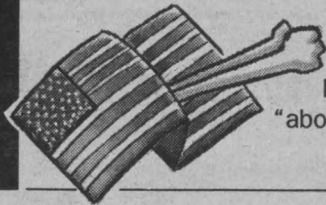




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Opinion

The *Nexus* defends the FDA's approval of the "abortion pill," RU-486.

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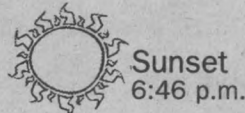
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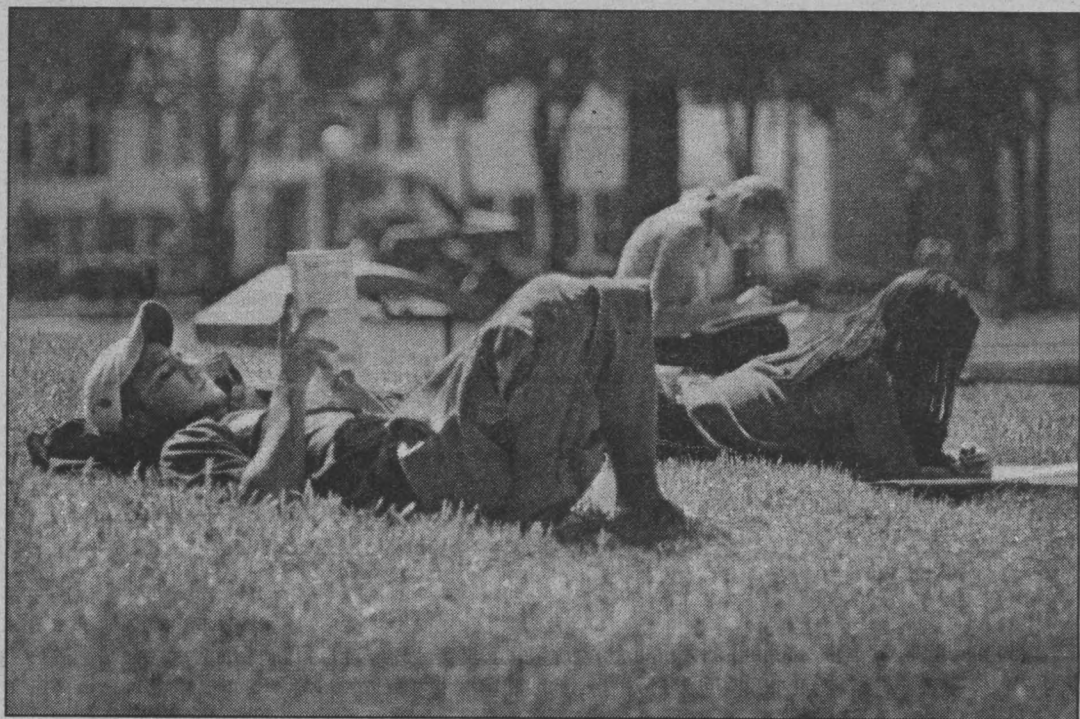
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Hey, at Least We Get to Study Outside

Freshman film studies major Dan Shepard hits the books near the Eternal Flame while enjoying the Santa Barbara autumn weather. With only a week of school under their belts, UCSB students are already deep into homework. But they still have time to relax in the sunshine for at least a little bit.

Women's Center To Celebrate Silver Anniversary With Visiting Lecturer

BY SARAH HEALY
Staff Writer

In the 25 years UCSB's Women's Center has existed, things have changed — sexual harassment is illegal and pay for women is higher. But the center's mission is far from over, with instances, such as rape and discrimination, still occurring today.

The Women's Center will commemorate its 25th anniversary this year. It kicks off the celebration today with a free lecture from Harvard Law Professor Lani Guinier. Guinier, who was nominated but then withdrawn for consideration to head the Civil Rights Division of the Dept. of Justice, will speak at 4 p.m. in Campbell Hall.

Women's Center Director Deidre Acker said the goal of such lectures is to bring students a new or overlooked perspective. "The talk is entitled

'Rethinking Race, Gender and Power,' and that kind of sums up what the Women's Center is about. We want people looking at the intersections of not only sexism, but race issues, gender issues and power issues," Acker said. "What we hope to accomplish is to get people to think about things differently, and expose them to things that they aren't normally exposed to."

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I.V. Meeting Addresses Development Issues

BY PREETI KELAPURE
Reporter

Though Isla Vista benefited from a summer of road improvements, locals raised a number of other concerns to county officials Thursday evening.

The academic year's first town hall meeting attracted approximately 30 Isla Vista community members, who assembled at the University Religious Center to discuss public safety, parking shortages and UCSB's new convocation ceremony.

Despite the absence of 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall, her Executive Assistant Mark Chaconas filled in and led the meeting. He fielded complaints from residents upset with the lack of

progress in the development of proper sidewalks, handicap accessibility and parking.

"The toughest part in solving the problems is the [county] administration, and the two key issues include costs to provide these changes and difficulties in maintaining things like parking permits," he said.

I.V. Foot Patrol Lt. Butch Arnoldi addressed the issue of public safety, asserting that Part-One Crimes, which include forcible rape, aggravated assault, simple assault, burglary and thefts, have decreased by a little over 3 percent in the past 10-month period.

"I attribute these changes to the deputies being

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\$1.3 Million Grant Provides Funds for Middle East Center

Location Aims to Introduce Subcontinent's Culture, History to UCSB Students, Community

BY NAMIR NASIR
Reporter

Far removed from the caricature of gun-toting and oil-hungry Arabs, UCSB's new Center for Middle East Studies will try to offer an oasis with the sounds of the tabla and the paintings of one of the most ancient civilizations on the planet.

The center found its home on the third floor of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building, thanks to \$1.3 million in federal- and university-matched funds. Led by Director Dwight Reynolds, the center, which opened Aug. 15, plans to study Middle-Eastern tradition, culture and ideology.

Reynolds said the center's work will fight American stereotypes of an oft-misunderstood people by creating public

sters, the center is sending "music boxes" to local schools. The boxes are packed with Middle-Eastern instruments built from scratch at the center.

Assistant Director Garay Menicucci said the center would help young Americans understand a culture different from their own.

"One thing you might say is that one of the missions of the center is to raise awareness in the public at large about the cultural achievements of the Middle-Eastern people in general, because in America these people have often been the victims of prejudice and discrimination," he said.

Southern California is one of five regions of the world that has a Mediterranean climate. The Middle East is another. Both regions share many of the same concerns, such as scarcity

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— Dwight Reynolds
Center for Middle East Studies director

interaction through campus lectures, cultural performances.

"Not only do Americans not know much about the Middle East, but it is a region of the world about which they have many, many negative stereotypes," he said.

The creation of this particular center puts UCSB in the ranks of Harvard and Princeton as one of 12 federally recognized National Resource Centers. This recognition, and the accompanying funding, has led to language courses and visiting professors, including Pakistani Lecturer Ruquiya Khan.

The center's teaching, however, is not limited to UCSB. In an effort to reach area young-

of water, crop growing and air pollution. Centers such as UCSB's seek to find common problems and solutions.

Menicucci said the center will try to lay an academic foundation by introducing a Middle-Eastern curriculum in local schools, but also to introduce the culture to the population at large.

