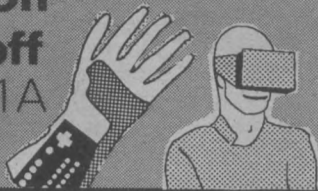


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Gospel Choir Director Let Go by Department

Music Chair Sites Problems With Program

By Ben Sullivan
Staff Writer

Michael McCurtis will not be retained as director of the UCSB Gospel Choir after Spring Quarter 1990, music department officials said Wednesday.

The announcement comes amid charges that under McCurtis' direction the choir has become a performance group disassociated from the music department and its academic goals.

According to department chair Dolores Hsu, as one of 24 performance ensembles, the Gospel Choir should give students practical experience to supplement their academic study of music. And because the choir falls within the music department's ethnomusicology division, it should both teach ethnomusicology and maintain close ties with the rest of the division, Hsu said, adding that McCurtis has failed to do this.

"We have attempted very frequently to make clear to Mr. McCurtis that the Gospel Choir, like all the other ensembles, has to be closely related to the (academic) program," Hsu said.

In addition to the popular Gospel Choir, two other performance

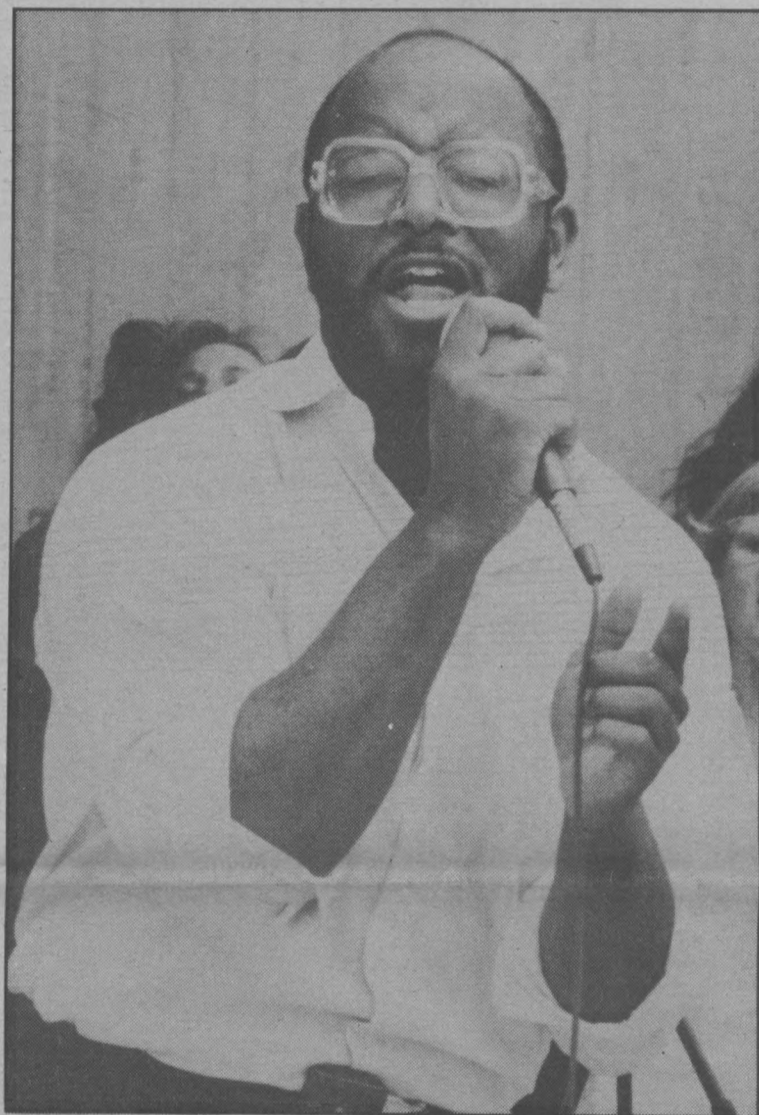
ensembles are connected with the ethnomusicology division: the Gamalan Orchestra and the Middle Eastern Ensemble. "They are all closely related to the purposes of the study of ethnomusicology ... and that's their reason for being," Hsu said. "There's not a gospel choir in existence at the moment that has any relationship to the ethnomusicology program."

McCurtis said Wednesday's announcement was not surprising and that the music department has been trying to oust him for several months. McCurtis believes that his non-academic approach to gospel irks the "academics" within the department.

"It's very clear, it's very implied" that some members of the music department want him out, McCurtis said.

At an on-campus performance of the Gospel Choir last month, McCurtis berated the university and other members of the music department for over-analyzing gospel music. "At the concert I made some very strong statements that could be seen as me denigrating the academic approach to performance so ... I know that those people ... are not interested in see-

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Michael McCurtis, the charismatic leader of UCSB's popular Gospel choir, will not be retained by the university next year.

Decision Upheld

A.S. Judicial Council Vote Kills Lobby Appeal Tues.

By Stacy Sullivan
Staff Writer

Associated Students Judicial Council upheld its original March 7 decision Tuesday, declaring A.S. President Mike Stowers' restructuring of the A.S. Student Lobby Annex unconstitutional.

Stowers had originally attempted to restructure the student advocacy organization in November 1989, but Judicial Council ruled that, in doing so, Stowers had incorrectly dealt with the former Lobby coordinators.

Since his April '89 election, Stowers had planned to reorganize the A.S. Student Lobby because he believed that the activist group had failed to effectively address pertinent student issues on campus.

Under Stowers' restructuring, he replaced the four equal Lobby coordinator positions with a hierarchical system led by three executive officers. Judicial Council ruled, however, that the move was unconstitutional since the restructuring proposal did not explicitly state that the four coordinators would be released from their appointments for the 1989-90 year.

Appointments can only be terminated by a two-thirds vote from the A.S. Legislative Council, according to the A.S. Constitution and By-Laws.

Stowers and A.S. Internal Vice President James Siojo submitted an appeal of the decision on March 26, arguing that Judicial Council had based their decision on information that was incorrectly submitted. A.S. Finance Board Chair Dave Lehr, who originally brought the issue to Judicial

CalPIRG Debate Leads to Cheadle Hall Demonstration

By Dylan Callaghan
Staff Writer

Approximately 100 students gathered in front of Cheadle Hall Wednesday as part of a rally against an alleged lack of administrative recognition of student opinion.

The rally, which included a performance by the UCSB Gospel Choir and speeches by student leaders, came in the wake of Chancellor Barbara S. Uehling's

call for a summer mail-in ballot to vote on the future funding for the California Public Interest Research Group.

The protesters believe Uehling's decision to administer a summer ballot, which will affect the CalPIRG funding system beginning 1991 Winter Quarter, belittled previous student judgment on the matter.

Nearly 75 percent of student voters opted to uphold the current reusable/refundable fee funding system in the April 24-25 Asso-

ciated Students General Elections.

A.S. President-elect Michael D. Chester began the rally with the question, "Are you people pissed off with this administration?" The crowd, which at this time consisted of approximately 60-70 students, responded with a unified "Yes."

Immediately following, Chester introduced the first of six student speakers who discussed topics ranging from the former MTD bus fee issue, student control of the

UCen/RecCen project, the Long Range Development Plan, the university's plan to sell portions of the Sedgwick property, and CalPIRG's funding system. Students Andi Blackshaw, John Cloud, Eric Jensen, Valerie Sharpe and Shannon Gray addressed the rally audience.

After the speeches — by which time a crowd of more than 100 spectators and participants had gathered — Chester handed over

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Press Council Elects Speer 1990-91 Nexus EIC

By Jeffrey P. McManus
Staff Writer

Senior English/economics major Larry Speer was selected over two other candidates to become 1990-91 *Daily Nexus* editor in chief in a 3-2 Press Council vote Tuesday night.

The decision, which came after six hours of interviews and deliberations among council members, followed a close staff advisory vote on Monday in which each of three veteran candidates received approximately one-third of more than 60 votes.

Speer, currently the features/

world outlook editor, won 26 staff votes — seven more than his two competitors, Adam Moss and Tony Pierce. In addition to the staff vote, Speer also received the endorsement of the Nexus editorial board, made up of 12 editors.

Press Council, the nominal publisher of the *Daily Nexus*, is responsible for annually choosing the paper's editor in chief. The council includes three students, a career journalist, a faculty member, and a nonvoting representative of the chancellor.

Speer, 22, has worked at the *Nexus* as a reporter and editor since his freshman year in 1985.

During his sophomore year Speer was county editor, after which he set off on a two-year tour through the Middle East and Europe, attending Exeter University in England as an Education Abroad student.

"I think I've got a real good understanding of the history of UCSB in the past few years," Speer explained. "I take that experience to being editor in chief."

Speer lists as his top priority "covering the campus — all the news — as best we can. Along with that, I want people on staff to be happy."

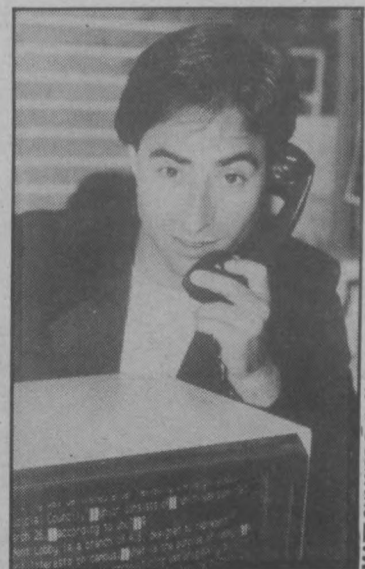
A cornerstone of Speer's

proposal to staff and press council was a revamped *Friday Magazine* to run several times a quarter, rather than biweekly as is now the case. The new format would include color and a broader range of writing, according to Speer's proposal. Speer's blueprint also calls for changes in the features desk he currently runs.

Current *Nexus* Editor In Chief Amy Collins commented, "Larry is going to find himself excelling in so many aspects of this job, and really directing some excellent people. However, this

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Larry Speer



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WORLD

Soviet WWII Anniversary
Stirring Old, New Passions

MOSCOW (AP) — Tanks, missiles and troops paraded through Red Square on Wednesday to celebrate the World War II defeat of Nazi Germany, stirring emotions over the reunification of a former foe and the succession of three publics.

"Military danger still exists in the world," Defense Minister Marshall Dmitri T. Yazov said, moments before he sent five new pieces of military hardware roaring past the assembled Kremlin leadership and Western spectators.

Yazov, who led a rifle regiment in World War II, also praised in his speech the "new thinking" of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev which he said had lowered tensions in a Europe that was divided after the Nazi defeat in 1945.

Gorbachev did not address the event, but smiled at participants as he led the leadership onto Lenin's Mausoleum to watch.

Western diplomats applauded as he left the tribunal afterward, and in salute, he raised a bouquet presented by military cadets during the ceremony.

The celebration affected other Soviets differently.

Some veterans interviewed after the parade expressed misgivings about German reunification. One senior naval officer thundered: "I killed Germans then, and if I have to I'll kill them again!" He refused to give his name to an American reporter.

Emotions also ran high in the Baltic republics of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, which the Soviet Union forcibly annexed during the war but which have moved toward independence this year.

The Army staged Victory Day rallies in all three Baltic capitals, and in Latvia and Lithuania, they turned into demonstrations for and against succession.

Length of China's Wall to
Be Bicycled by Calif. Man

BEIJING (AP) — Foreigners have ridden horses and danced classical ballet atop China's Great Wall, but on Wednesday, a California man set out to become the first person to bicycle from one end to the other, some 3,700 miles.

"Like Mao said, you're not a man until you've reached the top of the Great Wall," Kevin Foster said.

Maybe if the late revolutionary leader Mao Tse-tung were still around, Foster, a 30-year-old part-time actor from Ojai, Calif., might have gotten atop the wall sooner. He spent years trying to persuade Chinese authorities to approve his plan, and several more trying to find financial sponsors in the United States.

The last hitches were smoothed out late last year, and Foster boarded a train Wednesday for the western mountain pass where the wall starts at Jiayuguan, 945 miles from Beijing. He will begin his trek later this week.

From there, the fragmented remains of the more than 2,000-year-old wall snake through desert and mountains before reaching the sea at Shannaiguan, east of Beijing. Altogether, it covers some 3,700 miles.

Over the years, the wall has attracted foreigners with strange ideas. They have ridden horseback, danced ballet, performed concerts and held cocktail parties on the wall, originally a symbol of China's desire to keep out the world and now simply a symbol of China.

An Englishman ran the length of the wall in 1987, others have ridden bicycles beside it. But so far, despite hundreds of millions of Chinese relying on bicycles as their only means of transportation, no one has ridden a bicycle on top of the wall its entire length.

"Everyone wants to be first at something," said Foster, who said he got the idea as a child when he saw television coverage of former President Nixon visiting the Great Wall in 1972.

