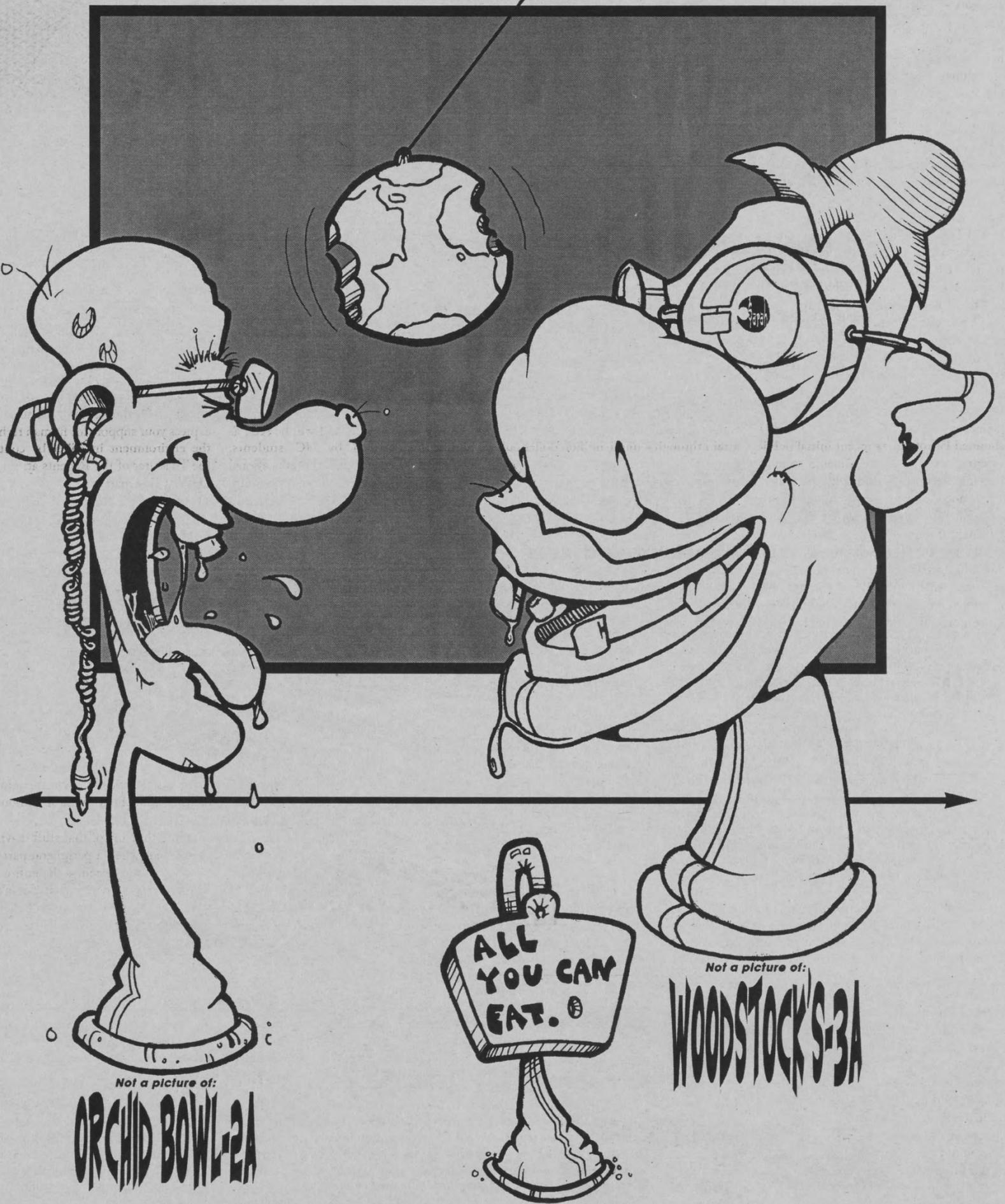


Weekend Connection Presents:

Eat The World!



Not a picture of:
ORCHID BOWL-2A

ALL YOU CAN EAT.

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WOODSTOCK'S-3A

The in-no-way comprehensive guide to:

SB's Exotic Dishes of the World

Living in Santa Barbara, and more specifically, Isla Vista, one may sometimes feel as if the food options are limited to Italian and Mexican cuisine (with a burger or sandwich here and there). Enter the Weekend Connection, covering calorie consumption from South America to Thailand with our suggestions of six brilliant restaurants. All are located downtown, and feature cuisine from six starkly different countries. They range in price and atmosphere, but each one promises a unique treat for your palate.

