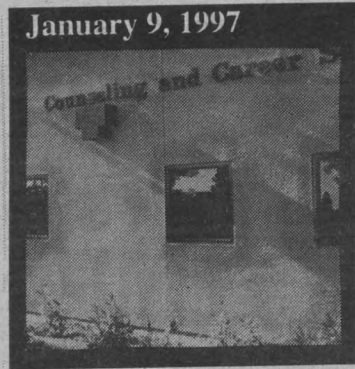


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The Nexus weighs in on one of the latest PC problems: Disneyland's Pirates of the Caribbean. Really.



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It's our yearly blowout sale at Artsweek. All 1996 merchandise is available at incredible markdowns. Everything from last year must go!



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The UCSB rugby team gets ready to rumble in its first regular-season match Saturday at San Luis Obispo.



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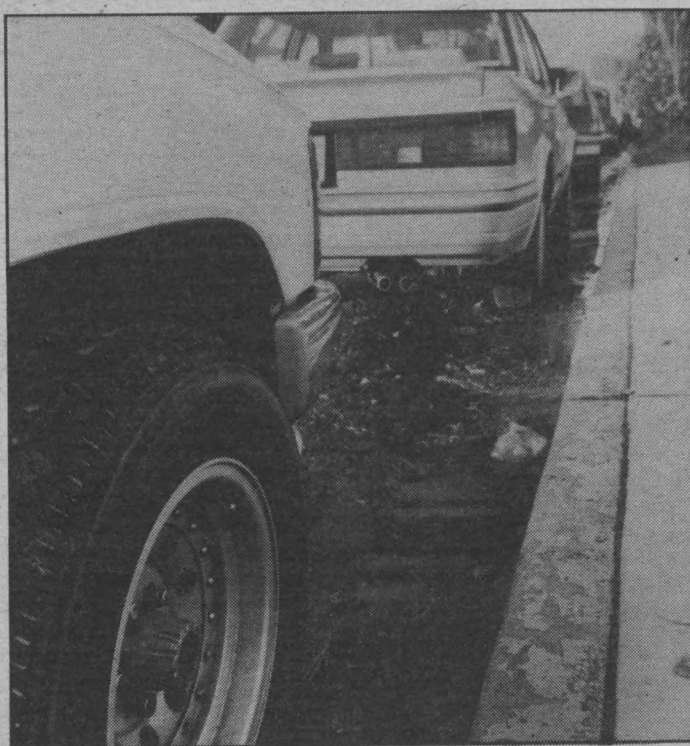
The UCSB Women's Center will be hosting several programs throughout Winter Quarter. Check out the workshops, lectures, exhibits and discussions.

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The geological makeup of Isla Vista's terrain often creates a recipe for a clogged drainage system — just add water.

Storms Cause Backup in I.V. Drain Systems

By Alicia Marotto
Reporter

Despite lacking the heavy annual rainfall of other regions, Isla Vista still often experiences congestion in its storm drain system during heavy showers, a problem some local officials hope can be resolved soon.

With a large population packed into a small area, the potential for problems should a large storm occur are a defi-

nite concern.

"Isla Vista has a unique problem," said I.V. Recreation and Park District General Manager Derek Johnson. "We are on a coastal mesa, and the soils on the mesa are clay, so they don't drain well."

Prior to the area's development, I.V. was a conglomeration of vernal pools, Johnson added.

"A lot of those soils are still with us. The water tends to run

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Mysterious Bookstore Package Found Benign

By Eugene Tong
Staff Writer

After further investigation by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept., a suspicious package found at the UCSB Bookstore Tuesday was revealed to be harmless.

The discovery of the object, which led to the intervention of the UC Police and the Sheriff's bomb squad, as well as the evacuation and cordoning off of a part of the UCen and offices located below Storke Tower, turned out to be a solid mass of duct tape, said UCPD Capt. Tony Alvarez.

"The object, which was spherical, [was] about the size of a grapefruit," he said. "It was duct tape rolled into [a] grapefruit-sized ball."

Though the object was not an explosive device, further inquiries into its origins are still being pursued by the UCPD, Alvarez added.

"[There does not appear] to be any threat or hoax [with the package]," he said. "We are still interested in who put it there, so we can close the case."

Although store operations were disrupted for what turned out to be a false alarm, bookstore Director Ken Bowers maintains that the evacuations were necessary.

"It's easy to say, 'It's just duct tape' now, [but] there were 200 students within 20 feet of the package," he said. "We feel every precaution was necessary."

Senior law and society major and bookstore employee Todd Jennings felt the move to vacate the store was correct.

"I think everything that was done was done right," he said. "There were several hundred [people] at the bookstore, and we didn't want people to panic."

For KCSB faculty advisor Elizabeth Robinson, whose office is located below Storke Tower, the necessity of her own evacuation was harder to justify.

"It was difficult to figure out the rationale for the evacuation," she said. "You can still buy a pizza in the UCen 100 feet away, but offices were evacuated 100 yards away."



The Package

KCSB DJ Mike Petrini was on the air when ordered to vacate the building and didn't mind the inconvenience.

"My show started at 2 p.m.," he said. "Around 2:15 to 2:30 they told me to evacuate because of a bomb scare. I put on a CD that lasted about an hour."

Despite the disruption, Robinson feels such events must be dealt with seriously, especially when taking into account past bombings on campus.

"People forget about UCSB history," she said. "A bomb was found in the Registrar's Office in 1992 during the Gulf War. It was around 1970 when one of the maintenance staff was killed by a bomb."

If anyone has any information concerning the origin of the package, the UCPD can be contacted at 893-3446, Alvarez said.

Farewell 1996, UCSB Rings In the New Year With a Clean Slate

By Davia Gray
Staff Writer

Every New Year's Eve after the clock strikes midnight, the Times Square ball drops, the champagne starts flowing, and people participate in the ritual of making resolutions for the coming year.

For many people the mystery behind the enduring tradition of promising to do something positive each year stems from an innate desire to be spontaneous and make things new.

"We love the opportunity to start over ... to try again, to get motivated to do something, to really change and get what we really want in our lives," said counselor Patricia Cooper.

Senior English major Brenda Kay made a long list of New Year's resolutions to inspire her for the future and provide a motivation to improve her body and mind.

"I had a lot of New Year's resolutions: to keep up with my workout at the gym, not to slack off, get straight A's, take the GRE and pass it, apply and get accepted to graduate school," she said. "Mine were mostly personal, sort of to encourage myself to always achieve my goals."

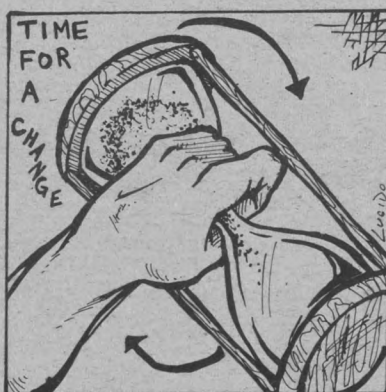
Although the scope of the list may be daunting, Kay is optimistic about being able to realize all of her goals for the year.

"They are important for me," she said. "This is the first year I have really done them, so I'm hopeful."