NATION

Bush Retreating on 'Read
My Lips' Campaign Pledge

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and congressional leaders announced plans Wednesday for emergency budget talks to cut up to \$100 billion from a rapidly worsening federal deficit. Tax increases as well as spending cuts will be on the negotiating table.

"Severe action" is needed to avoid the huge automatic cuts that would be triggered throughout federal programs if deficit-reduction targets are not met next fall, said presidential spokesperson Marlin Fitzwater.

"The leadership in the House and the Senate ... has accepted the president's invitation" to a budget summit with no preconditions, declared House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash.

Negotiators for the House, Senate and White House will meet for the first time next Tuesday at the White House, said Fitzwater.

Bush will chair the first session. After that, he "will be involved as necessary," Fitzwater said.

Some Little Rock Citizens
Needing Flood Insurance

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Record floods that are saturating hundreds of houses are striking at people who often don't have flood insurance, a state official says. Some can't get it, some can't afford it, and some don't bother.

Flood insurance is a hot topic while the Arkansas River is slopped over its banks. The river crested Tuesday to a record level at Little Rock and was expected to reach 48 feet Wednesday at Pine Bluff — a foot above flood stage.

F.A. Crockett wishes he hadn't let his flood insurance policies lapse a few years ago. He says he can't recall getting a renewal notice for his flood insurance and assumed he no longer needed it.

"I went along for years and didn't think nothing about it," said the 72-year-old Crockett, who owns a used car dealership. "I don't know much about insurance except that I pay the premium."

Now water is waist deep or higher in five houses he owns.

Statewide, about 500 homes are under water; between 250 and 300 of them in Jefferson county, an official said. Corps of Engineers spokesperson P.J. Spaul put early estimates of flood damage at \$15 million to \$20 million statewide.

Experts Searching for Way
To Fight Water Shortage

STATELINE, Nev. (AP) — The drought already is of a magnitude that occurs only once every 300 years, say California water officials, who are bracing for the disaster they predict would be inflicted by a fifth dry year in 1991.

The experts, using an annual conference of local water district representatives to search for ways to keep supplies flowing, agreed Wednesday that they want more water shortage but disagreed whether cities should make deeper sacrifices to save farms.

A central theme surfacing throughout the Association of California Water Agencies meeting was a Field Institute poll. That survey turned up some surprises along with the finding that residents are in a conserving mood due to what they now believe are serious, widespread shortages.

Those shortfalls stem from what Santa Clara Valley Water District General Manager Ron Esau said historians are calling a once-every-300-years drought.

"We are gearing up right now and preparing for '91," said Kern County Water Agency General Manager Tom Clark. "If the drought continues into '91, we're facing a disaster."

STATE

Reapportionment, 'Speedy
Trial' Opposed by NOW

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The National Organization for Women on Wednesday announced its opposition to two reapportionment measures and the so-called Speedy Trial Initiative on the June 5 ballot.

NOW also said it opposes a \$450 million prison bond measure and supports eight other propositions, including measures to impose tougher ethics requirements on state officials and to liberalize the state spending limit.

The announcement focused on Proposition 119, which would create a 12-member commission to approve new districts for the Legislature, the state's congressional delegation, and the Board of Equalization, a state tax panel.

Currently, the Legislature drafts new districts every 10 years to reflect population changes revealed by the federal census.

Democrats, who then controlled both houses of the Legislature and the governor's office, used the post-1980 redistricting to help them maintain or expand their majorities in the Senate, Assembly, and California's delegation to the House of Representatives.

Republicans, hoping to avoid a pro-Democratic reapportionment in the 1990s, are supporting both Propositions 119 and 118, which would require two-thirds vote of both legislative houses and approval by voters to enact new reapportionment plans.

Bay Area Water Rationing
Plan with 25% Reduction

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Bay area residents must reduce water use 25 percent below 1987 levels or face hefty charges to quench their thirst and irrigate their lawns under a rationing plan approved to cope with the drought.

"I hope people realize that this is a real emergency," said Rodel Rodis, president of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, which OK'd the plan on Tuesday.

The cost of water will jump by about 9 percent beginning in July, increasing the average household bill to \$6.28 a month, under the plan that forces water rationing in the Bay area for the second time in three years.

Water customers will be given allotments based on the number of people in a household with the basic amount 63 gallons a day for a single person and slightly less per person in multi-resident homes.

Those who use 10 percent above the allotment will have their base rate doubled. Big water wasters who use 20 percent or more above their allotment may face a tenfold rate increase.

Girl Asserts Nude Photos,
Fondling at Buckey Court

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A young girl testified Wednesday that Raymond Buckey neither raped her nor sodomized her when she attended the McMartin Preschool but said she does recall that he fondled her and photographed her nude.

Buckey, on trial for the second time, is charged specifically with raping the girl and using a foreign object to sodomize her.

The 11-year-old girl, testifying about events that allegedly occurred seven to nine years ago, did not mention such acts in her direct testimony, saying that Buckey touched her "in a spot I didn't like."

On cross-examination, Buckey's attorney, Danny Davis, asked questions aimed directly at the two charges.

Explaining clearly the action he was talking about, the lawyer asked the girl if Buckey had ever raped her when she was going to the preschool.

"Not that I can remember," said the witness.

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Weather

All eyes and hearts point toward Italy, and I couldn't be happier both for soccer fans and people all 'round the globe who appreciate nice weather ... which we won't really be having, unless you've got a fetish for sullen strawberry spring sludge burned off at noon riff-raff kitch krap. But that's all water under the ocean, unless your hair smells particularly bad, or you're hungry, dammit, and you want guys named Weenieeee-Key to feed you because the boss is in absentia and the long climb made you absent-minded and winded. Pittance, but what is up with the partying Greek/activist cross-breeding? And where do the Delts fit in?

THURSDAY

High 71, low 52. Sunrise 6:02, Sunset 7:51

FRIDAY

High 74, low 53. It'll burn off by 2.

PAC Debate on for Spending Of I.V. Redevelopment Funds

By Charles Hornberger
Staff Writer

Debate on whether approximately \$10 million in redevelopment funds would be best spent to remedy housing, parking or open space problems in Isla Vista continued Tuesday at a meeting of the county redevelopment agency's Project Area Committee.

The committee, which will spend an estimated \$10 million in redevelopment funding over the next 10 years, is currently in the process of creating the redevelopment plan for Isla Vista. The plan, when finalized, will be submitted to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

Mark Chaconas, aide to Third District Supervisor Bill Wallace, said Tuesday's discussion was part of the "long and tedious process" of creating the plan, and that "final decisions won't be made until the last minute." Chaconas said the plan will probably be finished before the end of Spring Quarter, to give students a chance to influence the plan's development.

Discussion centered on how much of the funding should be used for improving three of Isla Vista's various problem areas — inadequate housing, lack of open space, and traffic/parking problems. By state law, the agency must use 20

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Brad Hufschmidt
committee member,
Project Area

percent of its funds on improvement of local housing.

PAC member Joan Saniuk proposed that 60 percent of the funding be used on acquisition of bluffs, 30 percent on improvement of housing conditions, and 10 percent on improving parking. Bob Lovegren, another member of the PAC, suggested a different breakdown for expenditure of funding that would designate 40 percent for open space, 30 percent for housing and 30 percent for parking.

Lovegren said that the acquisition of interior lots for conversion into parking areas is an important aspect of the redevelopment, especially in the downtown area. PAC member Dean Brunner agreed that parking is essential to the downtown area, saying that the parking "benefits the business com-

munity." The success of the business community, he added, is beneficial to the community as a whole.

Other members of PAC believed that the money would be better spent in the manner that Saniuk suggested, arguing that the acquisition of open space in order to prevent development, especially on the bluffs, is more important to the community.

PAC member Brad Hufschmidt argued that the funding would not provide enough money to create adequate parking for the community. "There's not a parking problem, there's an 'excess of cars' problem.... Everybody benefits with open space but only 100 people with a parking lot," he said.

PAC chair Mitch Stockton also told the committee that the cost for the blufftop properties that they are considering purchasing has been reduced to \$4 million from the previously estimated \$5 million.

Other issues raised were the lack of sidewalks and public facilities such as toilets and showers.

Stockton urged members of the community to attend the meetings to provide the PAC with input on how the money could best be spent. The next meeting will be May 22 at 7:00 in the University Religious Center at 777 Camino Pescadero.

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EDITOR: Annual Nexus EIC Chosen by Staff and Press Council Mandate

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job is a roller coaster. But this paper's really going to prosper because I'll still be here."

Regarding a peculiar, traditional trend toward minor eating disorders among Nexus editors in chief, Collins added: "He'll get so fat.

He'll look so bad. He'll be short and fat."

Michelle Ray, the Nexus' news editor, expressed confidence in Speer's selection. "I know that Larry will do a fine job as editor in chief," she said. "He's demonstrated a good sense of news judgement and an ability to

lead. He also possesses a wide range of knowledge on the history of UCSB and Isla Vista as well as national and international politics. I think his talents will take the Nexus further than it's ever been before."

As a child, Speer remembers himself as "Loud. I got

thrown off the bus in New Jersey when I was in kindergarten; my dad had to pay the driver to let me back on. I was second grade class president, too. I had an early start in politics."

"I think in the past two weeks the staff and press council has seen a new, im-

proved Larry Speer, and that's who they voted for," said Pierce, who received two votes during Press Council deliberations. "I hope Larry remembers that and continues to be that man, and it wasn't just campaign promises.

"I'm really proud of all three candidates because I feel they all were at their absolute best during the staff and press council interrogations," Pierce added. "I think this will all make us stronger reporters, better people, and this will only

"There was no shouting. I felt confident that Larry would give character and integrity to the paper."

The selection came in the shadow of increasing tensions between Nexus management and Press Council over the issue of editorial control. One of the issues repeatedly raised during the selection process was the extent to which Press Council will control editorial content of the paper in the future.

Tom Bolton, county editor of the Santa Barbara

"He'll get so fat. He'll look so bad. He'll be short and fat."

Amy Collins
1989-90 Nexus Editor in Chief

Drew Martin

MY FATHER, WHO WAS THE ONLY LEVEL HEADED PERSON OF THE LOT OF US, DIDN'T PULL IN THE DRIVEWAY WHEN HE CAME HOME FROM WORK THAT DAY BUT JUST SORT OF SWUNG BY & PICKED US UP TO BRING US TO A RESTAURANT



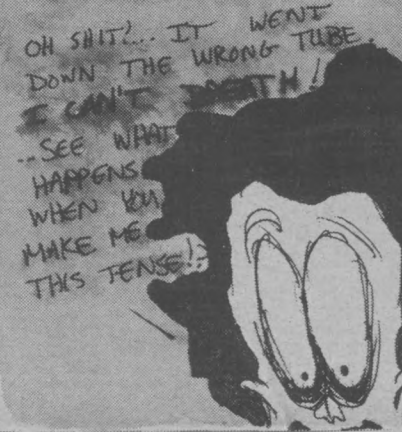
I NOTED ALL OF THE HIDEOUS THINGS ABOUT LIVER & I EVEN MADE THE MOST GROSSED OUT FACES WHEN HER ORDER CAME BUT NOTHING COULD YIELD HER



MOTHER SAT IN THE FRONT SEAT THE WHOLE TIME JUST SHAKING HER HEAD.



AND THEN THE INEVITABLE HAPPENED... SHE STARTED TO CHoke.



AS SOON AS WE GOT INTO THE RESTAURANT, HOWEVER, SHE PERKED UP AS IF SHE HAD ON HER REEBOKS... & SHE DID!... A BLACK PAIR THIS TIME THAT MADE HER BOUNCE UP AND DOWN & CLAP HER HANDS AND TALK REALLY, REALLY LOUD.



THE OTHER DINERS WERE TAKEN BY THE CALM AND ENTERTAINED MANNER IN WHICH WE ALLOWED HER TO RUN THE GREAT TRACHEAL DISASTER BY US ONCE AGAIN



benefit the Nexus."

As a candidate, Moss had similar feelings. "I think I was the best man for the job," he said. "However, I believe there truly are no losers, and that all of the candidates sincerely have the best interests of the paper in mind." Moss will attend the inaugural quarter of University of California's Washington D.C. campus next winter.

Professor W. Davies King, a faculty member on Press Council, said the selection process was lengthy, but essentially straightforward.

"We saw a range of personalities," King said. "But it wasn't like *Seven Angry Men*," implying council members did not significantly change their views during deliberations.

News-Press and career journalist representative on press council, noted that Speer was chosen on his merits, and not "purely for Press Council's comfort. We picked the person who would be best for the paper," Bolton said.

Speer said Press Council should hold primarily an advisory role in overseeing the workings of the paper. "I think that the best thing editor-in-chief can do is to take criticism and advice from as many sources as possible — Press Council is one of those sources.

"However," Speer continued, "I definitely think the line will continue to be firmly drawn about the autonomy of the Nexus. Our independence from all editorial constraints must be kept up."

