

### Storke Plaza Vigil

An A.S.-sponsored vigil for the victims of last Friday night will take place this evening at 4:30 in Storke Plaza. Dress warmly.



### Self-Indulgence, Anyone?

Artsweek shakes its booty to John Digweed (peep the pics) and interviews Bad Astronaut. And then there's our protest plans ... See Artsweek p.1A



### Preview Central

The UCSB women's and men's basketball teams prepare for their final regular season games.

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## UCSB Race Issues: Not Entirely Black and White

### BLACK HISTORY



### and UCSB

Part Four of a Weekly Four-Part Series

*Editor's Note — Black History Month ended Wednesday. At a university where blacks make up 3 percent of the student body, events celebrating the month were few, far between and sparsely attended. This, the final article in a weekly four-part series, examines race relations on campus and how comfortable minorities feel at a school which is two-thirds white.*

### ■ 'Subtle' Racism, Uneven Minority Numbers Affect Recruitment, Retention

BY ERIC SIMONS  
Staff Writer

At an overwhelmingly liberal college like UCSB, outright displays of racism are rare.

So, a series of incidents directed at two individuals in the residence halls during Spring Quarter 1999 moved the university to react. Two years later, UCSB has a hate incidents response coordinator to deal with the much more common and subtle forms of racism on campus.

"There is racism on this campus, and there's racism in society," said Brandon Brod, who took the position last summer. "The campus is just a mirror of society. I don't have reason to believe there's more or less racism on this campus. It's just a reflection of what's out there."

In terms of percentages, UCSB does not reflect the state of California. Whites, who make up 64 percent of the campus population, including 73 percent of graduate students, made up a shrinking 52 percent of the state population in 1998. Blacks, who make up 3 percent of the UCSB population, constituted 7 percent of the state, and Hispanics, who are one of the fastest growing minority groups at 30 percent of the state population, make up 15 percent of the UCSB population.

Brod said he receives reports on a sporadic basis, with most taking the form of graffiti or minor vandalism. The crimes, he said, are usually ones of ignorance rather than of true hatred.

"In some ways, it's a

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## County Debates Future of SB Shores Park

BY ALISON DOUGHERTY  
Reporter

For lovers of the Ellwood Coast, it appears that less is, in fact, more.

The Santa Barbara County Park Commission hosted a public information gathering, which drew approximately 100 people Wednesday evening to debate the design of the Santa Barbara Shores Park Master Plan. The plan will determine the future of a 118-acre parcel located adjacent to the Sandpiper Golf Course as well as the property owned by developer Randall Fox. The site contains many environmental resources, including monarch butterfly aggregation sites, natural grasslands, wetlands and wildlife.

The Park Commission heard public input regarding future development of the property, and a presentation regarding various alternative plans for the site, before sending the plan back to the Parks Dept. staff for further revisions.

Director of Parks Dept. Jennifer Briggs said the master plan is being revised due to changes in the landscape since a 1993 environmental study.

"This commission and the staff are acutely aware that the previous park master plan was flawed," said Briggs. "It is my hope that we can come up with a plan that the public can embrace and support."

The county acquired the site in 1990 for the purpose of creating a regional, active recreational park, namely for ballfields, picnic facilities and trails. In 1993, the commission approved a master plan concept, and an environmental impact study began. In 1999, the Parks Dept. realized the 1993 plan would cause unavoidable Class 1 environmental impacts — particularly to wildlife — forcing the old plan to be aborted and a new plan initiated.

Briggs said the new master plan concepts have focused on the county's documented need for more active recreational space, which has generated much debate in the community as to whether the commission should develop the site or leave it undeveloped. Lifelong Ellwood resident Daniel McClaine said the commission should choose a plan that preserves as much open space as

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### In Memory of Those Lost

Sophomores Ross Hale, Mike Vos and Sean Nicholas (L-R) help to plant a liquidambar tree in Little Acorn Park as a memorial to the four killed Friday night. The three students were roommates of Chris Divis, one of the victims. Approximately 300 people attended. Many residents came to listen to the families and friends of the victims speak during an open mic session. Chancellor Yang also participated with a speech Wednesday.

## Spring Election Continues to Divide A.S. Leg Council, Executive Officers

BY ANGELA POTTER  
Staff Writer

A moment of silence began Wednesday night's Associated Students Legislative Council meeting, which included a position paper expressing sympathy to the families and friends of the victims of Friday's tragedy.

Leg Council unanimously passed a resolution offering its condolences to the families and friends of Nicholas Bourdakis, Christopher Divis, Ruth Levy and Elie Israel, who were killed last weekend, and Albert Levy, who is still in the hospital.

