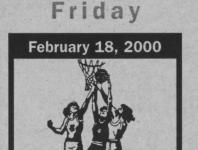
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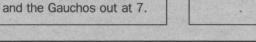
Blond Ambition UCSB women's basketball Head Coach Mark French will unveil his newly dyed

hair at tonight's game in the

Thunderdome. Check him



Today we bring you not one, not two, but three pages of opinion. Read one every day and make it last all weekend.



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-Sports Senior guard Tawnée Cooper has come back from a

serious leg injury to be the Gauchos' "instant offense' off the bench.



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Two naval officers discuss this EA-6B Prowler airplane with members of the public aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln. The aircraft carrier, which is docked in Santa Barbara Harbor, will depart Tuesday.

Visitors Flock to Docked U.S. Naval Aircraft Carrier

BY DAVID DOWNS Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, the arrival of the USS Abraham Lincoln has aroused much interest, proving that size does matter.

Dominating the view from Stearns Wharf on Thursday, aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln hosted aging veterans, curious children and just about everyone else lucky enough to get a ticket onto one of the five biggest carriers in the Navy's fleet. The ship drew unexpectedly large crowds when it pulled into Santa Barbara last year, and tour coordinators expected a similar appeal when it arrived

Wednesday.

According to Naval Academy Information Officer William Stewart, over 10,000 free tickets to tour the boat were quickly snatched up this week.

"It's just something very fascinating in a town that generally has little contact with the armed services, with the exception of the people who work up at Vandenburg," he said. "It's a really big deal. We were getting calls until last night and the last tickets were given out last week. The naval information center has also been inundated with calls."

Thursday's visitors were

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Campus Scientists Receive Grant to Assist Human DNA Mapping Project

BY DANNY AMEER Reporter

UCSB researchers are working on a project that could one day make it possible for your doctor to tell you what diseases you will be most susceptible to in the future.

Two UCSB researchers received a \$257,819 grant from the National Institute of Health to develop new technology that could lead to readily accessible information about individual genetic makeups.

The Human Genome Project is intended to completely map a human genome — which is all of the DNA in a human being. Chemistry Professor Alec Wodtke and Associate Chemistry Professor Norbert Reich have been working together for two years to develop a machine that will help to apply the knowledge from the HGP to individuals, Wodtke said.

"The Human Genome Project will give you the gene map for a generic human, but what we're working on is a

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Power Outage Brings Firefighters to UCSB

BY JERRY BEERS Staff Writer

Students studying for midterms in the library Thursday were forced to take mandatory study break when Davidson Library was evacuated for the second straight day.

A brief campuswide power outage at approximately 4 p.m. tripped the fire alarm in the library, causing library security to evacuate the building. The outage also caused a supply fan in the Biology II building to burn out, attracting firefighters to UCSB.

Smoke triggered the library alarm Wednesday, but University Librarian Sarah Pritchard said that a power surge caused the alarm Thursday. "This is not the same thing that happened [Wednesday]," she said. "What happens

is that all the alarms are tied to the power, and when the power goes out it trips the alarms."

Sophomore dramatic art major Ergin Dervisoglu said he was studying in the library when the power outage took place. "I was just doing some reading and all the lights went out - it was complete darkness," he said.

Firefighters were also on campus for the second straight day to investigate a report of smoke, which came from the burned-out fan in Bio II, according to Operations and Maintenance Manager George Lewis. "It burned out one of our motors in Bio II that caused a little smoke ... that's why the fire engines were [on campus]," he said.

Facilities Management Superintendent Bob Wright said the fan will need to be replaced because it is a source of air for the building, but added that it was not a major cause of concern.

Southern California Edison Foothill Systems Supervisor Joseph Bauza said

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This race is ruppin

Concessions workers Joshua Ramirez and Art Summers rush to fill bags of popcorn at the grand opening of Goleta's Camino Real Cinemas. Proceeds went to UCSB's environmental studies, film studies and athletics departments and student group Hillel.

Officials Set Policies for Control of Kennel

BY SHAUN MCGRADY Staff Writer

Throwing a leash

around an overzealous ani-

mal welfare group Tuesday,

the Santa Barbara County

Board of Supervisors

established new guidelines

for the operation of its ani-

approved a resolution

establishing guidelines for

the Dog Adoption Welfare

Group (DAWG), a volun-

teer group aiding the

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The board unanimously

mal shelter.

the shelter's new Finear kennel facilities over to DAWG.

According to 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall, the approved resolution will allow DAWG to play a bigger role in Santa Barbara County animal shelters.

"Leasing the facilities to DAWG allows the group to operate the kennels however they want. They can even adopt dogs from the county shelter," she said. "The only real difference between the county-run shelters and the DAWG shelters will be differing policy."

Third District Assistant Supervisor Mark Chaconas said DAWG has played an important role at shelters in the county.

"The DAWG organization has helped the county operate and maintain the southern county kennels for many years." he said. "The board agreed unanimously to allow DAWG complete control of the new Finear kennels that were funded with help from DAWG."

DAWG fundraising was influential in the

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Russians Accused of Human Rights Abuse

MALGOBEK, Russia (AP) — Chechens trying to leave their war-ravaged republic are being tortured in Russian detention camps and subjected to severe beatings, rapes and other brutality, refugees and human rights groups say

The allegations come on the heels of other complaints of human rights abuses in the Russian offensive in Chechnya, including reports of summary executions of civilians in Grozny, the Chechen capital.

Russian officials deny allegations, the but Chechens who have fled into neighboring republics tell similar, grisly accounts of their detention in camps that Russia says it set up to filter out rebels who are trying to escape disguised as civilians.

A 21-year-old Chechen, lying in pain in a bed in Malgobek, North Ossetia, said his ordeal



began Jan. 22 when police dragged him off a bus of refugees and took him to a camp in the Chechen village of Chernokozovo.

The man, who asked that he be identified only by his first name, Ruslan, said he was forced to run

group in the region. "Russia appears to have declared any Chechen through a gantlet of male to be a suspected

camp directors, he said.

according to

At least three such

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camps are operating,

Bouckaert, a researcher for

the Human Rights Watch

We cannot ignore that the filtration camps are indeed concentration camps where Russian soldiers are committing the worst atrocities.

World Organization Against Torture

masked policemen swinging truncheons, had his clothes torn off and was forced to stand naked in a cold storage room. "I asked what they were

detaining me for, but they didn't answer," he said. He was released only after his mother paid a bribe to the rebel, subject to arbitrary arrest and brutal treatment," he said.

The allegations were echoed by the World Organization Against Torture, which issued a statement in Geneva on Thursday saying, "We cannot ignore that the filtra-

tion camps are indeed concentration camps where Russian soldiers are committing the worst atrocities, in all impunity, against their prisoners."

In Washington, State Dept. spokesperson James P. Rubin said Thursday that "Russia has a clear obligation to investigate the numerous credible reports of civilian killings and alleged misconduct by its soldiers promptly."

Sergei Yastrzhembsky, who is acting President Vladimir Putin's aide for Chechnya information, on Thursday reiterated denials of torture at Chernokozovo.