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POLICE REPORT

Traffic Fatality

The body of a 38-year-old Goleta woman was discovered Monday in a ravine off Stagecoach Road. She was apparently killed when her Volkswagen convertible plummeted approximately 300 feet into the canyon after failing to negotiate a turn.

The victim was last seen around 5 p.m. Sunday, at Cold Spring Tavern, located on Stagecoach Road near the summit of Highway 154. She was reported missing by a friend later in the evening, and her body was discovered at approximately 7 p.m. Monday.

The victim has tentatively been identified as the same woman who was reported missing, according to police records.

Battery With Injury

A 22-year-old UCSB student suffered a fractured nose, facial lacerations and a jaw injury May 4 when her male cohabitant allegedly assaulted her in the parking lot of their 851 Camino Pescadero apartment complex.

Deputies arrested Howard Sheldon Burkow, 34, also known as Scott Howard Burkow, around 5:30 p.m., after police were informed of the battery by a witness. When deputies arrived they discovered the victim lying in the apartment's parking lot with a large pool of blood near her head, according to police records.

A crowd of people were in the parking lot, and Burkow stepped forward and turned himself in to the deputies. The victim told officers the battery occurred after she argued with Burkow in the apartment.

Burkow allegedly followed the victim

to the parking lot, pushed her several times, then punched her three times in the face with a closed fist, fracturing her nose. He then allegedly kicked her several times, according to police records.

The victim was treated by emergency personnel at the scene, and was transported to Goleta Valley Community Hospital for further treatment. Burkow was charged with felony battery with injury to a cohabiting female.

Indecent Exposure

Five juvenile females, ranging in age from 7 to 10 years old, encountered a white male who was apparently masturbating in a field adjacent to Isla Vista Elementary School at approximately 3:10 p.m. May 4.

The girls, who were walking home from the school, encountered the suspect near the middle of the field, according to police records. The suspect reportedly just stared at the girls and continued masturbating. The girls ran home from the scene and police were contacted. No arrests were made, as the suspect could not be located.

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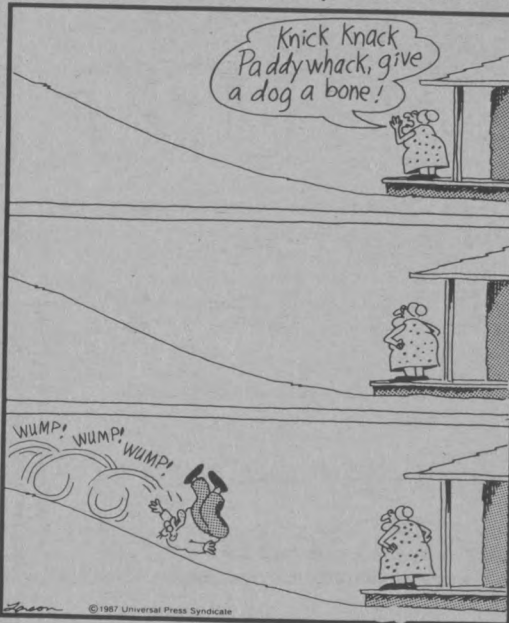
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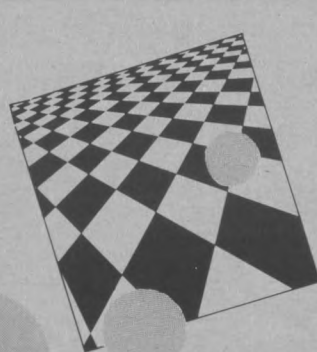
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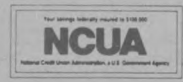
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Virtual Reality

Ever tried to describe a vivid dream?

After a couple of attempts, most people give up, saying to themselves, "Well, you shoulda been there."

But in about 10 years, you'll probably be able to recreate the dream — or anything else for that matter — in a 3-D computer, and then walk around inside it, alone or with friends.

The technology that allows such insanity has several names, most given by science fiction authors: the "feelies" of Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*, the "cyberspace" of William Gibson's *Neuromancer*, or the "holodeck" of *Star Trek, The Next Generation*.

They're all basically similar visions, but the term computer designers prefer is "Virtual Reality." One of the practitioners of this radical new technology, 28-year-old Eric Gullichsen, will bring his company's virtual reality machine to campus for a demonstration Friday night at 8 p.m. in the UCen Pavilion.

The illusion of reality is created these days by using various articles of computerized clothing. But there's no telling how future hookups might work. For now, though, the main unit is a "stereoscopic head-mounted display," Gullichsen explains.

The display, which resembles a pair of goggles, has motion sensors built in that send signals to the computer. "Having the computer sensors track the position and orientation of your head, you can be in a world that surrounds you, as generated by the computer," Gullichsen explained.

In other words, you turn your head and you see a different angle of the computer's "reality" — in glorious 360-degree 3-D color.

"You're free to move around, to look around at whatever you want, and the computer calculates what the virtual or artificial world would look like if seen from that position and presents stereoscopic imagery in realtime in color, which gives you a visual sense of being there."

The goggles are only part of the setup. "By using other kinds of computerized clothing, like a dataglove or the Mattel PowerGlove, which is what I'll be bringing with me, you can also have your hand tracked, and have the gesture that your hand makes in (the computer-generated "reality"). And this permits you to not only look at the virtual world, but to literally reach out and touch it, to manipulate objects as though they were in the real world."

The worlds created on the computer don't really need to mimic real-world physics either, Gullichsen said. You don't want gravity? Take it out. "You can, in the virtual world, teleport from place to place. You don't necessarily need to obey physical laws."

Virtual reality is *weird*. No doubt about that. Hallucinogenic, even, which would explain the involvement of people like Dr. Timothy Leary in developing "reality" software.

Leary is famous for his advocacy of LSD usage in the '60s, but for the '90s, he is convinced that virtual reality is the way to go. Leary has known Gullichsen for several years, and the two often appear together in lectures on virtual reality. They are working on a book about virtual reality, entitled *The Cybernetic Society of the 21st Century*, to be released in the fall.

"Going back to 1956, I've been very involved in psychometric psychology — that is, measuring human thoughts and processing them," Leary said. "I used computers way back in the '50s. Since the '80s, I've been president of a software company called Futique," Leary said.

"I've been very involved and I've been working with Eric Gullichsen since before he got into virtual reality, actually... I have nothing to do with developing the hardware. I'm developing the software for it, as is Gullichsen."

A Radical New Technology Is Coming That Crosses TV, Telephones and LSD

Text and Graphics by Doug Arellanes, Staff Writer

"One of the things we're working on is an architectural visual information tool — letting an architect enter into and make changes in an unbuilt building. This has both design applications and obvious marketing applications. A client can be shown what the structure looks like before it's built."

Eric Gullichsen
Virtual Reality Designer



The virtual reality machine at work.

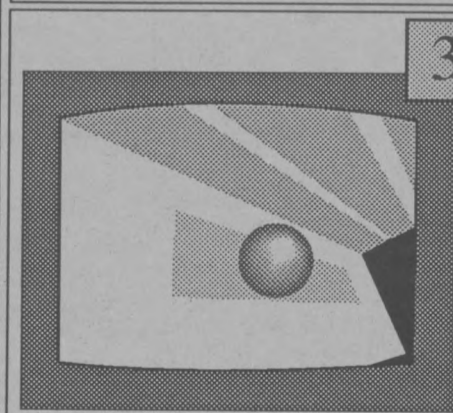
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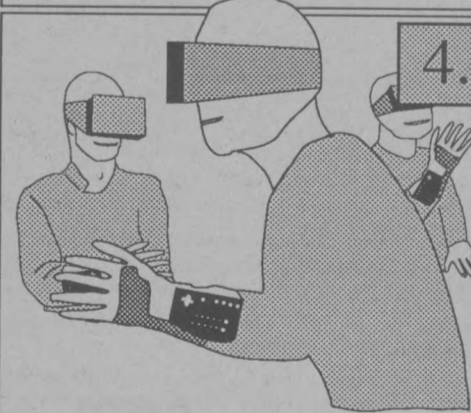
1. The viewer wears a 3-D headset that also contains sensors that note head movement. A similar set of sensors track a glove.



2. The sensors report to a computer that figures out what the position of the goggles and glove are.



3. The computer then calculates what the artificial world looks like from that angle, draws it in 3-D and shows it in the goggles.



4. Eventually, the technology will allow multiple-person "realities," adding the element of communication

The ramifications of virtual reality are immense, Gullichsen believes, but for the time being, three areas will get the most use out of the new technology: entertainment, design and training.

The entertainment potential is obvious,

and Gullichsen's company and other large companies are currently exploring ways to use virtual reality to have fun.

"There's a possibility of machines like this in an arcade setting. That could be economically viable and we're looking into

that (right now). We're talking with a number of people who are pretty involved in the arcade industry. There are other people looking into this for home entertainment," he said, adding that he wouldn't be surprised to see a lower-tech version of a virtual reality machine on the shelves in time for Christmas of 1991.

Put *that* into your disc drive and smoke it — Christmas Day 1991 comes around, and five-year-old Johnny is jacked into a mini-matrix, courtesy of Nintendo or Mattel or Hasbro, with his pint-size "eyephones" and dataglove, swimming through a labyrinth of green ooze and weird fuzzies in search of the princess and the bad guys.

Or this: Little Johnny's gone off to bed, and Daddy's got the Marilyn Chambers cartridge out.

"The world moves faster these days," Gullichsen said.

At work, design — specifically architecture — will benefit from virtual reality, Gullichsen said. An architect can "build" a house that exists only on computer and then walk around inside it, making changes as he or she goes along. People are already designing houses, cars, airplanes — you name it — on computers, but they are limited by a two-dimensional display, Gullichsen said.

"These design tasks are 3-D tasks. By literally entering into your design, wearing the displays, wearing the appropriate kinds of (computerized clothing), you can get a much better sense for what's there, in terms of building ... even before the thing is committed to wood or steel or whatever it's actually built in.

"One of the things we're working on is an architectural visual information tool — letting an architect enter into and make changes in an unbuilt building. This has both design applications and obvious marketing applications. A client can be shown what the structure looks like before it's built," he continued.

So client Jane Smith walks around her new computer-generated "office building" with her eyephones and dataglove, telling her architect, "Ummm, I don't like that window letting in that much sunlight. Can you move it back a bit?" And with a couple of alterations, the window is moved, Jane Smith is happy, and so is the architect.

Training could also be greatly affected by virtual reality equipment. In areas too dangerous for real-life training, simulators could be especially helpful, by, for example, permitting medical students to practice surgery on "living" patients inside a computer-generated operating room, Gullichsen said.

"There's a huge range of training applications which has already been exploited to some extent by the flight simulator people."

"What we have is kind of a personal version of a flight simulator; instead of flying a plane, it simulates being in the world," he said.

Aside from such devices as flight simulators, scientists have been attempting to simulate reality for some time with mixed results.

The first modern setups of virtual reality were done by the NASA Ames Research Facility in 1985. Although NASA's setup isn't portable, possible uses are planned for future missions into space.

Submitted for your approval: a virtual "astronaut" leans back in a chair in Houston, hooked up to a robot thousands of miles away, seeing exactly what the robot sees and moving the robot's "hand" to pick up rocks on asteroid McCartney.

To give an idea of how new virtual reality

See VIRTUAL REALITY, p.10

Semesters for Academically Serious

A.E. Keir Nash

The great majority of the nation's peak universities operate on a semester system. All seven non-California members of UC's Official Comparison 8 Institutions — Harvard, MIT, Yale, Michigan, SUNY Buffalo, Illinois, and Virginia do. So too do Princeton, Cornell, Wisconsin, Penn., and Columbia.

The nation's best undergraduate colleges favor semesters, if anything, more overwhelmingly. At Bryn Mawr, Reed, Wellesley, Amherst, Swarthmore, Williams, and Wesleyan the semester system beats out the quarter system by 7-0.

Is this chance or tradition? Or are there good academic reasons?

In arguing there are, I shall develop three main contentions. *One, in the humanities and social sciences the academically serious arguments run strongly for the semester system.* In the natural sciences, the balance of benefits and costs may be closer. Overall, what you gain on the humanities/social science swing far outweighs what you might marginally win or lose on the natural science toss.

Two, the arguments for the quarter system are often arguments for a children's playtime approach to higher education. A good example is the "students like to finish their fall term before Christmas vacation" argument. Of course the argument has no bearing against the early semester system which similarly concludes its fall semester. More important, it shows what an intellectual castration the American quarter and large lectures system is of its original source, the Oxford/Cambridge quarter system. There the assumption is an eight week quarter stressing tutorial, followed by six weeks at home doing reading, followed by another eight week quarter, then another six weeks reading period, etc. The best

American semester system, Harvard's, comes closest in this country to that model — October to December lectures and tutorial, January with a two-week reading (and term paper finishing) no lecture period and an 11 day exam period with, in the average, three days between each exam to prepare properly. The spring semester is similarly constructed. Underlying the different systems are different educational philosophies. One stresses teaching students what to think — the "Stuff the Geese and Let Them Regurgitate" or controlled bulimia approach to higher learning. The other stresses teaching students how to think — the "Let Them Read and Inwardly Digest" approach.

