

Thursday

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**The Madonna of Mali**

World music superstars from Mali, Oumou Sangare & Her Band, perform tonight in Campbell Hall at 8. Tickets start at \$12 for students.

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The UCSB men's basketball team ended a fairytale season after a slow beginning.

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## Bill's Bus Comes Back to Chauffeur Partiers

■ The Service Shuttles Drinkers and Friends Between IVBC and Downtown Santa Barbara

BY RYAN OTTO  
Reporter

Friends aren't supposed to let friends drive drunk, and where there are drunks with no friends, Bill's Bus is picking up the slack.

After a hiatus of nearly a year, Bill Singer will kick off the return of Bill's Bus this evening at The Tank in downtown Santa Barbara. According to Singer, Bill's Bus has been chauffeuring bar patrons between Cota Street in Santa Barbara and the Isla Vista Beer Company since 1991, in hopes of keeping drunk driving to a minimum. The bus ran sporadically last year, including at Halloween and graduation.

"Everyone has been asking me to bring it back, so I figured I'd make a new start with it," Singer said. "There is a need for it. People will always want to drink and then drive."

Before Bill's temporary shutdown of the company due to personal problems, his bus was funded completely by himself and the minimal charge for each rider, Singer said. The trip still costs \$5 round trip and \$3 one way, and he expects 200 to 250 people to ride each night.

The Tank's General Manager Tim Cooney, a former UCSB student, said he is one of Bill's Bus's supporters. The bus also counts

among its allies most of the downtown bars and a number of beer companies. To kick off the return of the bus, The Tank is hosting Monk-A-Fest, a local band, and hopes to promote the bus with discounts and VIP passes for bus riders Thursday night.

"I think it is a great operation, and worthy of any and all support," Cooney said.

Singer said the bus's support includes more than clubs and college students.

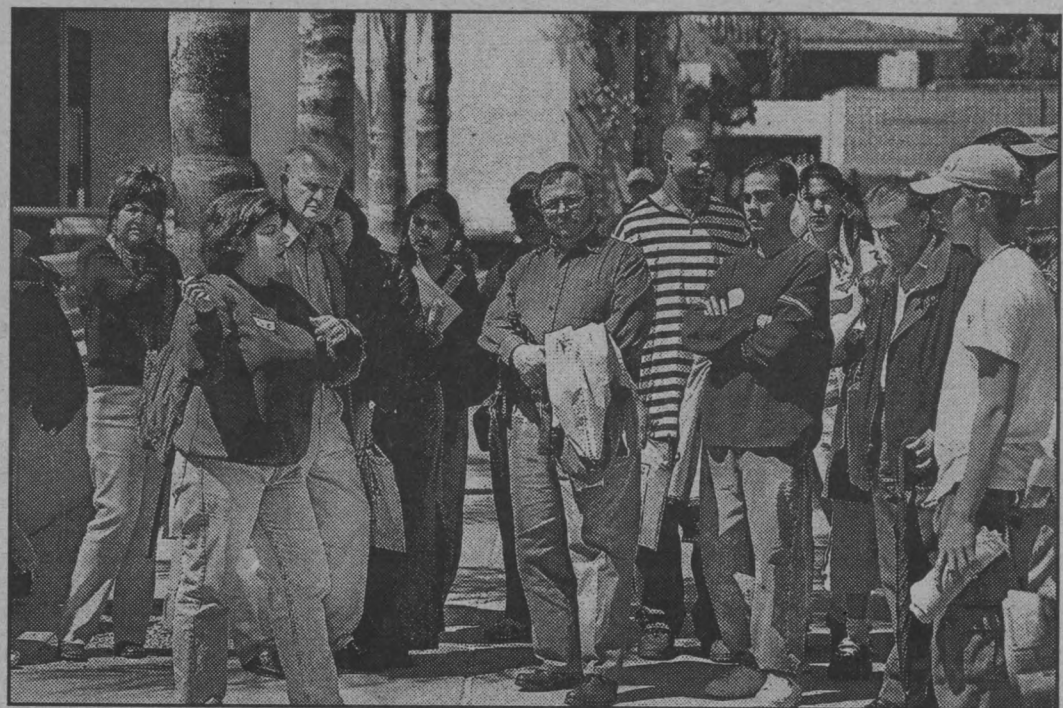
"In addition to financial support, we get a lot of support from the CHP and Police Dept., because it just makes their jobs easier, and from the public most people think this service is great," he said.

Singer said he plans to extend the service outside of the Santa Barbara area, into San Diego and other college communities where there is a need for it.

Sophomore Koko Mouchmouhian said the only way to stop drunken driving is to accommodate it.

"College students everywhere will always get drunk and need a way to keep it safe, and Bill's Bus provides a way to do that," he said.

Bill's Bus will run every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, with stops every hour in front of the Isla Vista Beer Company from 8:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.



A member of the UCSB orientation crew takes a group of prospective students and their parents around campus Wednesday, pausing briefly at the bookstore.

## Potential Gauchos Take a Look at UCSB

BY MELISSA FERTIG  
Reporter

All this week, campus has been blooming with prospective students trying to get a taste of life at UCSB.

The 10th annual Spring Insight officially began Monday, April 5, and will end Saturday, April 10. It is an effort to showcase the university to prospective students so that they and their parents can see what UCSB has to offer, according to Relations with Schools Director Mel Gregory.

"Spring Insight is significantly for admitted students to show what it is like in midsession," he said. "We wanted to create an open-house environment on campus for an entire week. [It provides information about] what to do next for those who have been accepted."

Spring Insight activities include a variety of

tours each day as well as presentations, including financial aid advising and transfer student information, according to Tour Coordinator Reza Garajedaghi.

"Dorms have their own tours. A very popular tour is the Isla Vista Tour," he said. "Within 3 to 4 hours [visitors] experience a lot of different aspects of UCSB."

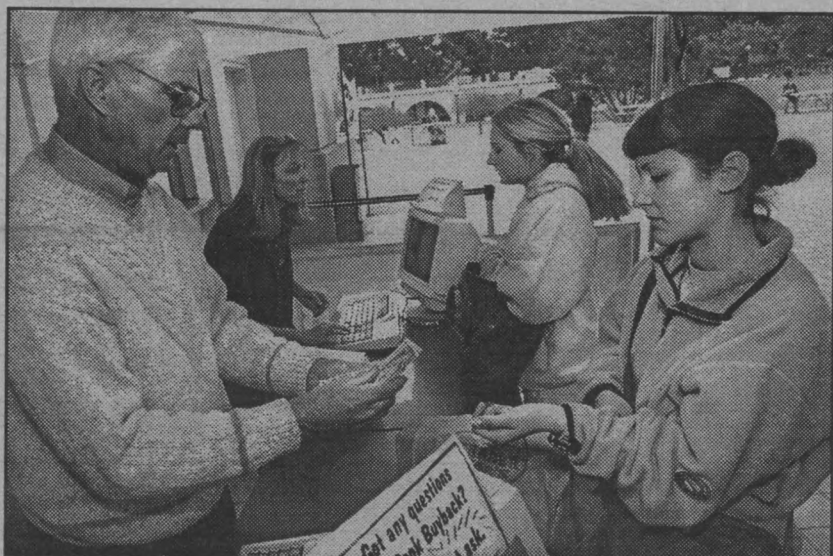
A number of UCSB students have volunteered their time by running the tours, Garajedaghi said.

"There are 60 Gaucho tour guides who give free tours for the experience," he said. "Spring Insight would never go through without them."

According to Garajedaghi, Spring Insight participants also have the opportunity to experience the lecture environment and can choose from a list of 30 classes to attend.

"We encourage them to visit classes and go on

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## Now I Can Buy that Candy Bar!

Sydney Peck, a senior religious studies major, sells back her books during Monday's buyback. Many students are less than enthusiastic about the exchange.

## Leg Council Debates Funding, Lock-in Fees; Considers New Tenant Association Initiative

BY CAMERON MOSS  
Reporter

Associated Students Legislative Council met Wednesday night for the first time Spring Quarter in an effort to place lingering bond initiatives on the ballot.

A total of 14 bills were carried over from last quarter's council meetings. All six bills involving lock-in fees passed, which allows students to vote on whether to increase student fees on the spring ballot.

