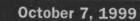
Thursday





It's the Law FBI Agent Linda Esparza will speak at the PreLaw Association's meeting in the UCen's Flying A Room tonight from 7-8 p.m.



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Greeks Question **Jurisdiction** Authority

2nd in a 2-Part Series **BY STEPHANIE LEWIS** Reporter

In the second part of our series on expanded jurisdiction, we examine the possibility of greek houses coming under the university's jurisdiction. The committee has already moved forward with plans for extending jurisdiction to offcampus housing, but the greek issue remains mired in debate. Today we look at the differing opinions about how far the hand of the school should extend.

An ad-hoc committee of students, faculty and staff is wrestling with how to exercise the authority the university was given more than five years ago.

In 1994, a University of California systemwide ruling gave all UC schools legal jurisdiction over matters that threaten the safety or well being of any student or faculty member, regardless of where the offense is committed. According to Dean of Students Yonie Harris, the issue of expanding UCSB jurisdiction was being addressed before the Associated Students Legislative Council passed the Safety 2000 Bill that suggested it be implemented. Currently, problems that arise in the greek system are handled by local law enforcement, the Fraternity/Sorority Council, the Greek Conduct Board or internally, such as through a house honor board.

Current, Future Parking Structures Lead to Permit Hikes

BY JAMIE FRANCISCO Reporter

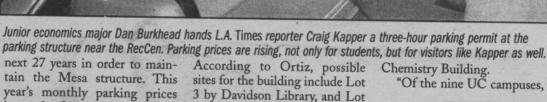
Students and faculty who choose to forego bikes and their feet for the commute to campus this year will have to pay a heftier price than ever before.

As part of a plan to pay for the construction and maintenance of the Mesa Parking Structure on campus, parking rates have risen for the second year in a row, Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services David Sheldon said. The new annual rate is \$360 up from \$276 last year; daily permit rates will remain at \$5.

Sheldon said the increase was in effect this summer in preparation for the building of a new parking structure. "The revenue goes to pay services, to provide equal capital for new structures and to buy and maintain equipment," he said.

According Parking to Services Director Melba Ortiz, parking rates will continue to increase \$2 to \$3 annually for the

year's monthly parking prices 3 by Davidson Library, and Lot jumped from \$7 to \$30. 11 near Phelps Hall and the



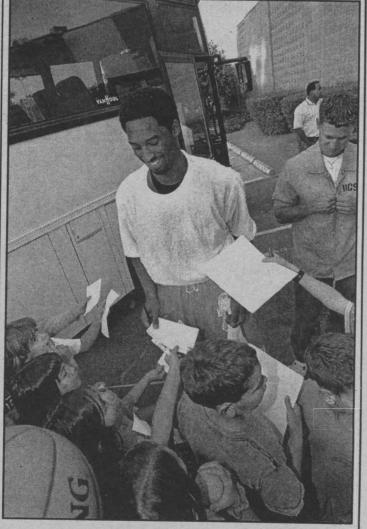
Chemistry Building. "Of the nine UC campuses,

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New Leg Council Speeds Through Initial Meeting With Little Debate

BY TED ANDERSEN Staff Writer

Though still wet behind the ears, the 1999-2000 Associated Students Legislative Council didn't show it Wednesday night. Kicking off the year in the intimate setting of the Educational Opportunity Program conference room, the new leggies breezed



fraternity Sigma Nu President Paul Littlefield said he opposes any university jurisdiction off campus.

"We have a good internal structure for dealing with our conflicts and processing our problems. We have an honor council that specifically goes over problems and gives sanctions," he said. "I don't see any red flags or need for debating this now."

According to Isla Vista Foot

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JASON SCHOCK / DAILY NEXUS

Gather 'Round Children

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant signs autographs for local children before one of the team's practices in Robertson Gym. The Lakers will be here until Sunday. Check out tomorrow's story of the team's visit to UCSB.

through their first meeting in just over one hour - a pace quicker than any of last year's gatherings.

Without the presence of new legislation or debate on old business, much of the meeting's discussion centered on introductions, announcements and appointments of new A.S. members.

The council briefly opened Finance Board's minutes to investigate the allocation of \$1,500 to Alpha Epsilon Pi for the annual "Taste of I.V." scheduled for Saturday. Although University Owned Housing Rep Mel Fabi expressed concern over the \$1,200 advertisement expense, no deductions were made to the allocation.

Following the approval of minutes, Leg Council made a number of board appointments, including the approval of new Off-Campus Rep Ben Robertson to the board. Robertson said he chose to join leg council "to speak for people who don't have a voice, and make positive changes.

In other business, A.S. President Jason Nazar updated the council on the \$60,000 A.S. Legal Clinic approved by last year's leggies. According to Nazar, A.S. is within sight of bringing the clinic to fruition - creating the hiring committee by next week. "We need leggies on the committee - that is the final hiring process," he said.

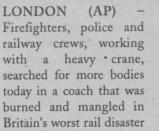
Senior Rodney Clara, who was appointed as co-chair of A.S. Queer Commission during the meeting, urged council members to participate in the festivities of Monday's National Coming Out Day in Storke Plaza.

"I hope you all come out, because you are the representing body of A.S.," he said. "Even if you are not gay, you being out there shows that you support gay rights."

In remarks, Internal Vice President Yumi Matsui asked forgiveness of council and audience members for the limited capacity of the EOP conference room. "I really apologize for the room, I was told it would be bigger than it is so we will probably change it," she said.



ish Continue Train Crash Clean-Up



in a decade. The rush-hour collision in the residential Ladbroke Grove area of west London killed at least 27 people and injured more than 160.

The train companies said their investigation would focus on the behavior of the outbound train, which may have gone through a red light. Reports said both trains were traveling 60 mph when the outbound train tried to cross in front of the London-bound train.

Police said they expected to find more dead in a and Railtrack, the compa-

badly burned first-class car at the front of the London-bound train.

"The search of the burnt carriage is going to

the rail infrastructure. Thames Trains operated the outbound train.

Signals in the vicinity were in full working order, the statement said.

"Investigations will

The search of the burnt carriage is going to be extremely difficult. ... There was a severe fire [there] and great devastation. Andy Trotter

> Metropolitan Police deputy assistant commissioner

be extremely difficult," said Andy Trotter, deputy assistant commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. "There was a severe fire in that carriage and great devastation.

