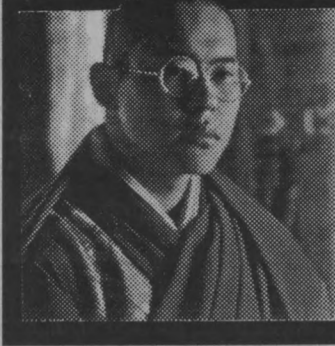


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This Weekend's Film

Arts & Lectures presents "Kundun," Martin Scorsese's film about the trials of upholding the Buddhist principle of nonviolence in a violent world, Sunday at 7 p.m. in Campbell Hall. For more information, call 893-3535.

INSIDE:

Best Little What in Texas?!

Turns out, the people of South Korea have adopted the name of our second-largest state as slang for 'house of ill-repute.' One man has taken up the quest to end this, stating the practice demeans the state. Moral here: Don't mess with Texas!

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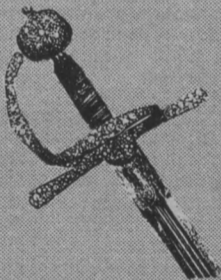
It's Bonus Day!

That's right, kids — not one, but two Staff Editorials and an extra page of The Reader's Voice. Enjoy!

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Intellectual Slaughter

Read of the unscrupulous shenanigans of two UCSB professors as they pontificate bloody vengeance.



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Get Well, Gary

UCSB Athletic Director Gary Cunningham is resting comfortably at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital after suffering a heart attack Thursday afternoon.

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Santa Barbara: Sun, Sand, Surf and ... Snow?

Believe it or not, 4-6 inches of snow graced the ground atop the Santa Ynez mountains on April 2. This car is only 20 minutes away from Old Mission Santa Barbara.

Event To Celebrate Democracy

A conference featuring some of the nation's leading political thinkers will be held in celebration of past, present and future democratic institutions.

The Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions will be hosting "The Legacy of the CSDI" on campus this Friday and Saturday. The two-day conference will feature an array of speakers, performances and panel discussions that will address the influence of the organization in its study of democratic issues.

Before moving to UCSB, the CSDI began as a think-tank organization in Montecito that focused on discussing pertinent political issues and aspects of liberalism, according to UCSB Arts & Lectures manager Roman Baratiak.

"[CSDI] was a program that wanted to look at pressing issues of the political process and bring together great minds to discuss [these] issues," he said.

Part of the event's prerogative is to commemorate the memory of its past directors, Walter Capps and Harry Hashmore, Baratiak added.

The event is scheduled to present an array of prominent speakers to commemorate the legacy of the organization and to address the issue of liberalism, according to Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Associate Director Leonard Wallock.

"We've assembled a remarkable group of journalists, writers and scholars to rethink the meaning of modern liberalism," he said.

For more information on the CSDI convention, featured participants and times of events, call 893-7660.

— Jill St. John

Custodial Staff Members Voice Discontent

■ Employees Upset With Alleged Inappropriate Behavior of Officials

BY RABIA SHIRAZI
Staff Writer

Recent allegations have fueled the embers of discontent between university employees and their supervisors, who are accused of abusing their positions.

Four members of the university custodial and grounds staff union, American Federal/State/County Municipal Employees, wrote an open letter to Chancellor Henry T. Yang in which they disclosed their grievances regarding the inappropriate behavior of Facilities Management's superintendent, supervisors and leaders; actions which were committed with the knowledge of the acting director, according to groundskeeper and union steward Joe Mason.

"We all composed it together; we sat around and took notes and then [union steward] Reggie Moliona wrote it. Everything in that letter is true with a capital 'T.' We have evidence for everything — the actual stories are true," he said.

Physical Facilities acting Director David Gonzales denies the allegations, claiming that the staff never delivered proof to support the alleged power abuses, which include stockpiling supplies and equipment for personal use.

"The content of the letter is completely untrue. They've made these claims before and we've investigated them and reported back that they weren't true," Gonzales said. "I've asked employees to give me evidence and details, but they have never given any to me. I've looked at all the records relevant to equipment and I'm satisfied that none of our managers are guilty."

Upon receiving a copy of the letter and learning of the staff's specific complaints, Gonzales plans to address the issues with the accusers.