The first two initiatives on the agenda — a 25-cent lock-in fee for the Student Commission on Racial Equality and a 10-cent lock-in fee for the Community Affairs Board — were passed unanimously without debate.

Amy Pelter, student coordinator for the

A.S. shuttle, lobbied for a lock-in fee for the shuttle providing transportation for Isla Vista residents to and from campus, which passed.

"Seventy-five cents per student would provide a third of the money to keep the shuttle running for another year," she explained.

A proposed \$3 increase in the \$9.10 A.S. base fee was also passed. A.S. President Erin O'Donnell explained that the new funds should be accessible to all A.S. entities.

"This is a win-win situation for a whole lot of people," she said.

A \$1 lock-in initiative to establish an Isla Vista Tenants' Union and Santa Barbara Tenants' Association to protect renters' rights also gained a place on the ballot.

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# Top of the News

## L.A. Mayor Seeks Rise in School Standards



**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Mayor Richard Riordan declared the nation's second-largest public school system a "total failure" and blamed its leadership Wednesday, a week before an important school board election.

"Two out of three kids cannot read at grade level by the end of third grade," the mayor said in his annual state-of-the-city address. "This makes my blood boil."

The mayor faulted the board of the Los Angeles Unified School District for stressing "feel-good" subjects over basic math and reading skills.

Riordan also used the address to criticize secession efforts in the city, but focused on problems in the

vast school district, which is governed by an elected, seven-member board that sets policy, establishes education programs and decides

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in reading because of language issues, and not bad teachers, Sayles said. Many of the district's students are immigrants.

On Tuesday, four of the school board seats are up for election, and the mayor used

— Richard Riordan  
Los Angeles mayor

budget matters.

Brad Sayles, a spokesperson for district Superintendent Ruben Zacarias, said the mayor got some of his facts wrong.

"It's a typical Riordan approach. He dwells on the negative," Sayles said.

Third graders are behind

his address to ask for support of candidates he is backing.

Riordan said the board tolerated incompetent principals, and despite the gaping failures of the system, no principal has been fired in the past 15 years.

"They call it the Dance of the Lemons," Riordan

said. "Bad principals don't get fired, they just get transferred around to other schools."

Sayles said the comment showed the mayor's lack of understanding of the school system. In incompetence cases, principals are forced to resign under threat of demotion, Sayles said, and the difference between forced resignation and being fired is a matter of words.

"Dropout rates are down, attendance is up and more graduates go on to college than the national average," he said.

With almost 700,000 students in 668 elementary, middle and high schools, Los Angeles Unified is second only to the New York City school system.

## State Legislature Debates Gay-Rights Amendment Bill



**SACRAMENTO (AP)** — For both Alyssa Rooker and Greg VanderPol, high school was a painful experience of slurs, taunts and attacks.

Their common "crime": fellow students thought they were gay. Rooker, 20, from Vacaville, is a lesbian, but was not "out" during high school. VanderPol, 17, from El Dorado Hills, is straight.

A bill approved Wednesday by an Assembly committee would attempt to discourage such attacks by protecting students in public schools against discrimination based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation.

While the students told their stories, and referred to the murder of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming, about 150 pastors and church members held a rally on the Capitol steps to protest against the bill.

The mostly conservative church groups opposing the bill say it would give special rights to gay students and require schools to teach homosexuality to all students, even kindergartners.

The author of the bill, Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica), is one of two openly gay state lawmakers. She has tried for four years to get the same bill through the Legis-

lature without success.

It was approved by 10-6, a bare majority of the Education Committee, and was sent to the Appropriations Committee.

Current law prohibits public schools and colleges, and some private schools that accept public funds, from discriminating on the basis of gender, race, religion or ethnic group. The law also prohibits teachers from teaching anything that reflects adversely on any such group. The bill would add to that law actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality or bisexuality.

Rooker told the committee boys pushed her up against lockers, threatened to rape her and said they would kill her if she touched their girlfriends. School officials did nothing. Her grades plummeted, she skipped school and barely graduated.

"What gay students need isn't special protection; it's the protection everyone else has," she said.

VanderPol said he was slapped in the face and hit with a chair in a science lab.

Kuehl said three other states — Connecticut, Minnesota and Massachusetts — already have similar laws and six other states are also considering similar bills this year. She said about half the school districts in the state have passed their own similar policies.

### AP WIRE SHORTS

• **SACRAMENTO (AP)** — Witnesses held up textbooks that use well-known cookie, candy and fast-food restaurant names in math problems as an Assembly committee decided Wednesday that students are getting too much commercialization in public schools.

The Assembly Education Committee approved a bill that restricts the use of brand names and logos in state-approved textbooks.

The bill would allow local school boards or the state Board of Education to approve textbooks that have brand names or logos only if they decide they serve some educational purpose.

A vote of 13-0 sent the bill by Assemblywoman Kerry Mazzoni (D-Novato), to the Appropriations Committee.

• **CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP)** — The Nevada Senate on Wednesday approved a measure to protect wild horses, domestic animals and police dogs.

The Senate bill is a response to the December killing of 34 wild horses near Reno. It increases the penalty for killing a wild horse to a felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The bill, approved on a 21-0 vote, also would increase the penalty for harming domestic animals, and repeat offenders could be charged with a felony. Also, permanently disabling or killing a police animal would be a felony.

The measure was authored by Senate Minority Leader Dina Titus (D-Las Vegas) and Sen. Randolph Townsend

(R-Reno).

The horses killed in December were shot about five miles east of the Reno-Sparks area. Three men have been charged with grand theft, grand larceny and poisoning, maiming or killing another person's animal — punishable by up to 15 years in jail.

• **SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Finding out how long it will take to cross the U.S.-Mexico border at San Ysidro is now just a phone call away.

The U.S. Customs Service started a new service Wednesday that connects motorists to a recording detailing current traffic conditions, number of open lanes and the wait time at the checkpoint. The information is updated every two hours or whenever traffic conditions significantly change.

"This telephone service should allow motorists to better plan the timing of their trips across the border," said Oscar Preciado, U.S. Customs port director at San Ysidro.

U.S. authorities also hope the phone line will make traffic management more efficient for Border Patrol agents trying to control the flow of narcotics and illegal immigrants crossing the border.

San Ysidro is the busiest land border crossing in the world. On average, 45,000 vehicles cross the border there daily. Last year, an estimated 41 million people and 15 million vehicles crossed into the U.S. at San Ysidro, about 20 miles south of San Diego.

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## Weather

Well, hopefully by now everyone has found a place to live next year.

But if you haven't, I have a little advice about finding that perfect little love-shack. It's all about location. Now I'm somewhat of a nature lover, so I recommend finding a place along one of the many migratory paths of that lovable species: *goofias freshmanus* — known as "freshmen," to the layman.

See, I used to live on Camino Corto ... we called my house the Big Red Barn and I lived in the attic; oh, the parties we had, ahhh, the memories. Anyways, every Friday and Saturday night swarms of oversexed, under-toleranced freshmen from FT would stampede into I.V. like a herd of wildebeests on the Serengeti.

Now here's where the fun begins: Get an old purse and attach a \$5 bill and some fishing line. When a flock of unsuspecting freshmen approach, toss the bait in front of them. Your prey will see the money, wet their pants with glee, and lunge for their prize — NOW YANK ON THE STRING! Oh my, this trick provides hours of pure comedy. Be sure to ridicule and humiliate your victims sufficiently.

Got any good pranks? Send them c/o Weatherhuman at the above address.

Today's weather: I'll tell you the weather ... but first pull my finger!

### Correction

In Wednesday's Nexus, the photo connected to the article "IVRPD Acquires Land to Preserve Endangered Resources" was of Dog Shit Park. The land acquired was actually an undeveloped lot across the street from 6830 Del Playa. The Nexus regrets this error.

# Police Report

## You Know, Masturbation Alleviates Stress

On Saturday, March 20, at 3:51 p.m., an Isla Vista Foot Patrol deputy responded to a report of an altercation at Francisco Torres Residence Hall, according to IVFP reports. The deputy spoke to the alleged victim, an FT resident assistant, who told him the following:

On Friday, March 19, at approximately 7:45 p.m., the victim was watching "The Simpsons" in the North Tower lobby. He left for a few minutes to get a drink, and when he returned, a resident in his hall (the suspect) was watching the Lakers game, according to reports.

