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Get a New Perspective on Life

The documentary "Through Chinese Women's Eyes," directed by UCSB anthropology Professor Mayfair Young, will be shown today in the MultiCultural Theater at 7 p.m. A discussion will follow.

INSIDE: Scratch My Back ...

South African President Nelson Mandela returned to Libya to honor Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi for his country's support against apartheid. Gadhafi presented Mandela with a similar award just two days earlier.

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Life Just Became More Frightening!

It's scarier than the depths of hell! No, it's not Janet Reno in a g-string. It's Artsweek! Includes a special Trick-or-ArtsTreat contest.



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All Dressed Up, Nowhere to Go?

Leila Salazar offers suggestions for safe, sane Halloween fun – and for staying out of the IVFP holding cell.

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Dive In!

The UCSB men's and women's swimming and diving teams will begin what looks to be another successful season at the Big West Shootout this weekend in Irvine.



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The film "Hamsun," based on the true life story of Norwegian author Knut Hamsun, will be shown tonight at 7 in Isla Vista Theater. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$6 for general admission.



NEXUS FILE PHOTO

The drunk bus could hit the tank due to a lack of financing. Here, an empty Bill's Bus waits in I.V. for revelers to board.

Drinkers' Bus Rides To End Due to Inadequate Funding

BY TED ANDERSEN
Reporter

Friday could mark the end of a transportation service that has contributed to the safety of drunken Isla Vistans since 1992.

Bill's Bus, carrying the slogan "I drank, Bill drove," is planning its final run between Isla Vista and downtown Santa Barbara on Halloween, according to owner Bill Singer. The halt is due to lack of funding, he said.

"It's not a moneymaking venture, it's a help-society venture," he said. "Running the bus is very expensive, and because I've been losing so much money on it I just can't afford to keep it running."

Singer has talked with UCSB Student Affairs, but a request for funding was turned down because his service is not a campus organization.

"People are afraid of liabilities," he said. "Who cares about liabilities? I just want to help people."

With just his driver, his wife, and himself (who also drives certain nights), Singer has cut his expenses to the bone but is still losing money, mostly due to a \$10,000 insurance fee, he said.

"On an average Friday night, I usually bring in about \$300 to \$400," he said. "About \$100 of that money goes to the driver, Dave, \$75 goes toward gas, and then there is insurance."

Several downtown Santa Barbara bars, including O'Malleys, The

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Election To Determine Sanitary District Seats

BY CLAIRE SMITH
Reporter

Due to a number of issues that may permanently affect Isla Vista and Goleta residents, this year's Goleta West Sanitary District election is generating more local controversy than usual.

The candidates, Cris Wood, Larry Meyer, Michael Glick, Diane Conn, Kenneth Hendrickson and Harvey Gish, are competing for three of the six positions which comprise the GWSD Board of Directors, said GWSD General Manager Ralph Sogliuzzo.

"There are three incumbents and three challengers," he said. "The primary responsibilities of the board of directors are to set policy, to approve budgets and to provide direction to management to ensure that policies are followed within the district. The district includes Isla Vista, Los Carneros Road south of the freeway going west, and La Patera Road going west, north of the freeway."

The GWSD board members are influential in local issues such as a potential housing development between El Capitan and the Arco development, district boundaries and water pollution. Another proposal in this election is the possible consolidation of the GWSD and the Goleta Sanitary District, which serves the remainder of Goleta, according to Conn.

"The real decisions are made by the Goleta Sanitary District, and Goleta West effectively only does

contract work," she said. "The reason Goleta West is kept separate from Goleta is that Goleta doesn't want Isla Vistans voting for their board members, and that's bullshit. The Isla Vista voter is a tribute to good citizenship because Isla Vistans care about their community. To discount Isla Vistans from voting is simply anti-democratic."

During his current term on the board, Meyer worked to merge the two districts.

"I worked for about two or three years to consolidate the two districts. We were ready to resign but the other board was not ready to consolidate," he said. "But now I believe that there are no cost-saving benefits for a merger as we'd have to hire a new assistant manager. I don't believe in dissolution. That just leaves a bad taste in everybody's mouth."

With polling sites spread throughout Santa Barbara, voting in Tuesday's election should be convenient for all those registered, according to Santa Barbara County Clerk Ken Pettit.

"The locations are dispersed throughout the county and listed in the sample ballot," he said. "A booklet has been mailed to every registered voter and includes a sample ballot, an application for an absentee ballot and the location of your nearest polling place."