Galanga Thai Restaurant

Traditional Thai Dishes
Old Town Santa
Barbara
899-3199
507 State Street
963-6799
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Sunday 11
a.m. - 10 p.m.,
Friday, Saturday 11 a.m.
- 11 p.m.

Galanga features a wide variety of traditional Thai seafood and vegetarian dishes. Dishes are prepared in a "health conscious manner," and served in a "relaxed and friendly atmosphere." They are open for lunch and dinner six days a week, with prices ranging from \$10 to \$15.

Flavor of India

Fine Indian Cuisine
3026 State Street
682-6561
Open Monday through Saturday
(closed Sunday)
lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
dinner: 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

This restaurant offers a wide

variety of mouthwatering Indian dishes made with chicken, shrimp, lamb and a selection of exotic vegetarian dishes. The all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is only \$6.95, with dinner entrees starting at \$5.95 to \$11.95. Check out their lamb curry (\$7.95), shrimp bhurna (\$9.95), or veggie delight (\$9.95).

Bistro Med

Europe in the Heart of Santa
Barbara
1129 State Street
965-1500
Open Saturday through Sunday
lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
dinner: 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Bistro Med features the interesting combination of Mediterranean and American food, with a lunch menu running from \$9.50 to \$15, and dinner from \$15 to \$27. Their food is good for the carnivore and vegetarian alike, with exotic meats like duck and lamb (steak and fish too, of course) and staple veggie dishes including mousaka. Beginning in May, they will grace your meal with live jazz or piano entertainment. Bistro Med is closed Monday, but offers a superb brunch every Saturday and Sunday.

Café Buenos Aires

1316 State Street
963-0242
Open Monday through Sunday
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
5:30 - close

Café Buenos Aires is a breath of Argentina, a cuisine

which fuses Spanish and Italian food to make a tradition all their own, with a large emphasis on meat. The owner recommends the high quality fresh beef flown straight from Argentina, as well as the venison and lamb. Try lunch for \$7.95 to \$13.95 and dinner for \$11.95 to \$19.95.

Chef Karim's Moroccan Restaurant

1231 State Street
899-4780
Open Wednesday through
Sunday
5:30 p.m. - close

This restaurant offers a little taste of Morocco, complete with mouthwatering

dishes and belly dancers. They are only open four days a week, but do host private parties and cater. Check out everything from lamb and rabbit to a wide variety of kabobs to vegetarian dishes, including couscous. If nothing else, stop by for a drink and enjoy the exotic entertainment.

Pirhana

We're Not Just Sushi!
714 State Street
965-2980
Open Tuesday through Friday
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday
5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Friday and Saturday
5:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.

For a hip and fun taste of Japan, swing by Pirhana, located in the heart of State St. Their sushi bar is a little pricey, but the fish is fresh and the chefs are fabulous. Some non-sashimi delicacies include a seared ahi with lobster ponzu sauce or the beef tataki, sliced beef marinated and grilled in ginger and garlic. Try lunch for \$4.50 to \$10, and dinner for \$12 to \$15.

Orchid Bowl

One Million Times More Fun Than Watching Bowling on Television

We seized the opportunity — four I.V. hooligans hungry for a midnight round at Orchid Bowl.

Once we all realized we had "forgotten" our car keys, Hooligan #1 broke down and volunteered. Our insane jabbering didn't wait for him. Hooligan #3 began telling Hooligan #2 the story of how Pansy #1 chose to forego bowling for masturbation. We all laughed because we knew it was true. Once Hooligan #1 returned with keys in hand, we were off.

Upon arrival, the bowling alley appeared closed from the parking lot, but the situation was soon illuminated. It was Wednesday night, and just before midnight, which meant we had caught the tail end of "Glo-Wednesday." Red and pink florescent lights beamed up and down every lane and the music blared through generously audible speakers. Hoards of students, some drinking, some screaming and calling each other names, gave the dimly lit joint the look of a debauchery den. Needless to say, we were among friends.

The veteran cashier placed us on lucky lane 13, and just as well since bowling was only one reason we came to Orchid Bowl. After claiming ball, I solicited the cashier for beer. "Do you have beer up here?" I

asked smiling. He looked at the clock; it was midnight. Where some would have stopped short, this man of glory followed through. "Yeah, we got beer up here."

When I returned with the subs I noticed that Hooligan #1 had taken the liberty of choosing names on the computerized scorekeeper. They took the beer and I was stuck with "Dic."

But it was my turn now.

I slid three fingers into a green ball labeled "House Ball," and flung it toward the sitting white ducks with contempt. Just as I let go, the lights went out and Glo Wednesday was no more. Yet many pins still remained. I waited patiently for the ball return, and before their laughs could drown out my turn, the lane was toothless.