"We have heard all the allegations and I will eventually discuss the issues with the custodial staff. I will investigate the allegations and report back ... If the allegations are valid on any level, I will take appropriate action. But I have to tell you that they've been making

See ALLEGATIONS, p.10

Black Student Union To Acquaint High-Schoolers With University

BY KERRI WEBB
Staff Writer

Hundreds of the state's top African-American high-school students are expected to converge on the campus as members of UCSB's black community welcome the United Black Student Unions of California to Santa Barbara.

The UBSUC will begin its annual statewide conference Friday at the Doubletree Hotel in Ventura and has attracted close to 600 members from various high-school black student unions throughout the state. The university's own Black Student Union will host more than 500 students transported by bus from Ventura to UCSB on Saturday afternoon, sponsoring a variety of workshops

and cultural activities devoted to promoting academic excellence, according to Office of Relations With Schools admissions counselor Joan Walker Scott.

"Everyone is very excited about the extravaganza, because it's the first time the conference has ever been to this campus," she said.

Operating under the theme "Tomorrow-Belongs to the People Who Prepare for It Today," students, administrators, faculty and staff have prepared a program consisting of workshops that will focus on the importance of academics. According to event co-coordinator and BSU Vice President Nicole Dillard, the goal of the event is to get the students interested in pursuing a productive college education.

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Unocal Spill in SLO County Leads to Student Activism

BY JAMIN MORENO
and MEGAN SOLOW
Reporters

Unocal Oil has leaked millions of gallons of solvents and other oil wastes in San Luis Obispo County in a spill that environmental groups are calling one of the worst in history.

According to CALPIRG, Unocal admitted to spilling 8.5 million gallons of solvents under the Guadalupe dunes, which are an 18-mile stretch of the coastal strand, home to 18 species of rare or endangered plants. In response to the spill, about 15 protesters gathered Thursday across from the Unocal station on the corner of Bath and Carillo streets in downtown Santa Barbara to support the Clean Water Enforcement and Pollution Prevention Act, which would force oil companies to maintain greater responsibility, according to protester and sophomore environmental studies major Courtney Estes.

"It's important because oil companies pollute water and are not being held responsible," she said. "The public needs to be informed. We have a right to clean water. As a result of the bill, oil companies will start pay-

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Top of the News

Clinton Pleased by Jones Case Dismissal



WASHINGTON (AP) — Buoyed by his legal victory, President Clinton declared Thursday from Africa that he was “very much looking forward” to a homecoming free of the Paula Jones trial. Prosecutors tempered White House euphoria by questioning the president’s chief of staff before a grand jury.

Jones’ lawyers said they were “99 percent” certain they would appeal the dismissal of her sexual harassment lawsuit.

But for the time being, the ruling by a federal judge in Little Rock, Ark., left White House troubleshooters focused in a single direction — Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr and his investigation into the Monica Lewinsky matter.

That investigation, an outgrowth of the Jones lawsuit, is to determine if Clinton had sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky, a White

House intern, and tried to cover it up from Mrs. Jones’ lawyers.

With the political climate around him markedly changed, Starr said he rec-

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— Susan Carpenter McMillan
Paula Jones spokesperson

ognized “a very keen and powerful interest” in quickly wrapping up his investigation but declared he would not be derailed by the Jones dismissal.

Jones has made no public comment since Wednesday’s decision. However, her spokesperson, Susan Carpenter McMillan, said, “If that ruling stands, then you just have an open season on women here in this country for groping and grabbing.”

With public opinion

polls showing Americans satisfied by the dismissal, Clinton even got some kind words from House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

“Bill Clinton has plenty of courage,” Gingrich said in an interview taped by CNBC. “Anyone who’s ta-

voke executive privilege to block some testimony by aides. “It would be very helpful if all witnesses that were summoned before the grand jury would simply answer the questions,” he said.

Away from the fray, Clinton welcomed the Jones decision with classic understatement. “Obviously, I’m pleased with the decision,” said the president, whose first public comments were more measured than his private reaction — he chewed his cigar and grabbed a drum and guitar Wednesday night.

Spared from standing trial in a civil case that would have put his sexual conduct before the nation anew, Clinton was returning home to a political landscape considerably brighter than he and his advisers had expected.

“I’m very much looking forward to going home and continuing the very ambitious agenda we’ve got there,” he said.