Council members also encouraged students to attend today's vigil in honor of the victims. The ceremony begins at 4:30 p.m. in Storke Plaza.

In other business, the upcoming Spring Elections have caused a division between Leg Council and executive officers, leading to a presidential veto and the council overriding one of A.S. President Mahader Tesfai's appointments to Elections Committee. First, Leg Council passed a new Elections Code restructuring the way

runoff elections are conducted. Tesfai then vetoed the bill, claiming it did not represent the best interests of the students.

Last night, Tesfai presented a nomination to the Elections Committee, which oversees the upcoming Spring Elections. However, a few Leg Council members had someone else in mind for

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— Mahader Tesfai  
A.S. president

the position. The council voted to amend the nomination to its nominee, senior Brian McGuire, overruling a decision by Internal Vice President Alison Scheer to reject the nomination.

McGuire's supporters include Off-Campus Rep Vanessa Blau, who said he attended several Elections

Committee meetings and helped to construct the controversial Elections Code.

"Those against his nomination have not been to Elections Committee meetings," she said, "and haven't seen the impact he has on the committee."

McGuire's opponents questioned the constitutionality of the nomination. Tesfai said council members let personal ties influence their decision.

"If it's a problem with me, change the By-Laws to say that the president elects people, not nominates them," he said. "Your best friends can get on any board or committee they want."

McGuire was appointed to the committee by a vote of 14-6, with one abstention.

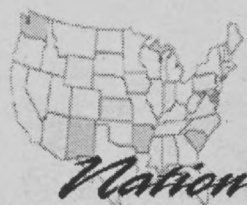
The council also debated the place of Isla Vista and UCSB in the proposed boundaries of the city of Goleta. Leggies agreed urban services, which only a city can provide, are necessary for both students and permanent residents of I.V., but said other issues were not so clear-cut.

One major concern was

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# Top of the News

## Powerful Quake Produces Little Damage



SEATTLE (AP) — A powerful earthquake rocked the Northwest on Wednesday, shattering windows, showering bricks onto sidewalks and sending terrified crowds running into the streets in cities including Seattle and Portland, Ore.

Despite the 6.8 magnitude, damage and injuries were relatively minor, which experts attributed to the quake's depth. About 200 people were reported injured in Seattle and Olympia, at least three of them in serious condition, officials said.

The earthquake temporarily shut down the Seattle airport, knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of people, cracked the dome atop the

Capitol in Olympia and briefly trapped about 30 people atop a swaying Space Needle, 605 feet above the city.

"It was a very long, very rough quake," said Betty Emanuel, who was trapped in her law firm's 39th-floor office in downtown Seattle.

Paulette DeRooy, who scrambled onto a fire escape in a Seattle office

Experts said its depth — in a fault about 33 miles underground — spared the Northwest catastrophic damage. Officials said millions of dollars spent to remodel buildings and highways to protect against earthquakes had paid off: Damage could run into the billions, but that was considered light in a highly developed area with more than 3 million residents.

miles away. Buildings in downtown Portland, 140 miles from the epicenter, swayed for nearly a half-minute, and crowds gathered on street corners to talk about the quake.

Officials evacuated the city's Multnomah County Courthouse, which has not had a major retrofitting for earthquakes.

"I thought, 'If this building goes, we're doomed.' I didn't know what to do. Do I hide under my desk or what?" said Dee Stewart, 46, a judicial assistant who works on the fifth floor.

More than 150 people were treated for injuries, most of them minor, in the Seattle area, said King County Emergency Operations Center spokesperson Al Dams. Of those, 26 were treated at Harborview Medical Center, where three were in serious condition. Authorities said two had been struck by falling debris.

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Judicial assistant**

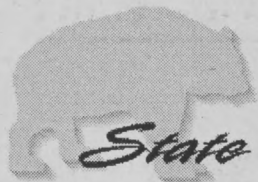
building, said, "Everyone was panicked."

The quake hit at 10:54 a.m. and was centered 35 miles southwest of Seattle, according to the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo. It was the strongest to hit Washington state in 52 years.

In contrast, the magnitude-6.7 Northridge quake in Los Angeles in 1994 struck just 11 miles underground. It caused an estimated \$40 billion in damage and killed 72 people.

The Northwest quake was felt as far away as British Columbia and southern Oregon, 300

## State Returns to Stage 2 Emergency Power Alert



SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis' multibillion-dollar rescue plan for two utilities drew a tepid response from Wall Street on Wednesday as California's weeklong respite from power alerts came to an end.

