 in 1985 to \$36,600 in 1989, then dropped to \$29,900 by 1995.

The 19 percent decline was "most extraordinary," probably double that experienced in previous recessions, said Dowell Myers, professor in the School of Urban Planning and Development.

Written by 24 faculty members, the atlas urges more public investment in libraries, parks, police and fire services, and port and airport facilities.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **AL-JABER AIR BASE, Kuwait (AP)** — The Pentagon is sending up to 3,000 U.S. ground troops to the Persian Gulf region "to discourage any creative thinking" by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

At the same time, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright ruled out any massive military invasion of Iraq. "The administration does not agree with those who suggest we should deploy hundreds of thousands of American troops to engage militarily in a ground war in Iraq," Albright said in a speech in Washington.

The latest deployment of U.S. ground forces was disclosed by a senior military official traveling in the region with Defense Secretary William Cohen. He said up to 3,000 troops from Fort Hood, Texas, will be sent to Kuwait over the next 10 days or so to help defend Iraq's southern neighbor.

"The purpose is to ensure the security of Kuwait," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "It's to discourage creative thinking on [Saddam Hussein's] part."

Although Cohen had not formally signed the deployment order, a Pentagon official said Monday "the forces have been requested and that request is being considered and processed."

• **SOLDOTNA, Alaska (AP)** — A member of a crew surveying a potential oil field was mauled to death by an Alaskan brown bear.

The six-man crew was mapping potential oil deposits when it walked past the bear's den Sunday. The animal attacked Audelio Luis Cortes, 40, of Charo, Mexico, from behind and bit his head, killing him almost instantly.

Brown bears are light sleepers, and "when a bear wakes up, it's not in a great mood to begin with," said state wildlife biologist Ted Spraker.

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Weather

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but it looks as though the presently gorgeous weather patterns are going to take a turn for the worse as our sixth week progresses. Yesterday's sunshine was basically a little teaser, ironically appropriate as we approach the impending Valentine's Day this weekend. This week, overprepare and expect those little surprises — they'll definitely pop up.

Forecast: Partly cloudy with the strong possibility of late afternoon and evening rains. People get ready ...

San Rafael To Introduce Coed Suites

■ Pilot Program To Take Off Fall 1998 For Willing Students

By SCOTT LYON
Reporter

Continuing students looking to enjoy residence-hall life with members of the opposite sex will be in luck next year, as coed suites will soon be established.

San Rafael Residence Hall is projected to start a coed-living pilot program in Fall Quarter of 1998. The program is the brainchild of junior law and society major Damien Phillips, a former Associated Students on-campus representative.

"The idea was modeled after [UC Santa Cruz's] because they have coed residency at their halls," he said.

Phillips said that the biggest problem facing the pilot program will be a "fear of the unknown." He hopes to counteract these fears by presenting the actualities of coed living.

"In a four-person, six-person, or eight-person suite, a men's room and a women's room could be in the same suite," he explained. "The rooms aren't going to be coed ... The space that would be coed would be the living area and the bathroom."

Junior political science major Erin O'Donnell assisted Phillips in preparing the project and anticipates a positive student response.

"Damien had come to me and talked to me about it personally," said O'Donnell, an on-campus rep. "I think it's a great idea, and I think once people become aware of it, it'll become very popular."

Student reaction has been mixed, however. Matthew Morris, a junior mechanical engineering major, expressed his concerns regarding coed living on campus.

"I could totally see a lot of really unscrupulous people, like guys that just want to

meet women that way and women the other way, that have never ever thought of the idea that we're going to have to live with these people and respect their privacy," he said.

Sarah Hacker, a freshman history of public policy major, thought coed housing would facilitate constructive interaction between the sexes.

"I'd be for it because it's a good living experience," she said. "In apartments you're going to live in close with both genders. It promotes respect."

Participation in the program is limited to returning students and is by request only. Interested students would have to apply for admission into the pilot program, according to Phillips.

"No one would be put into a coed room that didn't specifically request to be put into a coed room," Phillips said.

Phillips, who would have preferred living on-campus if the coed program had been available, is working to see it actualized as soon as possible.

"I want to implement the pilot program ... next year," he said. "I wanted to do this as soon as I could because I'm a junior now. I want to be here to see how the program works."

Despite the lack of attention given to the program, student response is already favorable, explained Residence Hall Association President Mike Shinn.

"There has been express interest by residents just by word of mouth," said the sophomore communication major. "It's a new thing for us, but not a new thing off-campus."

Phillips, who is creating a survey to gauge a more accurate degree of interest in the program, encourages students to contact the RHA office or call him at 961-4683 for more information.

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- Do you know how many sexual partners you've had?
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EVENTS

ALL WEEK
HIV/AIDS Information Display
Davidson Library

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Opening Ceremony

12 Noon, Storke Plaza
Introduction by Vice Chancellor Michael Young; discussion with Dr. Mark Hansen, Physician, Student Health Service; and Doug Halter, AIDS CARE

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UCen Main Lobby and Flying A Studio
"Celebration of Life and Love"
7:45 - 9 pm, San Miguel Residence Hall
Panel of infected and affected individuals in the HIV community

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Safer Sex Fair

11 am - 1 pm, Storke Plaza
Campus groups provide activities and information about safer sexual practices

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PARKING

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they want to do with it, because it's a lot of money to allocate without consulting the community."

Chaconas emphasized a long-term commitment to ameliorating I.V.'s parking problems.

"[The parking lot is] just preliminary. We are looking at it as a comprehensive approach to the parking and circulation problem," he said.

The location of the lot would be a drawback, according to I.V. Recreation and Park District Director Dave Fortson.

"A lot of people are opposed to a satellite parking lot because it would be located out of Isla Vista," he said. "People would have to ride their bikes or take a shuttle to get to their cars."

Fortson urged the county to concentrate on enforcing the current requirement of two

off-street parking spaces per bedroom before they worry about a new lot.

"It is going to cost a lot of money and time ... and require a lot of community input," he said. "So money should not be put into a satellite parking lot until they enforce the parking zoning laws."

Undeclared freshman Jennifer Hall looks forward to further work being commissioned on the parking lot, as it may alleviate the parking crunch in other parts of I.V.

"I think [the parking lot] would be a good idea," she said. "Because of the parking problem in I.V., I have to park over 2 1/2 blocks away from where I live. A more convenient place would really be useful."