"[The victim] told [the suspect] to change the program back to 'The Simpsons,'" reports state. "[The suspect] refused to change the program back, so [the victim] switched the channels. [The suspect] stood up and yelled at [the victim] for changing the station."

According to reports, the suspect left and returned around 30 minutes later, at which point the victim was still watching TV.

"[The suspect] yelled at [the victim], 'Let's take this outside,'" reports state. The victim got up to leave, but "before [the victim] could leave the area, [the suspect] pushed [the victim] in the chest using both hands. [The suspect] then pulled a closed pocketknife out of his pocket. [The suspect] opened the knife completely so that the blade locked into place."

The suspect then continued to yell at the victim, brandishing the knife, reports state.

The suspect later told officers that changing the channel was "unethical and immoral," reports state.

The suspect, who said he has "a bad temper," admitted to pulling the knife and was arrested. The knife had a 3 3/4 -inch blade and measured approximately 8 1/2 inches overall.

### Analyze This

On Thursday, March 23 at 1:48 p.m., a 25-year-old male came "to the IVFP office to turn in his gun, upon the request of his therapist," reports state.

The gun was a Smith and Wesson 9mm and included two 8-round magazines, according to reports.

### Violent Stoners? What's Next?

On Friday, March 19, at 12:30 a.m., two deputies responded to an apartment on the 6700 block of Sabado Tarde Road to investigate a possible battery, according to reports.

The suspect and victim in the alleged incident are roommates. The victim told officers the following:

The suspect, the victim and two of their roommates were watching TV in their living room at around midnight when "[the victim] made a humorous comment about something he saw on television," reports state. "[The suspect] got up from the couch and for no apparent reason said, 'Fuck you.' ... [The suspect] said, 'I wish you didn't live here because I would beat your ass.' [The victim] asked [the suspect] why he was saying that and [the suspect] replied, 'Cause you're a bitch.'"

The suspect, who is 5'10" and weighs 135 pounds, leaned over the couch and punched the victim on the left side of the head, according to reports. The victim then went to his room and called the Foot

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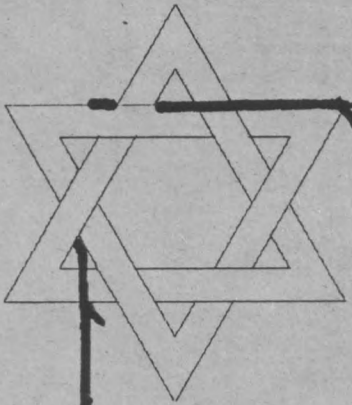


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# Holocaust Remembrance Week

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## Remembering Sandro Samuele Sonnino

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Sandro, the son of Settimio and Ida Sonnino, was born in Rome in 1938. In November 1938, three months after Sandro was born, Italy's dictator, Mussolini, passed various anti-Jewish measures under the prodding of his German allies. Early on the rainy Saturday morning of October 16, 1943, Sandro and his family were arrested in a surprise raid by the Nazis. On October 23, 1943, the trains had arrived at the Auschwitz death camp in Poland. The sick, weak, elderly, young children and their mothers, were all told to clean up in the shower room after their long journey. The room turned out to be a gas chamber. **Sandro was five years old when he was murdered.**

**All Week: Holocaust Documentary Display** *In front of the UCen, 10am- 3pm*  
**Photography Exhibit: 60 Years Later** *Multi Cultural Center*

**Monday April 12, 12pm through  
Tuesday, April 13, 12pm**

**24- Hour Name Reading:** Pay tribute to the people who perished in the Holocaust. *In front of the UCen*

**Monday April 12, 8pm**

**Candle Light Vigil:** A memorial service for those we remember. *Storke Plaza*

**Wednesday April 14**

**12pm: Dramatic Presentation:** Come watch and be a part of an artistic expression dedicated to Holocaust victims. *Storke Plaza*

**5pm: Movie--"Visas and Virtue"**

A diplomat risks his life to help Jews escape the Nazis. Discussion with Director and Producer to follow. **5pm-6pm Refreshments, 6pm-**

**6:30pm Movie, 6:30pm-7:30pm**

**Discussion.** *Multi Cultural Center*

**Thursday April 15, 8pm**

**Documentary: "Tak For Alt" Survival of a Human Spirit. Discussion with Holocaust Survivor Judy Meisel to follow.**

*Isla Vista Theater* (\$5 for community members; free for students)

**Friday April 16**

**11 am: Tree Planting Ceremony**

Please join the community to plant a tree for life and peace. *The tree will be planted in the grove located on the Eastern end of the Library opposite the Psychology building.*

**6 pm: Shabbat Services and Discussion**

*University Religious Center, 777 Camino Pescadero.*

**Do you think it is important to revisit Holocaust sites in Easter Europe?**

Comment Wall can be found at the display in front of the UCen and at the Arbor.

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**Contact Hillel for details and questions: 968-1280**

# REPORT

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## Patrol.

When the IVFP deputies contacted the suspect, he said he hit his roommate because he "was making comments that irritated him," reports state. The suspect also told the deputies, "To be honest with you, I was stoned."

Although the victim had no visible injuries apart from a slightly red ear, he requested that the district attorney file a complaint.

## No Harm, No Foul

A report was taken on Sunday, April 4, from a 21-year-old female resident of the 6500 block of Segovia Road regarding a residential burglary.

The report states, "Suspects forcibly enter locked apartment during Spring Break, eats food, parties, steals property."

The residents had not given anyone permission to enter the apartment or consume anything while they were gone, but when they returned they found the apartment ransacked, according to reports.

"Chips and nuts were strewn all over the carpet. Empty beverage containers [including two empty Bud Light cans, Sprite and Pepsi cans, and drinking water bottles] were left throughout the apartment. Food that had been left in the refrigerator was gone, and chicken bones were left on the living room carpet," reports state. "A fold-out, cushion-type bed had been moved into the living room."

Although several tapes and CDs were strewn about the

residence, it was still unclear whether anything had been stolen, according to reports.

## A Regular Sherlock Holmes

While monitoring a large party on the 6600 block of Del Playa Drive on Saturday, March 3, at 12:20 a.m., two IVFP officers observed a group of males doing something suspicious, according to reports.

"[The officer] noticed that one of the subjects was holding a small glowing object between the thumb and index finger of his right hand," reports state. "He brings the object to his mouth and inhales, causing the item to glow brighter."

The other suspects were looking around and watching the person with the glowing object, according to reports.

"Due to [the officer's] training and experience [he] recognized this type of activity to be associated with marijuana consumption," reports state.

Although the suspect insisted "he wasn't smoking anything," according to reports, the officer felt he had probable cause to search the individual.

The officer discovered a small wooden container holding less than one ounce of marijuana, reports state. Because the suspect had no identification, he was taken to the Foot Patrol office, where it was discovered that the container also had, according to reports, "a small amount of a brown gummy substance inside which is believed to be hashish."

The suspect was cited for possession of marijuana, hashish, and paraphernalia.