The London-bound Great Western train had a green light to proceed, according to a statement by Great Tuesday Western, Thames Trains now concentrate on the behavior of the Thames turbo train following reports that it had passed a signal at danger," the statement said.

Thames Trains earlier said the train driver had been working for two months, after completing 11 months of instruction.

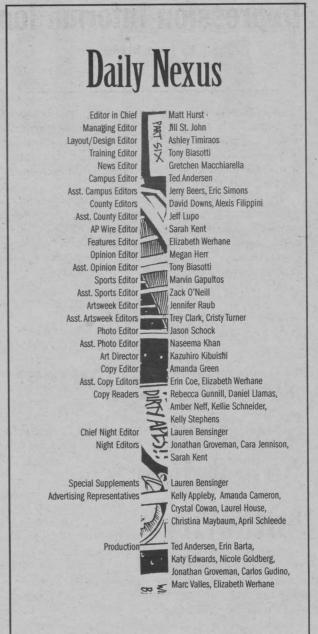
The train drivers' union threatened to call a strike vote unless rail companies

ny that owns and operates responded positively to for safety demands within improvements seven days.

> The union's general secretary, Mick Rix, said it wanted the installation of an automatic train protection system that would prevent trains from passing red lights. That system was recommended by an official investigation following the death of 35 people in a 1988 accident, but the government balked at the estimated cost of \$1.6 billion.

Great Western said as many as 500 people might have been on board its train, which originated in Cheltenham, northwest of London, and was minutes away from its destination of Paddington Station. The Thames train, which may have been carrying up to 150 passengers, had just pulled out of the station bound for nearby Bedwyn.

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East Timor Border Clash Results in Two Deaths



DILI, East Timor (AP) - Peacekeepers fatally shot two anti-independence militiamen Wednesday while repelling an ambush near East Timor's border with Indonesia - the first clash since the U.N.-mandated force arrived 16 days ago. Two Australian peacekeepers were slightly wounded.

Wednesday's clash began in the morning when Australian troops shot the tires of a truck full of militiamen that drove past a newly established roadblock in Suai, a militia stronghold near the border. Four passengers were injured.

Dozens of militia members were disarmed and taken by peacekeepers to the border with Indonesian-controlled West Timor, where thousands of anti-independence fighters have sought shelter along with an estimated 256,000 East Timorese refugees.

The ambush occurred nine miles east of the border, as the same peacekeepers returned to Suai later in the day.

"That small-vehicle convoy was ambushed by an unknown number of people with firearms. The soldiers immediately entered a counter-ambush drill," Australian army Maj. Gen. Peter Cosgrove, head of the internation al force known as Interfet, told reporters in Dili.

recovered two military-style rifles.

The incident confirmed security concerns the peacekeepers have expressed as they have fanned out across East Timor.

"This is the first time that Interfet soldiers have been wounded by enemy action. It is the first time that Interfet has been called upon, regrettably, to take lethal action against an adversary," Cosgrove said. The only previous gunfire by the peacekeepers involved warning shots on two occasions.

The militias have been massing in West Timor and have repeatedly threatened to launch guerrilla attacks and retake East Timor.

In Dili, a U.N. official announced Wednesday that the first of the refugees who fled to West Timor - many reportedly at gunpoint - would be repatriated Friday.

About 180 people were to arrive by air from Kupang, West Timor's capital. Later groups would follow by boat and road, said Lise Grande, a humanitarian aid coordinator. The World Food Program said Wednesday it would begin distributing food to refugees in West Timor under an agreement reached with the Indonesian government.

The United Nations on Wednesday repeated mands for unhindered access to refugees in West Timor, where they reportedly have been intimidated by militiamen.

The rest of the assailants fled the scene. Peacekeepers

Democrats, Republicans Butt Heads Over Health Reform

frustrated patients new

rights in dealing with

health maintenance orga-

nizations and other man-

aged care plans, which



WASHINGTON (AP) -As the House opened a fractious debate on federal regulation of managed care health plans, President Clinton today accused Republicans of "legislative gamesmanship."

At a Rose Garden appearance, Clinton said the House majority, acting at the behest of the insurance industry, set rules for debate that were "filled with enough poison pills and legislative sleights of hand to practically guaranoften impose restrictions approach would increase in order to control costs and eliminate unnecessary

tee the defeat of this bill."

Even before Clinton The Democrats got some Republican support spoke, Democrats were for a broad bill and complaining that the Republicans were not appeared to have enough support to pass over the allowing amendments that objections of Republican would cover the cost, estimated to be several billion leaders. But the prohibition on amendments to dollars over several years. cover the cost endangered The central debate, now in its second year on those prospects. Capitol Hill, is how to give

By beginning debate with the tax bill, GOP leaders hope to shift attention to those without any insurance at all. They argue that the Democratic

costs and prompt businesses to drop coverage, leaving more Americans uninsured.

"It's not the severe poor who don't have health care. There are government programs that reach out [to them]," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said Tuesday, sounding the GOP's central theme. "It's working people today, who are working for small businesses or who run their own shop or they go from job to job, who need the ability to get health care."

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Weather

The missing "n" in Wednesday's weather triggered (surprise!) yet another tangential trip:

What if all the forgotten letters and words had a place to gather and form sentences? Things strange and tangential that perhaps make a little more sense than this report but a little less sense than your last term paper.

Sometimes, I hope - I'm sure - that the dead letter office kicks out something that makes sense. Something a little bit like this:

Piranha furniture from Nepal ambulates out Clint Eastwood's plumbing ... from time to time.

Depression Information Available On Campus

BY JERRY BEERS Staff Writer

Imagine waking up in the morning and feeling so overcome with hopelessness that you are physically unable to get out of bed. What would you do if you felt an overwhelming sadness that prevented you from eating or sleeping normally? Suppose these conditions continued for a month.

These symptoms may be indications of depression, a disease afflicting approximately 25 percent of students nationally, according to Counseling Psychologist Juan Riker. Today, as part of National Depression Screening Day, Counseling and Career Services will have testing and information about depression, Riker said.

"We are not offering a diagnosis, but just an opportunity for students to learn a little bit about the symptoms," he said.