Administrative Assistant Tareh Raheem, new to the center, said UCSB has a large Middle-Eastern community, with varied backgrounds and regions.

"[The center] is the meeting place for people from the Middle East to talk to students, to communicate with that heritage," he said.

Top of the News

FDA Allows Distribution of Abortion Pill



WASHINGTON (AP) — Capping a bitter 12-year battle, the government approved use of the abortion pill RU-486 on Thursday, a major victory for abortion-rights advocates that could dramatically alter abortion in this country.

The long-expected decision by the Food and Drug Administration allows Americans an early-abortion method already used in France, Britain, China and 10 other countries. The action is expected to make abortion in the United States more accessible and more private.

Coming in the final weeks of the presidential campaign, the move also is sure to renew fierce political debate. Republican candidate George W. Bush, whose father's administration banned RU-486 imports in 1989,

opposes abortion. Vice President Gore supports the pill option.

The pill, known chemically as mifepristone and by the brand name Mifeprex, will be available to doctors within a month.

Mifepristone, which blocks a hormone vital to sustaining pregnancy, only works during the first seven weeks of pregnancy, when an embryo is about

formed accurately, the FDA restricted its use to doctors with certain training and mandated that detailed patient-information brochures be given to every woman.

Although some doctors already use a cancer drug called methotrexate to cause abortion — legal although not formally FDA-approved — they said mifepristone will

instead of protester-targeted clinics, added Planned Parenthood President Gloria Feldt.

But anti-abortion groups, which fought mifepristone by threatening U.S. drug companies with boycotts, pledged to continue fighting.

"Never before has the FDA approved a drug intended to kill people," said Rep. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) who promised legislation calling for severe limits on which doctors could administer mifepristone.

On the campaign trail, Bush called the FDA's decision "wrong," saying, "I fear that making this abortion pill widespread will make abortions more and more common." His campaign said if elected, Bush would not have the authority to overturn the FDA's decision, but he would order a probe of whether the agency's review was influenced by politics.

Health experts note abortions did not increase when RU-486 debuted in France in 1988, or later across Europe.

At long last, science trumps anti-abortion politics and medical McCarthyism.

— Eleanor Smeal
Feminist Majority Foundation member

one-fifth of an inch; that is earlier than surgical abortions often are offered.

Two days after taking mifepristone, women take a second drug that causes cramping and bleeding as the embryo is expelled, much like a miscarriage.

Complications are rare; serious bleeding occurs in 1 percent of women. But the pill-caused abortion requires three doctor visits and, to ensure it is per-

increase access to the non-surgical method.

"At long last, science trumps anti-abortion politics and medical McCarthyism," said Eleanor Smeal of the Feminist Majority Foundation.

Mifepristone may "turn the tide against anti-choice intimidation" because doctors who do not offer surgical abortion can use the pill in private offices

L.A. Teachers Vote 'Yes' on Possibility of Striking



Rank-and-file members voted overwhelmingly in favor of a strike Monday, union officials said Thursday. With nearly 70 percent of members casting ballots, 95 percent authorized a strike.

Union officials continue negotiating with the district, but said they are dissatisfied with the latest offer.

"They are giving the least amount of money to the people that do the most work," said John Perez, vice president of United Teachers of Los Angeles.

If they went on strike, the school district's teachers would join 4,300 striking bus drivers and rail operators, who walked off the job Sept. 16.

On Wednesday, the union representing 47,000 Los Angeles County employees said it will begin a series of one-day strikes at hospitals, jails and welfare offices next

week unless a contract settlement is reached. A county-wide walkout would start Oct. 11.

Teachers in the nation's second-largest school district said they are frustrated by what they believe is an inadequate pay-raise offer by administrators, and poor classroom conditions. Only New York's school system is larger.

They want a 15 percent one-year pay raise and a "classroom bill of rights" to ensure clean classrooms, well-maintained schools and adequate supplies and textbooks.

The teachers' union said increasing pay and improving working conditions will stop a talent drain that sees about 30 percent of teachers leaving after four years. Starting pay for credential teachers is currently \$37,000 per year, topping out at \$57,000 after 10 years.

Union president Day Higuchi said the district needs to treat teachers well because retirements in the next five to 10 years are expected to worsen an already critical shortage of qualified teachers.

Of the district's 35,500 teachers, 27 percent are working without full credentials — more than double the state average. The district scrambled to fill 1,500 to 2,000 teaching openings as the school year began earlier this month.

Report Finds State Has High Rate of Uninsured Despite Drop



SACRAMENTO (AP) — The percentage of Californians without health insurance has dropped, following a national trend, but the state still has among the highest shares of uninsured, new U.S. Census figures show.

Last year, 20.3 percent of Californians lacked health coverage, down from 1998's figure of 22.1

percent, the Census Bureau said in a report released Thursday.

Nationally, the share of the population without health insurance has also declined, reversing a 12-year trend, according to the census report on health insurance coverage.

The percentage of uninsured Americans is 15.5 percent, the report found.

California had the fifth-highest percentage of uninsured last year, after Nevada, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico. Rhode Island had the lowest, at 6.9 percent.

Many of the states with low numbers of uninsured

have aggressive and generous programs covering children, said E. Richard Brown, director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research.

Brown and other health care advocates are urging Gov. Gray Davis to sign bills that would let the state extend the Healthy Families low-cost insurance program for children to their parents.

That extension, if approved by the Clinton administration, could cover another 600,000 adults and is estimated to cost the state about \$128 million. Davis has until Saturday to

sign the bills.

While Brown called the dip in the uninsured encouraging, Jim Keddy of the Pacific Institute for Community Organization, a nonprofit group working to expand access to health care, said California should be doing better.

"California is producing an enormous number of jobs right now. This is the strongest economy we've seen in 30 years. So the fact that the uninsured rate isn't dropping more is a bad sign," Keddy said. "Imagine what it will look like when the economy slows down."

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Weather

Four and a half days later and the first week of school is finally over. I don't know about the rest of you, but I've grown more tired of add codes and failed class crash attempts than the micro-machine scooters that have taken over campus. But crashing classes falls much lower on the shit meter than what our sports teams do to new recruits their first week. Imagine a swimmer asking a professor for an enroll code in a tagged wife-beater and tighty whiteys.

Friday's Forecast: Low humiliation expected in the early morning, but should lift by day's end.

Correction

Tuesday's story "CSOs Promote Registration as Bike Protection" incorrectly stated that bike registration costs \$8, whereas it only costs \$6. The *Nexus* regrets this error.

Tiny Ocean Plankton Tell Big Story of Massive Global Climate Change

By ERIC SIMONS
Staff Writer

El Niño storms drove many Isla Vista residents away from their beachfront property to seek higher ground and dry places. La Niña cold freezes drove California farmers crazy as their crops withered. Now, the research of a UCSB professor is suggesting that such tropical phenomena drive massive thousand-year climate changes for the entire Earth.

G e o l o g y
Professor David Lea spent the last three years combing the Pacific floor for tiny amoeba-like organisms called foraminifera, which act as miniscule thermometers that record the temperature of the ocean when they die.

The results of his study, published in the Sept. 12 issue of *Science Magazine*, suggest that the tropical Pacific is responsible for the global climate shifts that bring about the beginning or end of ice ages.