According to Fortson, it is important that alternative forms of transportation be utilized.

"People are too dependent on their cars and don't use public transportation, which is great here," he said.

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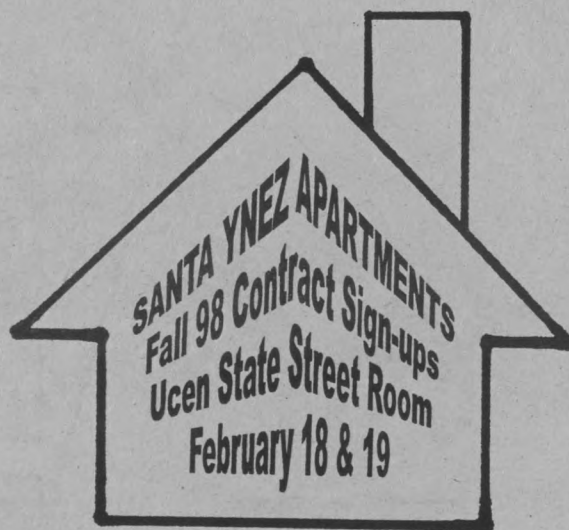
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HOUSING

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Coast. As of July we have one-and-a-half employees working on zoning complaints, and on building safety only a one-fourth-time person" he said. "That's why we're so excited about the Board [of Supervisors] action. They have said they want a full-time person in I.V., which is more significant than just another employee for the whole area."

This new position would not be implemented until spring because it still needs to be approved by the Board of Supervisors, according to Chaconas.

With the current process, the situation, once reported, will generally get a quick response. Even if a problem is the landlord's responsibility, the tenant must provide both time and opportunity to correct the problem, said a

county building official Frank Breckenridge.

"An inspector will be out in one to two weeks," he said. "If we get the new position of an I.V. inspector we'll have a local number and an office in the Foot Patrol office," Breckenridge said.

According to Breckenridge, there is no cost to report or inspect the claim unless the inspector finds a problem.

"If we find violations we charge the landlord," he said. "The landlord is normally responsible, but if the tenant is at fault then he or she has to pay. It depends on the cause."

Although landlords cannot legally retaliate against tenants for filing a complaint, anonymity is an option for concerned tenants, according to Breckenridge.

"We can do anonymous complaints and you can re-

quest confidentiality," he said. "We should still take the complaint [because] you have the right to confidentiality."

Marshall's office also has plans underway to further inform I.V. residents of the procedure for making an effective complaint, Buttny said.


"We're working with different organizations to get the word out," he said. "Fliers will go out ... in English and Spanish."

Residents wishing to file a complaint should call Marshall's office at 568-2192, the county Building and Safety office at 568-3030, or the Zoning Department at 568-2000.



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Opinion

Who's That Whispering in Your Ear?

➤ Take a Closer Look at Who Really Benefits From Your Good Intentions

LUIS F. MORALES

On Sunday, being faced with a six- to eight-page paper (single-spaced, mind you), I decided to go ahead and read *The Screwtape Letters* by the great theologian C.S. Lewis, which contains the letters of a devil named Screwtape to his nephew Wormwood, giving him advice on how best to proceed with the corruption of his "patient." About halfway through the book, I was struck by something Screwtape pointed out.

Now, we all know that we fall victim to thoughts or impulses that we know in our inmost hearts to be unworthy of ourselves; whether we ascribe these to the fundamentally perverse nature of our own psychology or to external spiritual forces, we still have to recognize them — deal with them — if we intend to lead a virtuous or moral life. The thing is, as Screwtape tells his nephew, the very beliefs or feelings that we may consider virtuous are easily twisted and inflated until they become far more important than the values they represent.

Wormwood's problem, you see, is that his patient has become engaged to a lovely young Christian woman, and his formerly halfhearted faith has grown to the point where Wormwood has very little leverage with his patient. Kindly Uncle Screwtape, however, advises his nephew not to despair, but be ever craftier and more subtle in the battle for his patient's soul.

Young lovers, Screwtape says, are much concerned with their treatment of each other. They want nothing more than to be as "unselfish" as possible; and this is where virtue is its own weakness. A nudge here, a tap there, and the patient will quickly and unknowingly turn from wanting to be unselfish to wanting to feel unselfish.

The elder devil brings up a situation: a fine summer weekend day. The young woman says to her love that perhaps a picnic would be just the thing. The man, who himself had been thinking to go fishing, determines that he will be "unselfish," and with only a moment's hesitation agrees that a lunch in the park couldn't be improved upon. The woman, no fool, im-

mediately notices the pause, divines the reason behind it, and resolves to be "unselfish." She changes her tack and asks if there weren't perhaps something else the man would like to do. He in turn replies that no, he'd like nothing better than a picnic. She, now thinking he's keeping his true opinion from her, asks if he's absolutely certain that he wouldn't like something else more. He, now stubborn, insists upon the picnic ... and now a fight begins, and tears and anger

times, I thought, have scenes of this sort passed between myself and my friends? Between myself and my girlfriend? Between myself and my family? How many times, I wondered, have I and those I love been subjected each other to this brand of so-called love without noticing whom we were truly attempting to serve? The massive logical gap between wanting my girlfriend to enjoy her summer's day as best she can and shouting her into submission so we can go on the picnic she originally wanted is insanely easy to miss.

Screwtape's technique holds not only for unselfishness, but also for valor, honesty, justice, wisdom — anything that is virtuous, any ideal we may strive for. At each juncture we must ask ourselves — and answer truly — whether we serve the ideal or our idea of the ideal. Whether we look for virtue or for other things to think us virtuous. The difference is immense.

How easy, Screwtape tells Wormwood, for you to hold up a mirror in front of your patient whenever he does anything really humble. Make sure he tells himself, "Will you look at that — I'm being really humble!" By making sure he notices whenever he performs a really virtuous act — by making sure he likes the feeling of it — soon enough you can have him looking for that feeling, and completely weaned away from the virtue itself.

Devils of Hell or the mind's own "demons" — the distinction, in practice, is not important. What matters is that we realize how our highest and noblest intentions may without warning be perverted — how we may so quickly and easily turn from serving others or serving high ideals to serving only ourselves.

Luis F. Morales is the Daily Nexus opinion editor.



