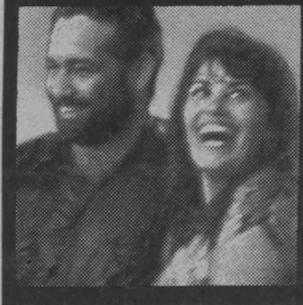


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On the Road Again

Arts & Lectures will present *Guantanamera*, a Cuban road movie about the comic misadventures of a travelling coffin, Sunday at 7 p.m. in Campbell Hall. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$6 for general admission.

INSIDE:

A Bang-Up Job

Showing off their goods, fireworks vendors at outdoor markets set off a chain reaction that culminated with two explosions that killed 47 people. Feed the flame and read AP Wire Shorts.

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Love, UCSB-Style

Whether you are strolling down Lovers' Lane or Lonely Street tomorrow, Elizabeth Werhane offers some last-minute Valentine's Day advice that is sure to do your heart good.

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Love and Razors

Aww. It's the *daily friday* Valentine's Day/Friday the 13th issue full of passion, lust and self-mutilation. Aww. You may even puke.

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Fuck!

One writer takes a good, long look at a popular word among contemporary youths. And you thought we were just trying to get your attention.

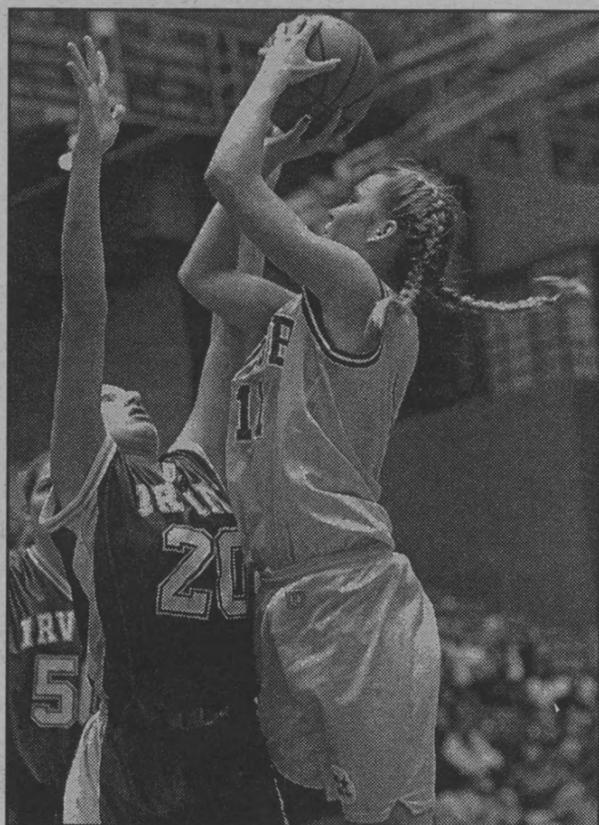
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Bitter Kandi

Michael Olowokandi and the University of the Pacific tore into the UCSB men's basketball team last night in Stockton.

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Need something exciting to do tonight? Check out Graduate Directed One-Acts at 8:00 in the Studio Theatre. It's free.



In the 'Dome:

The UCSB women's basketball team takes on Pacific tonight at 7 and Long Beach State Sunday at 2 p.m. as Head Coach Mark French closes in on career win number 300.

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Exchange Program Lets Students Intern Abroad

By KERRI WEBB
Staff Writer

Students interested in making a world of difference have the opportunity to do so by way of internships abroad.

International Association of Students in Economics and Commerce is a national organization that is targeted toward graduating seniors with aspirations of seeking international business experience. President of the Santa Barbara chapter of AEISEC, junior biological sciences major Jennifer Helzer, says that the program is designed to provide an alternative way to study abroad.

"The role of AEISEC is to bring another way to send students abroad," she said. "The students are given the opportunity to learn about business and also get cultural exposure."

The organization offers students who are graduating soon or have just graduated a chance to create practical business experience and develop public relations, as well as travel the world and see different cultures. According to se-

nior English major and vice president for Out-going Exchange, Eduardo Moreno, one need not have senior status to qualify.

"We want anyone who is interested to join," he said. "The better their chances are when they know more about the organization."

AEISEC's goal is to create exchange opportunities for those who are globally minded, socially conscious and motivated. The group exchanges students with different countries world-wide, placing them in internships. National corporations such as AT&T, Chrysler Corporation and XEROX are sponsors of the program and pay an administrative fee of \$1,500 per student, of which \$600 is used for the chapter's expenses, according to Helzer.

The chapter provides foreign exchange trainees with housing placements and documentation, according to an AEISEC Vice President of Incoming Exchange Tina Bonakdar, a junior business economics major.

"We are responsible for providing housing for the incoming trainees," she said.

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I.V. Foot Patrol Welcomes New Commander

■ Lt. Butch Arnoldi is the Latest Addition to Neighborhood Police Force

By ADAM DEL CASTILLO
Reporter

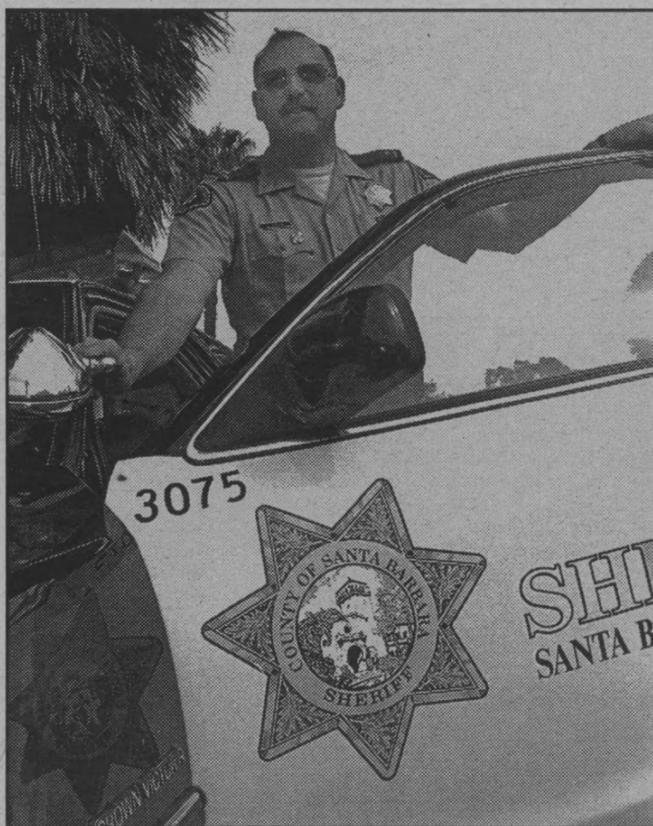
Lt. Butch Arnoldi, the new commander of the Isla Vista Foot Patrol, is no stranger to the streets of the cliffside college community.

Arnoldi, a UCSB alumnus who graduated in 1973 with a political science degree, has had an active role in Santa Barbara County law enforcement — first as a deputy, and later as a sergeant with the Goleta branch of the county Sheriff's Dept. IVFP Office Manager Diana Halliburton has been a witness to Arnoldi's contributions to I.V. over the years.