Student Protest Broken Up by Police; 40 Injured



JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Police fired tear gas and students fought back with rocks Thursday when officers blocked anti-government protesters from marching from a university into the streets, witnesses said.

At least 40 students from Gajah Mada University in Yogyakarta, 250 miles east of Jakarta, were treated at hospitals for gas inhalation and injuries sustained when police used sticks to disperse the crowd of several thousand.

Thursday’s demonstration was the latest in a series of student protests against President Suharto’s government in the past month.

Organizers of the Yogyakarta protest said they wanted Suharto, who has governed for 32 years, to make major political and economic reforms and step down.

Indonesian labor leaders also warned that workers may

take to the streets over the government’s refusal to increase minimum wages during the current economic crisis, the *Jakarta Post* reported Thursday. The economic crisis is the worst in three decades.

Suharto ordered his tourism minister Thursday to counter bad publicity about the economic crisis and another national problem: Indonesia’s forest fires.

“The negative publicity on forest fires and the monetary crisis has put down the number of tourist arrivals in Indonesia,” Abdul Latief said after meeting Suharto, the official Anantara news agency reported.

The United Nations offered Thursday to help fight wildfires in Indonesia that have blackened almost 380,000 acres of jungle on the island of Borneo and threaten to bring back choking smog to Southeast Asia.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iran plans to free 6,000 Iraqi prisoners of war, the biggest such release since 1990, Iraqi media reported Thursday.

Iraqi officials have made “all the necessary preparations” to receive the POWs at the border post of al-Mundharia, the government-controlled *al-Zawra* weekly newspaper said, quoting sources it did not identify.

The newspaper said the release would occur late Thursday, but it was impossible to immediately determine independently whether the release had taken place. Iraqi officials refused reporters permission to go to al-Mundharia, 100 miles northeast of Baghdad.

In Tehran, an Iranian Foreign Ministry official said a prisoner exchange was expected shortly, but not Thursday.

Iraq says Iran is still holding about 20,000 prisoners since the release of 39,000 soldiers in 1990. Since then, smaller number of prisoners have been released frequently.

Iraq says it has no Iranian POWs. Iran says Baghdad is holding anywhere from 6,000 to 10,000 Iranian soldiers.

• BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — The grieving parents of a missing American diver held a memorial service for their daughter and her husband at the Great Barrier Reef site where the couple last was seen.

Eileen Lonergan and her husband, Thomas, disappeared in January during a dive trip to St. Crispin Reef, 50 miles northeast of Port Douglas. A charter vessel apparently left the couple behind accidentally when it returned

to shore with other divers.

Her parents, Johnny and Kathy Hains, told reporters they had traveled Wednesday to the reef with her brother, John Hains Jr., to drop flowers in the ocean and say goodbye.

• SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The best little whorehouse in South Korea is called “Texas.” So is the worst. And that has a minister from Houston upset.

The Rev. Park Kee-young, a Korean-American, complained in a letter to the foreign ministry that Koreans use the word “Texas” to describe virtually all brothels.

That, Park wrote, demeans the state of Texas and ought to be stopped.

Although illegal, houses of prostitution flourish in most major South Korean cities. Two of the best known in Seoul are called “Miari Texas” and “Chonhodong Texas,” after the neighborhoods in which they are located.

“We are not very sure what to do about it because they are not official names, but slang,” said Chung Kwang-yong, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson. “But we also acknowledge that it is a serious, urgent matter.

We are discussing what measures to take to eliminate the practice,” he said.

Koreans likely began calling brothels “Texas” because of the influence of Western films — predating “The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas,” a Broadway hit and a Hollywood movie.

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Weather

As paradoxical as it may sound, complete free range — whether it be in writing, art, relationships, or plans — can sometimes actually be a roadblock to creative processes that inherently require those lack of traditional boundaries and conventions. When you have the metaphorical world at your fingertips, it can be intimidating to touch anything. Sort of like a buffet that has so much good food to eat, you don’t know whether to start with the baked salmon or dig right into the sashimi.

Forecast: This weekend is supposed to rain like the dickens, but judging by the earlier weather patterns, we may skate by fairly easily. Who knows? Pass the salmon, fool!

