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## Regents Approve New Criteria for University Admission Requirements

BY TED ANDERSEN  
Staff Writer

After receiving an overwhelming 13-1 subcommittee recommendation, the University of California Board of Regents gave the final OK to the 4-percent plan March 19.

The plan, which grants UC eligibility to the top 4 percent of high school students in every California high school, was approved by the board on the second day of the regents' March meeting. There was little discussion, and only Regent Meredith Khachigian provided opposition.

According to UCSB Admissions Director William Villa, the 4-percent plan, which will take effect in 2001, does not necessarily make students who graduate in the top 4 percent of their class UC eligible. Completing the SAT I and II tests, along with college prep classes, are among the specific

standards set for all students who wish to become eligible, Villa said.

"It's not just being in the top 4 percent that makes you eligible," he said. "I think it is important to note that to be UC eligible, there is certain criteria you have to do in high school."

The new form of qualification is not expected to bring in significantly more blacks and Hispanics, whose numbers have dropped since the removal of Affirmative Action four years ago. A pilot study found that of 10,200 students in the top 4 percent of their schools, all but 3,600 were already eligible. Of those students, many had acceptable grades but hadn't taken the SAT II.

The plan itself is a way to bolster the number of applicants by making more students able to attend the UC system, Villa said.

"It just creates a different way of becoming UC

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## Kosovo Crisis Among Issues Capps Discusses at Meeting

BY JERRY BEERS  
Reporter

Congresswoman Lois Capps (D-Santa Barbara) utilized her time at home in the 22nd District by holding an informal meeting with her constituents Monday.

One of the major concerns of the citizens who convened downtown was the current NATO bombing of Yugoslavia. Attorney Harry Wachtel, a Santa Barbara resident, brought up possible negative effects on U.S./Russia relations because of the United States' military involvement in Kosovo.

"The administration needs to consider the impact of an invasion through Eastern Europe targeting Russia's traditional allies, the Serbs," he said. "Considering the timing — with Yeltsin about to leave office, and the Russian people are to have elections soon, which will determine the political future there — we have to consider that this may become a major political issue in the elections there. ... We could be helping to cause a neo-Cold War situation with Russia."

Capps agreed with Wachtel and noted that such a precarious situation requires careful attention.

"Everybody shudders at the introduction of ground troops," she said. "The consequences of our actions on the rest of the world must be a large part of our concerns and closely considered with all of our actions there. We have a strong self-interest, if not humanitarian interest, in maintaining good relationships [with Yugoslavian allies]."

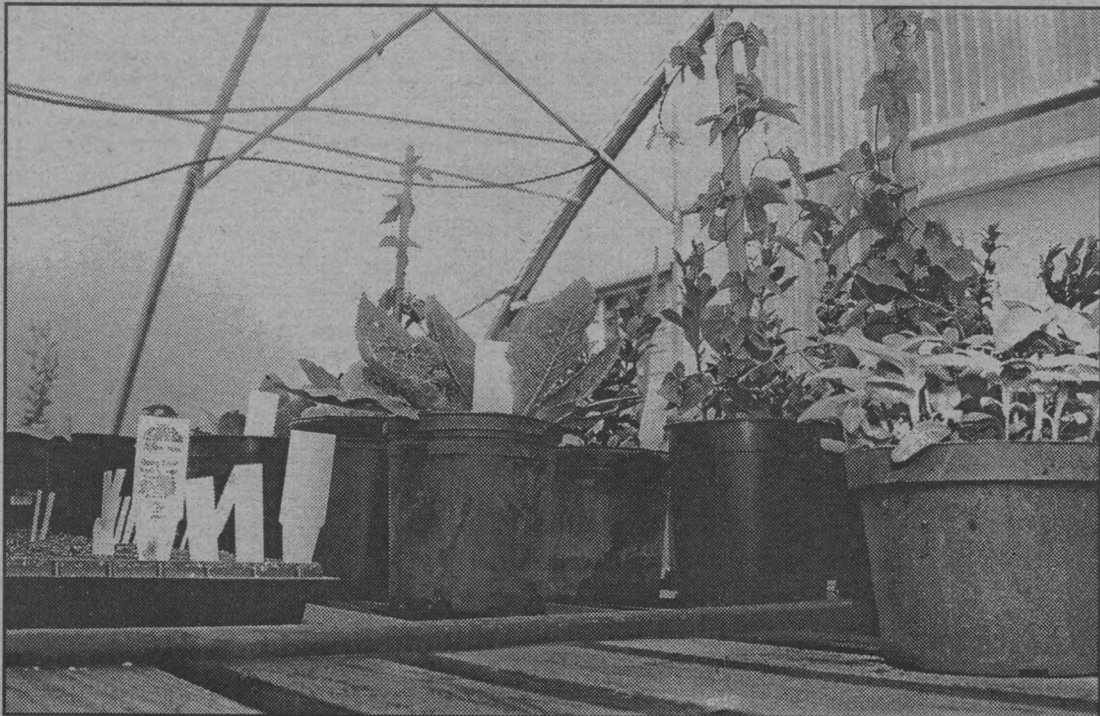
In other discussion, the congresswoman brought up her current work on the bipartisan Early Hearing Loss, Detection, Diagnosis and Intervention Act. According to Capps, catching and treating hearing loss at its early stages is very important, and the government needs to use existing technology to its full potential.

"I am behind a bill that will allow states to use Medicaid to give newborns access to state-of-the-art technology [for hearing tests]," she said. "I think it will improve the quality of life for our people."

Capps also reported progress in her quest for support for a bipartisan Mental Health Task Force designed to heighten awareness about the nation's disabled population.

"I finally got a good feeling from

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TENNILLE TRACY / DAILY NEXUS

These plants, located in a greenhouse 10 miles north of Santa Barbara, are part of the UCSB Global Medicine Project. Researchers hope experiments studying the plants, which include ginkgo, echinacea and astragalus, will help determine some of the benefits of Eastern medicine.

## UCSB Interest in Eastern Medicine Grows

BY DAN SCHULLER  
Reporter

Substituting a local greenhouse for the doctor's office, UCSB researchers are working in an interdisciplinary effort to unlock the healing effects of plants.

The Global Medicine Project at UCSB was conceived in 1997 as a means of studying the therapeutic effects of Eastern medicine practices, such as the use of medicinal plants, according to Dean of International Students Dan Smith, the project's founder.

"There are a lot of diseases peo-

ple are faced with nowadays, and while Western medicine is OK in alleviating pain, other culture's medicines might do a much better job," he said.

Smith noted that the interdisciplinary nature of the project promotes the appropriation of knowledge and background from a number of departments.

"Because the medicines we are studying are from different parts of the world and used in a wide variety of cultures, this project involves faculty and students from all types of departments, including religious studies, anthropology, international studies, and the scientific

disciplines such as biology and pharmacology," he said. "We want to explore different medicines and provide an active educational facility where students, researchers and people of the community can experience the important role of plants in the practice of global medicine."

According to Center for the Study of Neurodegenerative Disease Director Cynthia Husted, the main outcome of the project is an experimental greenhouse located approximately 10 miles up the coast.

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## Shooting of Drunken Driver Leads to Investigation in Sheriff's Dept.

A highway drunken driving stop near Los Carneros Road turned deadly two weeks ago, when a motorist attempted to run officers down with his car.