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will ensue, and all for "unselfishness."

Screwtape gleefully points out that now "so caught up are they in fighting each other's battles" that their true intentions fall by the wayside, forgotten in their striving. Not to be unselfish but to feel as if they had done an unselfish thing is not for virtue but the self-satisfaction of having been virtuous. Chalk one up for the devils.

Now, this caught my full attention. How many



The Reader's Voice

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

Editor, Daily Nexus:
Dear Senators Feinstein and Boxer and Speaker Gingrich,

First, I have included the Speaker in this e-mail because our representative, Walter Capps, has passed away, and until March we do not officially have a voice in the House.

I would like to first say that I supported the Gulf War in 1990 because there was a purpose in what we did there. However, I am not so sure we really have a clear objective at the moment. My reasons and logic are as follows:

1. I have read that even if the UN is allowed back into Iraq and is able to destroy the weapons of mass destruction, that Iraq could in fact rebuild its arsenal in a very short time.

2. I believe the sanctions on Iraq are no longer valid when all the weapons of mass destruction are certified as being destroyed.

Therefore, what do we achieve by destroying those weapons of mass destruction? If Saddam allows us to destroy them and we lift the sanctions and he rebuilds his arsenal, then we are right back to where we started from.

Hence, unless the objective of the United States is to get rid of Saddam Hussein, then we really don't have a clear and obtainable objective with respect to Iraq.

Since I don't believe that the United States should interfere in the INTERNAL affairs of other countries, then I cannot support getting rid of Saddam Hussein. And, honestly, I despise the man and his policies.

Therefore, I can't support bombing Iraq or even continued sanctions. All we

achieve is to promote the suffering of many people because of the policies of one man. If the people of Iraq want to get rid of Saddam, then great, but it is NOT the job of the United States to take sides in internal politics of another country.

KENAN EZAL

INDIVIDUAL IMPACTS

ADD UP TO A LOT

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Our student body needs to be reminded about the importance of preserving the biodiversity of this planet. As I am sure most students know, the acreage of forests throughout the globe is diminishing at a much faster rate than these forests can replace themselves. These forests contain and sustain a great proportion of the life on Earth. Although here at UCSB we don't witness rain forest destruction up close, it does continue to persist as if there is no tomorrow.

As consumers who are heavily dependent on paper products, students contribute to this destruction. Now, this does not imply that students mean to cause forest destruction, nor is it an attempt to make students feel guilty. The purpose here is to inform students that there is something they can do to stop being part of the problem while being part of the solution.

All it takes is simply exercising a little bit of responsibility as student consumers. For instance, when we buy paper supplies, whether they are subject notebooks or note pads, we have the freedom to choose between those that are not recycled and those that incorporate some POST-CONSUMER content in them. Even if it costs an extra buck or two, isn't it nice to know that we voted with our dollars to halt the destruction? Honestly, we are preserv-

ing the forest much more effectively buying POST-CONSUMER paper than we would be recycling five times the amount of paper we buy. In addition to requesting that they be printed on POST-CONSUMER paper, something else we students can do is demand that our instructors double-side all handouts, syllabi, tests, readers, etc. Please think about it, folks; your impact *does* count.

For those who are interested in being part of the solution, learning more about the status of the Earth's forests, and joining many other students for a fun-filled evening, there will be an event sponsored by the student organization Increase the Peace Rain Forest Alliance. Please join us for "a musical journey through nature" led by an animal liberation orchestra that will include a DJ and feature members from bands Magnum Family and Free Range Horns. This event will include a groovy light and slide show. Two shows will take place, at 8 p.m. (admission: \$1.25) and 10 p.m. (admission: \$2.25) in the Isla Vista Theater on Thursday, Feb. 12. Be early so as not to miss out on the fun!

ESTEBAN SOLIS

YOU'RE A SENIOR AT WHICH SCHOOL?

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Someone has got to tell Glenn Morgan that he's a senior in college, and not a senior in high school, because his Opinion column in your Jan. 30 issue ("What Is the Matter With You People?") shows all the ego of a smug senior with all the childishness of a high-schooler.

Oh, sure, he starts by saying, "I'm a senior and I'm not pulling any of that snobbish cruel joking we all remember from

high school." But he pulls it right after saying how disappointed over how the underclassmen live up to his expectations. He tries to puff and fill out, big "Please, underclassmen, use common sense. Savvy comes with common sense should be common." By the time he says "you," using the obviously I see his ego reaching the

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OF COURSE PREPARED! HOW BAD POSSIBLY



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r? The Nexus as Talk Show

Recent Happenings From a Fresh Point of View

TAL GARFINKEL

The host: A nondescript female of moderate girth, could be Oprah, could be Carnie.
The audience: Composed of what appear to be college students. Many audience members wear UCSB T-shirts. A young man in the back

student. I have black friends at home, I listen to Notorious B.I.G. and go to Club Gravy at Zelo's, and I'm white."
Audience Member 2 (girl with braided hair sporting brown cords and a CalPIRG shirt): Stop stereotyping me, you male oppressor, I am also white and, like, smoke bowls with my culturally diverse friends while I save the environ-



is attempting to discreetly smoke a bowl.
The scene: Typical set of a daytime television show. The show's title, "The Reader's Voice," flashes across the screen, accompanied by the customary jazzy elevator music, and the audience applauds.
Host: "Last week, for those of you who tuned in, we had as our guest a Mr. Woojac Lee, a young man who felt that Latinos were more likely to be gang members — he really got it from our audience."
Audience: (Applauds)
Host: "This week we have as our guest Keenan Lampkin, a young black man who has some strong feelings about white people at UCSB."
Keenan: "Most white people at UCSB are racists and Nazis, but not all white people are bad. Don't call me 'Bro!'"
Audience: (Applauds)
Audience Member 1 (blond guy sporting a stylish Adidas warm-up suit): "Hey, wait a minute, Bro, I am a multiculturally aware UCSB

ment. I'm not a racist."
Audience Member 3 (Ryan Gould): "And I took Sociology 139A, 'The Sociology of Black and White Relations,' so I'm not a racist either."
Audience: (Applauds loudly)
Host: "So what we've discovered here is that many white people at UCSB aren't Nazis."
Audience: (Gives host standing ovation for her brilliant insight, including a group of skinheads in middle-left who give nods of approval)
Audience Member 4 (random white guy): "Yeah, and I cried when Tupac was shot!"
Audience: (Dead silence)
Host: "OK then! We have just about run out of time for this week's edition of 'The Reader's Voice.' Next week, we will be talking to Ilhan the Scandinavian philosophy student, as he shares how he is constantly being unfairly stereotyped by gay Scottish physics majors on campus, so tune in!"
Tal Garfinkel is a junior computer science major.