"Lt. Arnoldi has participated in many special assignments out here, including Halloween," said Halliburton, who has worked for the IVFP for over 23 years. "As a patrol lieutenant for the main station, he responded to incidents in Isla Vista on numerous occasions. He is definitely someone in law enforcement that has come up through the ranks and is well aware of the circumstances surrounding the job."

Although Arnoldi's first week in I.V. has been filled with power outages and flooding from El Niño, he is looking forward to working full-time in a community he views as one of the most diverse in Santa Barbara County.

"Most people believe that Isla Vista is made up completely of students, which is not true," he said. "Although a large portion of the



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Lt. Butch Arnoldi will soon become a familiar face on the streets of Isla Vista; he is the new commander of the Foot Patrol.

population is made up of both UCSB and city college students, a lot of families, both young and old, live here as well. My goal is to create a sense of community between all residents and the Foot Patrol."

One of Arnoldi's first duties is to fill the five vacant deputy positions on the IVFP and campus police

units. He believes that the community will best be served by officers that are assigned only to Isla Vista and are therefore more familiar with it.

"I come from the school of the old beat cop," he said. "I believe of-

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One Bill Passed; Finance Officer Bills Postponed

By TED ANDERSEN
Reporter

Two out of three bills were tabled at Wednesday's Associated Students Legislative Council meeting due to a conflicting time schedule with the Geronimo Pratt lecture.

Several members, including Rep-at-Large Elizabeth Briceno, proposed to end the meeting at 7:45 p.m. in order to attend the talk of the former Black Panther's at Corwin Pavilion.

"Since we allocated money to this event, I think that we should be there to represent it," she said.

Internal Vice President Kerry Kops quickly reminded the council of their obligations.

"Your number one priority is this meeting," she said.

A vote was taken to adjourn the meeting early, but failed.

As the meeting continued, the Campus Elections Bill was passed, which will eliminate campus campaigning literature for the first week of spring elections. The author of the bill, On-Campus Rep Erin O'Donnell, hopes the bill will keep the campus cleaner during elections.

"I think it will be very beneficial to the campus at large," she

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Top of the News

Palestinian Leader Arafat Threatens Israel



RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Frustrated by Israel's refusal to cede more West Bank land, Yasser Arafat threatened Thursday to "cross out" the peace agreements and unleash a new uprising against Israel.

In a fiery speech coinciding with Israel's 50th anniversary celebrations, the Palestinian leader also reiterated that he would declare a Palestinian state in parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip next year if the deadlock in negotiations continues.

Israel warned that such a move not only violates the U.S.-brokered peace accords but would also spell the end of the peace process.

In the divided town of Hebron, dozens of Palestinian high school students threw stones at Israeli soldiers manning a checkpoint,

and troops fired rubber bullets in response.

In Gaza, Palestinian police tried to tear down a fence erected by Jewish settlers in a land dispute out-

"If we need to, we will cross [the peace process] out and begin all over."

**— Yasser Arafat
Palestinian leader**

side the Neve Dekalim settlement. A scuffle broke out between Palestinian police and Israeli troops, and one Israeli soldier was slightly hurt by a rifle butt swung by a Palestinian policeman, the Israeli army said.

Palestinian police briefly trained their weapons on Israeli soldiers, but left the area after commanders intervened.

The latest violence and mutual recriminations come at a time when the peace talks are on hold, partly because of deep divisions and partly because of the crisis in Iraq. Israeli and Palestinian negotiators held talks with U.S. officials in Washington

thing. Nothing, nothing!"

Reflecting the Palestinians' frustrations, Arafat delivered a speech Thursday filled with references to revolution and martyrdom.

Threatening to renew the Palestinian uprising against Israel, he said of the peace process: "If we need to, we will cross it out and begin all over." The Palestinian leader said he was willing to die to see Jerusalem in Palestinian hands, and vowed that once the May 1999 deadline for a final peace treaty with Israel had passed, nothing would stop him from declaring a state in the West Bank and Gaza.

Negotiations on a permanent peace agreement have not even begun, and it is unlikely they will in the near future because the two sides remain deadlocked over how to carry out interim accords.

Canadian Snowboarder Has Gold Medal Returned



NAGANO, Japan (AP) — This time, no one can take it away.

After losing his gold medal for a day because he tested positive for marijuana, Canadian snowboarder Ross Rebagliati won it again Thursday — not by beating competitors, but by convincing an appeals panel that the International Olympic Committee didn't play by the rules when it stripped him of his prize.

"It's been a tough couple of days for him," said Carol Anne Letheren, head of Canada's Olympic committee.

Avoiding the thorny question of recreational drug use, the Court for Arbitration of Sport said it ruled on one point and one point only: that the International Olympic Committee, lacking an agreement with the international ski federation on marijuana use, could not strip Rebagliati of his medal.

"It's purely the legal issue. It's not our role to examine the social issues at this stage," said Jean Philippe Rochat, secretary general of the CAS.

"It's a clear message that if the international sports body wants such rules, it has to specify clearly that marijuana is a forbidden substance."

The panel's decision was unanimous, didn't require a vote and cannot be appealed, Rochat said. The IOC said it would comply with the ruling.

Rebagliati had been allowed to keep the medal in his possession pending the outcome of his appeal.

On Wednesday, the IOC said it was taking away the medal because the test came back positive for marijuana — 17.8 nanograms per milliliter. Rebagliati said he hadn't smoked marijuana since April 1997 and must have inhaled second-hand smoke during a party in Canada last month.

Letheren welcomed the decision as fair and insisted it was not a technicality, though she agreed that the appeals panel was "ruling on rules." She underscored that her organization's pleasure at the favorable ruling doesn't mean it endorses illegal drug use.

"This could potentially send out a mixed message," Letheren acknowledged. "But what's important here is that this athlete is treated fairly in this competition."

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **BEIJING (AP)** — Fireworks vendors demonstrating their wares in outdoor markets set off two explosions that killed 47 people and injured dozens of others, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported Thursday.

The explosions occurred in two counties of Hebei province in north China on Jan. 24, a few days before the lunar New Year, China's biggest holiday, when markets were crowded with holiday shoppers.

Sparks from fireworks being tested hit piles of other firecrackers, setting off huge eruptions, Xinhua said.

Fireworks are a tradition of the new year holiday, particularly in towns and rural areas. Many large cities ban them to prevent accidents.

• **VATICAN CITY (AP)** — Cuba announced Thursday that it was releasing dozens of prisoners in response to Vatican appeals, giving Pope John Paul II the first major concrete success of his historic pilgrimage last month to the communist island.

Those released include some dissidents, whose plight was underlined by the pope's dramatic plea in Cuba to free "prisoners of conscience." The release was first announced by the Vatican, which said Cuba called it "an act of clemency and good will in memory" of John Paul's five-day visit to the island last month.

It was confirmed in Havana by the Cuban government, which said dozens of prisoners were in the process of being freed and more than 200 soon would be.

• **PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. (AP)** — A year after the nation was shocked by bloody images of Marines pounding medals into each others' chests comes a new picture of young Marines being subjected to beatings, Thursday night fights and mock crucifixions.

Four privates are in the brig at Parris Island, charged with hazing and severely beating a fellow Marine because he supposedly had gotten his platoon in trouble for failing to do some routine tasks.