Kevin Wayne McNeil, a 32-year-old resident of La Mesa, Calif., was pronounced dead at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital after sustaining multiple gunshot wounds. California Highway Patrol officers Adam Hrehor and Gilbert Lopez stopped McNeil on southbound U.S. Highway 101 on March 21, after receiving a report of a drunken driver, according to CHP public affairs officer Ray Schultz. The officers stopped McNeil, and as they approached the car, McNeil accelerated in reverse, knocking Lopez down an embankment. Hrehor immediately opened fire, killing McNeil.

According to Schultz, McNeil had a police record and served jail time on more than one occasion. Schultz said McNeil may have been attempting to flee for "fear of possible arrest or incarceration, but that's just speculation."

The incident, which kept the highway closed until 11:30 a.m. the next day, prompted the CHP and County Sheriff's Dept. to conduct investigations into whether such an extreme action was necessary, according to Schultz.

"Whenever somebody gets killed, it's standard to do an investigation like this," he said. "The DA will review the [investigation] report and determine whether or not it was a justifiable homicide."

The Sheriff's Dept. recently submitted the findings of its criminal investigation to the district attorney for review. However, the department declined to comment on the report's contents. The CHP expects to finish its investigation as soon as possible. Although Lopez is scheduled to return to work shortly, Hrehor will remain on paid administrative leave pending the results of the investigations, according to Schultz.

— Curtis Brainard





# Top of the News

## NATO Strikes at Yugoslavian Supply Lines



**BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)** — Aided by clearing skies, NATO struck fuel depots, bridges and army barracks throughout Yugoslavia on Monday, and said it was taking particular aim at Serbian ground forces accused of terrorizing ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic brushed off the continued barrage, defiantly promising to rebuild the bomb-damaged structures and denouncing NATO "aggressors" and "criminals."

As night fell, air raid sirens sounded again in Belgrade, heralding the 13th-straight night of NATO bombardment.

Two strong detonations were heard late Monday in the northern city of Novi Sad, the state news agency Tanjug said, and Serbian television showed pictures of a huge fireball. The private news agency Beta quoted

Navi Sad's mayor, Caslav Popovic, as saying the power station at the city oil refinery had been hit.

NATO also targeted a fuel depot near Sombar, 12

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— Bill Clinton  
U.S. president

miles south of the Hungarian border and the coal mining center of Aleksinac south of Belgrade, television reported. Tanjug said 10 people were injured in the Aleksinac attack.

Kursumljija, a drab industrial town on the road linking northeastern Kosovo with the military headquarters at Nis, was also hit, Serb television said.

President Clinton promised an "undiminished, unceasing and unrelenting" air campaign. He said it would no longer be enough for Mi-

losevic to just stop the killing. He said "a Kosovo denied its freedom and devoid of its people is not acceptable," adding, "Our plan is to persist until we prevail."

The 13th day of NATO airstrikes aimed to cut the Yugoslav military's lines of supply and transport —

roads, bridges, airports, fuel depots and command centers. NATO officials said better weather Monday allowed them to increase the number of bombing missions.

The better weather was little comfort for the tens of thousands of refugees who continued to pour out of Kosovo in a wave of displacement not seen in Europe for a half-century. The U.N. refugee agency said the number of ethnic Albanians reaching neighboring states had reached nearly 400,000.

The human tide has overwhelmed Albania, Macedonia and Montenegro. As of Monday, 239,000 refugees had arrived in Albania, 120,000 in Macedonia and 35,000 in Montenegro, the U.N. high commissioner for refugees said.

At least 831,000 of the 2 million prewar Kosovo population have been displaced since the conflict began in February 1998, NATO spokesperson Jamie Shea said.

NATO said relief flights carrying 200 tons of food and other emergency supplies were scheduled into Albania and Macedonia.

There was growing debate, however, over plans for NATO nations including the United States to temporarily take in about 110,000 refugees. Airlifts of refugees began Monday from Macedonia, with the first flights going to Turkey and Norway, but chaos was causing delays. The United States has agreed to take 20,000.

## California Gets Grant to Reduce 10th Grade Class Size



**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Vice President Al Gore announced Monday that the federal government has freed up \$129 million to reduce class sizes in upper grades in California, the result of a waiver Gov. Gray Davis had lobbied for in Washington.

Davis wants school districts to use the money to reduce the size of 10th grade math and language arts classes to help prepare students for the high school graduation test that will begin with the class of 2004.

Gore praised his fellow Democrat's focus on education issues as governor.

"There is nothing more important than providing a world-class education for all of our people, and we are working hard to provide the investment and flexibility needed to prepare all of California's children for the 21st century," Gore said.

Gore noted that the waiver had been available, but not taken advantage of, while Republican Gov. Pete Wilson was in office. Phone calls to Wilson spokespeople were not immediately returned.

The money is California's piece of a \$1.2 billion Congressional appropriation to reduce class size in grades one through three. Because California already has a \$1.4 billion-a-year program to lower class sizes in kindergarten through grade three, a waiver was needed to spend the state's share of the money in other ways.

Gore and Davis made the announcement Monday at Hamilton High School in Los Angeles, where the unified school district alone will get a \$26.3 million share of the money.

Tenth-grader Lamar Henry was impressed. "It would be good to have a smaller class because I could use more one-on-one with my teacher," he said.

Classmate Noelle Smith agreed, although she said simply reducing class sizes was not enough. "Some kids need private tutoring," she said. "And teachers need to be better as well."

## AP WIRE SHORTS

• **SACRAMENTO (AP)** — American Indians demanded the return of the brain of a long-dead tribesman Monday, saying it is time to honor the memory of Ishi, the man known as the last of the Yahi.

"We want to bring our brother home for a proper Native American burial in his homeland," said Art Angle, chair of the Butte County Native American Cultural Commission. "Ishi's spirit must finally be freed."

Ishi's brain now sits in the Smithsonian Institution, where it was sent by University of California anthropologist Alfred Kroeber more than 80 years ago.

Smithsonian officials say they are willing to return the brain, but not until they've completed a detailed assessment — expected to take at least two months — to make sure it's going to the right people.

Ishi is believed to have been the last of the Yahi tribe, although there have been other theories put forward as to his lineage. The Butte County commission has requested the return of Ishi's remains based on a claim of cultural affinity.

Ishi was found early one August morning in 1911, starving and exhausted near Oroville, about 80 miles north of Sacramento.

He was taken in by UC anthropologists, including Kroeber, whose name today adorns the UC Berkeley anthropology building. Ishi was installed at UC's anthropological museum in San Francisco where he became a sort of living exhibit, making bows, arrows and other tools while hundreds of visitors watched.

The whereabouts of Ishi's brain came to light earlier this year following a UC San Francisco investigation that had been prompted by the Butte County commission's efforts to give Ishi a proper burial.

• **NEW YORK (AP)** — A 25-year-old magician was buried alive Monday in a see-through coffin where he vowed to remain for a week in a stunt first dreamed up by legendary escape artist Harry Houdini.

Magician David Blaine said he prepared for the stunt by learning to put himself into a deep trance-like state. He said he also spent four days a week living in a coffin in his living room.

"It's not a trick. It's not an escape. It's not an illusion," Blaine said. "It's kind of like a test of one's own will." He said he would use the time to explore his mind.

Inside the coffin, Blaine will have no food and 3 to 4 tablespoons of water a day. Fresh air will be pumped in. Blaine said he fasted for six days before being buried, and a plastic container and tube will take care of the remaining necessities of life.

He'll have 6 inches of head room and 2 inches on each side. On top of the coffin sits a three-ton water-filled tank. Visitors can look through the tank's water to get a glimpse of Blaine lying in his coffin.