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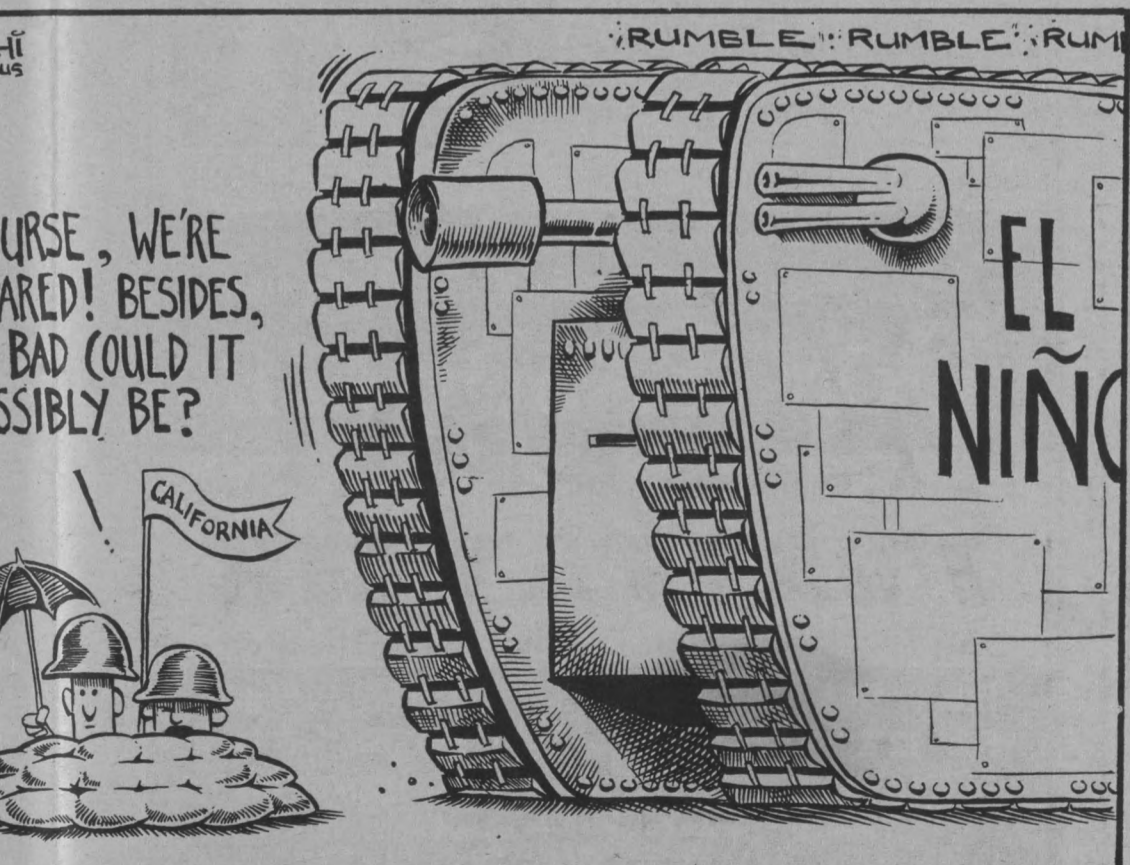
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planet.
Stupidity and naïvete are definitely annoying. Arrogance is worse. Especially the smug conceit of senior English majors writing their wise and savvy commentaries on seemingly pathetic underclassmen. Here is where I'll give you a word of advice, because we underclassmen do know some things when not setting couches on fire or getting MIPs. Grow up. You were an underclassman, what, two years ago? Three

maybe? So keep your guidelines for young people to yourself. And while I'm at it, here's another tip for you, because I wouldn't be actually writing this down if I didn't feel deeply passionate about it. When you turn in a submission to a newspaper, try letting someone else read it before you get it published and make a complete jerk out of yourself.

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by KIBUISHI



KAZUHIRO KIBUISHI / DAILY NEXUS

More Reader's Voice

YOU TOO CAN DROP "EGGSHELL" TOPICS THE PREZ A LINE NEED DISCUSSION

Editor, Daily Nexus:
So, anybody out there following the Iraq crisis? I kinda figured the subject would have popped up more before now, especially since it looks like something is going to come out of this imperialistic bullying. I realize that not bending over for Uncle Sam is a pretty severe crime, but I don't really think it's a capital one. Even if Saddam is sitting on chemical weapons, does that give us the authority to start dropping bombs? Do we really want to start another war?
The rest of the world doesn't think so. Yeltsin has called the act an attempt at "world hegemony," and has warned against a resulting world war. Saudi Arabia, China, and France have also spoken against the use of force. There are not many ends that justify war as a means, and as an American citizen, I don't want this blood on my hands.
Last night I dropped the prez an e-mail imploring him to seek peaceful alternatives. If any of you feel similarly inclined you can contact the office of the president at <http://www.whitehouse.gov>.

ANDREW BURCHAM

TAKE THE MESSAGE WITHIN ITS CONTEXT

Editor, Daily Nexus:
Thank you, Nexus, for providing a forum for letters on race relations. I very much appreciate the letter writers — variously referred to as "humorous," "mean-spirited" and "racist" — and also those who sent responses. You are all to be commended for taking risks associated with what I call "eggshell" topics.

Imagine the difference if one is responding to a letter headlined: "Black Student Offers Advice to White Students Who Inadvertently Stereotype" rather than "Just Don't Ever Call Me 'Bro,' All Right?". That is not to say people's buttons got pushed simply by the Nexus-generated headlines. But the Nexus, as a community forum, has its drawbacks, and also its limitations, as signified by the editors when they cut off discussion of the Woojac Lee responses after so few were printed.

