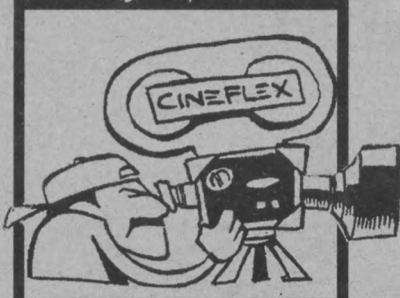


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Wild-Alaska

CalPIRG presents a free showing tonight at 7 in Psych 1824 of "Arctic Quest," a documentary on prospective drilling in Alaska's Wildlife Refuge.

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Chinese authorities suspend military contacts with the United States as a result of NATO's bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia.

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Well-Loved Chemistry Professor William Palke Passes Away

BY TED ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

News of the sudden death of a 30-year UCSB faculty member brought a somber cloud over the campus community Monday morning.

Chemistry Professor William Palke, 58, was pronounced dead at Goleta Valley Hospital at 9 a.m. Monday, after being found unconscious at 8 a.m. outside of his 4148B Chemistry Bldg. office.

Computer science Ph.D. student Andrew Strelzoss explained that after coming into the Chemistry Bldg. early in the morning, he saw Palke laying on the ground and took immediate action.

"I saw him unconscious and I ran to get someone to call for help," he said. "Two ladies came up, and together we did CPR until the paramedics came, which was like 15 minutes later."

Assisting Strelzoss in his efforts was Chemistry Asst. Chair and Management Services Officer Christine Simms. According to Simms, a heart failure seemed to be to blame for the death.

"On the way to his office he apparently suffered a heart attack, and [Strelzoss] found him in the hallway. [Strelzoss] and I provided CPR until the paramedics arrived," she said. "[Palke] was very personable and one of the nicest men you would ever want to meet. It's very sad."

According to Goleta Valley Hospital

Supervisor Linda Lange, Palke was pronounced dead on arrival at 9 a.m.

A colleague of Palke's, Chemistry Professor Bernard Kirtman, said the Chemistry 1B and 101 professor was recognized by students and faculty as one of the best teachers in the department.

"He was a wonderful guy. He was a very listening-type person, a person the students could go to and get helpful comments and insight," he said. "He was one of the outstanding teachers in the department."

The death took family members by surprise because Palke was thought to be in good health, Palke's wife Nancy said.

"He was a very active person. When I say 'very active,' I mean he was an athletic person," she said. "We rock-climbed, played tennis, and he rode his bike to the university every day. It was such a shock when we found this out."

Strelzoss said he had limited knowledge of Palke, but mentioned that he did often see him riding his bicycle around campus. Those professors who knew the 30-year chemistry veteran had the impression that he was in good health, Strelzoss added.

"As other professors came in, some who knew him for 25 years, they said he was in great health," he said.

Kirtman said Palke and himself, who are both theoretical chemists, published work together on the electronic structure of molecules several years ago, but in the last 10 years Palke turned his focus to other projects.

"Bill was a scientific scholar in the true

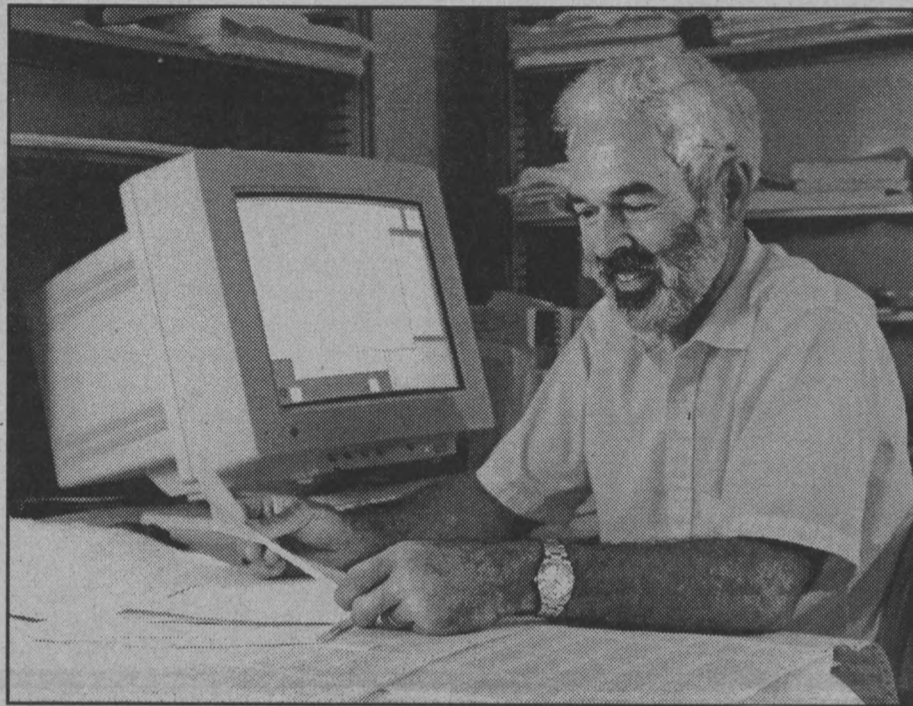


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Chemistry Professor William Palke (pictured) was found Monday morning lying unconscious outside his office door. He was later pronounced dead at Goleta Valley Hospital.

sense of the word," he said. "He did very fine and recognized work in the field of electronic structure of molecules, and more recently in the theory of nuclear magnetic relaxation and simulation of liquid crystals."

Lecturing on complex ideas in an easy-to-understand fashion was a major strength of Palke's, said freshman chemistry major Hans Sshwing, a Chem 1B student.

"I thought he was a very good teacher and presented things in a really clear way. I don't think he was appreciated by the students as much as he should have been, because as teachers go, he was really good," he said. "I actually sat in the front row of that class just because of the teacher. He interested me with his facial expressions and the way he said things. I just really enjoyed the class."