The foraminifera, which are only slightly larger than a quarter of a millimeter, make tiny shells out of calcium carbonate — the same material found in oyster shells and Tums antacids. Lea and UCSB graduate Howard Spero, now a professor at UC Davis, grew the foraminifera in a laboratory and tested

different water temperatures on them. The professors found that as the water grows warmer, the amount of the element magnesium in the shell increases.

"We now have a tool that we can use to look at micro-chemical changes in the shell related to specific environmental conditions," Spero said. "So when we go into the fossil record and look at the exact same organisms in the deep sea sediments and we see these chemicals in the shells, we can relate these to conditions when the organisms were alive."

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—David Lea
geology professor

The team found shells in the deep mud of the Pacific dating back 450,000 years. Examination showed that the tropics experienced a temperature flux immediately preceding changes to the global ice sheets,

which cover the two poles.

"The temperature in the tropics changes before the ice sheets either grow or demise," Lea said. "To me, the simple interpretation of that is that the process is being driven by processes in the tropics or in the low latitudes."

The results appear to support a theory proposed by Columbia Professor Mark Cane, who suggested that the accumulation of annual climate variations — like El Niño, which is a purely tropical

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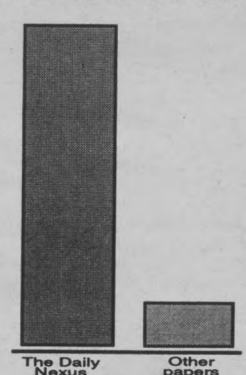
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phenomenon — could drive major global climate change.

“Let’s say we switch into a mode where the Pacific is predisposed toward La Niñas,” Lea said. “What happens is instead of a long stream of El Niños, you have a long string of La Niñas. Now that cold in the Pacific is transmitted to the rest of the Earth, and that drives us into an ice age.”

The Pacific is “predisposed” to El Niños or La Niñas based on several factors of the Earth’s orbit, including its eccentricity, the tilt and precession of its axis, Lea added. An imbalance in the distribution of solar radiation results, making spring warmer than fall and favoring El Niño, or making fall warmer than spring and favoring La Niña.

“The parameters that control the Earth’s orbit around the sun change

slightly, and at certain times those parameters favor a seasonal distribution of radiation to the tropics that favors El Niño,” Lea said. “And at certain times in the past they favor a seasonal distribution that favors La Niña.”

The study does not address the question of global warming because even the youngest samples are 2,000 years old — far too ancient to have implications for the more recent, human-driven increase in greenhouse gases. However, the study does show the tropical Pacific is sensitive to temperature change, making it an important area for scientists to watch, Lea said.

The Earth goes through cycles of warming and cooling, corresponding to the scale of the Earth’s orbital variations. After the last ice age, which was about 10,000 years ago, the Earth started warming up, reaching an average temperature

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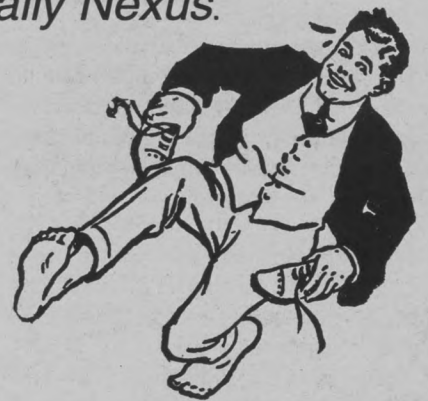
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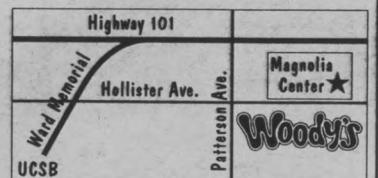
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at the right places at the right times ... with the more eyes and ears out there, the less problems we see," Arnoldi said. "I'm not going to be naive enough to think that the sexual crimes that were reported were the only ones; there could easily be five times

that amount in I.V., but that's what we're trying to prevent. A lot of people don't see why we arrest intoxicated kids, but they don't understand that we see them as potential victims ... I.V. can be a negative and hostile place, and if you are unable to care for yourself and others, then we arrest you for your safety."

UCSB Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Michael Young commented on this year's convocation — a welcoming ceremony for new students held on Sept. 18. Young said the event — sponsored by Student Housing, the Academic Senate, the division of Student Affairs and Residential Services — was held to help advise

new students of the privileges and responsibilities of attending UCSB.

"We had 80 faculty members and the chancellor to ... talk to them about the three principles surrounding their new responsibilities and privileges," he said.

The next town hall meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 9.

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A group of faculty and students lobbied, wrote letters and met at least once a week to initiate the idea of the center, according to former UCSB student Janis Kellar.

"We convinced the administration that there was a need for it," she said. "I mean we just didn't go away."

The "Founding Mothers" established the Women's Center in April 1975 to acknowledge women's places at the university. Educational Opportunity Program Executive Director Yolonda Garcia, a member of the first advisory committee for the center, said the founders faced issues such as lack of female faculty members and administration workers. "I think [the Women's Center] was recognizing some major inequities," she said.

"We were also dealing with issues and concerns as women, as well as communication across ethnic groups," Garcia said. "The university

needed to recognize these issues."

Since then the center has changed location from a now torn-down building on the outskirts of campus to the present location next to the EOP building and the Campus Learning Assistance Services building. It has also expanded its original

intention, which was to encourage women's professional employment.

"It's about empowering both men and women really, and looking at what our goals are in society, and how they're changing and how we can help them to change for the benefit of anybody," Acker said.

However, since the Women's Center's opening, members have dealt with setbacks and issues both hampering and furthering their cause. Acker cited the 1991 Clarence Thomas case, when the Supreme Court justice was charged with sexual harassment.

"That sent a lot of ripples in the community and really put sexual

harassment on the map," she said. "People started talking about it more, and kind of understanding what sexual harassment is and how it affects women."

The University of California Board of Regents' decision to remove race and gender preferences from admissions policies also presented a step backward to the Women's Center — especially when paired with Proposition 209, a law outlawing Affirmative Action in California.

"[Prop 209] didn't really do anything physically as much because we weren't giving preferences to people; we were just using that as one of the criterion," Acker said. "What it did I think mentally for a lot of women and a lot of men of color was really make them feel like the University didn't want them."

Acker says the center will be forming student focus groups and sending out questionnaires to find out what students want the center to change or continue in the future. "We're not planning to change our mission, but just maybe the way we carry out the mission," she said.

Kellar hopes the Women's Center's efforts will one day allow it to reach its goals.