Three, in the multi-campus UC system with only Berkeley on a semester system, considerable advantages could flow to the quality of academic life at the second UC campus to opt for semesters. One possible advantage relates to academically serious students' greater attraction to the "how to think" semester orientation. UCSB might lose some playtime students and gain some more gifted ones. Another advantage has to do with capacity to retain students from disadvantaged minority backgrounds. A third relates to likelihood of seniors getting into the best professional and graduate schools.

To consider this let us pair three of the most frequent and important arguments on both sides. To save space, hereinafter I use Q1, Q2, etc., to stand for pro-quarter arguments and S1, S2, etc. for pro-semester arguments.

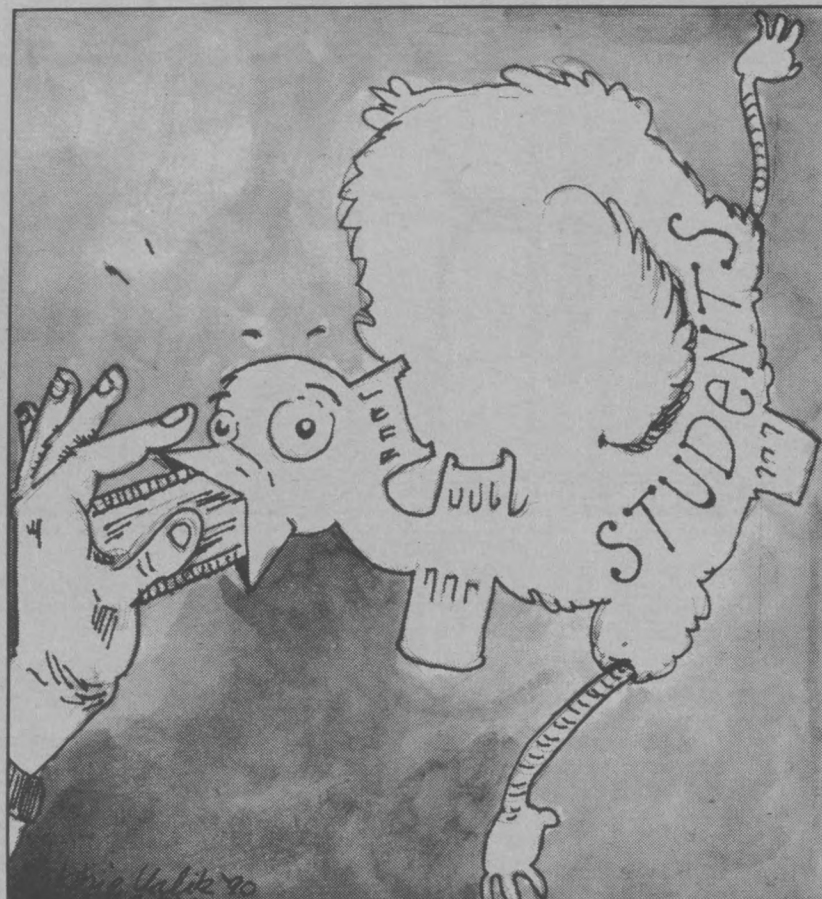
Q1: "Science courses are more easily organized architecturally or hierarchically in the smaller building blocks of quarter courses." S1: "Humanities and social science courses lack the natural architecture or hierarchy of science courses so intermediate students lack a common background and larger

time blocks are required to develop analytic depth." Different claims are advanced. Q1 is a contention about convenience. S1 is close to a claim of educative necessity. Assuming both are true, S1 "ought" to win unless it can be shown that humanities and social science courses could, as a rule, be organized in hierarchic sequence. Hard to do.

Q2: "Two quarter sequences can be arranged for humanities and social science courses as needed." S2: "Humanities and social science courses are where (if anywhere) students will develop sophisticated writing skills and discursive analytic abilities; more than 10 weeks are needed for, first, sufficient student immersion in a general subject and, second, developing an essay topic in depth."

S2 is true. So also, in the abstract is Q2. Practice is somewhat different. The quarter system creates a "short span normal module" in the student's learning approach. At the undergraduate level, at least, Q2's two quarter sequence "non-solution" would create awkward exceptions to the norm, rather than the correct general rule. The quarter-system's practical consequence is shallow and short term papers of 10 to 20 pages, or none at all. Unlike students at the leading colleges and peak universities mentioned above, UCSB students are rarely led to think a 25 to 35 page, properly footnoted term paper is a normal junior or senior expectation.

UCSB students go on to good graduate or professional schools undertrained in written analysis relative to their semester system trained competitors — if they get in. Quite possibly, UCSB students lose a few percentile points on the verbal and analytical portions of graduate record exams and LSATs because of their lesser training — and don't get into as good schools as they otherwise might. Less con-



jecturally, in a semester system with at most two sets of students per academic year, professors have more time to get to know students and are in a substantially better position to write compelling recommendations for professional and graduate school applicants.

Q3: "Quarter system students have a greater choice of courses and can 'explore' more readily in different fields." S3: "Under the semester system subjects can be explored more safely and more deeply." In two important senses, this pair differs from its predecessors. First, the opposing perspectives are more irreconcilable. A choice between maximizing either shopping around or pursuit in depth is entailed.

Second, resolution requires either favoring newish students' resolution of goal uncertainties or favoring more advanced students'

needs for greater intensity of skill and knowledge development.

Fortunately, three considerations permit resolution in favor of S3. One, do semester-gear elite institutions such as Princeton and Harvard really starve their students on course options? Hard to believe.

Two, Q3 contains a fallacy in its "explore more readily" clause. For this reason: almost anytime a student goes venturesomely outside of his/her accustomed field(s), he/she takes a "start behind and need to catch up with the others" risk. A semester-long course offers 50 percent more "catch up and excel" time.

Three, at the freshman level, what of the marginally prepared incoming student? The semester system allows 50 percent more opportunity for professorial awareness of, and guidance in dealing with, reme-

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I was born 35 years ago in the Stepney area of the East End of London. Recently, I returned to see for myself the dramatic changes implemented during the last nine years of Thatcherite rule.

Emerging from Shadwell Station, having travelled on the newly installed fully automatic light railway, I encounter a sight more in keeping with the traditional image of Dickensian London: long tracts of publicly owned homes stand in squalid disarray as if a war had happened and nobody bothered to tell the authorities. Formerly, these housing estates, built in the heyday of municipal socialism, were home to a white working class subsisting on work provided by the world's premier port, London. Later, during the 1950's, the racial hue began to change when West Indian families arrived to perform cheap labor necessary for Britain's postwar expansion. Today, these same estates are peopled mainly by immigrant families from Bangladesh, the ex-colonial eastern part of Pakistan and now one of the world's poorest countries. Like the white one it has replaced, the Bangladesh community forms a strong and unified entity — it needs to resist the pressures of a hostile and unsympathetic

white power structure.

This is as near to ghettoization as British society gets. Although not on the scale of segregation in the U.S., there is, nevertheless, very little pretence of integration. Regrettably, both sides of the racial divide seem to accept the ethnic status quo as inevitable and even desirable. In the predominantly Islamic community, keeping a distance from unenviable Western forms of social behavior (drunkenness and violence among them) is not lamented, whereas most whites have never seemed too eager to learn from their neighbors' ancient and Third World cultures.

But this is far from the total local picture. Not more than a mile from the grinding poverty of this "little Dacca," one sees evidence of a real estate bonanza. Mushrooming as a consequence of finance capital's speculative monsoon are gleaming black office blocks jostling for space on London's skyline with tryfid-like McAlpine construction cranes. The visual contrast is symbolic of the class and ethnic matrix in the enterprising new Britain. Public squalor and private affluence is how J.K. Galbraith described it. It also happens to be Europe's largest building site: London Docklands.

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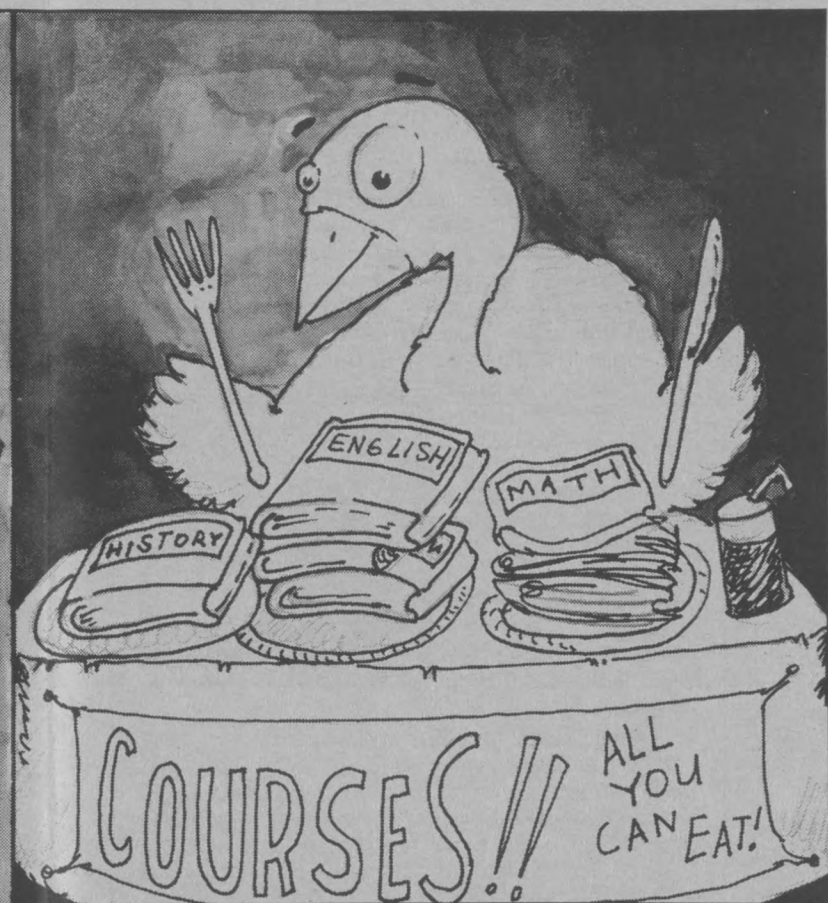
After a few days exploring the rapidly transforming scene, it is clear to whom the future belongs. Needless to say, it is not to those born here in social and economic deprivation nor to those forced to settle thousands of miles from home due to imperialism's ill winds. It will instead be the property of the *nouveau riche* who have bought their way in, attracted by the pleasures of owning a "house" on the river. As I look at their expensively designed dwellings, standing in the shadows of the tinted-windowed edifices of the corporate world, I am struck by the obvious: Do families of the wealthy somehow deserve a better standard of living than the rest of us? For a local lad, such bitter truths still, after all these years, tend to stick in the throat.

Ironcially, such private housing estates were, until recently, viewed as prime investment material. Anyone who had a spare "fifty thousand" would waste no time securing a mortgage and thereby acquiring a nifty little three-bedroom down by the Tower. Buying and selling bricks and mortar became a national obsession as prices doubled at the drop of a property developer's hat, and everyone seemed to be pocketing a piece of the inflated pie. But all good things come to an end, as they say, and the law of value saw no reason to make this little gambling spree an exception.

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A year ago, interest rates began rising inexorably. Some say this reflected the endemic weakness of the British economy, others prefer to believe it had something to do with "dampening consumer demand." Whatever the causes, the effects on lots of covetous little souls incapable of reading the warning signs were the same: they were left with massive debts on housing which was losing its value in the merciless logic of the market. Almost overnight, "for sale" notices began to appear on street after street — all to no avail, for the fickle market remained stagnant and the former glut of buyers had become a dearth.

Meanwhile, the locals — those who did not move in on a speculative whim — looked on with incredulity at the anguished well-fed faces grieving at their lost fortunes.



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Quarters Permit Broader Education And Offer Better Course Selection

Students Prefer More Flexible School Schedule

C.B. Anderson

I have been a student and have taught under both the quarter and semester systems. Both work, although for certain disciplines and styles of work, one or the other may be preferred by different individuals. Some years ago when the UC system took up the discussion of semesters vs quarters, student polls were taken, and undergraduates at UCLA and Berkeley favored the quarter system by a large margin. I think the reasons were the larger possible selection of courses, less at stake per final exam, and greater flexibility, as well as a feeling that 10 weeks of one subject and a professor are enough.

I believe one should sample as broadly as possible from the exciting and rich fare of the university while one is an undergraduate.

