

### Cityhood Calling!

Isla Vista Too! will hold a door-to-door petition drive to include I.V. in Goleta's cityhood proposal Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. at 6612 Sueno Road.



### Protect Tibet

The UC Regents must vote to end support of intrusive Chinese oil interests in Tibet.



### Gauchos Ready to Rock

The UCSB men's volleyball team will face Stanford and Pacific this weekend in two critical matches.

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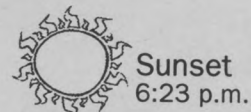
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## Crowd of 800 Gets 'Last Chance to See' Best-Selling Author

Lecture by Novelist Douglas Adams Covers Environmental Issues

BY BRENDAN BUHLER  
Nexus Correspondent

Douglas Adams has made a successful living as an author. His nine books have sold over 15 million copies. What he is most concerned about, however, is the environment.

"Though it's about a serious subject, there's all sorts of ways of dealing with it," he said. "I've always felt the worst way to alert people to these kinds of issues is to bang them around the head with it. If you bang people around their heads, they're liable to put their heads somewhere else. It's much better to entertain the hell out of them, if you can, and leave them to figure it out themselves."

Thursday night, he came to entertain 800 people in a packed Campbell Hall with his talk, "Parrots, the Universe and Everything." The talk was based on Adams's favorite, and least

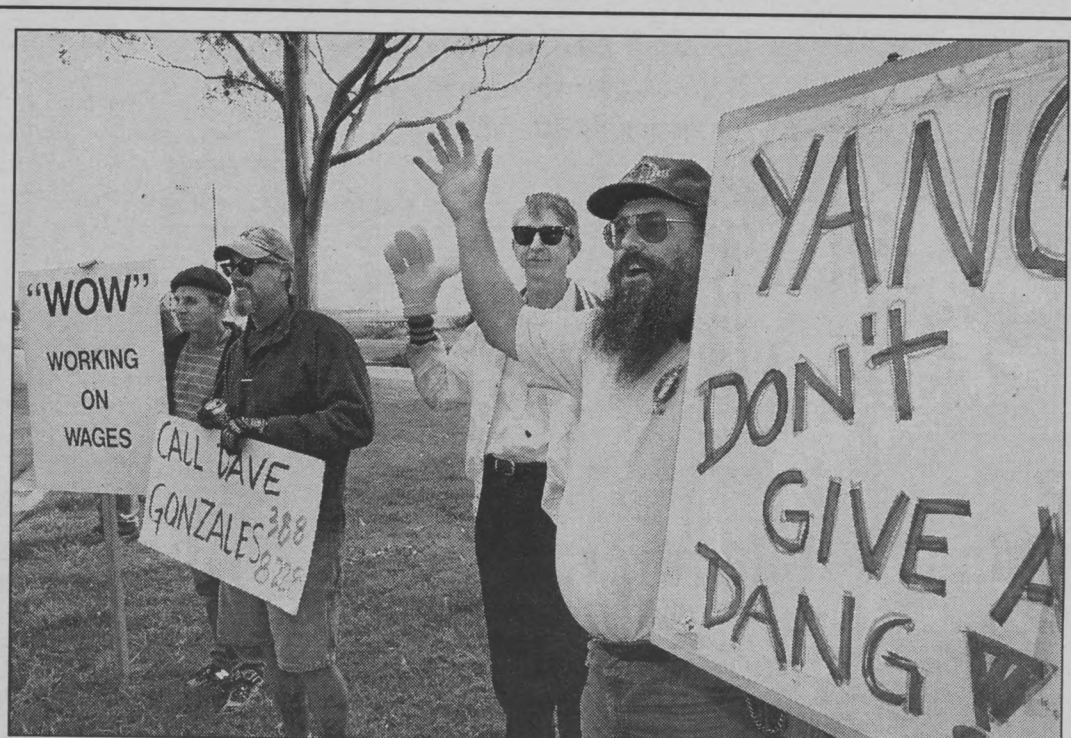
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successful, book: *Last Chance to See*.

"All my other books are lined up in the science fiction section — which I kind of wish they weren't. I think they could be in general fiction, but I don't think there's a science fiction writer who doesn't think that," Adams said. "*Last Chance to See* is completely orphaned from my other

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### Vive La Resistance!

University electrician and Union Steward Kurt Jahnke waves to honking supporters while holding a sign that reads "Yang Don't Give a Dang!" on Thursday. He and about 20 others from Facilities Management assembled at the east entrance to campus to protest the University's handling of contract negotiations.

## Well-Known Activist To Give Opening Middle East Studies Center Lecture

BY DIANA RAY  
Reporter

Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, a Palestinian political leader and human rights activist, will give the inaugural lecture for UCSB's Center for Middle East Studies (CMES) on Sunday at 2 p.m. in Campbell Hall.

"Hanan Ashrawi is probably one of the most well-known political leaders for the peace process in the Middle East," CMES Assistant Director Gary Menicucci said. "She's a feminist, human rights activist, and an academic. We thought that someone who was a human rights activist who dealt with broader questions of democratization of the Arab world was one of the best choices to inaugurate our center."

Ashrawi's many accomplishments and wide influence make her more than a good choice to deliver the inaugural lecture said Dwight Reynolds, CMES director and chair of Islamic and Near Eastern Studies. "Many people speak of Ashrawi as a potential president of Palestine," he said.

Not all UCSB members agree with many of Ashrawi's beliefs.

"Frankly, I'm disappointed that the center has chosen her for their opening ceremony; she

often lies and distorts specifics in her speaking," GauchoPAC Chair Jarad Bernstein said. "She wrongly accuses Israel of being responsible for the violence in the Middle East right now."

Although he disagrees with Ashrawi's specific message, Bernstein said Americans — not just Jews, Muslims, and other



Hanan Ashrawi

involved groups — should be concerned about the Middle East.

UCSB Rabbi Stephen Cohen also said he sees problems with Ashrawi's speech.

"Of course she is an articulate and prominent personality in the

Israeli-Palestinian conflict ... however, this is the center's inaugural lecture," he said. "The implicit message in choosing this topic, and this speaker, is that the center has a position regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and is using this occasion to announce its position. I hope this is not the case, but I know that this is how it feels to many members of our Jewish community."