The allegations are "the number-one topic in the information war the Western mass media have unleashed," he said on Russia's ORT television. "Routine work, like in any other detention center, is going on there."

Station's Operators Sign Commercial Agreement

LONDON (AP) — The so-called final frontier opened for business Thursday with the signing

of a lease allowing a corporation to put the Russian Mir space station to commercial use.

RKK Energiya, the privatized Russian company that built and operates the station, signed an agreement granting Amsterdam-based MirCorp rights for commercial use for the rest of the space platform's life.

Ownership of the station remains with the Russian government, and Energiya will still operate it. Energiya is 38 percent owned by the Russian government and is the majority shareholder in MirCorp.

Describing the agreement as a "milestone in humanity's path to the stars" that would change the way people think about space and use it, the leaders of MirCorp said the space station was operational now - despite needing renovation - and clients theoretically could hitch a ride on the next flight.

Tourists who are both wealthy and healthy and have the time to train for the trip could travel to Mir with MirCorp, but that would not be the focus of the business, the company said.

MirCorp said its main goal was to open Mir to clients

perfect their products on Earth.

The platform also could be used as a base for

repairing space satellites and beaming live color images of the Earth to the Internet.

For those willing to pay to go as tourists, the main impediment is the training required to prepare for life in space, MirCorp president Jeffrey Manber said.

"Space is something serious. It's not just a walk outside," added Yuri Semenov, chair of MirCorp and general designer and president of Energiya.

Potential space tourists must be mentally, physically and psychologically fit enough to cope with the experience. "There are certain rules that cannot be overstepped," he said.

As for the price of a Mir trip, Manber said only that it would be "whatever the market will bear."

Mir has been flying without a crew since August, and Russia, heavily indebted, has said it would abandon the station next month unless private investors came up with funding

MirCorp was formed in December in an effort to keep the orbiting platform alive. The amount the company paid for the commercial rights was not disclosed, such as drug companies or metals businesses looking to but Manber said previously it was between \$10 million

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Aircraft's Problems With Balance Cause Accident, Kill Three

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. (AP) — Moments before a DC-8 cargo plane crashed into an auto salvage yard, the pilot reported problems with the balance of the aircraft, investigators said Thursday.

Emergy Worldwide Flight 17 plunged into the Insurance Auto Auctions yard just before 8 p.m. Wednesday, killing its three crew members and setting dozens of cars ablaze. The plane was bound for Dayton, Ohio.

The pilot reported a "center of gravity" problem shortly after taking off Mather Field, from Preston Hicks of the



National Transportation Safety Board said.

That could have several causes, including a shifting load, incorrect cargo weight and mechanical problems, Hicks said.

NTSB investigators were trying to find the plane's flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder among the smoking wreckage, Hicks said.

The plane, carrying a load of transmission fluid, clothing and a small packet of detonators, was at 800 feet when it tried to return for an emergency landing and crashed in a fireball about a mile east of the field in suburban Sacramento:

One witness said the plane hit the ground belly first and was immediately engulfed in flames.

Those aboard were dead by the time fire crews arrived at the site, said Capt. Dan Haverty of the American River Fire Dept. Firefighters were hampered by intense flames, which burned for several hours after the crash.

Smoke was visible in the moonlit night several miles away.

The victims were identified as Capt. Kevin Stables, 43, of Berlin, N.Y.; First Officer George Land, 35, of Placerville, Calif.; and Second Officer Russell Hicks, 38, of Sparks, Nev.

Hicks, who joined Emery a year and a half ago, had been a pilot for 11 years, mostly with United Airlines. He was married on Jan. 8. His wife, Connie, told KRNV-TV the only consolation is that he died doing what he loved most — flying.

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Weather

I was talking with a friend yesterday and we decided that cartoons on TV these days are horrible. They aren't cool anymore. I know that the GI Joe and Transformers cartoons were advertisements for the toys, but at least they were good. Now the toons are all Pokémon-style and influenced by the most annoying of all genres ... Japanese anime. I have nothing against the good anime, it's pretty interesting, but kiddie anime has got to go. The cartoons actually made hundreds of kids in Japan stroke out. There is something seriously wrong when parents not only have to monitor what their kids are watching, but also have to make sure the shows aren't causing the kids to swallow their tongues.

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Regents Discuss UC Population, Expansion

By BRENDAN BUHLER Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES — The University of California Board of Regents met at UCLA on Thursday to get acquainted with the university and learn about its plans to stay afloat during the flood of Tidal Wave II.

Tidal Wave II is the name the regents have given to what is expected to be a UC-wide population increase of 63,000 students by 2010. UCLA has plans to expand in the future, and UC Regents Secretary Leigh Trivette explained that the regents were touring the campus to become acquainted with the university's needs and staff.

"It's really a get-to-know-you function so that when they come before the full board, the regents will know what's going on," she said.

During a presentation to the regents about UCLA's plans for the future, Executive Vice Chancellor Wyatt Hume spoke in general terms about how the campus plans to cope with the influx of students predicted for the next five years.

"Because of the growth of the population of California, we know the UC system has to accommodate more than 60,000 new students and we here at UCLA have to expand ... for 4,000 more students," he said. "Like everyone else, we want to use this expansion to improve our campus, both academically and socially, although as you know, we're under fairly tight restrictions for growth."

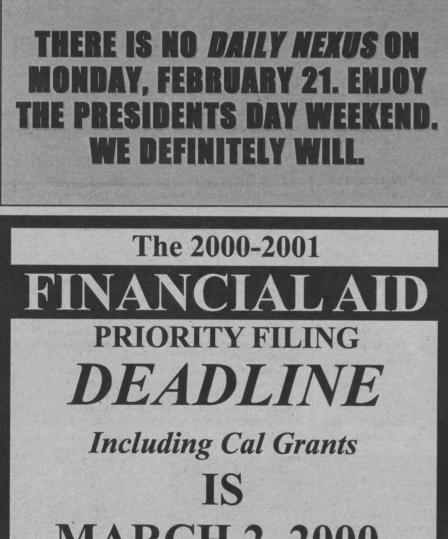
The regents also heard from UCLA Medical Science Dept. administrators. Dean of the School of Public Health Abdelmonem Afifi described the role of the UC system in California.

"The schools of Public Health at UCLA and Berkeley are the training grounds for California's medical industry. Ninety percent of our graduates stay in California, so we are a statewide resource," he said. "We would like to double the size of our school in the next five years to meet the growing demands of the health-care industry."

Gerald Levine, provost of the Medical Sciences Dept., noted that UCLA's medical center adds nearly \$200 million a year to the state's revenues. "We do kick a lot of money back into the state," he said.

In addition, regents also viewed a "CyberBruin" presentation that displayed the Internet access available to every UCLA student through the "my.UCLA" online system.

The regents will hold their next meeting March 25 at UC Riverside.



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Campus Comment

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If Isla Vista were to become a city, who should be mayor?



