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EAB Assists in Student Preservation Projects

■ Funds Available for Local Coastline Clean-up

BY JASON GREEN Staff Writer

Thanks to money from the newly initiated Shoreline Preservation Fund, those concerned about the coastline will now have a ready source of financing for their environmental crusades.

Passed last spring as a campuswide fee referendum, the SPF draws a budget of \$53,000 per quarter from student lock-in fees, which, beginning Monday, will be available for the next four years. Adjunct Assistant Professor of Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology Kevin Lafferty said he and Surfrider Foundation President Scott Bull drafted the initiative as a means to address the degradation of local beach access and shoreline. Lafferty said they hoped to establish a fund to finance environmentally conscious programs ranging from simple beach clean-ups to complicated water testing.

"I've been here since 1981 and it's always bothered me that the university's greatest asset, the beach, is its most neglected," he

A student board of directors is responsible for reviewing applications for funds up to \$500 this quarter, according to Environmental Affairs Board Vice Chair Laura Brands. The

board is comprised of one representative from Associated Students, EAB and Surfrider, and two graduate and undergraduate students. The committee will hold the first of its six scheduled weekly meetings in Graduate the Student Association Lounge at 6 p.m. on Monday.

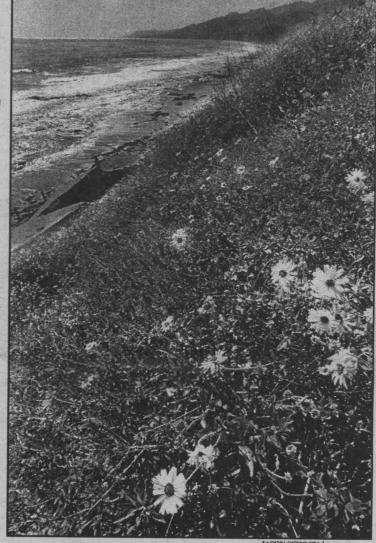
According to EAB Development Chair Morgan Ball, the fund is currently available to anyone with a project relating to the preservation, research or restoration of the

"This fund has no preference for creed, color or race," he said. "The only requirement is that you care about the environment and want to make a difference."

Shoreline-generated funds are not limited to use in the UCSB ecosystem, but are also available for outside projects that could potentially produce beneficial research, according to Brands.

"Students don't just use Sands Beach or Campus Point," she said. "We're concerned with the ecological welfare of this biological region, not just the UCSB

shoreline." Ball said he believes that the Shoreline Preservation Fund is revolutionary in design because it puts normally hard-to-access undergraduate grant money at the fingertips of undergraduate students.



Thanks to a UCSB fund that aids ecological projects dedicated to the preservation, research and restoration of California shorelines, this stretch of the Gaviota Coast will remain beautiful.

"I'm an undergrad student doing research on Santa Cruz Island and when I ask around the university about getting funding the reply is always, 'Sorry, we have no undergraduate funding programs established Preservation Fund is the first open-ended grant set forth with-

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money is out there and accessible to students."

Lafferty praised students for taking a stand for the environment by passing the \$3 per-student per-quarter initiative last yet,' " he said. "The Shoreline spring. "It's wonderful to see that people are willing to sacrifice a few bucks to do a little good for in the university where that the environment," he said.

Local Man Dies After Heart Attack in I.V. Park

Isla Vista lost one of its own Wednesday.

Rick Allen Borchardt died in Anisq' Oyo' Park surrounded by onlookers and friends near midday. Emergency medical personnel performed CPR and transported Borchardt to Goleta Valley Community Hospital in full cardiac arrest, according to GVCH staff. The cause of death has not yet been determined.

Borchardt lived in I.V. with his common-law wife and often spent time in the park with friends, according to long-time friend Guitar Dave. Dave admitted that Borchardt often drank, and considered him a hardcore alcoholic.

"He loved life," Dave said. "He did his little bit of stuff, like everybody does; ... he just always seemed to overdo

Dave said alcohol had caused many problems in Borchardt's life, and speculated that alcohol may have been what caused his heart to

"I told him almost a year ago, 'Man, you got to get off the booze, that's gonna kill you," Dave said.

Gretchen Macchiarella

Activities Faire

Senior communication major Ginger Ammon, sophomore music major Brent Yarkin and undeclared junior Idoh Gerston (hidden behind Ammon) give an explanation about the Gaucho Pep Band to junior communication major Erica Metzger at the Campus Activities Center & Orientation on Wednesday in Storke Plaza.