The CMES opened on August 15, 2000 and is the 12th Middle East studies research center in the U.S. The CMES tries to promote the study of the cultures, religions and histories of the people of the region, Menicucci said.

"The CMES supports curriculum development, research and outreach about the Middle East on the UCSB campus and in the larger community," Reynolds said.

This quarter, the CMES has engaged in outreach to K-12 schools in the area, sponsored cultural programs and Middle Eastern music concerts, and brought Leah Rabin, widow of the late Prime Minister of Israel, to lecture. The UCSB Middle East music ensemble, with its 65 members, is larger than any

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## IVRPD Discusses Shelter for I.V. Homeless, Crime Rate Over Break

BY ALISON DOUGHERTY  
Reporter

Isla Vista Recreation and Park District members questioned the feasibility of running a homeless center without the county's support at Thursday night's meeting.

The primary items of discussion at the IVRPD meeting consisted of the creation of a homeless service center/campground and the lack of crime in I.V. during UCSB's Spring Break vacation. The IVRPD decided to relegate future discussion of a homeless service center in I.V. until after the Homeless Task Force Committee, an IVRPD subcommittee, meets later this month.

I.V. Development Peer Chris Omer said the need for a service center and public restrooms for the homeless are becoming an increasingly pressing need for the homeless community.

"I've been talking with many of the homeless by looking for them in the parks to figure out what could be done to alleviate some of the problems," he said. "Of course, we talk about basic human rights like dignity and respect from others, but then they

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# Top of the News

## Davis Concedes Need for Rate Increases



**SACRAMENTO (AP)** — Gov. Gray Davis endorsed rate increases for customers of two strapped utilities for the first time Thursday, while urging conservation and defending his handling of the state's energy crisis.

Davis, addressing Californians in a televised speech, also lashed out at federal regulators for refusing to cap soaring wholesale electricity prices that have pushed the state's two largest utilities toward bankruptcy.

"In January, with the feds still refusing to do their job, California stepped in to purchase the power the utilities could

no longer afford to buy," Davis said. "We didn't take over to save the utilities. We took over to keep the power on and the economy strong."

California has been hit by severe electricity shortages and rolling blackouts the past few months. The problem is blamed on a variety of factors, including deregulation of California's electric indus-

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told viewers he now thinks rate increases are necessary.

His new stance comes after the state Public Utilities Commission approved rate increases of up to 46 percent for customers of Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas & Electric Co last week.

Davis said he will propose a tiered rate plan that

"The more you use, the more you pay," he said. "Conservation is our best short-term weapon against blackouts and price gouging."

Davis said the state's power crunch and high wholesale costs are the result of a "flawed deregulation scheme" signed into law in 1996 by then-Republican Gov. Pete Wilson.

Davis urged Californians to help cut power use 10 percent to fend off rolling blackouts this summer, when residents will turn on their air conditioners and demand will rise sharply.

**— Gray Davis  
California governor**

try, which does not allow utilities to pass on sharply increased costs to customers.

Davis, who repeatedly has said the state can resolve the power problems without rate hikes,

will mean a 26.5 percent rate increase for the average Edison or PG&E customer. Under the governor's plan, the heaviest power users would see an average 34.5 percent rate increase.

On Thursday afternoon, the legislature sent Davis proposals that would spend \$1.1 billion on conservation programs for consumers and businesses. Davis said he plans to sign the measures.

## China To Hold Aircraft's Crew for Investigation



**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The United States and China intensified negotiations Thursday for the release of an American spy plane's crew, and U.S. officials said they were encouraged by the talks.

President George W. Bush, in a conciliatory gesture, expressed regret over the in-flight collision that triggered the tense standoff.

"The Chinese have got to act," Bush said, "I hope they do so quickly."

China called the 24-person crew lawbreakers and said the servicemen and women would remain in China for questioning.

Both countries held firm to their opposing positions in public — China demanding an apology, Bush refusing to offer one — but sent encouraging signals in a diplomatic flurry. The administration's tone brightened as weary Bush advisers embraced the first notes of progress.

Several high-ranking government officials said the situation improved practically overnight, though they still had no assurances the crew of 21 men and three women would be released.

While most Americans slept, Bush's team worked on

China time Thursday morning to open new channels of communication with Beijing. The talks continued as dawn made its way around the globe: Chinese Ambassador Yang Jiechi met with Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage in Washington; U.S. Ambassador Joseph Prueher met twice with Assistant Foreign Minister Zhou Wenzhong in China.

Frustrated for days by the lack of talks, American diplomats were suddenly negotiating with Chinese counterparts over U.S. demands for release of the crew members, who were being detained on the island of Hainan.

In Hainan's capital, Haikou, Army Brig. Gen. Neal Sealock, the U.S. Embassy defense attache, confirmed that high-level talks aimed at gaining the crew's release were under way.

"We are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to see the crew again," he said Friday morning local time. "We are pressing for access to the entire crew. We are also obviously looking for the immediate release of the entire crew and the aircraft."

The U.S. Navy EP-3E surveillance plane collided with a Chinese jet, forcing the American crew into an emergency landing on Hainan island in the South China Sea. The crew are being questioned and detained. The plane and its sensitive equipment are in China's hands.

## AP Wire Shorts

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A Delta Air Lines flight from Atlanta to Japan was forced to return to the United States after Russian air traffic controllers said it did not have permission to fly through their airspace.

Flight 55, carrying 203 passengers and 15 crew members, was about 20 minutes into Russian airspace when the controllers notified pilots the flight lacked proper clearance, said an airlines spokesperson.

Some 9 1/2 hours into the flight, the plane had to turn around and fly 5 1/2 more hours to recross the Pacific and land in San Francisco early Thursday morning.

Robert Usov, a spokesperson for the civil aviation sector of the Russian Air Traffic Control Center in Moscow, said Delta had failed to send a request in time for permission to fly through Russian airspace but was given special clearance by Moscow.

"The flight wasn't in our plan. However, we decided to let the plane [fly] through our airspace and gave corresponding orders to the Khabarovsk regional air traffic control center. I don't know what the problem was but, I repeat, we let the Delta flight in," Usov said. "Maybe there was some misunderstanding."

**SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)** — MTV apologized Thursday to two 14-year-old girls who said they were

splattered with feces when an act defecated on stage during a taping of the music channel's "Dude, This Sucks" show.

"This is a terrible incident. It was unintended and we regret that it happened," Brian Graden, the cable channel's president for programming, said in a statement.

He added that the episode would never be aired and that he had taken steps to see that such an event never happens again.

The teenagers said they were standing next to a stage on Jan. 21 at the Snow Summit Ski Resort in the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles, watching a two-man act called Shower Rangers during videotaping of a "Snowed In" segment of the MTV show.

"Without warning or explanation the two Shower Rangers turned their backsides to the audience, both opened a flap on the back of their shorts, exposing their naked buttocks," the girls' attorney Gloria Allred said.

"Before they could say or do anything, the Shower Ranger whose buttocks faced them bent over, spread the cheeks of his buttocks and emitted a spray of fecal matter," the lawyer said.

Monique Garcia and Kelli Sloat of Big Bear Lake are seeking unspecified general, compensatory and punitive damages, claiming intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligence and battery.

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In the words of the late beloved UCSB English professor Frank McConnell:

"We don't do shit the first day, we don't do shit the last day. I don't know why the fuck they even pay me."

If there is one thing I've learned from all my years at UCSB, it's that the first week of the quarter is absolutely worthless.

If there is another thing I've learned, it's that the first Friday of the quarter should involve intoxication, not concentration.

Friday's forecast: Go home.

*What we have to be concerned about is whether the world we live in will be capable of sustaining us after we're through with it.*

— Douglas Adams  
author

## ADAMS

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books, either off in the travel section or in the natural history section or whatever."

To write *Last Chance to See*, Adams traveled the world with zoologist Mark Carwardine, looking for endangered species. The two met when the World Wildlife Fund sent Adams to Madagascar to write about an endangered lemur, the aye-aye.

"Lemurs were the dominant life form on the planet and when the continents split up, Madagascar kind of sailed off then into what suddenly became the Indian Ocean and took with it a representative sample of the livestock of the area, which included a lot of lemurs," he said. "They sat there for millions and millions of years in glorious isolation, while in the rest of the world a new creature emerged that was much more intelligent than the lemurs, according to it, much more competitive, much more aggressive and incredibly interested in all the things you could do with twigs.

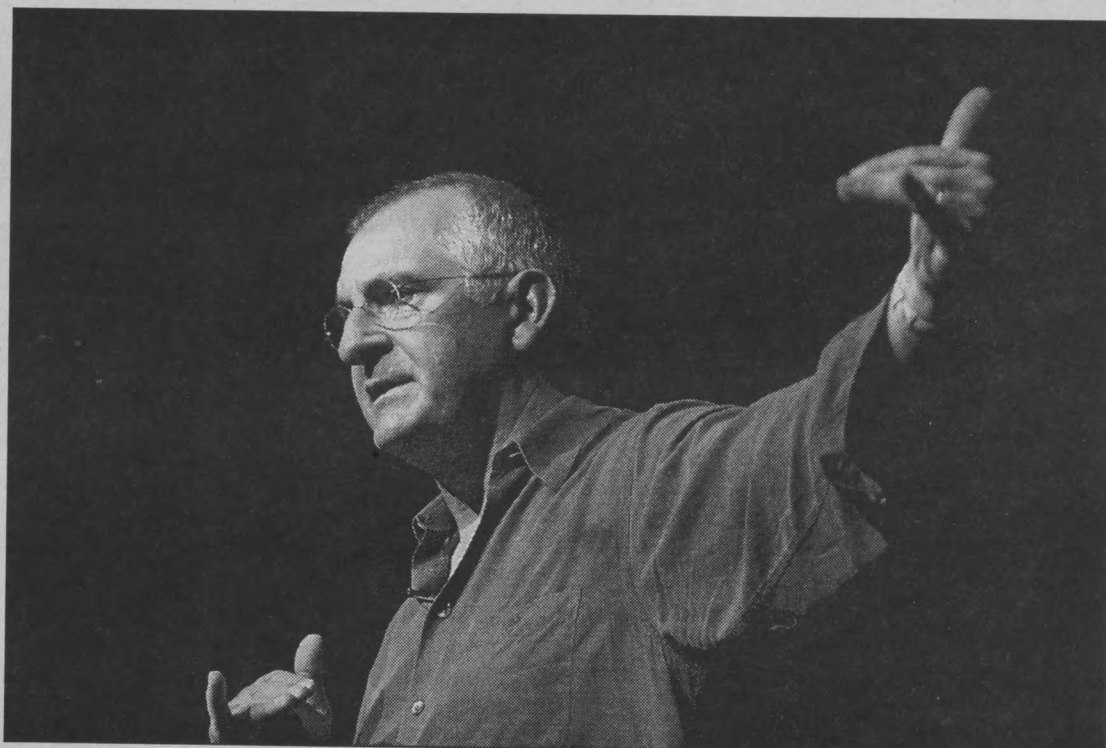
"Twigs were absolutely won-

derful. There's so much you can do with twigs. You can dig around in the ground, you can burrow into the barks of trees for grubs, and you can hit each other with twigs. If there would have been *Twig User* magazine around in those days, these creatures would have been lining up for it. As you may have guessed, these animals were called the monkeys.

"Because they were more competitive than lemurs, they successfully supplanted lemurs everywhere in the world except Madagascar. Madagascar was right out in the middle of the Indian Ocean and they couldn't get there until about 1,500 years ago when, due to startling advances in twig technology, they were able to get there in boats and planes. Suddenly, the lemurs, who had had this place to themselves for millions and millions of years were suddenly facing their old enemy, the monkey."

Adams came face to face with a lemur — for about 10 seconds.

"This creature came out along the branch, looked down at me and I looked at it, and as it looked at me, it obviously didn't



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Famous science fiction writer and Montecito resident Douglas Adams speaks to a full house Thursday evening in Campbell Hall. Adams' talk focused on protection of endangered species and defense of biodiversity.

at all like the look of what it saw and it went away," he said. "What this encounter had been was I was a monkey looking at a lemur. Our roots in this planet go back an awfully, awfully long way and we don't tend to think about that very much."