As part of the program, C&CS will be showing a video about the symptoms of depression and providing students with a screening test to gauge the presence of the disorder. In addition, all students who take the test will have the option of meeting with a psychologist for 10 to 15 minutes to discuss depression and ways to seek professional help, Staff Psychologist Peter Russell said.

According to C&CS Coordinator of Consultation and Outreach Jeanne Stanford, while many students suffer from depression, few actually recognize the symptoms as a serious disorder.

"Depression is common, everyone experiences it," she said. "It's mainly when it lasts for more than two weeks that it is important that they seek help.

This year's Depression Screening Day contains a new focus on suicide, which is sometimes the tragic result of depression, Stanford said.

College students are at a prime age for suicide," she said. "Suicide is basically anger turned inward, and we hope we might be able to help someone who is thinking about committing suicide or knows someone who is."

Because substances such as alcohol and marijuana often bring temporary relief to people suffering from depression, many develop chemical dependencies as a result of the disorder, Russell said.

"A lot of time if you smoke pot or drink regularly, you can increase the depression," he said. "It's actually a pretty normal response to try to medicate yourself with alcohol or pot."

Riker said because the symptoms are often common feelings, education is an important step in understanding the nature of the disease and how to get help.

"There is a lot of misinformation out there about depression. Many people feel that depression is a person-al weakness," he said. "Depression is a real medical disorder that requires treatment."

Representatives from C&CS will have an information table in front of the UCen today. They will offer the video and screenings on the hour from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the C&CS building.

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we have the lowest [parking] rates in the system," she said. "We really try to keep rates as low as possible, but we need to keep up with the needs of the campus. We do need to raise rates to provide support that we need."

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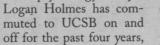
the Bren building on Lot 1 forced Parking Services to work out a plan to deal with the 200 spaces that will be lost when development begins, Ortiz said. Reduced parking permits are available for faculty who normally park on the east side of campus as an incentive to park in the Mesa Structure, while stacked parking will be offered in Lot 10.

"It looks like at peak

hours, around 11 a.m., we rise in parking rates.

> a ridiculous "It's amount to pay for parking." he said. "It tempts me to the dark side by not buying a permit. I don't feel as though I'm getting more benefits and I'm paying more money. Most everyone I know who lives downtown has given up the idea of driving to campus because it's too expen-

aren't finding spaces," Ortiz said. Senior law and society and psychology major



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down at home, you've got it made. Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 5 — You're pretty casual sometimes, but today you should put in extra effort. You'll get extra * points for being perfect. It'll get easier soon since your ruling planet, * 0 Venus, is going into Virgo, the sign of the perfectionist. Use this to Õ vour advantage -17 Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're always popular, but for the next few weeks, you'll make even more friends. If you're looking for love, join people who are interested in the same things you are. Friendship could blossom into love with no trouble 3 at all 0 Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — You've been think-ing about your career lately, and there's a good reason for that. Don't worry about what it is; just keep going for that promotion. The money × * worry about what it is; just keep going for that promotion. The money isn't flowing yet, but you're headed in the right direction. Focus on 🌌 × learning, and you'll do fine. Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 9 - Travel could go 7 × well today, especially if it's a business trip. You could get romantically involved with somebody you're working with, too. If that's ap- \star propriate, fine. If not, watch out! Don't talk yourself into doing some-thing you'd regret later. Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — If you need a loan, 🖈 Π try again later today or tomorrow. You could get more money to come in if you don't get distracted. A friend has a great idea, but don't let it get in the way of business. Watch what you say today, too. 🥨 Π Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Are you thinking Q 0 about suing somebody who's not treating you right? Well, maybe a friend can arbitrate for you and keep it from going all the way to ш court. That might be better for all concerned. You can demand re-Π F spect, however. That may be the only way you'll get it. × Today's Birthday (Oct. 7). Take care of the little things, and love ★ will take care of the rest in October. Play your cards close to your × chest in November. Ignore someone who says you can't learn in De-× cember. In February, a dream could come true in a surprising way. Old money's best in May, and new love could show up in August. × * Might be the furry kind. Don't let anybody mess up your plans in * September. $\star \star \star \star \star$ SILVER GREENS $\star \star \star \star \star$

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Groups Say Hotel Endangers Wildlife

By NICOLE HARADA Reporter

Pleading the case of indigenous wildlife and water quality, environmental opponents of Measure 'S' assembled to point out the environmental impacts of the proposed hotel Wednesday.

The gathering, held on a small wetland area near Chase Palm Park in downtown Santa Barbara, included representatives from the Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council, the Committee for Santa Barbara, the Santa Barbara Surfrider Foundation, Heal the Ocean and Small Wilderness Area Preserve. The groups spoke out against developer Fess Parker's ballot measure to approve his Fiesta Park Hotel without further city review. The plans include a parking lot built over the coastal wetland.

According to Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council board member Eddie Harris, wetlands play an important role in the bio-filtration of the county's water.

"The impact on water quality will be affected by the destruction of the wetlands," he said. "If there are no wetlands, there will

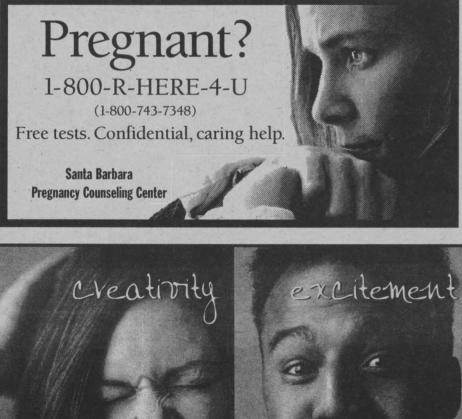
be no place for water filtering the pollution into the ocean."

The quality of water is an issue that affects beach users and community surfers now, and in the future, according to Small Wilderness Area Preserve representative Sue Higman.

"I fight for nature every chance I get," she said. "Voting no on 'S' means saving something for the future."

