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## Feeling Clueless?

Get the facts on the upcoming elections. A.S. Candidates' Debates take place today and tomorrow. Presidential debates 1 and 2 will take place from 12-1. The Internal VP debate will be today from 1-2 and the External VP debates will take place tomorrow at the same time. All will be in the SB Harbor Room of the UCen.

## INSIDE:

### Reform School Mayhem

Claiming that they have the right to smoke, drink and have sex, 23 incarcerated juvenile offenders at an Acapulco reform school broke the chains that bound them, took the state's secretary of government hostage, and then escaped. Read all about it.

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### Tickle Your Funny Bone!

Check out the funnies in today's *Daily Nexus* for a laugh. It will make you forget today is Tuesday — alas, so far from Friday.

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### Challenge Cup

The UCSB men's and women's track and field teams finished 3rd and 2nd respectively at the Big West Challenge Cup in Long Beach last weekend.



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Learn a piece of American history seldom taught. Spielberg's "Amistad" is playing tonight in I.V. Theater at 9 p.m. \$3 students/ \$5 general admission.



MORGAN BALL / DAILY NEXUS

Signs, signs, everywhere the signs! At 12 a.m. Monday morning, Lindsay Condict, current A.S. off-campus representative, helps this year's candidates get an early start on posting campaign signs at the I.V. entrance bridge on Pardall Road.

## New Regulations To Keep Campaign Clean

BY IAN BARKER  
Reporter

Candidates aspiring for government positions in Associated Students will have to be careful in their campaigning or face stiff penalties for misconduct this year.

Effective this year, a bill passed by A.S. limits how candidates can distribute and display their literature — flyers, signs and pamphlets — according to A.S. Representative-at-Large Matt Barrall, who serves as this year's elections enforcement officer.

"My job is to go around the campus every day and remove illegally posted material," he said. "The first time it's a warning and it's written down in the enforcement log. If it happens again a complaint is registered and it goes to Judicial Council."

The new regulations, which were brought on by the passing of a bill by A.S. Legislative Council, created an elections enforcement officer, stiffened enforcement of regulations and cleared up ambiguous parts of existing protocol, according to bill author and A.S. On-Campus-Representative Erin O'Donnell.

"What the bill did is instead of posting the first day

back [from spring break], posting begins one week later," she said. "The bond that candidates must pay has also increased from \$25 to \$30. For illegal posting, candidates will be fined for each instance. The campus regulations have [also] changed: There are only four legal spots for actual posting."

In addition to restricting poster placement, the bill holds that candidates will only be able to post their flyers after going through proper channels, according to Internal Vice-Presidential Candidate Ross Trindle.

"We can do flyers only through the office of student life," he said. "Visibility is a big thing. How many people see my literature is important. I plan to [distribute] leaflets during peak hours at the UCen."

Trindle says that the new regulations should have twofold positive effects on campaigning.

"I'm hoping the campus will be a lot cleaner," he said. "There should be fewer instances of people ripping down other people's signs. It should be a cleaner campaign as far as less paper on campus, and cleaner in that it will be more fair."

Presidential Candidate Damien Phillips says the changes will actually make his campaigning easier.

See *CAMPAIGN*, p.12

## Current Storms Present Problems for Homeless People in Isla Vista

BY JOHN BOLIN  
Reporter

Although most Santa Barbara residents have had to endure the flooding and sudden rains caused by El Niño, not all have had the luxury of a roof over their head.

In Isla Vista, there are many locals who must face the elements without shelter. According to homeless man Randy Ravett, finding shelter is often a combination of street smarts and teamwork.

"As long as you know where to go, you can usually hide out in some secret spots when it rains," he said. "There's a level of camaraderie ... people look out for each other, help each other keep dry."

"Big Pete," another I.V. homeless man, says that while everyone's situation is different, all face the dual hardships of surviving the weather and breaking the law.

"Because I have a car, I go to that for shelter," he said. "Some people have friends they can go to that have a roof. We used to go to the Freebox [a container in front of the I.V. Recreation and Park District building used to collect donated goods] and ... it had a little overhang, and one time we fit 22 people in there, but they tore that down. I've gotten busted for sleeping in my car. It's a \$72 ticket, and obviously I don't have that kind of money."

According to I.V. Foot Patrol Lt. Butch Arnoldi, County Ordinance 24-5.1 prohibits camping in public places between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. If the police can establish that an individual was sleeping or camping during these hours, that person can be cited. Laws governing public camping are mainly there for the protection of the cam-

See *HOMELESS*, p.11

## University Admission Decreases

BY SCOTT LYON  
Reporter

To carry on the torch of education and experience, the future class of 2002 burns bright with potential, but still lacks an accurate assessment of ethnic composition following new anti-Affirmative Action admission processes.

The compilation of admissions statistics for all University of California campuses was released from the UC Office of the President last Thursday, April 2. Of the 23,671 applicants received by the university Office of Admission, 13,720 were admitted for the fall 1998 term. According to Admissions Director William Villa, these statistics show a decrease of admissions from the fall 1997 entering class, in which 14,764 applicants were accepted. Villa expects 3,700 of those admitted this year to accept.

"This is the highest number of applicants we've ever received," he said. "We had about 10,000 students competing for 4,000 spaces, according to this review."

The statistics, which presented the estimated overall UC freshmen admission decisions, were delayed because of the high number of applications received by UC Berkeley and UC Los Angeles, according to Villa. He explained that admission revisions were made to compensate for the passage of Proposition 209.

"This is the first year that, in the selection of students to the university, we could not consider race, ethnicity, or gender in the selection of students toward admissions," he

See *ADMISSIONS*, p.13

## Greeks Expect Small Turnout for Less Formal Spring Rush

BY TONY BIASOTTI  
Staff Writer

Spring rush, characterized by a lower-key atmosphere than its fall counterpart, is underway this week in UCSB's greek community.

Fraternities and sororities are opening their doors Tuesday to interested students as this quarter's rush activities begin. Though the men's biannual rush is the same each session, the women's houses invite female students to participate in a more casual introduction to greek life, according to UCSB Fraternity and Sorority Council Internal Vice President Saskia Celie.

"It's called spring open house [for sororities]," she said. "We don't want to give the impression that all houses are giving bids [by calling the week spring rush], but it is an option."

According to Alpha Delta Pi Sorority President Erin Friel, open house gives her sorority more leeway than they have in the fall in determining the amount of bids they offer.

"We don't have to fill any spaces, but we do have room, so if we want to extend a bid to a girl we can," she said.

Fraternities, however, operate rush on the same basis as they do in

See *RUSH*, p.11





# Top of the News

## Cabinet Member Announces Resignation



**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Energy Secretary Federico Pena, the only Hispanic in the Cabinet, announced his resignation Monday, saying he will leave the administration at the end of June to be closer to his family.

Pena's departure had been expected sometime this year. After four years as transportation secretary, Pena took the energy post reluctantly as President Clinton's second term began.

Clinton praised Pena for his "invaluable service" over more than five years in two Cabinet posts and said Pena had "provided much of the

analysis that gave me the confidence" to press ahead on a global warming policy "without harming the

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economy."

White House spokesperson Mike McCurry said the president "understood exactly" Pena's stated desire to depart the Cabinet for family reasons.

Pena, 51, told a news conference he was departing for

"personal and family reasons" and wanted to spend more time with his wife and three small children. He said he informed Clinton over the weekend.