Above: The control tower of the carrier stands as the lone structure on a flight deck measuring over four acres. Center: Two sailors stand by in the tower's main control room, the brains of day-to-day ship operations. Right: The 900-foot-long carrier dwarfs a smaller whalewatching vessel carrying visitors to the ship.

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overwhelmed by the sheer size of the ship, which stretches the length of three football fields and is home to almost 6,000 crewmembers. Santa Barbara resident and Navy veteran Bernard Freid stood at the helm of the carrier overlooking a flight deck fourand-a-half acres wide, stating that patriotism and an interest in the premier attack vehicle for the Navy made him want to get a closer look.

"The sheer size of it is impressive and it brings a touch of nostalgia, being a veteran. The idea of all these young men and women manning this thing and carrying out heavy-duty responsibility, I respect them for it," Freid said.

Downtown bars were flooded with thirsty seamen Wednesday night, but shore leave in Santa Barbara was considered mellow compared to some of the A USS Abraham Lincoln crew member stands before enormous elevator cargo doors large Danny Jones said the Navy has made good on its promise to show him the world over the 14 years since he signed up.

"Never once did I imagine as a young boy growing up in Arkansas that I would one day see the place where my ancestors were taken as slaves," he said. "I've been to Africa, the Philippines, Korea, Hong Kong, Thailand, all over the Middle East, all over Europe.'

Visitors took a 10-minute ferry ride out to the ship where aircraft, advanced weapons and the bridge were on display. Crewmen fielded any questions the visitors had,



enough to enable both aircraft and personnel to be lifted from the hangar to the flight deck.

ors of carrier life can drain you. "I miss being able to relax. We had a man overboard at 3 a.m. and we had to muster in the hangar bay within a certain time or we have to do it again."

Photos

by **Truc Bui**

Tickets were given to the public on a first-come, firstserve basis earlier this week and those holding them can tour the boat through the weekend. The Abraham Lincoln will pull out Tuesday morning. Jones said the crew is aware that Santa Barbara is a college town, but hopes students understand what the

but most crowds were silent in awe. AR recruit E-1 Xavier Gudino kept visitors safe while being lifted to the flight deck in one of the ship's four 3,800-square-foot aircraft elevators.

"One of the best things about being onboard the carrier is that you get to see the flight operations. It's something that can just take your breath away. You also see a lot of beautiful sunsets," he said.

Gudino said he wouldn't be partying too hard on account of a girlfriend in Washington, and said the rigcarrier means to their country.

"That ship represents freedom; the freedom of our way of life," he said. "It's not free — it requires sacrifice. The young women and men that do this are making that sacrifice and they have to grow up quick. We can't sleep in and say, 'Man, I don't feel like going to class today.' When you're enjoying your way of life, and you have the opportunity to study and get a degree, understand we don't have that because someone has to make a sacrifice. That's what freedom is all about."

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the outage's cause could not be determined because it most likely occurred along a 66,000-volt line, which can be up to 300 miles in length.

"Our [66,000-volt] lines run several miles ... some run from the desert to the coast," he said. "The situation will be patrolled by helicopter to see if we can see any damage to our equipment."

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building of new kennels in the county, according to Chaconas.

"This was a big issue for DAWG, who has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars into the Santa Barbara County kennels and who raised tens of thousands of dollars in funds for the kennels in Lompoc," he said.

The proposal allows all concerned citizens to participate and volunteer at both DAWG and countyrun kennels, according to Chaconas.

"Although the county

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will run some of the kennels and DAWG will run others, people who want to volunteer will be able to get involved with either," he said.

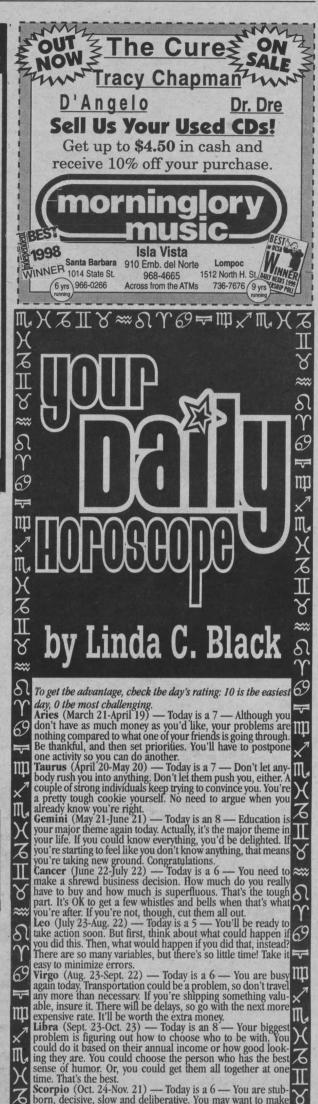
According to Lee Heller, spokesperson for Animal Shelter Assistance Program-DOG, the approval allows concerned groups the opportunity to get involved.

"Our group, the ASAPDOG, supports the supervisors' decision to approve the proposal. It will allow those who want to get involved to participate and have a larger influence in the county.'

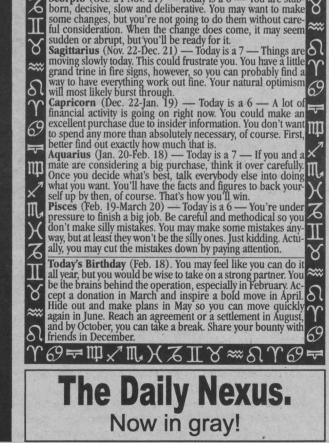
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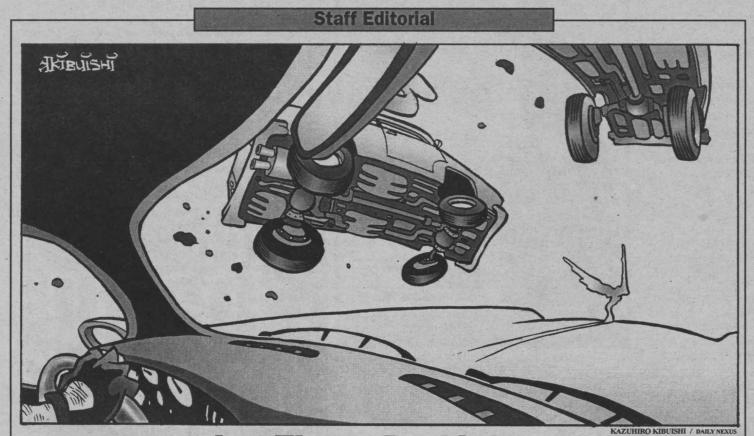






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Let There Be Lights

Proposed Traffic Lights on Highway 217 Would Integrate UCSB With Goleta Community

ighway 217, which connects UCSB to Highway 101, figures heavily in Santa Barbara County's Goleta Old Town Revitalization Plan. The county has recently acquired Highway 217 and plans to put in two intersections with stoplights between Hollister Avenue and Sandspit Road in order to connect Highway 217 to Fairview Avenue and the rest of Goleta. UCSB students, faculty and staff have all expressed concern about this arrangement, citing possible delays coming and going from campus. While the university's input must be considered at all stages, the proposed changes to 217 are necessary for Goleta's future and would not be much of a burden for the university.