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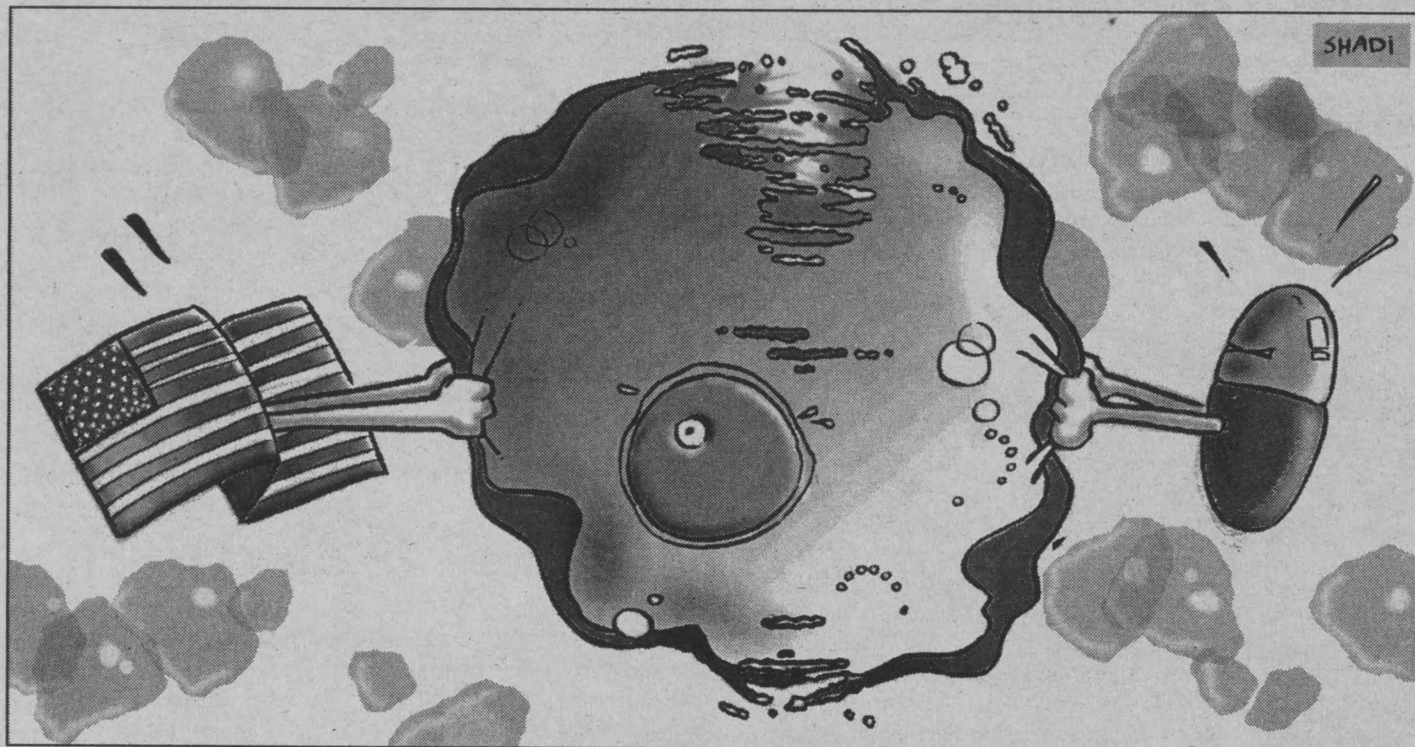
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RU-486

Why the FDA's Approval of the "French Abortion Pill" Is the Right Decision

The Food and Drug Administration gave approval Thursday for the "French abortion pill," RU-486. The drug has been offered in Europe and China for 12 years as an alternative to surgical abortion in early pregnancy, but a mix of politics and business had previously prevented its approval in the United States. Pro-life activists claim they will push for legislation that will severely limit the drug's accessibility or, failing this, they plan to wait 'til the next president is elected and appeal the decision. Bush has spoken in strong opposition to the FDA's decision and claims that, if elected, he will order a probe of the FDA's approval process.

The RU-486 abortion method requires the administration of two drugs under close medical observation. Tests have shown that it may be effective up to the ninth week of pregnancy. RU-486 works by binding to the progesterone receptors in a woman's uterus, thereby blocking the action of the chemical. Without progesterone, the lining of the uterus breaks down, sloughs off (as it does in a normal menstrual cycle) and bleeding occurs. In addition, the drug dilates the cervix and leads to contractions that help dislodge and expel the embryo. Taking this pill will not be a pleasant experience physically or psychologically, and definitely not a decision that a woman should take lightly.

RU-486 is by no means a painless alternative to conventional surgical abortion. Physical effects of the drug are harsh — something pro-lifers must understand when making the ridiculous claim that its approval will encourage irresponsible sexual behavior.

RU-486 will in no way minimize the importance of contraceptive devices for preventing pregnancy and STDs, nor will it encourage promiscuous sex, since a woman must first see a physician before receiving the pill. The drug merely offers women an alternative to invasive surgical abortions during the first few weeks of pregnancy, and allows women who live in remote areas greater access to the abortion option.

FDA approval of RU-486 should not be swayed by political interest groups. Individuals' morality should have no part in the FDA's decision. The only relevant consideration is the short-term and long-term effects of the drug on a woman's health. Abortion is already protected under the Constitution (*Roe vs. Wade* precedent), and there is no justification for rejecting an alternative method other than for safety. There is

absolutely no sense in the pro-life movement's campaign against this drug — abortion would be legal even if the FDA turned down RU-486.

A woman's decision to have an abortion is a result of multiple factors. However, these factors must be weighted by the woman's own conscience, and her own conscience alone. There is nothing wrong with disagreeing with the choice to abort. However, there is something wrong with hindering a woman's right to choose. If a woman decides against having an abortion out of fear of the surgical procedure, she should not be denied the option of a safe, alternative method.

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The Reader's Voice

THE U.S. ATTEMPT TO SCAPEGOAT OIL

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I'm tired of hearing people blaming "big, greedy businesses" for the high price of gas. Since everyone likes to blame them for wanting to make a profit (what an evil concept), why don't you all take a look at who profits most from your gas purchases. Taking into account costs and expenses, you'll find that when you buy gas, the organization that profits the most is not the big, evil oil companies, nor the insidious independent gas stations, but rather your own government. If you want prices to drop, we should urge our gov-



ernment to impose a one-year moratorium on all gasoline taxes that would save California drivers an instant 50.4 cents per gallon.

Over the past week, Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore and Republican contender George W. Bush sparred over how to respond to the high price of oil, which has driven gasoline and home heating oil prices to record highs (Daily Nexus, "Black Gold," Sept. 26).

Gore has endorsed a plan to release crude oil from the federal government's Strategic Petroleum Reserve, a plan Republican VP candidate Richard Cheney described as a potential danger to U.S. national security. But simply suspending state and federal taxes would do more to help financially

strapped Americans than tapping the Strategic Petroleum Reserve ever could.

The debate over the Strategic Petroleum Reserve ignores one central fact. Much of the recent surge in gas prices could be erased instantly if politicians simply agreed to suspend the 43 different taxes imposed on the production and distribution of gasoline. And the cost imposed by politicians has been rising steeply. Between 1990 and 1999, state and federal gasoline taxes jumped from 27 cents per gallon to 42 cents per gallon.

If a gas tax moratorium were put into place, the price of a gallon of gas would instantly plummet by 50.4 cents throughout California, 54.2 cents in Hawai'i, 53.7 cents in Connecticut,

51.4 cents in Nevada, etc. Based on the latest travel and population statistics, Americans would save a whopping \$67 billion a year. Instead of paying \$1.78 per gallon, consumers would only pay about \$1.28, and save an average of \$422 a year in gasoline taxes.