Pvt. Maciej Lugowski, 20, of New York City lost his spleen and suffered other injuries in the assault Dec. 17 — six months after the nation's top Marine declared the Corps would not tolerate hazing.

"It's despicable to us to see this type of activity," said Maj. Rick Long, a spokesperson for the Corps' training depot here.

"People are shocked that Marines would engage in this type of activity against other Marines."

• **MANILA, Philippines (AP)** — A strong earthquake struck several central Philippine provinces, destroying a fishing dock, damaging buildings and injuring at least two people, officials said Thursday.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said the quake hit at 9:14 p.m. Wednesday and had a magnitude of 5.9. It was centered about 12 miles southeast of Sogod, a town of roughly 6,000 people in central Leyte province.

The quake knocked down a fishing dock in Sogod, said Emiba Tadeo of the military's office of civil defense. It also damaged a warehouse and a school and forced stores to close, she said.

She said public works officials were sent to Sogod, about 395 miles southeast of Manila, to assess the damage and carry out repairs.

Seismologists said the quake was caused by movement along the Philippine Fault under the sea along the archipelago's eastern coast. The quake was also felt in three other central provinces.

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Weather

Is it just a mere coincidence or a bitter conspiracy that Friday the 13th is the day before Valentine's? This means that you could potentially have two bad days in a row, or just one really whoppin' bad one (you figure it out).

Let's all just have a platonic V-Day this year. Remember, Valentine's is not just exclusively for lovers and those with the significant others, it's also a day to give your love and appreciation to all those around you. Friends, family, pets, skateboards...

Say this enough times to yourself and you'll really start to believe it!

Honor Society Promotes Leadership

Next year's seniors looking to serve the community while maintaining academic excellence have the opportunity by way of an on-campus honor society.

Making its mark at UCSB in 1965, Mortar Board is a nationally recognized organization that emphasizes leadership and community service. It is open to all students of senior status with a minimum requirement of a 3.0 GPA and previous leadership experience, according to April Jolicoeur, a senior biopsychology major and president of The Crown and Scepter Chapter of UCSB's Mortar Board.

The goal of the organization is to promote a sense of responsibility and ongoing commitment to service, according to Jolicoeur.

"We are very active in community service during our senior year," she said. "But we encourage people to know that the level of involvement is left up to you for a lifetime."

In the past, the senior honor society has participated in such projects as the "Giving Tree," in which the members aid in raising

donations for people with developmental disabilities. The group has also made contributions in rewarding the "Professor of the Year," according to Jolicoeur.

"We recognize the professors that are nominated by the students during the A.S. elections," she said. "They win by the number of nominations."

According to the chapter's Vice President Kalei Lau, a senior physiology major, the assimilation of departmental efforts aids in accomplishing the honor society's three main goals.

"There are many different majors that are involved, but everyone who participates joins together to demonstrate scholarship, leadership and service to the community," she said. "That's our three ideals."

Applications for membership in the society are due Feb. 16. Interested students can contact Jolicoeur for more information at 961-9590.

— By Kerri Webb

IVFP

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ficers should develop a relationship with the people of their community, and should be seen frequently by those residents."

Arnoldi's career has not been limited to Goleta and I.V. His work as Mountain Patrol Coordinator for the Santa Ynez river recreation

area was extremely successful, Arnoldi said.

"It was like the wild west when I took over that area in the late 1970s," he said. "... I gave tickets for anything and everything. I wanted people to know the man was here and not to screw up. As a result, the region went from having the highest auto burglary rate in Santa Barbara County to having the

lowest in just one year."

While Arnoldi's hard-nosed style contrasts sharply with the laid-back attitude typical of many I.V. residents, IVFP Deputy Mark Ward believes that the lieutenant is the perfect man for the job.

"It would be hard to find a better guy to fill the position," said Ward.

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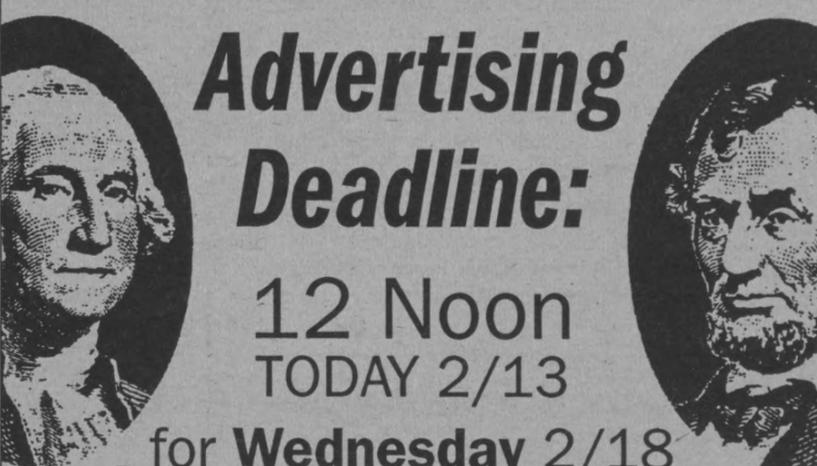
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Feature

Valentine's Day Survival Guide

♥♥♥ From buying gifts for your sweetheart to surviving the day alone, Elizabeth Werhane has all the advice you need. ♥♥♥

It used to be much simpler. Hard decisions were whether to get the Care Bear or the Charlie Brown valentines.

If someone was special their valentine might be signed "love" instead of "from," or maybe their candy hearts would be hand-picked to say "like you" or "love" instead of just "cool."

It's a little harder now. Not only do candy hearts have bizarre phrases like "c-mail," but valentines aren't guaranteed just because you show up to class. If you have a valentine you have to worry about what to buy and what to do, and if you're single you have to tolerate all the cutesy gifts and PDAs that you know you won't be getting. Either way, you're not alone.

However, if you are male, you are probably much happier today than the average female. A *Daily Nexus* survey of 64 random students revealed that the majority of men ranked the day between six and ten on a one to ten scale, whereas most women ranked it between one and four.

This does not, however, reflect a lack of loving on behalf of the women. More women than men reported having a valentine, with 56 percent of women compared to only 50 percent of men having someone to share the day with.

Whether tomorrow is heavenly or hellish for you, there is no doubt what day it is. From the dorms to the UCen, the UCSB campus is full of Valentine's Day reminders.

Lucky in Love

For those students who will be snuggling up to a loved one tomorrow night, the *Daily Nexus* is here to provide you with essential advice for that sensitive issue: gifts.

In the residence halls "individual buildings are putting on valentine's gram programs. For example, Santa Cruz is selling regular valentines to be delivered to the rooms with candy, and San Miguel will send a rose," said RHA President Mike Shinn.

Deciding what to buy your valentine can be as difficult as midterms, but the students have spoken and, with the excep-

doesn't have to be challenging or expensive.

Certainly a few share an appreciation for the "regular stuff — jewelry, candy and flowers," as does freshman sociology major Mary Linay.

Others have more exotic taste, including freshman Dan Tamkin who wants "a woman who writes 'be my valentine' in whip cream on her body."

But most people want simple signs of love and affection. Junior law and society major Isaac Smith wants only "to be with my valentine," and a "big hug, maybe a kiss" is the desired gift of freshman business major Cameron Verdi.