The interactions between man and beast have often ended up with the beast getting the short end of the twig, Adams said. Humans think the world was created for them and prance around like they own the place, he said, which is often not in the

best interests of anything.

"We think we can screw about with the world any way we like. But maybe we can't," he said. "We don't have to save the world. The world is fine. The world is big enough to look after itself. What we have to be concerned about is whether the world we live in will be capable of sustaining us after we're through with it."

The world is in the middle of the greatest period of extinction since a six-mile wide asteroid

killed the dinosaurs, Adams said, but humanity is not doing much about it, and what humans are doing isn't being done fast enough. Even if it's a billion years until the Earth becomes uninhabitable for humans, he said, that is not much time.

"Any writer will tell you a billion years is nothing," he said. "We'll get down to 999,999,999 years and we'll say, 'Oh, well we better get on that.' That's how writers and most people tend to work."

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# Opinion

## Resolution To Protect Tibet

UC Regents Must Vote to Sever Ties With PetroChina Oil

DANIEL GROSS

With just a few weeks remaining until BP Amoco's April 19 Annual General Meeting, many University of California students will take to their respective campuses to petition the UC Regents to vote yes on a shareholder resolution that would help protect Tibet from environmental and human rights abuses. The petitioners, many of whom are members of the international organization Students for a Free Tibet, will ask the Regents to demonstrate support for an oppressed people over short-term financial gain. The UC's decision, as a major shareholder and a respected public institution, could have a significant effect on the outcome of the vote. UC owns close to six million shares of BP stock worth approximately \$300 million. BP Amoco is the world's third-largest oil company after Exxon Mobil and the Royal Dutch/Shell Group.

The initiative, labeled Resolution 17, would require BP to divest itself from PetroChina — a Chinese state-owned oil company — because of serious concerns over the firm's environmental and human rights record. Major investors in the West, including TIAA-CREF and CalPERS, shunned PetroChina's recent initial public offering because of questionable conduct in Tibet, China and indirectly in Sudan. BP Amoco was the exception, purchasing a \$578 million stake, making it PetroChina's largest foreign shareholder.

At the center of the controversy is a gas and oil project, dubbed the Sebei-Lanhou pipeline, which would run through the Amdo region of Tibet. The Tibetan Government-in-Exile has publicly stated

its opposition to this development; it cites the negative impact on Tibet's ecosystem, the depletion of natural resources with no benefits to the Tibetan people and the erosion of Tibet's unique culture, amongst several other concerns. The pipeline is seen as an effort by the Chinese to strengthen their hold on Tibet. The Tibetans summarized their policy as such, "The Tibetan Government-in-Exile position with respect to development and investment in Tibet is clear: it supports projects which benefit the Tibetan people and opposes those which cause harm to them."

Tibetan-rights groups are not the only ones campaigning in favor of Resolution 17. Environmental, labor and fair-practice business coalitions, including Friends of the Earth, Trillium Asset Management, the AFL-CIO, the American Anti-Slavery Group and the United States Business and Industry Council, have also endorsed the measure. "The directors of BP cannot pretend to be ignorant of the genocide ... that their Chinese business partners and the Chinese government are engaged in both in Tibet and the Sudan," said Kevin Kearns, president of the U.S. Business and Industry Council. This scathing description is in sharp contrast to the squeaky-clean image BP has tried to attain through a multi-million dollar public relations effort. The BP Amoco Board of Directors is opposed to the resolution, as it anticipates their operations in China will be very profitable.

The position of the regents on this matter is not clear, but shareholders generally do vote in accordance with the board of directors. Regent Davies stated that as fiduciaries of a public trust, the regents are very conscious of the interests



SHADI MUKLASKY / DAILY NEXUS

of their constituents. Thus, a concerted effort expressing concern in this matter is immensely important, as it seems the regents are respectful of their charge to best represent the students, faculty and staff of the University as well as California taxpayers in general.

In accordance with their commitment to equality and the environment, the UC must vote in favor of protecting Tibet. To do otherwise would be a tragic disservice to the Tibetan people and will be seen as highly hypocritical by UC students, California residents and the educational community. This is a historic opportunity for UC students to benefit the Tibetans in their struggle for freedom.

The newly founded UCSB Students for a Free Tibet is coordinating the petition campaign in Santa Barbara. Please voice your belief that Tibet should not be exploited in our name before it is too late.

Hopefully, Treasurer of the Regents DeWitt Bowman will exercise diligence and wait until the voice of the people is heard before making a decision, but legally he can cast the vote anytime between now and April 19. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join in petitioning the regents to support this just cause. To participate, access the UCSB Students for a Free Tibet website at [www.geocities.com/ucsb\\_sft](http://www.geocities.com/ucsb_sft) or e-mail [ucsb\\_sft@yahoo.com](mailto:ucsb_sft@yahoo.com). Also, please express your support for human rights and the environment in Tibet by contacting the Treasurer of the Regents at: DeWitt Bowman  
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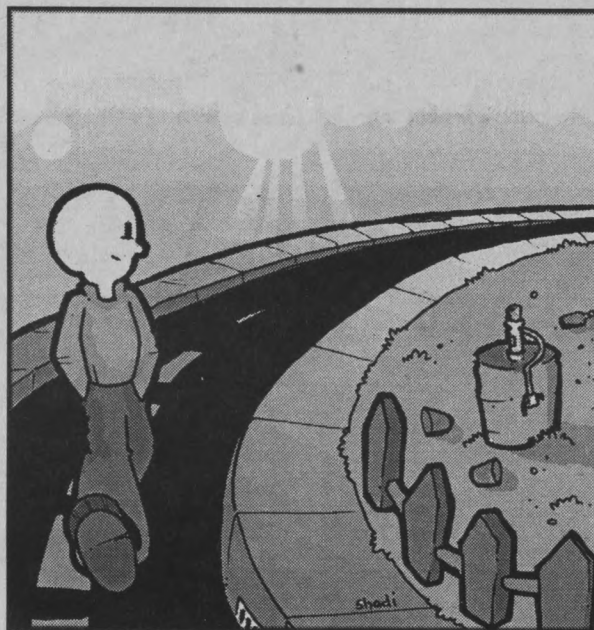
## Close Friends and Good Times Are the Life of the Party

MICHAEL SIX LEE

The first weekend of the quarter is almost upon us and I'm sure you too have been asked the popular question, "What are you doing this weekend?" I don't know about you, but I'm going to party. Most of us have been away from this place for a week or two now, and what better way to bring in the Spring Quarter and welcome back our friends, than by partying together. I've learned a few things over the years in Santa Barbara, so before you pack the four-footer and break out the limes for my very dear friend José, humor me for a few moments and read on.