Leg Council Votes on Fee Initiatives

BY TED ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

Legislative Council members endorsed an upcoming proposal on the Associated Students elections while placing another on the ballot at Wednesday's first meeting of Spring Quarter.

A position paper in favor of the UCen Fee Initiative proposal passed unanimously after over an hour of discussion. UCen Director Alan Kirby explained that the proposal would increase the \$6 student UCen fee to \$15 on student BARC accounts if approved in the A.S. elections on April 21 and 22.

"The \$9 per quarter increase will make it so the building can better pay its rent," he said.

On-Campus Rep Erin O'Donnell seconded the bill in the belief that A.S. had a responsibility to support measures that benefit the UCen.

"If we don't get this fee, business hours will be reduced and many student groups could have to pay rent for their offices," she said.

After the unanimous vote in support of the UCen fee increase, A.S. External Vice President for Statewide Affairs Felicia Perez explained her confidence in the voting process.

"You have left it up to the 16,000 students

to decide on it," she said. "In the past they have voted 'no' on it because it was too much money. If the students think the \$9 increase is too much, they will vote 'no' on it again."

A proposal that ensured the presence of the Isla Vista Community Improvements Lock-in on the upcoming ballot also passed unanimously. The bill, written by Off-Campus Rep Amy Wu, stated that the fee would be a \$.75 A.S. Lock-in increase going toward improvements and services available in I.V.

"The university has not taken sufficient responsibility in the long-range planning and maintenance of Isla Vista. If more funding were provided for various community services in I.V., more opportunities would be created for students," she said.

Toward the end of the meeting, A.S. Internal Vice President Kerry Kops commented on both the "Where's Wayne" comic printed in April Fool's day edition of the *Daily Nexus* and the performance of A.S. President Wayne Calvin Byrd II.

"Wayne does nothing [but] collect his A.S. fees," Kops said. "Even though it's April Fool's, I thought the 'Where's Wayne' satire was very representative of how students feel, because we very rarely see him at meetings and he doesn't do anything."

Byrd failed to return phone calls to the *Daily Nexus*.

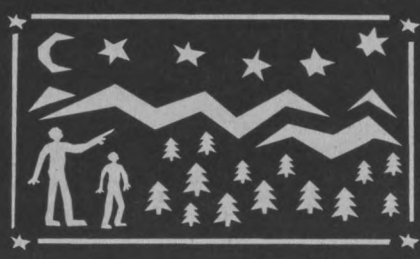
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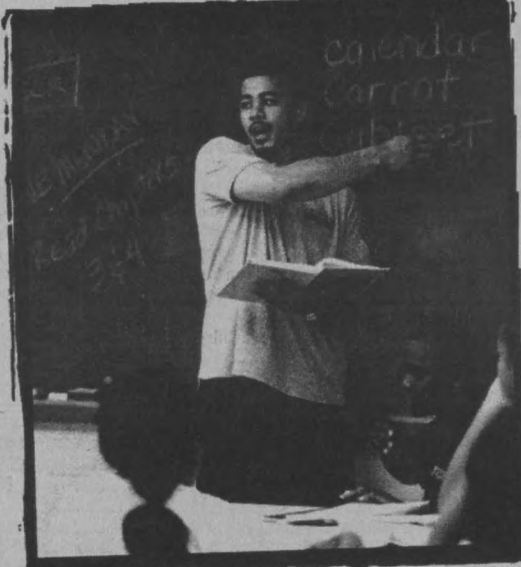
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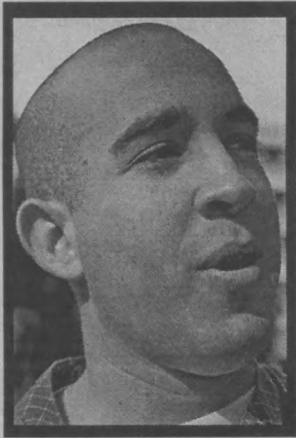
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What April Fool's joke did you witness Wednesday?



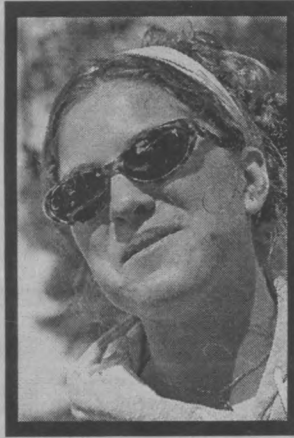
“ I was in the shower when my room-mates told me that two tires on my truck were popped.