1. On the 10-week quarter system, the student is responsible on the final for 10 weeks of study and lectures compared to 15 weeks in a semester. A larger share of the student's overall program is at risk on the final grade in a semester course.

Furthermore if sickness or finances require dropping out, one can drop out for a quarter instead of half a year.

2. On the quarter system 180 units for graduation requires 45 four-unit courses, but 120 semester units for graduation is 30 four-unit semester courses. That means there are 50 percent more courses to choose on the quarter system. Such an opportunity has been ridiculed as a "smorgasbord" (an ethnic put down to which I object), but I believe one should sample as broadly as possible from the exciting and rich fare of the university while one is an undergraduate. Besides 10 weeks on any subject seems enough time to me.

3. The above (2) assumes that returning to the semester system does not mean a return to three-unit semester courses which were typical of the old semester system. A normal load of 15 units per term requires 5 three-unit courses but on average 3.75 courses of four units. When we left the old semester system in 1967, one of the principles of the new system was that five courses were considered to fragment the student's efforts too much. However, if we are to convert a four-unit quarter course of about 40 class meetings (which before 1967 was a three-unit semester course of 45 class meetings) to a four-unit semester course of 60 class meetings, there must be a substantial rethinking of the course and expansion of the material.

The faculties were also polled. I remember the UCLA faculty favored quarters, and Berkeley was about even. The main issues for the faculty, other than the debated differences in teaching effectiveness, are flexibility for sabbaticals and the amount of exams and grading.

4. Faculty members earn sabbatical credits at the rate of one year at $\frac{2}{3}$ pay after six years. The quarter system is more flexible because it can mean two quarters at full pay after six years or one quarter at full pay after three years or three quarters at $\frac{2}{3}$ pay after six years or one quarter at $\frac{2}{3}$ pay after two years. The semester doesn't lend itself to this, and only has the possibility of one semester at $\frac{2}{3}$ pay after three years or presumably one semester at full pay after four years. The opportunity to devote oneself 100 percent to research-scholarship is very valuable in maintaining the quality of the faculty.

3. In any course the minimum of testing is customarily one hour exam and a final exam whether it is a quarter or a semester course. Thus with semesters there is less work because the students are given final course grades only twice a year. I myself would only prepare the Chemistry department schedule twice a year instead of three times. Exams in themselves are an educational device, not just a sorting or award

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system. I think it is important that students be challenged to think very hard often, and exams do just that.

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dial needs and for student accomplishment. A semester system might help the retention rates of minority students.

These are the three most important educationally principled types of arguments. There are a number of minor derivative arguments. Some are silly — e.g., "It's better to test students more, or less, often." You can test long-space or short-space under either system.

Some are trivial but irresolvable — e.g., "The penalty on the student for falling ill, misjudging time is greater/lesser." The answer turns on whether you are focussing on time for correction or on G.P.A.-affecting weight if disaster is reached at course-end.

Some are true but misplaced — e.g., "There's better/worse fit for transfer students." It's an odd university campus which doesn't turn

its quarter vs. semester system decision on its continuing students.

Finally, others are faculty-serving and hold rigid what need not be held rigid — e.g., "One system is better/worse for sabbatical leaves, or for teaching loads, and contact hours." Any of the foregoing can be adjusted independently of the quarter or semester system's adoption.

At bottom the choice is between the semester system's clear win on long run, deeper educational benefits and the quarter system's clear win on short run, short attention span gains. To learn how to think, or what to think — that's the differentiating chief question. A.E. Keir Nash is a professor in political science

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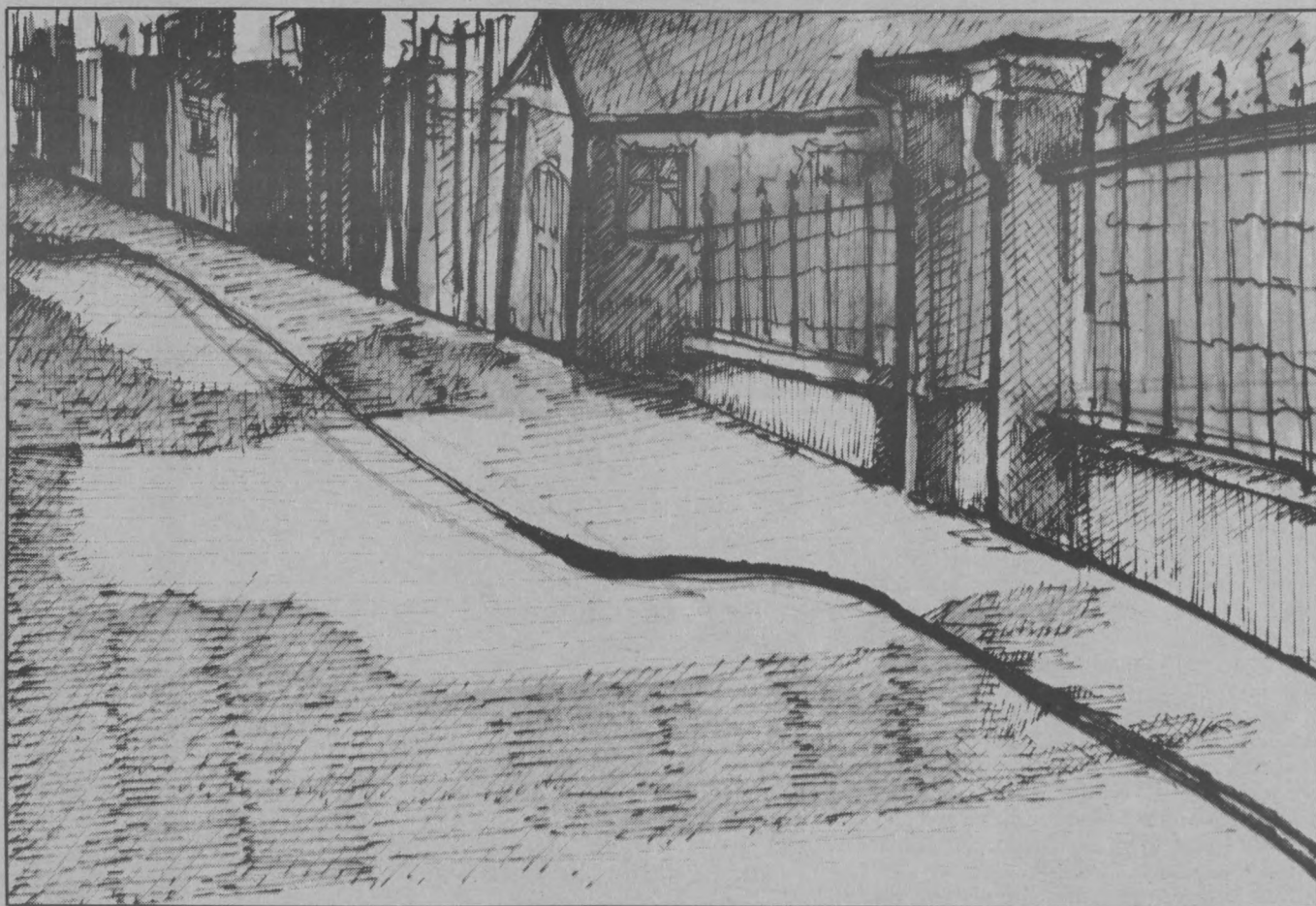
Houses, after all, had traded hands for more money than the average laborer would see in a lifetime. Of course, all this wheeling and dealing had had little effect on those living in low-wage ignominy. The government's much-trumpeted promise of jobs accompanying the great expansion did not materialize. Yuppies and service industry personnel are not normally recruited from the underschooled and undertrained "Third World" people who are usually left the janitorial end of things. Not even the local shopkeepers have been able to boast a significant growth in business. It appears the well-tailored newcomers tend to shop in more culturally familiar surroundings like Harrods, Fortnum and Masons, and Marks and Spencers. Perhaps the only local beneficiaries have been the Asian restaurants which specialize in the exotic fare British society has fortunately learned to include in its infamously unimaginative diet.

Thus, several years after the "Big Bang," a euphemism for London's financial district going high-tech and moving eastwards, the blessings for the general public, to put it mildly, have been mixed. For a few large banking, building and real estate corporations the pickings have been very large indeed, with so far only one major construction company declaring bankruptcy, while the whiff on high-stakes

ly by immigrant families from Bangladesh, the one of the world's poorest countries. Like the community forms a strong and unified entity — it is a tight and unsympathetic white power structure.

corruption has failed to become the stench it had once threatened. Regarding the legions of professionals and skilled personnel the rewards have been moderate. They still receive their not inconsiderable salaries and "perks" and, much as before, they can still be seen anxiously pursuing their career goals in marketing, loans, stocks, media or wherever the latest corporate rainbow happens to be found. As for most local working-class residents and, in particular, the Asian community, there is little reason to be grateful for this highly selective brand of modernization and development. It's funny how the same story can be told in so many different tongues.

As I walk away from the East End towards Aldgate East subway station, I pass public high schools whose grounds



are unkempt and windows are cracked and impermeable with dirt. A coat of paint on their exteriors would also not be amiss. The bits of green that separate one block of public housing from another have not been tended in months — perhaps years. While the streets are replete with mounds of rubbish — newspapers, styrofoam plates and cups, cheap advertising circulars and old fish and chip cartons — Galbraith's comment comes to mind and I charge it to public neglect and private indulgence.

I continue on and peer in the window of a pub I used to frequent as a young "jack the lad." In those days, it was the favorite haunt of working-class youth attempting to strut their sexuality. Today, a sign hanging in the window reads: "The management reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone wearing industrial clothing." History has a way of making the commonplace seem absurd. Across the street, Lenin, 86 years ago, spoke at the Russian Social Democratic Party Conference and forced an issue which later shattered the 20th century. It marked the split between the Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks. The sign I have just read brings home how far the counterrevolution has gone; Vladimir

Ilych would probably have called it a "transformation of opposites."

I am now reaching my destination, passing groups of Asian pedestrians in flowing saris or baggy white pants. I am thinking how perplexing it must be for a Third World immigrant if I, a native of the area, am so confounded by all the contradictions of past and present, public image and social reality. Moreover, if, as some pundits conclude, countries like Bangladesh are teetering on the edge of Fourth-World oblivion then I would venture that Britain's own standing in the premier league of economic development is also in jeopardy — although finding a category for First-World "has-beens" will be a tricky one.

Finally, I depart the scene of my roots in a somber mood, dogged by the same enigma I confront constantly in my adopted home, America: how much longer can "we," the global common folk, continue to shoulder the burdens of capitalist fundamentalists? God knows, our peoples have suffered enough for the senility of our ruling classes ... haven't we?

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The Reader's Voice

For Shame CalPIRG

Editor, Daily Nexus:
Now I'm pissed. UCSB CalPIRG coordinator Shannon Gray lied and I believed him. He stood in front of a Campbell Hall crowd and told the class about the chancellor's devious plan to undermine this quarter's election regarding the funding of CalPIRG. Turning to the Nexus, I found one story on the front page reaffirming the bad news (Daily Nexus, "Uehling Calls for New CalPIRG Vote in Summer," May 2). I knew of President Gardner's opposition to the current

funding system, and the prospect of something like this happening wasn't far-fetched. I was outraged. I envisaged Gardner and Uehling tangoing on a fresh redwood floor drinking the blood of a spotted owl from styrofoam cups. I started considering which portion of Cheadle Hall would be most receptive to a molotov cocktail.

I now learn the controversial summer ballot is not a replacement for the latest vote, but a supplement regarding CalPIRG funding for Winter, 1991. The lock-in for which 75 percent of us voted will be implemented as planned in Fall, 1990. This is not to condone the idea of a summer-time vote, as such a vote

lacks the vital element of campaigning, and would surely result in poor turnout. But the situation is far from the Noriegan tyranny Gray and the Nexus made it out to be.

To challenge the administration is an act that is as precarious as it is noble. There is no margin for error. Grey and the Nexus have damaged the small bit of clout we students have with Cheadle Hall. The last thing we need is a chancellor who can rightfully say the students are lying.

JASON ROSS

Sorry
No Fish

EIC Burton



(Eds. note: Its time for the daily entry in our \$20-and-a-Clambake people's choice editor in chief contest. Today we have a Mr. Reinsch in the house delivering his squalid brand of Stymie wisdom to the masses. Stymieism: Words to live by.)

Editor, Daily Nexus:
Burton would be a decent choice for editor in chief 'cause if anything goes wrong on the paper you can't blame him — he has no arms!
STYMIE REINSCH

Too Much Batman

April 29, 1990

Didn't go to work today. Those bastards! Chuck said he sent in a joke to a radio station's morning joke program. I don't remember what station it was, but it was one of those easy listening stations that only old people can find on the dial. This station only plays songs by the Ray Coniff Singers and songs that have "easy" in the title. Chuck said they had a contest called the "Fax Funny File." I asked him if they spelled it "Phax Phunny Phile," and he said he didn't know because it was on the radio.