Rather than acknowledging the role big government has played in keeping gas prices sky high, Gore last week blamed "Big Oil" for the price hikes, saying, "You should never have to depend on the goodwill of big oil companies just to heat your home or drive down the highway." I can sort of agree with that statement, but I don't think I'm alone in the belief that you also should not have to rely on the goodwill of politicians just to heat your home or drive down the highway. Sadly, politi-

cians seem more interested in government tax revenues than in keeping prices low.

DEAN BIDS TO GRADUATE

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This week is National Books Week. Sponsored by the American Library Association, Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to express one's freedom to express one's if that opinion might be unorthodox or unpopular. The importance of ensuring

Dare to Dream

DEE ACKER

As we, the UCSB Women's Center, celebrate our 25th year, one of the questions we are asking is where do we go from here? That's where YOU come in! While we remain committed to the feminist principles upon which the center was founded, we are exploring new ways to carry out our mission to challenge sexism, racism, heterosexism, classism and other barriers that inhibit our inclusion and equal power. We invite your comments, suggestions and discussion by coming in to see us in Building 434, calling 893-3778, or responding to our website at <www.sa.ucsb.edu/women's-center>. I also hope you will join me in envisioning a better world for everyone.

I often talk to students who think women already have it all. These students will argue that they can get any job they want, expect equal pay and have reproductive freedom. I usually only hear this from privileged students — students who haven't run into or been aware of prejudice, poverty or violence in their lives. It's great that young women's expectations have changed, that some of them just expect to be successful in the world. However, we at the Women's Center often come in contact with them when they hit some barrier, when they discover that everyone isn't treated equal. We also work with a lot of students who already know about the disparities of the world and want to work to educate and try to change these

inequities.

I see more and more of these issues than just supporting THEIR issue that society will place if women raped and beat that if women color are respected everyone's quality. These men know THEIR pro women and men don't have equalities, and that responsibility for children and aging parent women.

We need to our history so repeat the mistakes of the past.

We need to accomplish our goals. We need to have female CEOs, athletes who work in a male-dominated field. Do we decide to celebrate and work motivated for improvements?

Female leadership at UCSB from 13.7 percent to 25.5 percent. We celebrate that or ask when are the other 25 percent 3.8 percent of total were women. Even at the assistant level, only women of color mere 5.1 percent. Ladder-rank faculty celebrate, is tokenism? Putting the few who make that show that it's okay? When celebrate women of color, Latina/o, Native

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or Asian American history one week out of the year, do we celebrate or wonder when we will be written back into history the rest of the year?

We can celebrate by remembering the first-generation college students who did make it to graduation and on to graduate school — the father of four, whose

parents work in the fields, who is now teaching high school with his own advanced degree. Or the single mothers who escaped abusive husbands, graduated with their BAs and were awarded a top honor at the Commencement Award ceremony. Or the student whose family escaped to the U.S. before she was born. She came to UCSB, survived a sexual assault her first year and graduated with her BA. These people are reasons to celebrate!

We need to visualize. Changes won't happen if we don't visualize them in our own minds.

For instance, imagine a world without rape. Really imagine it. What would change? What more could women accomplish and be? How would men change? Imagine a world without sexual harassment, without

people using their power for personal gain. Imagine a society that questioned why HE RAPED her instead of asking why she went to the beach at night with a guy she thought was her friend. A world in which we ask why HE beats her, instead of asking why SHE stays with him. Imagine that hate crimes don't exist — that you can't even imagine them. Imagine that all violence is gone for that matter.

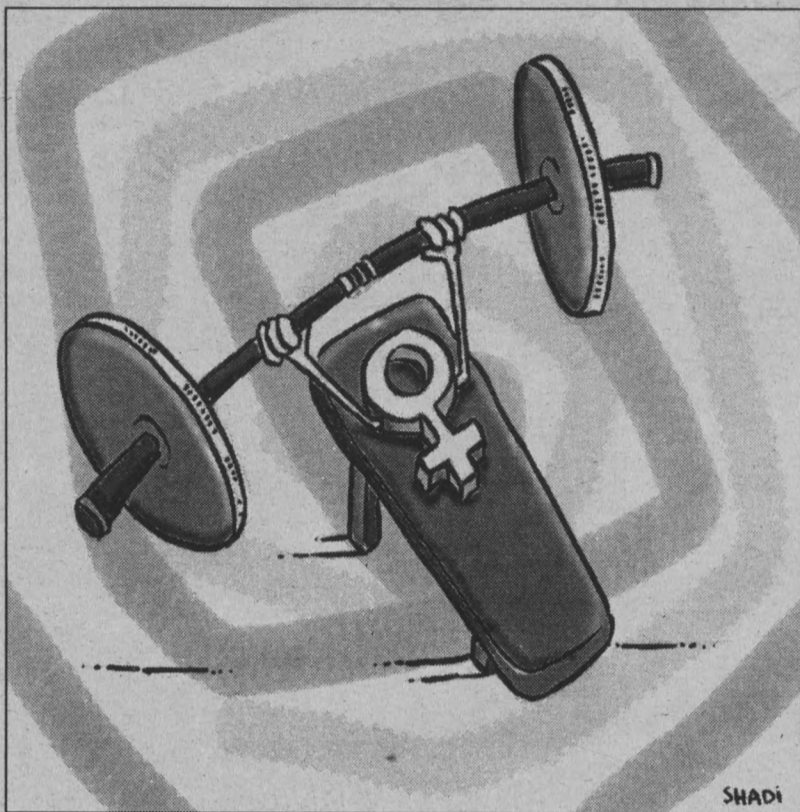
What if nobody told women what do with their bodies — whether or not they should have children, what they should look like, or how much they should weigh?

Imagine a world in which men and women of all ethnicities are represented in the list of the world's richest people. Imagine a Hispanic lesbian in a wheelchair as president of the United

States. Imagine a world in which teachers and house cleaners are respected and make as much money as lawyers and "dot com" entrepreneurs. Imagine equal resource provision for ALL schools and ALL neighborhoods. Imagine a world in which welfare is unnecessary.

This is my goal for the Women's Center for the next 25 years. I hope our programs can empower people and educate them, give them exposure to ideas, people and concepts, so that they can develop their own visions. When one of us is empowered, we are all empowered; when one of us changes, we all change. We need a Women's Center to get us from where we are to where we want to go!

Dee Acker is the UCSB Women's Center Director.



SHADI MUKLASHY / DAILY NEXUS

EAB A Green Machine

COURTNEY ESTES

Are you fed up with waste, pollution and ignorance? Do you want to spend your time in Isla Vista making a positive change for yourself and the community around you? Would you like to find others who feel the same way? If so, the Environmental Affairs Board (EAB) here at UCSB has much to offer you.

EAB was formed in 1991 by a small group of students who felt that by working together and educating each other, it could protect the numerous environmental resources around campus. Its projects started small, mainly focusing on keeping the local beaches clean, but as membership, off shore oil interests and seawall proposals increased, the group expanded its efforts. Members found themselves working as a team with university professors, other student groups and community members. Participants also found themselves making a difference. The lack of sea walls, offshore oil drilling and onshore oil-processing plants in our immediate area is largely due to the efforts of students on this campus.