I assume that by now most everyone has gotten over the first-quarter freshman syndrome of equating one's level of intoxication with one's level of fun. My experiences dabbling in the area of inebriation have led me to the conclusion that a more accurate correlation exists between one's level of intoxication and one's level of regret. I've thought about that proportional relationship numerous times (usually in a hunched-over position), as I nurtured my hatred for the number 151. I guess I'm no longer at the point where I think it's fun to get totally blitzed out of my mind. I mean, I couldn't have had *that* much fun if I can't even remember half the night.

Yeah, I know we all have bad weeks and, at times, self-induced numbness serves as a consolation for the crap we have to deal with all week at work, at school, at work, at home (can I mention at work again?). But despite all the crap I have to deal with (at work), I really don't want to get into the habit of drowning my sorrows in a bottle and risk becoming one of those people who spend all their



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time at a bar, but aren't bartenders. To me, partying means having a fun time in (and because of) each other's company. Drowning my sorrows is not partying.

To me, trying to hook up with anything wearing a thong isn't partying either. Damn, I just lost all my Greek readers. I'm sure you know plenty of people who come home sad if they haven't hooked up with anybody that night, as if their self-esteems are contingent upon how many mouths they can stick their tongues in. Well, I guess I'm just really fucked up in the head, because I've had great nights despite the fact that none of my orifices

came into contact with those of anyone else. I guess I just can't see why someone would rather settle for drunken, sloppy exchanges of bodily fluids than for spending time with people they really care about (with or without sharing orifices).

Now, I'm not saying that any of that stuff is wrong in and of itself. It's just that when a peripheral part of the experience, say alcohol or sex, becomes the entire reason and focus of the party experience, it just doesn't seem quite right. I don't know, I guess I want to believe that there is more to partying than fucking and getting fucked up, though I'm sure many people would like to argue that isn't true. But something inside this little heart of mine tells me that there is something more — something close, something real ... something deep.

In any case, I *will* be partying this weekend. I'll trot down the familiar streets of lonely dreams, lose myself in the crowd of countless bodies and nameless faces and brave the elements to socialize in awkward situations. But all the drinks, all the potential one-night stands, all the lights and music are not the reason that I'll be out there. The only reason I'll be out there is to have the time of my life with people like you. And as I make my way beneath the diamond sky and the flickering street lamps, while ocean waves choreograph their sounds with the sight of the waning moon that silhouettes the tiny figures dancing in the night, I'll catch myself wondering if maybe, just maybe, the reason you're out there is to be with me, too.

Michael Six Lee is a senior English major.

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tell me that what they really need is a safe place to sleep."

IVRPD Vice Chair Ariana Katovich said the Homeless Task Force, which will hold their second meeting sometime this month, was created with the issue of a homeless center in mind.

"We've brought this up before, and while we have a concept in our heads of what we want, we have to consult with staff about the logistics of making something like this happen," she said. "It's going to be a really big project."

The proposed service center in I.V. could include lockers, phones, laundry, counseling and other services to the homeless. Board member Diane Conn said a project of this size should only be implemented by the county.

"This is really a huge undertaking, and it would require re-zoning of the land, among other things," Conn said. "Projects like this elsewhere have always been done by the county."

The I.V. Foot Patrol gave a brief crime statistics presentation for the month of March. The new IVFP lieutenant, Russell Bircham, said crime was almost nonexistent in I.V.

from March 26 to April 1.

"What is remarkable about crime in I.V. over Spring Break was the lack of it," Bircham said. "There were three residential burglaries and one automobile burglary, which are incredibly low numbers. Usually during Spring Break, when the students leave, the thieves come out and play."

Bircham said sobriety checkpoints will be set up in I.V. within the next couple of months to control the amount of people driving under the influence.

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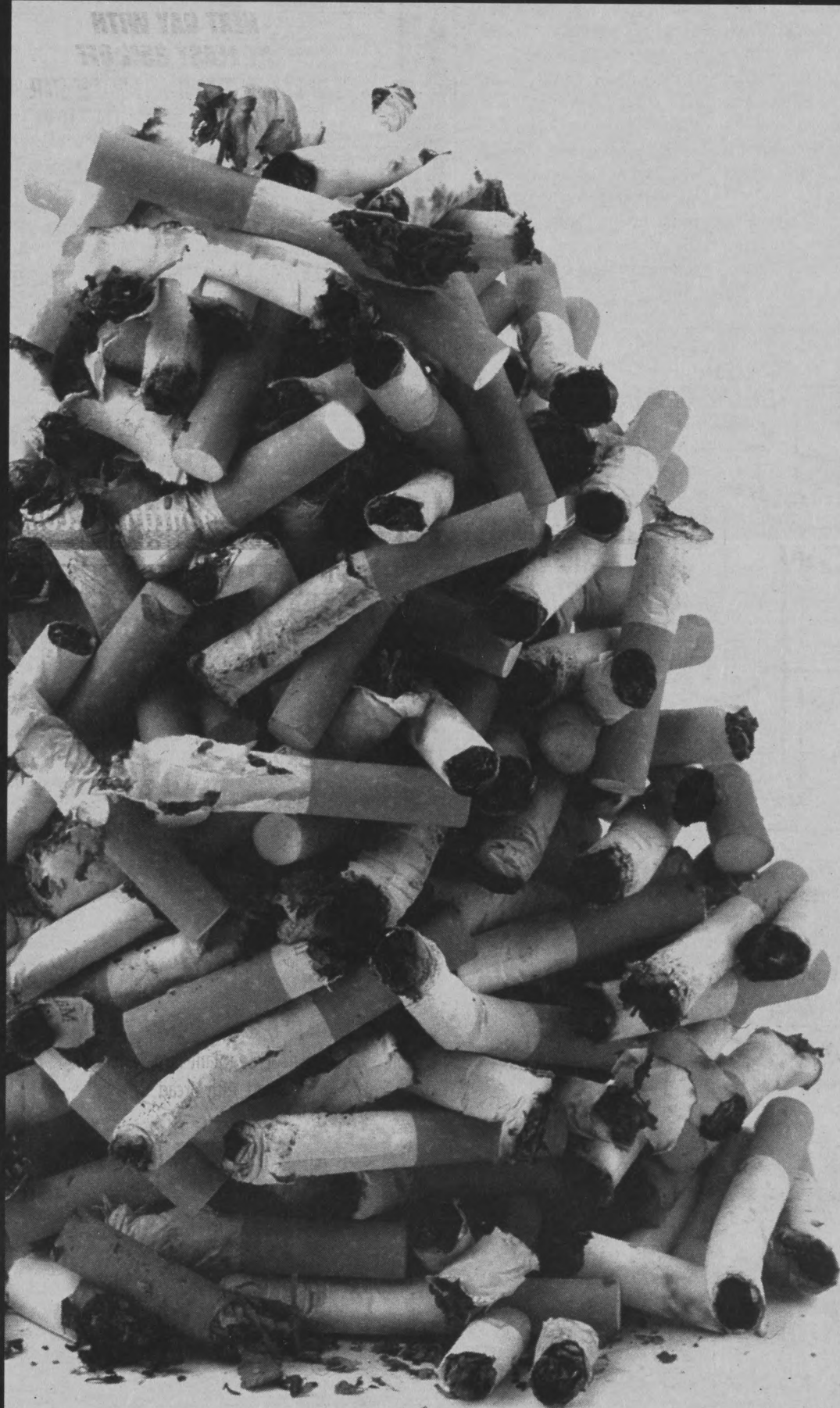
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other in the U.S., Menicucci said. The CMES also administers scholarships to UCSB students and supports Middle East classes taught by CMES-affiliated professors.