The unexpected shutdown of four Western power plants for repairs, combined with scheduled maintenance at several in-state plants, forced California grid officials to declare a Stage 2 Alert after seven days with no power emergencies.

Electricity reserves were expected to fall to 5 percent, said Lorie O'Donley, a spokesperson for the California Independent System Operator.

California has been plagued with energy problems for months, including the near-bankruptcies of its two biggest utilities and tight supplies that have had the ISO scrambling frequently for enough power to avoid blackouts.

Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric Co. say they have lost nearly \$13 billion since June due to sharply rising wholesale electricity costs the state's deregulation law barred them from recovering from their customers.

Davis wants to buy the transmission lines of Edison,

PG&E and the state's third investor-owned utility, San Diego Gas & Electric, to help Edison and PG&E pay their debts.

A "conceptual agreement" could be struck with the San Diego utility, a subsidiary of Sempra Energy, by the end of the week, while an agreement with PG&E "will take a little longer," he told reporters following a private meeting in New York with financial analysts.

Davis reached an initial agreement with Edison last week.

The governor has also ordered state agencies to speed up the application process for new power plants, signed legislation letting the state spend an estimated \$10 billion over 10 years to buy power for customers of Edison and PG&E and called for conservation statewide.

Wall Street analysts who met privately with Davis in New York on Wednesday called his moves a good step toward solving the energy crisis, but said more must be done.

"He talked about a lot of short-term measures to alleviate problems for this summer, but he hasn't communicated a long-term fix," said Lawrence J. Makovich, senior director of Cambridge Energy Research Associates.

Davis said strides California has taken to address its power needs include approving construction of nine plants and launching an \$800 million conservation program.

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## Weather

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## RACISM

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real positive thing that some of what used to be acceptable in places truly no longer is," Brod said. "Even the most bigoted person now, in their right mind, wants no association with neo-Nazis or the Ku Klux Klan. That wasn't necessarily true 35 years ago. There were mayors who openly said they were KKK members. You don't find that anywhere."

Few cases involve hatred leveled at individuals, like the 1999 residence hall incidents, where the targeted racial epithets were scrawled on walls.

"Sometimes well-meaning people are just ignorant," Brod said. "It's not that either one of them is being racist or evil or does anything that meets the definition of a hate crime or a hate incident. It's the pure, literal meaning of ignorance. They just don't know."

Gerard Pigeon, who served as chair of the Black Studies Dept. from 1974 until this academic year, said the professors in his department often listen to student complaints. Many of these cases are less than benign, but never

get officially reported.

"If it was reported, you'd see there is racism. It's not as overt as it was, but there are still some people around who believe in the superiority of the European people," Pigeon said. "The atmosphere [on campus] is, at least for minority students, not an atmosphere of bliss, because people can come out of the bush at any moment and insult them."

The same applies for the minorities among the 9,000-plus students in Isla Vista, alongside the town's permanent residents. UCSB's External Vice President for Local Affairs Alejandro Juarez, who has worked extensively in the I.V. community as a founder of the Isla Vista Tenants Union, said landlords can be as guilty of racism as students.

"The only problem with landlords is that it is harder to hold them accountable for their actions," he said. "In 1998, when 33 Latino families were evicted from Balboa, Cortez and Colonial, no one questioned why the majority of people who were evicted were Latino."

Most students do not interact in a meaningful way with I.V.'s large

Latino community, Juarez said. "We treat the Latino community as if it was a glass wall," he said, "not noticing it unless we run into it."

Elizabeth Montañó, the chair of El Congreso, said her organization has seen these problems recently for Hispanic students in the on-campus residence halls.

"Most of it comes out of ignorance," she said. "If you've never been around people different from you, it's fear of what you don't know."

The problems make it difficult to keep students positive about the school, and some, Montañó said, have considered leaving.

The university tries to keep the atmosphere positive, and aggressively recruits minority students who have been admitted to the school. "We want everyone to feel that the campus environment is one that's supportive to them," Dean of Students Yonie Harris said.

Despite this, the number of minorities enrolled in the freshman class for the last three years has remained close to constant, with whites making

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# Opinion

## Candlelight Vigil Allows People to Share Emotions

VICKY LEUNG

Tonight, be a part of the unity.

Beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Storke Plaza, we will join together in a time for remembrance and reflection. This event, organized by several volunteers and local businesses, is a gathering that will unite many people in our community. Although we do have planned spoken addresses from Chancellor Yang and 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall, this is an "open mic" event for everyone.