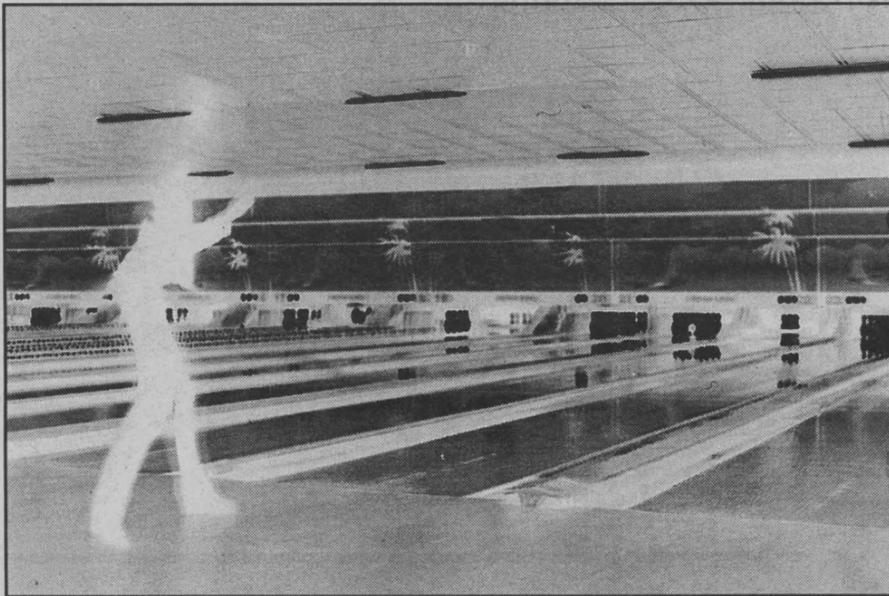
This went on for a while. Hit and miss, hit and miss. Fortunately, you're only as good as your competition, which made the beer an especially handy tool in regards to #2, a tenacious double-fister with an inclination for the gutter. #1 and #3 demonstrated a consistency I lacked, yet our scores remained competitively close going into the final frames.

Then tension mounted; no one wanted to give in — except for #1, who began throwing gutter balls behind his

back and between his legs. #2 scampered behind me and pawed at my house ball. I stopped in mid-backswing, and threatened him by cocking the ball back in a pitcher's motion.

Before long, it was the 10th frame. I cradled the trusty house ball and contemplated the stakes. Two rolls wouldn't cut it; I needed three. It was do or die. I checked over my shoulder for #2 and focused on the middle pin. I smiled, knowing I had pulled off the most fluidly intoxicated triumph of the night. I raised my arms in the air in victory.

Who would have thought a 113 could feel like royalty?



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Woodstock's Pizza

A Shameless \$25 Retrospective From a Graduating Senior

I've been at UCSB on and off for six years. In that time a lot has come and gone in I.V. and now I'm finally graduating in June. (Checks can be sent in lieu of flowers.) Point is: there aren't many people or businesses around that were here when I matriculated. Not to be dramatic but it's nice to know that there are places that have been here longer than I have. One place that's been here and will be for a long time to come is Woodstock's Pizza. You know Woodstock's. I know you do. Everybody knows Woodstock's.

You might not remember the first time you walked through the double doors at the corner of Embarcadero del Norte and Madrid. You might not remember when you got to the trademark folded-over crust at the end of your first slice, or first drank a pitcher of beer by yourself just because you could (oh, and cause it tasted good with the pizza). But if you've been at UCSB anytime since 1982, you know Woodstock's.

You know what Woodstock's pizza tastes like hot and fresh. You know what it tastes like cooled off a bit, just enough so the cheese holds together but the sauce is still warm. And you know what it tastes like right out of the fridge, the morning after your roommate brought home leftovers. While the poor bastard slept, you ate his prized possession.

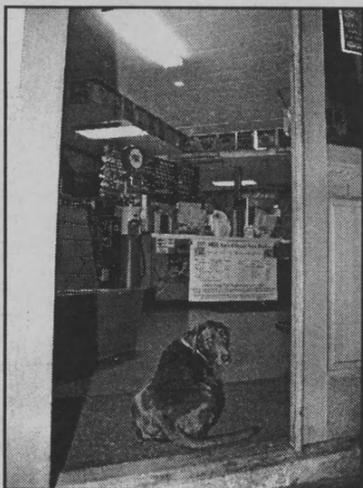
It's my job to eat and tell you what's good. So last night, in the line of duty, I was paid to eat at Woodstock's. In fact, I was paid enough to bring two friends to Woodstock's. For 25 bucks, the three of us ate like hungry kings, drank like lonely fish and took home leftovers for my starving roommates (plus left a generous tip like good little karma

chameleons.) Of course the food (XL pizza half cheese, half pepperoni and bell pepper) was terrific, as it consistently is. The service was perfect. The booze, pitcher of Sierra Nevada for six bucks (!), refreshing. You know the basics: Woodstock's is generally regarded as the best pizza in town, the atmosphere is jovial but not unbearable, the prices are honest and the staff is attentive and friendly. And, of course, ingredients are all natural.