"Star Wars" Fans Expect Long Lines for Pre-sale Tickets This Wednesday

BY SHAUN McGRADY
Reporter

Dust off that lightsaber, polish that Mandalorian armor, and charge up those proton torpedoes; tickets to "a galaxy far, far away" go on sale this week.

The first of three highly anticipated prequels to the "Star Wars" trilogy will open May 19. According to Metropolitan Theaters owner Alan Stokes, advance tickets will be available Wednesday at the Arlington Theater in downtown Santa Barbara, as well as all other venues offering pre-sale tickets across the country.

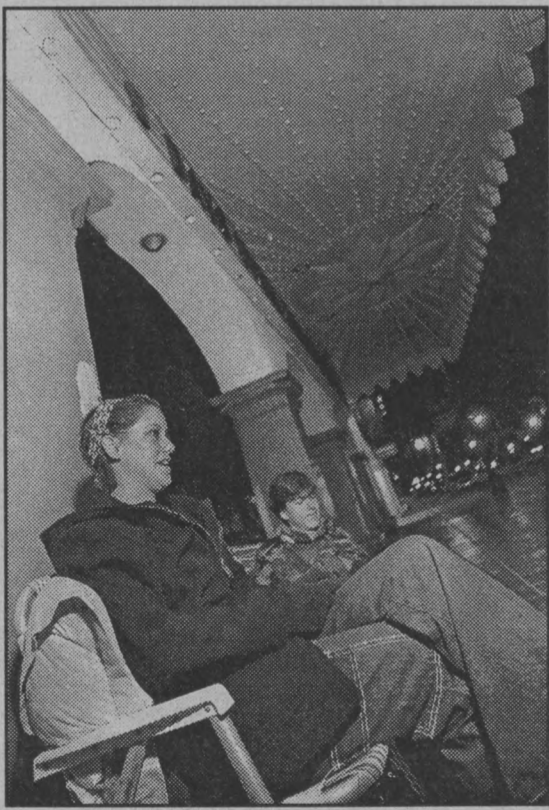
"Tickets to 'Episode I: The Phantom Menace' in all theaters with pre-sale capacity will go on sale May 12th at 12 noon Pacific Standard Time, and will only be available at the box office," he said.

According to Arlington Theater Manager Karen Killingsworth, the excitement associated with the release of the film has theater employees anticipating that lines will form far in advance.

"We expect [lines] to begin forming early Wednesday morning," she said. "At 12 noon on Wednesday, we will begin selling tickets for shows through the 31st of May, with a maximum of 12 tickets per person."

The unusual lack of promotion for the film has brought attention from moviegoers, according to "Star Wars" fan Brett Tancer, an undeclared sophomore.

"The fact that the movie has had no real television



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UCSB sophomore Amanda Atkinson and her brother Jake get an early start Monday at 7 p.m. at the Arlington to buy tickets to "Episode I: The Phantom Menace." Tickets go on sale Wednesday.

promotion — unlike previous large-scale movie ventures like "Titanic," which was promoted for months in advance — and the fact that it has still produced lines weeks before the release across the country speaks

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Parking Enforcement Costs Paid With Citation Revenue

BY IAN BARKER
Staff Writer

Second in a Two-Part Series

This is the second in a two-part series on parking enforcement at UCSB. Yesterday's article looked into the case of Robert Hopps, an attorney who won a \$7,500 lawsuit over a parking ticket. Today's installment examines how Parking and Transportation uses the revenue received from citations.

Prompted by the legal efforts of UCSB alumnus Robert Hopps, a swarm of questions have been raised by student government regarding Parking Service's revenue collection and salary distribution.

Citing the fact that UCSB has had the second highest rate of contested parking citations of all nine UC campuses, Associated Students Rep-at-Large Eric Morris said he plans to introduce legislation to rectify alleged injustices in the Parking Services appeal process.

"It was proven in the Hopps Case that constitutional protections have been denied. Hopps was

denied due process; I claim so was everybody else," he said. "My first bill was going to be a radical bill rescinding all tickets since 1994 — which is when the California State Legislature decriminalized parking tickets and allowed people to contest their citation."

Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services David Sheldon said that he does not agree with this interpretation of the parking policy change.

"I think if the law changes it doesn't necessarily mean it's retroactive," he said. "I don't know what the intent of the legislation was."

According to Parking and Transportation Director Melba Ortiz, for the 1996-97 academic year, UCSB's 24-percent rate of contested tickets was second only to UC San Francisco's 25 percent

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Top of the News

China Cuts Diplomatic Ties With U.S.



BEIJING (AP) — China broke off military ties and other contacts with the United States on Monday and demanded those responsible for NATO's bombing of its embassy in Yugoslavia be "severely" punished. Thousands of protesters hurled rocks at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing for a third day, with some dragging and kicking a life-size effigy of a U.S. soldier with an American flag on his chest.

Chinese authorities allowed waves of protesters to descend on the paint-spattered, debris-strewn U.S. Embassy from mid-morning Monday until early Tuesday. Some hurled burning objects, and Tibetan monks in blood-red robes also joined the demonstrations.

Police allowed protesters along a seven-block route

that snaked between the U.S. and British embassies and shooed away onlookers.

China's suspension of high-level military ties — and talks over arms control,

How could you be that shameless? Get out of China, American butchers!
— protesters' slogan painted on a fence

international security and human rights — signaled one of the lowest ebbs for China-U.S. relations in 20 years. China's Foreign Ministry didn't say when contacts might resume.

Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan condemned NATO's attack as a "vicious invasion" and demanded an "open and official" apology. He said the United States must thoroughly investigate Friday's attack, make the re-

sults public and "severely punish those responsible."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said NATO would provide China with a full explanation. She added that statements by Chinese authorities indicated anti-American protests in Beijing

bassy that killed three journalists was deliberate.

"How could you be that shameless? Get out of China, American butchers!" read a slogan spray-painted by protesters on a sheet-metal fence facing the battered U.S. Embassy.

President Clinton apologized anew Monday for the bombing, calling it "an isolated, tragic mistake." U.S. officials blamed it on misinformation from CIA target planners.

"I apologize. I regret this," Clinton said.