In recent years, EAB has expanded to include a wide variety of projects to fit everyone's interests. It still works at keeping local beaches, campus and Isla Vista clean. It also began to work with the National Park Service to coordinate restoration trips out to the Channel Islands, remove invasive nonnative plant species and plant natives. Environmental education was an interest for many in EAB, and a program was developed with the Isla Vista Elementary School to educate students in the community. Last year the program grew considerably, with EABers teaching in the classroom two days a week and then taking the

students on a weekly field trip to experience what they had been learning about. EAB also started a yearly Earth Day Festival in Anisq' Oyo' Park to celebrate the Earth and the community with bands, speakers, children's activities and environmental education. And of course, who could forget the legendary potlucks, barbecues and camping trips, which have been a wonderful way for the EAB family to celebrate its efforts and accomplishments.

This year, EAB plans to continue all the projects from previous years, as well as beginning a number of new projects to benefit the university as a whole. It would like to create an Environmental Education Fair in Storke Plaza, where students, faculty, staff and community members can become educated about many of the unique ecosystems and environmental programs in the area. It would like to create a Green Campus Guide to educate everyone about the environmental practices which university organizations and businesses follow. EAB is also interested in beginning a number of hikes to key ecosystems in the area in order to learn about concepts such as butterfly migration and medicinal plant use. By educating the university as a whole, EAB feels we can greatly increase the protection of the environment around us.

EAB provides an incredible opportunity for all students at UCSB. Each new member is a new chance at improving the local and global environment, as well as changing the lives of everyone we come into contact with. I invite you all to come to Environmental Affairs Board meetings every Tuesday night at 7 in North Hall 1105 and join this amazing family.

Courtney Estes is a senior environmental studies major and EAB chair.

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ability of those unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them" (www.ala.org).

Many people feel book banning is a thing of the past, and are unaware of intransigents ready to censor works in the name of decency. Just last week Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* was removed from the Foley High School library in Alabama. One parent decided that the moral character of the novel was not for students. Suddenly, those students lost the freedom to read Huxley. The fact that *Brave New World* ranks fifth on the Modern Library list of the 100-best English-language novels of the 20th century did not save it.

We may have come to expect as much from Alabama, but not in California, and certainly not at this

university. UCSB, however, is more like Foley High than not.

Case in point is Graduate Division Dean, Charles Li. For the past 15 months, Li has denied the campus access to a controversial work. To Li, it doesn't matter that the work has passed scientific review by professors in three campus departments; it doesn't matter that the research was federally funded; it doesn't even matter that the research was performed by a member of UCSB's own community. The only thing that concerns Li is that he personally disapproves of the author and the author's opinions.

The work in question is my master thesis, and I have spent a tiring year,

my savings and much effort trying to get my degree recognized, as well as students' right to their own opinion and their own choice of reading.

The problem began when I learned that UCSB was populated by bureaucrats who place career-climbing and personal notoriety above the interests of students and education. I wrote these views in my thesis's acknowledgement section, where students have been allowed to express personal opinions. To Li, however, the expression of such dissent justifies withholding not only my degree, but also my ideas from the students.

Li's audacity pushes UCSB to teetering on a dangerous edge. Li has no

authority to remove books from the library or to require specific content from authors. Above all, however, Li lacks the authority to determine the kinds of materials students should be allowed to access.

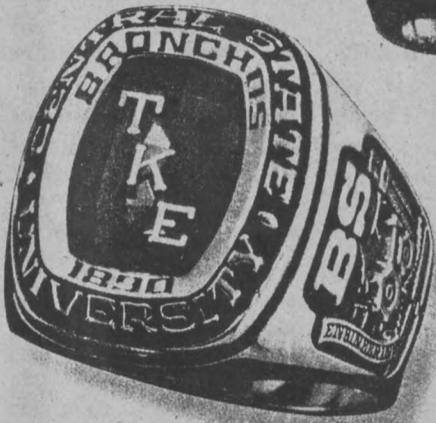
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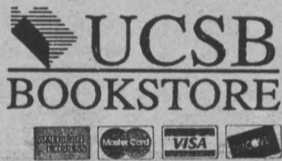


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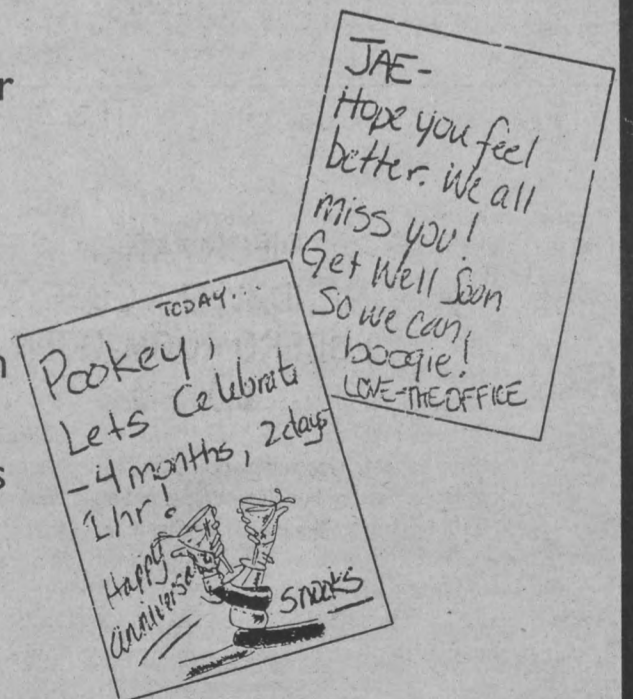
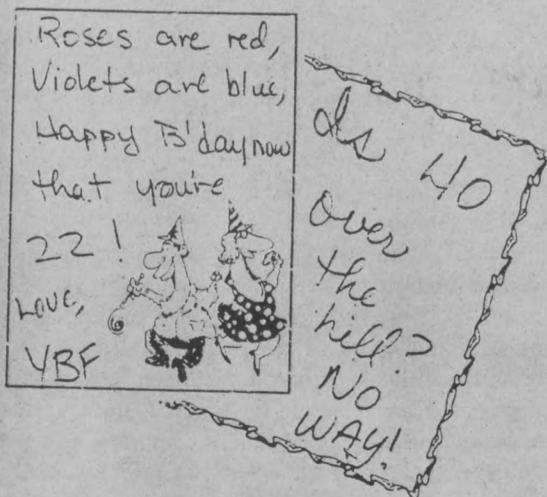
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in the modern Pacific tropics of 29 degrees Celsius. The high came 400,000 years ago, when the temperature reached 30 degrees Celsius.

The study also showed that the Earth has reached the warming peak and, if it follows the cyclical pattern of the past, should be cooling down.

"You can see on this kind of time scale, we're actually in a global cooling trend," Lea said. "If we go back to the previous warm period, you can see that the future would predict we'd plunge very quickly into a cold period."

However, the Earth's temperature follows a close correlation with the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere — an amount that has skyrocketed. Carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, warms the Earth by bouncing infrared radiation that has deflected from the ground back to Earth, heating it.

"It doesn't take a genius to figure out that if we've raised one of the most important greenhouse gases in the atmosphere by



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as much again as it went from a whole ice age to a whole warm period, there's a pretty good chance it's going to warm up," Lea said.

Some temperatures in the Pacific have already hit 30 degrees Celsius, indicating that the climb to warmer temperatures may have already started, he added.