The revitalization plan includes improvements to the appearance, parking and traffic circulation of Old Town Goleta (the area surrounding Hollister Avenue near Fairview) in an attempt to invigorate its economy. As neighbors, UCSB and Goleta should work together on these changes, including adding intersections to 217. Adding the two intersections would not only provide better access to Old Town Goleta, but would also reduce the heavy traffic on Hollister Avenue and the Hollister/Fairview intersection.

Although the county's highway modifications have been in the works for over three years, when the county acquired the road in December 1999 Chancellor Henry Yang created a faculty, staff and student committee to examine the proposal. The committee hired an independent consultant to examine the costs of the proposed intersections as well as possible alternatives, which will be presented by the end of February.

The committee has been critical of 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall for not soliciting enough input from UCSB on the matter, and committee members want the county to wait for the results of their study before proceeding. UCSB is vital to the area's economy and culture, and this committee is an important resource for the county, but its timing is certainly questionable. The university waited years before taking any action on the proposed intersections, and now faculty members want to hold up the project at the 11th hour.

The main arguments against adding stoplights are increased traffic delays and accidents. According to the county's traffic studies, any increases in delays or accidents would be minimal. County studies also indicate that alternatives such as roundabouts and interchanges would be far more costly and less efficient.

Joining 217 to central Goleta will bring UCSB faculty, staff and students, as well as visitors, closer to the Goleta community. When students and parents visit UCSB, they often go to downtown Santa Barbara and fall in love with the area. Old Town Goleta, however, is less appealing in its current state, and will attract more visitors and more revenue as it is redeveloped and as the highway is modified to provide better access. A revitalized Old Town would benefit the entire county, including Isla Vista; Goletans often spend their money in the city of Santa Barbara, which deprives the county of possible sales-tax revenues.

Most importantly, the university and the county are stuck with each other. Whether the issue is renters in I.V. or intersections on 217, UCSB and its neighbors need to work together. The most forceful argument against intersections presented so far has been traffic delays. But really, not being able to drive 90 mph to and from campus is a small sacrifice to work toward a more prosperous and less congested community.

Gays Should Se Military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

ANDREW SYWAK

Once again, the issue of gays in the military has come into the public eye. The "don't ask, don't tell" policy by which homosexuals are not supposed to disclose their sexuality to their peers has come up as an issue in the 2000 campaigns due to a recent murder in the armed forces and the public rebuttal of the policy by Hilary Clinton. As a policy that has failed to protect the rights — and lives — of gay soldiers in the military, the first lady is

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right in seeking to throw it out in favor of one that enforces full equality.

The recent murder of 21-year-old Private First Class Barry Winchell at the hands of a fellow soldier wielding a baseball bat in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, illustrates the grim failure of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. Winchell suffered harassment by his peers, many of whom suspected him of being gay. The staff sergeant in charge of Winchell's unit testified that he knew of the harassment but did nothing to stop it. This murder could have been prevented, but the "don't ask, don't tell" mantra created a hostile situation of enforced ignorance in which Winchell was forced to hide his identity for fear of reprisal. Winchell was not a vic-

tim of his own sexuality but of the prejudice of his peers and the army's refusal to confront and deal with the prejudices that led to his murder.

In the military, there is a firm and rigid opposition to the notion of letting homosexuals serve their country in a climate tolerant of their lifestyle. "The army is not an equal opportunity employer," one retired military man said on MSNBC in response to demands that gays be allowed to serve openly. In an op-ed in the New York Times by former commandant of the Marine Corps Carl E. Mundy, the retired soldier laments, "Like

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The Reader's Voice RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE HAS NO PLACE ON UCSB CAMPUS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I really should be writing a take-home midterm right now. I am writing this letter instead of my midterm because I was shocked at the constant hateful messages that come in the form of religious materials handed out on our campus.

I do not usually care if someone is passing out information about their religion, and I don't even mind when a person who wants to share a few words with me concerning his or her religion stops me. I think that religion is something that can provide people with the happiness they are seeking, whatever religion they choose.

Which leads me to my reason for writing this letter. A small booklet was brought to my attention, apparently one of the booklets handed out in front of the UCen by one and sometimes two individuals that want to "spread the word of God." The booklets are seemingly cute little comical narratives of a person's life that details how he or she is going to heaven and how others that do not follow the "path to Heaven" will surely end up in hell. Wow! If that's not enough to scare you to join the church, I don't know what is.

A student brought this to my attention because she had known me last year when I held the position of Student Advocate, a position in Associated Students that advocates on behalf of students and

issues pertaining to them. This student was highly irritated when she approached me with this seemingly harmless booklet. So I sat down and listened to her. As she proceeded to show me the problem I became equally shocked, angered and dumbfounded that this kind of material was being distributed on our campus, a campus of tolerance. You see,

these little booklets did more than highlight a person going to heaven because he or she followed the word of God. These seemingly harmless booklets had a message of hate.

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Serve Openly t Tell" Policy Breeds Hatred

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tunity is an institutional bedrock, it is a com-

Patriotism and the freedom to serve one's country must always supercede sexual orientation. To deny homosexuals that right is to deny them of the greatest responsibility of citizenship, and to refuse certain avenues of advancement for the sole reason of their sexuality. It denigrates the great contributions gay Americans have made in every field of American life, and assigns them a role of second-class citizens.

Gays have served in our military, and indeed every military, since the beginning of time. John Cheever, Gore Vidal, Rock Hudson and Malcolm Forbes Sr. are some of the distinguished gay/bisexual Americans who have fought in our nation's wars. The issue comes up at a time when the army has been very vocal about having trouble filling the ranks with new recruits, and when more of our allies have opened up their militaries to homosexuals.

> Every single Republican presidential contender has either embraced "don't ask, don't tell" or has upped the ante by calling for the total dismissal of gays from the military. GOP presidential front-runner George W. Bush, actually taking a definite stance on an issue, has said that he would not appoint anyone to the Joint Chiefs of Staff who would allow gays to serve openly, thus making bigotry a necessary requirement for military leaders.

Both Democratic presidential candidates, Al Gore and Bill Bradley, acknowledge the failure of the policy and back the full equality of gay soldiers in the armed forces.

plete travesty to allow the tyranny of the majority — or in this case the bigotry of the majority — to serve as a legitimate excuse for expelling homosexuals from military service. Ignorance and prejudice do not contribute to good unit morale and must not be catered to by the military brass.

Robert Scheer of the Los Angeles Times writes, "Discrimination against gays in the military is in no way morally more palatable or institutionally justified than earlier bans on blacks and women. The president would not want to appoint leaders of the military who are racist or sexist, nor should it be acceptable

CORY OSBORN / DAILY NEXUS

It is one of the more embarrassing features of our nation that homosexuals remain the only group that it is still socially acceptable - indeed legally sanctioned - to discriminate against. The U.S. owes its brave soldiers much more and should follow the lead of England, as the most recent nation in the world to allow the full equality of gays in the military. After all, sexuality has nothing to do with shooting bullets - or taking bullets.