A former two-term

private sector for financial reasons.

Noting he has been in the Cabinet since 1993, Pena said, "The time is now right" for him and his wife, Ellen, to focus on their children's future.

"In the end, we all have to make decisions about our families," Pena said as 9-month-old son Ryan Federico crawled nearby and daughters Cristina, 6, and Nellia, 7, worked on coloring books in the front row.

Pena took over the Energy Dept. when there was pressure in Congress to dismantle the agency and after his predecessor, Hazel O'Leary, drew intense congressional criticism over her foreign travels.

— Federico Pena  
energy secretary

mayor of Denver, Pena declined to discuss future plans except to say he would not seek elected office.

It has been known that Pena, formerly a lawyer in private practice in Denver, has wanted to return to the

## Reform School Youths Start Riot, Take Hostage, Escape



**ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP)** — Demanding the right to smoke, drink and have sex, inmates of a juvenile reform school rioted, took a top official hostage and staged a mass escape. On Monday, police were still seeking six of the 23 who fled.

The riot began Saturday night when several youths burned bedding in their cells at the state juvenile reform school in the Guerrero state capital of Chilpancingo, some 50 miles north of Acapulco.

School director Luis Antonio Wences told reporters the youths were demanding the right to cigarettes, alcohol and conjugal visits.

The youths broke the locks of their cells, grabbed bars, stones, machetes and other weapons, gathered in the prison courtyard and demanded to speak to the state's secretary of government, Humberto Salgado Gomez.

When Salgado began to speak with the youths shortly after midnight, they took him hostage and threatened to kill him if they were not freed.

Police and prison guards let 23 of the youths out and they scattered through the streets. By Monday morning, police had recaptured 17 of the youths.

Police in Acapulco said they were searching for the escapees here.

## High-Speed Japanese Train Short-Circuits Underground



**TOKYO (AP)** — Two of Japan's famed bullet trains that link its two most populous islands, short-circuited in an undersca tunnel Monday, stranding hundreds of passengers under the sea for three hours.

The short circuit was caused by water leaking through the ceiling at a point three miles from the eastern entrance of the Shin Kammon Tunnel. That halted the trains from passing through the tunnel, which links the southern island of Kyushu with the biggest island, Honshu, at Shimonoseki, 500 miles southwest of Tokyo.

It was the first time that such a leak has shut down Japan's famed Shinkansen bullet trains, the company said.

The 800 passengers stranded inside the tunnel endured steam-like heat as power failed inside the trains, but the West Japan Railway Co. said no one was injured.

Railway officials found that a chunk of concrete the size of a phone book had dropped from the ceiling of the tunnel and onto a section of track near one of the drainage pipes.

Mukaigawa said railway officials will soon check all 142 tunnels on the affected line. The inspections for leaks will be conducted every two weeks, compared with the previous pace of three per year, Mukaigawa said.

Japan's first bullet train went into service in 1964, initially linking Tokyo and Osaka and running at speeds up to 125 mph. Bullet trains on that line now run at speeds up to 186 mph.

## AP WIRE SHORTS

• **HANOI, Vietnam (AP)** — Prime Minister Phan Van Khai has ordered the first nationwide survey of people affected by toxic chemicals used by U.S. forces during the Vietnam War.

Results would be used to work out long-term solutions to deal with the health problems associated with the use of defoliants like Agent Orange and other chemicals, the *Nhan Dan* newspaper reported Monday.

In 1994, the government estimated that 2 million people were suffering from problems related to the chemicals.

The survey, to be completed next year, will focus on soldiers, government workers and volunteers who either worked or fought in areas sprayed with chemicals, and either suffer from illnesses related to that exposure or have deformed children.

• **KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)** — Afghanistan's Islamic army released 118 prisoners of war Monday on the eve of the Muslim holiday Eid-ul-Azha.

The Red Cross said the prisoners were taken by bus from southern Kandahar, the Taliban army's headquarters where they have been held, to central Afghanistan, several hundred miles north.

It's not clear how many POWs there are in Afghanistan, but some international groups estimate as many as 5,500 men are being held by both sides.

In the 85 percent of Afghanistan it controls, the Taliban has imposed a harsh version of Islamic law that bars girls from attending school, women from working, and

forces men to grow beards and pray in the mosque.

• **ALGIERS, Algeria (AP)** — Armed groups killed at least 35 civilians in two separate attacks Monday in Algeria, prompting security forces to urge residents to take extra precautions.

State-run radio said 27 people were killed near Oran, 250 miles west of the capital, Algiers. Eight others were slain near M'Sila, 125 miles southeast of Algiers.

Details of the attacks were not immediately available and there were no claims of responsibility. Such attacks usually are blamed on Muslim extremists who have led an insurgency since 1992, when the army canceled national elections that a Muslim fundamentalist party was poised to win.

• **EI CENTRO, Calif. (AP)** — March was a record-breaking month for El Centro border patrol agents, who arrested 30,108 illegal immigrants.

Chief patrol agent Thomas Wacker said Monday that the March arrests represent an all-time monthly record for El Centro agents. Last year, the sector arrested 146,000 illegal border crossers.

He expected to surpass that this year. Since October, 115,082 undocumented immigrants were arrested at El Centro, about 115 miles east of San Diego.

Wacker said additional resources dedicated to Imperial Valley and El Centro this year helped his sector increase border patrols, leading to an increase in arrests.

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## Weather

In other random news of the world, one half of '80s mega-hoax group Milli Vanilli passed away Sunday due to an overdose of alcohol and drugs, presumably engulfed in a bout of deep depression. Sure, they were built entirely on a pre-Spice Girls glam-type image and the (relatively good) voices of a few middle-aged studio singers, and there was that whole Grammy mix-up thing, but I think they still had potential. Possibly as dancers/body doubles/groupie managers for another '80s pop icon, Terence Trent D'Arby and his upcoming reunion tour?

Forecast: The sun should be out for a little part of today, but it will probably give way to mild drizzles and patchy fog. Definitely bring a coat and maybe an umbrella. Highs in the upper 50s and lower 60s, lows in lower 50s. Don't blame it on the rain.

### Correction

In Monday's *Nexus*, an item appearing in the front-page "Happening Today" box mistakenly implied that local artists would host a discussion at an art exhibit that opened Monday at the Women's Center. While the exhibit was in place Monday, the artists will make their appearance Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at a reception at the Women's Center.

The *Nexus* regrets this error and any inconvenience it may have caused.



## Workshop To Teach Job Etiquette

While employers might stress the importance of a grade point average and test scores in their hiring practices, applicants can learn how common courtesy and table manners are also important factors.

The Student Alumni Association will be sponsoring a seminar on business protocol and etiquette this Saturday, April 18. The meeting will disseminate interview tips and social courtesies that are useful in the business world, according to SAA President Kalleinani Lau, a senior physiology major.

"Basically, it's an opportunity for students to [learn] ... not only how to act, but how to present yourself in a positive way, and by doing so it gives students at UCSB an edge over another candidate," she said. "There are certain ways that you act so that you look like you know what you're doing."

According to Lau, nationally-acclaimed author and CEO of the "At-Ease" Corporation, Ann Marie Sabath, will be the main speaker at the event.

"By bringing her in we wanted to bring in the top notch, the best," she said. "She's written two business protocol books, she's got another book in the works [and] she's very well versed."

Lau explained why manners can play a

crucial role in business deals and interviews.