Welch and Pat's toilet isn't working again, much like my uncle Jack. Every time Welch needs to "poop," he comes down and borrows our plunger.

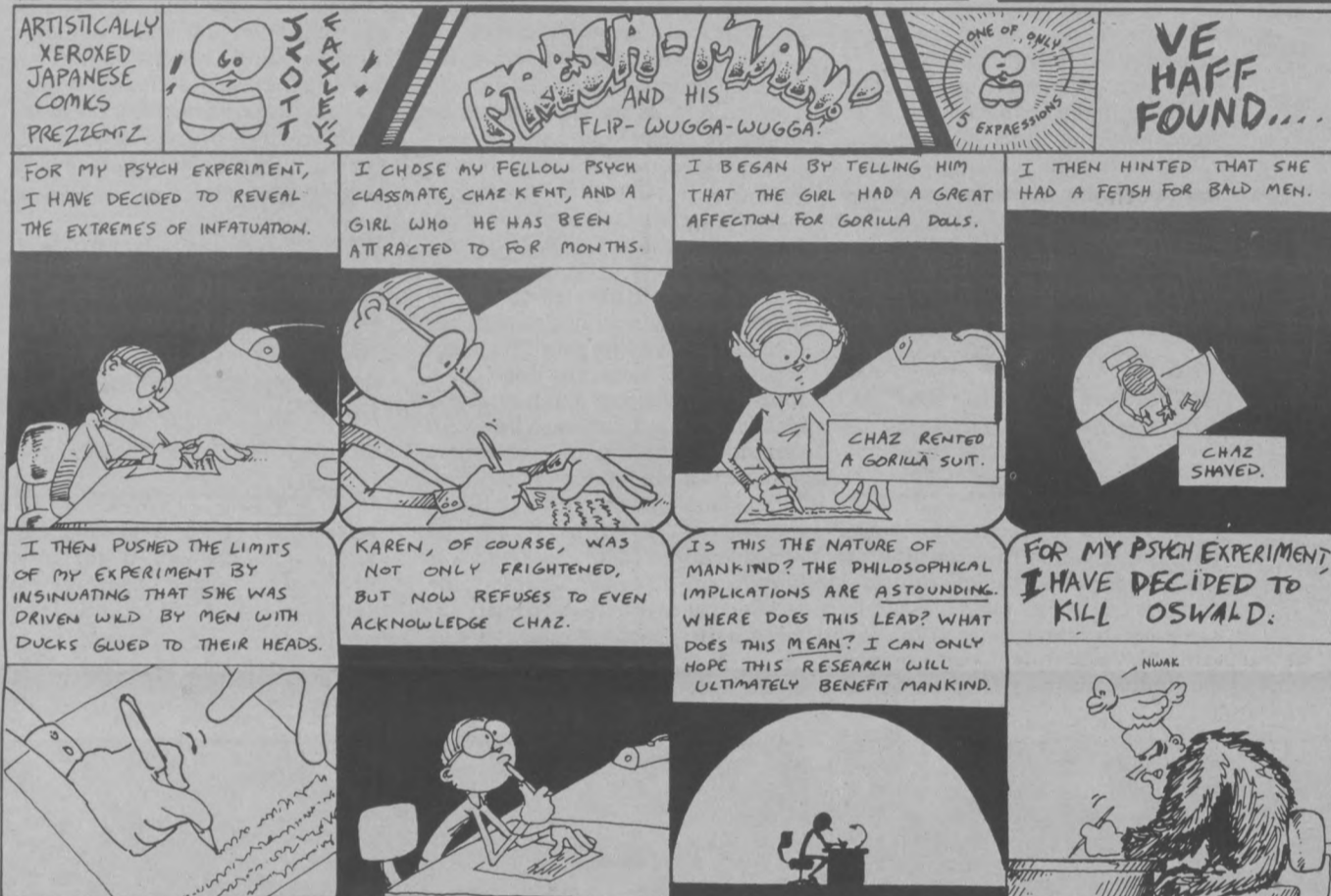
I've got to decide whether I'm going to stay in I.V. for the summer or what. If I stay here, I'm going to have to become more of a "team player" at work so they can give me more hours. Last summer was tough, because I waited until summer started to try to find a job. After about a week of desperate searching, I found myself asking for an application at Pat-rini shoes.

I figured, well the job's not so good and the pay is only fair, but I can get all the high-quality women's footwear that I want at 20 percent off. I changed my mind though, when I saw all the bickering that went on among the employees. Mean-spirited jibes and cheap mother-oriented insults were all that seemed to go on between those people. I can't stand people who sit around hurling insoles at each other all day long.

That was when I first applied for the job I currently hold. I walked in at a bad time: 1989. They had Batman memorabilia set up everywhere. They had Batman graphic novels, Batman trading cards, Batman mugs, Batman novelizations adapted from the original screenplay. They had Batman Pez dispensers, and Batman t-shirts, and Batman's Guide to Home Plumbing, and Batman keychains.

I didn't get the job then and I spent the majority of the summer on the phone with my creditors, who were demanding immediate payment. They said if I didn't pay soon, they were going to do their best to see that I went to jail. I pleaded though; I got right down on my knees and said, "Mom, you'll get your money, I just need some more time!"

Whoever had the creativity to come up with the idea for carrot and raisin salad should have had the creativity to give it a more interesting name than "carrot and raisin salad." Maybe "three-bean salad" or "Ambrosia" would have been better.



VIRTUAL REALITY: Computer Simulation

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is, Gullichsen's company, Sense8 Technologies, first debuted its system last June. "We've been incorporated since January and working since then on making this stuff inexpensive and portable, and it looks like we're almost ready to release a product." Currently, there are about 20 groups refining virtual reality.

"This whole field is certainly at the Wright Brothers stage. But when you realize that in 50 or 60 years, you go from the Wright Brothers to supersonic planes ... the same sort of thing is obviously going to occur here," Gullichson continued.

Because this technology is so new, there are conflicting visions of what to actually do with it. VPL, a rival company, led by 29-year-old high school dropout and self-taught genius Jaron Lanier, has a radically different view of virtual reality's potential, Gullichsen said.

"One of Jaron's major interests in this has been multiple-person virtual reality, the idea of putting more than one person at a time into virtual reality. We just see that as economically impractical at the moment," Gullichsen said, adding that multiple-person machines will come eventually, but that the technology necessary to do it cheaply is not yet available.

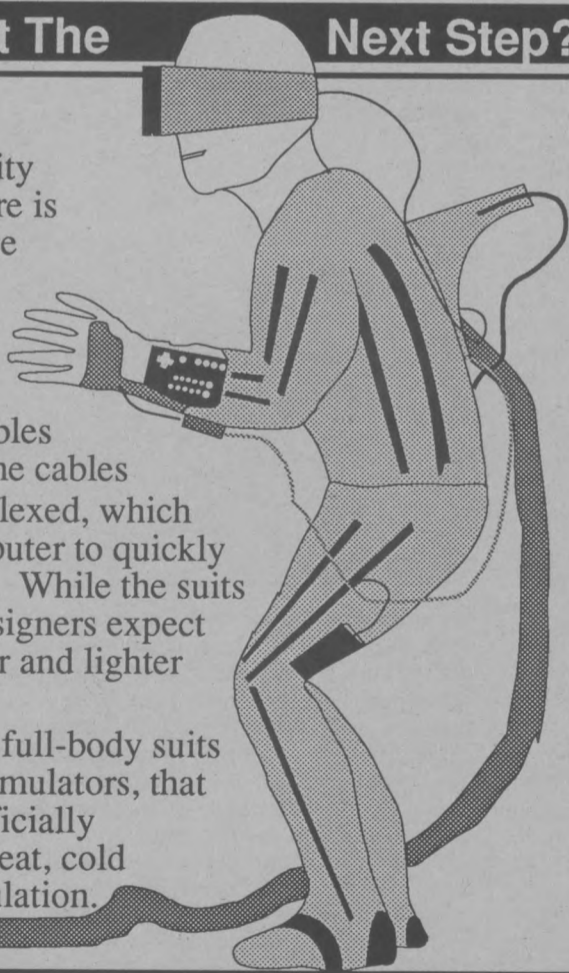
"Jaron's stuff is real high-end. His two-person system costs \$500,000. That's basically a quarter of a million dollars per person," Gullichsen said. "It's always been our interest to make this stuff as inexpensive as possible; Our entire setup with the workstation, sensors, and the head-mounted display comes to less than \$20,000. We have even cheaper versions that run on the (relatively-low-cost Commodore) Amigas."

In this way, Gullichsen is sort of like Henry Ford, who didn't invent the car but

Is The Body Suit The Next Step?

Because virtual reality is such a new field, there is no standard input device to use in simulations. Some designers are exploring the use of full-body suits that have fiber optic cables running throughout. The cables produce signals when flexed, which in turn enable the computer to quickly re-draw the simulation. While the suits are currently bulky, designers expect them to become smaller and lighter quite quickly.

In the near future, such full-body suits may contain sensory stimulators, that for example would artificially produce sensations of heat, cold or texture within a simulation.



made lots of them, and very cheaply.

Bringing the price of virtual reality down to earth is necessary for it to be accepted by the masses, Gullichsen said, but the public has been getting glimpses of things to come. Not all of these are in science fiction,

either, he says, pointing to the Mattel PowerGlove, which was developed first for virtual reality but is now available for the Nintendo.

"(The PowerGlove) was finally finished and hit the markets about six weeks before

Christmas '89. It turned out to be the nation's seventh best-selling toy for all of '89. Mattel sold about 750,000 of the gloves for use with the Nintendo home video games in six weeks, and the rumor is that there are orders outstanding in toy stores for 1.2 million more of these gloves.... It's obvious that the idea of wearing controlling devices that transcend the keyboard and screen has already been pretty well-accepted by the American public," he said.

The challenge for Gullichsen and other virtual reality designers is in an area of discussion that used to belong to philosophers and psychologists: what exactly is reality? Why do we perceive things the way we do? How detailed should a "reality" be? "In trying to do virtual reality, you're never done. You can always add more objects, you can always make the world more lifelike, more realistic. So the ultimate limit is the basic (computer) speed that you're working with," Gullichsen said.

"People say, 'Where is Virtual Reality going?' and my response is, 'Well, what's reality?'"

One of the most interesting observations is that it makes design, or the abstract information out of which something is composed — in a world where virtual reality exists — a heck of a lot more valuable than anything material. Material things are capable of infinite replication. It's their design, their fundamental substance that's of value in such a world.

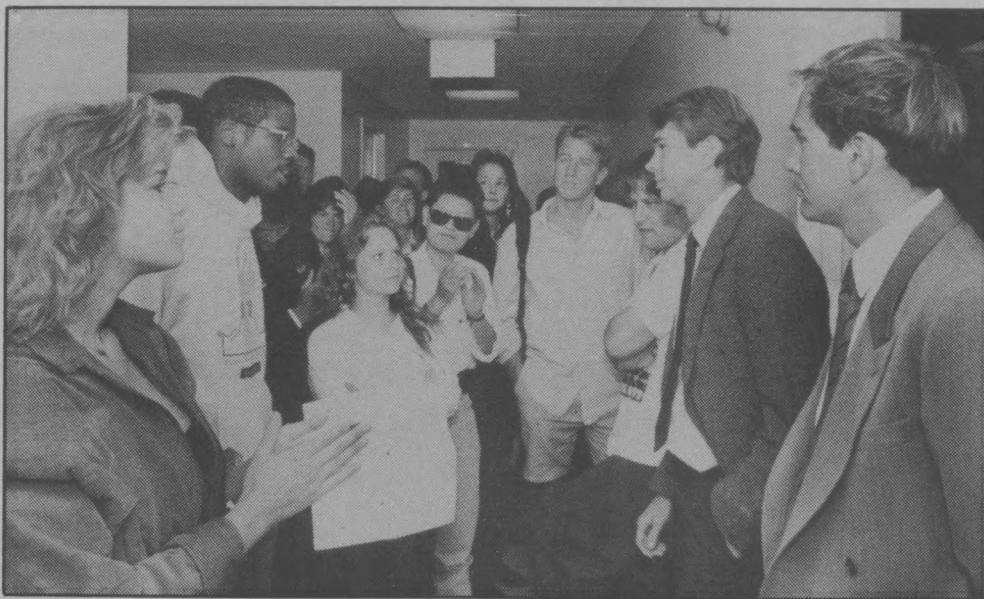
"There are zillions of other implications," Gullichsen said. "Space no longer exists, because you can be where you want to be. It goes on and on and gets stranger and stranger."

RALLY

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the microphone to UCSB Gospel Choir Director Michael McCurtis for a final song. Singing the lyrics "We need to pray — these are the last days," rally-goers held hands and swayed in unison.