State Allocates \$5 Million to Help Preserve Wildlife, Undeveloped Land on Gaviota Coast

BY ALEX NEDELKOW Reporter

Politicians, environmentalists and landowners are putting their money where their mouths are in efforts to preserve 50 miles of coastline just north of UCSB.

California has allocated \$5 million of its budget to preserve the Gaviota coastline. According to California Audubon Society's Gaviota Coast Conservancy Vice President Lee Moldaver, the stretch of land runs north from Coal Oil Point on UCSB's West Campus to the southern border of Point Sal near Vandenburg Air

"This is one of the richest areas in the country, in terms of biodiversity,"

Moldaver said. "There are over 400 different species of birds which either live or feed there. It is a meeting point for the northern and southern climates. A lot of these species are endangered and they need to be preserved."

Most of the land is owned by large corporations, many of which are interested in subdividing the land and building small, ranchlike homes with coastal views, according to Moldaver. The conservancy is focusing on both small farmers and the corporations to preserve the area.

We are working cooperatively with land owners to make it a collective effort towards their financial advantage," Moldaver said. "Santa Barbara Land Trust and Goleta Land Trust are helping

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Abkhazians Take Seven U.N. Hostages



SUKHUMI, Georgia (AP) — Gunmen seized six United Nations military observers and their translator Wednesday as they were delivering aid in Georgia's breakaway territory of Abkhazia, a northwestern province on the Black Sea.

Negotiators are in radio contact with the abductors, and officials said they would do whatever they could to ensure the observers' safety.

"There are talks," said Manoel de Almeida e Silva, a deputy spokesperson at U.N. headquarters in New York. "At this time, the hostages appear to be in good condition."

Interior Minister Kakha Targamadze said on Georgian television that "there are special units there which are able to perform the operation of liberating the hostages, but we are doing everything possible to avoid bloodshed."

State Security Minister Vakhtang Kutateladze was their home countries: Uruguayan Army Maj. Gonzalo Agrelo, 40, and Swedish Air Force Maj. Joergen Oeberg, 38.

The U.N. group had just arrived by helicopter in the mountain village of Azhara to deliver aid,

[T]here are special units there which are able to perform the operation of liberating the hostages, but we are doing everything possible to avoid bloodshed.

Kakha Targamadze
 U.N. interior minister

quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying the kidnappers are seeking \$200,000 ransom.

The seven hostages include U.N. military observers from Greece, Switzerland and the Czech Republic, a U.N. doctor from Germany and an Abkahazian translator — whose names have not been released — as well as two observers identified by

when they were seized by unidentified gunmen, said Astamur Tarba, minister for state security in Abkhazia. The gunmen also tried to commandeer the helicopter, but the pilot managed to fly away, Interfax reported, citing Abkhazia's mission in Moscow.

Georgia's presidential envoy to Abkhazia, Iveri Chelidze, and general staff chief Lt. Gen. Dzhoni Pirtskhalaishvili flew to the region after the kidnapping, Interfax reported. A U.N. spokesperson in the Abkhazian capital Sukhumi, who requested anonymity, said the group had gone to Azhara to take humanitarian aid to Georgian refugees living

Azhara is formally part of Abkhazia, but is still controlled by the Georgian government.

About 100 U.N. observers are in Georgia to monitor the truce between the Georgian government and separatists in Abkhazia.

Abkhazian separatists drove out Georgian government forces during a 1992-93 war and have run the breakaway province since then. They have balked at the return of more than 300,000 ethnic Georgian refugees, and peace talks have stalled.

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Authorities Break Up Colombian Drug Cartel



BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — In the biggest blow to Colombian drug trafficking since 1995, authorities today arrested 30 people including Fabio Ochoa, a leader in the once-powerful Medellin cartel, the national police director approunced

The suspects were seized in predawn raids and those captured in Colombia will be extradited to the United States for trial, Gen. Rosso Jose Serrano told reporters. Most of the suspects were arrested in Colombia, with others captured in Ecuador, Mexico and the United States, he said.

"This was an immense operation, an operation you could call perfect," Serrano told reporters. U.S. drug officials said the organization moved 20 to 30 tons of cocaine a month into Mexico for distribution throughout the United States.

Colombian police worked "shoulder-to-shoulder" with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and CIA in the yearlong investigation that began in Houston and Ecuador and tracked the ring's operations all the way to Europe, said Serrano.