Surfrider Chapter Chair Keith Zandona said, "The wetland areas are for life to bloom, and without

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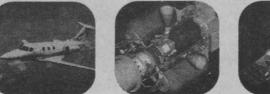
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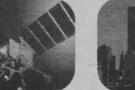
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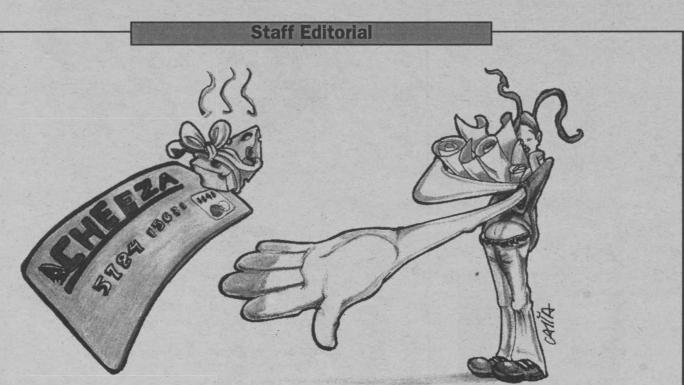


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Material World

Students Need to Be Conscious and Wary of Commercial Marketing Ploys on Campus

In the '80s, Madonna sang, "We are living in a material world," but the Material Girl herself could not have foreseen the materialism that now sweeps across our country; a materialism so prevalent that it now seems to be taking over college campuses across the nation. Marketers are everywhere handing out free junk in the hopes of promoting their new product of the minute. In times such as these, students need to be extra-conscious of the PR vernacular that is fed to them on that free T-shirt.

Marketers and company representatives get in students' faces whenever we step anywhere near the UCen or Arbor: "Want a free T-shirt?" "Take some of our cups," or "How about a free calling

card?" The corporate invasion is here. Material taught in classes often testifies to the corruption Students should use the free trinkets bestowed at some of these large corpora- upon them in ways the corporate slobs never tions, while representatives of imagined: New highlighters may be used to aid these companies continue to in actively reading the Communist Manifesto. maintain a campus presence.

Students should use the free

trinkets bestowed upon them in ways the corporate slobs never imagined: New highlighters may be used to aid in actively reading the Communist Manifesto. If a free calling card is given for filling out a form, falsify the information. Free goodies are nice and often worthwhile, but they should not allow students to be taken advantage of. Just because a company can invest a large sum of money in creating a promotional item, it does not necessarily mean its own products are of decent quality.

ance out losing the corporate-free environment a public university should maintain? Does a free call make it okay to rob students blind with excessive annual percentage rates? Companies can benefit greatly from students, and students need to be conscious of the commercialization of campus so as not to be taken advantage of.

Credit card companies are by far the most egregious violators of students' trust. They stand in front of the UCen enticing young people, offering a free mug or T-shirt to apply for a credit card, all the while hoping the student is naïve enough to pile up a moun-

tain of debt in return for the free trinket.

> In addition, the abundance of marketing materials littering campus causes a great deal of dirtiness and wastefulness. Many trees die in order to hand

out those little nuisance flyers. Clubs and organizations whose sole purpose is saving the environment (e.g. Environmental Affairs Board) should take the initiative in preventing this wastefulness.

With an overwhelming amount of free goods filling the empty pockets of college students, we must take extra care to ensure that we are not being taken advantage of. The integrity of an institu-

Crusades and C A Partial List of Phenomena

One Man Finds Befuddling

BRENDAN BUHLER

I'm a freshman here, and right now that means two things. One, I'm a sex machine on the scene. Two, I'm confused by a wide variety of things common here.

For starters, I'm confused by the sounds of dorm life. I'm probably confused because the bass from the rap-happy guys down the hall is rattling my brain against the inside of my skull and has detached a

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retina. Frankly, I'd always thought that bass that loud was something that was only predicted by cutting-edge physics, and certainly not something observed in reality.

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also wonder about the showers in my dorms. The showers only have two settings: "scald"

and "cryogenically preserve. They prefer "scald."

I imagine that there's some insane French chef controlling the water heater and that at any moment he's going to bust

in during my shower and pelt my now lobster-colored flesh with butter and crushed garlic. This is why when I shower I use soap,

Companies should not think that merely bestowing free items tion of higher learning must not be compromised for a quick on students could win our favor. Does receiving a free shirt bal- buck.

because even a burned, naked guy can fight

The Reader's Voice

TAKE **ADVANTAGE** OF CHILDCARE GRANTS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Many students do not realize the privilege they have to be able to show up at a study group or go to the library for hours to prepare for a test. Can you imagine being charged \$10 to \$15 an hour every time you wanted to go to the library or to a study group? This is a reality many undergraduate parents face every day.

campus, going to the library or showing up at a study group are tasks that do not fit into their schedule. An undergraduate student parent spends what little to class, taking care of their child. Basic evening childcare cuts into the valuable evening study time we all take for granted after we go home from class.

Advocate) and I worked hard, alongside the office. Information can also be obtained by calling and Brett Favre are playing quarterback with

Associated Students Legislative Council, to set or visiting the Women's Center (893-3378, or money aside for parents in financial need by creating acker-d@sa.ucsb.edu), which is located behind an Associated Students Child Care Endowment.

It is time for undergraduate student parents to take advantage of the childcare grants that are being offered under the newly created endowment. This endowment was created to provide grants up to \$450 DON'T SULK BECAUSE per academic year, or \$150 per quarter, to provide for additional childcare costs that come with finals and midterms.

So if you are a mother or father who wants to go Editor, Daily Nexus: to that study group or spend a little more time in the For many undergraduate student parents on this library studying for that midterm or final, apply for the Associated Students childcare grants. There are a limited number of grants available every quarter to give parents a financial resource for childcare. I time that they have left, between working and going strongly believe having a child should not be a barrier to an education.

My name is Rodney Clara (last year's Student can be picked up in the Associated Students main Did you know that at this moment, Jake Plummer

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The deadline has been extended until Oct. 15. **RODNEY CLÀRA**

YOU CAN'T DO IT

Matt Hurst, you are a complete moron. First of all, it was Willis Reed of the New York Knicks who hobbled on the court for the finals, not Bill Russell ("For Love of the Fame," Daily Nexus, Oct. 5).

Second of all, do you really think that no athlete today plays with pain? Have you ever heard of Chris Spielman? The NHL? Why the fuck do you think Brett Favre was on painkillers? Why do you Information on the grant and how to obtain it think painkillers are so prevalent in sports today?