Following the song, between 40 and 50 ralliers followed Chester to the door of Uehling's fifth-floor office where they chanted "Barbara Uehling, do your job!" and "Hey hey, ho ho, Barbara Uehling's got to go!" Though rally organizers were aware that Uehling was actually on a business trip in Vienna, Chester said that they still demanded a response to student demands concerning CalPIRG and several other issues delivered to her office Friday.

"She's been unresponsive to say the least," said Kymm Vosen, who delivered the demands concerning the CalPIRG debate. Vosen explained that the demands include cancellation of the summer mail-in ballot and total acceptance of the student votes on all issues reviewed by both Uehling and University of California President David P. Gardner, who has previously stated



DAVID ROSEN Daily Nexus

Assistant to the Chancellor Bryant Weineke addresses students demanding a response to concerns over CalPIRG's future funding policy. The march on the chancellor's office was part of a rally held outside Cheadle Hall yesterday.

his opposition to the refusable/refundable check-off fee system.

Upon reaching the chancellor's office the tone of the rally seemed to lighten, as Chester asked the crowd "What do you want to do now?" and several replied "Eat!" Students then spoke with Bryant Weineke, the assistant to the chancellor, who informed them that Uehling would be willing to meet

with students on Friday. Unsatisfied with that agreement, Chester then informed Weineke, "as concerned students, we are putting the administration on its first warning," at which point the ralliers left the building.

Following the rally, Vosen expressed her appreciation at the chancellor's willingness to discuss pertinent issues with students at the scheduled Friday meet-

ing. Regarding the day's rally, Vosen added, "This is the first and smallest of many, and that's a promise."

Commenting on the rally, Dean of Students Leslie Lawson said, "It's their right to do this ... (and) these are some of the big issues for the year." Lawson added that keeping "open lines of communication" between administration and students will be an effective way of dealing with the issues.

GOSPEL

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ing Michael McCurtis return."

Lester Monts, who heads the music department's ethnomusicology division, said that while McCurtis is a talented gospel performer, he has not shown appropriate professional respect to others in the department.

"He is one of the most talented performers of gospel music that I have ever met... but there are certain kinds

of things we have to do in the university in terms of respecting the different things we're hired for," Monts said. "I don't think it's my position to denigrate the style of performance that he has brought about, yet on the other hand I don't think it's proper for someone to denigrate the intellectual pursuit associated with ethnomusicology."

According to UCSB Provost David Sprecher, responsibility for discontinuing an instructor like McCurtis falls ultimately

with the vice chancellor for academic affairs, whose office supplied his \$5,000 per quarter honorarium. However, the McCurtis decision came at the recommendation of the music department.

"Basically it was a programmatic decision on the part of the department," and one which the administration agreed with, Sprecher said.

In addition to complaints with the scholastic direction McCurtis has taken the choir, Hsu said there were policy problems in the way

he has done his job. Among the problems she cited are alleged incidents of McCurtis threatening students' grades if they did not participate in voluntary off-campus performances and his failing to get departmental permission to take students to off-campus performances.

Hsu also said the fact that the once predominantly Black choir is now largely comprised of whites has hurt the music department's efforts to promote diversity.

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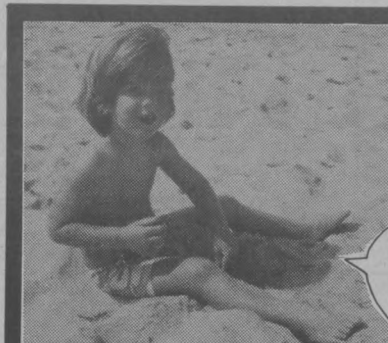
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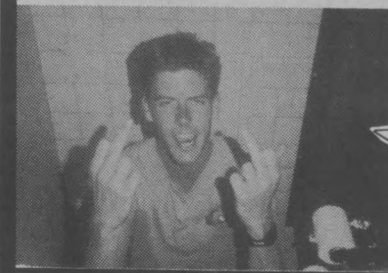
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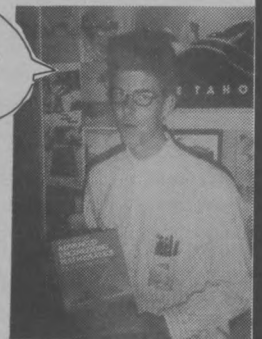
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Decret Awaits NCAA Bid; Ranked #22

According to well-placed sources close to the NCAA selection process, UCSB tennis standout David Decret will be included in the 64-man NCAA Tournament when the field is officially announced tomorrow.

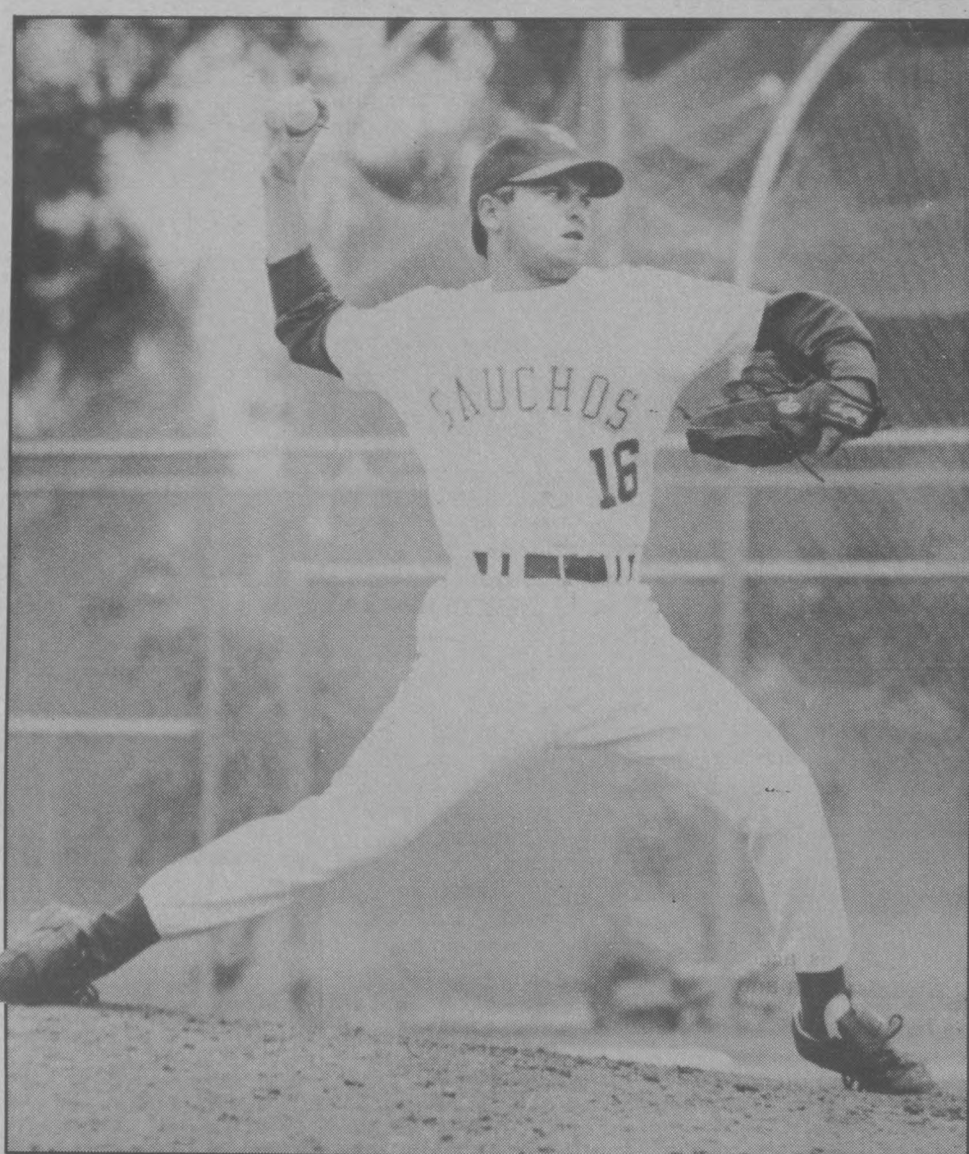
Decret (18-4), whose national ranking jumped from 49th to 22nd after several big wins near the end of the season, is still nursing a very sore wrist and a bad back.

But due to an extended layoff since the Big West championships two weeks ago, Decret should be fine for the tournament, which is to be held May 23-27 at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort in Indian Wells, California.

Decret, a 21-year-old sophomore from Annecy, France, had been lingering at 49th for several weeks until the NCAA computer acknowledged his victories over #18 Trevor Krone-mann (U.C. Irvine) and #27 Marcus Garzo (Fresno St.), justifying his huge jump in the ranking.

By finishing 22nd, Decret, in his first year of Division I tennis, finished just six spots shy of earning All-American status and being one of the 16 seeded players in the NCAA.

— Geoff Shackelford



NEXUS FILE PHOTO

HURLIN' THE HARD STUFF — Gaucho freshman pitcher Gary Adcock passed up offers from Arizona St. and UCLA, and UCSB fans aren't complaining.

YOUNG GUN

Frosh Hurler Gary Adcock Enters UCSB Strikingly, Makes His 'Pitch' Heard

By Melissa Lalum, Staff Writer

Every evening, right about when dusk turns dark, a young boy would wander out to the edge of his driveway with a worn glove in one hand, a catcher's mitt in the other. His eyes would dart up and down the street as he anxiously waited for his father/catcher to return home from work.

"He pitched in the backyard almost every night for his whole life," Coleen Adcock said of her youngest son, Gauchos freshman hurler Gary Adcock. "It would always be dark by the time Bob (his father) got home. So they hung some lights in the backyard and Gary would wait on the driveway with his glove and his dad's glove. I don't think there was ever a time when Bob said, 'I'm too tired.'"

Adcock got his start in baseball much like any other child; at four years old he began playing T-ball, at about five he started to throw. During his first year of Little League, he picked up on pitching.

To encourage their son's new interest, the Adcocks converted their backyard in Riverside, California into a makeshift pitcher's mound and home plate. And each night, the father/son battery would practice.

"It was really kind of funny how it progressed over the years," his dad said. "First of all, I just used the glove; then he got to throwing and I got a mask. Then he was throwing even harder and I got a chest protector, and eventually I got some shin deals.... At night, when he'd throw that thing 80-some miles per hour, it's hard to see."

"Bob retired from catching when Gary started throwing things like curves and split fingers," his mom added. While in Little League, Adcock experienced arm trou-

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Football Update

Gridders Getting Head Start With Spring Play

By Kevin O'Connor
Staff Writer

Gauchos football is on the rise.

The UCSB football team wound up last season with seven straight wins, and the Gauchos are working hard right now in hopes of continuing that winning streak in the upcoming 1990 season.

Santa Barbara would like to turn that winning streak into a school record by defeating their first two opponents next season. UCSB can tie the record in its first game, at home against Sonoma State on September 8th, and then go for the record in Thousand Oaks against Cal Lutheran.

"There's a lot more enthusiasm out there this spring," said UCSB wide receiver/place kicker Brian Fleming, one of eight Gauchos All-Americans last season. "Guys are giving each other high fives after drills. You get through a tough drill and everyone picks each other up so we can get through it. There is a real team feeling out there."

During the spring, the team is lifting weights three days a week and going through circuit training twice a week. The team then throws the ball around a little after circuit days.

Come fall, the Gauchos will have the services of several positive additions to the team, as they are coming off a "great" recruiting year. Some of the new recruits include: Jason Blatt (tight end/linebacker), Kyle Krout (defensive tackle), Todd Slosek (wide receiver), and running backs Paul Shaheen, Matt Carluahlo and Peter Burke.

UCSB's increasing national recognition, along with its establishment of a good football reputation is now attracting a better number of high-caliber athletes.

"We're recruiting student athletes that are a positive addition to the campus," Head Coach Rick Candaele said. "(All the members of the team) aren't getting scholarships, which means they're out there because they love to play football and they want to represent this school and be a part of it."

The team's strongest area next year should once again be the passing game. All-Americans Brian Fleming and Johnny Ace (the name says it all) will be looking to pick up yardage for the team. Other star receivers include Scott Brewster, Rob Dade and Amahl Thomas.

"We have a group of receivers that are as good as anybody," Candaele said.

On the defensive side, the team is hoping to see some of its athletes take the respective places of the many star-

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Lady Hoopsters Add New Talent to Program

By Jonathan Okanes
Staff Writer

With its third consecutive strong recruiting year, the UCSB women's basketball team took yet another substantial step in its path to the top of the Big West Conference by signing four new athletes to come play at Santa Barbara for the 1990-91 season.

"We had two needs this year and I think we fulfilled them both," UCSB Head Coach Mark French said. "We wanted to get another big girl to play down low, and we wanted to sign a player from a strong Southern California high school program. Most of our girls up until now have come from

Northern California."