The GWSD election will take place between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

NetStations, Phones Part of UCen's New Tech Terminal

BY HAMIN O
Reporter

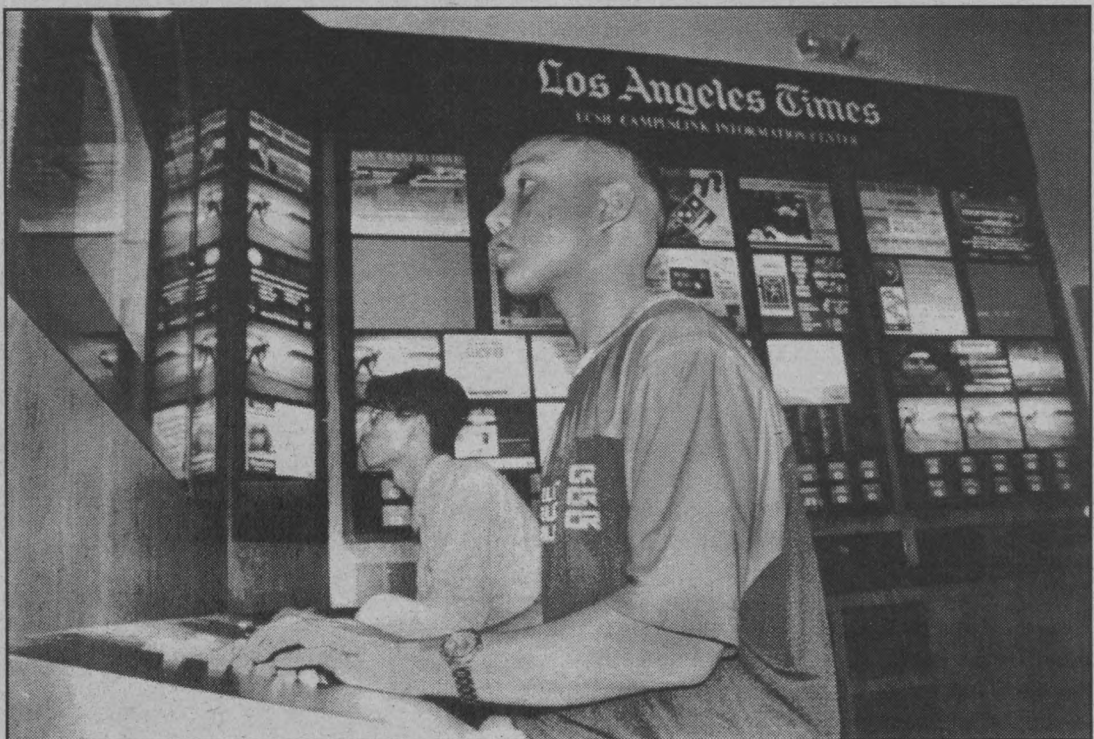
Students may find the on-ramp to the information superhighway a bit less congested with a new high-tech addition to the University Center.

The Campus Link Company set up a terminal consisting of two NetStations, two telephones and several advertisements last weekend. The new computers are located on the wall at the east end of the UCen and serve as regular NetStations, such as those at the library and in the computer labs.

In addition to the NetStations, 31 campus departments, such as Campus Learning and Assistance Services, Student Affairs and the MultiCultural Center, can be reached via one of the two phones that are provided free of charge.

The technological display is geared toward facilitating the busy lives of students, according to

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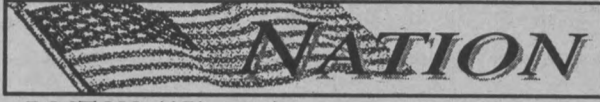
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Now, in one building, you can get your real mail and your e-mail. Freshman communication major Sid Florendo does all his posting at the new UCSB CampusLink Info Center in the UCen.



Top of the News

Study Says DDT, PCBs Are Not Cancerous



BOSTON (AP) — A new study offers the strongest evidence yet that lingering traces of the banned chemicals DDT and PCBs do not trigger breast cancer, as some have feared.

DDT and PCBs are often cited by those who argue that toxins in the environment are responsible for the steady increase in breast cancer over the past half-century.

Both DDT, a bug killer, and PCBs, which were widely used in industrial products as an insulator, have been banned in the United States since the 1970s.

These chemicals persist in the environment and build up in people's bodies. Since they may mimic the harmful effects of the female hormone estrogen, some experts wonder if they could

increase the risk of breast cancer.

At least three small studies have supported this link, including one published four years ago in the

I don't think the picture is yet complete.

— Dr. Mary S. Wolff

Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

Since then, however, one small study and two larger ones have found no link between breast cancer and DDT or PCBs. The latest of these was published in Thursday's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"The overwhelming weight of the evidence now is that exposure to these par-

ticular chemicals is not associated with risk of breast cancer," said Dr. David J. Hunter, who directed the analysis.

The research looked at blood samples donated in 1989 and 1990 by 240 women who were later diag-

nosed with breast cancer.

The blood was checked for DDE, the form DDT takes in the body, and PCBs. For comparison, the researchers also checked the blood of women who were similar but didn't have cancer.

The study found virtually no difference in levels of either DDE or PCBs between the two groups. Also,

there was no sign that women with high buildups of the chemicals in their bodies faced a higher risk of breast cancer than did those with low accumulations.

Dr. Mary S. Wolff, of Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, was a co-author of this research and also lead author of the study four years ago that came to the opposite conclusion. She said she is not ready to dismiss concerns about DDT and PCBs.