China's suspension of contacts with the United States represented a blow for Clinton's foreign policy. His administration has repeatedly cited talks over human rights, arms control and other issues as proof that its policy of engaging China was bearing fruit.

had the government's approval.

Tens of thousands of protesters, spurred on by the government, have marched in 20 cities nationwide in the past three days in the biggest protests since the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy demonstrations in Beijing 10 years ago.

Protesters' emotions were inflamed by government-run media reports that the attack on the Chinese Em-

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)** — Yugoslavia announced a partial withdrawal of its forces from Kosovo on Monday, but President Clinton and NATO said it wasn't enough to stop allied bombing.

The Yugoslav announcement, apparently aimed at maintaining momentum toward a peace deal, gave no indication of how many troops have been withdrawn or how many were left.

The army supreme command ordered the partial withdrawal after finishing its operations against the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army, said the statement carried by the state-run Tanjug news agency.

The pullout was to have begun at 10 p.m. Sunday (4 p.m. EDT), the army said. Virtually all foreign reporters have left the province under government orders, and it could not be determined if any units have actually left.

• **CALEXICO, Calif. (AP)** — A man who took his car to an auto repair shop for new brakes got more than he bargained for — a trip to the county jail.

Michael Von Howard, 59, of Glendale was arrested Saturday while waiting for his car to be fixed at a Pep Boys facility after a mechanic found 68 pounds of marijuana in the trunk, Calexico police Sgt. Carlos Padilla said.

The mechanic found two trash bags full of bricks of marijuana when he opened the trunk of the 1989 Cadillac to disconnect the shocks, Padilla said. The mechanic's supervisor called police, who questioned Howard.

Howard, on federal probation for drug smuggling, denied knowing anything illegal was in the trunk, telling police he borrowed the car from a friend whose last name he didn't remember, Padilla said.

Howard was in custody at the county jail Monday for investigation of possession of marijuana for sale and transportation, according to police.

• **TROY, Mich. (AP)** — An angry Christmas shopper, whose attack on a department store clerk was captured on video, got 10 days in jail Monday.

Miranda Smith, 21, also was fined \$500, placed on probation for one year and ordered to attend an anger-management class.

She had pleaded guilty to assault and battery. The Dec. 2 surveillance video from the Hudson's department store at Oakland Mall showed her step behind the sales counter, push the clerk, throw her to the ground and swing at her head.

Police said Smith had been frustrated by what she perceived as poor service.

The tape showed Smith had been waiting for help from a busy sales clerk. When she asked for a different size dress, the clerk rolled her eyes and another clerk laughed. Smith attacked the second clerk.

The victim, Marcia Temerowski, asked for \$5,000 in restitution. The judge did not immediately decide on the request.

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Weather

Well, I'm back from my little vacation.

I hope the guest Weatherhuman didn't rub you the wrong way. Regardless, I'm back, and I'm tan, rested and ready! I think I'll start by sharing a little bad habit I have. No, it's not chronic masturbation, toenail chewing or nose pickin'. I'm talking about my relationship with those price-gouging caffeine allocators around campus. Every morning I buy my cup of coffee — a large, \$1.40, 16 oz. cup of American pride. So that's \$7 for a week's supply of central nervous stimulant. Now cigarettes (also a CNS stimulant) are only \$3.25!

Therefore, I am exchanging coffee for tobacco. If I get cancer I'll just sue everyone (except me, of course). Hey, coffee Nazis, we don't need that fancy-ass gourmet crap! So how about a more frugal choice of, say, Folgers or Juan Valdez? And another thing, get rid of the decaf! Drinking coffee without caffeine is like drinking nonalcoholic beer. What's the point?

Today's weather: can't predict weather ... too busy smoking. By the way, when I need a cigarette I reach for the rich Turkish blend of Camel Lights.

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TICKETS

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among UC campuses. However, because UCSB is a larger school, approximately 5,760 tickets were contested, out of 24,000 written by UCSB officials. This is compared to approximately 1,000 contested out of 4,000 issued at UCSF. For 1997-98, UCSB's rate of contention was down to only 11 percent, Ortiz said.

The money obtained from citations helps pay administrative costs and enforcement, according to Ortiz.

"The department is funded by permit fees. Fines and forfeitures help pay for some administrative costs. They also pay for alternative transportation programs," she said. "A rough number [from citations] would be \$400,000 [from] 26,000 citations per year."

Ortiz explained that money from tickets is used for a variety of purposes, but not for capital improvements, such as the Mesa Parking Structure.

"We have a \$1.5-million budget from permits of all sorts — from parking fees. The parking structure is from fees. Citations do not fund capital programs," she said. "Vanpools, carpools, bicycles and any other alternative transportation programs are covered with about \$50,000 [of Fines and Forfeitures funding]."

Money from parking tickets does not generate net income for Parking Services, according to Parking and Transportation Committee Chair Stan

Parsons.

"The total Fines and Forfeitures cash flow is zero. There is no net income. The expenses of enforcement, the appeals, the costs, match the income," he said. "Fines and Forfeitures does have a balance. It may be \$100,000, but the yearly cash flow is no gross."

Ortiz said money from citations pays a portion of the salaries of those responsible for enforcement.

"A portion of my salary, a very small percentage, 5 percent, is paid by citations — mainly because I'm over the program, but I don't deal with it on a daily basis," she said. "There are six parking representatives that work for the university. Part of their salary is funded from the Fines and Forfeitures account, the rest is funded from Operations. I'd say 80 to 85 percent comes from ticket income. They also do traffic control and are part of the emergency response team."

According to Parking and Transportation Services records, there are seven parking representatives whose salaries range from \$24,868 to \$31,776. The total sum of these citation-supplemented salaries is \$195,976.

Morris said he seeks more cooperation between student government and Parking Services.

"Student government has put in so much effort to work with Parking Services. Meter maids chronically condescend to the students. We've tried to

work with Melba Ortiz and [Operations Manager] Elaine Augustine," he said. "There are meetings with 40 people on the board, and only three are students. There is no student input."