— Compiled from Isla Vista Foot Patrol reports by Gretchen Macchiarella and Tony Biasotti

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

**Aries** (March 21-April 19)—Today is a 4—Circumstances that seem beyond your control could force you to take action. That's what it feels like anyway. Actually, you're the one who got yourself into this position, and you're the only one who can get yourself out. You won't do that by locking horns with another stubborn person. Learn what he's trying to teach you, and use it.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 6—If you're traveling today, take care. There will be delays, and they're not all your fault. Somebody else's impatience could cause you to get off schedule. If you absolutely have to get there on time, you'd better start early.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21)—Today is a 5—The important thing to remember today is that you need to be practical. It'll be a lot more fun to be wildly impetuous, but that's not going to work out anywhere near as well for you. It'll be a lot more fun for a little while, but you could end up flat broke.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 4—There's almost too much opportunity to suit you today. You might feel overwhelmed. Don't try to manage it all by yourself. You need a good partner with skills complementing your own. Nurture one.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22)—Today is a 5—Ignore a friend who's trying to talk you into playing hooky. Today it's really not a good idea. The workload is pretty intense, and you sure are looking for a break, but look ahead just a little further. This weekend will be much better for travel and for being with friends. Right now, concentrate on the job at hand.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is a 6—Somebody else's emergency could get in the way of your plans for today. If it weren't for that, everything would be tranquil, easy and maybe even a little boring. Not much chance of that happening, though. You'll be on your toes most of the day. Plan your date for tomorrow, instead.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is a 4—Two very enthusiastic people could clash mightily today, but you're not afraid. You go right into the middle of the battle armed only with your wit and charming smile. You might charm them both into seeing things differently, too, but it might take a little longer than you expected. Better pack a lunch.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 6—You're learning quickly today, and that's a good thing, because you need to learn as fast as you can to keep up with a demanding schedule. There's also a demanding person who's about to drive you crazy. While you're practicing your talents, also practice controlling your temper. It'll give you the edge that could make all the difference.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is a 5—If you run into the same old criticism today, relax. Instead of fighting back, look to see what you could give up. Not your point of view, of course, but maybe the tension in your body. Your smile is so contagious, the others will forget what they were arguing about.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 5—Looks like good things are coming your way eventually. It may not seem like that right now, however. Instead of resisting a change that seems imminent, see if you can manage it instead. Manage to make it work out in your favor, that is.

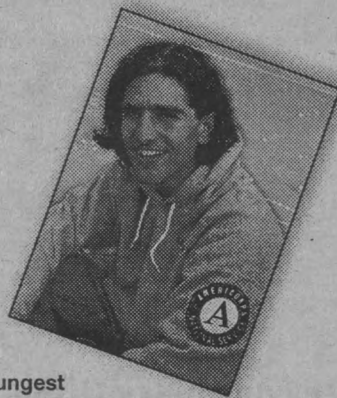
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is a 5—You're in a bit of a crunch today, most likely. Looks like there's a logjam. Somebody's yapping at you to move more quickly, but that might not be possible, unless you try something different. Go for it.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 6—Friends and loved ones may be kind of hard to tell apart today. Several people you know fit into both categories. That's good, because you can have plenty of support to get through a tough assignment. Relax and concentrate, and you'll do fine.

**Today's Birthday** (April 8). Financial stress could spur you to take action this year. That's OK. It could help you to become wealthy. In April, you can see what you want, but you can't quite reach it yet. By May, the path should be more obvious, but you start running into problems. One of those develops in August, and another in November. Use them to motivate yourself to work harder. In December, things get relatively easy, but by January, there's a test. Be prepared. In February, the worst is definitely over, and by March, you'll have a whole new point of view, and possibly a whole new status.

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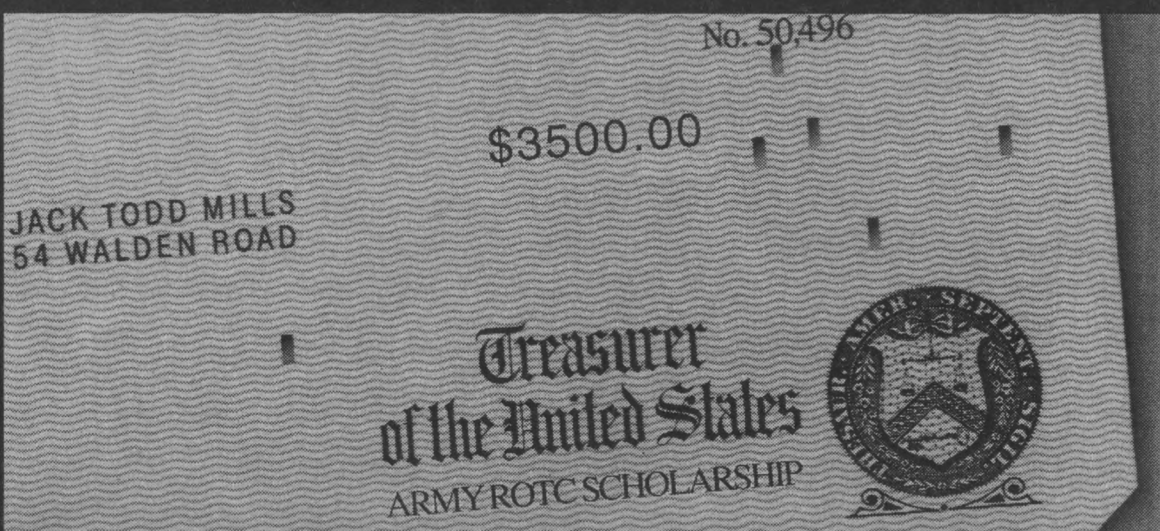


After graduating from college, Josh Borus joined AmeriCorps to help the youngest members of his community—and he discovered a whole new world. As a teacher's aide in a low-income neighborhood near his home in Boston, Josh worked with students well beyond the regular school hours and provided support they often didn't get at home. "If you see a problem, you have a responsibility to do something about it," Josh says. "AmeriCorps gave me that chance."



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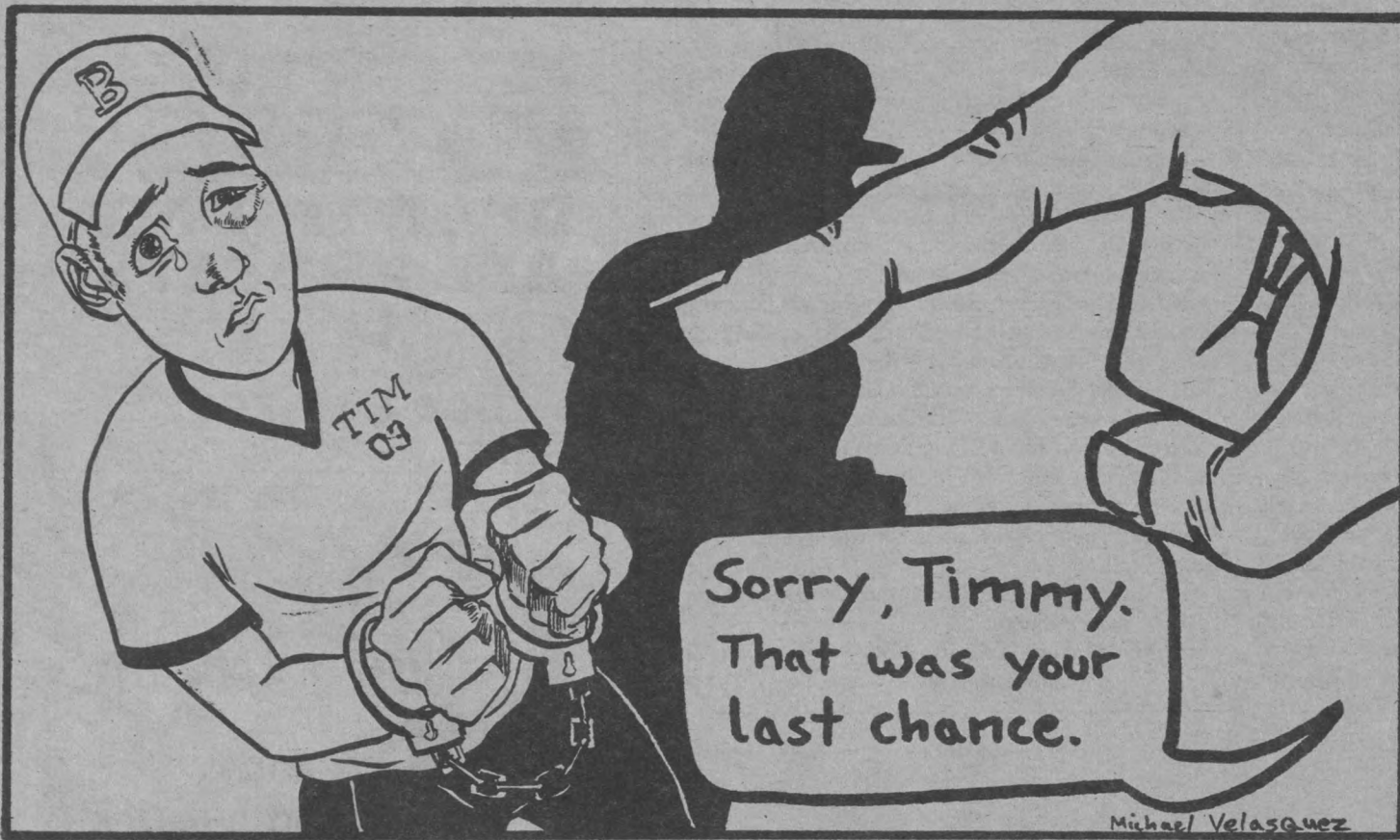
# Opinion

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## Two Strikes, a Ball and You're ...