There's a panic button in case of an emergency, a crane to quickly remove the water tank, and round-the-clock medical personnel.

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## Weather

Don't cry for me Santa Barbara, the truth is I never left you ...

That's right, the damn Weatherhuman's back. Actually, I never really left (hence the intro sentence). Yup, I've been writing incognito since my resignation — I mean really, what sick freak gets off on reading "The Iliad"?

Anyways, I was getting a little tired of writing this column each day and I was seriously thinking about handing the reins over to someone else. But truthfully, there was really no one to hand it over to (Heaven forbid, it turns into an actual weather forecast!).

Furthermore, it dawned on me that this will be my last quarter at UCSB (God willing) and that in the next nine weeks I can still employ this column as an outlet for all my mad ravings. So make no mistake about it: No world event, campus group, academic department, or nonprofit organization will escape my ridicule and cynicism.

By the way, multiculturalism has always been a passion of mine, so if you have a problem with my column — and I'm sure you will — I challenge you to an old-fashioned Yanomamo chest-pounding and side-slapping duel in Storke Plaza (yeah, I learned a lot in Anthro 2 last quarter).

Today's weather: It'll be partly cloudy in the morning, sunny in the afternoon, and cloudy/crappy again in the evening.



## Local News Briefs

**April 2** — The Metropolitan Transit District of Santa Barbara began operating a late night electric shuttle through downtown.

The shuttle runs Friday and Saturday evenings until 9 p.m. between East Beach and Arlington Theater. MTD Planning Director Chuck McQuary said that over the past few years downtown Santa Barbara businesses have become more active, with more people patronizing sidewalk cafes. He added that people do not want to walk down to the beach and often use their cars from upper State Street.

"The reason is to mitigate congestion and reduce traffic [on State Street]," McQuary said.

According to McQuary, the program was tried last April and was so popular that the city wanted to start it up again.

**March 25** — The Sheriff's Dept. is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for a break-in at its training facility.

The burglary, which resulted in the loss of fewer than 20 handguns and 17 rifles, occurred between March 24 at 5 p.m. and March 25 at 8 a.m., according to Sgt. Bill Turner, the Sheriff's Dept. public information officer.

An ongoing investigation has found that the thieves entered the building at 605 Camino Del Ramido and immediately disabled the alarm system, Turner said. They then broke into the locked gun safes, but "no ammunition for the weapons was taken," he said.

"This case is still one of the highest priorities," Turner said. Any information can be called into the Sheriff's Dept. at 681-4171.

**March 17** — Former UCSB political science lecturer Dr. Manou Eskandari was

honored as Santa Barbara City College's Faculty Lecturer for the 1998-99 school year.

Eskandari won the UCSB "Professor of the Year" award in 1991, before moving to SBCC as a faculty member.

"It was very gratifying being chosen as Faculty Lecturer at SBCC as well [as being honored at UCSB]. ... So I must be doing something right," Eskandari said. "It was a great honor to be chosen by my peers, and, in this case, my students."

Eskandari's lecture to SBCC's students, faculty and staff on March 25 was titled "In Defense of Monarchy in an Age of Democracy." He said it was well received and "had a full house."

Eskandari's said the lecture was important because his neo-monarchist ideas are on the fringes of the current ideological spectrum.

**March 14** — A pregnant woman suffered minor injuries in an accident that killed two minors who were not wearing their seat belts and caused massive injuries to a third passenger.

The 18-year-old driver fell asleep at the wheel of a 1993 Ford Explorer at 7:45 a.m. on Highway 101 just north of Los Carneros, according to the California Highway Patrol report. When she awoke and tried to regain control, the vehicle overturned several times. This caused the ejection of the three passengers, according to the report.

Two juveniles passengers died, and a 19-year-old male was transported to Cottage Hospital in critical condition. The driver was two months pregnant and sustained minor injuries with no harm to the fetus. The Highway Patrol report attributed her safety to the fact that she was wearing a seat belt.

— Gretchen Macchiarella

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## 1999 University Award Nominations Being Accepted for Outstanding Graduating Seniors & Graduate Students

Each year the UCSB community recognizes the contributions and achievements of our outstanding graduating seniors and graduate students. University Awards are given to any student who is conferred an undergraduate or graduate degree in the 1998-99 year and who has performed "above and beyond the call of duty" in service to the University, the student body, and the community, or has succeeded while facing extraordinary challenges. Additionally, it is expected that nominees are role models to the campus community.

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### Jeremy D. Friedman Memorial Award

This award is presented annually to one graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and superior scholarship, and who has—in a particularly innovative and creative way—contributed significantly to the quality of undergraduate life on campus. Nominees must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### Alyce Marita Whitted Memorial Award

This award is presented annually to one nontraditional graduating senior who has demonstrated endurance, persistence and courage in the face of extraordinary challenges while in pursuit of an academic degree.

### University Service Award

Service Awards, presented annually to graduating seniors and graduate students, acknowledge a depth of involvement in several different areas of campus life. GPA requirements are based on academic performance that is equal to or higher than 2.881, which is the scholastic average of the undergraduate student body as a whole.

### University Award of Distinction

These awards are presented annually to graduating seniors and graduate students who have made an outstanding contribution to a particular (perhaps fairly narrow) area of UCSB student life. The awards recognize in-depth or focused involvement and significant achievement in campus or community activities. As with the Service Awards, GPA requirements are based on academic performance that is equal to or higher than 2.881, which is the scholastic average of the undergraduate student body as a whole.

#### Nomination forms are available at:

- Associated Students
- College of Engineering—Undergraduate Office
- College of Letters & Science
- Counseling and Career Services
- Davidson Library—East Entrance Information Desk
- EOP—Buildings 406 and 434
- Graduate Students Association—UCen 2502
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## UCSB Newspaper Represents at Competition

The staff of the *Daily Nexus* spent a wild weekend in San Luis Obispo last month and came home with a lucky 13 shiny plaques honoring its journalistic achievements over the past year.

Cal Poly SLO hosted the annual California Intercollegiate Press Association convention at the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo the weekend of March 12-14, to honor the best in college media from across the state. The CIPA judges, a panel of professional journalists, gave the *Nexus* eight awards for mail-in entries from the 1998 calendar year and five awards for on-site competitions.

In the mail-in competitions, the *Nexus* received the following accolades: first place for best daily newspaper arts/entertainment section, best daily newspaper sports game article, and best daily newspaper news photo; second place for best daily newspaper editorial; third place for best daily



JASON SCHOCK / DAILY NEXUS

*Nexus* News Editor Tony Biasotti (center) receives cheers from the *Nexus* staff for winning first place for best news story at the CIPA convention last month in San Luis Obispo.

newspaper overall design; and honorable mention for best daily newspaper front-page layout, best daily newspaper feature photo, and best daily newspaper sports photo.

The convention also included a number of on-site events in news, features, sports and editorial writing, photography and illustration, as well as copy editing and front-page design. *Nexus* staffers won first place

in news writing, first and second place in editorial cartoons, and second and third place in copy editing.

The UC Berkeley *Daily Californian* took top honors among daily newspapers in the prestigious general excellence and sweepstakes categories. The sweepstakes award is given to the paper that wins the most mail-in awards.  
— *Daily Nexus* Staff Report

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"It just creates a different way of becoming UC eligible," he said. "All it means is that there will be more people applying."