Leading this year's crop of athletes is 6'2" power forward Christa Gannon, an All-State selection from Sacramento. Gannon, who chose to come to Santa Barbara over the University of Utah, is expected to see a good deal of playing time off the bench next season.

"(Christa) runs the court very well and is a real tough kid," French said. "She'll be an excellent backup to Becky (Brown, next year's projected starting power forward.)"

The Gauchos may also have a big steal in 5'4" point guard Lisa Crosskey, who will come to UCSB as a transfer from Fullerton JC. Crosskey was recruited very heavily out of high school but was forced to take the junior col-

lege route because of academic problems.

"She kind of got lost in the shuffle after she went to Fullerton," French said of Crosskey, who was twice a Junior College All-State selection. "She has great speed and quickness, and I think will help us a lot. I think she'll see a significant amount of playing time right away."

Also coming to UCSB is Karin Banks, who hails from southern California powerhouse Muir High School. At 5'10", Banks figures to play both the off-guard and small forward positions for the Gauchos.

"We were very happy to get Karin,"

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NEXUS FILE PHOTO

HEY BUD, LET'S PARTY! — This wave would have looked mammoth to the UCSB surf team last weekend. The Pacific Ocean didn't provide much for the Gauchos to work with as they competed in the NSSA State Championships in Huntington Beach.

Surfers Battle Tough Conditions at State Championships

The NSSA State Championships held last weekend brought a third-place finish to UCSB's Men's A team in surf they would rather not have even paddled out in.

Held at Golden West Street in Huntington Beach, the contest thwarted everyone's hopes of a fun time by producing a hopelessly pathetic zero- to one-foot surf condition. However, the lack of surf didn't bother Point Loma College, who won the contest by a huge margin.

Placing for UCSB in the women's competition was Karen Guenther, who took 2nd place, and Marsten Tullius, who finished 4th. UCSB's Clark LaCombe took an impressive 3rd place in the bodyboarding competition.

The State Championship was a two-day competition featuring nine schools. In addition to UCSB, teams representing UC San Diego, San Diego State, CSULB, USC, University of San Diego, Pepperdine, Point Loma, and Golden West were present to battle the nonexistent waves.

In the overall standings for the Team Season, UCSB's A-Team finished in 3rd place, and the B-Team finished the highest of any school's B-Teams by taking 7th.

The A-Team, consisting of Brian Lindsey, Nick Cope-

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ADCOCK: His Home Cooking Now Paying Off

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ble, so his parents enrolled him in the Ron Lefebvre School of Pitching in Anaheim, and there he stayed for six years, learning his arsenal of pitches.

"That's basically where I learned to pitch, and I haven't had arm trouble since — they taught me my curve, my split and my fastball that runs," Adcock said. "My parents figured if I was going to pitch, I had better learn to do it right."

Later, at Riverside Poly High School, Adcock gave up basketball and football to concentrate on baseball, leading his team to the Citrus Belt League Championship in his senior year. In his junior season, he was named a member of the All-CIF team. When he graduated, he left in his wake the record for the most career wins with 27, while striking out 238 batters. And when he wasn't pitching, he played left field and was the squad's designated hitter.

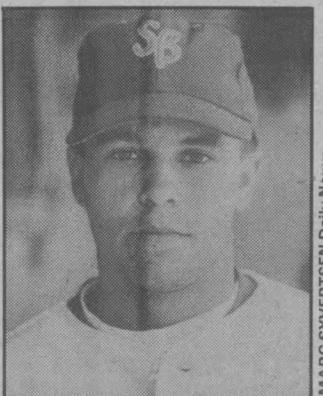
This set up his membership with a USA National team which traveled to Korea. Then, while on the California team, which he had to try out for, he traveled to Omaha to play the Oklahoma and Florida state teams. Adcock pitched against Florida in the finals, striking out 13 to win.

Adcock was recruited heavily that year by West Coast schools: Arizona State, Pepperdine, UCLA, Fresno State, UC Riverside and UCSB.

"In the past — not to knock the program — I heard that pitching had been a problem at UCSB and I wanted to go to a place where I thought I could play," Adcock said about choosing Santa Barbara. "I liked the way Coach (UCSB Head Coach Al Ferrer) was open. I went to another

school for a weekend and the head coach never even said hello to me. When I came here Coach took me everywhere and it felt more important."

After a frustrating fall (practice) season at Santa Barbara, Adcock was discouraged that he wouldn't



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"I went to another school for a weekend and the head coach never even said hello to me. When I came here, Coach took me everywhere and it felt important."

Gary Adcock
freshman pitcher

start much once the regular season began.

Since then, Adcock has become the first freshman in UCSB's history to have seven wins (7-5) in a season. That includes six complete games and one shutout — and he still has a few more starts left in this season. Most wouldn't expect such accomplishments from Adcock, who stands just 5'8 1/2" and is listed at 160 lbs.

"Gary was tired after pitching during the summer, so I wasn't concerned about his performance," Ferrer said about Adcock's disappointing fall effort.

When he debuted February 5 against University of Nevada, Reno and tossed his first complete game of the season, giving up just three runs while striking out five, it was a sign of success dawning in the future.

Adcock admits to being nervous before that first game and again when he pitched against UNLV on *Prime Ticket*. But it was the freshman closing the book for the Gauchos, fanning 13

non). I go with what Vern says since he's been here so many times. I let him call the game and I like the game both he and Frank (Appice) call. The first and second time Vern called I threw well, so you just get used to a certain catcher."

Despite his accomplishments, the team and opponents still heckle Adcock about his small stature.

"I get the short cracks — when I was at USC they got on me. I think (USC Head Coach Mike) Gillespie gave them the green light to go ahead and rag me," Adcock confided. "They said things like, 'Is that your number (16) or your age?', and 'Does your mom know you are out this late?'"

"I'm the butt of the short jokes at practice. I am taller than Jerrold (Rountree), and Jerrold will not admit that."

"He may be taller than me," the 5'8" Rountree laughed. "But he's fatter than I am — he's a fat little dog."

Adcock, however, does

responsible for the Vegas sisters (All-Americans Pauline and Geanine Jordan) and always seem to have a steady flow of great players."

French also signed 5'10" off-guard Lisa Humphries out of Palos Verdes. Humphries was an All-CIF selection a year ago.

UCSB finished the 1989-90 season with an overall record of 13-15, a marked improvement from its 9-19 campaign the year before. The Gauchos also improved their league mark to 8-10, which was good for 6th place in the Big West, before falling to Long Beach St. in the opening round of the Big West tournament.

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said French, who in his two previous recruiting years at UCSB had failed to sign a quality player from the southern part of the state. "She comes from a great program at Muir. They were

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ters who graduated.

"We lost a few key players," Inside Linebacker Mark Hennigan said. "But I think we have a good group of returning players to fill in the spots and also some new players to fill in spots."

Whether on offense or defense, however, the Gauchos plan on a fun-filled season.

"My #1 goal is to generate excitement from the student body," Candaele said. "We want to get them to want to go out to Harder Stadium. I just want to get them out there because I know if we can do that, they'll come back because we play such exciting football."

Candaele also expressed his gratitude to the student body for reaffirming the football referendum in the student elections.

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land, Lance Harriman, Greg Brunson, Erik Krammer, and Tim Gibbs, will be competing in the national competition to be held at the end of June along with the other colleges finishing in the top five places.

The individual NSSA standings have not been officially announced, but graduating senior Greg Brunson and Isla Vista's favorite Bearded Youth, Brian Lindsey, both finished among the top 10. Freshman hero, Erik Krammer, finished in the top 20, and is now officially the future Great Hope of UCSB's Surf Team.

— Paul Covington

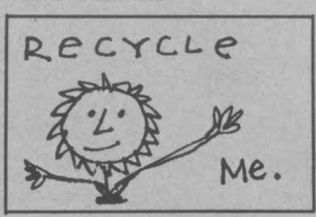


C O N S E R V E W A T E R

Rebel batters in an 8-4 win. A factor which allowed Adcock to adjust to college play was pitching with catcher Antonio Vernon.

"There were spots when you shake off a catcher in high school," Adcock said. "In the beginning, and even now, I don't (shake off Ver-

view his height as a mental advantage which contains "element of surprise", he said. It also enhances his game in that most batters do not expect much from him when stepping up to the plate. But once he delivers his mean breaking ball ... guess again.



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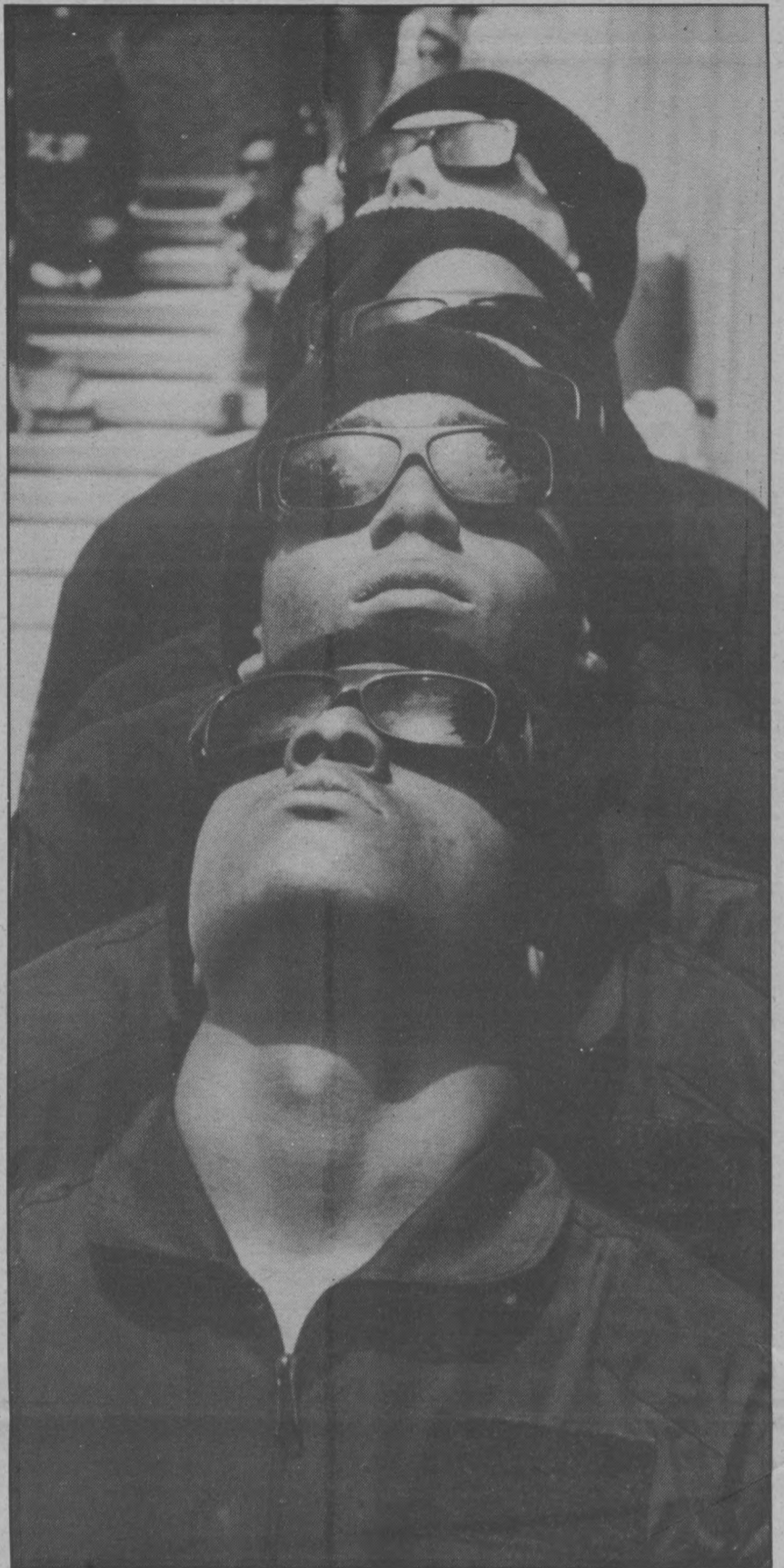
"I'm proud to be Black, y'all, and that's a fact y'all."

— Run D.M.C.

Diversity in our university is never as apparent as when the fraternities and sororities of color strut their collective stuff. Moves were busted in the soothing Storke Plaza sun Wednesday as onlookers stood on tiptoes, sat on tops of walls and squeezed together on the steps in front of the UCen to enjoy the music and dance of the greeks who *know* what to do with their feet.

Laughter and applause filled the afternoon celebration of Black Culture Week which brought in, and sustained, a crowd who enthusiastically enjoyed fraternities stepping-out, sororities dancing and chanting, and the Skyline Dancers adding a little heat to the beat.

— Tony Pierce



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TEPPING OUT

By Genevieve Field