The year may still be young, but engineering graduate student Gary Wang has already made a lot of headway in making his New Year's resolutions reality.

"I passed my Ph.D. defense and got a job at Hewlett-Packard ... but my real resolution was to be happy," he said.

While resolutions are popular, some students like senior geography major Nate Scholl, chose not to make any commitments at all.



VINCENT LUCIDO/Daily Nexus

"I didn't make a resolution because whenever I do, I never stick to it," he said.

Scholl was not the only one to forgo the tradition. Song Shi, a graduate student in engineering, felt no obligation to make any promises for the new year.

"I just don't have any resolutions. Why should I? I don't have

to have any," he said.

Although Shi was a nonparticipant this year, he admits that his previous resolutions had a big impact on his life before coming to the university.

"Getting into college. You know it's not easy in China to get into college. The exam for the university is very challenging," he

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Kids Gain Mentors

By Josh Rutkin
Reporter

Thanks to a government grant, UCSB graduate students will be afforded the opportunity to act as role models to Santa Barbara area students in a new program aimed at promoting academic enthusiasm among school children.

The \$225,000 allotment from Gov. Pete Wilson's office is currently being used by the Santa Barbara School District in conjunction with the UCSB Graduate School of Education to create a mentoring program for students at the elementary- and middle-school levels.

A trial run of this program, known as the Academic Volunteer and Mentor Program, will begin this spring at three elementary schools: Franklin, Peabody and Washington.

Ten fifth-graders from each school will be selected to participate in the program. Each will have a mentor who will spend an hour with them during the school day, once a week, said Carole Nevarez-Cowan, program coordinator for the SBSD and assistant superintendent at the district Office of Instruction Services.

This new mentor program differs from its predecessors in that it is geared toward average students who do not exhibit any serious problems but who, with added attention and encouragement, could excel.

"They are kids [to whom] we're just giving that extra support [in order to] really help them achieve their highest potential," said Peabody School Assistant Principal Lisa Meglione, program coordinator at the school.

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HEADLINERS

Russian Leader's Health Declines Again



MOSCOW (AP) — A flu-stricken Boris Yeltsin was taken back to the hospital Wednesday with what the Kremlin called signs of pneumonia, raising new concerns about the president's recovery from heart surgery.

The president will remain at the Kremlin Hospital several days, his press service said in a terse statement that gave little insight into the 65-year-old's condition.

The late-night return to the Central Clinical Hospital is sure to prompt new questions about whether Yeltsin is healthy enough to actively rule Russia. It also will likely renew cries from his opponents that he is unfit and should step down.

By all accounts and appearances, Yeltsin has been recovering well from his Nov. 5 quintuple bypass operation.

Since pronouncing himself "ready for battle" when he returned to full-

time Kremlin duty Dec. 23, he has chaired high-level meetings, issued a flurry of decrees, and met with Chinese Premier Li Peng and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. Moving slowly, he nonetheless looked thinner and

— “

He'll be able to tolerate it better now than he would before the operation.

Dr. Michael DeBakey
Yeltsin surgical consultant

healthier than during his six-month absence due to heart problems.

Dr. Michael DeBakey, the American heart surgeon whom Russian doctors consulted during Yeltsin's bypass surgery, said Yeltsin should be better within three to five days with bed rest and antibiotics.

"I expect him to be all right," DeBakey told CNN from Houston, after speaking with the presi-

dent's doctor.

Yeltsin cut short his schedule Monday and returned to his country home to rest, suffering from what his aides described as a severe cold or the flu — something his family members and many other Muscovites also are enduring during a harsh winter.

Doctors said his illness

proper treatment," said the statement, read on the nightly television news.

The president's heart surgeon, Dr. Renat Akchurin, said earlier Wednesday it was best for heart bypass patients to avoid any illness in the months following surgery. But he said the "president's cold is hardly likely to cause complications."

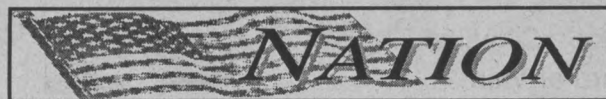
The ailment "had nothing to do with the heart operation," DeBakey told CNN. "He'll be able to tolerate it better now than he could before the operation, because his heart's functioning virtually normally now."

He called the decision to hospitalize Yeltsin appropriate and "quite prudent."

No one answered the telephone at Akchurin's residence Wednesday night.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin had planned to take a one-week vacation beginning Thursday. It was not clear whether he planned to cancel it in light of Yeltsin's illness.

Oil Company Under Investigation Takes Action



WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — Texaco fired one high-ranking executive, suspended another and dropped benefits for two retirees Wednesday for conduct revealed on embarrassing, racially inflammatory tape recordings.

The retirees include Richard Lundwall, the executive who made the tapes and released them to the plaintiffs in a race-discrimination suit that was then quickly settled by Texaco for \$176 million in the face of a boycott.

On the tapes, Texaco officials can be heard de-

grading minorities and discussing the possibility of destroying documents in the race-discrimination case.

Lundwall is the only Texaco executive charged so far in a federal investigation into whether documents sought by the plaintiffs were destroyed, as is suggested on the tapes. The *New York Times* reported Wednesday that he is cooperating with the prosecution.

The firings are based on a separate, just-completed investigation commissioned by Texaco from

outside attorney Michael Armstrong. The report was not released, and Texaco would not say what Armstrong had learned about the destruction of evidence.

Texaco suspended "those benefits which are legally allowable" for Lundwall and a second retiree, Robert Ulrich, who was Texaco's treasurer.

The tapes of Finance Dept. meetings about the race suit record Lundwall and Ulrich talking about throwing away or shredding documents the plaintiffs had requested in court. Ulrich said, "We're going to purge the (expletive) out of these books" and Lundwall said, "Let

me shred this thing."

They also made comments critical of black employees. According to the company's "enhanced" version of the tapes, Lundwall and Ulrich were mocking the black cultural celebration Kwanzaa, with Ulrich saying, "I'm still struggling with Hanukkah, and now we have Kwanzaa, I mean I lost Christmas, poor St. Nicholas, they (expletive) all over his beard."

David Keough, who was an assistant treasurer at the time the tapes were made in 1994 and had become chief financial officer of the Texaco subsidiary, Hedderington Insurance, was fired.

Reporter's Infiltration Leads to Heightened Watch in Peru



LIMA, Peru (AP) — Peru moved to isolate leftist rebels holding 74 men in a three-week-old hostage crisis, increasing security outside their diplomatic residence Wednesday after journalists sneaked inside.

A Japanese television reporter and his interpreter made their way through police cordons Tuesday and spent about two hours in the Japanese ambassador's home, where heavily armed Tupac Amaru rebels have holed up with their hostages since Dec. 17.

Riot police grabbed the reporter and the Peruvian interpreter moments after they walked out of the compound with a video camera. They remained in custody Wednesday; a police official speaking on condition of anonymity said officers were questioning them.

Unable to speak to reporters or the public — the compound's telephones were cut off in the first days of the crisis — the media-savvy guerrillas resorted to hoisting a hand-lettered banner at a window Wednesday to complain. "Now journalists are being detained to hide the truth," it said.