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Renters' Rights Must Be Available to All

How to Reach Us:

LINDSAY RICHARDSON

As a life-long resident of California, I am constantly finding reasons why I should be thankful my parents decided to raise me in a state of such beauty. Here, we practically live on the ocean, and there are beautiful mountains just a few hours away that offer yearround recreation. From a social and economic standpoint, California is a lot more advanced than most other states, and as a soon-to-be college graduate, it is reassuring to know that our unemployment rates are the lowest they've been in years.

California also offers an ethnically diverse population that most states cannot even begin to compete with. This offers the same education as any sociology or ethnic studies class, but for free! As you walk down the street or ride the bus home from school, you may hear two to four different languages, all in the span of 10 or so minutes.

Looking around Isla Vista or Santa Barbara, do you notice that the majority of the street names are in Spanish? When you walk past apartments on Abrego and Picasso, how many Latino children do you see playing in the park? Are you aware that Isla Vista Elementary School is host to a weekly "Latino Parent Night" that translates the needs of the students, school and community to the Spanish-speaking parents?

According to the 1990 U.S. Census, 25,553 Hispanics reside on the South Coast, or 57 percent of the total population. Of the Hispanic population residing in this area, 7,130 are Spanish-speakers who speak English not well or not at all. Latino Parent Night was organized by the school and community activists in response to the 1,737 Spanish-speaking households that are linguistically isolated. Parents fluent in both English and Spanish organized the night so Spanish-speaking parents would not be kept in the dark on issues pertaining to their children.

Apartments on Abrego, Picasso and El Colegio house hundreds

The Consumer Affairs Board has refused to make a translated version [of their renters' rights booklet] available, leaving thousands of Isla Vistans in the dark.

of Latino families. Many students would never begin to look for housing on these streets because many of these buildings are literally falling apart and pose serious health risks to parents and children. As if it isn't bad enough that these people are basically forced to live in these uninviting buildings, their rent is comparable to the houses with ocean views.

Most of these Latino families do not have the means to move to an area where conditions are better. While many are faced with rents they cannot afford, they are also stuck with jobs in the service sector due to their lack of English. I'm sure they are aware that learning the English language would put them at more of an advantage, however, they cannot afford to spend time learning when there are bills to pay.

Basically, they are stuck living in these apartments until a better



This year's college freshmen: Don't remember the Reagan era, and probably don't know he was ever shot. Atari was before their time. Most haven't seen a TV with only 13 chan-

nels, let alone a black-and-white TV. Michael Jackson has always been white. The CD was introduced when they were one. (Courtesy of the staff of Beloit College in Wisconsin.)

Drink(s) of the Week They combined

Washington and Lincoln's birthdays so we only get one day off. But we still honor the two dead white guys by giving you two drinks this week. First, start your three-day weekend early with a Washington Cocktail: 4 parts dry vermouth 2 parts brandy 1/2 tsp. sugar syrup dash o' bitters

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As if this is not enough to make you angry, one of the booklets was titled flight 144, and depicts a plane crashing into the ocean with no survivors (except the ones who took Jesus into their lives, of course). Sound familiar?

I am sick of seeing something like religion that can be used for good love of our fellow humans being used to perpetuate hate. I don't care if people believe in a religion. I believe that religion in its true essence is a beautiful thing and can provide the basis for love and caring. I do care when this kind of hateful information is so innocently and indirectly disseminated to people on our campus. I hope that people of the ethnicities and religions I mentioned above stop by the table and pick up a booklet and ask why they are destined to go to hell. And just in case those little booklets are mysteriously gone, come by the Associated Students office. I have the four that I described above, and I would be willing to share them with anyone who wants to see them. By the way, out of all the little booklets the only guy being saved and shown the way to heaven is white. What's that all about?

RODNEY CLARA

offer comes along. To make matters worse, many of these poor Latino families lack an understanding of their rights as tenants. Believe it or not, we renters have rights, even in Isla Vista. The State of California Consumer Affairs Board offers a booklet explaining the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants. Although many first-time renters do not know about it, you can pick up your own copy at the Isla Vista Tenants Union office, in the Community Service Center behind La Cantina.

However, this is not the case for the Spanish-speaking tenants. The Consumer Affairs Board has refused to make a translated version available, leaving thousands of Isla Vistans in the dark. If Latino families cannot afford to move out of their apartments, the least they can do is have their landlord make the necessary improvements. The Renters' Rights book explains what landlords are obligated to do and how much power a tenant truly has.

It is time we, as educated California citizens, take action. Consumer Affairs needs to stop these discriminatory practices and recognize the needs of all California residents, regardless of what language they speak. After all, the DMV provides the drivers' manual for practically every language imaginable, so why can't the state provide a more worthwhile, vital piece of information?

After repeated calls to the department in Sacramento, the I.V. Tenants Union's request has been denied. It is time for collective action. The Tenants Union is collecting signatures for a petition to send to the Consumer Affairs Board. You can help by visiting the Consumer Affairs Board website (www.dca.ca.gov) or calling State Assemblywoman Hannah-Beth Jackson (965-8550) or State Senator Jack O'Connell (966-2296). Please join your neighbors in their fight for fair and equal housing.

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has already started, honor your hangover with the bonus drink of the week, a Suffering Bastard: Coat inside of chilled Collins glass with bitters. Fill glass with ice cubes and add 2 oz. gin, 1 1/2 oz. brandy, 1/2 oz. lime juice and 1 oz. sugar syrup. Stir well and fill with ginger beer. Garnish with cucumber slice, lime slice and mint sprig.

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Opinion

Larry Mills a Puppet of Rich Farmers Gail Marshall Is the Only Candidate Who Truly Represents the South Coast

HENRY SARRIA

I hate political junk mail, especially when it's full of contradictions, misrepresentations and a nebulous cloud of uncertainty. Take the mailer I just received from Larry Mills, the challenger for 3rd District County Supervisor. You have to wonder about a candidate based on the company he keeps, and believe me when I say I'm worrying as well as wondering.

Based on this candidate's alliances, it is easy to see that the contradictions outweigh anything that resembles effective planning or even a clue as to how the county political process works, much less any solutions. Read on and see what I mean.

Mr. Mills complains about Measure D

Gone are Willy's Stetson, rhinestone belt buckle and cowboy boots. These have been replaced with a suit and a cell phone.

funds being squandered on other people's unwanted pet projects that are dumped on Goleta while road repairs are ignored, yet he fails to provide any specifics to back up the statement. Then there's the contradiction that if this statement is true, what are all of those road repairs on El Colegio Road, Storke Road and parts of Goleta?

Mr. Mills calls for a parking garage structure to be built somewhere on El Colegio to improve the parking problem in Isla Vista, but when, and where on El Colegio, is this structure supposed to be built?

Little does Mr. Mills realize, land was

allocated for this project in the past, and it he, since they tell him what to say and do? was scooped up by UCSB to build more housing many moons ago. Before making empty campaign promises, somebody should get a clue by doing his homework.