Sheidon praised Parking Services for the quality and efficiency of its service.

"Parking rates at UCSB are among the lowest, if not the lowest, in the [UC] system. Parking has run an efficient budget that is reviewed at many levels," he said. "As a department that has many constituents to appeal to and lots of people who oversee their operations — it's not an easy job — I think it serves UCSB well."

Associated Students Finance Board Chair Christina Costley suggested that Parking Services increase student parking availability with metered parking in order to solve problems of illegal parking.

"I think they should have more meters and they should run for the full time, one hour," she said. "More spots should be taken from staff and given to students."

The best course of action the student government can take is to pass a position paper on the issue, according to Costley.

"A.S. has no authority over parking. We could write a position paper demanding a change in policy," she said. "It would get sent to the press — to [the Nexus], to the News-Press — and the administration; then they would know it's our position."

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Can't We All Help a Little?

As Residents of the Community, Students Need to Contribute to I.V.

When one thinks of Isla Vista, romantic notions of a small town nestled by the sea come to mind. However, some recent events have proven that these little romantic notions do not come without blemishes. Problems do exist in our community. But students can take action in I.V. to help make it a little safer and better for all of the residents.

The evening of May 1 bore witness to some heinous attacks on innocent I.V. dwellers. The attacks brought on six confirmed injuries and resulted in ambulance rides for two victims who had been beaten with various

weapons. Allegedly, members of the Goleta 13 (G13) gang were involved. This attack had no apparent motive and no apparent targets and has brought forth dialogue about how to improve this aspect of our community.

The community of I.V. is just that, a community. Its composition includes not only students, but children, families and other non-university-related citizens. Many of these residents call I.V. their permanent residence. Students, on the other hand, spend roughly four years in I.V. In their travails, students tend to lose sight of the fact that I.V. is a temporary home for them

while it's a permanent home for others.

With this new onslaught of violence in our community, it is time for students to step up by taking a more active role in the community. This would better the quality of life for all residents. Last Thursday the I.V. Recreation and Park District met to plan a new I.V. Community Center and is seeking input from all I.V. residents so that it will include things residents will actually utilize. Not one student bothered to attend this meeting — save one who is a member of the board and another who is A.S. affiliated. However, children and other permanent residents did come out to voice their desires for the center.

Students can take action in other ways as well. Volunteering a bit of time can go far in improving relations between students and permanent residents. Volunteer opportunities are available at the I.V. Teen Center. Also, Community Affairs Board offers a host of services, including Family Literacy, which aids in teaching parents and their children how to read. If these programs seem a little overwhelming, students can Adopt-a-Block or attend the different events put on in the park such as the Renter's Rights fair that took place earlier this month. This event provided information pertinent to all community members. And if that is still too much to ask, students could just attend some of the community center planning meetings to give input on the new facility.

By giving back a little to I.V. via services, students can enrich the community and make a positive influence on younger residents. But as students we also need to clean up our own actions as well. If we do not want random acts of violence perpetrated on our streets, we should stop contributing to weekend acts of meathhead violence. We cannot expect anyone to learn from our example or heed our advice if we do not practice what we preach.

By working in the community and cleaning up our own act, we can be a positive influence in this town. A positive example, particularly for youth, could help eliminate problems with gang violence in the future.

The Reader's Voice

ANY AND ALL PREJUDICE DISPLAYS IGNORANCE

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This goes out to Brian Ortega who wrote the letter "A Hard Encounter with Prejudice" (Reader's Voice, May 10), discussing a racist comment made by a white woman in Montecito. I just wanted to say, Brian: She's ignorant. But otherwise you can bite me. In my opinion, you took her comment and used it to generalize the whole white population in America. Nice attempt to justify your judgment by putting in your PC "I really try to have confidence in white people," but your follow-up comments bashing white people didn't help your little disclaimer. Also, it might help to know that white people aren't the only people who have the ability to be racist. I see racism coming from all races.

Before you start getting angry, you must realize that every white person in America does not secretly want to see you suffer and have a hard life. I know this may shock you, but many white people want to get past this "us vs. them" battle and start living in unity. I know I do.

So, if you want to make a comment about a racist person, GO AHEAD! You have every right. But you don't have to be racist yourself and generalize a whole population for one person's problem.

Before you tell me how ignorant I am, let me tell you I painfully realize that white people historically have been the Babylon Oppressors to minority populations, and I even concede that many like my ancestors are still around today.

But in the words of Bob Dylan: "Times, they are a-changing ..." So, please, for all our sakes, don't be a hypocrite. If you don't want

people to stereotype you, PLEASE don't stereotype them.

Not every white person is, as you put it: vain, superficial, pessimistic and power hungry, looking for a ticket into the elite world. If you admit in your letter that you were "prejudging," how are you any different from that white woman in the cubicle next to you?
JOANNA ROGERS

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE WEATHER, WEATHER-SUB

Editor, Daily Nexus:

For the love of God, please do not hire that shady stand-in ... what? — "Weatherhuman". Come on! Weatherhuman?! Stiff upper-lip, girlie! To be so focused on such a trite discrepancy is annoying and, well, trite.

There are so many more entertaining events, like enormous pollen counts. You



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don't have to exasperate the reader's patience with your PC BS. The Weatherhuman actually mentioned the weather?! Hasn't La Niña been done? Grrr. I, too, am a surfer and I understand how difficult it must be to de-

velop the cynical nature it takes to deliver the cold, hard weather. I empathize. But Nexus: Don't wreck my morning entertainment. If the Weatherhuman can't cut the cheese, why light a match?

MELANIE MATHEU

YES, ANIMAL VIVISECTION SHALL BE JUSTIFIED

Editor, Daily Nexus:

My good friend Autumn Mena knows how to attack an argument (Reader's Voice, "Animal Vivisection Will Never Be Justifiable," May 4), but my rebuttal to her letter will again justify animal vivisection with a different approach, while still sticking to my viewpoint.