Our office, the Education Program for Culture Awareness, offers another forum in which to address cultural diversity (which is not limited to race or ethnicity). We have scheduled two Eggshell Drop-in Dialogue hours: Friday, Feb. 13 and Feb. 20, from noon to 2 p.m. in the meeting rooms next to the EPCA office. Students, staff and faculty train through EPCA as facilitators for these EPCA programs, all of which raise issues we'd rather avoid, tend to suppress, or generally feel more comfortable tiptoeing around, like broken eggshells.

If you'd like to join the dialogues, drop by or call 893-8386. We listen to all sides; we give a forum where emotions can run high but tensions are attended to rather than denied. I also encourage everyone to participate in "Archie Bunker's Neighborhood," an interactive workshop on stereotyping and oppression, being held by the University Leadership Network next Tuesday, Feb. 17, 4-6 p.m. in the Flying A Room in the UCen. Let's together explore these ideas, no matter what side

you're on. After all, diversity is not a contest. We can make it a topic for dialogue rather than debate, if we so choose.

LISA POMPA

Editor, Daily Nexus:
I was upset to see all the defensive responses to Keenan Lampkin's call for white people to take a part in racial justice (The Reader's Voice, "Just Don't Ever Call Me 'Bro,' All Right?" Jan. 29). Keenan made some excellent points to argue for improving race relations that were unfortunately overlooked.

Everyone seemed to have no problem understanding his reference to Nazi poster boys, yet completely missed the fact that his article was written to give suggestions on how to make things BETTER. The article was not about Keenan expressing anger toward white people, but to steer well-intentioned white people in a direction that can help improve race relations. As he put it, "I know your intentions are good, but you come off in an unsavory light."

We always seem to take words or messages out of context and use them to discount the feelings and experiences of those who are being systematically oppressed.

I think Keenan was making the point that if white people really want to do something to bridge the gap between whites and people of color, we will have to look into ourselves, our identity, our racism, and our privileges in this society.

We really have to stop pointing the finger at people of color, and look within. Seriously. What is our place in the social hierarchy and what are we going to do about it? How does my race, class, and gender give me advantages or disadvantages in my life?

I really don't know anything about racism. I haven't been pulled over because of the color of my skin, criticized for the language I grew up speaking, nor have I been asked to represent my race in a discussion on race relations. I don't even have to think about being white on this campus.

Many people I know seem to think that all we have to do to have better race relations is to drag everyone out of their special interest hall and party together. Unfortunately, the issues are much deeper than that. And that goes for the Nexus' treatment of the past "Woojac Letters." Don't just label letters by the author and then decide you have had enough of them. Those letters were not about Woojac, but more accurately about racism, stereotyping and fear.

Similarly, Keenan Lampkin's letter was not about people calling him "bro." These are real issues, and we need to keep talking about them. And it is hard. There are feelings and emotions that will cause us all some discomfort. Nothing will change unless we step out of our comfort zones and truly open our ears to each other's experiences and opinions. It's easy to shoot out your opinions by writing them to the Nexus, but we need to know who we are talking about, and have some human contact.

The Education Program for Culture Awareness (893-8386) is a good resource. They can even set you up with a support group for white anti-racists committed to exploring these issues.

Perhaps the biggest privilege of being white is that we can CHOOSE whether or not we want to deal with racism, whereas others who face racism everyday do not have that luxury. So let's finally make the choice to deal with it. We will all be happier.

HARLEY AUGUSTINO

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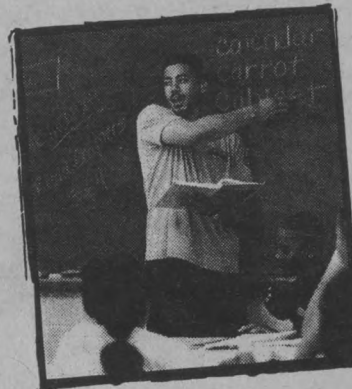
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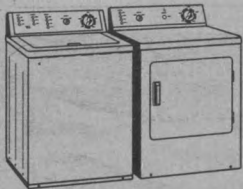
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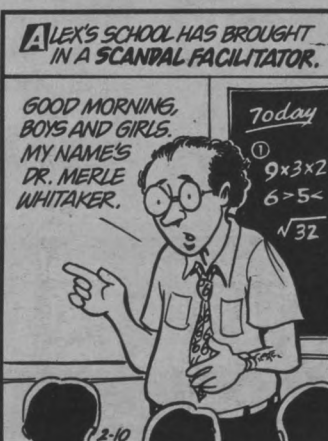


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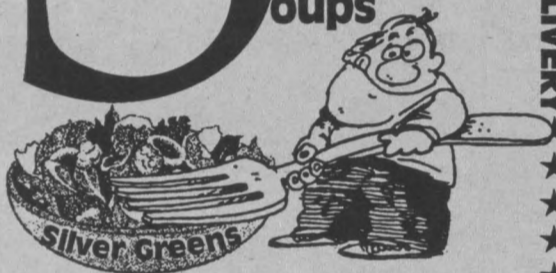
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YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE
BY LINDA C. BLACK