Brody Louring
junior
business



“ My girlfriend told me and my friends that someone had jumped off of San Nic dorm.

Josh Youngman
freshman
undeclared



“ My professor said that he wasn't going to have lectures any more ... and to just do the reading and show up for the final.

Sofia Perazzo
freshman
undeclared



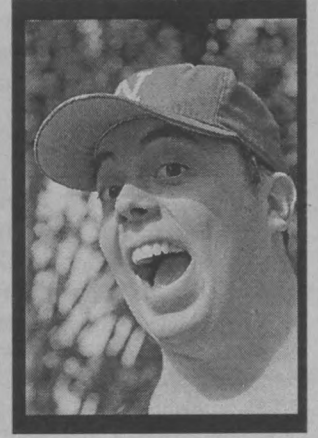
“ The one that the Nexus played on me. You guys had me believing those stories for about 10 minutes.

Kambria Wesch
junior
environmental studies



“ I told the guy who's sleeping with a friend of mine that he got my friend pregnant.

C.J. Lee
sophomore
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I.V. Festival To Juggle Fun, Charity

BY **MARISSA ALLINGHAM**
Reporter

The world's longest-running juggler's festival will bring its unique brand of revelry to Isla Vista's central park this weekend.

The 22nd Annual Isla Vista April Fool's Jugglers Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday in remembrance of victims of rape and murder. The event will consist of various activities from dawn until dusk both days in Anisq' Oyo' Park, and an exhibition by the performers in I.V. Theater on Saturday evening, according to show coordinator Harriet Eckstein.

"The show is just really fun. It's two hours of laughter and amazement," she said. "It will just crack you up."

World-famous jugglers, bicyclists and entertainers from across the country will donate their time to participate in the event. All of the proceeds from T-shirt and ticket sales will go to the Rape Crisis Center in memory of juggler and activist Patty Laney, who was raped and murdered in I.V. 22 years ago, Eckstein said.

"Patty did many things for this community, including organizing food co-ops and getting nighttime bus services running," she said. "[After] she was murdered, her friends decided to start this festival in her honor and the desire she had to celebrate life."

Other organizations helping to support this cause include the I.V. Recreation and Park District, who decided to rent Anisq' Oyo' Park to the festival organizers free of charge, according to IVRPD receptionist Kelly Burke.

"The motion agreed upon by the [IVRPD Board of Directors] agreed to co-sponsor the benefit," she said. "Because the annual festival is in honor of Patty Laney, an I.V. member who was raped and murdered, the district will waive the fees, except for the initial deposit."

Eckstein encourages everyone to attend the weekend's events, which include a raffle and jugglers willing to share the tricks of their trade. The daytime events are free of charge and are recommended for people of all ages, she added.

Undeclared freshman Dave Burton plans to attend the festivities to be a part of the long history of the event.

"I am going to the Jugglers Festival because not only does it sound like fun for a good cause, but it's part of I.V.'s traditions," he said.

Saturday evening's show is in I.V. Theater at 7:30. Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$10 at the door for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and free for children under 5. For more information, call 963-6832 or look on the Web at <http://www.juggling.org/festivals>.

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"The main focus of the workshops is to show them how to get here and how to succeed in college," she said. "It's important to show [the high-school students] that there are black people here at this school and that we take part in a close-knit community."

According to Walker Scott, the event will feature speakers representing all aspects of the university's academic and social life.

"There will be a total of three types of presenters who will be speaking on the importance of academics. Grad students will speak on behalf of the Black Grad Association and undergraduate

students will focus on strategies on how to achieve academic excellence," Scott said.

The conference will begin today in Ventura. However, the high-school students will be on campus Saturday from 1 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Office of Relations With Schools at 893-7285.