Police have tightened security around the home since the security breach, halting cars at yellow police lines to search with redoubled vigilance while plainclothes officers scan rooftops.

Extra police were deployed Wednesday, and police officers in olive fatigues walked within yards of the 15-foot-high walls of the compound, the closest they have been seen within days.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **LONDON (AP)** — Three British balloonists narrowly averted a crash on the second — and last — day of their round-the-world attempt Wednesday, crawling outside their gondola to jettison a 1-ton fuel tank before a forced landing in the North African desert.

The helium and hot air balloon was 30,000 feet over Algeria's Atlas range when it began plummeting earthward at 2,000 feet a minute during the night.

"At one stage I was standing by the door chucking out everything movable — oil canisters, food, anything — to halt the descent," said Richard Branson, the tycoon who financed and piloted the \$3 million *Global Challenger* balloon.

"I thought, 'What am I doing up here? It's terrifying.'"

• **BOSTON (AP)** — A large study has concluded that an abortion is unlikely to raise a woman's risk of breast cancer, as many have feared.

The new research, conducted in Denmark, is by far the biggest and most sophisticated examination yet of this contentious issue.

Earlier studies have conflicted, but taken together, they suggest that abortion raises a woman's breast cancer risk by about 30 percent. However, those studies have been criticized because they depend on women speaking honestly about whether they have had abortions — something some may not do.

The new study gets around the issue of lying by relying solely on medical records.

"It is pretty clear from this study that there is no overall increased risk for the majority of women who have had induced abortions," said Dr. Mads Melbye of Statens Serum Institute in Copenhagen.

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Weather

I just found out the other day that my mother's maiden name is spelled with three letters, not two. My familial faux pas was discovered when Mom was carrying a bag of toys (for all the good little boys and girls in her day-care class), which displayed huge, gold, puffy paint letters that spelled out "Mrs. Nuh."

I thought this was somewhat peculiar, as I sat there wondering why *our* family's last name wasn't on the bag and also why a "Mrs." preceded her maiden name. But most of all, why I had been wrong all this time?

First she explained that the tykes had a hard time pronouncing long Italian names, and Mrs. Nuh was easier to remember. As far as the "Mrs." prefix, the children knew she was married, so she decided to keep the title for respect. But when it came time to explain why I was told the wrong spelling all my life, on top of telling my major credit card companies an incorrect security word, she was dumbfounded. She simply said, "You probably always just heard me wrong." Huh?

Forecast: Sunny skies today, but cold nights. Call your mom for the complete details.

Prof Receives Award

By Lori Harris
Reporter

A member of the UCSB French Dept. was recently honored as co-recipient of the Modern Language Association Scaglione Prize for her literary work in French studies.

French Professor Cynthia Brown, along with Duke University Professor Helen Solterer, was presented with the \$500 award at the annual MLA convention last Decem-

ber. Brown was not able to attend the gathering, but Solterer accepted on behalf of both recipients.

"[MLA] officially awarded it at the annual MLA convention, which takes place between

Christmas and New Year's Day, but I found out in October," Brown said.

The book for which she received the award, *Poets, Patrons, and Printers: Crisis of Authority in Late Medieval France*, takes a unique approach to analyzing French literature, Brown said.

"I try to understand late medieval French culture through the study of the book as an artifact. I don't just look at the text inside the book, but also the au-

thor's relationship with the patron, with the printer... of the book. I've been able to understand new aspects of their work," she said.

Brown's colleagues are very enthusiastic about her award. Brown is very deserving of the accolade, said French Professor Jody Enders, a past Scaglione Prize recipient and co-chair of the medieval studies program.

"What she did was remarkable. She took an area of medieval studies



Cynthia Brown

that most people think is boring; she turned it into a really modern and exciting theory about what it means to be an author," Enders said. "She managed to complete this book while being the chair of our department."

Brown's students were equally impressed with her ability to delve into a part of French history that is not widely researched and create an award-winning book, said Deborah McGrady, whom Brown advised for her dissertation.

"I really liked [Brown's book]. It's very exciting. It's filled with very new

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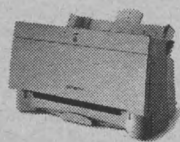
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Aargh, Matey

Pervert Pirates Pose Interesting Problems in Political Correctness

A hoy, ye landlubbers and mateys alike! Come to the Magic Kingdom, and sail through the lives of the salty sea dogs and days of lore in the Pirates of the Caribbean theme ride. Scurvy pirates, lusting for golden treasures and busty women, reenact legendary battles, drunken debauchery and fierce duels on the high seas!

(Note: For your '90s taste and sensibilities, Disney has made minor changes in the "small world" of wholesome mass-marketing and family fun! Kiddies, moms and dads can now enjoy newly updated scenes of suggested assault of women by loaded, lecherous pirates — now in a new, improved and politically correct setting!)

It's no joke. Regardless of the verily nasty behavior of 14th-century pirates, many Disneyland visitors were not pleased with the Magic Kingdom's representation thereof. One section was particularly offensive to critical eyes: the "pillaged town" scene, in which wide-eyed, aggressive pirates chased screaming, frightened women, hinting at impending sexual assault. The townswomen were also being sold off in a "wench auction" — accompanied by chants of "take a wench for a wife!"

Ever sensitive to the public's sentiment about misogynistic violence in the happiest place on earth, Disney recently closed down the ride to revamp the scene, which will now feature the screaming women with plates of food. Thus, the plunderers aren't chasing the women for forcible sex, but now for some lunch, or maybe a late snack. The wench auction, featuring a portly woman excited to be up for sale, remains the same.

AARGH!

Disney needs to take a wholesale look at what's happening in this scene. Even if the ad-

ditions make the scene more politically correct in the cosmetic sense, the auction remains, as well as the feeling of fear among the women. What kind of message does that give to kids admiring the pirate's life? That women, in a glamorous, fantastic world, are for sale and subject to the sexual desires of men? And moreover, females who are overweight possess a more wanton sexual appetite than other women?

If they're gonna do it, they should do it right. The new version actually changes very little. True, kids are fed a diet of violence for entertainment, and this is obviously not only Disney's problem. One possibility is to shut down the ride altogether, but a less extremist and more rational method is equally feasible. How about the old-fashioned notion of parenting?

Parents should be aware of what their kids will be exposed to, and decide whether or not it is appropriate — rather than putting all of the responsibility (and trust) in corporations looking for a buck. Disneyland might promote itself as a paradise for kids, but, as demonstrated by Pirates of the Caribbean, some parts aren't all that innocent and wholesome.

In fact, it would be wise of Disney to provide parents the means by which to differentiate the mildness of Mr. Toad's Wild Ride from the debauchery of Pirates, and avoid perpetuating an already-suspect reputation.