"If you can [be unappealing] with food and have no care as to how you look to other people then how are you going to be able to make somebody's project that you are trying to promote look that good?" she said. "If you can't put yourself together and look good, how are you going to be able to put a project together and make it look good?"

Students responded favorably to this notion, including freshman music major Boone Spooner, who has been indoctrinated with good manners since he was a kid.

"Table manners have always been of vital social importance," he said. "For example, you should always taste your food before you put salt on. It shows that you're closed-minded when you put salt on before tasting it."

The event is sponsored by Associated Students Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Michael Young and Counseling and Career Services. Tickets, which include lunch, are \$12 and can be bought from SAA at a table in front of the UCen from April 6-11. Although the workshop begins at 9 a.m. in the UCSB Faculty Club, attendees are advised to register around 8:30 a.m. to get the best seats.

—Zack Musa

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**Suit Against Governor To Proceed**

BY TENNILLE TRACY  
 Staff Writer

Investigation of illegal activity between Governor Pete Wilson and members of the University of California Board of Regents can continue in light of recent decisions in a pre-trial lawsuit process.

The Court of Appeals in San Francisco voted in favor of *ex-Daily Nexus* Campus Editor Tim Molloy and the American Civil Liberties Union in a summary judgment motion filed by Governor Wilson in June of 1997. The ruling of the case allows for the commencement of *Molloy v. UC Regents* within four to five months.

Molloy, the *Daily Nexus*,

ACLU, the First Amendment Project and the Equal Rights Advocates allege that Wilson violated the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Acts by holding secret discussions with members of the UC Regents in 1995, according to ACLU Staff Attorney Dan Tokaji.

The suit alleges Wilson lobbied for the abolishment of Affirmative Action in UC admissions without a public meeting.

"The [Bagley-Keene] Open Meeting Act provides that the public and press can view all proceedings," he said. "In this case, it appears Governor Wilson violated this act by obtaining confirmations from his colleagues outside of these meetings."

According to Senior Counsel of the First

Amendment Project James Wheaton, a panel of three Court of Appeals judges denied Governor Wilson's use of a law in the Statute of Limitations, which held a 30-day limit for prosecuting parties to file a lawsuit claim. Wheaton believes the judges decided in their favor because Governor Wilson did not surrender copies of his phone conversations with Regent members.

"The governor and the UC Regents were hiding under the Statute of Limitations, but the judges found them under Fraudulent Concealment," Wheaton said. "The time clock does not run for 30 days if the party doesn't reveal its evidence."

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# IVRPD Discusses Plans for Storm Cleanup, Park

BY COLLEEN KHACHATOURIANS  
Reporter

Now that spring is finally here, talk of replantings and improvements were on the agenda at the April 2 meeting of the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District Board of Directors.

Work plans were discussed for I.V. bluff-top parks, including replanting trees and clearing debris caused by the recent El Niño storms. According to IVRPD General Manager Derek Johnson, improvement costs incurred by the storms will total \$5150. Some of this money will go toward clearing fallen trees and planting new ones in their places, as well as toward improvements at Camino Pescadero Park.

"[The IVRPD will] install interpretive signs [at Camino Pescadero Park] on sandstone boulders giving information on whale migration, a map of the Channel Islands, and a description of the use of the channel by native Chumash," he said.

Johnson announced that the District was awarded a \$73,000 State Resources Grant, which will fund improvements along the 6500 and 6700 blocks of Del Playa Drive. Landscaping, handicap-accessible ramps, drinking fountains, picnic tables and benches are also parts of the plan.

"[Improvements also include] installation of a safety fence along the bluff ... [and] surface drains, which will drain out to the street, instead of off the cliff, [which adds] to further erosion," Johnson said.

In addition, the IVRPD expects to be on the Internet by

the end of April, Johnson said. The site was made possible through time donations from webserver Silicon.com, he added.

"Silicon.com likes to work with community groups," he said. "They have donated about \$3000 worth of work to setting up this bilingual [Spanish and English] site."

According to Associated Students External Vice-President for Local Affairs Leila Salazar, the Perfect Park Peace Monument Selection Committee is still continuing efforts to select a design to commemorate peaceful protests that occurred in I.V. in the late 1960s and early '70s.

"Right now the selection is looking at proposals," she said. "There was an extension [for submission of ideas] to March 16. ... We have 15 proposals and we are in the process of more fund raising."

IVRPD Director Arthur Kennedy elaborated on the funding for the proposed monument.

"I would like to reassure the community that no tax dollars will be used in funding the Perfect Park Monument, only donations," he said.

After a year of deliberation, the IVRPD has established a name for the park property on Camino Corto, "Tierra de

Fortuna." According to IVRPD Director and Board Chair Diane Conn, the park has gone through many names, such as "Camino Corto Neighborhood Park" and "Fortuna Park," before finally settling on the new, official name.

## LAWSUIT

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Tokaji explained that Governor Wilson and the UC Regents used a summary judgment motion as an attempt to curb further investigations.

"[Summary judgment motion] is a pre-trial motion made by somebody who

wants to avoid a trial," he said.

During the summary judgment motion, document and deposition testimony was examined, but the lawsuit *Molloy v. UC Regents* will consist of live testimony, according to Tokaji.

"The ruling is that the case can go forward. We are very pleased that we can

continue with discovery and get to the bottom of this matter," he said.

Wheaton explained that the future proceedings of *Molloy v. UC Regents* cannot have an effect on current UC admission procedures.

"The Court of Appeals cannot repeal the UC Re-

gents' action [of excluding Affirmative Action in their admissions policies], but it can now be sent to see if it was an illegal action," he said.


After repeated attempts, Governor Wilson's office did not return phone calls to the *Daily Nexus* and was unavailable for comment.

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 Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 6—An older person, needs something you can provide, and he or she will pay for it. The better you do it, the more people you can provide services to, and the more money you'll make. This is how millionaires are made.  
 Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is a 7—Where you'd like to stay is in the privacy of your own home. Unfortunately, you have a job that needs doing. Don't ignore your responsibilities or you could louse up a very lucrative deal.  
 Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 6—Race around and finish chores this morning. Later on, you could get a chance to go out. You want to have domestic matters settled by then. A startling revelation tonight could change travel plans. Listen to the weather report.  
 Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is a 7—Gather up your resources and pay an overdue bill; you'll be amazed at how much easier the rest of the day goes. If you can't pay the full amount, send a big chunk of the money. The guilt has been getting in the way of your creativity.  
 Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 6—A friend, possibly a partner, likes to tell you what to eat, how to talk, how to dress, etc. Don't you just love it when this happens? If you at least pretend to welcome the advice, you'll make points and the next few days will be a lot more fun.  
 Today's Birthday (April 7). Passions lead to hard work this year, as you break through old barriers. You're smitten in April, and inspired to take action. The dreams seem more like drudgery by August and September.  
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"Gypsy Eyes"

# Opinion

## Editorial Policy

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## The Reader's Voice

### EFFECTS OF MEAT-EATING MISREPRESENTED

Editor, Daily Nexus:

After talking with friends and thinking to myself, I decided I simply must respond to Adam Marsh's recent article about vegetarianism.

Let me start off by saying that I do eat meat, I enjoy it, and I see nothing wrong with its consumption. I have nothing but respect for vegetarians who do not eat meat for health reasons or personal taste. However, when someone tells me that eating meat is wrong and im-

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moral, I take offense. I feel that Mr. Marsh's article inaccurately portrays the effects of eating meat and that he makes many inaccurate claims.