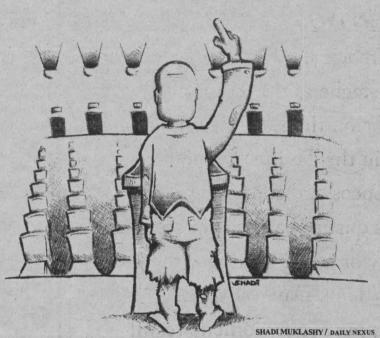
Of course, there's the issue of "slum life" in Isla Vista and what Mr. Mills plans to do about it, but if you realize who he's aligned with it isn't hard to see that this is just another empty campaign gesture to confuse the real issues. Do

you really think that Mr. Mills will bite the landlord hands that feed his campaign by doing anything that goes against what the landlords want? By the way, these folks also belong to the big pro-growth movement that wants to turn this area into a mini-L.A. And wasn't it Mr. Mills on the Goleta Water Board that helped bring about state water, another pro-growth measure?

Don't be fooled by Mr. Mills' claim that he is a "controlled growth proponent" because his allies and supporters aren't about that. They're the opposite, as are Mr. Mills' actions. And don't forget the infamous Tajiguas landfill issue; this is

where Mr. Mills' lack of creativity shines through. If elected, he plans on closing it down without any true knowledge of the repercussions this action will have. Where will all of the garbage go? I know for a fact that he won't send it to his landlord buddies or those wonderful folks at the Coalition Of Labor, Agriculture and Business like Andy Caldwell. How can

The one thing that *really* has me going is how Mr. Mills criticized the Isla Vista Foot Patrol by saying that these fine officers should be "out stopping rapes instead of writing tickets," a comment blatantly full of ignorance. Considering the overwhelming population that they police, the Isla Vista Foot Patrol has done an excellent job, and yet here comes Mr. Mills,



who so far hasn't shown any real knowledge about the area, making such comments.

So who does Mr. Mills represent? Actually, the real question should be, who represents Mr. Mills? Well, that's a nobrainer. The same bunch of good old boys from Santa Ynez and parts of Goleta that tried to get Willy Chamberlain elected. In

case you don't recall, Willy is the guy that tried to prevent UCSB students from even voting on issues concerning the 3rd District.

They couldn't do it then, so they're trying again with a more presentable candidate. Gone are Willy's Stetson, rhinestone belt buckle and cowboy boots. These have been replaced with a suit and a cell phone, but don't be fooled. The intention to help his buddies milk this district remains intact.

These folks' only interest is in the potential ability to rake in the cash from our district while reducing the needed public services.

> Why else would these people resort to using convoluted and negative statements such as the ones on last week's flyer calling 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall a "loser" while twisting the truth? Lying is the only way these folks can run a campaign for an empty suit.

The true candidate here is someone with experience, a record of accomplishments and character, such as Gail Marshall. A short list of Gail Marshall's accomplishments as 3rd District supervisor: fixing street-lights, the Isla Vista recycling program, sidewalk, curb and handicapped ramp repairs, road resurfacing, starting the Housing Inspection Office, opposi-

tion to the Del Playa Drive seawall, formation of the Isla Vista Advisory Committee, assisting the Isla Vista Teen and Community Center, funding for better public transportation through Goleta and opposition to the Clearview project.

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More Reader's Voice IT'S THE LAST DAY TO SIGN **RIGHT TO KNOW PETITION**

Editor, Daily Nexus:

In the United States, cows are being injected with

foods they are buying have been altered. They cannot tell if, in purchasing them, they are supporting this untested, potentially harmful new technology.

Not labeling genetically engineered foods is a violation against all of us. To protect corporate interests, the United States is keeping consumers in the dark about issues that affect their personal health, and that of the

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ENVIRONMENTALIST MILLS' CLAIMS HOLD NO WATER

Editor, Daily Nexus:

recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH) to make them produce more milk. The genetically engineered rBGH causes the cows to produce milk high in another dangerous hormone, Insulin-Like Growth Factor, which has been linked to an increased risk of breast, prostate and colon cancer in numer-

ous studies. Because of this, no other industrialized countries in the world have legalized the use of rBGH.

In 1989, 37 people died and 1,500 people were partially paralyzed from consuming the food supplement tryptophan with genetically engineered bacteria in it.

It is believed that monarch butterflies are dying due to the pollen from Bt corn, a genetically engineered crop.

These are just a few of the frightening stories connected with genetically engineered foods. The effects of biotechnology are far-reaching. Human health, biodiversity, crop sustainability, pesticide use, ethical and economic concerns all cloud the issue. One of the most alarming aspects of the issue, however, centers around the fact that foods that have been genetically modified do not have to be labeled. Most consumers cannot tell if the

world around them. Labeling genetically engineered foods is not a radical action. It is necessary.

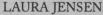
This is the last week to sign the Right to Know petition. If enough signatures are gathered, a measure will be placed on the November ballot calling for the labeling of

all genetically engineered foods. For the sake of your own health, I encourage you to sign this petition. Look for petitioners in front of the UCen or in front of the library. Blank petitions are located in the EAB office (above the MultiCultural Center, up the stairs and to the left) if you have time to devote to gathering those last crucial signatures.

It is our generation, our children and every

generation after us that will bear the brunt of this issue. It is those that have consumed genetically engineered foods for most of all of their lives that will suffer from the health risks associated with biotechnology, not to mention the myriad of other dangers posed to the environment. This is our battle. Sign the Right to Know petition.

DAVE LINDSAY / DAILY NEYLIS



In response to Dean Brunner who wrote in about Larry Mills helping the people of Goleta (Reader's Voice, "Larry Mills Cares About Helping the People of Goleta," Feb. 16):

It was awful to see Mr. Mills cleverly sway the new homeowners of suburban Goleta who wanted green lawns with their track homes. If I were on the Water Board I would have done the same thing.

It means more money for the people that have the water, i.e. Larry Mills, for watering the lawn year round. Grass lawns take thousands of gallons per year to keep alive. If you haven't noticed, we live in southern California, it's a desert! If you want a green lawn, move to England!

Environmentalists have been working for years to get water-consuming green lawns out of the urban planning of this area. Native shrubs live here naturally for a reason: They have adapted to this environment. They are drought-resistant. When the water shortage starts, you will not have to paint your dead grass green.

This does not take away lawn activities from the kids. There are several parks around Goleta and Santa Barbara that are there for kids to play in, including one recently constructed next to Costco and Albertson's.

I'm not usually this outspoken on my political views, but when someone so overtly demolishes the environment while running for supervisor, I just have to say something.

KAILEN WRIGHT

COOPER **Continued from p. 12**

anymore."

"I think there was a little bit of hesitancy and maybe rust and maybe just being afraid to go as hard as she had been in the past," French said. " ... I think she went through a real period of a lot of doubt and a lot of thinking and it's not good for a player to [do that]. I think there was a point where she felt a little more comfortable."