If the two chemicals are involved in breast cancer, Wolff said, "The effect is not universal and it's not as large as we first suspected. However, I don't think the picture is yet complete."

In an editorial in the journal, Dr. Stephen H. Safe said he believes the evidence is clear, and it should reassure the public that these chemicals don't cause breast cancer.

South African Leader Presents Award to Gadhafi



ZUWARAH, Libya (AP) — Returning to Libya for his second visit in a week, Nelson Mandela presented South Africa's highest award for a foreigner to Moammar Gadhafi on Wednesday, praising the Libyan ruler as "my dear brother leader."

Mandela was accompanied by foreign reporters, so his visit gave Gadhafi a platform to heap scorn upon the United States. As with his previous stop in Libya, and earlier visits to Cuba, the trip demonstrated Mandela's willingness to risk U.S. ire in maintaining close relationships with old friends.

Libya and Cuba were among the countries that backed Mandela's African National Congress early in its underground struggle against apartheid in South Africa.

At a brief welcome ceremony with bagpipes, a guard raised a red Scottish tartan-plaid umbrella over Mandela's head Wednesday to shield him from the sun. The two leaders linked hands as they walked toward a tent for a five-minute meeting.

Libya used the gathering to lash out at Washington. "Down, down U.S.A., the enemy of the peoples!" read one banner.

At Wednesday's ceremony, a crowd of 3,000 burst into applause as Mandela draped a sash across Gadhafi's chest and presented him with South Africa's Order of Good Hope, the country's highest honor for foreigners.

Last week, when Mandela brushed aside U.S. objections and made a two-day visit to Libya on his way to a Commonwealth summit in Britain, he received a similar award from Gadhafi.

"South Africa will never forget the support it received from Libya" during the struggle against apartheid, read the official citation on Wednesday's award.

Mandela's ANC characterizes the Libyan assistance as moral support, meaning it verbally backed the anti-apartheid effort and allowed ANC exiles refuge. It is unclear if Libya also provided significant amounts of arms or money.

Gadhafi used the meeting to take several swipes at the United States.

Gadhafi said the U.S. and its allies were "punishing the whole world" with sanctions against Libya.

Committee Attributes Illness to 'Toxic Agents'



WASHINGTON (AP) — The mysterious Gulf War illnesses suffered by thousands of U.S. veterans were probably caused by "a variety of toxic agents" encountered in the war against Iraq, a House subcommittee concluded Wednesday.

The panel recommended that the Pentagon be forced to give up its lead role in investigating the matter. It said Congress should create, or designate, an independent agency to research Gulf War illnesses and their causes.

As recently as Tuesday the Pentagon said it would resist efforts to remove it from the lead role. Spokesperson Kenneth Bacon said the Pentagon acknowledged it made mistakes in its early handling of the matter but has recently made important

progress in investigating causes and dealing directly with affected veterans.

The report by the House Government Reform subcommittee on human resources asserted that the Clinton administration's approach is "irreparably flawed."

"We find those efforts hobbled by institutional inertia that mistakes motion for progress," it said.

The subcommittee said its 20-month investigation found that toxic agents including Iraqi chemical weapons most likely are to blame for the respiratory and other Gulf War illnesses.

The Pentagon, which also is investigating the origins of veterans' illnesses, says it has found no firm evidence of a direct link to chemical weapons.

The House panel on Wednesday released a draft of its investigative report, which the panel approved and forwarded to the committee for action on Friday.

The draft report accuses the Pentagon of ignoring veterans when they offered information about the possible causes of their illnesses.

"The presence of a variety of toxic agents in the Gulf War theater strongly suggests exposures have a role in causing, triggering or amplifying subsequent service-connected illnesses," the report concluded.

This is in direct contradiction of the conclusion reached by the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses.

The presidential advisory committee also is expected to recommend to President Clinton that the Pentagon be stripped of its authority over the issue.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP)** — The University of California, Riverside is investigating allegations of sexual discrimination against women in its history department.

The fact-finding probe was ordered by Executive Vice Chancellor David H. Warren following several written complaints involving tenure, merit pay, working conditions and other issues, he said.

The allegations did not name any specific people and the investigation was not prompted by any specific incident, he said.

"Over the past several years, there have been a number of indications that a pattern of discrimination, particularly in academic personnel issues, may have been engaged in by some individuals in the UCR Department of History," Warren wrote in a memo Friday.

The department has 17 men and 10 women who are full-time faculty members.

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Weather

We're almost at the end of the week, and I can't wait.

For obvious reasons, I can't wait to feel the welcome embrace of the weekend's freedoms and to enjoy the infamous All Hallow's Eve and whatever madness it brings. In fact, I have a vision that people will come dressed to school on Friday to celebrate this most pagan ritual, clad in elaborate costumes and outlandish outfits. I can see it now — ghosts, banshees, the Spice Girls and everything else under the moon roaming campus, frightening even those devilish credit-card hawkers at the UCen, scaring the zombie people off the tram, and generally causing chaos "Thriller"-style. Cool.