Stores on campus have put on a festive face, providing students with many options for gifts. If you are hoping to charm that special someone with flowers, or simply can't think of any other gift, Bloomers is ready for you.

"We're going to be open 24 hours, all night, like sleeping bags here and everything," Bloomers employee Amber Dennis said about the night before Valentine's Day. According to Dennis, the most common gift is "obviously roses, roses of all colors."

If it's red, heart-shaped or makes any reference to love, it's probably available on one of the UCSB Bookstore's Valentine's Day displays. Some potential gifts are candles, photo frames, stuffed animals, or anything that says "somebody at UCSB loves me." There's no shortage of books either, with displays including everything from *Romance Coupons* to *1001 Sex Secrets* and *Sex for Dummies*.

Living Without Love

Unfortunately, not everyone can expect to spend Valentine's Day "in satin sheets" like sophomore psychology major Tarek Azzam, or "sipping wine on the beach in front of the sunset," as sophomore chemical engineering major Ben Bot-

We're having a little anti-Valentine's Day party for all us lonely single people. ... We're going to sit around and wear black and be bitter.

— Nick Hall
sophomore music major

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In fact, many students may be spending it as junior English major George Popadapalis: "alone, drunk and miserable." Perhaps they'll pass the day "trying to forget that it's Valentine's Day" as freshman political science major Leah Etling will be.

It's not uncommon for single folk to be a bit depressed. According to Dr. Jane Carlisle, Associate Director of Counseling at Counseling and Career Services, "[Valentine's Day] does make people who aren't in a relationship very unhappy. It sort of calls forth all of their longings for a relationship or regrets that a relationship that used to be isn't anymore."

Apparently, this holds true for many UCSB students. It's this time of year that reminds sophomore music major Nick Hall that "I can't get me no sweet lovin'." But Hall has a solution: "We're having a little anti-Valentine's Day party for all us lonely single people. ... We're going to sit around and wear black and be bitter."

Shinn has similar sentiments. "As for myself, I will be bitter and single in San Diego."

Not to worry. Carlisle has another way to battle the Valentine's Day blues. The doctor is in and recommends "being appreciative of any kind of closeness that we have to other people in general, rather than thinking this has to be a romantic celebration."



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With Valentine's Day quickly approaching, many are searching for love. This girl's just looking for the perfect cards to show how much she cares.

Love: The Myth and The Reality

Where does all this love mumbo-jumbo come from anyway? Why Feb. 14th? According to the *World Almanac*, Valentine's Day originated as a "festival of a martyr beheaded at Rome under Emperor Claudius. Association of this day with lovers has no connection with the saint and probably had its origins in an old belief that on this day birds began to choose their mates."

Beheadings and birds? Sounds more than a little suspicious to me. There's hope though. Out of 64 students surveyed, all but one reported to believe in love, and one even offered a definition.

"Caring for someone or something unconditionally and wanting nothing less than their happiness," is how Smith perceives love.

Undeclared freshman Glen Rogers, the one student who reported to not believe in love, has a very different opinion. "Love is a four-letter word. People abuse it too much in society."

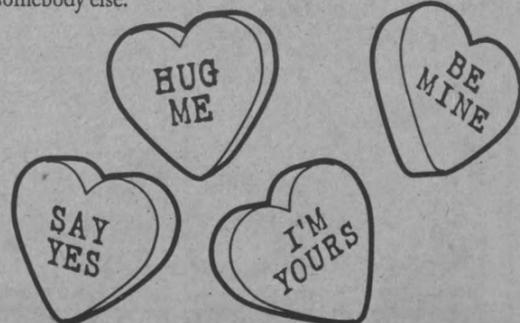
If you share this opinion and are still not convinced that the day has some redeeming qualities, be comforted with the knowledge that there must be great drink specials downtown, (at least Madhouse, Rocky's and Coach House are promising deals) and, like all other days, it's only 24 hours long. On top of that, Just Another #%! Video Shop has a three-for-one deal on pornos if you go in alone with the coupon from Tuesday's *Nexus*.

Valentine's Day is more than cupids and couples, it's an opportunity. Perhaps we should each take Carlisle's advice: "Use that day to tell somebody how much they mean to you," and you may be surprised to find out how much you mean to somebody else.

How much would you spend on your valentine?							
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G i r l s	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥
	0%	3%	3%	35%	24%	15%	20%
	Love has no price	Less than \$5	\$5-10	\$10-20	\$20-30	\$30-40	\$40+

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Can't buy me love? Not according to the majority of these men who would reportedly spend over \$40 on their valentines. The ladies only plan on dish-ing out \$10 to \$20.



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 nees," she said. "We look for apartments available mainly in Goleta and sometimes Santa Barbara — especially since some people aren't really accustomed to living conditions in Isla Vista."
 Trainees are paid a minimum of \$1500 a month for room and board charges and

given assistance with transportation. Learning how to work and manage personal finances are part of what is taught by the program, according to Moreno.
 "The main idea is not to make money," he said. "It's to learn about the culture of the country and how business works there."
 The students who participate in the program spend

anywhere from six weeks to one and a half years on their internships while gaining the experience to work and grow culturally and professionally, according to Helzer.
 "You get to create a network of international friends as well as making worldwide contacts," she said.
 According to Moreno, participants of the program

serve a duty to the local and global communities.
 "AEISEC gives us the ability to send UCSB students as ambassadors to foreign countries," he said.
 Informational meetings are held Wednesdays in the Lobero Room of the UCen at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Helzer at 971-5371.

COUNCIL

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 said.
 In other business, Rep-at-Large Josh Krom postponed a vote on his bill, which intends to create a balance of power between Leg Council and Finance Board, he said.
 "Until I talk to all of you [Leg Council members] and get your input, I am going to table this bill," he said.
 Another bill proposed by Rep-at-Large Matt Barrall and O'Donnell sought to fill the position of Campus Elections Enforcement Officer. Kops helped clarify the importance of an elections officer.
 "Last year they created a campus enforcement officer because people were posting illegally during campus elections," she said.

The bill was discussed and also tabled until next week.
 At the end of the meeting, during remarks, the I.V. Community Relations Committee Chair Dan Schneider delivered some bad news to the council regarding the 1998 Gaucho Housing Guide Surveys.
 "We have lost half the surveys. I'm sorry ... we don't know where they are," he said.
 The surveys are used to produce the A.S. sponsored Gaucho Housing guide for I.V. residents that was supposed to come out this spring, according to Schneider. Despite the setback, Schneider gave his input on how to remedy the situation.
 "Our target audience will be next year," he said. "We will try to get the Gaucho housing guide out by fall next year. It usually comes out in spring."
 The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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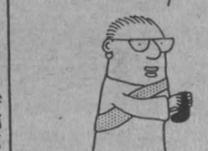
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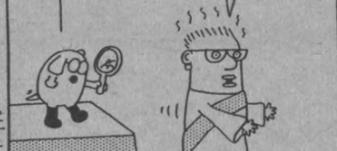
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Our Sins to Other Nations

Do You Remember Your Own First "Fuck"?