The CMES is placing much emphasis on the Middle East conflict, Reynolds said.

"Although we strive to educate people about all aspects of the region, the Arab/Israeli crisis is the single best-known event right now," he said.

Unlike other national Middle East research centers, such as those at UCLA and UC Berkeley, the UCSB CMES places an academic emphasis on comparative studies of the Middle East and South Asia.

"The task of promoting research and disseminating information about a region as fraught with disagreements as the Middle East is always a controversial one. ... But as an academic institution, the CMES, and the University of California as a whole, are dedicated to promoting a space for free and uncen-

sored presentations of a broad spectrum of views," Reynolds said.

Ashwari was chosen to inaugurate the CMES because she has been an outspoken advocate of human rights, and directed criticism both at Palestinian leadership and Israeli military occupation for their abuses of basic human rights, Reynolds said.

"To be willing to stand in the middle [as Ashwari does] is the most dangerous, radical position to take," Reynolds said. "She dares to be a moderate [and] has constantly and

consistently advocated dialogue even in times when most people argued that dialogue was not possible."

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students to see someone who is such an influential newsmaker like her," Menicucci said. "I can't think of anyone that Arts and Lectures has brought this year who has been a more distinguished speaker than Hanan Ashwari."

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# IVRPD

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a public announcement about the checkpoints, which we plan to direct toward outgoing traffic, but we hope to implement the checkpoints soon," he said. "We're also working to have a checkpoint set up on campus."

Bircham said he also wanted to warn students about parking in construction zones in I.V.

"We had a lot of people come back from Spring Break thinking their car had been stolen, but it had actually been towed because they parked in a construction zone," he said. "This has also been happening a lot since the students have come back. I just want everyone to know that if they park in a construction zone where the workers can't get to their jobs, their cars will be towed."

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By Linda C. Black

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - Yesterday's frustrations lead to new breakthroughs, as you face your difficulties head-on. Nobody said it was always going to be easy. Be sure not to take a setback out on your partner, OK?

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Everything falls neatly into place like the little parts of a Chinese puzzle, and - voila! - the prize is yours. They'll wonder how you did it, but you don't need to tell them. See if they can figure it out for themselves.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - You may be bogged down in details most of the day. Take your time and get them right. You know the rules, so follow them. Avoiding reality will just be a waste of time. Thank heaven it's Friday!

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - Produce the facts to back up your claim. If you've done the homework, you can beat heavy odds. Then, turn down an invitation to mingle with the rich and famous. You'll enjoy the evening more with a good book.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - First, take care of the person who's paying your bills. There may be a shake-up in your social life later on. Somebody you thought would be there can't make it, and a new person is warmly received. Relax, there's a happy ending.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - It's not easy to keep track of what's going on, but it is possible, and your chances are better than most people's. This is not due to luck; it's your willingness to work and your natural gift for penny-pinching that bring success.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is a 7 - Some of your fears may become reality, but don't let that stop you. Instead, be better prepared. That's supposed to be the upside of worries anyway, remember?

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - Watch what you say and do, because there could be a lot riding on these negotiations. Figure out who's got the money and what they need to have done. The treasure can be yours, but you'll have to work for it.

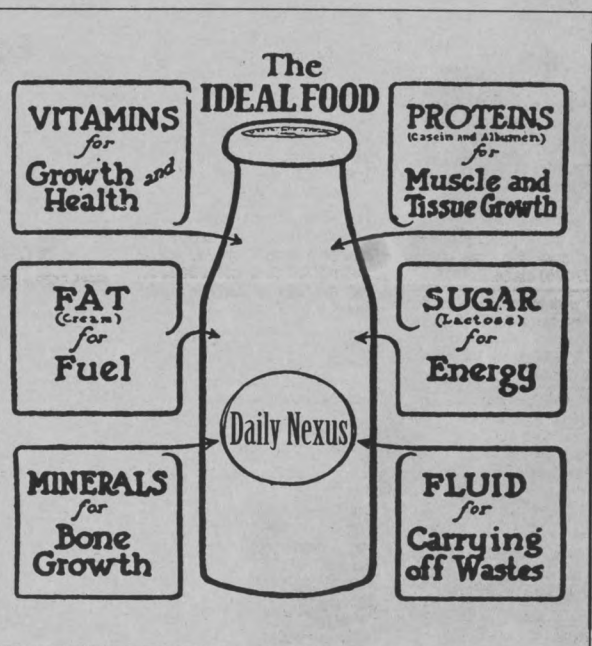
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - It's important for you to carefully follow the rules, protocol and dress code. Then, put yourself in a favorable position. Be ready for good things to happen, and be in the right place at the right time.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - Go over your lesson one last time before turning it in. You can make it even more perfect. Meanwhile, stay out of a battle between a younger person and an older one. You'll be more helpful if you're objective.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - There's light at the end of the tunnel, and it's not a train; it's your escape hatch. But before you head out to the wide-open spaces, make sure you've left a path the others can follow. Bread crumbs might work, depending on the fauna.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 4 - It's possible that you could do quite well, almost by accident. For starters, hold on to what you've got. This isn't luck; it's more like bulldog determination. Keep looking like you didn't get enough, and see what happens.