The UC now requires that students take both the

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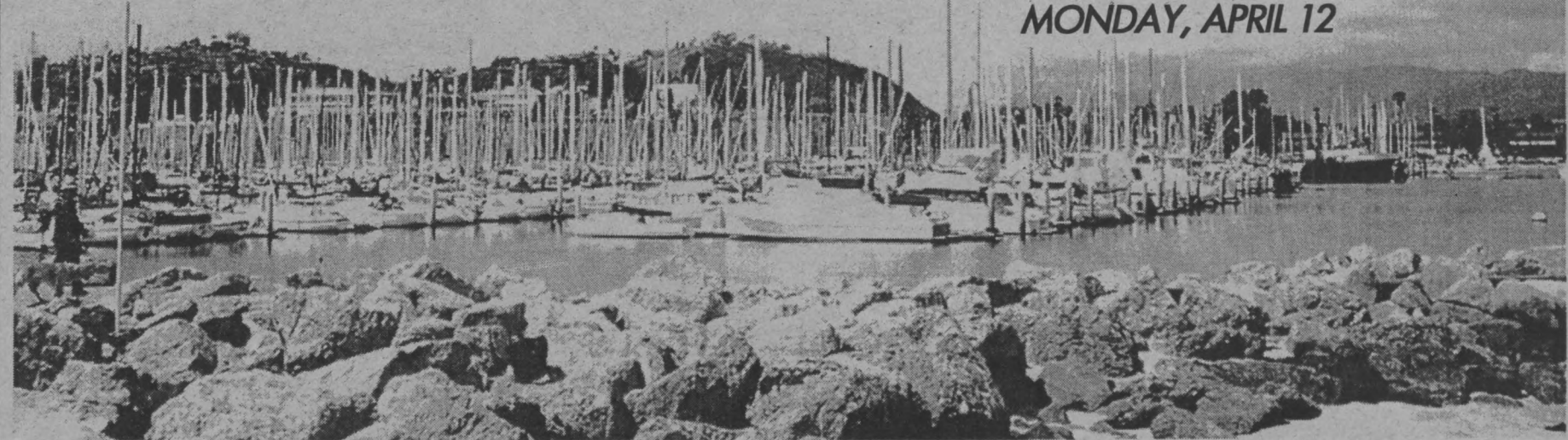
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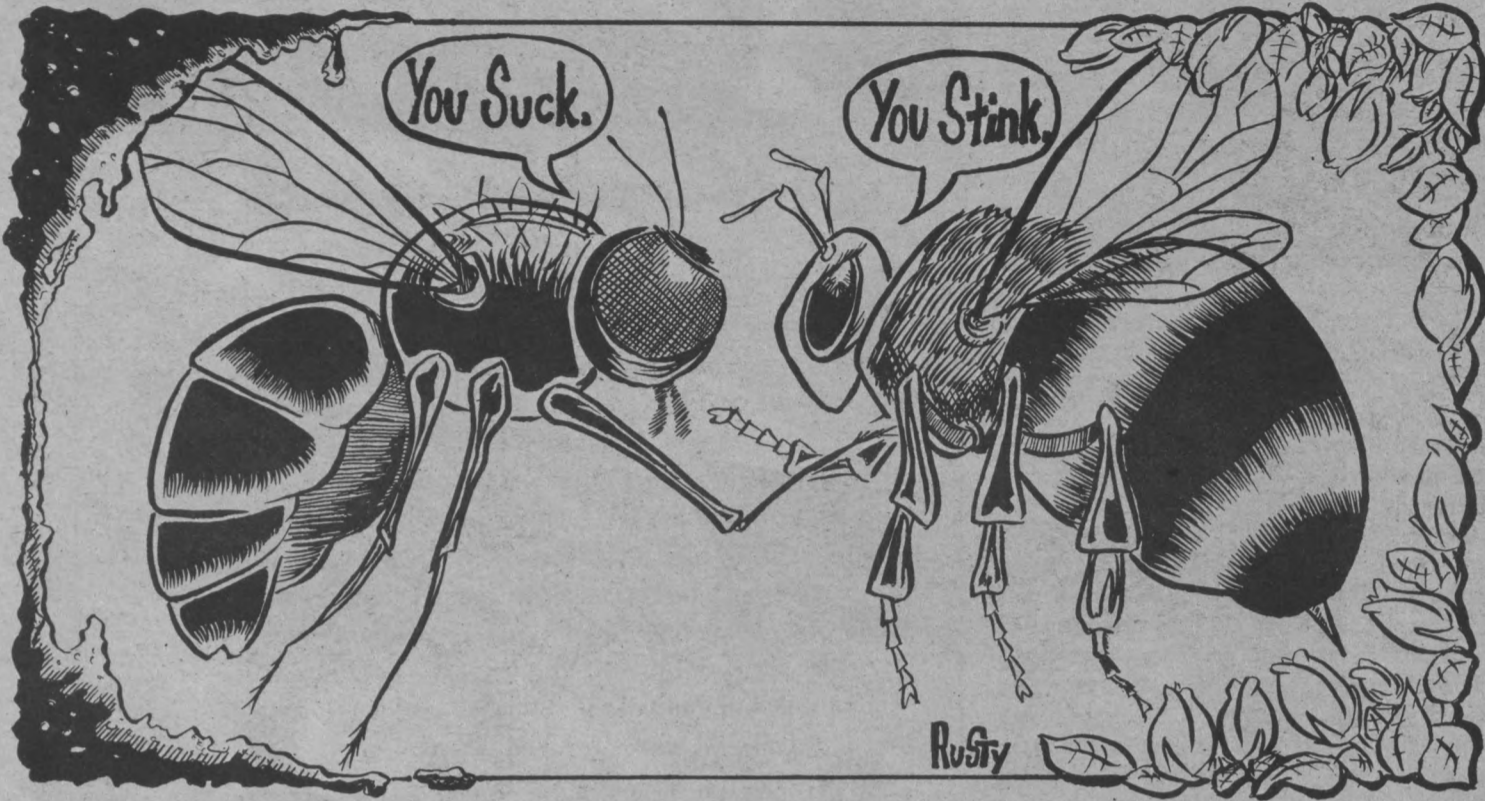




# Opinion

## Columns and Letters:

We welcome all submissions, but please include your name and phone number. maximum length is three pages, typed and double-spaced; for letters, one page. All become the property of the *Daily Nexus* upon being turned in and are edited for length.





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## The Scent Is in the Air ...


The Nexus Acknowledges the Dawn of a New Quarter by Commenting on Recent Affairs


A time-honored *Nexus* tradition, Turds and Tulips, once again brings you a list of everything good and bad in recent times. From Freebird to Fabio, cops to con artists, this list covers it all.


 We give a big, fat, smelly, overpriced turd to all the University bookstores for selling overpriced textbooks. Students are on to their little scam. Do they think we are made of money?

 A kamikaze tulip to the duck that flew into Fabio's face while he was riding a roller coaster. The duck made the ultimate sacrifice so we could have something to laugh about.


 We want to sell a turd to the Book Buy Back system on campus. First we are coaxed into buying a \$80 textbook, then we are insulted by only getting \$3 for it at the end of the quarter. What kind of con artists run this job?


 Proud tulips to all the last quarter seniors. It is a great accomplishment to make it this far in one piece. Be sure to enjoy your few remaining months here at UCSB.


 A cold and windy turd to the weather. It seems the only time the weather is pleasant is between sunrise and 10 in the morning. These hours are no good because that is when most people are asleep.


 A disappointing turd to Freebird. Why do they have to go and change on us? Their new buffet system is not a good idea; not everyone needs a custom burrito. Order-


ing food should not involve thought, as eating it rarely does.