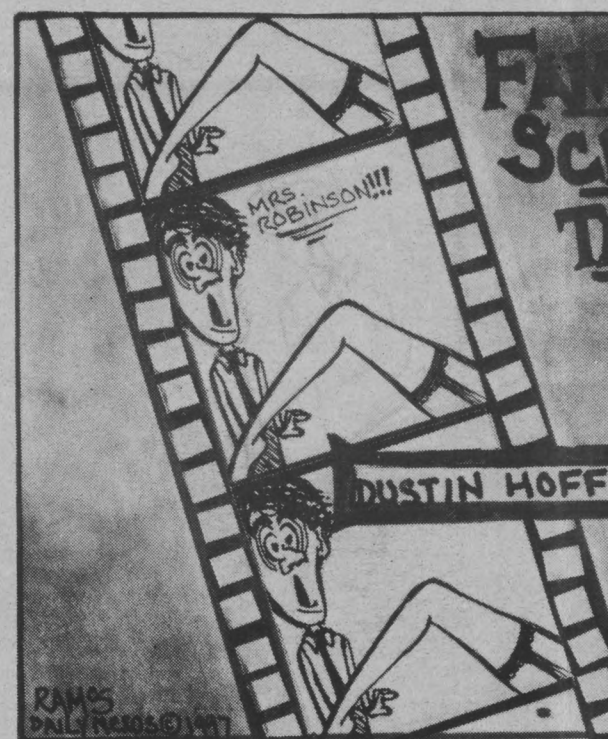
Too much sterilization is a dangerous thing, and a line must be drawn between warranted reservations and tyrannical political correctness. If parents make an effort to monitor appropriateness, we need not expect social conscientiousness from a capitalistic, consumerist corporation.

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Nexus Opinion: the only place you can have 18,000 people exposed to the recesses of your unique brain, strange and convoluted as they may be. Yet lately, people on this campus either: 1) don't feel like stringing together their thoughts enough to write to us; 2) aren't thinking about much at all, other than the profundities of midgets on Richard Bey; or 3) don't have enough hot air to float a balloon to Goleta.

Whatever your reason may be, it's not good. Writing an opinion for the Nexus takes you away from the drudgery of crafting a thesis, body and conclusion for a grade. It allows you to say what's on your mind, rather than

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"Life is pain, highness. Anyone who says different is selling something."

—The Dread Pirate Roberts

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The Reader's Voice

TALKIN' 'BOUT THE HOMELESS VIGIL

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Just before Winter Break, a number of "letters to the editor" addressed the homeless vigil (held in November) in particular and the homeless and hungry issue in general. The last letter, titled "Mad Rantings," by Joshua Watson (Daily Nexus, The Reader's Voice, Nov. 11) motivated me to address this debate from a different perspective.

First, Joshua related in his letter that two previous letters to the editor, "Langston's article," and "Brent Baker's" consisted of personal attacks that sounded awfully informed, but which were in fact little more than mad ranting. Joshua is not alone in his sentiments.

Yet it seems Baker was merely trying to enlighten the students about the real problems of homeless-

ness, speaking from his hard-won, real-life experiences of being homeless. That communication is invaluable for those who want to become involved in coordinating activities geared toward helping the homeless and hungry. In fact, it was these "activities" (the all-night vigil, for example) that were being analyzed and scrutinized, not the students' generous hearts.

The activities included asking students to donate blankets (a sacrifice of their resources and time). What real effect does that sacrifice have other than making people believe that they are doing something which is truly helping others less fortunate?

To begin with, it is against the law for a citizen to sleep in or outside a vehicle in or on any public and/or private property — unless you have permission from the owner or are the owner — between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. of the next day in virtually every city and county in the United States. It is against the law for a homeless person to com-

mit the heinous act of sleeping at night (and in many places, during the day as well).

Therefore, when the homeless go to sleep, there is the inevitable flashlight in the face from the local law enforcement. Because they have no place else to go, they get the inevitable ticket. In Santa Barbara County it is a \$72 fine for each offense unless a ticket goes to warrant (because the offender, obviously, couldn't afford to pay the fine). Once the ticket goes to warrant (which usually takes about a month), the fine is in excess of \$240. And if you can't afford to pay that, off to jail.

What about the fate of the blanket? Well, it doesn't take much to realize that the blanket is left to be trashed by the IVRPD, police or somebody else. Also, the homeless usually have to stash the blankets during the daylight hours because the blankets are cumbersome and make their plight all that more obvious to the hostile local community and law enforcement. So when the

blankets are stashed, they often become discovered and trashed.

Baker attempted to bring this facet of homeless reality to the readers when he remarked, "Did you get an illegal camping ticket?" Can you imagine that the very act of sleeping is currently against the law, punishable by jail time, for those who (for whatever reason) cannot afford to pay rent or hotel fees?

What does the Statue of Liberty symbolize? Wasn't the inscription to the effect: Bring me your poor, hungry, downtrodden, etc.? Only to be persecuted and jailed?

Some of the most virtuous citizens I know happen to be homeless. And yet the very act of sleeping makes them a criminal. So the worst problem that we all face is the legal persecution of being homeless, not the lack of a blanket. This is the real issue that must be addressed.

From my own perspective, this legal persecution is not an accident. As long as the poor and downtrodden are not allowed to coexist with

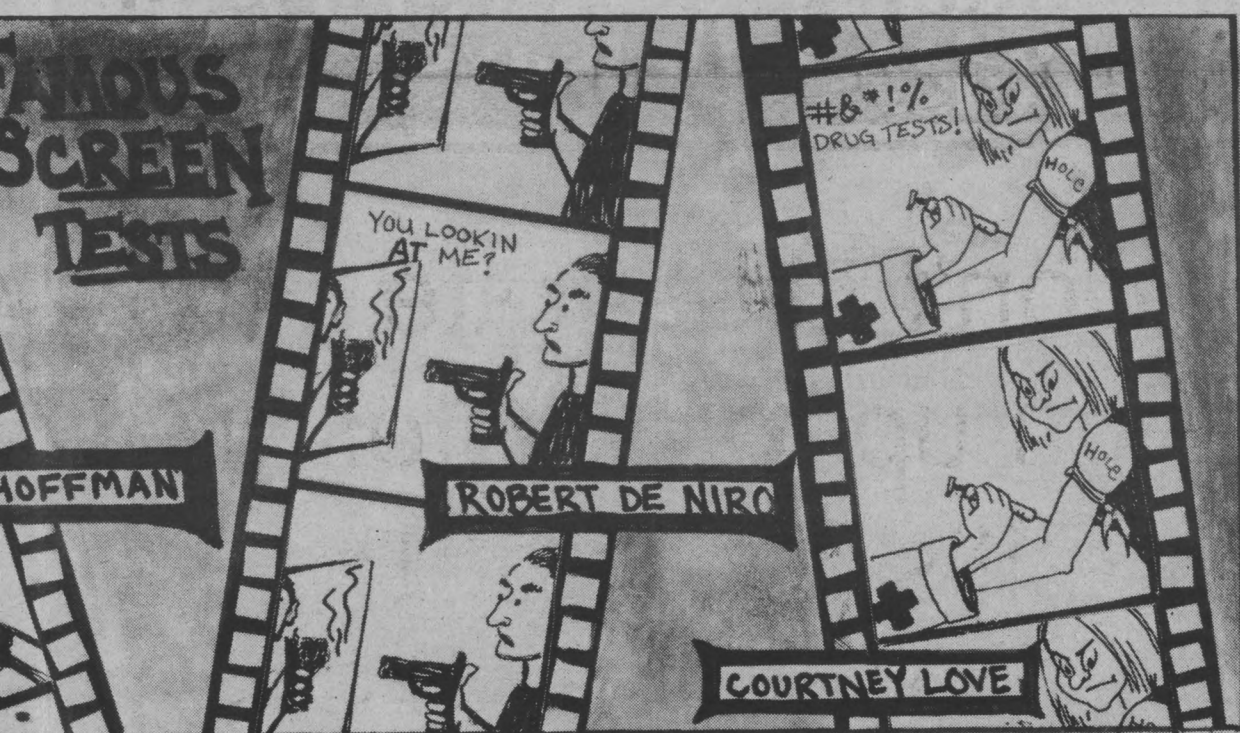
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attempting to parrot what your TA or professor wants you to think — something we are all forced to do to some degree in this university.