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off a Frenchman so long as he has soap. Even out of the showers and into the night, I'm still not used to things. On this first weekend, Isla Vista, and especially Del Playa, looked like Mardi Gras making a stopover in downtown Beirut. Cups, cans, bottles, cigarette butts and oddly stained underwear littered the streets. Choking these streets were thousands of people searching the night for happiness in beer, sex and, if possible, a sex act involving beer. Basically, it was a Dionysian orgy on such a scale that even the classics majors in attendance would have been hard pressed to define "Dionysian."

The thing that confuses me most, howev-

that I've always considered it to be a big universe and a messiah to be an untestable hypothesis, so why not live and let live?

What really puzzles me, though, is the Christian organization called "Campus Crusade for Christ" (C.C.C.). I thought that crusades had gone out of style around 1291

Basically, it was a Dionysian orgy on such a scale that even the classics majors in attendance would have been hard pressed to define "Dionysian."

after nearly 200 years of ugliness, such as the Children's Crusade, the slaughter of Jews in Europe and all the other lovely things that tend to make holy wars so especially holy.



Apparently crusades are back in style, and frankly this scares me. Why? Well, my RA's the leader of the Persian and moreover, my roommate's half Persian, so I can assume that large men carrying swords wearing chain-mail are going to be on my floor and, yet, knocking on my

I don't know where I rate on the C.C.C.'s heathen-o-meter, so I have hopes avoiding being slaugh-tered. However, I hope that the C.C.C. can, the through infinite compassion of Christ, go about the business of hacking,

slashing and clubbing the Lord's merciful truth into my er, is that I had no idea that so many people half-Persian (and therefore infidel) roomat UCSB were keen on Jesus and that they mate in a quiet fashion so as not to wake me. like to put up signs. I don't have anything Brendan Buhler is a freshman English major.

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Being Greek Isn't All That

Fraternities and Sororities: Shelter for the Small-Minded

BRIAN FREDIN

The greek system is the Christian religion of college. Its members have strong associations with a group, they're intolerant of other lifestyles and they're always recruiting. With all the advertising that goes on at UCSB, whether it is in the Nexus or posters on campus or in I.V., you would think that these groups are desperate. All they're trying to accomplish is to find more people that are just like them.

Sure, these organizations are good opportunities to meet 200 people, but after a while, you'll learn that they're all like you. The entire rush process is faulty - trying to decide if the person you talked to for five minutes is good enough for the group, when all they're really looking at is personal appearance Keeping all this in

mind, here's some friendly advice for

incoming students burdened with the fear that you will not meet anyone because you're a lonely freshman. It's also advice for others thinking of alternative ways to make friends: DO NOT TAKE PART IN THE GREEK SYSTEM.

We already have enough meatheads and stuck-up people gracing us with their presence in this cesspool we call I.V. Unless you want to pay the money to associate with other students that can afford to be a part of a system that produces false identities, don't do it.

This is the choice I made. The friends I have today (some even a part of a fraternity or sorority) are there because I chose them for myself.

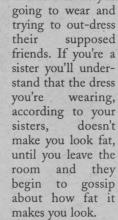
First, fraternities: At this school, there is no reason to join a fraternity. There is a plethora of parties, you can get laid and there are plenty of meatheads, even with the absence of a football team.

But what has come onto Del Playa is excessive fighting by frat boys who only can fight someone if their brothers are

around. Keep the fighting off the streets and save it for Fight Night.

It's funny how all of these guys have surfboards yet don't surf, and tribal tattoos with no significance that are only displayed on afternoons at Sam's To Go. These afternoons are spent heckling the girls who pass by, thinking that saying Hey, ladies" will get the girls to talk to them, even though eight times out of 10 they end up at home spankin' it to Jennifer Love Hewitt posters.

Second, sororities: All these girls running around trying to decide what they're



Sororities are the worst because they all live in a

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superficial society. It's strictly about competition between them to see who's going to have sex with the hottest guy from Pike. The girls that I hate are those who complain that all the guys are assholes and treat you like pieces of meat. Sorry to shatter your beliefs, but it's your fault that they treat you that way.

I hope that people understand that my goal is not to create tension. I'm just making an observation. I'm simply saying that there's nothing special about the greek system unless you feel like returning to high school rituals such as school dances and prom, which only parallel greek functions like date parties.

So if the things I'm describing sound appealing, then you belong in a house. If not, then you've saved yourself. The choice is up to you, but please think of the consequences, which will change your college experience. Oh, - why do the girls know every word to "Gimme Dat Nut?"

Brian Fredin is a senior ecology and evo-

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JONATHAN GILMORE

WHAT CAN YOU COUNT ON THESE DAYS?

-Editor, Daily Nexus:

As I approach my 20s I already find gray hairs peeking at me in the mirror, laughing and mocking me, as if I am suffering from premature aging. But it isn't because of that; my mother wasn't a drunkard or a drug addict while I was a fetus. It's because of all the crap I worry about in a given day.

Every day I hear people telling me to look out for various items, whether it be too much caffeine or walking under power lines. In a technologically booming society, it seems that everything that is supposedly beneficial will cause cancer or create health problems.

It goes so far that we might as well post caution signs. Everything is a contributor: microwaves, Xrays, black lights, power lines, Nutrasweet, caffeine and cell phones, just to name a few. All these advancements in society have created such paranoia that I feel we should destroy it all and go back to the hunting and gathering days of primitive man

When I sat down to eat lunch on Tuesday, I happened to pick up the Oct. 5 edition of the Nexus. I prepared myself a sandwich with lettuce and tomato and then made my way over to the salad bar, where I mixed carrots and zucchini in with my salad. Convinced I had a healthy meal, I opened up the paper to the Opinion section and began reading.

After I read the column by Laura Brands and Ariana Katovich (Daily Nexus, "Don't Eat That, Unless You Know Where It's Been"), I simply sat there with a pissed-off attitude as I chewed my vegetables. This column discusses how vegetables are sprayed with pesticides in order to keep bugs away. It further explains how even the fruits and vegetables at Vons and Lucky are "non-organic." Furthermore, these environmental experts/columnists wrote, "and even if you wash off your apples from these stores, you will be ingesting pesticides."

This is exactly the kind of gibberish I hate hear-

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ing about. I would think that Vons and Lucky would have the cleanest produce because the government forces health codes and all that other shit. But I guess I thought wrong. Basically, I'm sitting there with a bowl of pesticides in front of me covered in ranch dressing. That's nice to know.