Mr. Marsh calls cows the "most valuable animal to human society. They give us fuel (methane), fertilizer, power and milk." Hmm, puzzling. Fertilizer is their dung, power is their use in growing crops, and milk is obvious, but fuel? I have heard of cows giving off methane and its effects on global warming, but I have never heard of anybody actually trying to harness this energy. Does Mr. Marsh suggest we stick tubes up a cow's ass to collect the gas that it may pass? How crass!

Mr. Marsh writes that, "mass animal-killing for food and fashion promotes cruelty and violence." I can't agree with that. If anything is to blame for violence, it is television and movies. Many of my relatives are avid hunters, and they are simply not violent and cruel. How can picking up a packet of chicken turn somebody into a violent person?

Mr. Marsh then tells us that "Well-documented studies show that flesh eating is harmful to health." OK, I am going to assume that by "flesh eating" he is talking about meat, chicken and pork rather than, say, human flesh. The studies I have read about say that eating excessive amounts of meat can be harmful, BUT in limited amounts there are no problems and it can actually be both good tasting and nutritious, providing amino acids and proteins.

Mr. Marsh correctly points out that rainforest destruction is partly caused by ranching industries. However, he neglects to address other causes of this destruction. Logging, subsistence farming and commercial developments play just as large a role in their destruction.

Mr. Marsh claims, correctly, that vast quantities of crops in the U.S. are produced to feed animals, and he claims that this could be used to feed billions of people. What he fails to mention, however, is that many agricultural products in the U.S. are so overproduced that much is destroyed every year to keep prices from falling and bankrupting farmers. Destroying grain is a lot worse than giving it to cows.

My biggest problem with Mr. Marsh's arti-

cle lies with some of the statistics he gives. "One pound of beef equals a loss of 35 pounds of topsoil." Gee, where does it go? Do the cows eat it, or does it just disappear?

"Petroleum use in the U.S. would decrease by 60 percent if people adopted a vegetarian diet." How is this possible? The vast majority of petroleum is used in generating electricity, industrial production, and fueling cars, planes and various forms of transportation. Where would this savings come from, people riding cows to work instead of their cars?

"Fifty percent of water pollution in the U.S. is linked to livestock." This is also incorrect. Most water pollution comes from the fertilizers, pesticides and fungicides used in the growing of agriculture. True, some agriculture is used to feed cows, but far more is used to feed people. Blaming this one on cows is shifting responsibility unfairly.

I, too, consider myself an environmentalist. I do my part where I can, and I "think globally, act locally." Heck, I even support the Bhakti Yoga club by eating their (frankly delicious) food on Wednesdays near Buchanan Hall. But I also love to eat a carne asada, or a beef and broccoli stir-fry, or a good fat juicy steak. I don't think this makes me a bad person, and it certainly does not make me an eco-terrorist.

Eating meat is natural, just think about what a lion eats, or a shark, or a spider. If Mr. Marsh wants to help the environment, there are many great ways to do it. Condemning people for what they eat is not one of them.

CASEY JAMES BRENNAN

### IT'S A FREE COUNTRY — BUT MY LUNGS BELONG TO ME

Editor, Daily Nexus:

A plea to my fellow students: Could smokers please move their habit from the Arbor benches to somewhere else? The smoke makes it difficult for many students to enjoy their lunch in the only convenient place.

Taking 20 units of both English and science classes and also working 10 hours a week, I normally don't have the leisure time to enjoy my lunch elsewhere besides campus. My tight daily schedule of classes is located between South Hall and Girvetz. The classes follow one right after the other giving me only half an hour in between for lunch. Even if I wanted to have lunch somewhere else, it is time-consuming for me to walk to the UCen, to wait in the long line, and be back on time for my next class.

Every day, I pack my lunch for school, hoping to eat outdoors in my sparse time with beautiful warm "clean" air. I hope to enjoy a peaceful breath of fresh air before I actually dive into long hours of classes. Unfortunately, day after day, I am forced to share the residual polluted air from the inconsiderate smokers and their friends. Puff, puff, the air fills with the unrelenting smoke until I feel like a person in a gas chamber. I hear students coughing and often I see the anger in their faces, but none of them even stand up and ask the smokers to put away their cigarettes because even professors smoke around the Arbor.

Here are the hardcore facts about smokers and what they are doing to the secondhand smokers, which they are probably unaware of. *The American Scientific Journal* says that we secondhand smokers suffer harmful effects from breathing in the carcinogenic air that is derived from the chemical formula of carbon monoxide.

Carbon monoxide is different from carbon dioxide, which is the air we normally exhale and exchange with plants. Carbon monoxide has one free pair of electrons that is called the radical of gas as opposed to two (as in carbon dioxide). This radical is very unstable when interacting with other chemicals inside our body and brings destruction with it.

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The worst part about secondhand smoking is that when the smokers inhale the nicotine, the nicotine is filtered through the cotton part at the end of the cigarettes. Unfortunately, secondhand smokers don't have a cotton filter hanging out of their mouths. Our only filter is our lungs.

I was just wondering, have the smokers even seen a filter after someone has smoked a cigarette? I can only imagine what my lungs would look like.

I realize that smoking is a way of relaxing for some people, to reduce their stress, or as part of a social purpose — which I don't mean to intrude on. I am only hoping that it can be done elsewhere, such as behind the UCen or other places on campus where there are not a lot of people who may be studying or eating their lunches.

I am aware that smoking prohibition is a sensitive personal issue that the law has restricted in most public places. I also understand that smokers are probably already informed about the harmful facts concerning their health and wish to disregard the information. The signs outside the Arbor say "No Smoking" for those who do not notice or who do but wish to defy the law. Please, at least make an effort to obey the laws.

I do not mean to alienate myself and the nonsmoker who shows no sympathies for the smokers and only want to demand my personal right. I also do not want to sound like their mother telling smokers what is appropriate and what is not, but I want to guard my health!

I know that smoking is a free choice people make, but I would like to speak on behalf of nonsmokers and myself about not wanting to be forced into an involuntary situation where we have to breathe in dangerous polluted air. If you smokers choose to smoke, please do it elsewhere and avoid public places that involve lots of nonsmokers like myself.

This is my last year at UCSB and I only wish before I graduate that I can inhale a "fresh," clean ocean breath before I graduate. Thank you for listening.

MAI NGUYEN

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## A.S. Candidate Debate Schedule

(an informed vote is never a wasted one)

Tuesday, April 7:

Presidential Debate #1. UCen Harbor Room. 12 p.m. — 1 p.m.

Internal VP Debate. UCen Harbor Room. 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8:

Presidential Debate #2. UCen Harbor Room. 12 p.m. — 1 p.m.

External VP Statewide Debate. UCen Harbor Room. 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.



## More Reader's Voice

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

### IN MEMORIAM: CHARLIE 'POOPER' CHAPLIN

Editor, Daily Nexus:

To all cat lovers and haters of I.V.:  
This notice is to inform all those near and dear to our Charlie's heart of his departure from this earthly plane March 28, 1998. Anyone who has lived in I.V. over the past three years probably encountered our feline, Charlie "Pooper" Chaplin, a cat so tender and unbelievably compliant in all things domestic and narcotic.