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Adventures in Singleland

Marc Valles

My pants have been breaking lately — the zipper of one pair broke in a bookstore; a hole in another pair finally grew so big it got embarrassing. With only one pair left and no quarters for laundry, I had to take action. So I went clothes shopping. Disaster struck. Everything was bad.

For starters, I went to a massive outlet with two pairs of couple people. I, schmuck that I am, am single people, so it wasn't long before the four lovebirds paired off, leaving me alone in consumerland. That was bad.

Dazed, I wandered the outlets, looking for more pants. The crowds were bad, consisting of screaming, badly behaved children; women with bad hairdos concealing their age badly with bad makeup; men in bad clothing badly attempting to shuffle through stores full of badly made merchandise sold by badly paid employees who made bad attempts at sincerely smiling at you when you walked — to the tune of bad music piped over bad speakers — through the door. Which itself was part of a badly designed building in a complex that was the epitome of bad architecture, complete with its own food court, where bad food, bad drinks and bad service were to be had for generally bad prices.

It was all bad, bad, bad. I only found one pair of pants in the place, and they fit ... badly. Disgusted, I gave up.

Waiting on the bench for the bus, I met up with the couple people. They, naturally, had had a great time.

This caused me to reflect on the basic nature of couple people and single people. They reside, I've decided, in two vastly different countries: Coupleland and Singleland. Having lived in both, I feel comfortable comparing and contrasting the two.

Since being forcibly deported from Coupleland several months ago, I've had ample opportunity to reacquire myself with the old country, Singleland. Ah, Singleland, home of my people!

Singleland, you see, is a country of absolute social freedom and miserable emotional poverty. Coupleland, meanwhile, is a kingdom of vast emotional wealth and political oppression.

The residents of Coupleland, though generally oppressed and forever fighting among themselves, are jealous of their wealth and intolerant of immigrants, and hire impoverished Singlelanders to guard the borders of Coupleland and turn away refugees. The border between the two countries, then, is strewn with the bodies of the dejected, which serve as a warning to the desperate Singlelanders who tire of their free but lonely homeland.

From time to time, I too have braved this no man's land of broken hearts, and while I keep getting turned away at the border, I haven't completely given up hope. Yes, I must admit it's discouraging returning to the old country again and again only to mull over the details of my latest failed escape. I envision being greeted at the gates of Singleland by that hick warden from *Cool Hand Luke*. I can hear him laughing: "Welcome back! So you thought you could escape? Hah! Well, we'll just put you in this dark closet for a month or so 'til you realize the error of your ways. You'll never escape! Hah!"

"Go to hell, copper! I've already reapplied for an exit visa! I'm breakin' out of this joint! I'm —"

The door of my cell slams shut, leaving me to brood in silent darkness. Waiting for the bus. Without a decent pair of pants. Ah, well. Still waiting for my visa, I told my couple friends this story and they laughed their asses off.

Maybe it wasn't such a bad day, after all.

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mainstream society because of these laws, the homeless will have to hide and be on the run, alienated, dependent and powerless to help themselves. Where is the democracy for the homeless? "Divide and conquer" is a sure way to destroy democracy — just observe the plight of the homeless.

I did call the CalPIRG coordinator, Geneva Berwith, when The Daily Nexus published their first article, "Events to Focus on Homeless Issues" (Nov. 13) regarding this event. I wanted to be involved as a speaker and hoped to request time for two of my Isla Vista homeless friends, who also wished to speak to the students about being homeless. Geneva did not return any of my messages until six days later, the day before the event (while I was in class). Hmmm.

I believe that these "anti-sleeping" (really anti-homeless) laws are unconstitutional. The Declaration of Independence, forerunner of the Constitution, addresses our inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

To imprison American citizens simply because they/we do not have the resources for costly housing seems like a violation of our inalienable rights.

For those interested in this kind of fight for the homeless, I hope you can help me and you. I am currently trying to find general help, legal help and representation for a homeless friend who is trying to defend himself against these laws. He has an appeal pending and needs help. For anyone who wants to help, please contact me at PO Box 8626, Goleta, CA 93118.

Finally, a note regarding Joshua's comment, "Baker's anger about the time in his life when society threw him away is understandable, but misdirected." This comment about Brent Baker is a bit presumptuous. Just because Baker may have been homeless at one time doesn't mean that he was angry because society "threw him away," or that his anger was "misdirected." Jesus too was homeless and angry, but never

"misdirected."

DEBORAH KING-STRAW

COMMENTS ON EBONICS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Contrary to recent public opinion, the Oakland school board never intended to teach Ebonics in the classroom the way Spanish is taught to (standard) English speakers. The Oakland school board intended to use Ebonics to receive more money for schools from the federal government and to screen teachers without Ebonics backgrounds.

While Uncle Sam has already shot down the former intention, the latter deserves attention. Using Ebonics to screen teachers is nothing more than discriminating against "Ebonically challenged" individuals — or does discrimination only work in one direction?

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Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - Your path to success may be down a different road than most people take. If you need support, talk your dreams over with a person who appreciates your wild side. You don't need the kind of love that holds you down, so don't accept that offer.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Today, an unexpected development might force a change in plans. The answer is found by using your resources differently. If you get stuck, turn the puzzle upside down. A trip back in time, from the comfort of your own recliner, would be relaxing tonight.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - If you want to spend more money today, you may have a fight on your hands. A friend may be able to help you work out an alternative to your first idea. Don't take a grumpy person too seriously. There may be a joke hidden under that scowl.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - Today, be on the lookout for an argument. If your method works, which it probably will, you'll have no trouble defending your position. If it doesn't, well, maybe you'll learn something new. Don't let go of your savings, no matter what.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - You may sometimes feel you can get by on good looks and charisma alone. Today, it will help if you've done your homework, too. With your facts in place, you'll be unbeatable. A good partner would also be a big help. Sign one up tonight.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - You like to get a routine established and stick to it. That's because you accomplish the output of 10 normal mortals when you do. Today, power past a slight glitch. Be persistent and you'll triumph again.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 6 - The old folks may not like any change, even one that could make their lives easier. Once you teach them how to use a new gadget, however, they may warm up to it. Your sweet-heart can help you see the humor in the situation. Find time to talk about it.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You have probably already decided how you want to do the job today. You're not in the mood to listen to arguments, either. You may have to compromise, however. You can learn a lot from your elders - the one with strong opinions in particular.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Make friends with a person whose background is very different from your own. A terrific relationship could result. Meanwhile, quietly save up for a big-ticket item. You'll make an excellent impression on somebody you love very much.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 9 - Today, you may be tempted to buy a gadget you don't even understand. If that happens, call a close friend for advice. With help, you'll get past the dangers safely. Ignore somebody who thinks you can never learn anything, even if that person is you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - If you're trying to do something that flat won't work, you'll find out today. You should be in a good enough mood to handle the criticism. Spend tonight with somebody who tries to understand you, and who loves you anyway.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - If somebody wants you to toss out everything and start over, be nice. Just keep doing what works for you. A gathering with friends could be fun, but don't get talked into doing something silly - unless it's in your own best interests.