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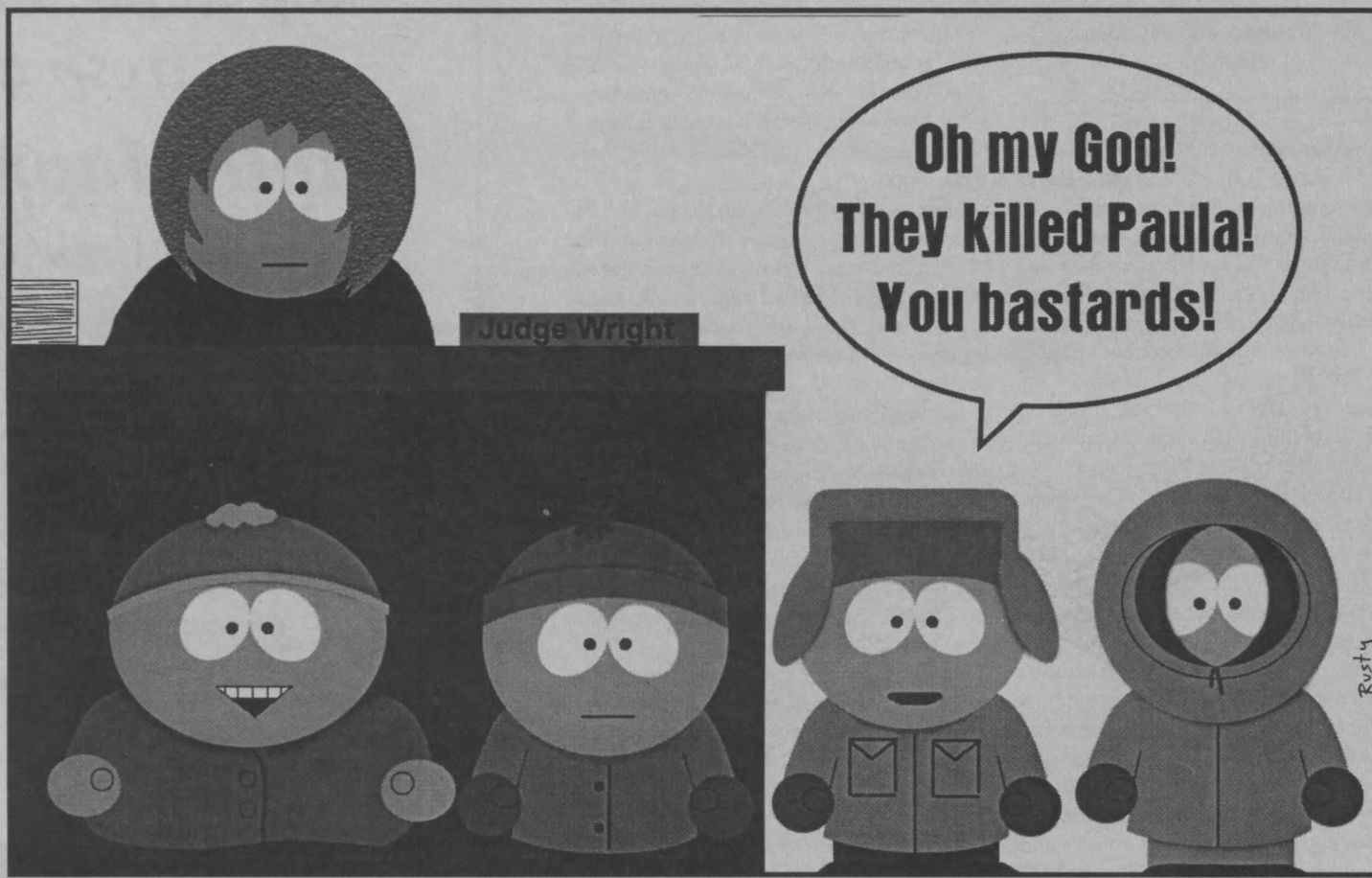
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Opinion

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Staff Editorials



RUSTY YATES / DAILY NEXUS

As Above, So Below?

Paula Jones Ruling Shouldn't Discourage Potential Litigators

It was, in the words of one *Daily Nexus* staffer, "the greatest April Fool's joke ever."

The news that federal judge Susan Webber Wright had thrown out Paula Jones' sexual harassment suit against President Clinton surely came as a welcome surprise to the president himself, and is being hailed as a legal victory by his supporters, but the ruling has a few disturbing implications.

Wright's decision was based on a lack of proof that Jones had in fact been sexually assaulted or harassed on the job by then-Governor Clinton. The judge noted that, even if Jones' allegations were true, Clinton's actions did not constitute assault or harassment.