Forecast: Warm mornings, cooling off by late afternoon. Highs in the mid-70s, lows in the upper 50s. Get in the spirit and dress up cuz everyone else will too, and that'll be hella fun!

More Bouncers Join Freebirds To Ensure Safety

BY MEGAN HERR
Reporter

Isla Vistans craving a late-night weekend meal will soon be buying their burritos under the watchful eye of added security.

Freebird World Burrito is hiring two to three bouncers in addition to the one currently employed to work three nights a week, according to manager Paul Tognetti. The move was made to create a safe environment for patrons, he said.

"It's mainly a precautionary measure if an instance were to arise," he said. "I would rather not have my supervisors have to deal with that."

Though Freebirds has not had any recent incidence of misconduct, running the only all-night restaurant in I.V. creates an environment for trouble, Tognetti said.

"It has to do with being open 24 hours; a lot of things come into that," he said. "Twenty-four hours is a big pain."

When asked about the increased security, one employee, supervisor Will Hinton, said he enjoys the new addition because of the personality of the bouncers.

"These are really nice guys," he said.

Undeclared sophomore Nicole Wyatt questioned the need for bouncers, although she said that they may be useful.

"Well, if having a bouncer will help keep people in line, then I think it is good," Wyatt said. "In my experience I haven't felt that Freebirds needed one."

Tognetti does not anticipate a change in the late-night crowds due to the addition.

"It seems to be more mellow [with bouncers]" he said. "The only reason [for the bouncers] is it seems to get a positive response from customers and the community."

Wyatt was especially interested in reducing the noise level at Freebirds because of her proximity to the establishment.

"If it does help to prevent noise, then I will benefit since I live so close," she said.

BUS

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Brickyard and Calypso, have already contributed support, Singer said, but he still does not have the financial backing necessary to keep his bus running.

Singer is still seeking the funds to maintain the bus service.

"If anyone can help out in

any way possible, I would greatly appreciate it," he said.

Singer was inspired to start a service to shuttle intoxicated locals to and from Isla Vista after his roommate was arrested for driving under the influence in 1991.

I.V. Foot Patrol Lt. Geoff Banks considers Bill's Bus to be a benefit to the community.

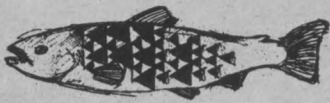
"He is providing a very valuable service," he said. "I think that DUI numbers would easily decrease if this kind of service became popular."

With a 30 percent decrease from 1995 to 1996, DUI arrests have been on a steady decline in Isla Vista, according to Banks. He attributed this to a number of factors, including increased

awareness and alternative methods of transportation, such as Bill's Bus.

Junior sociology major Anil Gnanamuthu has ridden Bill's Bus in the past and appreciates the driver's consideration to intoxicated riders.

"It was very convenient because we didn't have to worry about a designated driver," he said.



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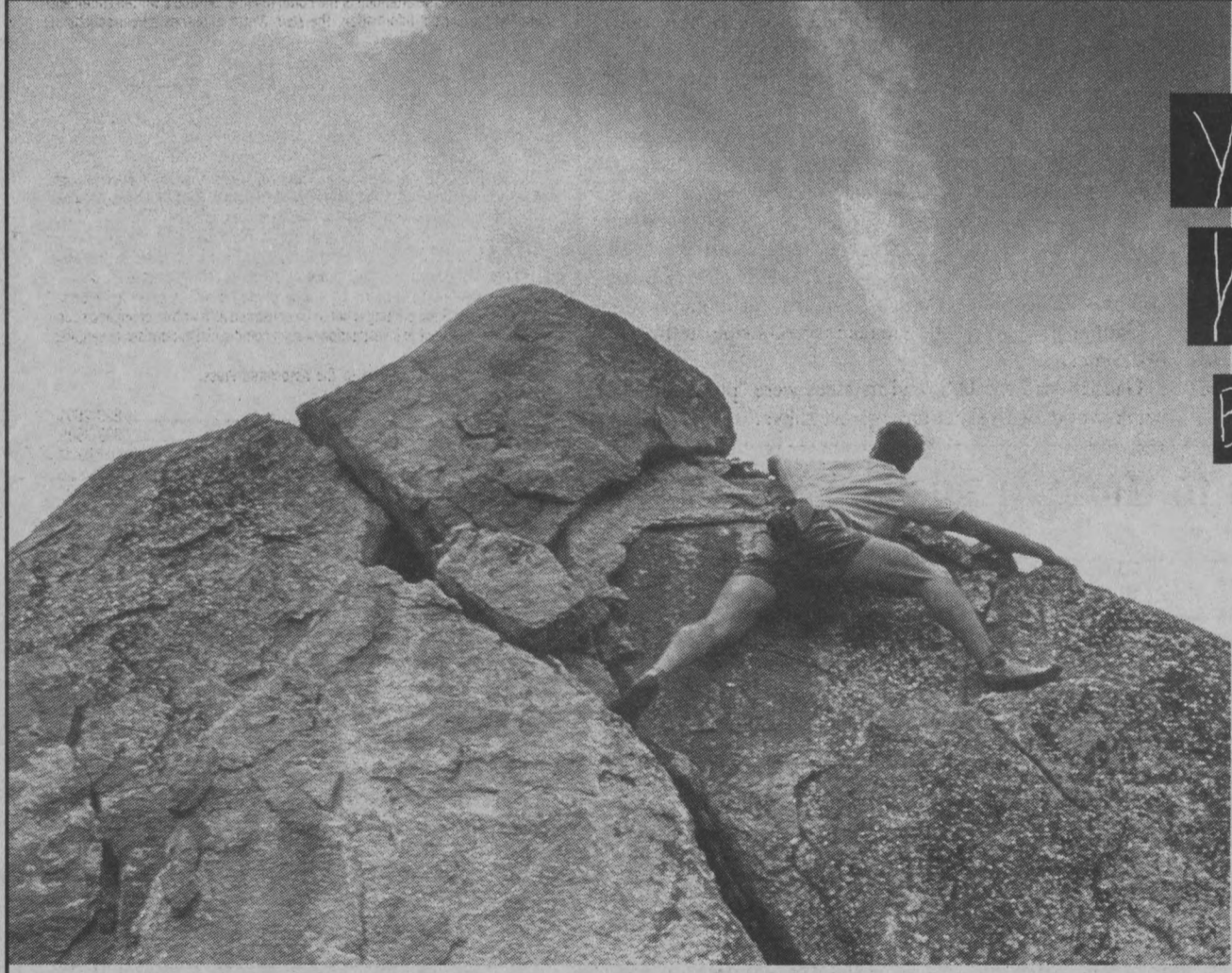
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Last Action Buddha