Today's Birthday (Jan. 9) - This year, you'll enter the computer age. It looks like your income could depend on it. Don't worry, love is included with a successful career. All of the above should show up between now and February. Discard emotional baggage in March. Get romantic in May; you won't have much time in June. Travel in September. In November, a project with friends will be great fun. A secret brings you luck in December.

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The goal is to pair a member of the community who has interest and knowledge in a particular field with a child who also demonstrates curiosity about the same subject. During the weekly sessions, the child will work with their mentor on a project that pertains to the child's particular area of study, Nevarez-Cowan said.

"What we're planning is finding an interest. ... We want to make a connection between what [the students] are learning in school and what their future might be," she added.

The mentor is supposed to continue visiting with the child for a total of three years. Meglione believes the long duration of the one-on-one relationship between mentor and student is what makes the program so effective.

"The goal of [the program] is to follow [the students] through the seventh grade so they can really establish a solid foundation for strong academic achievement," said Meglione. "Because of the three-year commitment, it will have real staying power through [the students'] high school careers as well."

Program coordinators and teachers hope students will learn how to

pursue their goals and establish a course for their future from the time spent with their mentors. This could be as simple as knowing what classes to take in high school in order to get into the college of their choice.

"[The mentor should] help the child see the steps in achieving one particular goal. The process of getting from one point to another," said Marsha Honnold, a sixth grade teacher at Washington School.

Co-author of the Santa Barbara grant application and Graduate School of Education Dean, Jules Zimmer, will research the program to discover whether or not students with mentors are improving, taking on leadership roles and enrolling in advanced courses, Nevarez-Cowan said.

Both Nevarez-Cowan and Carroll agree that the largest impediment to the mentoring programs is getting the community involved.

"The biggest difficulty ... [is] to persuade volunteers that they really can do this," Carroll said.

But Carroll is enthusiastic about the mentoring programs.

"I think the kids are the most important investment that we can make for our future. This is the best benefit for our community," she said.

DRAINS

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off. Back when they put the sewers in, probably in the late or early '60s, they didn't provide enough fall to the pipes, which drain out to sea," he said.

Although the problem has been recognized, there are no immediate plans in the works to rectify this problem throughout I.V., said Ralph Sogliuzzo, Goleta West Sanitary District general manager.

"There is a proposal underway to repair the sewer on the corner of [Camino] Pescadero and Sueño, and there was a project built prior to me coming to the district, but right now there is nothing on the table," Sogliuzzo said.

Associated Students External Vice President for Local Affairs, Jeff Provenzano, believes the county needs to act soon on this issue.

"Now is a great time to do this, with Gail Marshall just becoming the new 3rd District supervisor, since she ran on a platform to represent the students. This could be one of our

top priorities on our agenda, since I've heard other people complain about this issue. And hopefully [Marshall] will listen to our concerns," he said.

Marshall's Executive Staff Assistant Mark Chaconas believes the I.V. drainage problem might be caused by sources other than too much rain.

"I don't know much about the sewer system. It might be backed up because people throw garbage down them. The storm drains are not supposed to be used for trash. When they are, they clog, like a sink," he said. "Usually when it backs up in Isla Vista, it backs up everywhere. It is not just an Isla Vista problem."

However, the county may look into the problem, he added.

"We'll certainly bring this up with the flood control department and see if there's something they can do right off the bat. I imagine it would be quite costly to make the storm drains bigger. [This is] something the sanitary department and flood control should look at," Chaconas said.

BROWN

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and revolutionary ideas. It's written very well," McGrady said.

French department graduate student Jody Hoppe was also inspired by Brown.

"I learned a lot about how to read manuscripts," Hoppe said.

RESOLVE

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said. "I think if you follow your New Year's resolutions, they are useful, but if you don't, they are trash."

Resolutions are healthy expressions of a desire for change, but avoiding any commitments for the year is common for students, Cooper said.

"I don't think New Year's resolutions are that heavy. New Year's resolutions, for the most part, espe-

cially for young people, are something that they think about doing and have a desire to do, but they aren't a huge deal," she said. "Most people don't get too involved in New Year's resolutions."

Cooper believes that people do not really need to have a New Year's resolution to get things accomplished, but it can provide an impetus for those who really want to make changes.

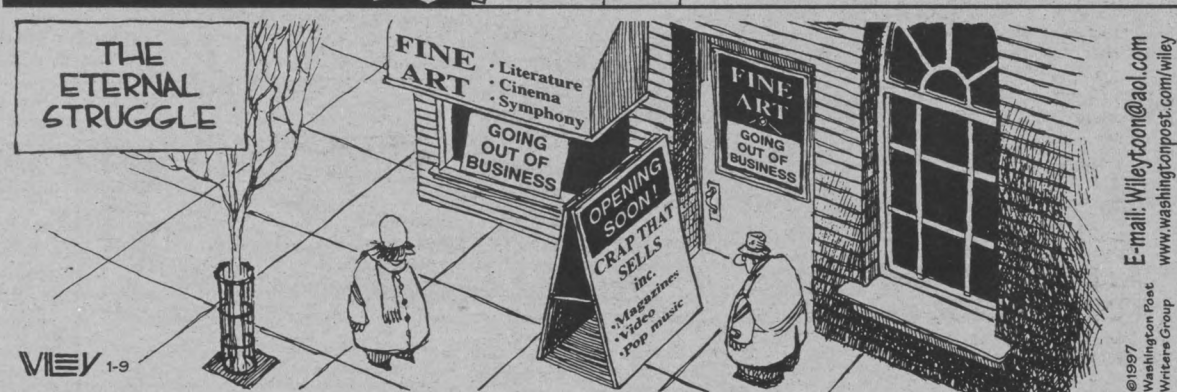
"In general, people are pretty self-motivated when they need to do

something, or there is a chance to make a change. They don't need the first of the year to do that. And young people in particular can be very spontaneous and creative in their lives," she said.

Film Studies Administrative Assistant Kathy Carnahan believes that time passes too quickly for resolutions to be of any use.

"When you get to be as old as I am, the years come around too fast for resolutions. I'm still thinking about things from 20 years ago."