"These people made gigantic shipments of drugs and flooded the U.S. markets," Serrano told RCN radio. He

said the evidence was gathered "almost completely in the United States."

The sting was dubbed Operation Millennium and Serrano called it the most important blow to drug traffickers in Colombia since the Cali cocaine cartel's leaders were captured in 1995, ending the era of huge, vertically organized cartels and splintering the business.

Colombia is the world's leading exporter of cocaine and a growing source of heroin.

Ochoa, 42, was arrested in a midnight raid at his home in Medellin, the country's second-largest city, authorities said.

From a well-known ranching and horse-breeding family, Ochoa was among leaders of the Medellin cartel, whose fall was consummated by the December 1993 killing of cartel boss Pablo Escobar by police.

"You would have thought that the Ochoas would be careful, attending to their fortune," Serrano said. Ochoa's two older brothers, Jorge Luis and Juan David, also served jail time in Colombia for drug trafficking and were released in 1996.

Other suspects arrested today, in Cali and Bogota, were identified by police as Alejandro Bernal Madrigal, Luis Revellon, Gonzalo Castiblanco and Elmer Villafane.

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Tobacco Corporation Admits Danger of Cigarette Smoking



NEW YORK (AP) — Philip Morris Cos. Inc., parent of the world's biggest tobacco company, is acknowledging publicly that tobacco isn't safe and is trying to remake its image with a \$100 million advertising campaign.

"For too long we have let others define who we are," Steven Parrish, senior vice president for corporate affairs for Philip Morris, said Tuesday.

The company has launched a corporate website, stating in one section

that "there is no 'safe' cigarette," and that "cigarette smoking is addictive, as that term is most commonly used today."

The company, which for years disputed research that found smoking contributed to health problems, also acknowledged that smokers face tremendous health hazards.

"There is an overwhelming medical and scientific consensus that cigarette smoking causes lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema and other serious diseases in smokers," the website says. "Smokers are far more likely to develop serious diseases, like lung cancer, than non-smokers."

The site even offers advice on quitting smoking and on interpreting tobacco and nicotine ratings. It also lists the ingredients in each of its brands.

Last April, Brown & Williamson unveiled a website that said the company believes smokers "are taking significant health risks"

The site also offered a long list of ingredients in

cigarettes, excluding the proprietary flavoring ingredients, and said it's appropriate for health authorities to warn that smoking is addictive.

Parrish said Philip Morris has previously provided lists of ingredients to the government but this is the first time smokers will get a chance to see what goes into each brand.

Parrish had told analysts in June that the company intended to strike a "far more visible profile" in responding to critics and publicizing the company's social and economic contributions.

Weather

"Somewhere a child is burning."

—Robert W. White, NYC newspaperman

Perspective, however galling, keeps us alive. And at the conclusion of this rotten decade, a decade opened by Kurt Cobain's cynical yowling of "C'mon people, now, smile on your brother," a decade so steeped in sarcasm that any attempt at sincerity sounded silly, it's time to hear those lyrics anew.

Realizing that life sucks, my dears, is not improved by repeating it. Funny hearing it from me. Life surprises. Do something good today.

Leggies Approve By-Laws of Shoreline Fund

BY BRENDAN BUHLER Reporter

The Associated Legislative Students Council tore through another short meeting Wednesday night while continuing to get into the swing of the new year.

On the agenda were the approval of the By-Laws Shoreline for the Preservation Fund - which were briefly contested and the selection of DaJuan Cowan for the Finance Board. New items included the approval of Academic Senate/Advisory Committee appointments and the approval of Leg Council's Mission Statement for 1999-2000.

Consideration of the Shoreline Preservation Fund's By-Laws gave the council something to talk Rep-at-Large David Klein objected to approving the By-Laws without author Ariana Katovich present.

"I think if this is, almost in the sense, a rough draft,

read it, to be an on-hand source, well then I'd just feel more comfortable tabling it."

University-Owned Housing Rep Mel Fabi disagreed. "Even though there's a lot of money here, I feel very comfortable with the people on this board making decisions," he said. "I think this is a new organization and we should just give this a chance. The people on the board right now are very qualified."

In the end, a vote of 10-2 created an ad hoc committee to review the By-Laws. Comprised of Klein, Fabi and Off-Campus Representative Sora Chung, Internal Vice President Yumi Matsui said the committee will work closely with SPF member Laura Brands.