*The Three Strikes Law Needs To Be Amended; a Current Proposal Should Do the Trick*

In baseball, it's three strikes, you're out — that's it. But the umpire has the discretionary power to call strikes on a player-by-player basis. In California, the three strikes law automatically sends criminals to the slammer for 25 years to life on their third conviction of a felony, if the first two felonies are considered violent or serious. It does not give judges — the umpires of our legal system — the discretionary power to decide whether that third felony, which could be relatively minor, warrants such a harsh sentence. While the three strikes law is inherently a good idea, a new bill seeking to amend the law is a move in the right direction.

The current three strikes legislation was passed in 1994 by the California legislature and signed into law by then-Gov. Pete Wilson. Now, Tom Hayden (D-Los Angeles) has proposed a bill — which was approved on Tuesday by the Senate Public Safety Committee — requiring that the third strike must also be a serious or violent felony. The bill is currently on its way to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

As it stands now, the problem with the law is that it does not examine what the suspects actually did when it comes to the third offense. A nonviolent felony — such as prostitution — could result in sending a suspect to jail for life, when under normal cir-

cumstances this kind of crime would have a much less severe punishment. The current law also takes power away from judges to make decisions about the nature of the crime and the punishment each specific crime necessitates. The Constitution granted judges the power to consider sentences on a case-by-case basis for a reason, and the mandatory three-strike sentencing robs judges of this discretionary power.

Regarding the current state of the law, victimless crimes should not put a person away for life. If the suspect engages in a lesser offense on the third strike, he should not be subject to lifetime imprisonment because of that offense. This problem becomes more complicated when overcrowding in jails is considered. If drug offenders are occupying all the jail cells because of third strike convictions, and then a convicted rapist comes in on one offense but gets released early, there is a problem. Who do you want let out of jail, a rapist or a pot smoker?

The law should only classify as strikes those felonies that are considered violent or serious; e.g. grand theft, assault, rape or any crimes with victims. Victimless crimes should not be counted as strikes toward the 25 years to life. The three strikes law serves an important function; however, its mandatory sentencing minimums should be opened up to judges' discretion.

## Mom Can't Clean Up After You Anymore

*Picking Up Trash Does Not Take Much Effort, So Do It!*

CHRIS MEAGHER

I have two back-to-back classes in I.V. Theater. Before my first class a gentleman, sometimes two, from the university maintenance staff comes into I.V. Theater I and spends anywhere from 15 to 20 minutes picking up copies of the *Nexus* and empty soda containers that students carelessly discard on the floor and in between the seats.

Every day I observe this gentleman walk out of the theater with one-and-a-half garbage-can-sized trash bags full of crap that has been picked off of the floor. I would guess that they pick up at least 600 copies of this paper in the 20 minutes they are there. And this is just from the morning. If you ever have an 8 o'clock class in I.V. Theater you will notice that the floors are always uncluttered. But in the course of six hours it looks as if a paper mill blew up.

Would you people treat your own house this way? I guess some of you actually would. Some of you would like to live amongst filth and wretchedness. That is fine with me, but don't expect others to like it, too.

"But Chris," you might say, "It's only some news-

papers, and they get picked up." To that I respond, "LISTEN TO YOURSELF, YOU IGNORAMUS!" If it's only a newspaper, then WHY CAN'T YOU THROW IT AWAY? When I counted, there were seven, count them, SEVEN trash receptacles in the entry way of I.V. Theater. If you are a diehard tree hugger, then there is a recycling bin outside the front door. So you, my eco-freak friend, have no excuse.

"Well, what about if I leave through the emergency exits near the bike racks?" Someone intelligent predicted this, and put a trash can in each of the emergency exits, PLUS a giant dumpster right next to the bike racks. In summary, I.V. Theater is LOUSY with trash cans, and you have to basically hurdle them like you were in a minefield to get out the door.

So now let's do some math.

2 workers x 20 minutes of work x 2 times a day x the dozens of lecture halls on UCSB X 5 days a week x 33 weeks a year = a shidload of man-hours and money that are used picking up the mountainous heaps of waste that we students dump on our campus every day.

So here it is ... we all can do our own part to solve this problem. Now that the preaching is done, here is what I really think. Take five damned seconds of your

existence to huck this copy of the *Nexus* that you are reading into a garbage can. Is it going to kill you to pick up after yourself? If you want to make a mess, go back to your apartment or your dorm room and do it there.

Now the question is, "Why should we care?" I am sick and tired of people writing in and telling the chancellor/regents/A.S. that things around here need to be fixed. NO SHIT THEY NEED TO BE FIXED! Don't you people think that they know this? If the school had the money to repave every foot of bikepath or defunk the lagoon, don't you think that they would? The fact that we (Yes, WE!) have to pay people to pick up after us is ridiculous. It only adds to the spoiled-brat reputation that we have earned. We could take all that money and manpower and put them to use doing more important things. Instead of just maintaining our campus, these resources could be used to improve and beautify it. And all this could happen if you would just throw your own trash away.

If you are too lazy to throw this paper away, then you shouldn't be reading it. So read this letter, ponder my ideas and then for God's sake THROW IT AWAY! I would urge the university to discontinue this sort of cleaning so that we might see what the consequences of our actions are. You wouldn't be too happy going to class if you had to wade through a swamp of trash to get to your seat.

Chris Meagher is a sophomore business economics and film studies major.

## You CAN Make a Difference

*Campus Elections Are Coming Up*

JASON NAZAR

Sometimes life just throws us a bad hand. We don't have any choice or say in what happens to us. For me, these are the most frustrating situations because I so much value being able to make choices that directly affect my own happiness. Even so, sometimes I don't recognize the choices that I have the option to exercise.

I overlook those choices because I usually don't think that they will have much effect on my life, or because the process of making that choice seemingly outweighs the benefits of its return. In three weeks we are going to have our A.S. election. These students are going to directly represent your interests for the next year. Let's all make sure to exercise our choice and get out

Each year students pay about \$2,000,000 to Associated Students and all its related service. That's about \$40 each year.

there and vote.

I've worked in A.S. for the last three years; it started out as a fluke. I wasn't interested in student government at first; I just wanted to spend some time volunteering. But as I spent more and more time here, I found that I really enjoyed knowing what was happening on our campus, what bills were being passed, and how that legislation was affecting my college experience.

In the past two quarters I've witnessed firsthand legislative members and executives working diligently and effectively for our student body. These are many of the same members that are going to be running for offices this next year. In every position, we have a great pool of qualified, intelligent and outgoing students that want to represent our interests. And I welcome those candidates that haven't worked in A.S. yet. Basically I'm saying, get out there and vote.

To tell the truth, I didn't vote my first year here. I didn't know anything about the candidates and I didn't think I had 10 minutes to spare in between classes. I regret that now. I know that my one vote wouldn't have changed the outcome of the elections, but I would have gained something more important — the satisfaction of knowing that I tried to make my college campus what I want it to be.

## The Reader's

FROSH DON'T SUCK,  
PROFS NEED INFO

Editor, Daily Nexus:

To the offended freshmen "ARE THE '80s" (Reader's View April 6): that Hot Line was intended to imply that freshmen are idiots.

I myself did not call in the Line, but I do have the source information. Those facts were extracted from a list that was provided for faculty at Beloit College in Wisconsin to give them a sense of the perspective that the incoming freshmen class of their world. They do this list every year, but somehow this year's was on the Internet and managed to end up in the hands of a couple of U.S. students.

The list was intended for professors who might have lost touch with the younger generation's experience. For instance, one of the facts on that list is that the freshmen do not care about shot JR and don't even know what

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HOT
Line

Investigative
Report

It seems that the
Hot Line has stum-
bled on to a bit of,
well, a conspiracy.
It has been noted
that pencil sharp-
eners are notably
absent from class-
rooms and lecture
halls. Well, one
astute reader
phoned in with a
little tip. Brandon
Yourczek, senior
law and society
major, says that in
the storage room
of the library, there
are a bunch of
new and used
sharpeners in
boxes! Now, then,
since they are
available on cam-
pus, why aren't
they put in lecture
halls? Stay tuned
for more on this
Hot Line
Investigative
Report.