In his younger days (1995-96), he roamed the Sueño barrio as if it were his kingdom. He made friends with humans while terrorizing animals — his introduction to I.V. notoriety. Many a cat may have lost a meal, an eye, or perhaps their virginity to our feisty kitten. When he was doomed to impotence (an act imposed by his environmentally conscious family), he calmed down quite a bit but remained the constant center of our household.

The next year found us at Pasado, where he became lackadaisical in his protection of our home and in the tending of his reputation. Despite his inability to swing, he still managed the tiresome trials of a socialite and a mistress was attained to make calm the churning waters of middle age. In June, he relocated to Del Playa to enjoy his mature years in cliffside retirement; many a passerby witnessed him hanging out on the sunny porch with his bikini-clad, Budweiser-drinking harem.

He will be remembered for his cat naps (all day, every day), incessant groping, and his near-human trait of throwing temper

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tantrums when ignored. He was the best-loved, best-treated, most personable cat we know. Even cat-haters loved our baby, our Chuck. He was, and always will be, the most incredibly agreeable male of our lives. He is survived by his family: Micaela, Missy, Faith, Megan, Kim, Julie, Brigitte, Kelly, Tracy, Colleen (x2) and Erin. And of course, Greg. And then there's Matt, our aspiring grave-digger. Peace out.

In lieu of flowers, please send alcoholic donations to his grieving family.

CHARLIE'S FAMILY

### FEE INCREASE OR NO, YOU'LL PAY ANYWAY

Editor, Daily Nexus:

You have probably seen many flyers and poster boards scattered about the UCen pushing for an "Operating Support Fee" of \$9 in order to "assure that the UCen can continue to pay the costs of maintenance for the public areas of the building." This is a referendum sponsored by the student-majority UCen Governance Board that will undoubtedly appear on the upcoming spring ballot.

Essentially, their claim is this: If the measure does not go through, dining service hours will be reduced, evening and weekend hours will be eliminated, free use of meeting and offices for student groups will stop, as will the funding for various student programs. On the other hand, if the proposal does pass, then the UCen will not only maintain itself accordingly, but it could also possibly increase Internet access and computer use, increase lounge seating, expand post-office hours, and perhaps even add a late-night study lounge.

Note that this "Operating Support Fee" is not simply a \$3 increase from the \$6 fee you

are paying already. Rather, it is nine *additional* dollars. From this fee, the UCen will increase its funding by nearly 2½ times what it gets now (from about \$90,000 to \$220,000).

It may surprise you that the UCen does not receive any money from student fees for maintenance and operation at all (not even from the \$6 fee you are already paying). But what is even more disturbing is that of all the thousands of dollars UCSB brings in from its students each year, the UCen receives *none* of it. As a matter of fact, the only funding the UCen receives for maintenance and operation comes from the UCSB Bookstore and the various businesses inside of it.

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How can such a large university that takes in millions of dollars each year neglect to fund its own campus center? Simple. They know that if *they* don't, the *students* will — which is exactly what is happening now. And although it is a rather sad thing to say, they are right.

You are going to be paying for the UCen whether you like it or not. If the measure passes, you will find the \$15 fee on all subsequent BARC statements for the next four years (that is, if you are still around). If not, the UCen will want more money from the Bookstore, which in turn will want more money from you. However the ball bounces, you will pay.

Unfortunately, certain members on your Legislative Council seem to think that because UCSB students pay relatively less fees than students from other universities, that is reason enough for increasing them. And as you search your pockets for the few pennies you have left, and as the duct tape which holds the UCen together starts to loosen, it is *then* that the Legislative Council votes on increasing the annual \$500,000 funding for Isla Vista programs you had not even dreamed existed. The UCen falls apart, and we get a teen center in Isla Vista. Bureaucracy at its finest.

PATRICK LAVENDER

### COACHES DON'T NEED GOLETA RESIDENCY

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing this letter in response to the *Daily Nexus*' staff editorial, "Wait a Minute ... Coach *Who?*" written March 31. I realize that the article's intention was not to disagree with the hiring of UCSB's new men's basketball coach Bob Williams, but it sure came across that way. The editorial states that there are "those who wonder whether there might not have been a better man for the job." I completely disagree, and I believe that Bob Williams is one of the best coaches that UCSB could have hired.

His UC Davis team won the Division II national championship after a stellar 31-2 season. Some may say, "Who cares, it's only Division II, the team could not have been that good." I would once again strongly disagree.

UC Davis has a nonscholarship basketball program. Not one player on the UC Davis team received even a dime to go to school and play basketball there. We all know that the idea of no scholarships is obviously unattractive to most, if not all, of the great players entering college. So Williams took what he

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could get — a bunch of mediocre players — and he turned them into national champions. That in itself is an amazing feat.

The article goes on to state that many people believed NAU coach Ben Howland should have been named head coach because he was an assistant under Jerry Pimm and he used to live in Goleta. Howland took NAU to the NCAA Tournament and nearly upset Cincinnati, a team that has a history of choking in the tournament. Howland may be a good coach, but Williams is a great coach.

Just because Howland was an assistant at UCSB during decent basketball years as far as record is concerned, and just because he used to live in Goleta, does not mean he would be a better choice than Williams. I am looking forward to next year's team, and I think we should be elated with the selection of Bob Williams, even though he never lived in Goleta.

DAVE SEYMOUR

### SPRING IS HERE AGAIN, SO BUY RECYCLED

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Spring has sprung and UCSB is getting ready for yet another exciting quarter of fun in the sun and knowledge in college. We at A.S. Recycling wish both the students and faculty all the best this quarter. We also just want to remind you to try to do your best when it comes to the wonderful art of recycling. For those readers out there that aren't comfortable with recycling or don't understand its importance, this article will serve to guide you through the process of learning about the valuable tips toward closing the loop.

Since a new quarter has just arrived, it's time to start purchasing new school supplies and such. The best and wisest purchase you can make is the "recycled" purchase. Buying already recycled products is a simple, yet extraordinary, act that *anyone* can make. For example, when you're at the bookstore and you need some new notebooks for class, look for the ones *made out of recycled materials*. The term "post-consumer material" is a handy clue to help you make the right choice.

Why buy recycled materials? Because then you're supporting the *reuse* of already used natural resources. If you don't purchase recycled materials, then you're supporting the destruction of our precious natural resources, which are nearly gone. There is no point in recycling anything if we don't make the conscious choice as consumers to *buy recycled goods*.

Good luck this quarter with your endeavors, and get that loop closed by purchasing recycled products.