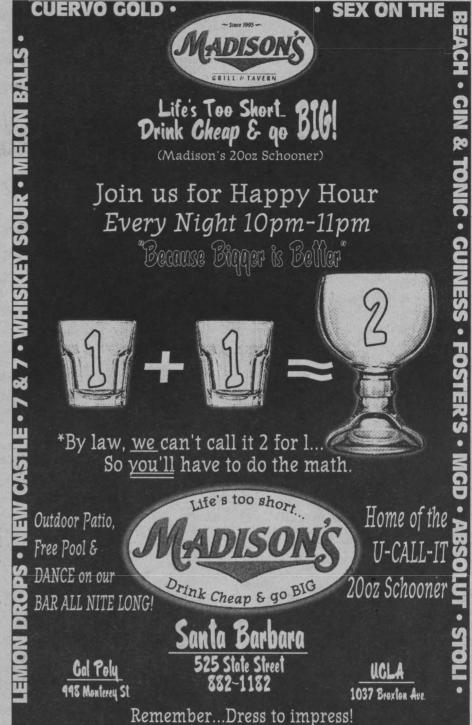
Less conversation was needed for the group to dismiss Cowan's appointment to Finance Board. According to Finance Board Chair Mariah I don't feel comfortable Hoskins, Cowan's nomi-

passing it," he said. "And if nation was effectively [Katovich] isn't here to withdrawn. "DaJuan was explain it, even if we have actually in the office today, and he does not want to sit on Finance Board," she

Conversely, Academic Senate/Advisory Committee nominations were approved unanimously with an amendment that appointed Repat-Large Jessica Ehrlich to the Library Users Council. Ehrlich said constituents had urged her to join the council with "a lot of e-

Finally, the Legislative Council's Mission Statement was approved unanimously and without comment.

In remarks, A.S. President Jason Nazar assessed the Leg Council experience for the public. "Quite frankly, Leg isn't fun to come to. ... The only reason I stayed for the rest of this meeting is the comfortable couch," he said. "I don't really think we're going to get people to come to Leg Council unless they really, really have something to say."



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Home Depot Protests Actually Worked

One Activist Describes How the Hard Work of a Few Can Result in Great Benefits

KUSUM CRIMMEL

"Where did the rainforest go? Ask Home Depot!"

Does this ring a bell to anyone? For those of you who participated in the protest against Home Depot last year, I am sure it does. For anyone who had no idea of anything wrong with Home

Depot, it is time to open your eyes. Home Depot is the world's largest retailer of old-growth wood in the world. Old-growth wood comes from forests that have never been industrially logged before. The trees that come from these forests are usually between 300-400 years old and have been supporting the life of cute (and ugly) animals and organisms of all sizes, as well as people. These are the most endangered forests in our world and are quickly disappearing. We have already destroyed 96 percent of the old-growth forests in our country.

But this isn't an article to bash Home Depot. We already did that, along with thousands of other activists across the country. And, finally, they relented.

Over this summer, after years of public pressure, Home Depot decided to phase out the sale of old-growth wood and said that by the year 2002, its stores would be old-growth free. The battle against Home Depot had been going on for at least three years and has had amazing people all working together to stop their destructive practices. So, this is a thank you to everyone who helped out on this campaign.

During the weeks before the event, I

didn't feel quite as confident that something would happen. I wasn't sure if we would get through to people or if our voices would even be heard. I knew that our little protest wasn't going to be the reason Home Depot would change its mind, but, at least a few more people could tell Home Depot how they felt.

I know many people don't believe in protests. In fact, I was talking to my sister

relies on the public's opinion of it, then you need to deal with its public image in order to get it to change.

Without protests like the one that occurred last year, do you really think Home Depot would have come out publicly with a statement of its phase-out of old-growth wood? I doubt it. What does it take to get these corporations to listen?

I have written many letters to corpora-

me and congratulate me and tell me how much they learned. We were giving the public "Dead Rainforest Tours," which meant that we would bring people into the store and show them the difference between old-growth wood and sustainably harvested wood. I was able to answer many people's questions as well as talk to them about the issue of using sustainablewood alternatives.

We educated people, made the public more aware and had a damn good time doing it. Then, this summer when I read about Home Depot's decision to start phasing out old-growth wood, I felt like we were a part of this decision. We were a

part of a national movement that actually accomplished what it set out to do. It felt good to be an

There are many times when activists get put down for their actions. People tell me all the time to go home and quit disrupting their lives. If these same people would be a little more responsible with their consumer choices, we wouldn't need to be out there. Unfortunately, this country is run by big business.