 A big, shiny tulip to the *Nexus* staff for the brilliant April Fool's issue. Perhaps the greatest literary achievement of the decade, it set a new standard for journalistic parody.


 A dumb turd to everyone who did not think the *Nexus* should have done an April Fool's issue. Sometimes humor is important and relevant even when the date is not.

 Inquisitive tulips for all the pre-freshmen who visited UCSB for Spring Insight. Showing interest in college education will aid in future successes.

 A dozen tulips for everyone responsible for planting flowers on campus. The little flower garden by Kerr Hall is a beautiful example of UCSB's landscaping prowess.

 A sleepy turd to the time change. No one in Isla Vista needs to lose anymore beauty rest.

 A sunny tulip to the very time change that received a sleepy turd. This inconsistency must be overlooked in light of the longer day time the time change brings.

 Finally, a huge oil-filled turd to OPEC for the slow oil consumption practices that have jacked up local gas rates. It is criminal to maintain such high gas prices, especially when they are so much cheaper elsewhere (e.g. Atlanta gas prices are 89 cents). Please bring 'em back down!

## The Reader's Voice

### AN IMPASSIONED PLEA FOR THE WEATHERHUMAN TO KEEP POST

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Dear Weatherhuman —  
Please don't stop writing your column. It is the only decent reading in the *Nexus*. It's a nice break from all of the bitter editorials, and all the bitter responses to said bitter editorials. And I won't even start on those stupid horoscopes — my pet frog could make more accurate predictions. So as I sit here bored in my astronomy class, finding what little entertainment I can in your weather box, it scares me to hear I may not even have that tomorrow. Now what am I supposed to do? Listen? Certainly not! Maybe I'll turn to the bottle. Now see what you've done? Seriously, me and everyone I know really like your column, keep up the good work, and don't let one letter disappoint all of your adoring fans. Thank you.

P.S. I'd send you some money, but I don't have any either, sorry.

NATALIE WENGER  
OFFERING COMPLAINTS FROM

### A SENIOR ABOUT THE CAMPUS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I have been a student of this fine establishment for the past 3½ years. I have studied and partied with many people. I also have taken a shitload of classes. I am writing about the

gripes that I have about this campus. There are several things wrong here, and now I am going to write about them.

First, why the hell is this campus basically shut down from 12-1? Is this not a place of learning? How are we supposed to



KAZUHIRO KIBUSHI / DAILY NEXUS

learn if the place that we, the students, pay for closes down the one hour that a majority of students on this campus don't have class? Recently I went to an office that shall remain nameless at about 12:05; the secretary had a sort of power

trip and refused to help me. She just said that she can't help me and ran away. I want to know: Why don't they want to help? Is it that hard to have one person in an office for just one hour extra, God knows they get paid for it?

Second, who designed the new parking lot and roads, Mr. Magoo? I am no Speed Racer, but I have trouble driving on this campus. The turn in front of the RecCen is impossible, no matter how slow or fast you are going. Couldn't they have just given a little more room? Also, driving through the parking lot you feel as though you are a mouse going through a maze. There are no straight routes — you have to make a sudden right here or a sudden left there. It is impossible to navigate through that maze.

Third, I am a smoker, not only by choice but by need as well. I know that there are a lot of people out there that are like me. There are also a bunch of pansies that think that they are smokers. I have one thing to tell them: "STOP FUCKING BUMMING CIGARETTES FROM ME!" I say this not only because the price of cigarettes has risen, but also because I don't like to support the habit of the occasional "I am a smoker, too." I do occasionally bum cigs myself, but only from people who I know I have given cigs to. So if I don't know you, don't dare asking.

Finally, why can't we get some new food on this campus? Is that too much to ask? I don't know about anyone else, but I am sick and tired of Chilitos, Panda, Wendy's or anything else that is in the UCen. Panda is the biggest con artist on this campus. They say they are offering a deal for the Panda

## Take a New Look at Graffiti Around Campus and Dismissed, But Contemplated

JIM B.

Hello, my name is Human One and all that graffiti you've been seeing around Isla Vista, (mainly 6600 block of Del Playa and on I.V. Theater) is my work of "vandalism." Mainly I wrote this letter to set the record straight, and hopefully make a couple people see things differently.

Through first and secondhand experiences, I've heard people say such things as, "... like I'm going to listen to a guy who writes on walls," (responding to the recent painting on I.V. Theater), or other comments

You don't have to listen to what I have to say, nor do you have to think what I do is in any way art, but open your mind once in awhile. I do this simply to make you think outside of your schoolwork.

about what kind of person I am; such as weirdo, derelict, psycho, a friend once thought "what an asshole" (to "alcohol = courage") before she knew it was me, though she took it differently than I had projected it to be.

No, I didn't write "alcohol = courage" to provoke drunk-ass retards to have newfound courage and rape anyone, it was there just to make you think about what you're doing when you're bent. And as far as the newer character on I.V. Theater is concerned, I don't shun people for drinking and smoking. If I did, I would be a hypocrite. I was just trying to get the point across that there is a lot going on out there besides that I.V.-supported coma you might be in.

You don't have to listen to what I have to say, nor do you have to think what I do is in any way art, but open your mind once in a while. I do this simply to make you think outside of your schoolwork. Just because something is done in a way not to standards doesn't necessarily make it a bad thing. Not once have I defaced a business or residence. As far as fences on the 6600 block of Del Playa are concerned, they're owned by slum lords who can splurge a little to paint it over if

Bowl, but in a week. They are put in every C officially banned tos serves beer but the rest h gripes that I P.S. I forgot ever say "bless this campus."

### A BASKET

### HIS THA

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The only words: THANKS I attended a game: round season. T and it was always devoted Gauch I hope this " everyone who a letics. For me, every day, and makes it all wo been associate



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**Look at Your Surroundings**  
*and Isla Vista Should Not Just Be*  
*Ignored; An Artist Explains*

they choose. Anyway, it costs me more to paint it the first time than for them to cover it over.