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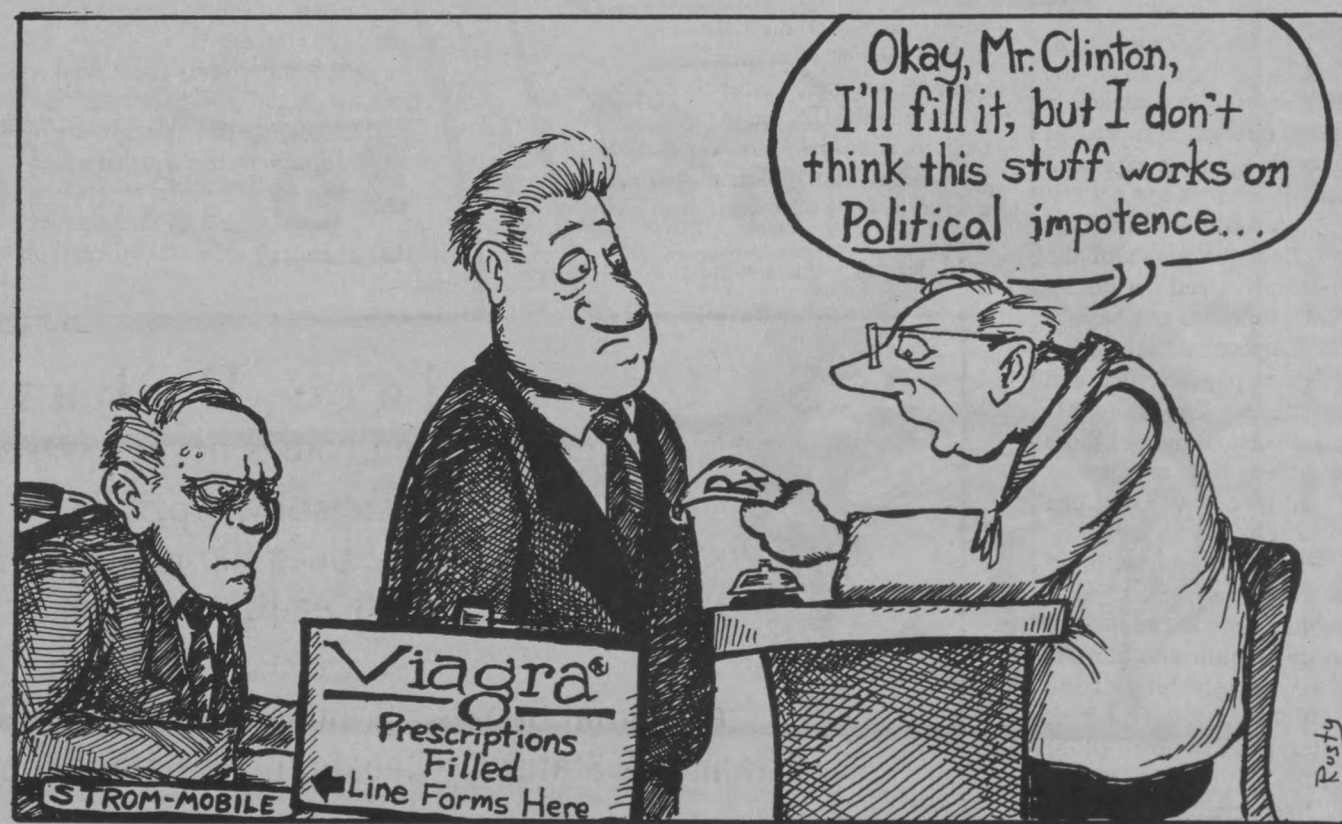
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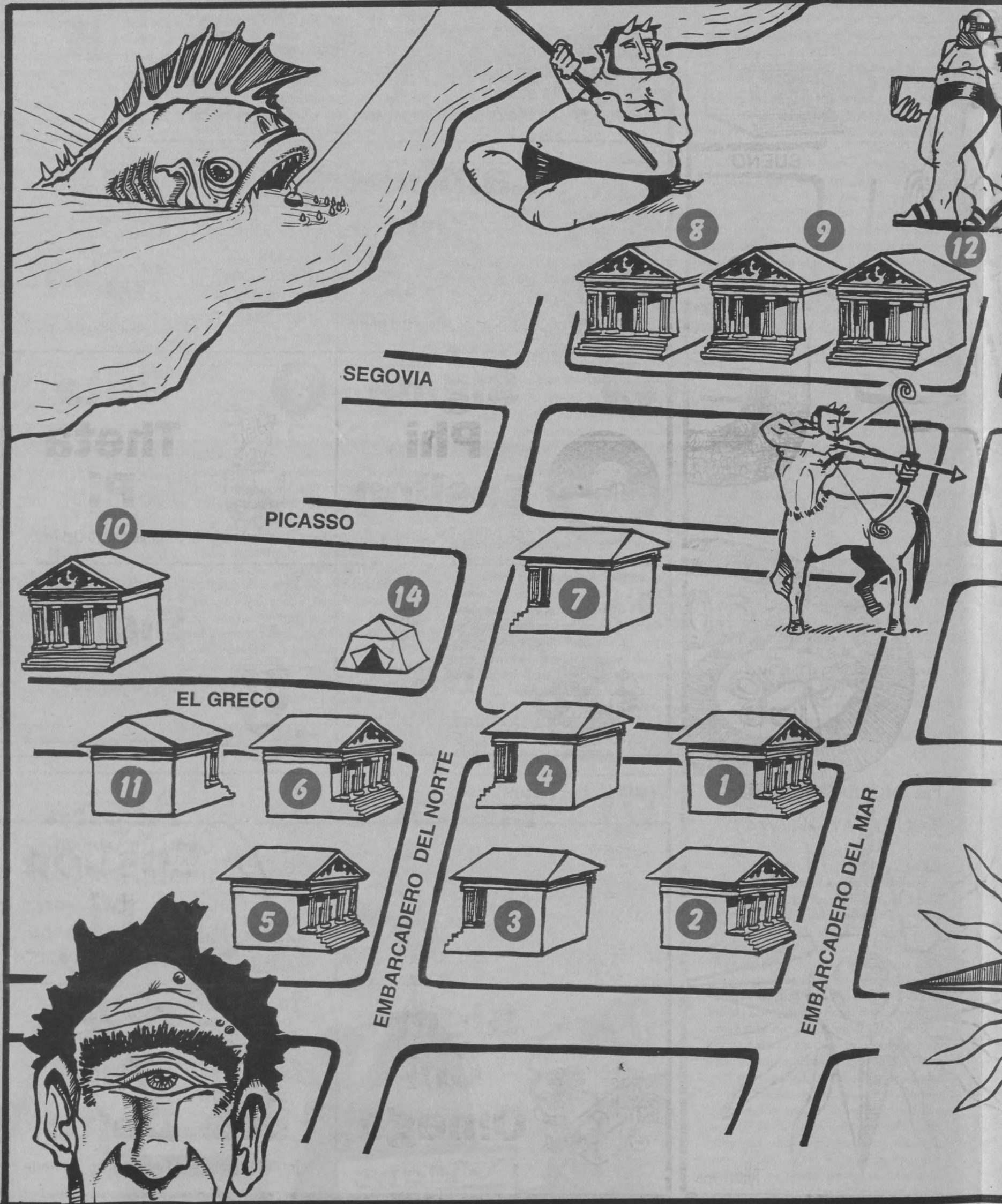
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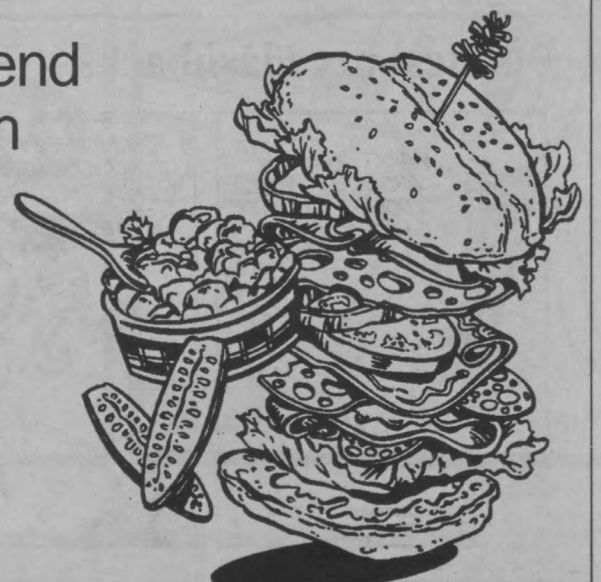
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the fall, despite a traditionally lower number of rushees experienced in the spring, according to Alpha Tau Omega President and Rush Chair Danny Openden.