It is frustrating and disturbing when our people and our environment are put on the back burner in order for some CEO to get \$5 million a year instead of \$4 million. This is the reason why there is such a need for people to carry signs making fools out of themselves and write letters to get their voices heard.

Our country is run by money. We need to stand up and explain why this is unsat-isfactory. We are human beings and we have a right to speak up against the evil things being done to our own country, as well as what our government (big business) is doing to other countries.

Kusum Crimmel is chair of the Increase the Peace Rainforest Alliance.



on the phone last night and she doesn't think protests are very useful. She thinks writing letters and having dialogue is more effective. I agree with her on some level, but I also see the benefit of protesting. We, as well as many others, had written letters and e-mails to Home Depot asking it to be a more responsible company, but that didn't seem to work. When you are dealing with a corporation, which

tions telling them how I feel and nothing has been done. I feel my voice is just getting thrown in the trash (no, I doubt they recycle). When I vote or call my local representative to make my voice heard on an issue, even though I know it does help, it sure doesn't feel like it.

This protest made me realize the benefit of direct action. In the weeks following the protest, I had people come up to

What About the Y6B Problem?

Times does not report on them

Pertinent Issue Suffers From Serious Lack of Coverage

SEAN CONNORS

On Tuesday, the United Nations marked the addition of the 6-billionth member of our global society. While it is true that the correlation between the date and the actual population of humans upon the earth is arbitrary, it is still a hard truth we must all learn to face. Now we are 6 billion and growing very rapidly. Before I retire, or our frosh are middle aged, we will be almost assuredly at 11 billion or damned close to it.

So, "Just Do It," then. Get on with things and forget about paying any attention to an exponentially growing population, which is sucking fully one-half of the Earth's ability to fix the one extraterrestrial resource we do have

- sunlight. In other words, we are now 6 billion and drawing half of These are the greatest untold the earth's ability to support life on news stories of our time, yet the this planet (a decade ago, we sucked 40 percent).

We seem to think we'll some-(nor, might I add, does the Daily how double our population without Nexus) ... Shame on you. the slightest awareness of the implications. If we now suck half the life from the planet, and we double again ... well 1 + 1 = 0 in this case. And

zero is a number that is just not possible. If we choose to wake up and stop just doing "it," we may have a chance to avert the greatest misery life on this planet has witnessed since the disappearance of the

But how are we to know about this? Is it on the news? In the papers? No. There's an eerily profound silence about it all. I recently wrote the L.A. Times and asked them what they were (not) thinking:

How many articles must we read about Y2K before we

finally get one on Y6B? Last month the U.S. Census Bureau tallied 6 billion people on planet Earth; the U.N.'s estimate rolls over this week. Where is the front-page story?

On Monday, Donella Meadow contributed a commentary on the challenge of exponentially growing global population. On Sunday, Kirkpatrick Sale contributed an opinion article on the dangers of rapid technological change, and Danial Lashof contributed a brilliant submission on Sept. 19 concerning

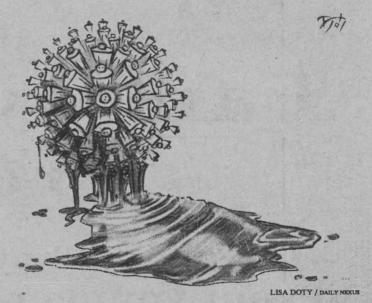
rapidly changing global atmospheric conditions. In the past, my colleague R. Bruce Anderson has contributed

commentaries on the end of cheap oil and other issues of global environmental changes. Why must we look to the

commentaries and wait for the Sunday Opinion Section to get any news about the rapid rate of change in our global environment and the exponentially increasing dangers resulting from these changes? These are the greatest untold news stories of our time, yet the Times does not report on them (nor, might I add, does the Daily Nexus); you wait for others to

do your work for you. Shame on you. The turn of the millennium should give us much more to think about than Y2K or where we'll party down to Prince's "1999." We are facing the most rapid period of global environmental change in all of human history.