RBS?

It is very interest-
ing that the RBR is
known as the RBR.
On the front of the
controversial loca-
tion are the words
"Reserve Book
Service." Henceforth,
shouldn't the RBR
be known as the
RBS? We were just
wondering.

Graduation
Announcement

While graduation
cannot come soon
enough for some
seniors, the paper-
work associated
with it is enough to
overwhelm anyone.
Graduation
announcements
are one of the
biggest annoy-
ances; how do you
want your name
printed, what
designs, etc.? Such
critical deci-
sions must not be
overlooked, pre-
pare now.

How to Play:

Give us a ring
at (805) 893-
2692. Leave your
idea or fact, full
name and phone
number (without
which we won't let
you appear in the
Hot Line). Thanks.

Make a Difference ...

Waking Up; a Student Prepares to Vote

It may seem like student government doesn't real-
ly concern our day-to-day lives, but it does. Each year
students pay about \$2,000,000 to Associated Students
and all its related services — that buys a whole lot of
Double Doubles. That's about \$40 each year. If you're
working for six bucks an hour, like me, that means that
you're putting in almost seven hours to pay for all of

This group basically does for our campus what
Congress does for our government. They introduce
bills on how to spend money, they each work on seem-
ingly a thousand committees, and they put in more
hours than they should to represent this campus. They
are the most direct representation we have to voice our
concerns of how we think money should be spent and
which programs we want developed. They spend a good
six hours a week just in one meeting making sure every-
one's interests are protected.

While I can understand how some people are cyni-
cal of a process that seems like it's full of gridlock, I'm
proud to have friends that are willing to sacrifice that
much time to make this a better campus for all of us.

agencies and the Santa Barbara County Board of
Supervisors. He/she works with groups like the
Community Affairs Board, Isla Vista Recreation and
Park District and UCSB Isla Vista Task Force just to
name a few. The external vice president for statewide
affairs is our liaison to the UC Board of Regents,
Systemwide Administration and the UC Student
Association. This office is the most effective tool we
have at our disposal to be heard by distant administra-
tors who take our money and shape our educational
policies.

The internal vice president serves as the chair of the
A.S. Committee on Committees. She/he also runs all
the Legislative Council meetings and deals with all the
day-to-day problems that occur within A.S. This posi-
tion is not an easy undertaking and requires a ton of
patience and positive energy. The president is the main
representative of and for this campus. This person is
responsible for appointing all the heads of committees,

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one should. And I wouldn't want to
vote for a candidate that I know noth-
ing about.

reviewing all legislation that has passed legislative coun-
cil, and creating a budget for the following year.

Our executives have spent countless hours this
year working on more projects than I can remember.
They also all hold at least six office hours a week during
which you can come in. They have done a terrific job
supporting students' interests and helping to pass posi-
tive legislation. Some of them are even running for
office again, so you should get out there and vote.

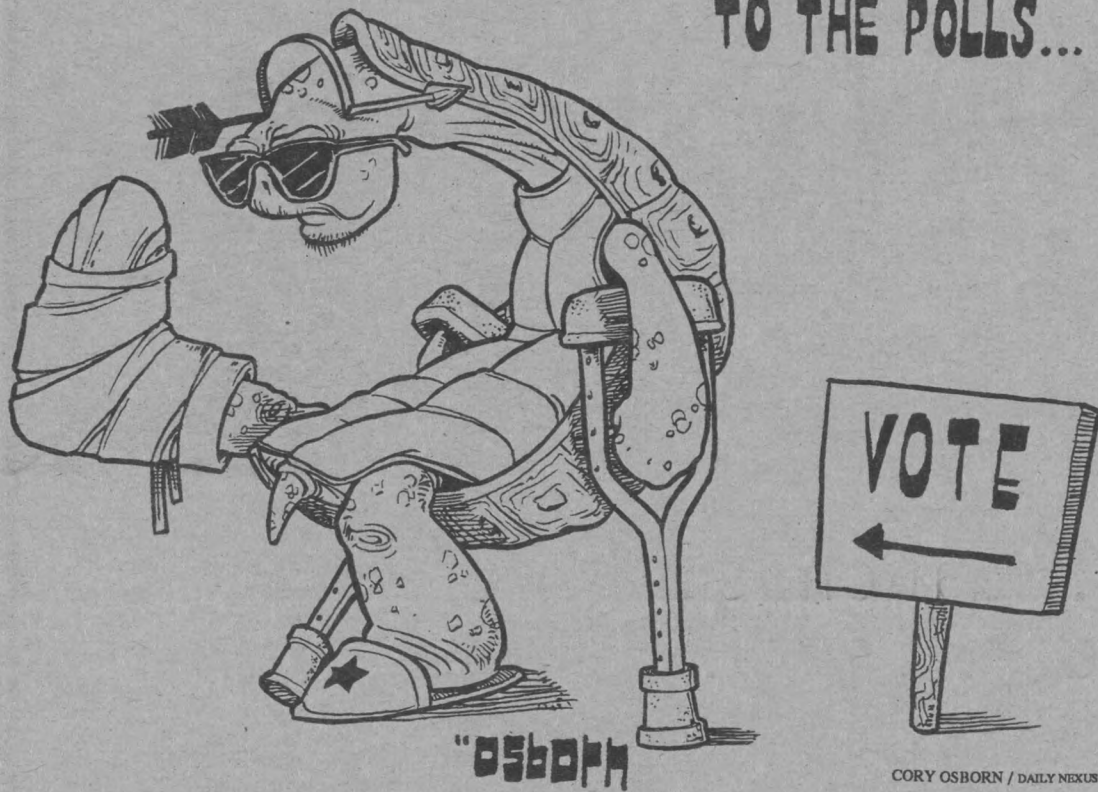
Sometimes it may seem like A.S. is this far-off dis-
tant world like the land of Oz, and you may feel that you
have as much in common with these students as you do
with the Lollipop Kids or the Wicked Witch of the
West. But they are the same students waiting in line to
get books with you, remembering to keep their cups
turned down on DP, and trying to get by with having as
much fun as possible.

No one can make us vote, and no one should. And I
wouldn't want to vote for a candidate that I know noth-
ing about. But if they do a good job of campaigning, as
I expect they will, they'll find you and make it easy for
the students to make informed decisions on who we
want representing us.

Most importantly, don't let anyone tell you who
you should be voting for. Find those candidates who
match your principles and personalities and give them
the benefit of the doubt. It's not a perfect process, but
it's the one I choose to have.

Jason Nazar is an A.S. presidential candidate and a
junior political science major.

... BEAT THIS GUY
TO THE POLLS...



CORY OSBORN / DAILY NEXUS

A.S.'s services. You might as well spend 10 minutes
deciding where you want that seven hours of work to go
to. That reminded me of something else I wanted to say,
what was it again, oh ... get out there and vote.

I think one reason we don't vote much is because
A.S. isn't visible enough. The majority of our student
body doesn't know what's going on. So let me give you
the quick run-down.

We have 21 Legislative Council representatives.

And you know what they would say to us if they had the
chance right now, you guessed it ... get out there and
vote.

Besides these 21 representatives, there are also four
executive positions: our external vice president, external
vice president for statewide affairs, internal vice presi-
dent and president.

The vice president for external affairs is our liaison
and official representative to Isla Vista governmental

Reader's Voice

SUCK;
INFO

is. Now, I had to ask my aunt on that
one. I agree that we vaguely recall
Jordache, but how well do YOU
remember Black Monday?

The point is, you have no reason
to be offended. Being born the year
before CDs is about as offensive as a

more important things to be worried
about, like, say, Kosovo, (which, by the
way, is a big mess, tie a yellow ribbon
for the prisoners of war) than people
mentioning that you never really
"understood" neon.