We want you to attend because this "open mic" event will give you the opportunity to share your emotions, memories and thoughts. By sharing your personal stories, the power of remembrance will help keep the spirits of Ruth, Christopher, Nicholas and Elie alive and beating within our hearts. Even if you are in disbelief or mourning, all of your feelings are valid. The mixture of feelings is one thing we can share with each other and should feel comfortable expressing. There are people that will be there to support you in this time of grievance.

Between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., we will continue our unity for remembrance by forming a procession from Storke Plaza to Little Acorn Park, the site of the accident. Volunteers will be handing out candles and yellow ribbons to everyone in the procession. We will also be handing out flowers so that once we reach Little

Acorn Park, you can place your flower at the site honoring their spirits, because we shall never forget.

But even with this opportunity to speak, we are also providing another opportunity for you to reach out to the victims' families. To begin tonight's remembrance gathering and procession, Associated Students Program Board will be presenting the band Gravity Willing in Storke Plaza at noon. There, you will have the opportunity to write and submit letters to the family of the victims. Your letters will be personally delivered to the families on behalf of the Associated Students. Additionally, your opportunity to write letters will be available later tonight at the remembrance gathering and procession.

Join us in unity tonight because you are part of the UCSB family. We need you there. UCSB has faced a lot of tragedies this year, and we should not forget those we have just lost or those who have passed away in recent months. Please take this opportunity tonight to remember and reflect also on Miyaka Geh, Patrick Hsu and Dave Lindsay, because they were all outstanding members of the UCSB family that we also deeply miss. We welcome any students honoring their memories at the vigil tonight.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I extend my deepest sorrow and condolences to the victims, families and friends who have been hurt in this tragedy. Even if you do not plan to speak



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or write a letter tonight, please come to help support each other. Tonight, let us rest our heads on each other's shoulders. Tonight, let us share our emotions and thoughts. Tonight, let us remember our lost community members. Tonight is an important night because the brilliant traces crossed on our hearts are scars of memories that will never be erased.

If you have any questions about tonight's event, or would like to volunteer, please contact me at [vleung00@umail.ucsb.edu](mailto:vleung00@umail.ucsb.edu) or Mel Fabi at 893-5085 or [melf@as.ucsb.edu](mailto:melf@as.ucsb.edu).

Vicky N. Leung is the A.S. Academic Affairs Board chair.

## MADD Offers Advice for Students Who Are Grieving

FRANK HAMILTON

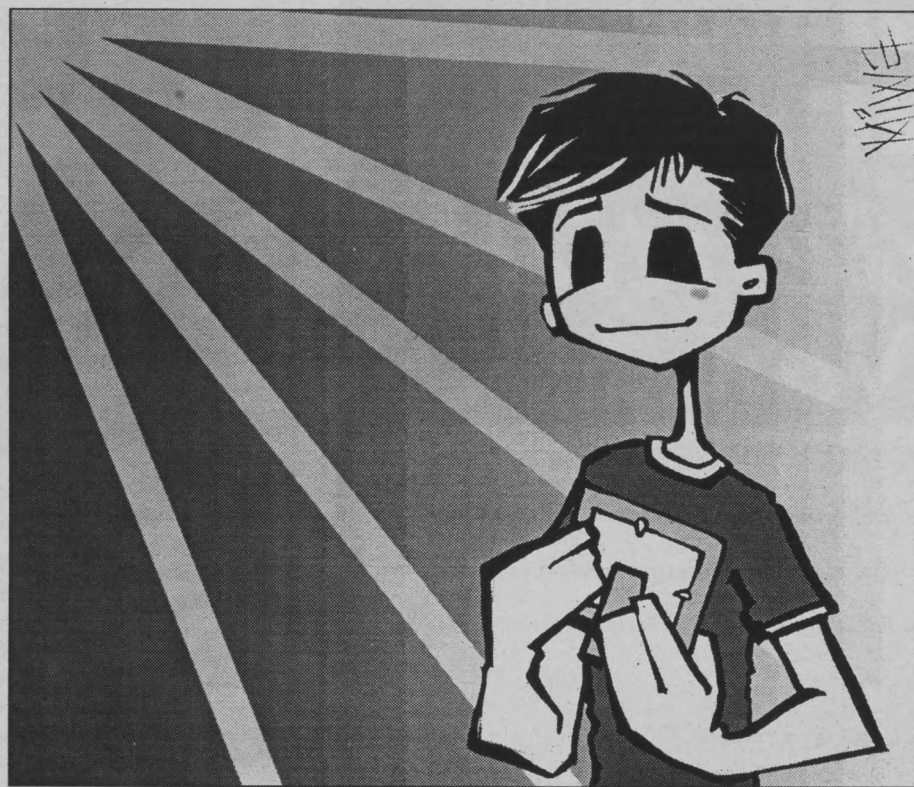
One of the primary mission objectives of Mothers Against Drunk Driving is to support the victims of violent crime. Consequently, we have quite a bit of experience in grief counseling relatives and friends of victims. What follows is a condensed version of what we tell those who seek our services.