As Sale alluded to in his article, seven years ago, 1,500 of the world's most respected scientists and fully half of the then-living Nobel Laureates sent a letter to the



world's heads of state. They warned "all of humanity" that "no more than one or a few decades remain before the chance to avert the threats we now confront will be lost and the prospects for humanity immeasurably diminished. ... A great change in our stewardship of the Earth and the life on it is required, if vast human misery is to be avoided and our global home on this planet is not to be irretrievably mutilated." Strong language for scientists. Yet neither the press nor the politicos of America seem to heed this warning.

Meanwhile, the readers of the Daily Nexus seem to be more worried about how to deal with the Isla Vista Foot Patrol than how to deal with the future they are now inheriting from the most flagrantly wasteful generation in all of human history. And while their parents used up more of the Earth's resources than all of our human ancestors combined, the generation our current student body embodies is fixing to outdo them all.

Wake up. You have enough. We are the youth, the vision and the power. Let's make some good use of it.

Sean Connors is a candidate of philosophy in the Religious Studies Dept.

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us with negotiations, and although it sounds like a winwin situation, it is still very sensitive.'

According to Cameron Benson, district director for State Assemblywoman Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara), the \$5-million budget allocation was the result of several debates within the state government led by Jackson and Senator Jack O'Connell (D-Ventura).

Of this total, \$400,000 has already been given to local farmer Les Freeman in exchange for a conservation easement, Benson said. Under this easement, Freeman agreed to cooperate with the Gaviota Coast Conservancy in making part of his land a preserve. The agreement keeps Freeman's land privately owned, but does not allow him to subdivide or develop his land, Benson said.

Congressional Representative Lois Capps (D-Santa Barbara) has also taken an interest in the area. According to Capps' spokesperson Stacie Paxton, Capps has sent a bill to the House of Representatives requesting \$75,000 for a feasibility and suitability study of the Gaviota Coast

to determine the land's eligibility for declaration as a national seashore. The study would involve landowners and conservation organizations to ensure that cultural and environmental standards are upheld, according to

'The area of the study has a long history of family farming, and also one of the largest Chumash Indian populations along the coast," Paxton said. "We want to preserve the cultural, historical and environmental aspects of the coast."

If the coast qualifies as a national seashore, it would be included in the National Parks system. Like the conservation easement, the owners would still retain ownership, but the land would be managed by national preservation organizations instead of the property owner, Paxton said.

This is one of the last undeveloped areas from UCSB to Mexico," she said. "Nobody wants this area to turn into another Orange County, where you have condos everywhere."

Exxon and Texaco, who also own land on the Gaviota Coast, could not be reached for comment as of press



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AmeriCorps: Are *you* up to the challenge?



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Check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — You might take off on an adventure. It would be a good idea to have your team's support of the day of the state of the stat port. Check with a more experienced person to make sure you haven't forgotten anything. Otherwise, only dispense information

on a need-to-know basis.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Instead of worrying about your money, count it. Play with it. Figure out how much you'll have in five and ten years at the present rate of return. Travel looks

good tomorrow, so make plans to do that. Meanwhile, figure out how much you can afford to spend.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — There's a bit of a controversy brewing. Don't light into somebody who disagrees with you. Be respectful. You're the student, and the other person is the teacher. Assume that attitude, and you'll be much more successful

teacher. Assume that attitude, and you'll be much more successful—and happier, too.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — There's plenty of work to do, and more comes in all the time. Look sharp; things could change quickly. Watch for surprises. You may not feel that great, either. Keep distractions to a minimum and watch out for breakage. Stay calm; it'll help.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — The object of your affection is playing hard to get. Don't come on too strong. Be compassing the company of the come on too strong.

tion is playing hard to get. Don't come on too strong. Be compassionate, warm and loving instead. Go along with the rules the other person sets. If you do it your way, you'll get nowhere.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Does something at home need to be fixed or rearranged? Is there something you'd love to throw away so you'd have an excuse to buy new? Could you

clean out the garage and rent it as a spare room? Do something that

changes your life forever — for the better.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is an 8 — Today should be interesting and amusing. Don't forget to do something you promised, though. If you get that one little detail checked off your list, you'could receive a nice benefit. If you forget it, you could miss a

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Try not to draw attention to yourself. You're not quite ready to answer questions yet. If you run into the reporters, don't take the Fifth. That will cause suspicion. Be friendly but noncommittal, instead.