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# Sports

## Gauchos Face Crucial Weekend

BY BRITTANY LANGAN  
Staff Writer

The Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Tournament is right around the corner, and the #9 UCSB men's volleyball team hasn't gotten on the bandwagon.

The Gauchos (11-9, 4-9) have experienced a wave of ups and downs this season, leaving the team a few wins shy of a playoff seed. With only four games remaining in Santa Barbara's regular season, this weekend's two MPSF matches against #4 Stanford (11-7, 7-6) Friday and #12 Pacific (8-11) Saturday are critical.

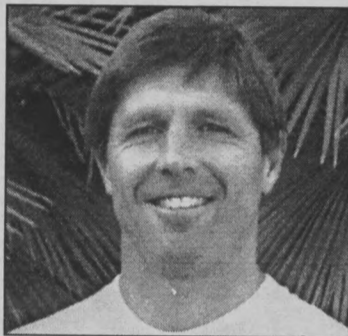
"We can't expect to hit from all cylinders if we're not playing with heart and motivation," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "These upcoming matches are critical. We need seven wins to qualify for the tournament and we have four matches left."

UCSB had its four-match winning streak snapped by Long Beach State on Tuesday, but the Gauchos believe the loss was a valuable learning experience.

"The whole team needs to be on the same page and we haven't been," freshman middle blocker Justin Adams said. "Everything

that happens now is falling on our shoulders. Everyone has to come ready to play."

First up this weekend for Santa Barbara is the fourth-ranked Cardinal, which recently solidified the seventh of eight playoff seeds. However, Stanford has been in a rut recently, falling



Ken Preston

to #1 BYU in its second straight three-game loss. UCSB knows just how good Stanford can be, as it fell to the Cardinal 3-1 earlier this season.

"Stanford has [sophomore opposite] Curt Toppell, who leads the league in kills per game," Adams said. "We need to serve well and play good defense. Our offense will fall into place if we do those things."

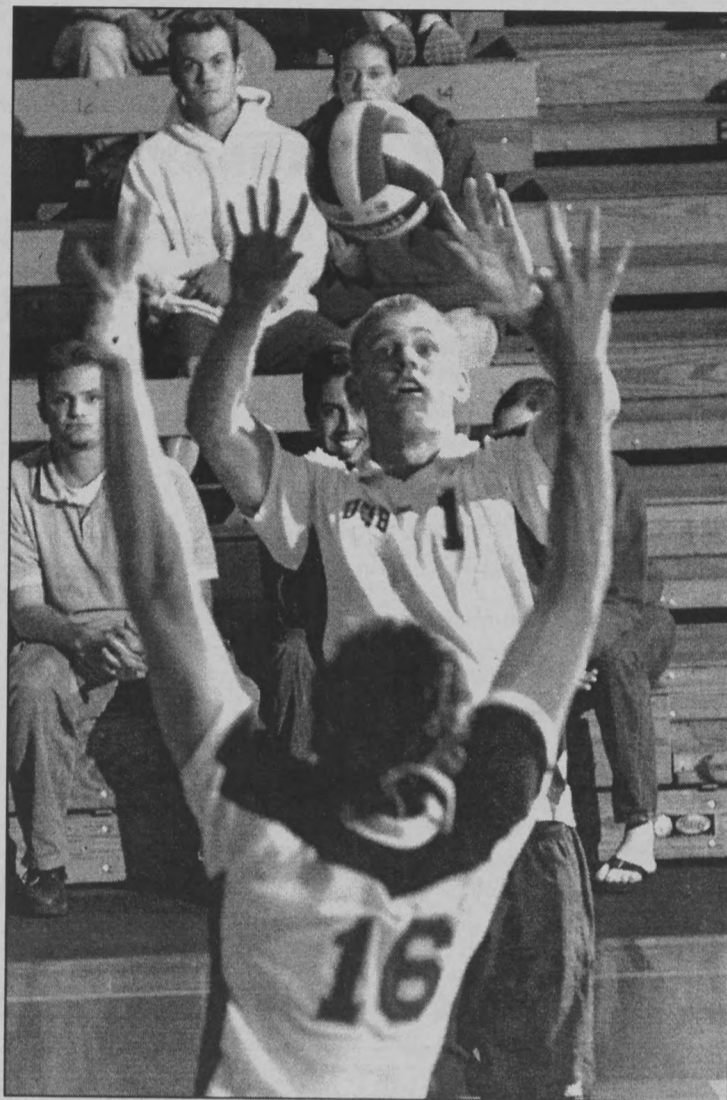
Saturday's match against the

UOP will be no walk in the park either. The Gauchos lost to the Tigers 3-0 earlier this season. Pacific is coming off a dramatic 3-2 win over BYU, in which sophomore outside hitter Aaron Wachtfogal notched a career-high 29 kills and 9 digs.

Despite the daunting opposition, Santa Barbara is no pushover by any stretch of the imagination. UCSB is currently ranked fourth in the MPSF in blocking, averaging 5.84 per game. Santa Barbara also houses a plethora of strong players, including sophomore opposite Ben Koski, whose steady hand has earned him .474 service aces per game, good for 12th in the NCAA.