➤ The Long Slide From Siddhartha to Seagal

ELIJAH SIEGLER

Has Buddhism ever been less hip in America than right now? Once something is proclaimed "a trend" and put on the cover of *Time*, you know it's passe (I think back to the mid-'80s, when both "America's Sweetheart" Molly Ringwald and Talking Head David Byrne were featured on the cover — well after "Sixteen Candles" and "Stop Making Sense," respectively).

And whose mug adorns the Oct. 13 issue of *Time*? None other than Brad Pitt, who stars in the new movie "Seven Years in Tibet" as an arrogant Nazi redeemed by meeting the young Dalai Lama. I guess Brad had taken over the studly-symbol-of-enlightenment job from Keanu Reeves, so convincing as Prince Siddhartha — the founder of Buddhism some 2,500 years ago — in the 1993 flick "Little Buddha." When the Buddha preached his sermon on emptiness, I doubt he was referring to the heads of Brad and Keanu.

A further factor in Buddhism's unhipness are the celebrities who claim to be actual practitioners of the religion — there's the desperately "relevant" Oliver Stone, the ever-in-your-face Beastie Boy Adam Stauch, and Richard Gere, a man who seems to consider self-regard and personal grooming the two highest forms of spiritual discipline.

The most recent Hollywood "convert" to Buddhism is that paragon of unhipness, Steven Seagal. Seagal has upped the ante: He's not just *Buddhist*, he's a *Buddha*. Last February, on a trip to India, he was officially recognized as a *tulku*, a reincarnated lama of Tibetan lineage.

I first heard about this story last June, when the Dalai Lama stopped by Santa Barbara. The whole town went Dalai-mad (Why didn't they put banners with his sacred image on all the light posts along State Street? It must have been an oversight.). When His Holiness spoke to an overflowing crowd in Campbell Hall, there was Seagal sitting in the front row of the platform party.

That evening, the Dalai Lama spoke at a fund-raising dinner in Montecito. All the buddhocracy of Santa Barbara turned out for the occasion; people who follow the Eightfold Path while driving a Lexus. Seagal was there, in prayer beads and a brocade jacket, and so was Jeff Bridges. Harrison Ford and Richard Gere were no-shows. My wife and I were volunteer ushers at the event, in the hopes of rubbing shoulders with the rich and holy of SB, snarfing a few chicken satay appetizers and maybe snagging a photo with His Holiness.

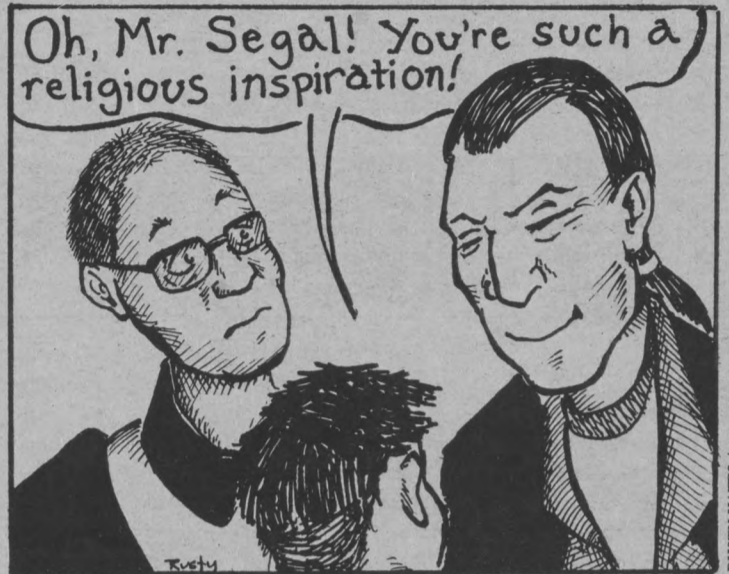
While the paying guests were chowing down on their grilled salmon, we sat outside under the stars. My wife started talking with a young Bhutanese man and a Tibetan woman, both devout Buddhists. Well, as it turned out, they were part of Seagal's entourage. He picked them up over in India. The two seemed happy: well-paid, living in Beverly Hills,