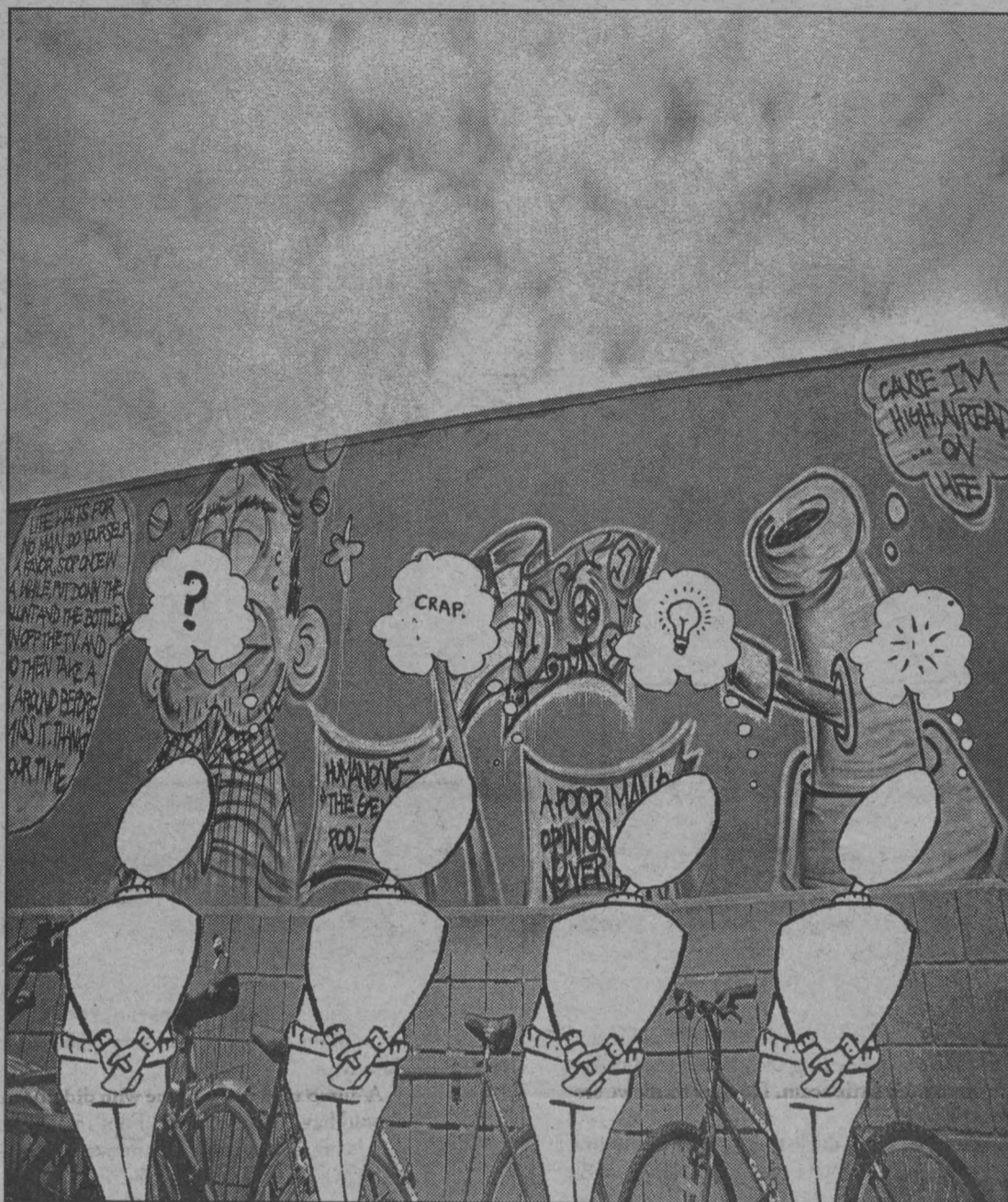
Don't get me wrong, a good amount of graffiti you are able to see are just scribbles from derelicts. They think they'll get fame from making a mess and causing a nuisance (not to say I haven't done it a couple times in my earlier days). Just to inform you scribblers and tag bangers reading this: You won't get shit, because, well, you're just making a mess.

Graffiti, as in piecing or characters, is in some ways the truest form of expression. To express yourself through graffiti you don't need a name to get into galleries and museums, you don't need some teacher to tell you what to do, not to mention more people will see it and may just enjoy it. If you are one of the people that just might be judgmental to the type of person I might be or what kind of people do graffiti, let me tell you and help kill some stereotypes.

Everyone in my crew (not a gang, we're just like all of your friends who you hang out with, but we write on walls) is from lower-middle to upper-middle class families, all races, all still go to school. Me, myself, I'm from an upper-middle class family, never been gang-related, never been arrested; hell, I don't even speed

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when I drive. We don't all listen to rap and walk in gangs, you can catch us striking Volvos bumping Tim McGraw's "Don't Take the Girl" (Mikey and Steve); most of the graffiti artists I know are snowboarders, skateboarders and surfers, not vagrants trying just to get by at the university. I'm in the college of engineer-



LISA DOTY and JASON SCHOCK / DAILY NEXUS

The graffiti above resides on the Isla Vista Theater by the bike racks. Various students find different reasons to comment on the graffiti, but Human One, a person who puts graffiti on the walls, explains his reasons for doing so. He hopes that perhaps students will be able to view the graffiti in a new and less stereotypical way.

ing, keeping a better than average grade-point average, and you or someone you know probably hangs out with or knows me, I'm the guy next door.

Hopefully, reading this might make you look at and understand your local graffiti and graffiti artist just a little better, and see things slightly differently. You are welcome to see my works however you want, for art is in the eye of the beholder, to each his own, etc., but please don't just pass graffiti by. Take a look, it just might influence you, no matter who you might be.

To those who do look at graffiti and study it — no, I'm not "twist" (Barry McGee), and, yes, I was drawing like this before I had seen his work. Not to say I haven't been influenced greatly by his work, but not much more than "giant," "felon," "spic," "dream" and other great artists. And if you haven't seen their work, check it out, it's all over the Internet. Kill the ignorance.

Jim B. (Human One) is an Isla Vista tagger.

**Letters to the editor MUST include the author's FULL name, phone number, year and major.**

l, but in actuality they are decreasing the size of it every k. They are also decreasing the amount of food that they in every Combo Meal. A few friends of mine and I have ially banned Panda for those two reasons. At least Chili- erves beer and is trying to change its menu somewhat, the rest haven't done jack shit. For now those are the es that I have.

S. I forgot to write about sneezing. Why don't people say "bless you" when you sneeze? There is no respect on campus.

SHAWN LAVI

**BASKETBALL PLAYER GIVES**

**S THANKS FOR SUPPORT**

or, Daily Nexus:

e only way I feel I can start this letter is with two simple s: THANK YOU. Thanks to all of you who have at- d a game in the last three years, especially in this turnar- season. The team went through some troubled times t was always nice to show up at the T-dome and see the ed Gauchos and all of the local fans.

ope this "Cinderella" season has been an inspiration to one who attends UCSB and who supports Gaucho ath- For me, basketball is a year-round sport. I work hard day, and to receive such support from the student body s it all worthwhile. The fans at UCSB are the best I've associated with and/or seen anywhere on the West

Coast. I want to thank all of you who have supported myself and the Gauchos.

I want to send a special thanks to a few people who have been there from the beginning: managers, Yan Tokar and Ryan Irmer, who do a lot of work behind the scenes and don't always get recognized for it. Thanks to the Athletic Dept., and especially Dr. Cunningham and Coach Colson, who have been so supportive from the very start. Thank you to the two biggest Gaucho fans I know, The Fantom (Aaron Bishop) and Reza G. I would also like to say thank you to



CATIA CHIEN / DAILY NEXUS

Vera, the coaching staff, my teammates, and to anyone I have forgotten. Thank you for all of the support and the memories.

P.S. One more thanks to my roommate, Kevin Stanton, who wanted his name in a section of the newspaper other than the Police Report.

JOSH MERRILL #3

**DO NOT FORGET THAT**

**FRESHMEN ARE PEOPLE, TOO**

Editor, Daily Nexus:

In regards to the Hot Line printed on Thursday, March 11, we would just like to tell everyone that we aren't fucking idiots! Yes, we are freshmen, but just because we were born in 1980 doesn't mean that we know less than those born in 1978.

The compact disc might have been invented when we were one, but who the hell cares? No one had heard of it anyways, you had to research when it was invented because NO ONE knew! We didn't know the Titanic was lost!?!? Yeah, maybe if we were born in 1980 in a cave!!!! We wore the Jordache jeans, we were cool, rad, and awesome! We worshipped Madonna, fried our hair with perms, and wanted to be Molly Ringwald.

We could understand if you were born 20 years before us, but four years is not a big difference! So what we're basically saying is that if you want to make fun of us, choose something more legitimate like crashing DP parties in groups of 20-plus, NOT about missing the '80s. WE ARE THE '80s!!!