There is a commonality in the emotional consequences for the family and friends of a victim of a violent death, regardless of the form it may take. What can anybody possibly say to a person who has suddenly lost a family member or friend in such a manner? How does one answer the unanswerable question of "why?"

First of all, you who are going through just about every emotion possible, are not going crazy. This is part of the grieving process. Shock and disbelief are usually followed by anger once the reality sets in. Then there is the sorrow and pain of the loss. This process must be faced, and the grief worked through if there is to be any resolution to your feelings. The pain will subside. But don't worry, you will not forget your friends. There will be flashes of their memory for the rest of your life. The hope is that these flashes will be happy memories. What can you do to have that happen? Talk to each other. Remember the good times. Laugh along with the tears. Isn't this what you would like your friends to do for you?

It is my belief that we have three options when it comes to choosing our actions during this period:

1) You can destroy out of anger. You will feel anger at the event that robbed you of your friend. You didn't get



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to say goodbye, or how much that friendship meant to you. You are angry with the driver of the car. This is natural. The question is what you will do with this feeling? If you let it control you, it will destroy you and the relationships around you.

2) You can do nothing out of fear. Will you stop driving, be fearful to go outside at night, become emotion-

ally withdrawn because of this tragedy?

3) Or, you can build out of love. You cared about your friends. Is there any better way to remember them than to care for others? The act of giving of yourself helps to minimize the pain you feel, focuses your emotions toward others in need and is a tribute to your friend. Find an organization that works toward eliminating the cause or causes of this tragedy, and devote some of your time to it. You will find that this helps give meaning to the loss.

Finally, if you have spiritual beliefs, pray. Pray for peace for yourself and comfort for the family and friends of these young people and, yes, even the driver of the car.

Whatever you do, try to remember that your friend is standing next to you and watching what you are doing. Will your actions make him or her smile?

Frank Hamilton is the president of the Santa Barbara/San Luis Obispo chapter of MADD.

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# PARKS

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"I encourage the commission to save active uses for a more central location in the community and preserve this site for more passive uses," he said.

All those who spoke expressed essentially the same view — the park should be preserved for passive recreational use. Santa Barbara City College student Emily Draws said she is concerned about the changes that developing the property would entail.

"The thing I love about riding my bike from I.V. to

the trails in the park is that you can't see a single building or light," Draws said. "If we put in ballfields, I fear the lighting and being able to see man-made things. I think that by putting all this junk in there, you would ruin it."

Florence Klein, a two-year resident of I.V. and longtime Goleta resident, agreed with Draws.

"My response to [developing the area] is a welling nausea at the options given to us," he said. "The commission's job is to protect what the public holds dear, and that is this beautiful piece of land. There are many parks and ballfields around the Goleta Valley,

and we don't need to put more here. There's always an opportunity to develop, but once we do, there's no turning back. I say we draw the line in the sand here with this property to protect the Gaviota Coast."

After public comment, the members of the Parks Commission expressed its views concerning the possible development of the site. First District Commissioner Suzanne Perkins summed up the board's position.

"Things have changed on this site in the last 10 years, and all the change has been positive," Perkins

said. "Things have grown and come back; there's abundant wildlife. I certainly agree with all of you; we need an active recreation site, but this is not the right spot for it. I would like to see development focus on a passive, open-space park."

"We are obligated to look at all the alternatives, but we've heard the message tonight," Briggs said. "We're looking not to create a passive park, but a reserve."

Another meeting will be held March 29 to review the revised master plan.

A candlelight vigil for remembrance and reflection

## NEVER AGAIN

Thursday, March 1, 2001  
4:30 p.m.  
Storke Plaza



Remember and reflect on those who have died in our community.

- From Storke Plaza, we will march to Acorn Park, (El Embarcadero and Sabado Tarde) the site of the accident.
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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (March 1). Want a better job? Plenty of money? All this, and more, is possible. Start in March by studying. The money comes in April. If a change in attitude is required, make it. Use your experience in May to overcome confusion. In June, fix up your home with stuff you've been saving. True love is due in July, so watch for it. In August, more money is available without doing more work. Teach your mate in September, and forward your career in December. A promotion means you must learn more, but that's OK. Your insecurities spur you to perfection.