The core of the matter is this: Jones' testimony did not show a pattern of abusive behavior by Governor Clinton, but a single incident. More, Jones alleged that Clinton asked her for oral sex — but not that he offered anything in return for it, nor that he threatened retribution if she refused, either of which would have constituted *quid pro quo* sexual harassment. Also, while Jones alleged that Clinton did in fact put his hand on her leg, she did not allege any actual assault; while Clinton may have touched Jones, he was not alleged to have attacked her. Finally,

while she testified to refusing Clinton's advance, Jones did not show herself to have experienced any kind of retribution from him at any later time, and her job continued as it had before.

The worrisome thing is not the ruling itself so much as its possible consequences. It is only in the last five to seven years that women have really begun to feel comfortable about coming forward with sexual harassment cases against co-workers and superiors; will this ruling have a chilling effect on that movement toward wider recognition of workplace abuse?

We would like to point out that this ruling, for all the media attention it has garnered, is only one ruling and probably does not represent a turning tide of legal sentiment in the nation's courts. More importantly, it should not prevent any person with a legitimate claim of sexual harassment or assault from standing up in court and presenting his or her case. The fight for freedom from sexual harassment in workplaces and schools has been too long, too difficult, and too hard-won to allow this freedom to start slipping through the fingers of Americans.

Whatever the truth of the Paula Jones case, whatever its final outcome, we urge our readers not to forget about their own rights.

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"South Park"'s April Fool's Joke Jerks Viewers Around

As April Fool's jokes go, this one was decidedly unfunny. After waiting four long, torturous weeks for Comedy Central's hit show "South Park" to reveal the identity of Cartman's father, after being teased by a cliffhanger ending and tantalized by constant ads promising the final revelation come last Wednesday, viewers nationwide turned on their TV sets to find that the whole thing was a sham. "APRIL FOOLS!" was flashed on a million screens and a million slack-jawed faces were illuminated by the ghostly flickering light of a half-hour episode dedicated to Terence and Philip, two characters roughly analogous to "The Simpsons" Itchy and Scratchy for the level of humor they display.

This has led some infuriated "South Park" fans to speculate upon the responsibilities a cultural phenomenon may have to its adherents, and, assuming the existence of such, how "South

Park" has violated them.

Is it really right for a show with such a large following to string its viewers along in such a manner, for an entire month? And wasn't half an hour of Terence and Philip (and their little flatulence problem) adding insult to injury? Bad enough that fans won't know the identity of Cartman's father for at least another few weeks — but the producers ought to have at least softened the sting of their cruel, cruel joke by at least showing something funny or, if not that, at least something entertaining.

My god, they've killed "South Park"! Those bastards! Perhaps, in the words of Officer Barbrady, we ought to "move along, move along," because "there's nothing to see here."

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The Reader's Voice

FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS

WHAT YOU MAKE IT, PT. I

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Freedom of speech is one of the greatest things that could have ever happened to this nation. It guarantees not only free thinking and rational debate, but also the existence of small groups that have different views on issues, and that consequently ensures the constant search for the truth. Freedom of speech guarantees the content of this

"Do we — as conscious individuals — guarantee the right to freedom of speech for everyone, or do we just guarantee our own freedom and for our own sake?"

article, which was inspired out of what has taken place upon the campus in these past few days.

We know that there is almost no debate as to whether we should have freedom of speech. An overwhelming majority of people would say that it is the essential part of our democracy, because without it the lives of the American people would be ruled by repression and dead beliefs. In other words, to argue against freedom of speech would be foolish, if not self-defeating, since most of our freedoms practically emanate from it. Nevertheless, let's step back and think for a minute.

Do we — as conscious individuals — guarantee the right to freedom of speech for everyone, or do we just guarantee our own freedom and for our own sake? Sadly enough, what I have seen in these past days in this college paper and in the campus itself prompts me to say that we no longer value freedom of speech.

Monday, March 2's *Daily Nexus* editorial ("Two for One") commented on the previous week's debate on newspaper theft held by a panel comprised of students, lawyers and newspaper officers. The editorial also mentioned a somewhat related protest that took place last spring, and that involved seven UCSB students. Recognizing that the staff of the *Nexus* are entitled to their own opinion, I would like to point out a few shortcomings of this editorial, and give you a different account and opinion of what happened.