KATIE MARRIE  
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**HOT Line**

**Question:**

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**Answer:**

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**Crowded Campus**

It seems that there are more students here this quarter than last. Campus is bursting at the seams right now. While there are a lot of visitors, many of these faces are students. Where did you people come from?

**Recurring Problem**

A problem was drawn to students' attention last quarter: the lack of pencil sharpeners in classrooms and lecture halls. Well, the problem still has not been remedied and time is a-wasting. Perhaps before this quarter ends, the folks upstairs can mend this problem.

**How to Play:**

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# GREEN

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"This project [created] a medicinal plant greenhouse, garden, and tissue culture lab to propagate and cultivate plants from around the world for the purpose of studying their chemical properties and therapeutic effectiveness," she said.

The project is funded by the UCSB Office of Research and the Balm Foundation, a private foundation dedicated to promoting an East-West dialogue in disease treatment, Husted said.

"This is a very new project, but we are gaining momentum quickly," she said. "We already have a greenhouse and small office set up and we just recently began planting in the gardens. We plan to have over 400 different species of plants including ginkgo, echinacea and astregalus, as well as culinary herbs like sage and basil."

According to Husted, although medical researchers generally agree that marijuana provides beneficial therapeutic effects, there is no plan to study this plant, due to strict government regulations.

There are many plants worldwide that have a biological impact on insects and animals, and it is conceivable to extend that biological activity to humans, according to biology Professor Jim Cooper, technical adviser to the project.

"Most of the history of pharmacology is based on plants or derivatives of plants. These natural products were the basis of many drugs we actively use today, including penicillin, aspirin and opiate-based painkillers," he said.

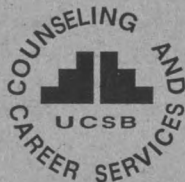
A main point of the project, Husted explained, is to subject nontraditional medicines and plants to modern scientific rigor and testing.

"I use high-tech scientific equipment such as Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, central nervous system tissue culture, fluorescence microscopy, and [High Pressure Liquid Chromatography] to study the effectiveness of these drugs on different bio-assays and in-vitro testing," she said.

According to Cooper, the potential of plants and global medicine are unlimited.

"Chinese herbs contain both micro and macro molecules that affect different aspects of human physiology when used either by themselves or as mixers with other drugs," he said. "Plants can make compounds that chemists can't, and they've been chosen by natural selection to still be here after thousands of years. Who knows what secrets and insights they may provide?"

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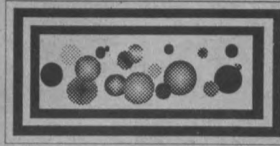
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## CAPPS

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Congress when I walked out of a meeting," she said. "The testimony of one disabled man was only a few sentences long, but his message was clear: He said that he

wanted and needed to work full-time. I think people began to realize that disabled people are able to and need to work."

Frank Schipper, president of a construction company in Santa Barbara, offered his expertise and knowledge in the field of

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# Sports

## Gauchos Continue Play Over Break

BY MARVIN GAPULTOS  
Staff Writer

While most of the UCSB student body got the chance to relax after Finals Week, the UCSB baseball team continued Big West action during Spring Break, playing in two three-game series against the University of the Pacific and New Mexico State University.

Santa Barbara (18-14 overall, 6-6 in the Big West) faced the best pitching staff of the Big West when it took on the Tigers, who have a 2.80 ERA on the mound. In the first game of the series, the Tiger attack was led by pitcher Darin Moore. Moore pitched for nine solid innings, allowing six hits and one earned run and striking out 10 Gauchos. The lone run for UCSB came off of junior catcher Bill Duplissee's bat, who had a game-tying solo shot in the ninth, sending the game into extra innings. However, Pacific was able to score two more runs in the 10th, and the Gauchos



Bryan LaCour

were unable to respond, which made for a 3-1 loss. Moore raised his record to 5-0.

"Their pitching was just outstanding against us," UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema said. "Darin Moore did a good job and showed that he's one of the best."

The Gauchos were able to bounce back in their second game against Pacific. Senior right hander David Uris started on the hill for Santa Barbara and worked for six innings, giving up only three hits for one run.

Santa Barbara led 5-1 after six innings, but the game was suspended due to rain. Play was resumed on the following day and the Gauchos were able to withstand a five-hit ninth inning by the Tigers to take a 7-6 victory. Sophomore shortstop Jeff Bannon went 2-5 from the plate with two RBIs on a two-run roundtripper in the eighth. Sophomore third baseman Dave Molitor was nearly perfect from the plate, going 3-4 with four RBIs and a three-run homer in the fourth.

After the continuation of the rain delay, the Gauchos and the Tigers began play for their third game of the three-game series on the same day. Unfortunately for Santa Barbara, it could not continue its winning ways, losing the final game 10-6. Seniors Brad Wright and Bryan LaCour each went 2-5 from the dish and had two ribbies apiece.

"In the last game [against Paci-

fic], we didn't really come out," LaCour said. "We also didn't get the pitching we needed. That was just a big game to lose."

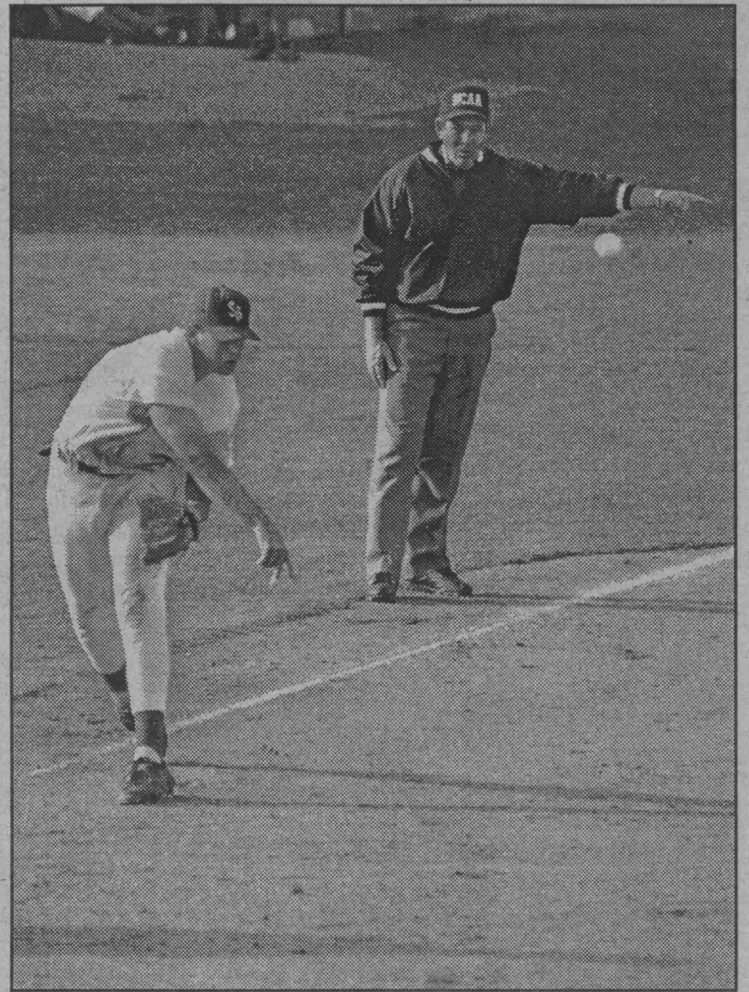
Despite dropping two games to Pacific, UCSB got its chance to redeem itself against the lowly Roadrunners of New Mexico State who were just 12-22 overall coming into the series.