I guess all that talk about the food triangle that learned since kindergarten was bull. So what should I do? Grow some plants in my dorm room? Hell, if I'm going to grow plants in my room, you know they're not going to be vegetables and fruits!

All right, so maybe these fruits and vegetables have pesticides. Seriously, I'm not going to worry about it until I start growing another foot out of my head or something. And I'm not going to worry about getting cancer from power lines and microwaves. Certainly I'm not going to cut down on drinking Coke because someone says caffeine will give me cancer. If I did all this, you might as well put me in a bubble and feed me liquids through a tube. I think I speak for all of us when I say we have more important things in our lives. LUCAS NOVAK

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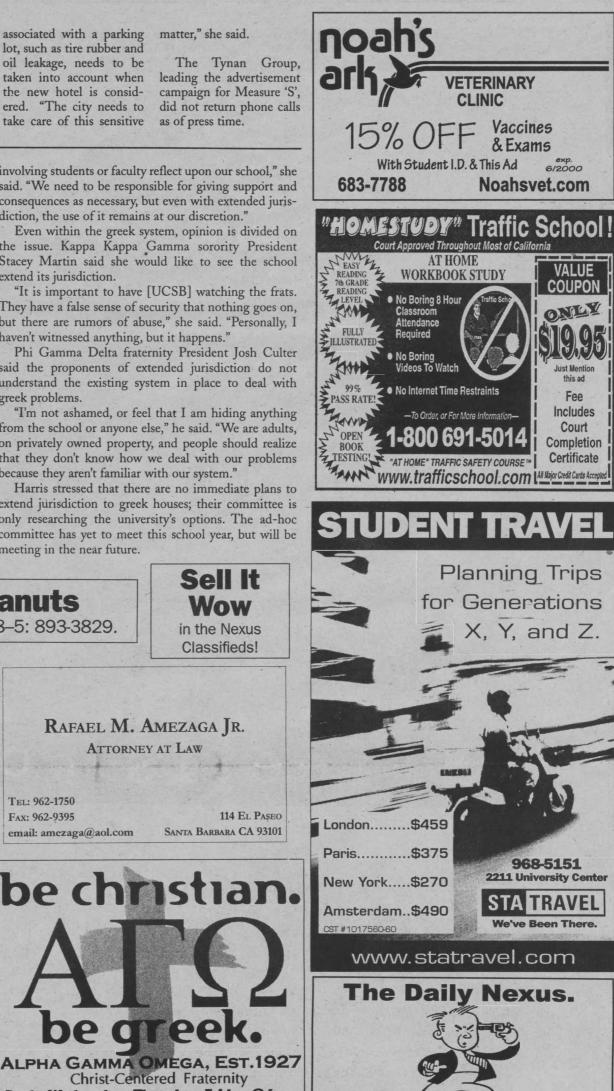
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Urban Creeks Council go?" He explained that board member Stephanie pond turtles, snakes, and Langsdorf said pollution

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Patrol Lt. Butch Arnoldi, current measures are not controlling the fraternities.

"You could be a 4.0 student in school, have committed a serious offense off-campus and have no academic repercussions," he said.

"[Expanded jurisdiction] is an idea with powerful consequences and political implications, but more responsibility needs to be accepted on the university's part. The current system's simply not working. Period," Arnoldi said.

According to Rape Prevention Education Coordinator Carol Mosely, there are problems with sexual assault in the fraternities.

"Women come in with situations ranging in locations: frats, I.V. and Santa Barbara," she said. "Extending jurisdiction is a great idea because it adds more options for taking action regarding serious offenses, like rape, assault, felonies and stalking,"she said.

Other UC schools have already exercised their jurisdiction powers. Jeanne Wilson, Director of Student Judicial Affairs at UC Davis, said it has worked well for more than four years.

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matter," she said.

The Tynan Group, leading the advertisement campaign for Measure 'S', did not return phone calls as of press time.

involving students or faculty reflect upon our school," she said. "We need to be responsible for giving support and consequences as necessary, but even with extended jurisdiction, the use of it remains at our discretion."

Even within the greek system, opinion is divided on the issue. Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority President Stacey Martin said she would like to see the school extend its jurisdiction.

"It is important to have [UCSB] watching the frats. They have a false sense of security that nothing goes on, but there are rumors of abuse," she said. "Personally, I haven't witnessed anything, but it happens."

Phi Gamma Delta fraternity President Josh Culter said the proponents of extended jurisdiction do not understand the existing system in place to deal with greek problems.

"I'm not ashamed, or feel that I am hiding anything from the school or anyone else," he said. "We are adults, on privately owned property, and people should realize that they don't know how we deal with our problems because they aren't familiar with our system."

Harris stressed that there are no immediate plans to extend jurisdiction to greek houses; their committee is only researching the university's options. The ad-hoc committee has yet to meet this school year, but will be meeting in the near future.