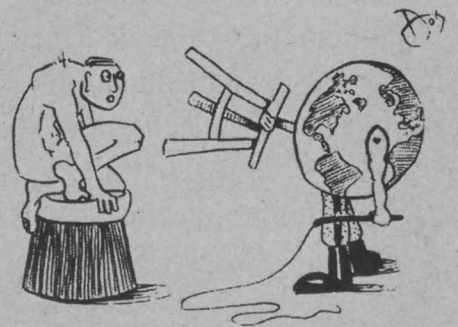
I'm not justifying animal vivisection for every experiment being conducted. I don't agree with experimentation for cosmetic research just so girls (and Marilyn Manson) can put something on in the morning. But if experimentation is going to save a little girl's life, humane or not, we should experiment.

We don't experiment on dolphins. I don't know where you get your information. They're probably the best-treated animals I know of because people think they're cute. Preserving dolphins? That's what has been jammed down our throats our entire life. Sorry to ruin peoples' "dreams," but reality must be known. The media has portrayed this false fact of nature, and it's time that people know the truth. Autumn has identified the problem and is part of it, "preserving amazing animals." Why "amazing" ones? Dolphin-safe tuna is killing less dolphins, but is also killing animals that will spend less

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time on this planet than dolphins.

I don't believe that "mankind's goal is to conquer nature," according to Autumn. We are a product of nature and now a victim of nature's ways through our own faults. If it wasn't for the randomness and spontaneity of nature, we wouldn't be here. I agree that we (humans) are overtaking natural habitats, but without some form of population control, this is the inevitable outcome. So, taking this pessimistic, yet realistic, point of



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view (sad to see it as such), keying in on particular species (endangered ones) will become the most viable solution.

For the future, we must educate the public in animal AND human preservation. While we fight for limited animal rights, we also should fight for our rights as humans as our population grows: to be responsible for our own actions (killing off species) and begin destroying ideas of homophobia, sexism, racism and sexual abuse. These should be forefront subjects for the new millennium, not whether or not rats are treated inhumanely.

BRIAN FREDIN

PHANTOM

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 for itself," he said. "Tickets are a hot item due to the possibility of sold-out theaters for some time."

According to Stokes, the Arlington is unsure how long sold-out shows will affect moviegoers' ability to see "The Phantom Menace," but due to the theater's relatively large size, local residents will get a better chance than most.

"It is hard to say how long we can expect sold-out shows in Santa Barbara due to the Arlington's 2,000-seat theater. A theater of this size is a rarity among most theaters, excluding major cities," he said. "Nevertheless, we are expecting to have sold-out shows

throughout the month of May."

The revival of the "Star Wars" phenomenon has excited many fans of the series, according to Tancer, but the way the film was produced has intensified the hype.

"Episode I is essentially a movie in its purest form, written and directed by George Lucas, who decided to disregard the normal procedure of editing with input from test audiences, and has shown the film only to peers such as Spielberg," he said. "Normally a film is tested and presented to peers as it evolves into the final product we see in the theater. This is not so with 'The Phantom Menace.' We will see George Lucas' original, uncut version. That is why I will be in line for the first show."

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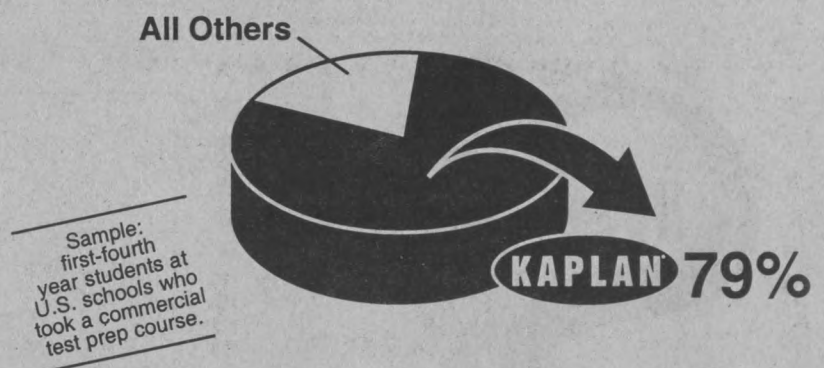
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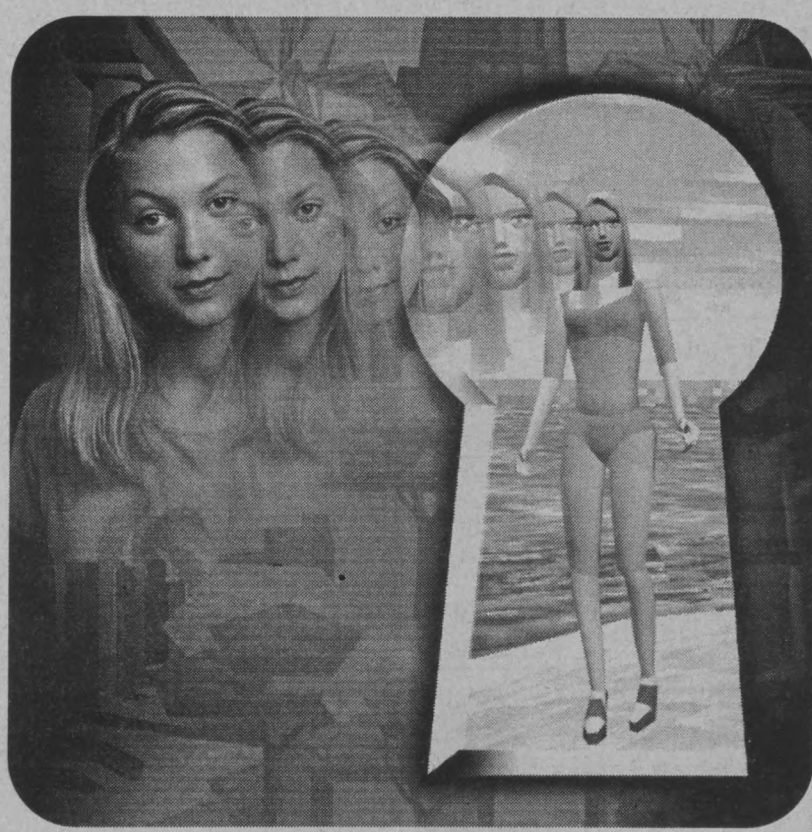
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YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE
BY LINDA C. BLACK