"I'm not saying it will be catastrophic, but it'll certainly be warmer than we're used to today," Lea said. "And there's a lot of evidence accumulating in the literature that says that something is already starting to happen. Science is not something where we

can say with certainty, but we can say that all the indicators we have point to that happening."

Lea predicts temperatures rising as high, or higher, than the levels reached in the past — an increase that could potentially melt the ice frozen at each pole and raise the level of the oceans.

"I would tell you don't buy a house on the sand — I wouldn't," he said. "Because there's about 200 feet of sea level locked up in the ice caps. But I can't tell you how fast things will change. Maybe it will only be a foot every 1,000 years."

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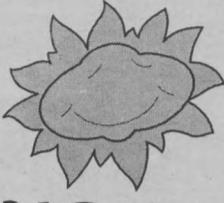
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get down to business. You will be able to work well with colleagues. Your discipline will enable you to complete some of those unfinished projects. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Social events will open doors to new and exciting acquaintances. Don't turn down any opportunities to travel. You need some adventure in your life. Be receptive to unusual entertainment. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Conflicts will arise if you haven't paid proper attention to your lover. Pass the time at the theater or at any event that does not lend itself to discussions. Both of you need time to cool down. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A new love connection will be made through friends. The relationship will move quickly, so hold on tight and be prepared to accept the changes this individual brings into your life. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be intuitive when it comes to making investments. You must be careful that you don't abuse yourself through overindulgence while celebrating. Discipline will be needed. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let your emotions run wild. Get the facts before you take action. You will do well in events that need stamina and drive. Go after your business goals and stay out of trouble. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Consequences will be greater than you thought if you get involved with a client intimately or, even worse, a superior. You need to use discretion concerning whom you see. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't be too quick to lend your cash to a friend. You can bet that the money will not be returned or put to good use. Look out for your own best interests. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone you work with will not be too pleased with your actions. Don't exaggerate. You could easily hurt his or her feelings without meaning to. Put yourself in the other person's shoes. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Find out additional information if you wish to continue in the professional direction that you chose. You can convince people in high places to help you out, but you'd better know your stuff. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You must take some time out to rest. You've overloaded your plate, and there just aren't enough hours in a day. Focus on the most important issues. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't say no; you owe it to your partner to hear him or her out. You'll ruin your weekend if you don't face the situation honestly and openly. You can have some fun if you are able to sort out your differences. 3 stars

Birthdays Baby: You have a strong will and a definite plan in mind when it comes to your life. You are determined, relentless and willing to take on any challenge that comes your way. You're a powerhouse from day one.

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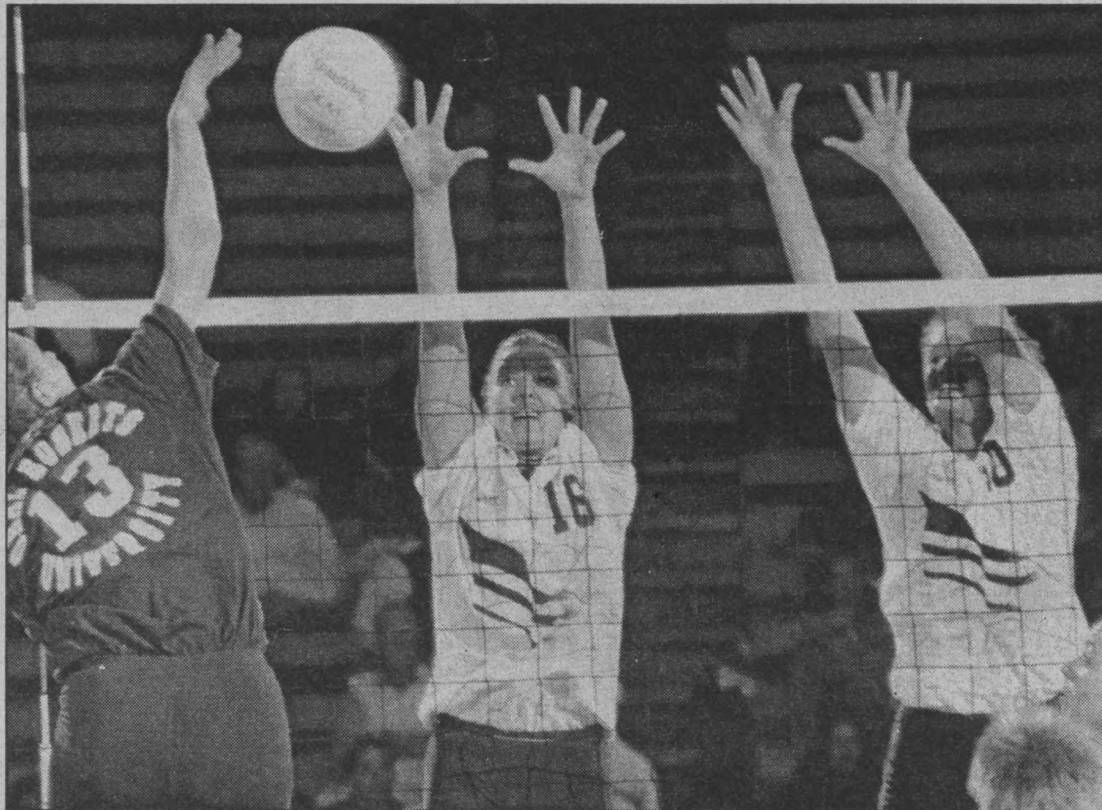
Gauchos Block Boise State in First Conference Road Game

BY KEITH BUSAM
Reporter

The #9 UCSB women's volleyball team took advantage of the wave of momentum it has been riding, against Boise State on Thursday night. Although it was not the walk-away victory most were expecting, Santa Barbara emerged from the contest with a 15-6, 15-13, 15-6 victory.

Boise State (5-6 overall, 1-2 Big West), now under the direction of internationally renowned coach Fred Sturm, was coming off one of its biggest wins of the year last Saturday with a four-game victory over Cal State Fullerton. However, the Gauchos proved to be too tough for the Broncos.

After cruising to a 15-6 game-one victory, the Gauchos (11-3 overall, 3-0 in Big West), found themselves in trouble late in the second game, down 13-10. But Santa Barbara delivered the big plays when necessary with a couple of key digs and some



NEXUS FILE PHOTO

The Gauchos trampled over Boise State in their first Big West Conference road game of the season, with defense from sophomore outside hitter Brooke Niles and offense from freshman outside hitter Erica Menzel.

quick points. This enabled UCSB to steal game two with a commanding 2-0 lead. There was no looking back from that point on, as the Gauchos wrapped up the match in three