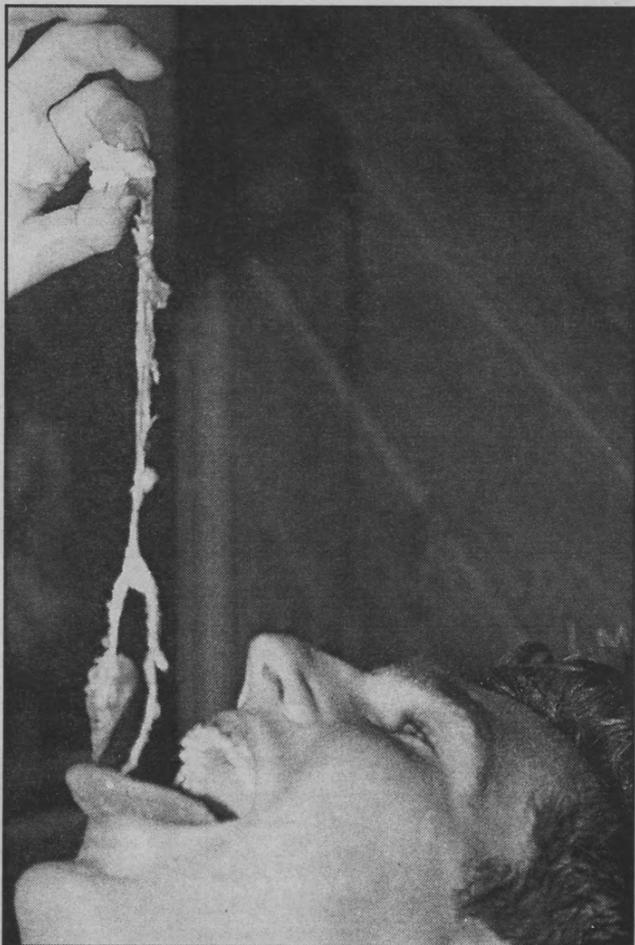
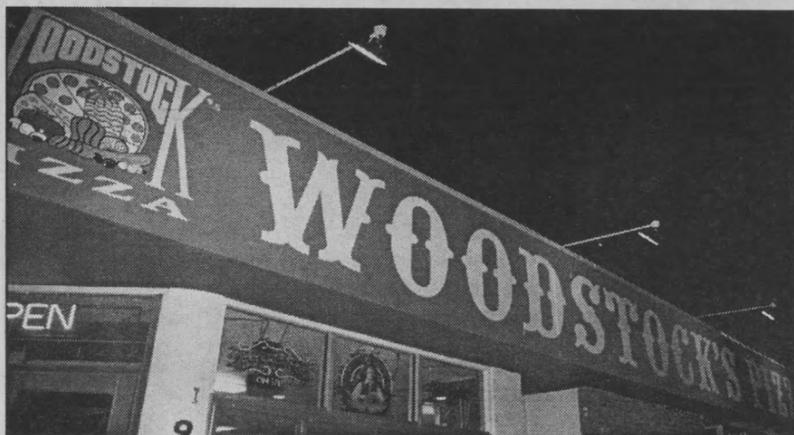
Here are a few things you don't know: There are five Woodstock's locations, in college towns from Chico to San Diego. The chain was founded by the Woodstock family in 1980 (it's *not* named after the little yellow bird or the music festival). Woodstock's is the only place in Santa Barbara

to get Sierra Nevada Wheat on tap (the manager wouldn't let me leave without trying it with lemon, yummy.) Pizzas cook at 477° and take about six minutes to reach golden perfection.

General manager Josh Read (a recent transplant from the Chico location) wants me to remind you of the wheat crust. It's got a heartier flavor and tends to cook a little crispier. Try it, you'll like it. If you're a fan of garlic, and I know you are, try the creamy garlic sauce instead of traditional tomato. I have friends who swear by its rejuvenative powers. And if you haven't tried the wildbread (with ranch dressing or tomato sauce) or the cinnabread, you're missing out. Don't worry though, Woodstock's isn't going anywhere. But like a good friend or a rich relative, it's good to call on them every once in a while.



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