PAGE SCHINDLER

REWARD YOURSELF
BY BEING PROACTIVE

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Each morning, as the grasp of our
imagination shields us from our reality
in sleeping hands of hallucinations, we
are torn away by the flashes of a siren.
Our eyes ripped open in a moment of
panic as our mind struggles to find
solid ground in a dim haze. But these
sirens, our alarm clocks, fail to fulfill
their fundamental purpose: to awaken
us. Our eyes may be open, but we have
far from woken up.

Instead, they are starting guns
signaling the commencement of our
daily rodent marathon. We run this
race as slaves, and even though our

stomachs are full we feel as though we
are starving. Our eyes fixed on the
same piece of cheese: the American
dream.

With insatiable appetites and
mouths watering we claw our way to
the prize, but we are chasing rainbows
of superficial satisfaction. A false sym-
bol of promise, success and happiness
that can never be reached. This corpo-
rate mirage has us blind to the truth
getting high off clouds of ignorance.

"No worries," you say. Yeah, tell
that to Isla Vista's most dedicated recy-
clers. They are the ones up at sunrise,
neck deep in our dumpsters; shedding
tears at the kind of life we live. They
cut themselves on our broken bottles
and bleed hatred for our indifference.

"But how can one person make a
difference?" you say. Stop with your
excuses, change begins with a single
thought. The life of an inactivist is one
of selfish wasted space, not even a foot-
print in the sand. Don't you see how
lucky you are? Don't you recognize the
things you take for granted? There are
people forced to live the lives of a hell

you can't even comprehend.

I'm not saying we can be perfect,
but are you even trying? It isn't right to
be a walking coma. Just start off by
doing the little things. I mean if people
are willing to go through your trash for
a few bottles and cans, the least you can
do is make up a separate bag or some-
thing. Try to put your life in perspec-
tive, all your wants and worries.

If you can see the world from the
standpoint of someone with almost
nothing, all those overwhelming prob-
lems seem to get cut down to size and
your outlook on life takes on a new
meaning. So wake up, smile, and if
you're taking a little break this Spring
Quarter from school: Get involved.
Above all, try to leave the world a little
better than you found it.

JASON LEE



KAZUHIRO KIBUISHI / DAILY NEXUS

senior being called a "Carter Baby." If
that is bad, God forbid, I myself was
born in the year that Charles and Di
were married. God, I'm young!

Who gives a shit? There are much

led for profes-
sionist touch with
his experience.
facts on the list
not care who
know who JR

# HE IS RISEN!

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**INSIGHT**

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tours rather than [just experience] a big presentation," Gregory added. "Parents love it."

According to Gregory, many departments have been greatly involved in the Spring Insight process, including the chairs of the Political Science, Biology, and Economics departments.

"I would highlight the faculty. They dash over from class," he said. "All sectors from campus are getting involved. Every family has had someone to talk to."

High school junior Patrizia Hall attended Spring Insight to aid in her application-process decisions.

"It's my Spring Break, and I wanted to visit campuses. I live in the L.A. area

and it's close, and I'm thinking of going here," she said. "[I hope] just to see what college is like, to see if this is something I'm considering applying to."

Marshall Ravenscroft, a parent of a prospective student, has visited a number of campuses, and he noted the efficiency of Spring Insight. "This is the best one that we've run into. There are no large gaps between the major events being offered," he said. "The physical layout and location [of UCSB] are wonderful. You have a feeling of community."

High school senior Michelle Chung appreciated the information Spring Insight provided. "Tours are really beneficial; they really help you see the campus. Guides are so friendly that I so much more want to go here," she said.

**COUNCIL**

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External Vice President for Local Affairs Alonso Gonzalez explained the benefits of the program.

"The tenant association would give renters a resource to find out about rights and to give legal council," he said. "Most importantly, the association would be able to work with the legislators."

Also passed unanimously was an initiative that would allow *Campus Point* to appoint its own editor and place a 75-cent lock-in fee on the ballot. From this, \$1,000 will be set aside per issue to pay reporters.

Also announced at the meeting was the signing of the Safety 2000 bill by Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Michael Young. The bill extends university jurisdiction to university-affiliated structures in I.V. in cases of rape and sexual assault, and also couples I.V. crime statistics with university statistics.

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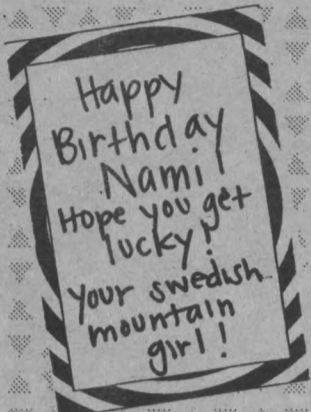


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# Sports

## Gauchos Rise From Worst to First

Season in Review

BY MATT HURST  
Staff Writer

Looking back at the first few games the UCSB men's basketball team played and then fast-forwarding to the Big West Conference, you would have sworn it was two different teams on the floor of the Thunderdome.

The Gauchos, after pulling a complete 180-degree turnaround, finished their 1998-99 campaign with an overall record of 15-13, 12-4 in the Big West by resurrecting their season from the depths of ineptitude. Santa Barbara, winner of the Big West's Western Division for the first time in school history, finished the year three games ahead of second-place finishers Long Beach State and Pacific.

By losing its first eight games, Santa Barbara extended its losing streak from the previous season to 16-straight defeats. However, led by new Head Coach Bob Williams, the Gauchos proved all the pollsters wrong by winning 15 of their final 20 games and running away with the Big West Western Division title.

"I don't think it hurt us," Williams said about being picked by almost every publication to finish last. "It helped motivate us to earn respect. It removed the pressure from us and made us go for it and not be tentative."

In the Gauchos' first eight losses, four of them were by one point, and in each of the defeats UCSB led in the final five seconds. But with a 90-71 win over Western State, Colorado, Santa Barbara was ready for a change.

"The first win was so important," senior Josh Merrill said. "We had been in so many close games and to win that game gave us a good feeling about the team."

After its first win, UCSB won the following two games vs. San Jose State and a 12-point, 74-62 victory in its first Big West game over Eastern Conference favorite Idaho.

After a home loss to Boise State, UCSB went on its most critical road trip of the season. Playing four-straight road games, Santa Barbara showed it could contend

with any Big West foe by pulling out two thrilling wins against the University of Nevada and Utah State. In each game, UCSB rode on the shoulders of senior B.J. Bunton, using a last-second tip-in from the 6'7" forward vs. Nevada for a 66-64 win, and an overtime three-pointer with 0.7 seconds on the clock to take a 66-65 win at Utah. The wins were UCSB's first-ever over an Eastern Division school, the first time any Gaucho team had swept that particular road trip, and the first time any Big West school had swept the road trip.

"The two wins up there were big for us," junior Larry Bell said. "No UCSB team who went on the road trip has ever won both games. After that, we had a different confidence level — we were looking for wins. We had the taste of winning and it definitely stayed in our mouths."

For his efforts in both games, Bunton was named Big West Player of the Week, the first time a Gaucho had done so in two years. For the two games, Bunton averaged 22.5 points per game, seven rebounds and shot 67 percent from the floor.

Santa Barbara went on to win nine of its final 12 games with a loss to New Mexico State, a one-point loss to Long Beach State and a defeat at the hands of North Texas.

Winning the Western Division sent UCSB into the Big West Tournament in Reno, Nev., to face Eastern seed #4 Utah State. The Gauchos, who led by as many as 12 in the first half, let the Aggies back into the game in the second 20 minutes of play. However, sophomore Brandon Payton hit a jumper with 12.8 seconds left to allow UCSB to escape with a 75-74 win after two last-second shots by USU bounced out.

In the second round of action, Santa Barbara faced East #2-seed New Mexico State. These Aggies used a 16-2 run to overcome an early Gaucho advantage, closing out the first half. NMSU never looked back from that point, taking the game 78-67 to end UCSB's magical season.

"It was bad," junior Erick Ashe

said about the loss that finished the Gauchos' ride. "We felt bad and none of us were happy. We played good enough to win, but we're happy with what we accomplished."