> The Strange, Intriguing Phenomenon of the Very Baddest of All Bad Words

JOHN ANTHONY DEKSNIS

Immediately adjacent to the Estero Community Gardens (where a friend and I spend most of our free time growing delicacies for snails and slugs), there are a number of frequently used basketball courts.

Now, I've enjoyed both playing and watching basketball for a long, long time, but it wasn't until being around those courts day after day that I acquired a new insight into the game: missed shots and the like are routinely followed by one or more players screaming "Fuck!"

At first, I thought that perhaps it was just a '90s thing or a regional I.V. peculiarity of the game, but upon further reflection (which included remembering that decades ago my friends and I did it, too), I quickly realized that I was on to something. As thunder is commonly heard after lightning, so an explosive "Fuck!" is commonly heard after a basketball clanks off the rim.

As discoveries go, I'll concede that this one isn't exactly Newtonian, but it does raise some interesting questions, such as: How did "Fuck!" become the insanely popular expletive of choice for a succession of generations? After all, it's not as if we haven't had other perfectly serviceable options such as "Shit!" or "Damn!" or even "Son of a bitch!" for that matter.

While pondering this, I tried to remember my first "Fuck!" but couldn't. Nor could I remember the circumstances of first hearing it. It wasn't on a record or at the movies, that's for sure. I grew up back in the days when people still got their fur up over "Frankly,



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Scarlett, I don't give a damn!" in "Gone With the Wind."

I'm also sure I didn't pick it up at home; my mother certainly didn't talk that way and if my father had ever

done so in our presence, her reaction might've sent me halfway to orphanhood.

In spite of those facts, however, I well remember that by the time I was barely into my teens, "fuck" was the keystone of my away-from-adults vocabulary.

Fascinating stuff, this. Is there some mysterious cult wherein this word is secretly and ritually handed down to children upon reaching puberty who are then obliged to popularize it among their peers? Will scientists someday isolate a gene that compels us — males, anyway — to use this word?

How did "fuck" catch on as it has? It's not only the 20th century's most popular expletive, but, in adjective form, the most popular modifier as well; take, for example, "My fucking car wouldn't start!" or "Meet you at the fucking beach, dude." And what about the phrase "fucked up?" It can mean not only getting seriously drunk or really high, but, among other things, damaged, ruined, confused, screwed up or beaten up. Amazing!

If any of this has piqued your curiosity as it did mine, there may be books at Davidson Library that explain it all. I say "may" because, after going there and bringing up a list of books on the screen with the word in question in their titles, I never got a chance to write them down and finish my research. What happened was that out of the corner of my eye I noticed a conservatively dressed woman of my age standing behind me who was idly looking over my shoulder while waiting to use the terminal. For some reason I became embarrassed, hit the "clear" key and got the fuck out of there.

John Anthony Deksnis is a longtime resident of Isla Vista.

The Reader's Voice

NEXUS SHOULDN'T STEREOTYPE

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Allow me to respond to two issues raised in a recent staff editorial "Winter Olympians Need Love, Too" (Daily Nexus, Feb. 12).

First, I like snow. I like walking in it. I like running through it. I like skiing in it. I DO like driving in it. I have even ridden motorcycles in it. Sure, one can get cold and wet. Not much more so, however, than friends of mine who surf, I bet. I did not move to Santa Barbara to escape a snowy winter. I knew I would miss it, and I do. I may not always be able to live where there is snow during the winter. Some things in life have to be accepted.

This puts me among a minority at UCSB, of course. And I realize that there are also people who grew up being used to snow, like me, and do NOT like it. My wife is an example. That's fine. I respect those who do not like snow as long as they respect that I do. After all, one of UCSB's twin goals is diversity.

Second, my views on Winter Olympics cities: Like many, I would never have heard of Nagano, Japan, or Lillehammer, Norway, had it not been for the Winter Olympics. However, I am a little hurt by your belittling Salt Lake City because "we don't foresee an article about the Salt Lake City strip joints in Rolling Stone any time soon." I, for one, am quite glad that Salt Lake City has a cleaner "moral climate," if you will, than most cities of its size.

When I moved from northern Utah, which is no longer my state of legal residency, but still the home of my heart, I wondered whether I would like California. I am happy to say that I have found it better than I expected. I'd even say much better. Yes, I miss the snow, and I still would prefer snowy mountains to the ocean, but that doesn't mean I can't enjoy the ocean. And I do.

I feel that living in California has been a good experience for me. I think it has taught me that I don't have to

have a snowy winter to enjoy living somewhere, and it has taught me to avoid making blanket, stereotypical judgments about places I may not be familiar with. I hope that the Daily Nexus can learn this as well.

MATT BISHOP

U.S. SHOULDN'T BOMB IRAQ

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing to express my opposition to any U.S. air strikes against Iraq. While it is clear that Saddam Hussein is not a benevolent leader with the best interests of his people at heart, dropping thousands of tons of bombs on his nation will not compel him to change his leadership style. In fact, this brutal treatment of his people will likely make him even more intransigent in his political behavior. In that case, what should be done? Because I am not a

foreign policy specialist, I cannot give any specific answer, however, I can suggest a few paths to explore.

First, move away from a rhetoric of international cooperation to the reality of it. That is, despite the repeated assertions that the U.S. has overwhelming international support for bombing raids, the fact is that many Middle Eastern nations refuse to support air strikes, and France, Russia and China hope to achieve a diplomatic and peaceful solution to this issue.

Second, persuade the U.S. Congress to refrain from advocating a total overthrow of President Hussein's government. Not only does such rhetoric potentially back Hussein into a corner from which he may lash out violently, but it also legitimizes overt governmental support for subversion in foreign nations. By implication, the U.S. is providing other nations with a justification for their own future attempts to subvert the government of the U.S.

Third, give Saddam Hussein and others like him who wish to create chemical, biological and nuclear

arsenals a good example to follow by beginning the reduction and eventual elimination of these types of weapons from the U.S. military arsenal. I have been watching senators and representatives on TV who say that the U.S. may act alone on military strikes because the burden of leadership has fallen to the United States. If the onus of leadership really is ours, then why not lead peacefully? The U.S. should promise President Hussein that if he eliminates his so-called weapons of mass destruction, then the U.S. will eliminate a portion of its arsenal and work for a diplomatic accord to eliminate similar arsenals in all countries that currently possess them.

If the majority of the leadership in this nation were less quick to call for military force and would take the time to investigate other options, I am sure that they could arrive at better ways of dealing with this situation. Let us hope that they do.