Check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)—Today is a 6—Something that looked like it wasn't going to happen could come through as if by accident. It's more likely the result of what you've done over the last few days. Don't stop now. You're making things happen in your life, even things you didn't think possible, so just keep pushing. Stay in action.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 6—Looks like there could be a problem today with a female neighbor or close relative. A difference of opinion concerning money is most likely. If something like that flares up, don't get your feelings hurt. If you stay calm, the other person will too, and you'll find a way to work things out.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)—Today is a 6—Be real careful with your money today. You might accidentally waste it, and you can't afford to do that. Something that looks like a good deal might not work out so well. Be sure you do the homework before you make an investment or a large purchase. You'll be wiser to concentrate on getting money instead of spending it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 6—Again, you're under a bit of stress. This time, it concerns money, and perhaps a career challenge. You can get past it again, by setting up your environment to support you. Not only do you need the right ambiance, you need the right person there with you. Go to the extra trouble to make sure that happens.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)—Today is a 6—Your worries about romance could flourish today, unfortunately. That's not much fun, but they're not necessarily true. You might be fretting about something that will never actually happen, especially if you put in the correction right now. And you probably know what that correction is, too, so do it!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is a 5—You and your mate are an awesome team today. Together, you can produce amazing results. The other person will inspire you to try something you've previously resisted. You may be right about it being difficult, but again, don't let that stop you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is a 5—You may have a problem with romance today, but you feel like it's not really your fault. The other person is being totally unreasonable, outrageous and demanding, maybe even a little pouty. You know what? If you go ahead and let this person take the lead, your life will get a lot easier.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 6—You could be in a lazy mood today, especially if things aren't going quite right. You try one thing and it doesn't work, so you try another and another. You might almost feel like giving up, but that would not be a good idea. Just on the other side of the last try is the breakthrough you've been looking for.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is a 6—You should start to feel better today, a lot stronger and more confident. As your energy level goes up, your sense of humor could also return. Something that overwhelmed you yesterday might start to seem funny. There's a thin line between comedy and tragedy, and today you're dancing on it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 5—There's a light stress condition today affecting romance and money, possibly something you wanted to get for your sweetheart that you can't afford. Well, don't worry about it. It's not that big a deal. The most important things in life are there in abundance, including love. It doesn't cost anything to dream, either.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is a 6—Do you love your work? No? Maybe you don't have the right job, and maybe your reason is that you don't have enough education. If that rings true, this is a good day to start your homework. Research the qualifications you'll need for that perfect job. You need only dig through the information, and maybe take a test. The one you ace leads to the job you want.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 6—Love and money clash today. Looks like you want to buy something you can't quite afford. Well, don't worry. If you're in love with the right person, it won't be necessary. If you're not, this is a good way to find out. Paperwork you've been trying to get finished could finally get done, however.

Today's Birthday (May 11). Both experience and perseverance help you beat financial difficulties this year. By July, you should know what to do, and see what resources you can use. In August, settle into a steady routine. By November, the action you're taking should start to produce results, and in December, you'll start seeing a return on your investment. In February, the job you seek requires the most of your talents, and in March, you can rely on your teammates for inspiration.

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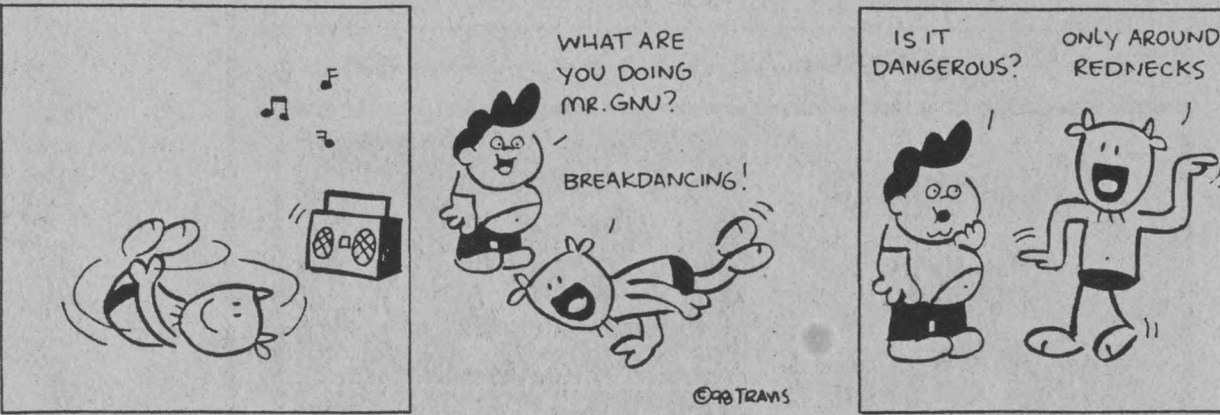
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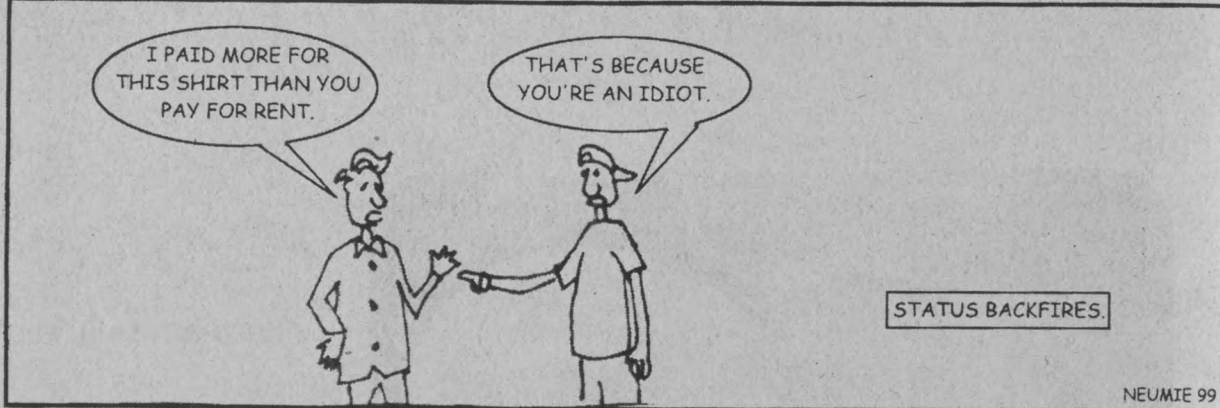
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"The Answer" to the MVP Question