and their employer was an emanation of the Buddha.

Whoa! I couldn't believe it. Steven Seagal, a man who actually looks dumber in person than he does in his movies, is a reincarnated lama. What a scoop I thought I had.

Well, a story this juicy can't stay under wraps and now the bodhi-sattva's out of the bag. The October *Esquire* magazine saw the story as a good chance to laugh at a successful American action star and a successful world religion in the same column. *Esquire* raised some interesting political questions.

Did the contemplative star of such peace-loving movies as "Hard to Kill" and "Marked for Death" buy his way to Nirvana? And did this particular lineage of Tibetan lamas want to heighten their media profile?



RUSTY YATES / DAILY NEXUS

I say, who really knows the reason for Seagal's selection? And also: Good for them. Why shouldn't Steven Seagal be a reincarnated lama? It's their tradition, not ours. A Tibetan lineage can anoint Dr. Josef Mengele if they want. I particularly like the idea of choosing a man famous for his stupidity and violence as a holy man because it flies in the face of mainstream America's conception of what Buddhism should be.

The Dalai Lama may raise a pile of money for the advancement of the Tibetan people when he visits Southern California, and that's all well and good, but he's got better things to do and other parts of the world where he's needed more. Steven Seagal may make Hollywood movies that mix pop-Buddhist philosophy with plenty of fists to the windpipes, but (one hopes) nobody will learn the Dharma from him.

Despite all this, and despite the Malibuddhists like Stone and Gere, Los Angeles has become a real Buddhist town. The real L.A. Buddhism comes from the immigrants from Laos, Korea, Sri Lanka and half a dozen other countries, who set up temples, teach their children the values of Buddhism, and establish networks with other Buddhists across town and around the world. This immigrant diversity and energy is what makes Los Angeles one of the great Buddhist cities in the world right now. Come to think of it, maybe it is hip to be a Buddhist in America.

Elijah Siegler is a graduate student in religious studies.

I.V. Halloween 1997

➤ Where to Find Community-Based Fun

LEILA SALAZAR

Well, it's that time of the year again and everyone's wondering what this Halloween will be like. It's going to be a whole lot of fun, in my opinion, because there's going to be less police enforcement on the streets of Isla Vista (so people won't feel overintimidated by the police), and there's a list of fun-filled activities planned for the community to enjoy.

Just to let you know, there won't be hundreds of out-of-town law enforcement officers in I.V. In actuality there's only going to be a total of 55 law enforcement officers in all of I.V. That's a lot better than the hundreds of cops that were here a couple of years ago. But just because there are less cops doesn't mean that they are going to let everyone do whatever they want.

The Isla Vista Foot Patrol and the other officers from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. are still going to enforce the law just like any other weekend in I.V. This means that the "No Tolerance" and noise ordinance policies are still in effect, so be careful. (Lt. Geoff Banks said that the officers would be giving warnings, but I would advise you to still be careful and try to avoid being cited or arrested.)

If you need more info on these or any other policies, please go to the I.V. Foot Patrol office or the A.S. office and pick up a pamphlet or a "Know Your Rights" card. (The pamphlet was devised by the Office of Student Life and the "Know Your Rights" card was devised by Associated Students.) It would be a good idea for you to know this info if you are going to be out on the Halloween weekend, or any weekend for that matter.

This isn't just any weekend, however, it's Halloween. In fact, this year is supposedly the last year of the sheriff's five-year plan to turn Isla Vista's Halloween back into a controlled event. For those of you who don't know, Halloween used to be an out-of-control, crazy event. That's why the sheriff reacted and sent in hundreds of cops to I.V. He wanted to show the Halloween revelers, from wherever they were from, that Halloween as it was in the past is not acceptable.

Listen up!!! This is the last year of the five-year plan. That means that next year the streets of Isla Vista could be turned back to the community, and we could have a Halloween free of the masses of cops. This isn't going to happen if everyone goes out of control this year, however. What I am trying to say is that we, as a community, need to prove to the

sheriff and the rest of Santa Barbara County that we can have a fun and safe community Halloween.