Maybe it was the new millennium when Tawnée began to feel a little more comfortable. In the second game of the new year vs. Loyola Marymount, Cooper exploded for 20 points to lead UCSB to an 89-59 win. Later that week, Cooper went off again, dropping in 17 in the Big West opener vs. Boise State. In all the non-conference games (including LMU), Cooper averáged 7.5 points per game on 39.6 percent shooting from the floor. In the nine games in Big West play, she has averaged 10 ppg to go along with 4.6 boards per match on 47.7 percent shoot-

ing. "I knew that before the LMU game I had struggled with my offense," the Simi Valley native said. "I wasn't playing to my potential and I was having a better junior year around that time. ... I told Shad[well] that I needed one game just one game to get my confidence back. It was the LMU game for me and my confidence, and I remembered how it felt.'

As for Moore and the heated rivalry the Gauchos and 49ers have, Cooper says she just "considers her another opponent" and "doesn't want to get wrapped up in what happened last year. I want to come off more classy and not hold a grudge."

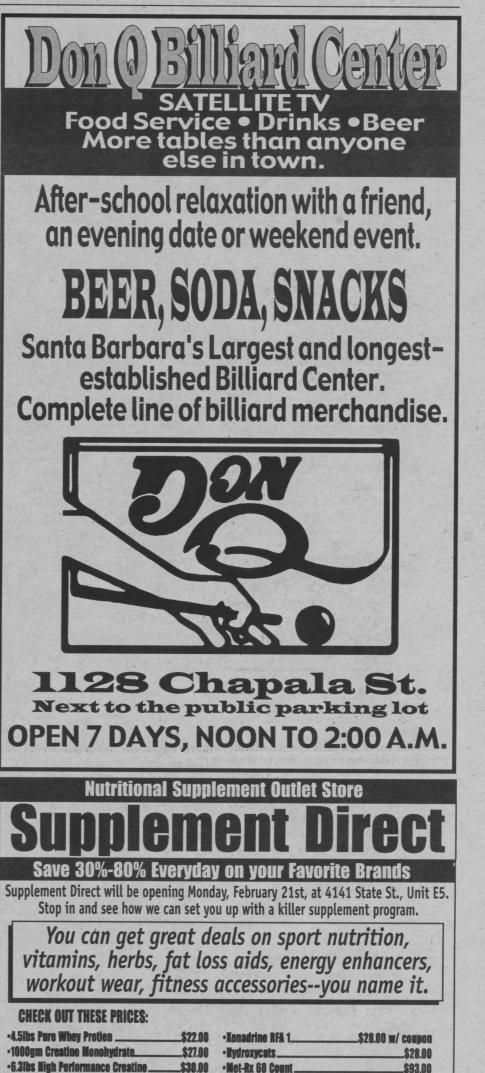
"She's a great, great young woman and I admire her tremendously," French said of Cooper. "She's had a lot to deal with this year in lots of different ways and I couldn't be prouder of how focused she stayed and how committed to supporting the other players on the team she's been. She's a great young woman."

ATTENTION, GAUCHOS! See Coach French show off his new blond hair and moustache as the #12 ranked Lady Gauchos take on the Lady Pacific Tigers tonight at 7 in the Thunderdome. Join the Gaucho Locos and spend some time watching some quality basketball before going to your party or going home for the long Presidents Day weekend. Come support your women's team! MANTED

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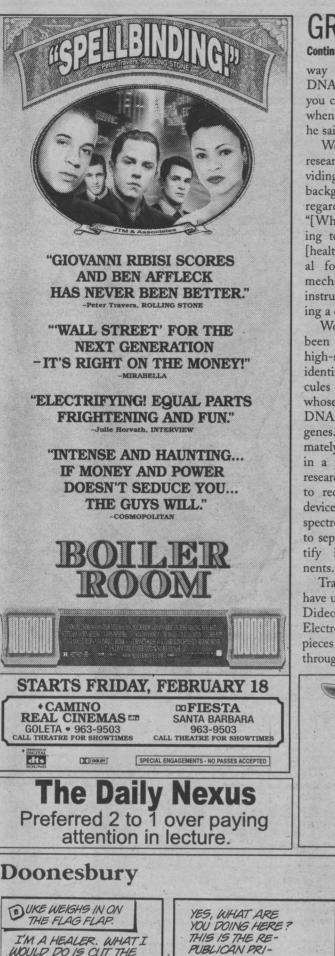
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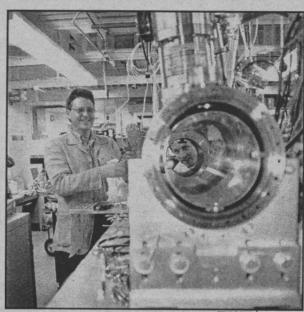
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way to give you 'your' DNA on a CD-ROM that you can show your doctor when you have a problem," he said.

Wodtke said the research will help by providing doctors with better background information regarding their clients. "[What the research is trying to do is to] make a [health] instruction manual for you, like a car mechanic needs an instruction manual for fixing a car," he said.

Wodtke and Reich have been researching new high-speed approaches to identifying the tiny molecules known as "bases," whose sequence along a DNA string determines genes. There are approximately three billion bases in a person's DNA. The researchers are attempting to redesign a laboratory device known as a mass spectrometer, which helps to separate DNA to identify individual compo-

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According to Wodtke, the idea of personalized DNA records poses ethical questions on the proper use of personalized DNA information, possibly leading to insurance compa-

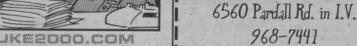
nies' bias toward clients based on genetic information. The National Dept. of Energy and the NIH launched the multi-billion-dollar, 15-year Human Genome Project in 1990 to attempt to completely map a human genome, which contains approximately 100,000 genes made up of a genetic code sequenced by approximately three billion paired bases. International partners in China, France, Germany, Japan and the United Kingdom are also working on the project, which is slated to be finished in summer of 2003.

Although this was UCSB's first grant for the HGP, the NIH awards close to \$9 million annually for on-campus research on cancer, neurodegenerative diseases and human infections, microbial according to Vice Chancellor for Research France Cordova. Such research has been "increasing opportunities for undergraduates and graduates to get involved in research work," she said. "These top researchers are bringing their expertise and cutting-edge information to the undergraduate classrooms."









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Down but Not Out After a season-ending injury last year, senior guard Tawnée Cooper is back and better than ever for the Gauchos.

BY MATT HURST Staff Writer

The place: UCSB Thunderdome. The date: Feb. 5, 1999. The opponent: Long Beach State. The scene: Tawnée Cooper taking the ball for what appeared to be a wide-open layup. The situation: Cooper being chased down by LBSU's Jackie Moore. The loss: tremendous.

It was a little over a year ago that Cooper went down, clutching her left knee in pain after Moore flagrantly fouled her on the way to what many thought

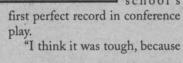
was an easy fast-break bucket. Many in the crowd probably thought that Cooper would return either later that game or in the near future when she walked off the floor, but that was not the case. Cooper was lost for the season with a fractured tibial plateau in her left leg, which

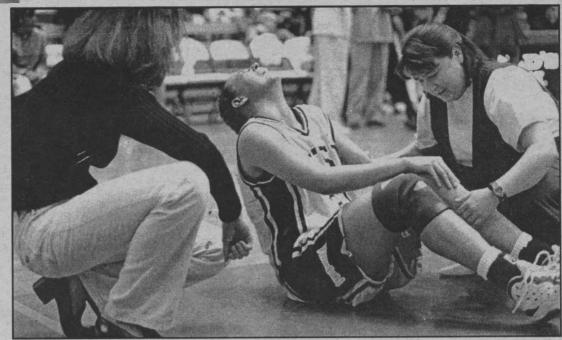
ciate ligament.