MATTHEW RACINE

THINK by OSBORN



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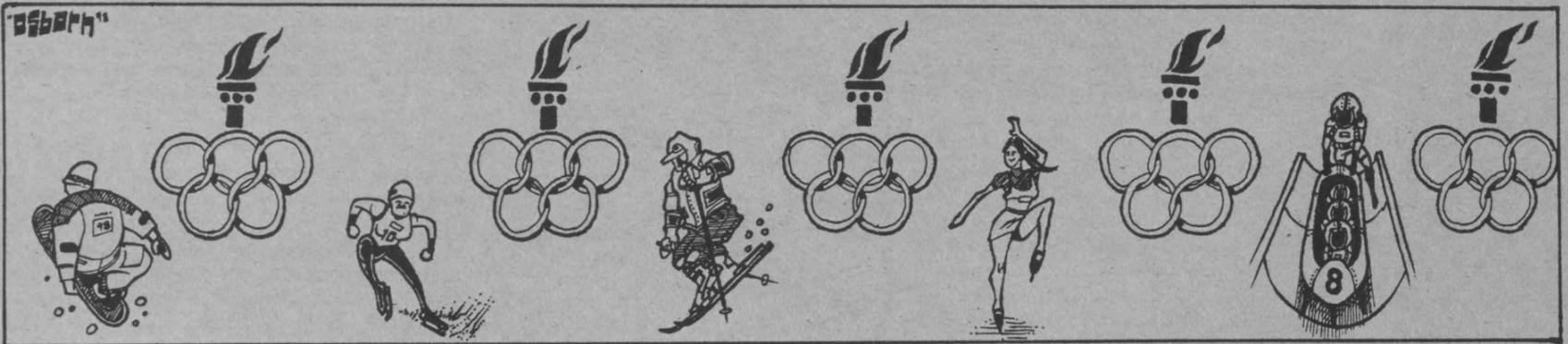
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World News Perspectives

OLYMPIC FEVER



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776 B.C. The first official Olympic Games are held in Greece.

146 B.C. The Romans conquer Greece and make it a Roman province. The decline of the games begins.

150—175 A.D. Greek writer Pausanias publishes 10 travel books about ancient Greece. One book describes in detail many of the buildings and monuments at Olympia.

393 A.D. Roman Emperor Theodosius orders the Olympic Games be stopped.

400 A.D.—600 A.D. The buildings at Olympia are destroyed variously by fire, earthquake and vandals.

1875—1881 German archaeologists uncover the site of the ancient Olympics.

1894 Inspired by Pausanias' book, French educator and scholar Baron Pierre de Coubertin presents his idea to revive the Olympic Games to a congress of sports leaders from 13 countries. They vote unanimously to organize an international sports event.

1896 On April 6, the first modern Olympic Games open in Athens, Greece.

1900 Six women compete at the Olympics for the first time.

1916 The Olympic Games do not take place because of World War I (1914—1918).

Olympic fever. It's here; I feel it, do you? Yes, folks, it's that time again — when the world's greatest athletes take center stage to put years of hard work and toil to the test in the hopes of capturing Olympic gold.

A time when the people of the world step back and put aside petty problems, political differences and personal tragedy to root on their nation's best under the umbrella of sportsmanship, friendly competition, honor and glory.

A time when the world sits on the edge of its collective seat, watching with wonder and amazement while the best the world has to offer flaunt their individual artistry and virtuosic mastery at speeds of up to 70 mph.

It is also a time to party like a rock star. Party when your country wins the gold medal and party when the other country wins the gold medal.

See, this is about competition, fair play and the sport.

Who wins is really an afterthought, a footnote of antiquity. Winning the medal is the focus, but the real glory comes from having the opportunity to

participate and represent your country. Any interview with an Olympic athlete will tell you that.

It's not about who wins or loses, because all who compete are winners, but that the Games are played at all. Who wins is just the residue that allows us to remember what happened — the official record that the games actually took place.

This year is no different from any other Olympic year, although it's nothing like any of the previous Olympics. It sounds contradictory, I understand, but the Olympic ideal doesn't change — the emotional competition and the universal harmony are always there and span time and history as the soul of the Games.

What changes is the context of the competition.

With this year's games a week old already, those who have been watching have seen tears of joy and tears of sorrow, records shattered, new medal sports like snowboarding, and before long, professional hockey players will be representing their respective countries.

In addition, politics, rules and order have been called into play with a gold-medal-winning Cana-

dian snowboarder almost losing his medal for testing positive for marijuana, and an Austrian snowboarder losing his credentials after pulling a drunken maneuver in the lobby of his hotel.

One could argue this Winter Olympics is unique in itself with no reference point besides the title, and on the other hand, one could argue this Winter Olympics is just another in a long line of individual historic events and totally unique parts that add up to the title 'Olympic.'

Regardless, the Olympics are a unique opportunity for people of every nation and should not be passed up.

It is very rare in this world that people do things for sheer love and passion, so when it does happen, it means that much more.

Included below, are some brief historical facts relating to the Olympics: an abridged timeline with some interesting facts and a synopsis of the 'ancient games.' Both provide Olympic lore, and at the very least, a couple of trivial pursuit answers.

Enjoy — A.T.

1920 At the "Peace Games" in Antwerp, Belgium, doves are released for the first time during the opening Olympic ceremonies. The Olympic flag of five rings is also raised for the first time.

1924 The first official Winter Games are held in Chamonix, France, under the title "International Winter Sports Week." In 1926, the Winter Games in Chamonix of 1924 are retroactively awarded the official Olympic title.

1928 The Olympic flame is lit for the first time. At the Winter Olympics the 10,000 meter speed-skating race is canceled because the ice melts.

1932 At the Olympic Games in Los Angeles the concept of the Olympic Village is successfully introduced. At the Winter Games in Lake Placid, New York, snow is brought in trucks from Canada when cross-country ski trails melt.

1936 The Berlin Games become the first time the sacred Olympic flame is ignited by a torch carried from Olympia, Greece, through the intervening countries by relays of runners. American Jesse Owens wins three gold medals and sets two world records — Adolf Hitler is not pleased.

1940—1944 The Olympic Games are not held because of World War II (1939—1945).

1956 The Olympic games are televised internationally for the first time.

1958 A cantata by Costis Palamas, set to music by Spirou Samara, becomes the official Olympic Anthem.

1960 Organizers in Squaw Valley, California, refuse to build a bobsled run for the Winter Olympics because only nine countries show an interest in competing.

1964 The International Olympic Committee votes to expel the Republic of South Africa from the Games because of its racist apartheid policies.

1972 International political tensions lead to the murder of twelve Israeli athletes and coaches by Palestinian terrorists at the Munich Games.

1980 The U.S.A., West Germany, Japan and other nations in the western bloc boycott the Olympic Summer Games in Moscow in protest of the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan.

1998 Nagano, Japan, hosts the Winter Games.

the Medal Count. (as of press time)

COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Germany	4	4	4
Norway	3	3	3
Russia	4	3	0
Austria	0	2	4
Finland	2	1	2
United States	2	0	2
Netherlands	1	2	1
Italy	0	3	1
Japan	2	1	0
Canada	1	1	1
Switzerland	1	0	1
Czech Republic	0	1	1
Bulgaria	1	0	0
France	1	0	0
Ukraine	0	1	0
Belarus	0	0	1

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The Ancient Games

Day 1: The Games began on the day of the full moon, with processions, prayers and sacrifice to honor Zeus. The judges swore an oath to referee the events honestly and fairly, and the athletes swore to do their best and obey the rules of their sport.

Day 2: The chariot races, the most prestigious event of the Games, occurred on the second day. As a procession of chariots entered, a herald announced the name of each chariot owner, his father and his home city. The herald then proclaimed the Games officially open, and the competition began.

After the chariot races, athletes competed in the pentathlon (an athletic competition consisting of five different events), which included the discus, javelin, running long jump, running and wrestling events.

Day 3: The third day began with a religious festival to honor the god Zeus. Participants joined in a long procession to lay special and expensive gifts before the altar of Zeus. The boys' competitions took place in the afternoon, and included racing, wrestling and boxing.