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★ Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Today you're under pressure, and something's nagging at the back of your brain. It might be someone who's chipping away at you, but it might be the voice inside your own head. Either way, once the job is done, you

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You can get a lot done today, especially if you've got a team. They're in the mood to do what you say, so be direct. Something that you thought would

work could disappoint you, however. Be ready with Plan B.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Try for that promotion or better job even if you're not sure you can get it. It might not happen yet, but you'll never get where you want to go if you're not headed in the right direction. It's not really easy, but it could be

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Thia-goes for the Glory at UCSB

BY ZACK O'NEILL

Staff Writer

Here's how the story goes:

Thiago Martins, an aspiring soccer player barely 20 years old, arrives in Los Angeles from Sao Paolo, Brazil. He speaks no English, and decides to go to Santa Barbara, because it's the only city he recognizes when he looks at a map of California. When he gets there, he manages to hook up with an adult soccer team that plays only on Sundays.

On another team in this adult league is a player named Tim Vom Steeg. During the week, he coaches the men's soccer team at a local school called Santa Barbara City College. One Sunday, Vom Steeg finds himself matched up against Martins. For the next 90 minutes, the veteran tries to guard a player he will later call "one of the best I have played against."

After the game, the two begin talking through Vom Steeg's father, who spent some time in Brazil; enough time to translate a conversation between the two.

"If you want to learn English, go to the city college," Vom Steeg says to Martins, via his father.

Soon after, the lightning-quick forward is enrolled in school. In an earth-shattering development, he also joins the soccer team to play under Vom Steeg.

"It was very hard," Martins says of his first days in America. "It's a culture shock when you don't speak the language. Lucky for me, I communicated with Tim's dad, and translated through him."

Once at city college, Martins does not disappoint. In his second season there, the Vaqueros go to their division final, falling just short in the championship game - perhaps because Martins nurses a foot injury throughout the playoffs. But the disappointing end to that year does not blur Vom Steeg's eyes; he knows he has a star player on his hands.

"Normally, you don't find players that combine his skill with his strength and finesse," Vom Steeg says of his pupil. "He has a great touch on the ball. When he gets in the zone, he's unstoppable."

The SBCC playoff run is good to both Vom Steeg and

Martins. The coach gets an offer to coach at an NCAA Division I school by the name of UC Santa Barbara, a few miles up the road. Martins, meanwhile, is offered an enormous scholarship to play at the University of San Diego. It seems as if the partnership that originated way back in the Sunday adult league is coming to an end. Even more so when Martins learns that a pair of USD soccer players signed professional contracts soon after leaving the

Suddenly, the dreams Martins carried with him for so long are unfurling before him. A paid education at a prestigious school reputed for sending players to the pros is on the table, there for the taking. But Martins turns the offer down when Vom Steeg asks him to transfer to UCSB, and enter the Division I level under his guid-

"If you're good enough, people will find you," Vom Steeg says to him. "You can do everything you wanted through UCSB."

It works. Martins follows his coach to UCSB, a team that went 2-17-1 the previous year. Upon his arrival, Vom Steeg makes it very clear that he plans to turn the struggling program around, and bring not only a new attitude THIAGOAL! Brazilian Thiago Martins has joined the UCSB men's soccer team. Martins, of course, is more than happy to oblige.

"I like to work with Tim," he says of his decision to stay with Vom Steeg. "I've learned a lot of things from him. He's a very motivated coach. He knows how to

And win the Gauchos do, as UCSB takes seven of their first 10 games in the '99 season. It is clear that the Gauchos are back on the map, no longer a punching bag but a team to be taken seriously. And every Gaucho knows it is Martins who has been key in the transforma-

"He's one of the top two or three players I've played with, as far as goal-scorers go," junior forward Lucas Dalgleish says of the Vaquero-turned-Gaucho. "He has a

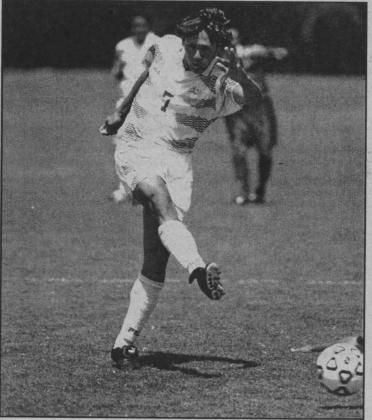


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phy and, of course, a few new players to the team, and is leading the Gauchos in both goals and overall scoring.

quick, killer shot, and his ability to read the field is one of the better if not the best I've seen."