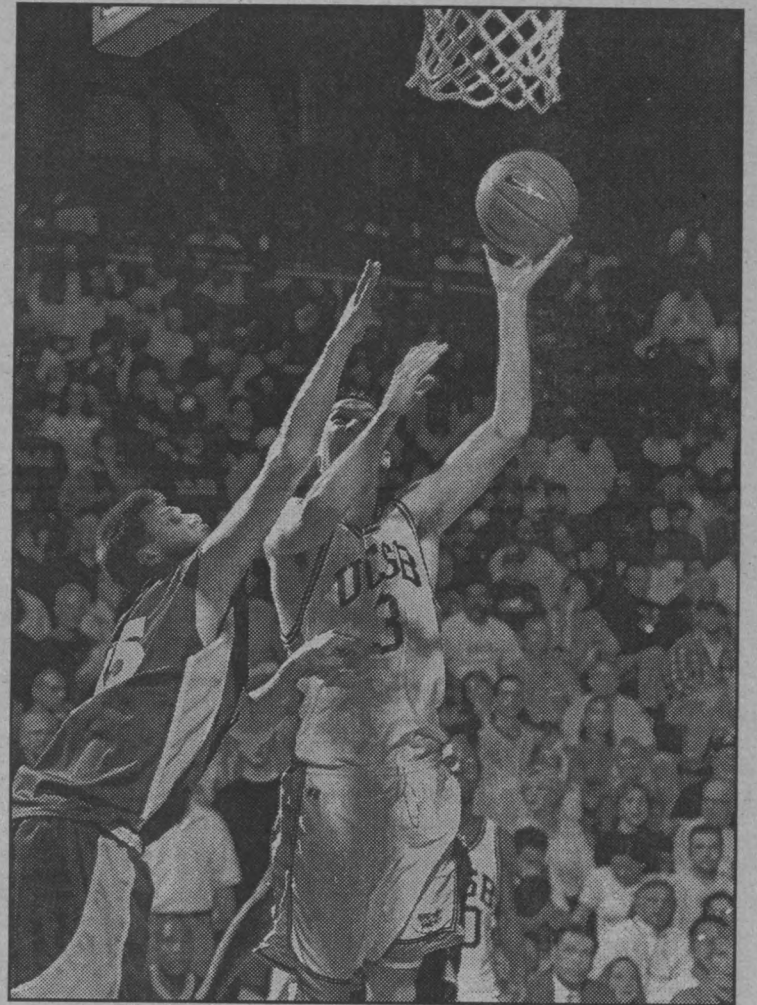
As his team leadership a great asset — aside from his gaudy stats — Bunton was named to the First Team All-Big West after averaging 17.5 points and 6.8 boards while shooting 56.6 percent from the field. However, he wasn't the only Gaucho senior notching awards. Merrill was named to the Second Team All-Big West for dropping in an average of 13.5 points, and he pulled down 6.7 rebounds per game while hitting 34 three-point baskets. It was the first time any two Gauchos had been named to the All-Big West teams since 1989-90. Termed by many as one of the best frontcourts in the Big West, Bunton and Merrill didn't disappoint with their timely shooting and clutch performances.

"They carried us through the whole year," Ashe said about the two seniors. "They hit big shots, and without them I don't know if we could have done what we did. They kept us in games and they won a lot of games for us."

Three newcomers to the Santa Barbara basketball program made a big impact as a starting backcourt for UCSB halfway through the season. Juniors Derrick Allen and Ashe, transfers from Porterville JC and Fullerton JC, respectively, had been in the starting lineup much of the season, and why not? Allen had the second-highest amount of steals in a season by a Gaucho ever with 68 — second only to Ray Kelly's 72, set in 1991-92 — and tied a school record with eight in a Jan. 30 game vs. UC Irvine. Ashe was the third-leading scorer for the Gauchos with 10.6 ppg, led the team in threes with 39, and was tied for second on the team with 38 steals.

Allen and Ashe were joined by Bell, a product of Compton College, after he made his way into the starting lineup and then cemented himself there. Bell finished the year leading the team in assists with 4.3 per game, and tied Ashe for second with 38 steals.

First-year coach Williams was



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**GAUCHO TURNAROUND:** Josh Merrill and the men's basketball team finished in first place after losing their first eight games.

rewarded for his coaching efforts by being named the Big West Coach of the Year and the National Association of Basketball Coaches NCAA District 15 Coach of the Year. Williams, last year's Division II Coach of the Year, also accomplished a personal record by recording his 200th career victory in the Gauchos' 60-38 win over UOP on Feb. 13. Williams also is now the winningest first-year UCSB coach, breaking the old record of 13 wins set by Art Gallon in 1957-58.

"He's one of the best I've played under," Allen said. "He has his system and he goes by his system and doesn't back down from it. He's a good coach to play for and he's good for the program."

The bench played a big role on the team, and it was led by Payton. The 6' sophomore, who was named to the Big West All-Freshman team a year ago, was fourth on the team in scoring by averaging 9.1 points, one steal and one assist per game this year. Sophomore Chris Lynch, who started 10-straight games at one

point in the season, finished with 4.4 points and 3.6 boards per game. Sophomore transfer Adama Ndiaye finished out the year by dumping in 3.3 ppg and swatting 1.1 shots per matchup. Ndiaye also led the team with 25 blocks. Sophomore transfer Matt Blakely averaged 2.5 ppg while pulling down 2.8 boards. Senior Tom Poser ended the season with 1.5 ppg, 1.3 rpg and had a career-high 13 points in the Gauchos' win over Western State. Junior walk-on LaDonte King played in nine games this season and hit his only basket of the year in UCSB's loss to New Mexico State in the Big West Tournament.

As for next season, UCSB loses Bunton and Merrill to graduation, but a new crop of Gauchos will keep the winning ways alive.

"It will definitely affect us losing those seniors," Bell said. "The red-shirts — Mike Vukovich, Mark Hull, Eric Hare and Ross Carmichael — have been working tremendously hard. The new seniors — me, Erick and Derrick — will have to step up."

## Men's and Women's Track Teams Score Personal Bests in Challenge Cup

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While many students benefited from a week off, the UCSB men's and women's track teams were not as lucky. The runners spent their days practicing for competitions against three rival schools at the Big West Challenge Cup.

The Gauchos traveled to UC Irvine on April 3 to take on UCI, Cal State Fullerton and Long Beach State. The women's track team took second place behind Long Beach while achieving many personal records. Sophomore Mickila Tate hit personal records in two events — the javelin and triple jump — and qualified for conference competition.

"I don't normally triple jump, but it's that time of the season when everything is coming together," Tate said. "Everyone is heading in the right direction and doing well considering many injuries on the team and how young our team is. We're all working really hard and improving."

During Spring Break the team spent much of its time together, travelling to Red Rock, and having team dinners

and sleepovers, all of which contributed to team unity.

"Over break the team had a great opportunity to get to know each other better," UCSB Sprint Coach Geoff Bradshaw said. "They kept their minds off where they could be and we saw impressive results."

Senior team captain Jodi Bailey added, "We competed well. Everyone did good in individual events and the four-by-one relay had a personal record. [Senior] Jamie Bailey ran strong and was an example of how well the team is practicing together."

The men's track team did not have as impressive results as the women's team, taking fourth place in the meet.

"We didn't do as well as anticipated," team captain Mike Heggland said. "There is room for improvement and these next few meets are checkpoints on the way to the conference. We have been working really hard; our eyes are on the conferences and improvements along the way."

Bradshaw commended sophomore Andrew Ostarello, who is four seconds ahead of his best time last year in the 300-meter hurdles. Ostarello also set a personal record in the meet.

"Our men's 4x4 relay team was impressive," Bradshaw said. "[Freshman] Marques Burrus anchored with a time of 48.3 seconds and Ostarello ran it in 49 seconds. Both competed in the hurdles less than an hour previous to the event and ran after limited rest and made great times."

Burrus has high hopes for the team if Santa Barbara can perform up to its capabilities.

"We're down to the most important part of the season and we have people who have the potential to do well, including myself," said Burrus, who competed in five events. "Hopefully we can use that potential and put things together, get focused and give it our all."

Bradshaw was also impressed with Sarah Kruse's performance. "She has been on the team a few years and was injured in high school," he said. "Each meet she gets faster, which is impressive, especially considering that she is coming back from an injury."

The team will be traveling over the weekend and performing against strong competition at Fresno State and San Francisco State. The next meet at Santa Barbara City College — the Gauchos' home field — is the Nick Carter Invite, May 1.