"When you play [at New Mexico], anything can happen," Brontsema said. "There were some wind issues, and it's a very offensive park. Luckily we were able to get more hits and we were very pleased with our performance."

The Gauchos definitely showcased the offensive potential of the Roadrunners' ballpark, exploding for 18 hits on 18 runs for a 18-16 victory the first game of the series.

The win was given to freshman righty Chris Quiroz, who allowed one run on three hits in 3.2 innings of work. Santa Barbara also had many productive bats on the day. Sophomore second baseman Chad Peshke was 4-7 from the plate with four RBIs. Wright hit 3-6 with two ribbies and one dinger. LaCour knocked in five runs and had one homer of his own. Molitor knocked in one run and had two doubles on a 4-7 day at the plate, and freshman left fielder Andy Campanella was 3-5 with two RBIs.

The Gauchos would take the second game in similar fashion, shelling out 20 hits for a 18-12 victory over New Mexico. Junior



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**DYNAMITE DAVE:** Dave Molitor was named Big West Player of the Week after leading the Gauchos to a sweep over NMSU.

southpaw Troy Kinto notched his second win of the season after pitching for three innings and giving up three runs on three hits. Molitor was again huge from the plate, going 4-5 with six ribbies, two doubles and two home runs.

Molitor still was not finished with torturing Roadrunner pitch-

ers. In the third and final game of the series, the Santa Rosa, Calif., native went 4-5 from the plate with one double, five RBI, and his third homer of the series to lead the Gauchos to a 20-14 victory. This past weekend, Molitor was named Big West Player of the Week for his efforts.

## UCSB Wins First Three Games in Big West

BY ZACK O'NEILL  
Reporter

On and off, back and forth, hot and cold.

Any way you want to say it, the UCSB softball team has endured a season of ups, downs, and in-betweens. The Gauchos have been brilliant on occasion, yet have been shut out eight times. Nationally ranked teams have suffered defeat at their hands, and unranked ones have swept them in doubleheaders.

With a record of 17-15 (3-3 in the Big West), the Gauchos' potential is yet to be fully tapped into.

"Sometimes we just don't show up to play," said senior Kiki McAulay, who plays right field and bats .299. "We play down to the levels of teams we should beat, and we get frustrated because we know we're better."

From March 12-14, UCSB played in the National Invitational Softball Tournament in San Jose. Santa Barbara beat four of the six teams they played there, including a satisfying 5-2 defeat of #20 Cal, which avenged two home losses to the Golden Bears earlier in the season.

North Carolina, Notre Dame, and division rival Cal Poly also left Northern California with losses to the Gauchos on their résumés.

"That was a good tournament, and a great feeling for us," Head Coach Liz Kelly said. "We need to remember how good it felt to win those games."

However, Santa Barbara could not maintain its momentum and dropped both ends of a doubleheader at Campus Diamond on March 27 against the University of San Diego.

Both games were extra inning affairs where there seemed to be a brick wall in front of home plate. The Gauchos were shut out twice by the Toreros, 1-0 and 2-0, in a pair of games that lasted 10 innings each.

"We had great pitching and good defense. It was just hard to get refocused after Finals Week," Kelly said. "It was a matter of getting back on track, especially offensively."

The Gaucho bats returned in the team's three meetings against Sacramento State on March 29 and 30. The games with the Hornets were UCSB's first Big West league contests of the year. Santa Barbara responded to its previous two losses by promptly defeating Sacramento 2-1, 4-3 and 4-0. In doing so, the Gauchos found themselves with a record of 3-0 in the Big West after two days of league play.

"The first three league games

were good ones," senior second baseman Katie Ziegler said. "We were ready to play, and we hit the ball better."

Junior Tonya Dias hit her fourth home run of the season in the second game against the Hornets, and with a current average of .405, she has a legitimate shot at becoming the first Gaucho ever to hit .400 for an entire season.

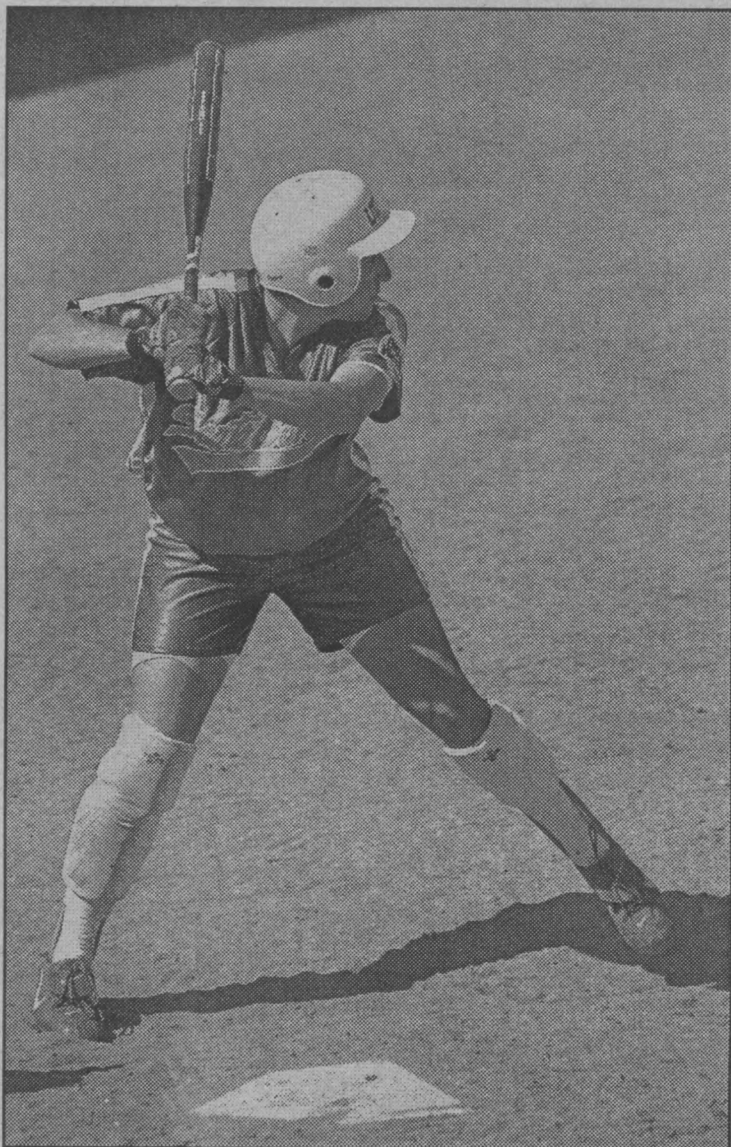
"Our offense needs to see more live pitches," Dias said. "Sometimes we don't capitalize on our opportunities. But we won't give up at all. Our team will battle."

When the Gauchos faced Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo on April 2-3, opportunities again fell by the wayside. Three close losses to the Mustangs dropped the Gauchos to 3-3 in Big West play.

The last loss was a 5-4 heart-breaker that came when UCSB surrendered four runs in the seventh and final inning.

"There were extreme weather conditions, and we just couldn't put it away," Kelly said of the gusting winds that nearly forced the cancellation of the game. "Hopefully it will teach us that we need to play all seven innings to win."

Today the Gauchos are in Stockton facing the University of the Pacific. The two teams will face each other twice today and once on Wednesday.



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**BUENOS DIAS:** Junior Tonya Dias hit her fourth home run of the year, helping UCSB to three-straight victories over Sacramento State.

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