But great success is not without its roadblocks, Martins learns. In midseason he is diagnosed with a fracture of his left foot, and learns he will have to spend time in a cast. Holding true to form, the star forward who has come so far expresses confidence that he will return, and lead the team once more.

"I still have hope," he says. "They told me I'm going to be out about two to three weeks, and that's about how much time we have left in the season. I think I can make it back, but it's going to be hard."

Surely he has overcome bigger obstacles in his career.

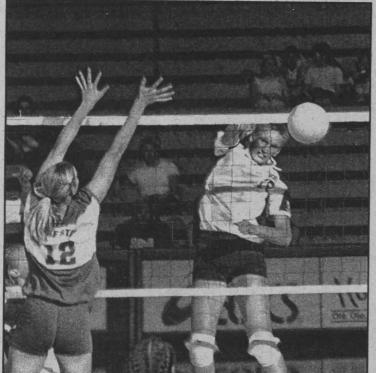
German Import Makes Stop in Santa Barbara for Gaucho Volleyball Team

BY MARVIN GAPULTOS Staff Writer

It's funny, the way things work, the way certain people end up in certain places and the road they take to get there. Sophomore Jutta Weissenborn began a road trip of her own that started on the Autobahn in

Germany and ended on Highway 217, leading her to her current destination here in Santa Barbara, as a middle blocker for the UCSB women's volleyball

Weissenborn, who previously played on the German National Team and the Bayer Leverkusen club team of the German Bundesliga, had aspirations to



GERMAN PRECISION: Sophomore middle blocker and former German National Team member Jutta Weissenborn swings for another kill.

come to UCSB and become a Gaucho ever since she was in high school in Düsseldorf, Germany. Lucky for her, she had the right connections. Two years ago, the UCSB women's volleyball team had another German import on their roster, star setter Tanja Hart, who also played on the German National Team and was former teammates with Weissenborn. After Hart's departure from Santa Barbara, UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory kept in touch with her former setter.

"That's how it all came about," Gregory said of recruitment. Weissenborn's "After Tanja left to play for the U.S. team, we kept in good contact through e-mail and said that if she knew anyone else that was interested to play for us to let us know. So Tanja contacted us and said she knew a big middle blocker that was very interested in coming to Santa Barbara."

With Hart's positive experience and first-hand accounts of life at UCSB, Weissenborn was determined to come to Santa Barbara.

"Tanja told me so much about Santa Barbara," the 6'2" Weissenborn said. "She told me how beautiful it was here and the type of volleyball program that was here. There really was no other choice for me. I always wanted to go to America since

high school and UCSB was the only school that I wanted to go

However, volleyball was not only the reason for Weissenborn's desire to attend UCSB. As a student of pharmacology Germany, Weissenborn wanted to continue her studies in hopes of one day managing her father's pharmacy back home.

'She wanted to take some science classes here to prepare her to take the [pharmacy] test," Gregory said. "That was the main reason for her coming here, the academics - to get some science, to improve her English and to have the experience of playing college volleyball."

Although Jutta (pronounced yoo-tah) is very fluent in English, there have been a few mishaps in communication, according to teammate Roberta Gehlke.

"She cusses all the time because she doesn't quite understand what all of our words mean," the senior outside hitter said. "So there are times that Jutta even cusses in front of [Coach Gregory] and the whole team is just laughing."

Despite the confusion in profanities, Weissenborn become a leader on the already strong Gaucho team that is 13-3 overall with a 4-2 Big West Conference record. She has 153

total kills (second on the team to Gehlke) and is hitting at a .296 clip. She also has 113 total digs and leads the team with 28 service aces. At 22 years of age, Weissenborn is easily the Gauchos' most tried and tested

"It's a lot different here than in Germany," she said. "I was always the youngest. Now, I have the most experience. It's kind of weird because the other girls are so young. I'm 22 years old and I'm the grandma of the team."

Gehlke, however, views her teammate not so much in a maternal manner as she sees her in a friendly manner.

"She's an outstanding middle and she's not [arrogant] at all," Gehlke said. "She is always seeing what she can do to help the team ... But more importantly, she's not just a great player, she's a great friend."

Weissenborn is gracious and appreciative of her stop here in Santa Barbara. She knows road trips don't come by that often and she knows road trips always take you back home in the end. Hopefully she'll stay awhile before she gets back on the 217 and then returns to the Autobahn.

"I am so grateful to be able to get involved here at UCSB," she said. "I just want to thank everyone for this opportunity."

Thank you Jutta. Danke schön.