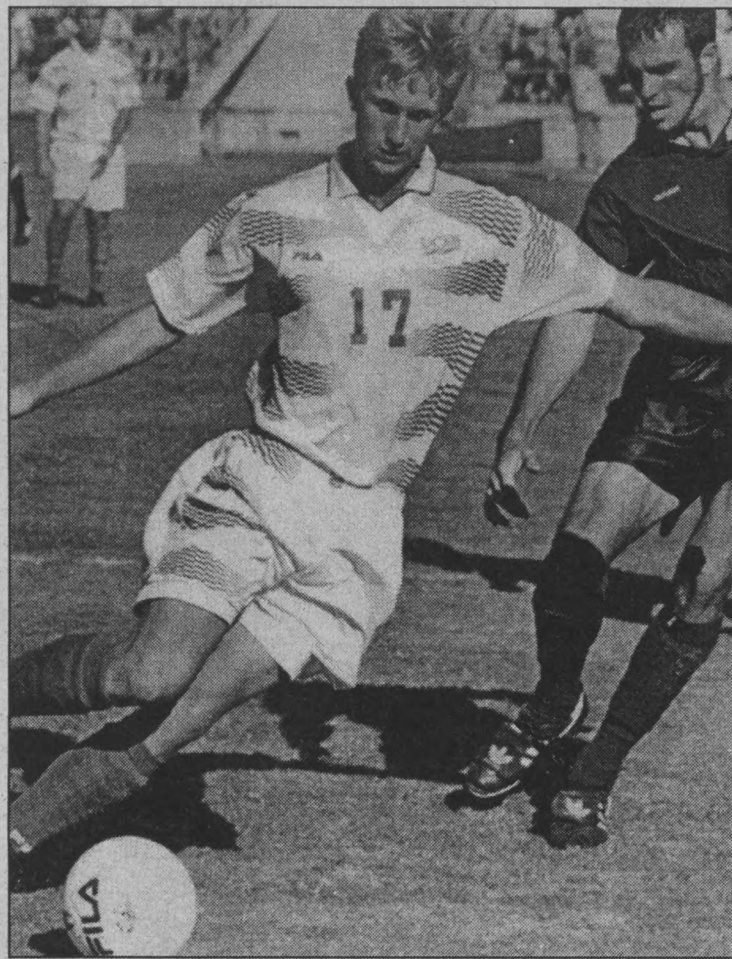
straight games.

The Gauchos received a big contribution from one of their newest additions to the roster. Freshman middle blocker Simone Kuhn, a native of Luzern, Switzerland, provided a steady anchor in the middle for Santa Barbara, chipping in 14 kills.

"I am just very glad that I could contribute to our team," Kuhn said about her performance. "Our team is playing well now, and we just need to keep playing hard."

In addition to Kuhn, UCSB also received a boost from a source much closer to home. Freshman outside hitter Erica Menzel, a product of San Marcos High School in Santa Barbara, added 16 kills to extend the Gauchos winning streak against Boise State to nine matches.

"Boise State was a very good defensive team," Head Coach Kathy Gregory said after the match. "If we want to win on Saturday [against Utah State], we will have to play better."



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Santa Barbara's defense will be without senior defender A.J. Albertalli for the remainder of the season due to three broken bones in his face.

UCSB Soccer Looks to Snap Losing Streak

BY BRIAN CHONG
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's soccer team is looking to find a win after losing its past five games.

With a roster consisting of returning players from last year's winning season, the Gauchos (3-6) have not produced the wins to improve their record of 13-7-0 in 1999. Santa Barbara also posted a 4-3-0 record in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation's Pacific Division last season, and the Gauchos will have to execute in timely fashion with the conference matchups merely three games away.

UCSB's latest loss came Tuesday night against Loyola Marymount when it was shut out during the second period of sudden death overtime, 1-0. Santa Barbara pressed against the tight defense of the Lions' attack, but the offense missed several opportunities to score despite 17 shot attempts, including a missed penalty kick.

"If we don't score because our opponent's defense is spectacular, then we can't say much," UCSB Head Coach Tim Vom Steeg said. "But if we're getting some really good chances, the chances we should be putting away, then we need to do just that in order to win."

The Gauchos have lost several games by two points or less to such teams as Westmont, Kentucky and Western Kentucky due in large part

to the lack of execution of the offense. In the loss to LMU, Santa Barbara had five golden opportunities inside the goal box to score, but the ball never found the net.

"Right now, I think we're just very unlucky," senior sweeper Bobby Drescher said. "We're playing really good soccer right now, even better than last year, but we're just not putting up the victories."

UCSB will have to record its victories throughout the remainder of the season without two key players on the defensive end. The Gauchos lost senior defender A.J. Albertalli and freshman defender Kevin Maffris for the remainder of the season. Albertalli is out with three cracked bones in his face, and Maffris is sidelined after tearing his medial collateral ligament against UCLA.

Santa Barbara will have its chance to snap its losing streak when Centenary College and Sacramento State come to town this weekend. Centenary, 2-5 on the year, will be at Harder Stadium on Friday night at 7, and the Hornets, who are 3-3-1 this season, will face the Gauchos on Sunday at 2 p.m.

"This is an important weekend for us," Vom Steeg said. "We have conference games coming up, and we're a very solid team, but we need to definitely work on creating and scoring. We've had many opportunities this season, and we will need to take advantage of those opportunities to win."

The Weather Cools Down and Baseball Heats Up

MATT HURST

It's that time of the year again — time when the baseball season is coming to a close and teams are preparing for the playoffs. And, I have decided to shed some light on the baseball playoffs and season hardware that is annually handed out.

National League: The Mets or Braves, whoever falters and gets the wild card, will face the Giants. Unfortunately, baseball's best manager, one Dusty Baker, cannot keep pulling rabbits out of his, er, hat. The Giants will fall in the first round.

The Cardinals look awfully strong, and with McGwire (kind of) back, they have their whole arsenal ready to go.

The NLCS will be a toss up, but I'd have to pick the Braves, simply because N.Y. can't win at Turner Field.

NL MVP: A month ago, Gary Sheffield had this trophy on lockdown. However, I'm sure the people that pick the MVP will choose Piazza because he's on the East Coast, and that's unfair, but Jeff Kent is far more deserving of the award. Without him, the Giants would not have a hope.

Cy Young: It comes down to Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine, and since the Cy Young just gets passed around the Braves clubhouse like a Christmas fruitcake, it's Glavine's turn to put one on the mantle.

Rookie of the Year: Rick Ankiel. 'Nuff said.

American League: Oakland is playing too well right now not to go to the playoffs. I pick Oakland to win the West, Cleveland to win the wild card and Seattle to think about ways to keep A-Rod. I like the A's beating the Yankees because the Athletics can't lose lately.

AL MVP: I wanted to pick Frank Thomas or Darin Erstad. But Thomas is a DH and Erstad won't make the

playoffs. I know it should not be decided like that, but then again, Britney Spears has not returned my phone calls. Jason Giambi is the winner of this award. He put up a great year, and he is *the most valuable player* to the A's. 'Nuff said.

Cy Young: Most have picked Pedro Martinez and that's not a bad choice, but for some reason I lean closer to David Wells. Wells just might get enough second- and third-place votes to pull it off.

Rookie of the Year: Mark Quinn. Terrence Long. Ben Molina. Adam Kennedy. There is no clear-cut choice and unfortunately for Quinn, no one's heard of him. But the kid's hit .293 with 20 bombs and 77 ribbies.

OK, now that we are at the bottom of the column, it's time for the World Series winner. Atlanta vs. Oakland. It would be nice to see the A's win, but the Braves have been there enough to know how to do it. Plus, Atlanta won't be playing the Yankees, so they will find a way to win. Atlanta in six.

Matt Hurst is a former editor in chief and sports editor of the Daily Nexus and knows that if the Yankees and Braves play in the series again, he won't watch and will probably commit random acts of violence.