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 5- Your financial situation could improve. It's not because you're working overtime; more likely, it's because you'll find something valuable hidden in your closets. That ought to keep you busy tonight.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20)- Today is a 7- Reason won't be enough to change your mind today, and with good reason. You're better off going with your gut feeling on a decision that has to be made, especially if your money's involved.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21)- Today is a 6- An older person is trying to tell you something, and you ought to listen. Trouble is, it's body language that's being used, not words. It could have to do with an assignment you should have turned in by now. Just do it.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22)- Today is a 7- A friend is having a tough time, but this is good for you. Learn from another's mistake. For example, if the friend decides to tell off the boss, watch to see what happens instead of doing the same thing.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22)- Today is a 6- Your forward progress might seem blocked, but that's not really the case. A good partner can help you get through. Don't try to do it all by yourself - you'd just be bashing your head against the wall.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)- Today is a 7- Reaching out to touch someone might be more difficult than you thought. The problem is an overload - either congestion on the highway or too many users on the Internet. Be patient. It will eventually clear up.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)- Today is a 6- You'd like to live in the lap of luxury, and it might be possible, but there is a little work involved. The more work you do, the more money you'll have to spend.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)- Today is an 8- Your psychic powers should be working very well. This is good, because you don't have time for a conversation that's going nowhere. Instead, cast a spell to get your way. Use chocolate.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)- Today is a 5- You should be using brains instead of brawn to get the job done. That's what you're telling yourself, too. But how? It's a sure bet that you'll eventually think of something after being stuck in the muck for a while.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)- Today is an 8- True love awaits if you can just make time for it. You need to run errands, but don't spend all day on them. You deserve to have a little fun just like everyone else. But in your case, you sometimes have to fight for it.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)- Today is a 5- You may have dreams about the good you'd like to do for society, but today your own private spaces need attention. The sanctum sanctorum right around you needs repair. If you have money to donate to anything, spend it on that.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20)- Today is a 7- You may have a hunch that your skills need updating, and you're correct. Ask an expert for advice, and you'll become better at what you're doing. Don't despair. This is just another of those tricky things.

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how annexation of Isla Vista into Goleta would affect the [Re]Vision Isla Vista project, which currently receives funding from the county, UCSB and Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District.

Proponents of the annexation, such as Off-Campus Rep Josh Baker, said I.V. residents are already financially sup-

porting Goleta business, and this would allow them to have more access to their own tax dollars.

"Students largely support the movie theater and the Costco shopping center [as a whole]," he said, "but our tax dollars are not going to us."

The resolution was tabled to give Leg Council more time to research the impact of annexation before taking an official stance on the issue.

## RACISM

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up 62, 65 and 62 percent of the last three classes, respectively. Hispanic students made up 17, 15, and 17 percent of those classes, and blacks made up 3, 2 and 3 percent.

"Black students are going to other campuses. Black students will go where they know they are fully supported," Pigeon said. Although he said this was no fault of the administration, he suggested the university might be looking in the wrong places. "I don't think we pursue the junior college transfers avenue as vigorously as we could ... this is where you have a lot of minorities with all the requirements."

Minorities applied in record numbers to the University of California last fall, and acceptance letters will be mailed out soon. UCSB received some of the highest percentages of minority applications, but will be challenged to recruit these students, who frequently apply to multiple schools.

Outreach programs to high school students, especially student-run programs, help attract minorities to campus, senior sociology and black studies major K.C. Mmeje said.

"I think the university has done a good job so far in trying to actively outreach to minority students, trying to get them at a young age," he said. "Programs like student-run outreach programs are going to be key in trying to bridge that gap."

While the university struggles to attract more minorities, it also works to retain the students it has already admitted. Harris said it is crucial students work together.

"It's very easy for people to see things from their own personal viewpoint," she said. "As hard as it is to try to shift, to see the world differently, that's what we have to do. I wish all white students could see the world from a black student's point of view. It's so easy for white students to view the world from their perspective and think that's the only one."

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Campus Crusade for Christ at UCSB invites you to our weekly meeting **Real Life in Chemistry 1179** for a time of prayer, processing and a message to encourage you during this tragic loss. All are welcome. **THURSDAY at 7PM, Chem. 1179.**

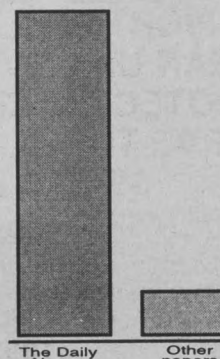


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# Sports



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Senior guard Rachel Rogers drives around a Cal State Fullerton defender. Santa Barbara takes on Pacific tonight at 7 in the T-dome.