Here comes the good part. ... In response to this need for a community Halloween, the Halloween/Dia de Los Muertos Committee was formed last year to organize a community festival. This year the committee has organized and planned two days of fun-filled activities for the entire community to enjoy. We have brought the resources of the I.V. Recreation and Park District, Office of Student Life, Associated Students, I.V. Foot Patrol and various community volunteers together to bring Halloween back to the community.

We have activities planned for Friday and Saturday. On Friday, we have music and games, a costume parade and costume contest (from 5 p.m. to midnight) and a showing of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" at midnight. On Saturday, we have a variety of live music and cultural per-



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formances, as well as food and games between 2-9 p.m. to celebrate the Day of the Dead (Dia de Los Muertos). For more info on these events, please call the park district at 968-2017.

Although this information covers the events that the Halloween Committee organized, I also wanted to let you all know about a couple of other events that you may want to attend and support. First, the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and the Alpha Chi Omega sorority are hosting a haunted house at the Alpha Tau Omega house from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. They are asking for donations from those who care to enter. All donations go to I.V. Youth Projects.

In addition, El Congreso is sponsoring a Halloween Swing in Storke Plaza on Halloween night. This is an alcohol-free event, providing an alternative for those who do not want to party in I.V. The "Swing" begins at 8 p.m. and goes until 1 a.m. The cost is \$5, but if you wear a costume, it's only \$3.

Leila Soraya Salazar is the A.S. external vice president for local affairs.

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OPINION

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Campus Link President Matthew Dinnerman.

"We met with the Student Governance Board and worked with what people tell us and listen to what they say," he said. "Our whole aim [was] to build a system that was as useful as possible, looked professional and made life easier."

The nine-member board, which includes six students, worked closely with Campus Link, providing suggestions and input for the utilization of the display. The board approved the plans in spring of last year and felt that the addition would be a beneficial component to student life, according to board Chair Maisha Bankhead.

"I highly recommend people to use it. It is there for the students," she said.

Although several other colleges have similar installations, only California State University at San Francisco and Santa Monica College have computers in their displays similar to the ones here, according to Dinnerman.

The first few days of its operation have been successful, said UCen Director Alan

Kirby.

"I think the reaction so far has been extremely positive. I stand there and watch people walking and see people sitting right down at the computers. [Campus departments are] always trying to get their message out on campus, and it is just one more way to let people know where they are," he said.

According to Bankhead, the original proposal for the layout of the NetStation display took up only one side of the UCen wall, but the university wanted to include additional services to serve students and thus expanded the display.

So far student reactions have been generally positive.

"I think the numbers are very convenient," said Heidi Parker, a sophomore anthropology major. "I would never know the phone numbers unless I was looking at the kiosk. I usually use the NetStation for e-mail [because] I am never at the library. I am usually at the UCen."

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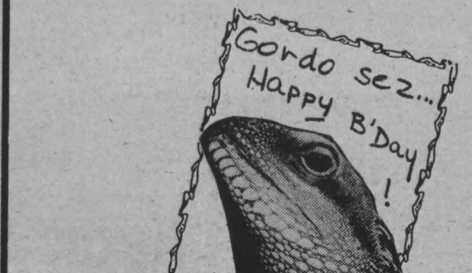
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Swimming and Diving Ready for New Season

Men in Search of 20th Straight Title

BY ADAM DEL CASTILLO
Reporter

The UCSB men's and women's swimming and diving teams will plunge into the 1997-1998 season this weekend when they travel to UC Irvine for the annual Big West Shootout.

The men's team expects to continue its second straight decade of conference dominance while attempting to win the Big West Championship for the 20th year in a row.

"This year will hopefully be a milestone in our program," Head Coach Gregg Wilson said. "Not too many teams in the country have a conference record like ours."

Santa Barbara is anchored by a strong senior class that features Nathan Resch in the 100- and 200-meter backstroke, freestylers Jim Phalan and Kevin McLain, and co-captain Tad Kremen, also in the backstroke.

"Tad is definitely the leader of this team," Wilson said. "This year I expect him to be one of the best in the Big West."

The Gauchos are also looking forward to the return of All-American Jason Lezak. The senior placed sixth in the NCAA Championships last season, and if activated, is expected to do even better this year.

"If Jason overcomes a rocky Fall

Quarter, he will be a major factor in the NCAA's this spring," Wilson said.

Lezak was the only Gauchito who qualified for the NCAA post-season tournament last year, but the team's main goal is to send more swimmers to the national event in 1998.

"Each year since I've been here we've only sent one guy to the NCAA's," Kremen said. "This year we hope to send six or seven swimmers to the tournament."

One of the Gauchos expected to make an appearance is junior Carl Larsen, who was the 200-meter individual medley champion in the Big West last year.

"Winning the Big West is a goal, but it is also the stepping stone to a larger goal," Wilson said. "That goal is to place a large number of swimmers in the NCAA's. I think the depth of this team will allow us to do just that."