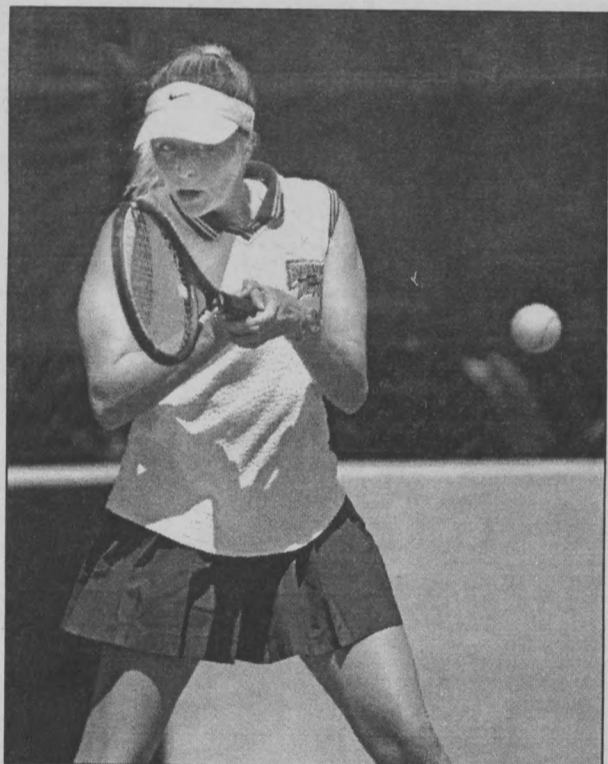
Despite impressive statistics, the Gauchos know that they will have to lay it all on the line this weekend.

"These last few games we're going to go balls out. I won't be satisfied until we make the finals," junior outside hitter Andy Rivera said. "We've been streaking. We'll dominate for a few weeks and then we can't win a game. We have to concentrate on executing and playing our best game and not worrying about what the other team is doing."



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Freshman setter Jeff Mink sets a ball for a teammate. Santa Barbara will face Stanford and UOP this weekend in two critical road matches.



NEXUS FILE PHOTO

After starting out 0-8, the UCSB women's team has turned things around. Santa Barbara will face LMU this weekend.

## Santa Barbara Rekindles Winning Ways

The UCSB women's tennis team may be the hottest team on campus.

After beginning the season with eight straight losses on their way to a 1-10 start, the Gauchos have retaliated with a five-game winning streak. Santa Barbara got on the right track by besting Syracuse and Pacific, both 4-3, before easily topping Sacramento State, Davis and St. Mary's. UCSB has now won seven of its last nine matches.

The winning streak began at home for the Gauchos as they faced off against Syracuse. Santa Barbara fell behind early, with SU capturing the initial doubles point. But junior Cindy Ammann, sophomore Uzma Khan and senior Shannon Wilkins all fought their way to victory in singles.

The competition came down to the last singles match with the scored tied at three apiece. In the deciding match, all eyes were on UCSB's #2

singles player, freshman Anne Marie Lenze. The match came down to the third set, where things began looking grim for Santa Barbara when Lenze fell behind, 4-0. But with the game on the line, Lenze rallied from behind to notch a 7-5 third-set victory to secure the win.

The victory over SU proved to be the turning point for the Gauchos, as UCSB then hit the road to try its hand against some Northern California teams.

Santa Barbara's first stop was a heated battle in Stockton, where the Gauchos met Pacific, which boasts last year's Big West Player of the Year, Susanne Bartel. Nevertheless, Santa Barbara pulled out the narrow victory behind the singles wins of Lenze, Khan and junior Shiho Fukushima. Additionally, UCSB was able to secure the doubles point, behind the strong performance of the top two duos of Amman and

Wilkins, and Khan and senior Gaby Andrade.

UCSB continued its northern mission by coming away with a 6-1 win at Sacramento State, before heading to Davis, where they blanked the Aggies, 7-0. Santa Barbara dominated in the sweep of UCD, with none of the matches extending to a third deciding set.

Against St. Mary's, the Gauchos jumped out to an early lead by winning the doubles point to start the match. This was something that UCSB had been struggling with at the beginning of the season, and Santa Barbara was able to ride this early momentum to an easy 6-1 victory.

The UCSB women's tennis team will be in action again April 7, when they play host to Loyola Marymount at noon.

—Clancey Roberts

## UCSB Prepares for Riverside

BY MATT HEITNER  
Staff Writer

Riverside doesn't join the Big West until next season, but it will get an early dose of the conference this weekend when it faces the UCSB baseball team in a three-game series.

The Gauchos are playing their best baseball in over a decade heading into the series, sprinting out to a 22-8 record. After winning 12 out of their last 13 games, Santa Barbara now owns the best record in the Big West, and is looking to maintain its success against UCR.

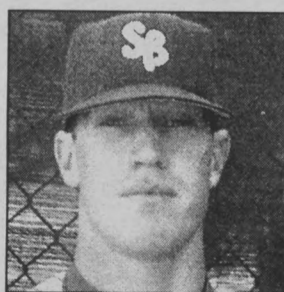
"We are certainly playing well in all three phases of the game," UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema said. "We've made improvements on the defensive end and

that's made a big difference."

Another reason for the Gauchos' fast start is the pitching staff. UCSB's hurlers have performed brilliantly. Santa Barbara can send both quality and quantity to the mound this season, which is different than in years past.

"This year we can bring in a lot of guys with good arms off the bench," Brontsema said. "In the past we've had walk-on guys coming in to pitch."

Leading the way on the mound this weekend for UCSB will be the trio of senior Rylie Ogle, junior James Garcia, and sophomore Jim Bullard. Ogle has stood out above the rest, going 7-1 with a 2.81 ERA.



Rylie Ogle

"I just try to hold each team I face under four runs," Ogle said. "I've been doing that all season, and when your offense is scoring eight or nine runs a game, that's all you need to do."

But winning teams don't rely on pitching alone, and UCSB is no different. The Gauchos offense has been putting runs on the board all season long, allowing the pitchers to throw with confidence. Santa Barbara leads the nation in hitting with a .354 team average and leading the barrage for UCSB is senior third baseman Dave Molidor, with a .426 batting average.

With everything coming together, Santa Barbara hopes to continue destroying its opponents right into Big West play. But the Gauchos are not about to look past UCR, and will look to take their game to even greater heights this weekend.

"You always want to get better," Brontsema said. "We still have a little room for improvement and we want to stay healthy and stay on this roll."