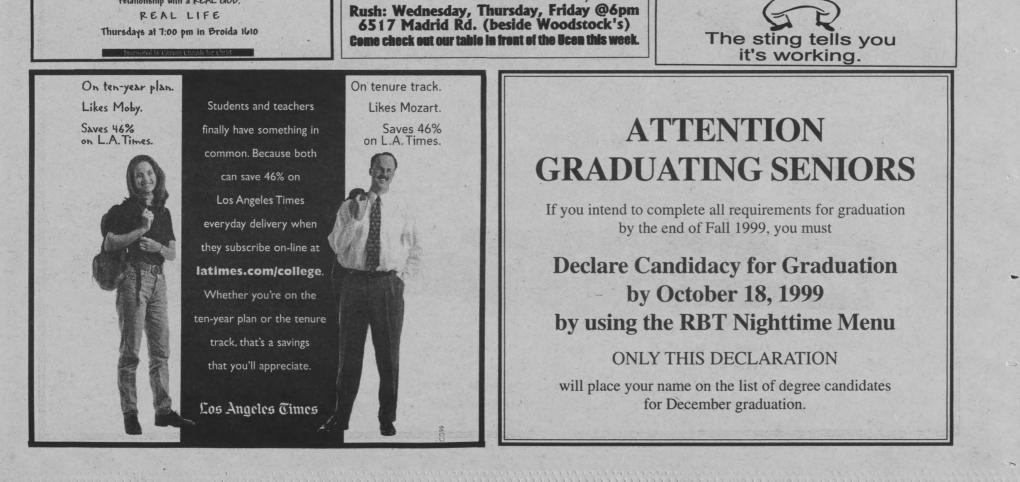
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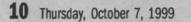
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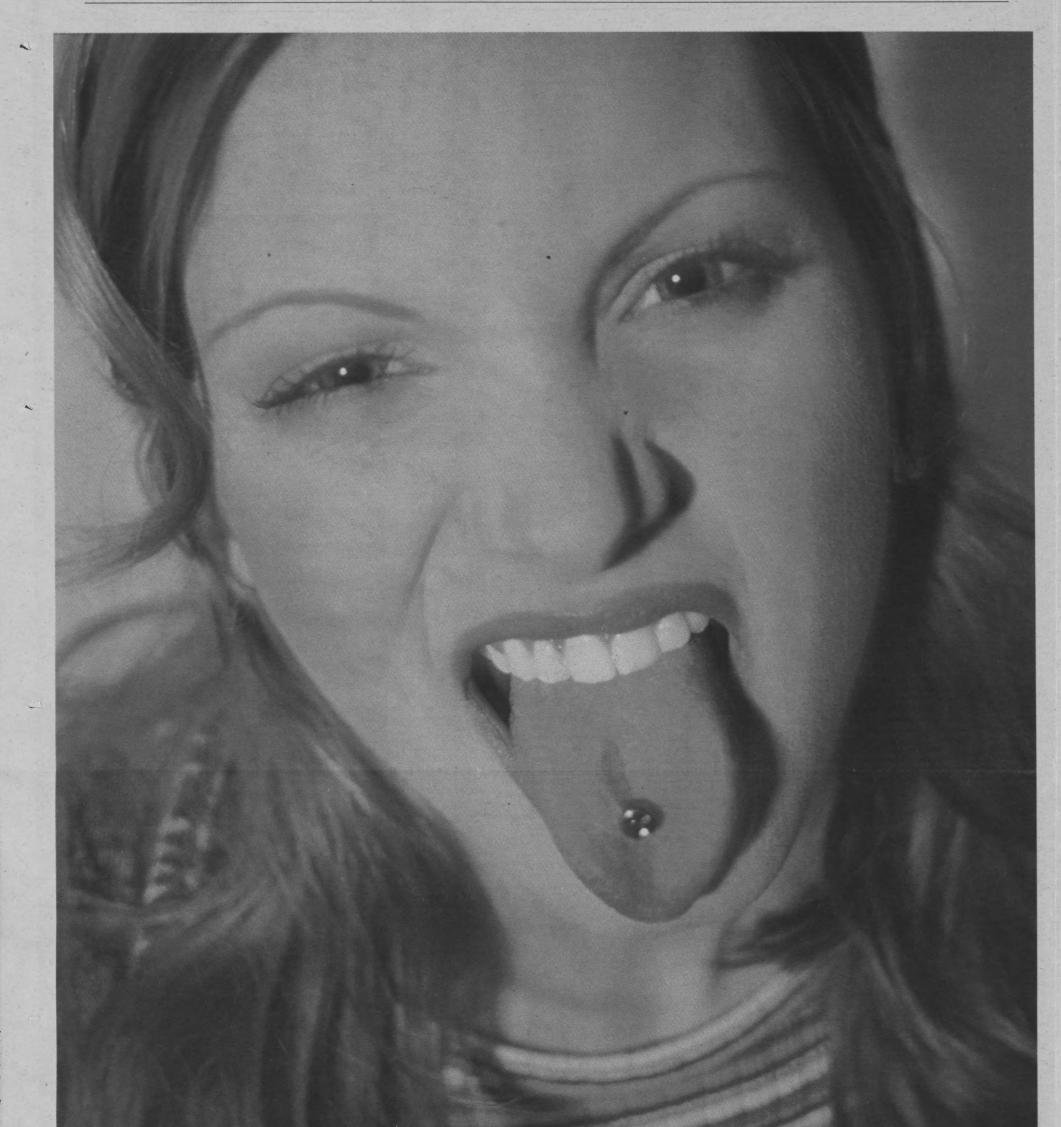
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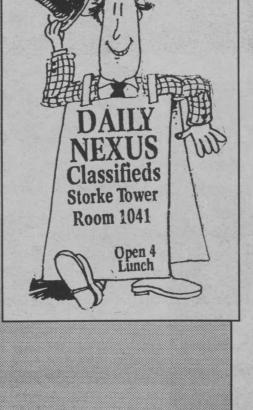
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Off the Court's WhereWest is Best

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Some people just can't keep a secret. You probably know by now the Los Angeles Lakers are in town, training for their season at UCSB's own Rob Gym. You might not know, however, that UCSB Athletic Coaching Program Advisor Al Ferrer had arranged for Laker General Manager Jerry West to visit our campus, and speak to a sports management class in an exclusive engagement. Sort of.

A few of us Nexites, nosy reporters that we are, managed to uncover that at 9:30 a.m. last Tuesday the Hall of Famer and architect of the current Laker team would be speaking at the MultiCultural Center for a little over an hour. Working our media magic, we shook a few hands, pulled some strings and found a way to slip through the cracks and into the closed-door session.

So I got up at 8:30 Tuesday morning, grabbed my tape recorder and notebook, and headed down to the Nexus office. By 9:15 I was in the second row of a tiny little lecture room.

At about 9:25, Mr. West made what I thought was a less-thandramatic entrance: He came in and sat down. Ferrer - who was seated next to him onstage - began his introduction while I was irritated by several students nonchalantly arriving late, as if this were any other lecture, in any other class. Ferrer quickly ran through some basic career highlights of West's, in a standard introduction for a professional athlete. A few I remembered were his 14 All Star appearances in a 14-year career, being named one of NBA's 50 greatest players ever and being a member of the NBA Hall of Fame whose whitewashed silhouette is the NBA logo - you know, the usual.