Day 4: On the morning of the last day of competition, the athletes competed in the running events. The afternoon was set aside for wrestling, boxing and the "pankration." These brutal but popular sports were different from what we see today. There were almost no rules, no ring and no time limit. The pankration was especially tough. It resembled a combination of wrestling and judo, including slapping and kicking, and was only over when one of the contestants surrendered, or died.

Day 5: On the final day of the Games, the winners were presented with wreaths made from local plants and praised for their victories. The Games closed with religious ceremonies and a banquet.

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Aries (March 21-April 19)—Today is a 7—This is another intense work-day. What you are doing makes an enormous impact on how well the world works. That's true even if you're flipping hamburgers. Every little bit counts in the grand scheme of things, so feel proud of what you do. Might as well. You have to be there anyway.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 7—You're drawing attention from a person who lives far away. If you're already in a committed relationship, this could be a problem. It never hurts to have a few extra admirers, though. Sometimes it puts the spark back into a partnership that's starting to get stale. At any rate, it's a wonderful day for love.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)—Today is a 7—That Virgo moon has got you a little agitated, and you might even feel a little under the weather. It's a good day to stay home in bed, if you can manage it. The urge will be overwhelming, even if you're not sick. An extra day of rest would be very good for you. Don't lose your job to get it, but definitely stay home as much as possible.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 6—It looks like what you're doing now is leading you in the right direction. All you need to do is settle in and continue doing what's comfortable. It's probably something that will also help pay the bills. At any rate, there's no need to worry about that. If you do what you love, the money will follow, remember?

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is a 6—You don't enjoy criticism. You wish people would treat you as if you're looking for romance, whether or not you did. Actually, most of them do. One person is liable to give you fits today, however. Do the best you can and don't worry about it. This sort of attention will improve your performance.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is an 8—You'll have the opportunity to spend more time with friends. If you're looking for romance, the best place to find it is with a group involved in an educational project. Romance and education are linked for you right now. In other words, you'll either learn about love, or teach somebody else. Either way, you're both the lucky winners.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is a 5—Happy Friday the 13th! This could be your lucky day. You're headed in the right direction. All you have to do is keep from putting on the brakes. If you're thinking about asking for a raise, go ahead, but it could also come without your bringing it up. If you see an opportunity, help things along by saying "yes."

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is a 6—You tend to be a perfectionist anyway, but nothing like what you'll have to do right now if you expect to win the game. Not to worry. You're in the mood. Go over everything several times to find mistakes before the others do. This could make the difference between success and failure.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 7—Romance should go well today. How about giving your sweetheart something from one of your ancestors? You could tell the story of the ancestor's noble virtues, which your sweetheart embodies as well. It's nice to have a story attached to a present. Might as well go for it. Same price ... sometimes cheaper!

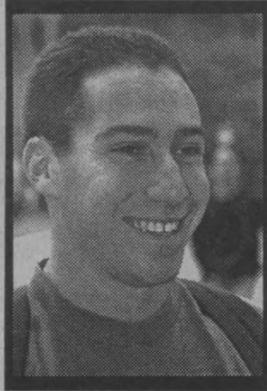
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Interviews by Kerri Webb
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“
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“
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“
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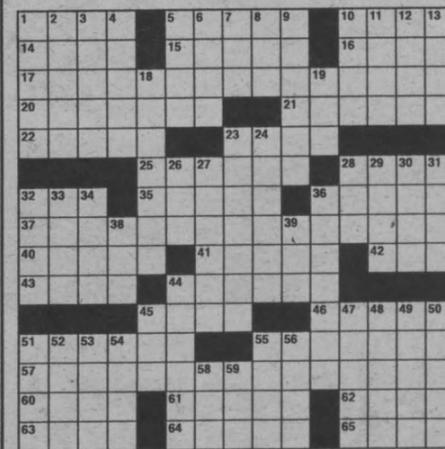
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Sports

Gaucha V-ball Takes on Cardinal Tonight; Has Valentine's Day Date with UOP Tigers

BY SHANE CULBERTSON
Staff Writer

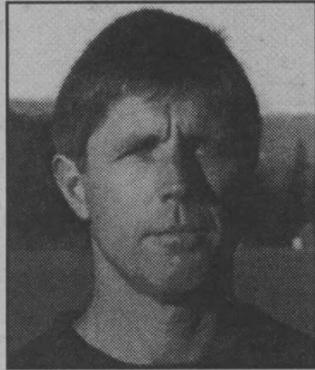
Get ready for Rob Gym to rock tonight at 7 when the UCSB men's volleyball team goes up against defending national champion Stanford University (5-0 overall, 4-0 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation).

Coming fresh off a victory over San Diego State University last Saturday, the 10th-ranked Gauchos (2-3 overall, 1-3 in the MPSF) hope to bring #6 Stanford's 22-game winning streak to an end.

"It's important that we play with the same kind of intensity that we've had during the last four matches," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "Not necessarily a yelling and screaming type of intensity, more so an intense focus on our execution."

Santa Barbara's attention will be on Cardinal middle blockers Tad Hoffman and Keenan Whitehurst. With Hoffman hitting at .583 and

Whitehurst at .582, the pair of seniors rate second and third in the nation in hitting percentage. Hoffman also comes in at #5 nationwide with an average of two blocks



Ken Preston

per game.

"They definitely have some very good players," Preston said. "But so do we. We just need to concentrate on our receiving, passing and serving, and maintain our focus point by point."

UCSB will also have to keep an eye on sophomore outside hitter

Andy Witt, who currently ranks fifth in the nation with 6.71 kills per match.

The Gauchos will have little time to rest before taking on the University of the Pacific at 7 p.m. Saturday in Rob Gym. The Tigers (5-3 overall, 2-2 in the MPSF) are currently ranked 12th in the nation and are led by junior setter and Goleta native Dan Fisher.

Gaucha senior setter Adam Renfree stressed the importance of this weekend's matches.

"Both of these games are essential," Renfree said. "There is a little added pressure because we are in a position where we need to start winning if we want to get into the playoffs."

"At the same time, we are going into these matches with the confidence that we are capable of winning both of them."

Preston has made it a point not to take Pacific lightly.

"They are not by any means a team to be overlooked," he said.

Women Hoopsters To Face Big West Foes UOP, LBSU in Search of Career Milestone for Coach Mark French

BY BEN ALKALY
Staff Writer

As the wise Yogi Berra once said, "It's déjà vu all over again."

Tonight at 7, the UCSB women's basketball team plays host to University of the Pacific before Long Beach State rolls into town Sunday at 2 p.m. The Gauchos defeated the same two teams on the road last week — UOP by a narrow 55-48 margin and LBSU 87-67.

While Santa Barbara looks to extend its winning streak to a season-high eight games, one member of the Gaucha program should reach a much higher number this weekend. If UCSB (17-5, 8-1 in the Big West Conference) is triumphant vs. the Tigers, Head Coach Mark French will be in position for win number 300 against the 49ers Sunday.

"I could play it cool and say I had no idea when the season started how many wins I needed for 300," French said. "I'd like to get it here, that would be fun. If it gives us a little more motivation — we're shameless — we'll use anything we can."