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

Aries (March 21-April 19)—Today is an 8—This is a good time to try out new ideas, to be bold and decisive. There's a problem in that a couple people you know are fighting. You are not directly involved in the conflict, but you do have an idea or two about how this should turn out. They both respect your opinion very much, so don't hesitate to give it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 6—This morning looks particularly obnoxious. The others have figured out what they want to do and they're not even listening to your opinion. Well, you can either go along with them or you can have a raging fit. The former is your best choice. Taurus people generally reserve their fits for very special occasions.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)—Today is a 7—There's likely to be a conflict going on. You're not directly involved, so you can be more objective. Offer your suggestions, but don't be surprised if one of them snaps at you. They do value your opinion; they're just a little intense right now. You might be able to steer things the way you want, however. Give it a try.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 5—There will be a hassle first thing this morning, but you could wind up on the winning side. There could be quite a bit of money coming into your account. There's also tension involved. It could be simply that you're insisting on being paid for what you do. If that's the case, don't give up.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)—Today is a 7—Some people know how to build, and some know how to plan. Both are necessary to get anything accomplished. People are asking you to make sure the job gets done. It's important to be bold and decisive. Otherwise, it could be one of those situations where the good idea simply gets lost in the shuffle. Don't let that happen.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is a 6—You're getting attention from people at work. They want you to do things that are beyond your job description. There's money involved, but it doesn't look like it's coming into your account. Maybe they're asking you to help them figure out how to manage their money. That's OK. You're good at that sort of thing.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is an 8—This is a good day to make friends. If you have a meeting to attend, spruce up a little before you go. You might meet somebody you'd like to get to know better. There's an element of secrecy involved. Let's hope this doesn't mean one of you is committed to another person. That would certainly complicate matters.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 6—The same situation that was in effect yesterday prevails. The best you can hope for is a standoff. You may have to call in allies just to achieve that. A person in authority has an advantage. Everything is going his or her way. It may not be all that bad. In return, you might get an increase in income.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is a 7—Conditions are still excellent for travel, education and the higher forms of philosophy and religion. You might even have an epiphany. That means a blinding insight, a moment of truth, after which nothing is ever the same. The insight you gain now will apply directly to your career. Push to get what you want.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 6—There's money going out today. It could be for taxes or an insurance premium. This will be beneficial in the long run even if it's a little painful right now. Are you saving up for college or a trip? Both are excellent ideas. The opportunity could arrive shortly. Tonight, in fact.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is an 8—There's antagonism between you and a partner because you both want to be in control. Go ahead and empower this other person to act for you, because he or she will do the job better than you could by yourself. And the more information you impart, the more apt that is to happen.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 5—There's enough work to keep two or three of you busy, but it's all heading in a good direction. It might seem like you're being asked to do something unreasonable. That couldn't be further from the truth. This will be one of the great learning experiences of your life. So stop worrying about it.

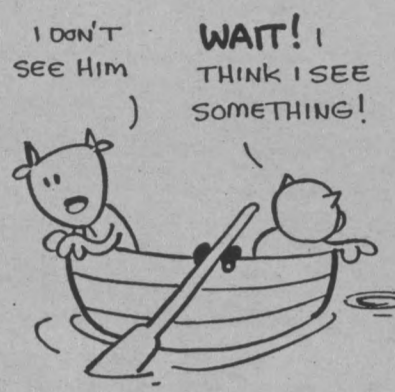
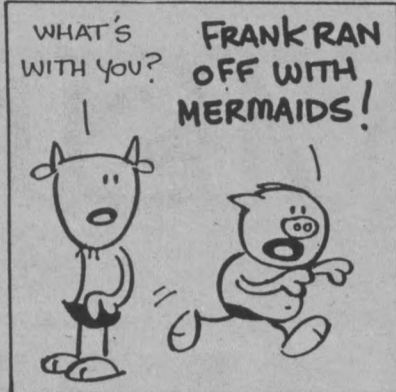
Today's Birthday (Feb. 10). Don't give away your money too freely this year or you'll learn a lesson the hard way. Separation from a partner causes stress in February and March. Unexpected costs make it hard to stick to your budget in March. An old trick helps you solve the problem in April. Relax through May and June. Stay home as much as possible. You'll be drawn out by a fun idea in August. Plan for your financial future in September. Resist the temptation to spend it all in December. A busybody gives you a shove in the right direction in January.

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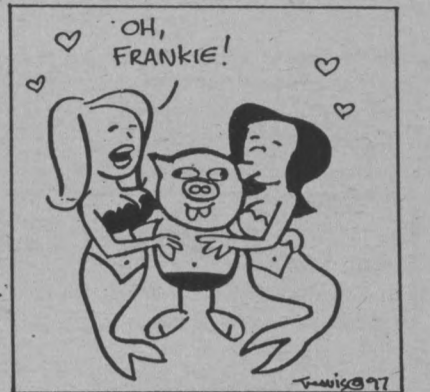
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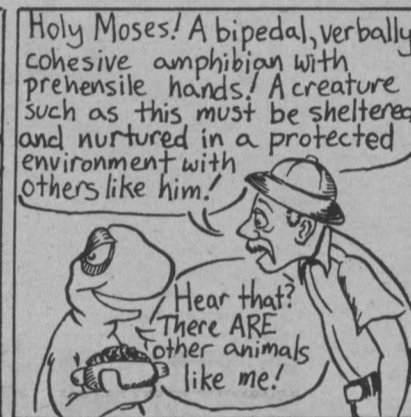
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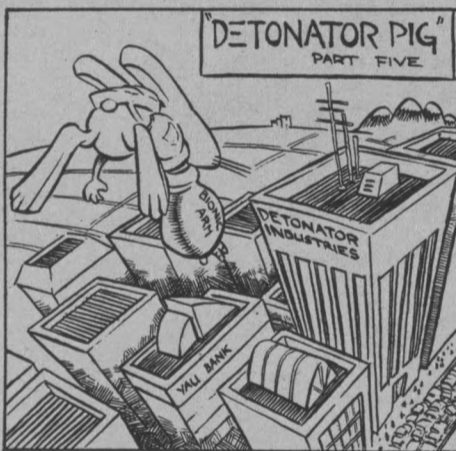
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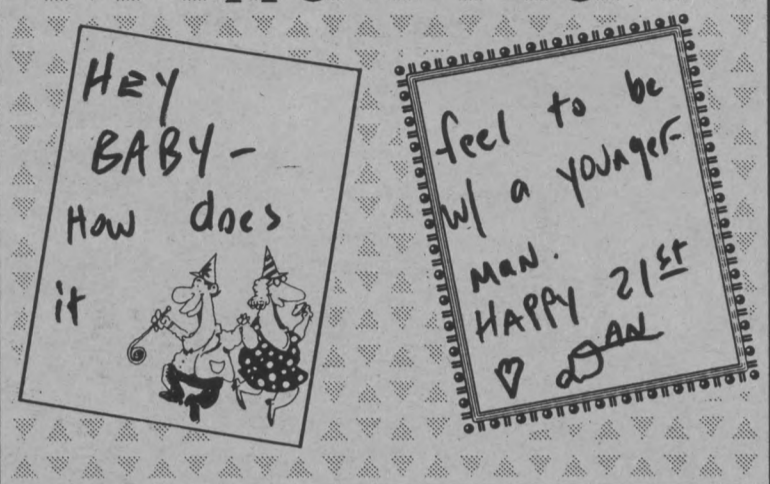


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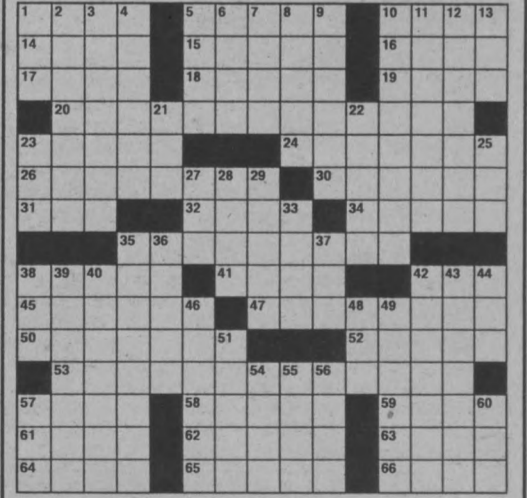


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Gauchos Earn Fourth Place at SD Tourney

■ Hill, Comacho Lead Scoring Assault

BY DAMON DAMELE
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's water polo team came out shooting in its opening event of the season.