The women's team is also expected to be one of the best in the Big West, but while the strength of the men's team lies in its senior leadership, the underclassmen will be expected to carry the women's squad — four of the five top scorers on last year's team were freshmen. The talented sophomore quartet features Jacqui Schoppe in the 100-, 200- and 500-meter freestyle; Amanda Rose in the 1,000- and 1,650-meter freestyle; and



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MAKIN' A SPLASH: The UCSB swimming and diving teams begin their season this weekend in the Big West Shootout at UC Irvine. The Gauchos have their eye on more than just a Big West Championship this year.

Meagan Fain in the 100- and 200-meter butterfly.

"Our sophomore class is our real strength," Wilson said. "I will be looking to them to carry this team throughout the season."

Co-captain Stephanie Stuppi is the only top scorer from last year's team that wasn't a frosh. She will compete in the 100- and 200-meter backstroke. Stuppi is

especially impressed with this year's freshmen, whom she says have been collectively improving since practice started in September.

"We're young and the depth that this year's freshmen give us will allow us to compete with Reno in conference play," Stuppi said.

University of Nevada Reno is the defending Big West champion and is favored to repeat this year.

UCSB, which placed second in the 1996-1997 season, will need to perform up to its full potential this year to compete with the Wolf Pack, but Wilson is optimistic about his team's chances.

"This year's women's team will be an exciting one to watch," he said. "I feel they are already better than last year's team, and I am looking forward to competitive conference play."

UCSB Women's Soccer Hosts Fresno State Trying to Break Four-Game Losing Streak

BY STEVE WENDT
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's soccer team will try and apply the choke chain on the Fresno State Bulldogs (11-7) today in Harder Stadium at 7 p.m.

The Gauchos (3-13-1), whose slim Big West Conference Tournament hopes were officially terminated after Sunday's 1-0 loss to conference cellar-dweller Utah State, will be playing the remaining two games of the year for experience and pride.

One of the younger players who is making the most of her increased playing time is freshman Carolyn Hendrickson. After spending most of the season as a sideline observer, the combination of Hendrickson's aggressive style and a recommendation from junior co-captain Chelsea Cleland prompted Head Coach Kris Bassler to give the Cupertino, Calif., native a chance.

"She's proven she can get it done on the field," Bassler said.

Hendrickson is enjoying herself despite being thrust into the forward position after spending years on the defensive side of the field.

"I played sweeper for five years, which is pretty much the most defensive position — except goalkeeper — there is," said Hendrickson, who has started the last three matches. "I'm getting more used to playing up top — the tactics of the position. If you go hard and have a basic knowledge of soccer, you can succeed wherever you are."

Santa Barbara will try to avenge last season's 4-2 loss to the Bulldogs and snap its own four-game losing

streak by playing as a tighter unit.

"Individually, we play good defense," Bassler said. "As a team we're still struggling a little bit. Teams that are fast and move off the ball well give us trouble. If a team can knock and pass the ball around us, that's where we have the most problems."

Junior sweeper Chelsea Cleland, who received a gash on her foot during the game against Brigham Young University that required nine stitches, agreed that team defense will be a key and said that the squad has been working on cohesiveness in practice this week.

"We had about two hours of just defense in practice yesterday," Cleland said. "As a whole, we just need to learn how to be better positioned. We need to work for each other and support each other. It's coming."

Fresno State's offense is led by speedy freshman Jill Pearson. The forward leads the Bulldogs in scoring with 10 goals and two assists for 22 points. She scored three of the 'Dogs four goals last week in pacing Fresno to a Western Athletic Conference tournament berth in only the program's third season of existence.

On defense, the Bulldogs are led by goalkeeper Jennifer Johnstone. The sophomore has 107 saves and has posted six shutouts.

Bassler sees tonight's match as an opportunity for Santa Barbara's offense to show what it's made of.

"We need to focus on getting the ball to our forwards," she said. "We need to be more of an offensive threat."



Carolyn Hendrickson

Gauchos Enter Championship Meet as Underdogs, Still Like Chances

The UCSB men's and women's cross country teams are set to compete in the most important event of the season to date Saturday. The Big West Conference Championships, hosted by Cal State Fullerton and held in Carbon Canyon, will begin at 9:45 a.m.

The women's team is prepared to defend its title from a year ago, while the men's squad will look to knock Boise State off its championship throne.

"The women's team has won the last three out of four," Santa Barbara Head Coach Pete Dolan said. "We have a tradition [to uphold]."

In last year's event, the women were picked to finish third but were able to defy the odds and come out on top. According to Dolan, the Gauchos enter the competition as underdogs again this season, being picked along with three other schools to finish anywhere from fourth to seventh.

"This year the rankings go Boise State, UC Irvine, Utah State, and then from the fourth slot to #7 will be close going in," Dolan said.

The Gauchito men will look to senior Ben Flamm, who led his team to a third-place finish a year ago. Flamm's time of 25:54.1 was also good enough to earn him a ninth-place individual finish. Flamm was the only UCSB runner to finish in the top 10.

Dolan knows the Broncos will be the team to beat, but he feels that his squad is ready to give them a run for their money.

"This year Boise State is clearly the favorite to win," Dolan said. "Ever since track season was over five months ago, we have been preparing to win."

— Matt Hurst

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