"It was kind of weird the minute it happened," Cooper said. "I knew something was wrong with my knee and at the same time, I walked off the floor all the time hoping that I could recover from it. I went into the training room and had to face it that the season was over. I couldn't see my knee bone because it was so swollen."

In her junior season when the foul occurred, Cooper was having her best all-around year, averaging 12.3 points, 4.1 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game, most likely on her way to being recognized as an All-Big West player. But, after the sea-

> ing injury, Cooper missed the final 11 games of the season, and had to watch from the bench unable to help the Gauchos u n through the Big West conference en route to h t school's





FOUL PLAY: Following the infamous flagrant foul by LBSU's Jackie Moore, Tawnée Cooper missed the final 11 games of last season. This season, the senior guard is back, averaging 10.0 points per game in Big West play.

one, it hurt our depth a little bit," UCSB Head Coach Mark French said about the loss of Cooper. "Two, she's a very talented offensive player and, I thought, continuously gives us a real spark when she comes into the game, and it's kind of like 'instant offense.' We definitely missed that, and along down the road, for example in the NCAA Tournament game [against] Southwest Missouri State [a 72-70 defeat], I think we missed her offensive ability, her ability to create when we couldn't score off of our plays and we needed people to break the defense down, and Tawnée does that quite well.

At least Cooper wasn't the lone Gaucho on the DL, limited to cheerleading in street clothes. Senior Stephanie Shadwell redshirted last year after undergoing back surgery and was with Cooper at the end of the bench,

rooting UCSB on.

"I was trying to encourage her, saying 'You'll get back out there, and we'll do the best that we can on the bench, being bench buddies,' " said Shadwell, who attempted to come back from her surgery and play this year, but was unable to. " ... It was fun to be able to sit with someone during the game and talk to someone, and it was fun to talk to her, but I would much. rather see her out there kicking some butt."

The butt-kicking would have to wait. According to Head Women's Athletic Trainer Karla Judge, Cooper had to wait about a month and a half for her leg to heal. Although Cooper required no surgery, she was regulated to crutches to get her around and wasn't allowed to bend her leg. When she was allowed to rehabilitate the leg by running, she was limited to the grass because

concrete would cause unnecessary swelling.

"She couldn't walk on it," Judge said. "We had to sit and wait. When she came back, she was first on a bike, then on an EFX machine, which is like a treadmill and a Stairmaster, doing light drills."

Through the rehab, and the physical and emotional pains involved, Cooper still returned for the 1999-2000 season, donning #21 again. But, early on, she struggled and it was visible to the people who knew the "real Tawnée Cooper." In fact, there was a time during the Preseason NIT when the 5'9" senior went up for what she calls a "completely wide-open layup, and I don't think I hit the rim. I looked at Karla and thought, 'Oh my God.' I did think about it when I went up, but not so much

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Fullerton Can't Stop Gauchos' Momentum

BY MARVIN GAPULTOS Staff Writer

Talk about being on a roll.

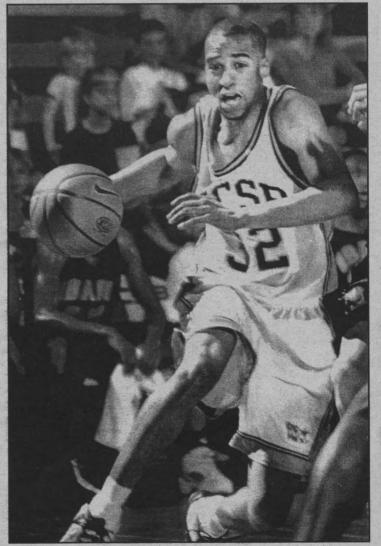
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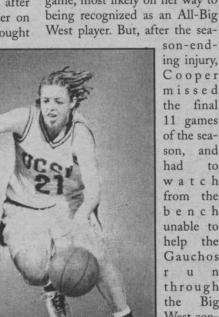
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The UCSB men's basketball team is back at the .500 mark with an 11-11 overall record and a 7-4

and Erick, we really got it ... When [CSUF] came out in a zone [in the first half], we needed someone to step up and hit some threes and Erick did a great job. They did a good job in their zone, but Erick hit four threes in the first half and forced them to guard us."

Despite the halftime deadlock, Santa Barbara





Big West record, has won its fifth straight game (its first five-game win streak in seven years) and has clinched a Big West Conference Tournament bid. All of this coming after an 82-67 victory over Cal State Fullerton on Thursday evening.

The Gauchos had another big game from Brandon Payton. The junior guard came off the bench and scored a new career-high with 28 points on 8-12 shooting, missing only two three-pointers in his seven attempts.

"I was really in the flow tonight," Payton said. "I felt comfortable out there and [UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams] showed a lot of confidence in me. He played me a lot of minutes [25 minutes] and that's what I like ... I was really feeling it from the outside. I didn't rush anything and that was good."

The Titans (8-14, 3-8) had trouble all night against Payton, which opened things up for senior guard Erick Ashe. When Fullerton's defense collapsed on Payton, Ashe was left wide open and scored 21 points on 6-15 from the floor. Ashe lit the Titans up in the first half of play, pouring in 15 points as the two squads were tied 32-32 at the break.

"I said after [last week's victory over UC Irvine] that we had to get more production from our two guards," Williams said. "And tonight with Brandon

took control early in the second half. With 14:58 left in the game, Fullerton trailed only 45-41, but went scoreless for the next five minutes. That's when the Gauchos took advantage, going on a 12-0 run for a 57-41 lead with 10:02 remaining. However, the Titans would fight their way back to trail only 64-56 with 6:21 left on the clock, but that was as close as they would get to the Gauchos.

"I thought we played well tonight, but I still think we can play better," Williams said. "There were times when our shot selection was not great and we rushed some things. But you look at the fact that we had 22 assists and only seven turnovers, and that is outstanding."

What was truly outstanding was the fact that senior guard Derrick Allen dished out a careerhigh 11 assists and gave up just one turnover. Junior forward Adama Ndiaye also got into the career-high party, scoring a career-high of 19 points - 11 of which came in the second half.

"We didn't get any inside production in the first half," Ndiaye said. "Coach really stressed at halftime that we needed to get some things inside, so early on in the second half, our guards did a good job of getting me the ball and I just hit the shots."

UCSB is currently in second place in the Big West Western Division and will play UC Irvine this Saturday at the Bren Events Center in Irvine.

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ASHE GOOD AS IT GETS: Senior guard Erick Ashe scored 15 of his 21 points in the first half as Santa Barbara defeated Fullerton 82-67.