"It's run exactly the same way. The numbers tend to go down, so we try to do as much as we can," he said. "For example, we're having an In-N-Out truck [Tuesday] night with made-to-order burgers."

According to Celie, sororities also expect far fewer attendees at spring open house than fall rush.

"We usually get around 150 girls [in the spring]," she said. "I think last year it was higher. This past fall there were 400 girls."

Though FSC has always imposed a charge of \$50 for fall sorority rush and kept spring open house free, fraternity rush has begun collecting a \$5 fee from each rushee, a charge which was first instituted during fall '97, Openden said.

"[FSC] originally said they were going to bring it up to \$10, and a lot of us complained," he said. "One fee covers every house that you go to. ... If you end up pledging our house, we'll return the fee."

Those interested in fraternity rush can sign up at any of the houses on Tuesday evening, while sorority open house sign-ups will be held on campus, Celie said.

"There's going to be registration [Tuesday] and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside of Girvetz Hall," she said.



# HOMELESS

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pers, he said.

"In the late '60s there was a series of murders along the beaches stretching from Gaviota to around the SB Zoo area," Arnoldi said. "Six people were murdered, and it was taken to the Santa Barbara City Council.

These people were axed or bludgeoned to death. ... So, there are very real reasons why the ordinance was enacted."

According to IVRPD General Manager Derek Johnson, there are many reasons for the laws that are in effect regarding homeless

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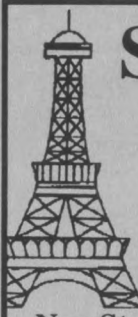
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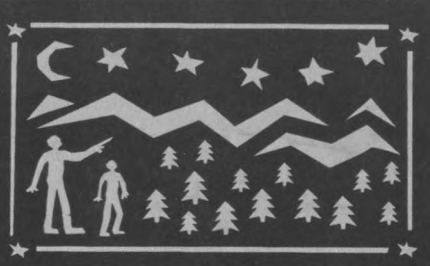
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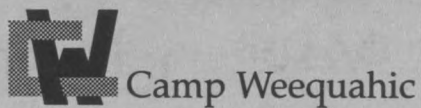
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In accordance with the bill, External VP for Statewide Affairs Candidate Woo-jae Lee is complying with the new restrictions.

"I would prefer to put as many posters anywhere I like, but the restrictions I work with are the restrictions I work with," he said. "I'm just trying to be as creative as possible."

External VP Candidate Tom Watson also explained how he will conduct his campaign in compliance

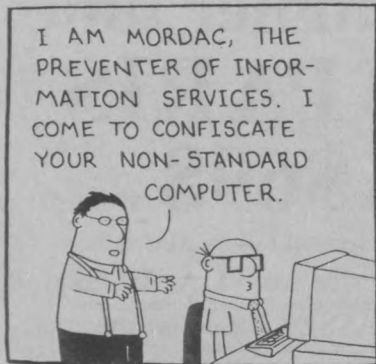
with the new regulations. "My main focus is going to be in I.V. where there are not many rules," he said. "I'm going to get out and meet people. I want people to know who they're voting for. I'm [also] going to be at the Arbor and in front of the UCen."

The new regulations have been successful so far in keeping campaigning under control, according to Barrall.

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by Kibuishi

ADMISSIONS

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said. "In the reviewing of applications at the secondary level, we tried to develop criteria broadly so that we could select a high-quality academic and diverse class."

Despite these measures, minority and under-represented student admissions statistics showed a drop, according to a statement from UC President Richard Atkinson.

"A total of 44,393 high school seniors were admitted to UC for next fall, representing the largest group of admitted students in UC history," Atkinson stated. "These figures show a decline systemwide in the number of under-represented students, defined as African-Americans, American Indians, and Chicanos and Latinos."

According to Villa, the Admissions Office used the selection criteria provided in the UC Admissions Guidelines that is separated into two categories, the first of which considers academic performance.

"Over 65 percent to 68 percent of our admittance offers had been made to those with the best preparation and the best performance," he said.

We tried to develop criteria broadly so that we could select a high-quality academic and diverse class.

William Villa Admissions Director

For the remaining percentage of admitted freshmen, the UC Admission Guidelines considers additional criteria, including special talents, skills, interests or situational circumstances, Villa added.

"These criteria are designed to further assess an applicant's academic potential and promise, as well as potential to contribute to the educational environment and intellectual vitality of the campus," states the UC Admission Guidelines. "They provide evidence of the personal traits, accomplishments and key experiences that show an applicant's promise to be a valuable contributor to the education enterprise."

In addition to the downward shift in minority admissions, statistics showed a threefold increase in the number of applicants who declined to state ethnicity on their applications. Villa believes this is due to the question being physically moved on the application.

"I think one of the most significant reasons for this change was that there was a change in the application form for 1998," he said. "It was removed from where it had been listed with other personal information, toward the bottom of the last page of the application."

The fall 1998 freshman class will have to declare their enrollment by May 1, but final statistics representing their ethnic backgrounds will not be available until fall '98 when Personal Identification Forms are tabulated.



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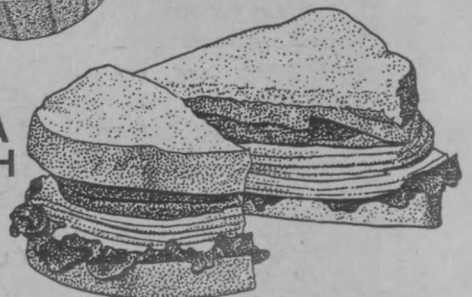


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# HOMELESS

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people. Many of these laws were enacted with the support of residents who are concerned about the possible effects from homeless people staying on public property, he said.

"We receive a fair amount of complaints from people, many concerning litter and people starting fires," Johnson said. "Property owners are concerned that the fires will burn down their property."

The National Guard Armory in downtown Santa Barbara was opened as a shelter from November to March, but the temperature had to drop below 48 degrees for people to be admit-

ted, according to Arnoldi.

Signet Hall Resident Director Chris Dixon has had numerous problems with homeless people sleeping on the couches and in the lounge of the off-campus residence hall. The people he has encountered are cooperative when asked to leave, but he said they often return regardless of the warning.

"They get up and leave, but I've had to tell the same guy to leave a number of times," he said.

According to Ravett, a decorated Vietnam War veteran, compassion is often harder to find than shelter.

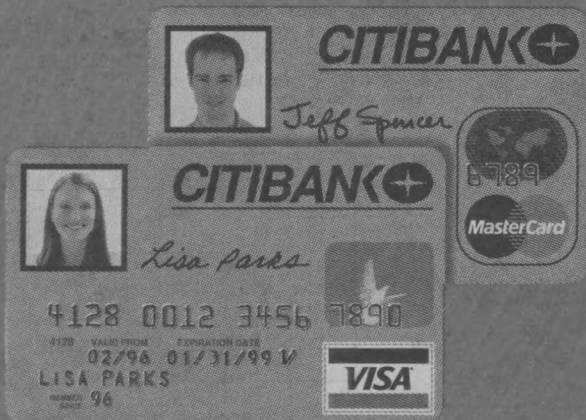
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# Sports

## UCSB Track and Field Miss Chance at Trophy

■ Women Take Second, Men Finish Third

BY NATHAN ELSTON  
Reporter

The Jack Rose Track in Long Beach, Calif., presented anything but rosy conditions for the UCSB track and field team during the Big West Challenge Cup this past Saturday. Sporadic rain and cold temperatures made good marks difficult to come by, and both the men and women came away from the meet with mixed results.