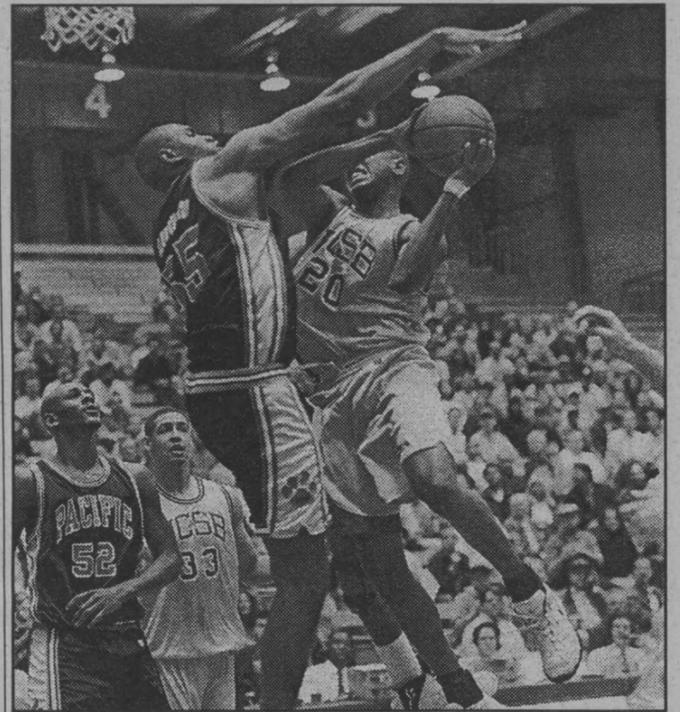
Pacific (7-13, 3-6) will need no added motivation to

prepare for the Gauchos. The Tigers are barely holding onto fourth place in the Western Division and an invitation to the Big West Tournament in early March.

Both teams will attempt to avenge atrocious shooting performances in their Feb. 6 meeting in Stockton. Santa Barbara connected on just 32 percent from the floor while UOP made an embarrassing 25 percent of its shots, including a stretch of 15 missed attempts.

"Pacific was a really weird game. We were so off on offense," said sophomore forward Kristi Rohr, UCSB's leading scorer at 16.2 ppg. "If we have some offense even, and play as good defense as we have been, it's under our control."

Long Beach will be gunning not only for the Gauchos, but for Pacific as well, as the 49ers (5-15, 2-7) are just one game out of fourth and a trip to Reno, Nev. While Santa Barbara recorded a 20-point blow-out last week, the Gauchos still feel they can do a more effective job on the boards this go around. LBSU's junior forward Tomika Cantley had a field day on the glass Feb. 8, grabbing 16 rebounds en route to earning conference player of the week honors.



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NOT TONIGHT: The UCSB men's basketball team saw plenty of Michael Olowokandi in last night's 82-56 defeat at the hands of Pacific.

SB Basketball Pounded by 7'1" Pacific Storm

BY SCOTT HENNESSEE
Staff Writer

The game's first two possessions proved to be a good indication of things to come: good execution, resulting in a wide-open jump shot for University of the Pacific, and offensive confusion, leading to a shot clock violation for the Gauchos.

Things would not get much better the rest of the night for the UCSB men's basketball team as it continued to shoot poorly and had a hard time defending the Tigers. UOP would lead for all but a few seconds of the game while handing Santa Barbara its third straight loss, 82-56 in Stockton. The defeat marked the second time in the last week that Pacific has defeated the Gauchos, and was the 27th straight home victory for Pacific.

About the only good news to come out of the night for UCSB was that its competition in the Western Division of the Big West Conference did not fare any better. While UOP (16-8 overall, 9-2 in the Big West) has a lock on first place, Santa Barbara (7-14) remains tied for second with a 4-7 conference mark. Long Beach State, UC Irvine and Cal Poly SLO all have identical conference records with the Gauchos.

For the third-straight game, UCSB struggled to find the mark offensively, shooting only 35 percent. The starting backcourt of senior Raymond Tutt and freshman Brandon Payton had especially difficult nights, combining to shoot only 8-26 from the floor. Both players finished with 11 points, while freshman forward Chris Lynch led the team with 12.

Santa Barbara Head Coach Jerry Pimm said his team is not executing its offensive scheme well enough, and is not getting open looks at the basket because of it.

"We're doing a little bit too

much on our own and not working together enough," Pimm said. "When we did work together, and did set screens, and did get the ball moving, we got better shots and we had a chance to make those."

Pimm said Tutt especially was trying to make too much happen on his own.

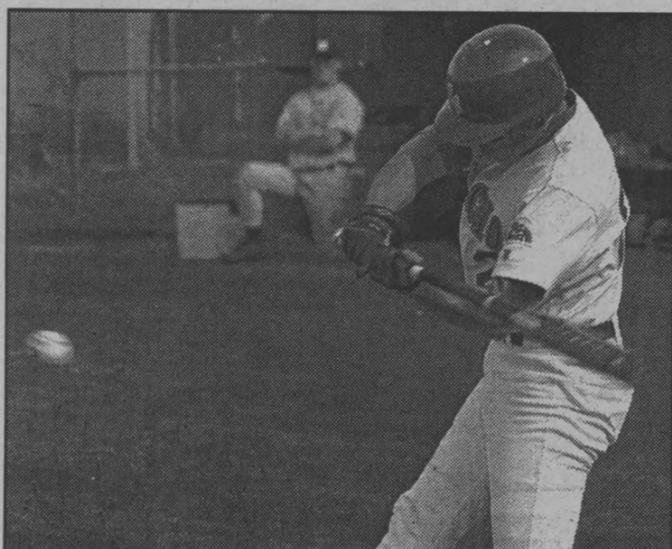
"Right now I think Raymond is pressing a little bit," he said. "He needs to just slow down and let the game come to him."

The Tigers' 7'1" center Michael Olowokandi proved yet again to be virtually impossible to stop, scoring a game-high 20 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Senior Matt Pinkney, who started the game in place of the injured B.J. Bunton, did a commendable job of slowing down the UOP's main offensive weapon to begin the game, but picked up his third foul just 5:01 into the contest and was relegated to the bench for most of the night. Olowokandi scored 14 of his points in the first 20 minutes, sending his team to the locker room with a 40-22 lead.

The closest UCSB would get in the second half was 44-31 with 15:35 to play when senior forward Dwayne Williams flipped in an acrobatic shot, but Pacific ran off 12 of the next 14 points to cruise the rest of the way home. UOP had a balanced attack with three separate players scoring 12 points each.

The Gauchos travel to Long Beach tomorrow at 2 p.m. to battle the 49ers for second place in conference. The game is pivotal for Santa Barbara's playoff chances and Pimm feels his team will be ready.

"We're going to not hang our heads and we're not going to reflect much on this one because that doesn't do any good," Pimm said. "What we're going to do is try and prepare for Long Beach and try and play a good solid game at the defensive end, and really play together and execute at the offensive end."



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UCSB Baseball

See if Brad Wright can hit his third home run in as many games when he and the Gauchos take on Loyola today at 2 in Caesar Uyesaka Stadium. Then catch more action as the same teams battle at 1 Sat. and Sun.