At last weekend's UC San Diego Invitational, the Gauchos proved they are ready to play, outscoring their first three opponents 34-14 en route to a 3-2 record and a fourth-place finish. Santa Barbara's only losses were a 11-4 decision to UCLA, who would go on to win the tournament, and a close 9-5 defeat at the hands of Stanford in the third-place game.

"I had no idea what to expect going in. We just wanted to work on what we had practiced and play quality water polo," Santa Barbara Head Coach Joe O'Brien said. "We didn't really have an agenda. I had no idea how we would match up with the other teams, so I would say we are very satisfied with the results."

UCSB crushed Claremont College 19-4 in the opening game Friday behind four goals apiece from sophomores Nicole Comacho and

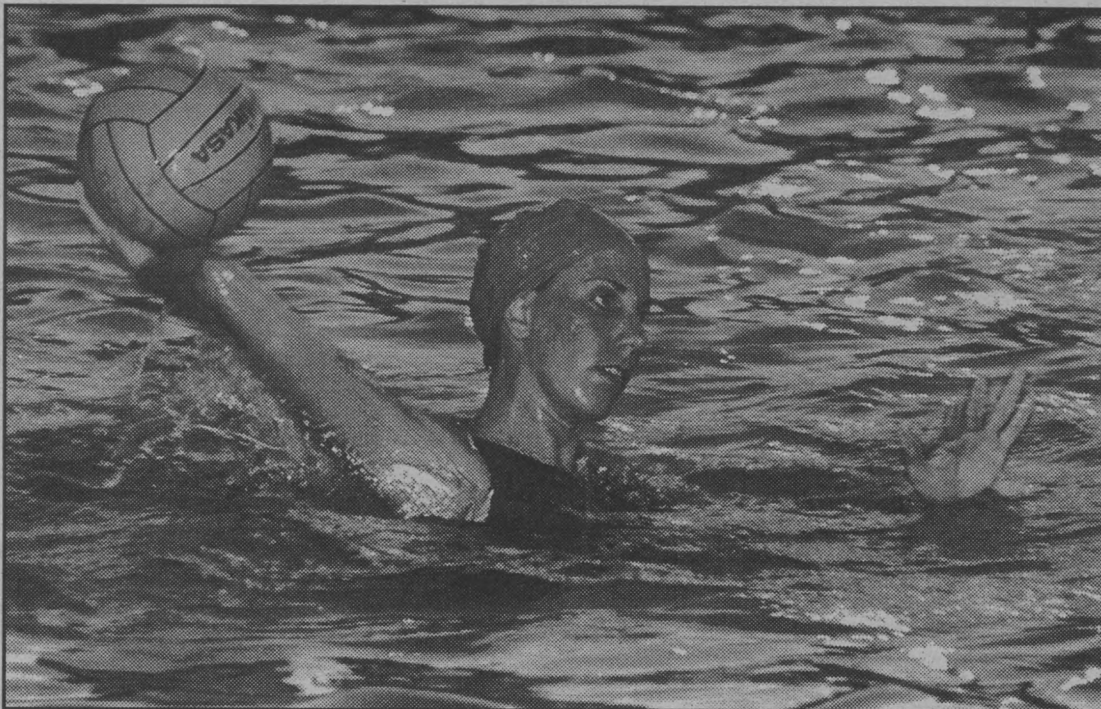
co-captain Catherine Hill. "It was a great way for us to start off the season," said Comacho, who tied Hill in total tournament scoring for the Gauchos with eight goals.

The following day, facing third-seeded San Diego State, the Gauchos trailed 6-5 after three quarters. Santa Barbara came out strong in the final period to shut out the Aztecs and score three goals of its own, coming away with an 8-6 victory.

"We did really well against San Diego State," said sophomore Danelle Little, who finished with seven goals in the tournament, including two against SDSU. "We were behind and we came back to win. We played well without Kara Watkins [due to an illness], who is one of our star players. We came together as a team and played really well."

The Gauchos also beat host school UC San Diego 7-4 on Saturday, earning themselves a berth in the championship semifinals.

Hill, a native of Merced, Calif., was able to pinpoint the reason for her team's success in the preliminary rounds.



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ALL ALONE: The UCSB women's water polo team had a plethora of scoring opportunities in five games this weekend and capitalized 34 times. The squad has a 3-2 record in the early season.

"Defense for sure. We played really awesome team 'D,'" she said. "We heard some comments from other teams wondering where we came from. Our defense kept us close with every team we played."

Even the loss to UCLA in the semifinals game did nothing to dampen UCSB's exuberance. Santa Barbara was competitive with the Bruins other than a forgettable second period in which it surrendered five goals. Sophomore Lynn Nisbet paced the team

with three goals.

The Gauchos continued to play their fiery attacking style in the third-place game against Stanford. UCSB was down only 3-2 after three periods before the Cardinal pulled away in the final frame. Although Santa Barbara was beaten by Stanford, the players saw the game as perhaps the most positive of the tournament.

"In the last game, against Stanford, we played well on offense and defense," Comacho said. "They

didn't take us seriously in the beginning, but they will the next time we face them. We really went up to their level."

Little concurred with her teammate and feels Santa Barbara has now earned a place among collegiate water polo's elite.

"We played hard and we competed against tougher teams. Where we used to play well against [Division III] UC Davis, we are now playing up at the level of Cal and UCLA."