MARVIN GAPULTOS

With the NBA playoffs just underway, people have begun making their picks of who should be the Most Valuable Player. Year after year, the league has had a fairly simple job of deciding who gets the trophy. But with Michael Jordan and his omnipotent dominance gone, the MVP trophy, like the NBA championship trophy, is up for grabs.

After considering all the usual candidates for MVP, I have chosen someone who has been doubted, ridiculed and scrutinized ever since he was drafted into the NBA. My pick for the NBA's Most Valuable Player is Philadelphia's Allen "The Answer" Iverson. But before I tell you why this Georgetown alumn should get the coveted trophy, let me tell you why he won't.

The NBA is a business, plain and simple. And the Powers That Be would rather have their league represented by shiny, happy, poster boys like Utah's Karl Malone or San Antonio's Tim Duncan. For this reason, and this reason alone, Iverson will not be voted MVP.

Iverson is somewhat of an anomaly to NBA execs. He's not your typical, suit-wearing NBA type of player. He wears cornrows, travels with an entourage, has tattoos up and down his arms, and is a card-carrying member of the hip hop community. Based on his appearance alone, Iverson has been labeled a thug. And, of course, nobody wants a thug to be the representative of an organization.

While Iverson has had his share of off-the-court controversies, what past MVPs haven't? Michael Jordan had a gambling problem, and Charles Barkley had a drinking problem. Iverson's run-ins with his coach Larry Brown have also been well documented, but obviously Iverson has proven that he is mature enough to put aside personal differences with Brown. Iverson has led the Sixers out of obscurity and into the playoffs for the first time in years.

Iverson also beat out Shaquille O'Neal for the scoring title this year. Yes, Iverson took 30 shots a game and rarely hit more than half of them, but so did Jordan. Malone and Duncan's teams are in the playoffs, but they were supported by better players around them. Who does Iverson have on his squad that is on the same level as John Stockton or David Robinson? Eric Snow and Matt Geiger?

Thug or team player, social out-cast or basketball superstar, one thing's for sure — Allen Iverson will continue to amaze and bring his team to new heights, while another clean-cut, all-around nice guy will be handed the MVP trophy from David Stern.

Marvin Gapultos is the assistant sports editor and has "thug-life" tattooed across his abdomen.

UCSB Makes A Splash in Polo Championships

BY BROOKE ROBERTS
Reporter

The UCSB women's water polo team spent another weekend defying the odds and proving that Santa Barbara isn't a school to be taken lightly in the pool.

After a shaky regular-season start, the Gauchos proved themselves when they headed off to the Western Qualifying Tournament last week and defeated all of their opponents until finally dropping to San Diego State. UCSB managed to grab fourth place in the tourney, which earned it a fourth-straight national tourney berth in the Women's Water Polo National Championships where it competed last weekend at UC Davis.

The Gauchos' first match for the championship was Friday against San Jose State. San Jose State became a major rival of UCSB after the Gauchos suffered a huge loss to it earlier in the season. However, this time around, UCSB came out on top in a 6-0 shutout.

"I came from a high school where we never lost, so my first college match this season against SJSU was disappointing," freshman driver Mary Blumberg said. "We weren't even supposed to qualify for Nationals this year, and we did. The whole season we got better and better. All six of us in the water played together well. We



Mary Blumberg

were seeded eight and came out sixth, which felt really good."

Later that day, Santa Barbara was paired up with the #1 team in the nation, the USC Trojans. UCSB matched the top-ranked Trojans goal for goal in the first period. However, during the second period the Trojans managed to sneak one into the net that the Gauchos could not counter, leaving Santa Barbara with a close 2-1 loss.

"We were right there with them the whole game," Blumberg said. "We didn't do a lot of subbing, and we got tired during that match. We had previously played a tough game against San Jose State."

After the loss to USC, the Gauchos started off Saturday with a match against Hawai'i. The Rainbows made for a nail-biting, sitting-on-the-edge-of-your-seat game. Santa Barbara was tied with the Rainbows after regulation and went into a seldom heard of double overtime with two periods of sudden death. During the second period of sudden death, the Gauchos remained tied at 9-9, and two-meter player Kelly Tiffany sent one reeling into the Rainbow's goal, winning the game for the Gauchos 10-9.

"It was the best game that I have ever played," Blumberg said. "The stands were packed, and everyone was cheering. Santa Barbara had a really big crowd. [Junior] Lynn Nisbet pulled out with an amazing shot to get us into overtime, and Kelly Tiffany slammed the winning shot. The crowd went wild."

Despite the high-scoring affair, freshman goalkeeper Katelyn Henry was still a main factor in the Gaucho victory.

"My defense was there to bail me out," Henry said. "I was there to bail my defense out when they needed it. My whole goal in the game is to help my team out, and I don't even care if I have to sacrifice my body in the process."

Santa Barbara Golfers Place Sixth in Wild West Shootout

BY MARVIN GAPULTOS
Staff Writer

After a disappointing ninth-place finish in last week's Big West Conference Championships, the UCSB golf team traveled to Stanford last weekend in a showdown among the best teams in all of the West in the U.S. Intercollegiate Tournament and finished in the top 10 out of a field of 20.

"We played really well as a team," junior Jeff Wood said. "The best teams in the West were out there, and we were finally able to step it up after a poor performance last week."