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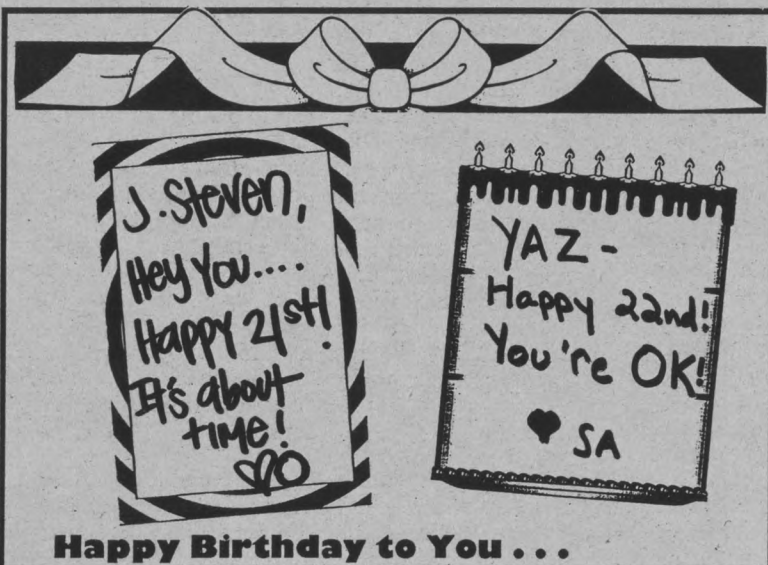
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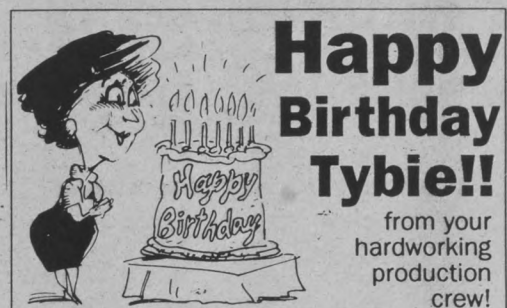
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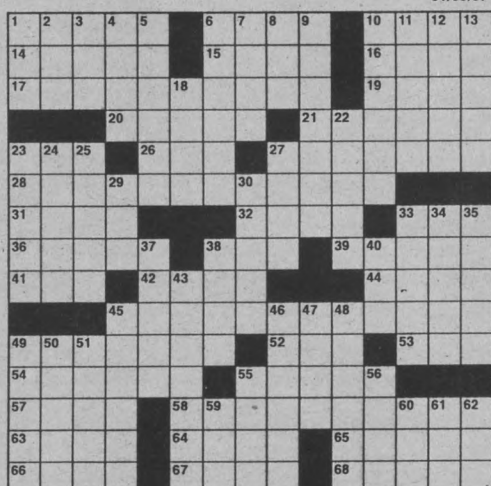
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Gaucha Cagers Will Open Big West Conference Play Against Newcomers

■ Wallace and Tutt Will Carry the Confident Squad in New Season

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

It is commonly called the "second season" in college basketball—a time when the team can forget about all their previous problems and start over with a fresh 0-0 record.

For the UCSB men's basketball team, tonight's start of Big West Conference play will be a welcome challenge for a squad that is beginning to gel at the right time.

The Gauchos (5-5 overall, 0-0 in the Big West) will open their second season tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Thunderdome with a game against the University of North Texas, a brand new addition to the new-look Big West Conference this season.

"This is the exciting time of the year for us," said UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm. "The students are settled into the new quarter, and our team has progressed through the first 10 games of the season. Also, we'll be playing in the first conference game ever for North Texas."

According to Pimm, the team is still looking for the right combination to play on the floor. But for the most part, the 10 regulars in the rotation have found their niche in the lineup.

"I really feel that our team is playing much better basketball than two or three weeks ago," Pimm said. "We're playing 10 guys right now, and each game is a different situation. I'm pretty happy with all of the guys."

Part of the lineup problem earlier in the season was caused by an injury to junior forward Kealon Wallace, who had missed the first six games of the year before coming off the bench in the next three outings.

Wallace had been considered by most to be the best returning player for the Gauchos. He finally made his first start of the season against Loyola Marymount in UCSB's last game on Jan. 4.

"I think when I'm on the court, I try to set examples and work hard," Wallace said. "The team did pretty well without me, especially in the beginning. But something didn't go right at the end. However, I think we've finally found our chemistry now."

Lessening the blow in absence of the star forward has been the stellar performance of junior transfer guard Raymond Tutt.

Tutt, who is second in the conference and 11th in the nation with a 23.1 points-per-game scoring average, is so far enjoying one of the most prolific offensive seasons in Gaucha

history.

He has already had two games in which his point totals were ranked in UCSB's top 10 single-game records.

"Raymond has been playing very efficiently on offense," Pimm said. "He has scored a lot without taking a lot of shots—and that's a good thing."

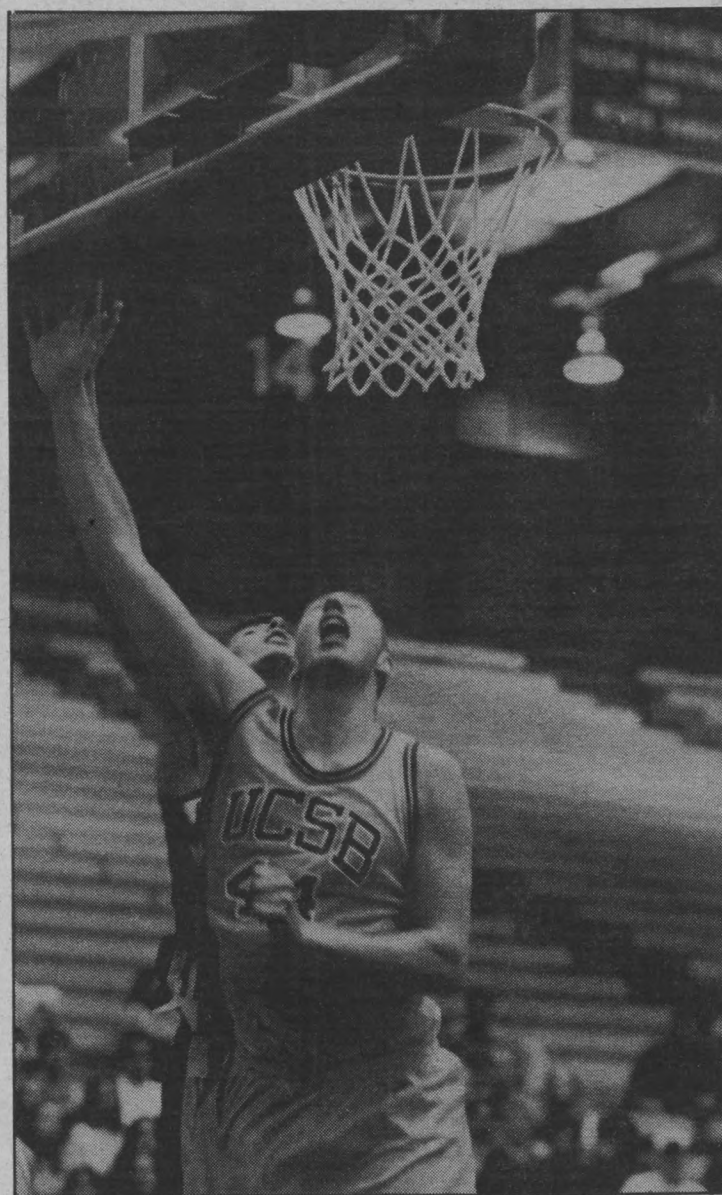
The Gauchos will need all of their weapons tonight as the formidable Eagles (5-5) come into town riding a two-game winning streak.