The women earned a total of 170 points, placing a competitive second to UC Irvine's 186 points. Long Beach State and Cal State Fullerton were left well behind, with 151 and 95 points, respectively.

Results of the competition on the men's side shaped up quite differently than the women's results. Long Beach State scored 191 points for an easy victory, despite the absence of four of their top sprinters. The Gauchos placed third with 148 points, just behind the 158 points collected by UCI. Cal State Fullerton had to content themselves with 138 points and a fourth-place showing.

With four teams from the Big

West Conference competing, and a rotating trophy as spoils for the victor, the Big West Challenge Cup serves as an excellent precursor to the Big West Championships.

"It's one of the only meets where points are scored," said senior steeplechaser Trent Bryson. "That's the good thing about it — we can see where we are and where we need to be."

Showing that they're on the up-swing, the men avenged an embarrassing early season loss to Cal State Fullerton, and the women proved that they are within range of the top teams in the conference. No Santa Barbara athlete or coach, however, believed the meet to be an accurate reflection of the squad's full potential.

"It was a good team effort, but the outcome was disappointing," remarked Head Coach Pete Dolan. "It was within our reach to win the women's side."

Despite the unfulfilling overall results, several individual athletes displayed their mettle and reached their seasonal bests.

Sophomore hurdler Tara Kulikov placed second in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of



REACHING HIGHER: Senior Trent Bryson used a strong finish to propel him to a first place showing in the 3,000-meter competition at the Big West Challenge Cup.

ALAN JACOBY / DAILY NEXUS

14.7 seconds. Her performance was a personal best by two-tenths of a second, and a mere two-tenths of a second away from setting a new school record.

"We get really excited about the Challenge Cup," Kulikov said about her inspiration. "We want that trophy."

Senior sprinter Merideth Webster epitomized the effort put forth by the women speedsters. The captain competed in five events, two of which she hadn't competed in since high school. Sophomore Jessica Starr, freshmen Mickila

Tate and Alli Malloy also competed in multiple events in their drive to help the team.

Senior Eliza Alexander continued her hot streak, dominating the women's 3,000-meter field. Her victory was the only one in any event on the women's side.

Co-captain Bryson earned the lone victory for the men by unleashing a powerful kick in the last two hundred meters to capture the men's 3,000. Junior Jason Kolb placed fourth behind Bryson, extending his recent string of im-

pressive performances.

Although the rainy conditions exacerbated a difficult day for the throwers, freshman Kevin Howard tied his personal record in the discus with a toss of 129' 6".

"He's learning to handle the heavier weights used in college," throwing coach John Amneus said. "In two or three years, he'll be a super stud."

Senior Derrick Karner had his strongest outing in the 800 meters this year, and sophomore Baruti Armstrong competed well.



WAVE TO THE CAMERA: UCSB has been hot lately, winning three of its last four.

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## Water Polo Beats Southern California Foes

BY DAMON DAMELE  
Staff Writer

Things are starting to heat up. As it moves toward the end of the season, the UCSB women's water polo team has won three of its last four, including a weekend sweep of San Diego State and Long Beach State.

Friday, the ninth-ranked Gauchos (11-11 overall, 5-4 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) won an 8-7 overtime-thriller over the fifth-ranked Aztecs (14-8, 5-3 in MPSF). SDSU was ahead 5-4 at the half, despite two goals from Santa Barbara senior Suzanne Eskilson. In the third quarter UCSB scored three times, getting goals from sophomores Nicole Comacho and Katie Hill, as well as another score by Eskilson. This put the Gauchos in the lead 7-6.

With 1:17 left in the fourth period, SDSU senior Shae Philpott

scored to send the game into overtime. The game remained tied at 7-7 until sophomore Katie Hill scored the game-winner with 1:52 left in OT.

"Winning these games was probably pretty important," co-captain Hill said. "It really built up our confidence ... We are playing a lot better now than we were at the beginning of the season."

Santa Barbara showed just how much it has improved Saturday at Belmont Plaza Pool with a 13-2 romp of Long Beach State. UCSB dominated the game from start to finish, beating a 49er squad that remains winless within the conference (3-17, 0-9 in the MPSF). The Gauchos played some stingy defense, allowing only five shots on goal, three of which were saved by goalie Angie Seto.

But it was UCSB's scoring explosion that was the real story in the LBSU contest. Sophomore Kara Watkins contributed four,

and Hill drove home three more to continue her scoring tear. Comacho added a pair, and the Gauchos got a goal each from Eskilson, Krista Dotters, Carly Jones and Juli Monahan.

"It feels good to win these games," Comacho said. "We worked really hard ... and we beat them."

Hill felt that the key to the wins was practice.

"We worked out hard and practiced with a lot of intensity," Hill said. "We practiced playing together and we scrimmaged more. We are playing much better as a team."

Santa Barbara will look for continued improvement in its remaining two tournaments and final home game against UC San Diego on April 17, in preparation for the Western Qualifications held April 24-26.

## Youthful Women's Tennis Trying To Turn it Around

Rain fell on the UCSB women's tennis team last weekend, which could turn out to be a refreshing break for a Gaucho team that has not won a match in their last eight attempts.

Santa Barbara has faced adversity since the beginning of the season, struggling to a 4-12 overall record, but Head Coach Pete Kirkwood looks forward to the future of UCSB women's tennis.

"We're competing well," Kirkwood said. "We want to win, but we know we're young and there's time. We lost [#1 singles player] Kristina Donchew before the season, and I thought somebody would really step up. That hasn't happened."

Although no one has yet to step up in singles competition for Santa Barbara, doubles has been a strength for the Gauchos this season.

"We don't have some of the confidence in singles that we do in doubles," Kirkwood said. "We're sometimes out of the match, down 5-1, when doubles start."

UCSB hit the wall after one of its most exciting victories of the season, a close 5-4 win over the Pacific Tigers on March 1.

"We went on a little losing streak after a huge win over Pacific," Kirkwood said. "It looked like a momentum changer."

Kirkwood did mention a few of the women that are having good seasons for the Gauchos.

"Melissa Dillard has been a heck of a player all year," Kirkwood said. "She has really been stepping up and earned a promotion to #4. Melissa and Jackie Jocson have been solid at #3 doubles as well. Gaby Andrade has been money in the bank at #6 singles."

Andrade has been the team's most successful singles player, posting a 9-6 record. Dillard has the second-best record in singles, posting eight wins and 10 losses. She has also been a force in doubles, teaming with Jocson to post a 7-4 record. Tracy Keyser and Jill Katzenberger have also been an effective doubles tandem, winning eight matches against six defeats.

With a little more intensity in singles play, Kirkwood believes the team can finish the season strong.

"If we can finish with somebody in the top four [singles] winning consistently, I like our chances against anyone in the Big West."

UCSB will try its chances on the road against Cal State Fullerton today at 2 p.m. and then travel to Long Beach State for a Wednesday afternoon match.

—Nick Soboleski