## UCSB Readies for UOP, Long Beach

BY MATT HEITNER  
Staff Writer

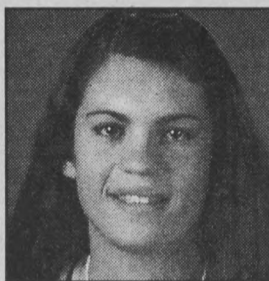
The UCSB women's basketball team received a wake-up call earlier this season in the form of back-to-back Big West losses to Cal Poly and Irvine.

The Gauchos had become a bit complacent during their 49-game conference winning streak, and perhaps a couple of defeats were just what Santa Barbara needed. Since the losses, UCSB has reeled off four straight victories. Beginning with its win at Stephen F. Austin, the Gauchos have regained their swagger as they head into their two biggest games of the season. Santa Barbara will face Pacific tonight at 7:30 and Long Beach State on Saturday for the right to be named regular season Big West champion.

"The game against SFA gave us time

together that we used to recommit ourselves," UCSB Head Coach Mark French said. "That win gave us renewed emotion, confidence and execution, which we've been able to carry over."

UCSB will also honor its three departing seniors this weekend, with guards



Lindsay Taylor

Rachelle Rogers and Sheila Shilati, as well as forward Nicole Greathouse, playing their final home games in a Gaucho uniform.

"It will be really fun and at the same time really emotional," Greathouse said. "I'm definitely looking for-

ward to the games this weekend."

Santa Barbara (17-8, 10-2 in the Big West) defeated both the Tigers (16-9, 9-3) and 49ers (15-10, 10-2) earlier this season in heated contests, and the games this weekend promise to be just as intense.

After playing four games in seven days, UCSB practiced sparingly this week.

"We practiced Tuesday and Wednesday, but didn't have individual workouts," French said. "We also worked on rebounding and our offensive execution, trying to take care of the little things."

Playing in place of a sick Greathouse, freshman center Lindsay Taylor upped her game last weekend, recording a double-double against both Boise State and Idaho.

"Lindsay has been stepping it up the entire second half of the sea-

son," French said. "We knew that she would be a great player when we signed her. She's definitely getting more confident and is having a great freshman year."

Santa Barbara will be hoping for a repeat performance from Taylor this weekend, as it knows that the games will determine the seeding in the Big West Tournament. Winning both games would make UCSB the #1 seed, meaning that the contests are of the utmost importance.

"We know that we have to play well in these two games to win the conference," junior forward Kayte Christensen said. "It puts a lot of pressure on us, but at the same time helps us with our focus and emotion."

Tip-off tonight has been delayed 30 minutes to 7:30 p.m., in order to allow students to attend the candle-light memorial service.

## Santa Barbara Prepares for Battles Against USU, BSU at End of Season

BY ELIAV APPELBAUM  
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's basketball team finds itself in position to gain revenge and remain above .500 against Utah State tonight at 7.

The Gauchos have won eight of their last nine games and are currently in third place in the Big West at 9-5. Santa Barbara has an opportunity to reach or exceed another goal: to win its 10th game in the conference. This would be a huge accomplishment after UCSB started 2-4 in the Big West and sunk fast before finding new energy in its late-season run.

The Aggies (22-5, 11-3 in the Big West), defending conference champions and favorites to win the tournament again, are standing in the way. USU defeated Santa Barbara 71-48 on Feb. 15. However, the Aggies are mired in a rare two game losing streak.

"They man-handled us the last game," UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams said. "They moved the ball

really well and beat us at every facet of the game. We need to play better in every way possible. ... One of the things we have to do is a better job responding [to Utah State]."

One factor the Gauchos know they can rely on is freshman guard Nick Jones, who was named Big West Co-Player of the Week, along with Irvine's Jerry Green. Jones had 14 points and 11 boards at Cal Poly, and scored a career-high 22 points vs. Pacific — both victories. Jones and the rest of the team will have to grow up in a hurry and find a way to get going against one of the most experienced teams in the Big West. Utah State has won 21 straight games at Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

"The game is going to be a tough one, a battle," sophomore forward Mark Hull said. "Especially for their home games. They might be a little pissed off since they lost the last couple of games. [This game] should be fun."