Women's Tennis Rolls Over San Jose State

BY BRETT LOTZ
Reporter

El Niño did its best to prevent the UCSB women's tennis team from playing its match on Sunday. However, the squad managed to beat not only the heavy rains, but the Spartans of San Jose State as well.

Sparked by stellar play from all six singles players, the Gauchos easily defeated the Spartans 7-2. The match was a testament to how

deep Santa Barbara's squad is this year — the number #2 through #6 singles players all came out on the winning side.

Head Coach Pete Kirkwood considered the win to be a full-team effort.

"At three, four, five and six we started to really chop them down pretty well. It shows our depth," he said.

Sophomore Dana Mazza, UCSB's #2 singles player, competed in the only match that went to three sets. She came from be-

hind to edge out Daisy Marpuri 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.

"Dana had a great win at #2," Kirkwood said. "[She] has been playing really well."

The impressive win raised the Gauchos' record to 2-1 for the season. It was a match that they were confident they could triumph in if they just played their game.

"We knew that if we came out and played strong and fought hard, we could do it," Mazza said.

Sophomores Jill Katzenberger, competing at #3, and Tracy Keyser, at #4, had an easier time in their singles matches than Mazza did. Katzenberger put away Michelle Matro 6-4, 6-2, while Keyser disposed of Amy Bankston 6-1, 6-2. The sophs then teamed to win their doubles match 8-5.

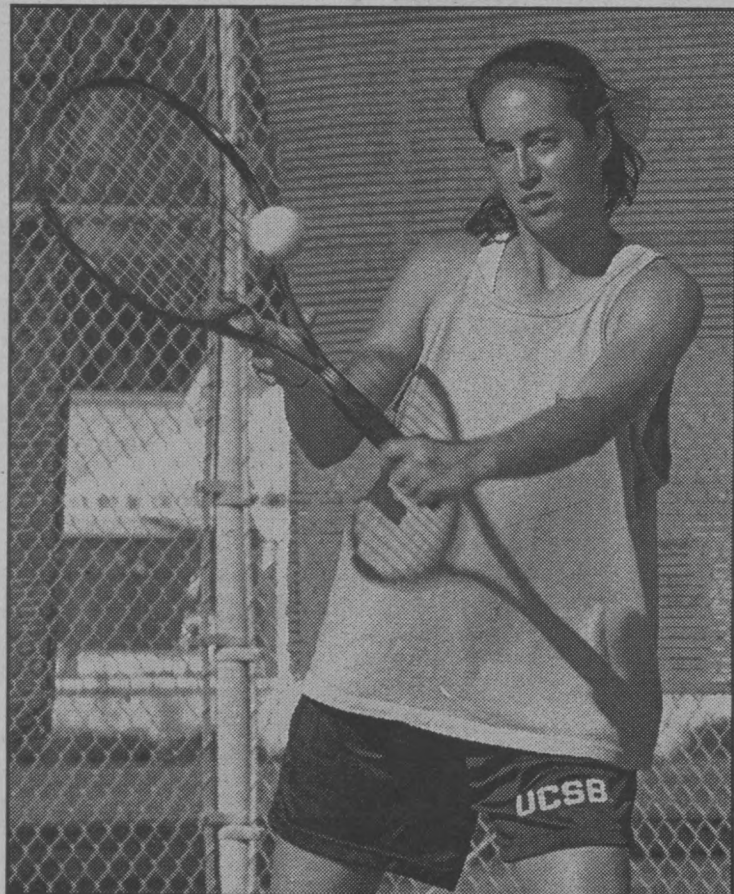
Kirkwood believes that the morale of his young Gaucho squad, which already has half as many wins as in all of 1997, is on the rise.

"With each win confidence is going to build, and hopefully we are going to be overachievers this year," he said. "A lot of people wrote us off after last year, but morale is high ... we are all playing well, and we're ready."

Mazza expressed the optimistic feelings possessed by the seniorless team.

"We know how to [win], and we know that we can do it — which is the most important thing," she said.

The Gauchos battle the Westmont Warriors at home tomorrow before traveling to Reno, Nev., for a trio of matches this weekend.



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STROKIN': The Gauchos have reason to celebrate after reaching half of 1997's win total just three matches into this season.

SB Track and Field Opens Season With Bevy of Solid Performances

BY NICK SOBOLESKI
Reporter

Neither rain nor hail nor a change in venue could stop the UCSB men's and women's track and field teams from drowning their opponents in a complete washout.

Santa Barbara fifth-year Head Coach Pete Dolan, despite having to deal with monsoon conditions and an unexpected last-second trip to Santa Barbara City College due to two teams backing out of his home meet at the last minute, was just happy to get this one in.

"There were no great performances [on Saturday]," Dolan said. "The best thing about the meet was all across the state people are getting washed out, and we got in our opener."

Dolan did, however, mention solid performances by a number of distance runners. Freshman distance runner Lindsay Buwalda took first in the women's 1500-meter, senior Eliza Alexander won the women's 3000, senior Alan Roberts captured the men's 3000, and senior Liam Jones triumphed in the men's 5000 against opponents from Westmont, SBCC, and other junior colleges.

"As far as times go there is nothing real exciting to report because the times are so off," Dolan said. "They ran in a 20 mph headwind."

Seniors Adam Cretti, who set a personal record in the hammer throw (167'5"), and Jenna Endres, who set a school record in the hammer (144'0"), were also mentioned by their coach, but the two athletes expect those marks to stand only for a short time longer.

"I'm very inconsistent right now," Endres said. "Hopefully, over the next few weeks I'll be seeing some far throws."

Some Gaucho athletes were fortunate enough to compete without concern for weather conditions. For the first time in school history, both a men's and women's relay team were welcomed to the Los Angeles Indoor Invitational for mile relays.

"LA was exciting 'cos there were a lot of big teams," senior middle distance runner Meridith Webster said. "So many people [on our team] hadn't run on an indoor track before. It was kind of weird because the measurement was different and the wooden track was on a bank."

Despite unfamiliar track conditions, the two teams placed very well against a talented field. First-year sprinting coach Geoffrey Bradshaw was proud of the results.

"The women placed second [with 4:08] and the men placed third [with 3:28]," Bradshaw said. "Which is good, considering it was their first time running indoors ever."

The Gauchos have two weeks off before their next action on Feb. 21. The squad will head south to Claremont for the CMS Rossi Relays.