"North Texas is a very sound team," Pimm said. "They have a lot of the pieces to the puzzle. They have two big guys who lead their scoring and an excellent three-pointer shooter in Chad Austin."

Both 7'0" Sean Riley and 6'7" David Miller rank among the top 15 in scoring for the conference.

"David and Sean are great weapons for us," said Eagles Head Coach Tim Jankovich. "I think they present a lot of problems for our opposition."

UCSB will counter with a lineup consisting of Tutt, Wallace, junior point guard Les Bean, senior forward Bakir Allen and junior forward B.J. Bunton.



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MUSCLE IT UP: UCSB will try to use its size against North Texas in the conference opener tonight in the Thunderdome.

Men's Rugby Update

SB Ready to Avenge Loss; Team Prepares for Cal Poly

By Amy K. Mitchell
Reporter

The UCSB rugby team will look for revenge this weekend, when it travels to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo on Saturday for its first regular season team match of the year.

The Mustangs handed the Gauchos a narrow two-point defeat on Dec. 7 at the UCSB Invitational—a loss that is on the mind of many Gauchos this time around.

"It was an unexpected loss for us last time," said junior Joel Kelly. "We went into the game too confident and lost by a penalty kick. So this weekend, we really want to play our best and show Cal Poly that we are not the same team that got beat in preseason."

But after three weeks' break from training due to the holidays, the team is also worried this week about its playing shape.

"We are out of shape," Kelly said. "So this week in training, we are really concentrating on running and putting it all back together."

This game will mark the first time many of the rookies will appear in a regular-season match.

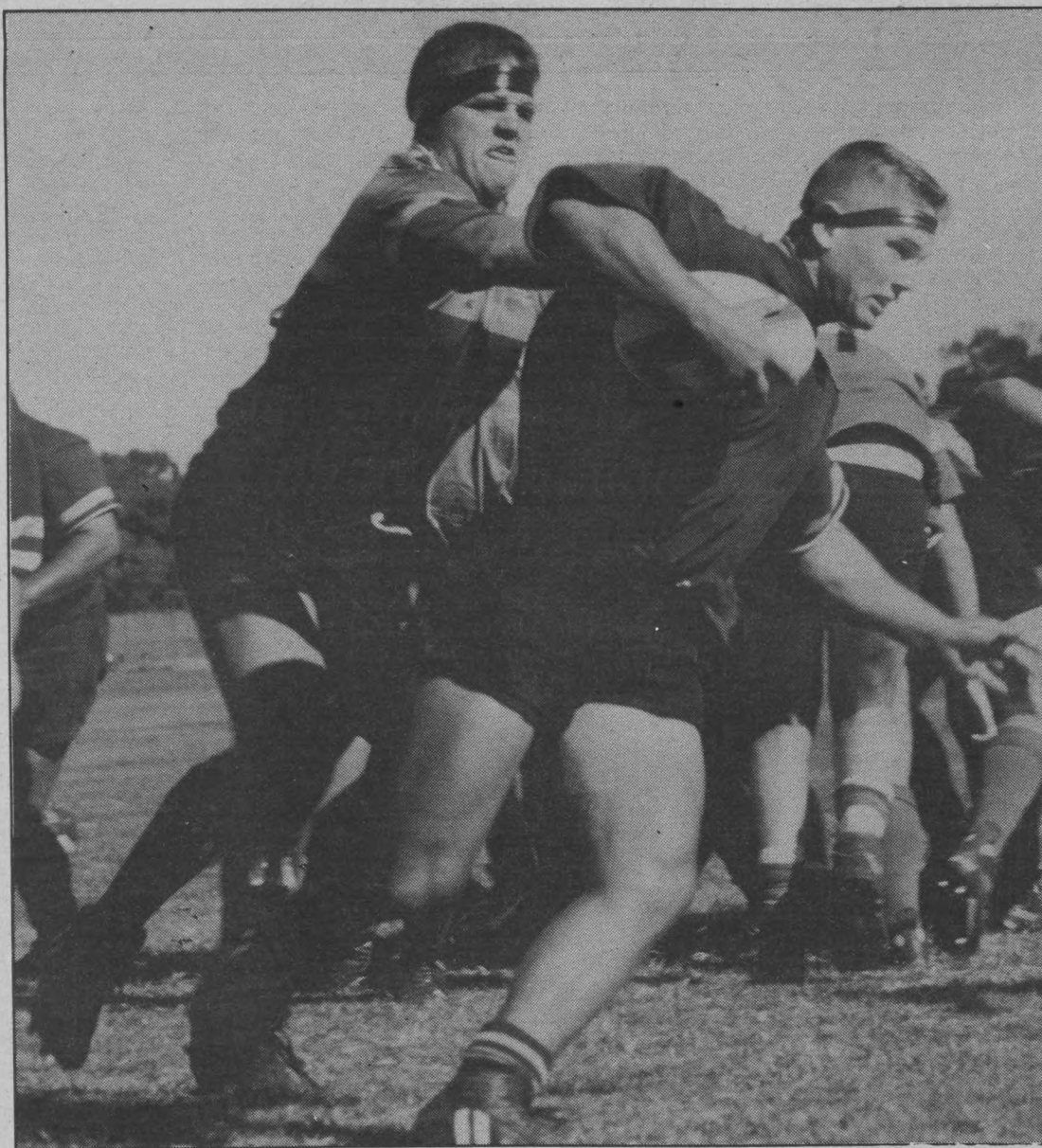
"The rookies worked hard Fall Quarter, and we are really looking to them to come through on Saturday," said senior David Spitz. "The whole team is really going to need to pull together and get the job done. We have worked hard together to try and be successful. A good show by the rookies on Saturday will be a great asset to the team the rest of the year."

Santa Barbara, coming off of a ranked season, is looking for another trip to the Nationals at the end of this year.

"The team has high expectations going into this season," said captain Rob Campbell. "We have been working to become the team that we were last year and win again. It is evident by the players at practice that everyone really wants to win this year."

But first Santa Barbara must overcome the hurdle of playing a Mustangs team that was victorious only one month ago.

"We worked hard last quarter and in the end just could not pull it off against Cal Poly," Kelly said. "But we are now very focused on winning and have worked hard all this week. We will beat Cal Poly on their home field this time."



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HIGH-SPEED CHASE: The rugby team will open its regular season this weekend against Cal Poly SLO. The Mustangs beat UCSB by two points in an early preseason meeting.

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Corrections

There were two schedule errors that appeared in this Monday's Sports Calendar.

1) The women's basketball game vs. Cal Poly will be played on Monday night at 7 p.m. in the Thunderdome. It will not be played on Sunday.

2) The men's basketball game on the road Saturday against Cal Poly will be played at 7 p.m. It was falsely reported to start at 7:30 p.m.