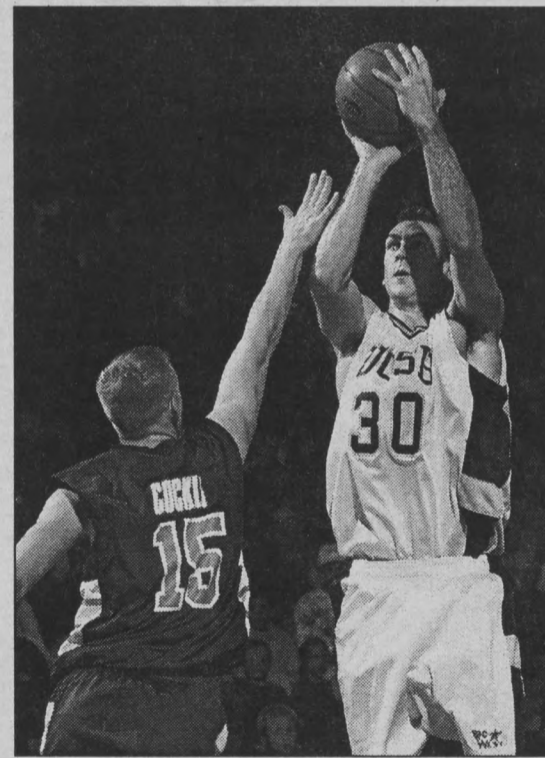
The Aggies' most imposing athlete is senior forward Shawn Daniels. Daniels is considered the central com-

ponent to USU's offense. The key for UCSB to win the game is to hinder the offense Daniels' generates through his passing, shooting and presence on floor.

"We're not going to double him at the beginning," freshman forward Casey Cook said. "If he starts heating up, we'll double. But the thing is, he's such a great passer and he hurt us in the last game."

Outside of Daniels, the Gauchos will battle a slew of experienced Aggies, including seniors Curtis Bobb, Dimitri Jorssen and Bernard Rock. Junior Tony Brown, who scored 16 points the last meeting, hurt UCSB on his outside shooting from precision passing from Daniels. The Gauchos complete their final road trip at Boise State on Saturday at 7 p.m.

"We said all along we need to play well in March," freshman center J.J. Todd said. "It's March now. It's time to play our best basketball. We have two tough games, and it's a test to play our best basketball and be ready for the [Big West] Tournament in a week."



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Sophomore forward Mark Hull and the UCSB men's basketball team will try to upset USU tonight at 7.

## MLB Lacks Certain Charm

MATT HEITNER

Spring training starts this week in Arizona and Florida to mark the beginning of the Major League Baseball season. That's right — baseball is back — meaning spring can't be far away.

For baseball purists, there is nothing better than this time of year. Go take in nine innings, have a brawl, drink a beer. The way you watch a game hasn't changed for as long as it has been played, and you get the feeling that you're part of a tradition when you're at the ballpark.

Baseball is a game of history, a sanctuary from the past. The game is thick with nostalgia, passed down from generation to generation. Dads tell stories about the game's true heroes — the players they used to imitate on the field. Joe DiMaggio, Willie Mays and Mickey Mantle at the plate. Sandy Koufax and Bob Gibson on

the mound. That's what baseball's all about.

But lately there has been something wrong with the players of our national pastime. Instead of playing because they love the game, they play because they get paid. Culminating with Alex Rodriguez's 10-year \$252 million contract, baseball has fallen in a deep ditch.

In the last week alone, Los Angeles Dodgers' right fielder Gary Sheffield and San Francisco's outfielder Barry Bonds have both refused to report to camp because they want more money. Ten million dollars a year isn't enough they say, not when A-Rod gets \$25 mil. Can you imagine the Mick saying he wouldn't play baseball because he wasn't getting paid enough?

It was this type of greed that led to the strike of 1994, and could lead to another strike sooner than you think. Baseball didn't play a World Series in '94, the only time in over one hundred years that the Fall Classic hasn't been played. It took fans around the country a long time to forgive baseball for its sins, only warming to the game in the last few seasons. A second work stoppage in seven

years would be disastrous, especially with a fan base that still resents the first strike.

Is this what baseball has come to?

The problems in the game today are many, but one towers over all the rest: It seems as though baseball isn't as fun as it once was. The players now treat it like a business, not a privilege. It's time to remind major leaguers why they started playing baseball in the first place. It wasn't for money — I guarantee you that.

Now, as another season approaches, the players must choose the fate of the game. Will they play for the cash or for the fans? Can baseball capture our hearts once again, or will it fade further into the background of sports into the landscape of America?

With those questions in mind, I offer a general plea to those lucky enough to play baseball for a living: Forget the money. Play with the joy of an 11-year-old. And give this generation heroes we can tell our children about.

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