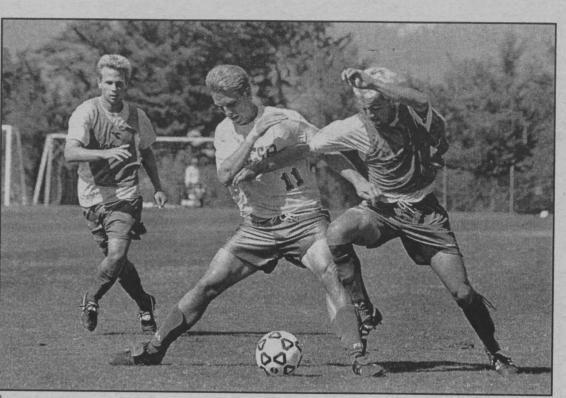
What was funny was that the most impressive thing in Ferrer's intro had nothing to do with West's basketball accomplishments. Before turning the mic over he recounted a story of his own past, as an on-camera reporter for UCSB basketball. Years ago, he got a hold of West - who was on a scouting trip - at halftime of a game in the Thunderdome. After a brief interview on camera, Ferrer said he unexpectedly received a thank you note a few days later from the Laker front office, care of Jerry West. That story really set the tone for the interview that followed.

I had heard the man nicknamed Mr. Clutch by his colleagues was renowned for his class, dignity and humility. But nothing could have prepared me for his emotional recounting of how he attended a security guard's retirement party because the man walked him to his car after every Laker home game. To see a man you've heard so much about draw close to tears while telling you to respect everyone and to never rob someone of their dignity was something that drew back even Ferrer, who declared mid-interview that West was the best guest the UCSB Physical Education Celebrity Lecture Series had ever had.

At the end of the session they opened the floor to questions, and I was lucky enough to sneak one in. It was a silly question, really, about overcoming shyness and developing people skills (the nerve I must have to ask an ESPN 100 Greatest Athletes member for personal advice). I was amazed - no, relieved, at the respect with which he answered my question, as if I was an actual reporter.

Of course when I told my dad about it later that day, he said my question was brilliant, the best West had probably heard in his last dozen interviews. But that's my dad. If everybody thought as much of me as he did, I'd probably be President of the United States by now.

So that's where this story begins and ends. All of us in that room that day just got very lucky. We got to meet not just a champion but a man with class, a man whose success in the field of basketball is paralleled by none, his victories in life admired by all. We got to meet



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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT: The UCSB men's soccer team is working hard at practice this week, preparing itself for a roadtrip this weekend against Cal State Fullerton and UCLA that will begin Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play.

Surging Soccer Team Takes to Road, **Begin Tough League Schedule**

BY BROOKE ROBERTS Reporter

If you're walking by Harder Stadium and happen to notice the temperature suddenly sky-rocketing, don't be alarmed. It's because the UCSB men's soccer team is practicing nearby. Gaucho soccer is on fire this season, already racking up seven sizzling wins and thirsty for more

UCSB is a solid 7-3 after its first 10 games, a major shift from the losing trend of 1998's 2-17-1 squad. Before this season Santa Barbara hired new Head Coach Tim Vom Steeg, as well as two new Assistant Coaches, Rick Barker and J.T. May. Vom Steeg has managed to turn the program around, leading the Gauchos to a successful start in **'99**.

UCSB's most recent game

was a home contest against San Iose State University last Saturday at Harder Stadium. The Gauchos ended up on top 1-0, thanks to a solid defense that shut the Spartans out, and a goal by sophomore forward Jaime Ambriz. Prior to the San Jose State match, the Gauchos had just been derailed from a three-game winning streak when they lost to UC Irvine, 1-0 the previous Sunday.

"We have had mixed games this season," Vom Steeg said. We have had games where we haven't played well, and games where we have played well. Our goal is to have a winning season. Another goal is to be in the top three teams in the league. Those are our two team goals for this season. Luckily we only graduate three seniors this year, so next year we will be another year to build on."

Gaucho scoring leaders this season include junior forward Thiago Martins with 14 points, sophomore forward Jaime Ambriz with nine, junior forward Sean Herrity with six, junior forward Lucas Dalgleish with five and sophomore midfielder Steven, Sosa with four. Senior goalkeeper Stewart Sanders has led UCSB's defense with four shutouts and 41 saves so far this season.

"The four shutouts were because of our defensive teamwork," Sanders said. "Although goalies get the credit for a shutout, everyone deserves recognition."

"Coach Vom Steeg has changed the attitudes of people on the team," Sanders added. "He's brought in a lot of guys that work hard, and he has brought in a game plan that works. The whole team takes it game by game. By taking it game by game, I feel that we have a chance to make playoffs."

The Gauchos will travel to Cal State Fullerton this Friday to take on the #20 Titans. From there they head to Los Angeles, to play against the 2nd-ranked UCLA Bruins on Sunday. UCSB plays their next home game Oct. 22 against the Lobos of New Mexico. All of the games are Mountain Pacific Sports Federation contests, the Gauchos' first three of the year. "I was one of the few players on the team last year, and I think that the improvements made since last year are amazing," Dalgleish said. "Last year we just didn't score; this year is a kick in the butt for our offense. I give a lot of credit to the new coaches, the morale this year is a lot more positive."

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Jerry West.

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Hey Laker Fans: Do you want to see Shaq, Kobe and the 1999-2000 Los Angeles Lakers? Live and in person? You're in luck. The Lakers will be conducting a free public scrimmage at the Thunderdome on Sunday, Oct.10 at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with festivities begining at 6.1,200 tickets will be made available to students on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS on Friday, Oct. 8 at 3 p.m. at the RecCen. Students must show a valid UCSB registration card. Tickets will be limited to one per student.



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Gaucho Guard Must Undergo Foot Surgery

The UCSB men's basketball team suffered its ward to his return." first setback of the year, as senior guard Larry Bell fractured the fifth metatarsal bone in his right foot on Oct. 1 during a team practice. The Compton native will immediately undergo surgery to repair the injury on Thursday morning.

"Obviously, I am not happy to lose a starter, but hopefully he will be back soon," second-year UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams said. "Ironically, there is probably not a better time to sustain an injury considering we've got five or six weeks until the season starts. Larry is one of our leaders and a projected starter, so it will take its toll on us, but we look for-

Last season, Bell started 14 games, including the last 12 of the year. He averaged 3.6 points, 2.8 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 1.4 steals per game overall last season.

The Gauchos, who open their season at home against Stanford on Nov. 20, will likely be without Bell until mid-December. Bell's surgery, which will be performed by Dr. Robert Fan, will keep him in a cast for three to four weeks, after which the injury will be re-examined. Nexus Staff Report