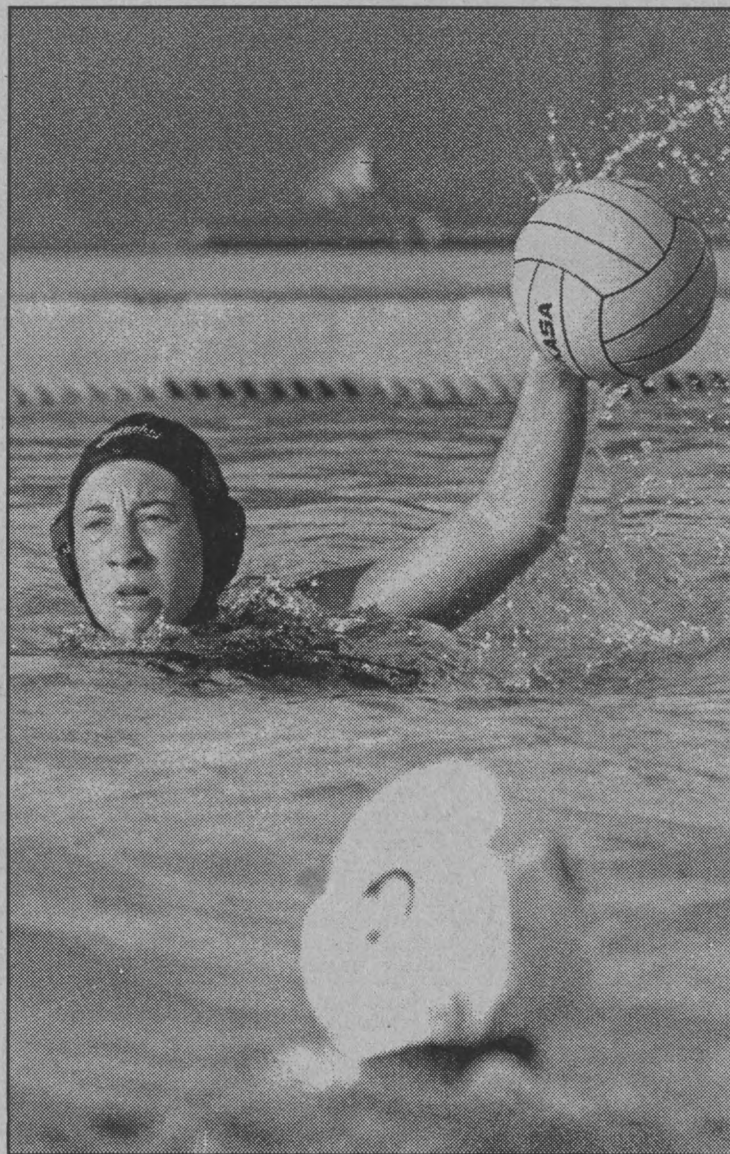
The Gauchos tied Oregon State University for sixth place after three rounds of golf. Santa Barbara shot rounds of 292, 282 and 297 for a total score of 871 on the 71-par, 6,756-yard course. Brigham Young University took first place with a total of 852, while the University of Oregon and Stanford finished out the top three with totals of 862 and 863, respectively.



Jeff Wood

"Jeff Wood did surprisingly well for us," UCSB Head Coach Steve Lass said. "He finished in ninth place, which helped the team out a lot."

Wood finished at one over par



JASON SCHOCK / DAILY NEXUS

WATER WINGS: The UCSB women's water polo team flew to a #6 national ranking after gunning down its opponents in the pool.

The final day of the championships pitted UCSB against another of its rivals, the San Diego State Aztecs, in a match for fifth place. The Gauchos had three competitions with the Aztecs earlier in the season, and every single one ended in overtime. It was 0-0 after the first quarter, then SDSU put a point on the scoreboard, making it 1-0 in the second. UCSB responded right away when Nisbet scored on a man-up from a pass by sophomore driver Cathy Holmberg, tying it 1-1. With four minutes left, San Diego managed to score and took the match for the final tally of 2-1.

"I actually thought that we did really well this season," freshman

two-meter player Jenny Holliday said. "It would have been nice to win against San Diego State, but it was a good game and a really close call."

The contest against SDSU completed the tourney for UCSB, and the Gauchos ended their season at #6 in the nation when they had been picked to come out last in preseason polls.

"This weekend was a really big accomplishment for all of us," Henry added. "We really didn't know what to expect this year. We beat Hawai'i and that was a huge match. That just shows what a group of predominantly freshman players can do."

after shooting rounds of 77, 68, and 69 for a total of 214. However, Wood was not alone in the ninth spot, tying BYU's Scott Miller and Stanford's Ned Yetten.

"[The course] sets up pretty well for me because it's a longer course," Wood said. "I'm also from up north so I'm pretty familiar with it. I hit a couple of bad shots in the first round, which costed me some penalty shots. I had a shaky start, but then I settled down as my last two rounds show."

Wood was not alone in individual play. Senior Garrett Wagner ended the tourney in a six-way tie for 12th place. Wagner shot 71, 71 and 73 for a 215 total — two strokes on the plus side.

"The team did great, and I think I played pretty good," Wagner said. "It was a big tournament for us because it may have clinched regionals for us. There were about seven to eight teams there that were going to regionals, and 18 teams overall get to go."

According to Lass, the Gauchos will find out today whether they made the regional cut.

"We did do very well, and we probably did clinch a spot," Lass said. "But [today] the NCAA makes everything official. It was a moderately difficult course, but the fact is that there were a number of very, very good teams competing in that tournament to make it to regionals."

Junior Naoya Takemoto finished in a five-way tie for 26th, shooting rounds of 68, 73 and 78 for 218 at six over. Sophomore Greg Snider took 61st with eight others who finished at 15 over par. Snider shot rounds of 76, 75 and 77 for a three-round total of 228. Sophomore Ben Owen chipped in for the Gauchos, finishing 91st at 22 over, with rounds of 82, 70 and 83 for a total of 235.