The editorial failed to point out many of the issues that were discussed in the panel. It failed to acknowledge that a newspaper is fallible, that it can be as corrupt and malicious as any other form of evil, and that it can be confronted by standards other than its own. Moreover, it failed to recognize that what happened last spring was a protest and not newspaper theft. Instead, the editors decided to give to the reader the usual newspaper rhetoric; that a newspaper is virtually accurate, and when it is not, that there are ways to ask for corrections.

This rhetoric and the constant glorifying of the freedom of the press clause made the editorial sound as if it was flowing out of a very well-trained politician. True, it sounded pretty. However, we should ask ourselves whether there was something we missed from the information provided, whether the protesters were justified to act the way they did.

I am not a legal scholar, but it seems to me that we have underestimated the value of the actions taken by these brave students. The students — who, after enduring negligence, indifference and malicious actions from this publication, decided to turn to the newspaper headquarters copies of its free-of-charge Friday edition without damaging them, and only after most of the readers had already picked up their copies — were in fact acting under the First Amendment.

Why? Because they expressed a sentiment, an opinion, without engaging in the destruction or conversion of the newspapers, or preventing other people from obtaining the publication. But most of all, because they exhausted (or witnessed the inefficiency of) other means to correct the problems that they had run into.

Let's remember that freedom of the press emanates from freedom of speech. Without freedom of speech, one wouldn't have the power to print one's own ideas, since there wouldn't be "authorized" ideas to print. Freedom of speech belongs to the individual, while freedom of the press is a collective and printed inheritance of the former. For

someone to yield an inalienable right for its own subsidiary would be absurd, especially when the subsidiary right, as in freedom of the press, exist only when its original source, as in freedom of speech, exists.

Even the editors from local newspapers acknowledged this during the debate; they recognized that sometimes it is necessary to take such extreme measures against a newspaper when this one is neither accountable nor ethical in its proceedings. Of course, this last statement wasn't reported in the editorial; it would have been too damaging for the newspaper's argument.

When a newspaper has fallen from "grace" (when it has become malicious and unethical), when it is not accountable to anyone, and when there is no other way to control such a beast, a reasonable person must do what is within his or her power to protect his or her rights and the rights of everyone else. The key phrase here is "when there is no other alternative."

Although I am not trying to prove to you that the people who returned the newspapers — notice that this wasn't even theft — acted legitimately, I want you to think critically and analyze what they did. They were making a point; they believed that the newspaper was not only inaccurate, but also malicious in its articles. They wanted the campus community to be aware of that. Their efforts backfired. Instead of prompting campus officials to look closely at how this newspaper operated, the

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protesters were rapidly and publicly condemned in order to prevent such an act from happening again.

Campus officials put aside the fact that there weren't — and still aren't — other effective means (campus publications) to balance anything stated in the *Nexus*. They did not acknowledge the ultimate power that the newspaper has when it comes to selecting what "letters to the editor" to print. They did not acknowledge the inadequate commission vested upon the Press Council — the body that oversees the functioning of the *Daily Nexus* — regarding the procedures of complaints against the newspaper. Neither did they identify the newspaper's unaccountability, nor did they acknowledge the practices that the people in charge of the *Nexus* had, especially when hiring and dismissing student staff.

In other words, campus officials decided to make use of their own personal beliefs when look-

ing at the protest, rather than being objective and correcting what was really wrong. They swallowed the same embellished newspaper rhetoric that we have been fed in the past days, and imposed it on a politically naive and submissive campus community.

Still we get the same BS in the editorials regarding this past incident. Nonetheless, life continues ...

The whole point of this article was not to put down or accuse any particular individual or entity, but to make you — the reader — aware of what happens "behind the scene." I know that most of us believe in freedom of speech, yet we still refuse to grant that right to those who do things that we don't necessarily agree with. Most of us go out and protest, and put up a fight just to be heard, yet we still intimidate our adversaries, and do what is necessary to terrorize them and not let them speak. Many of us hold proudly the flags of liberty and ethics, yet we constantly defecate on the rights that they stand for. We haven't learned to raise our voices when others are being callously silenced and condemned. And yet, there is still time to change.

FRANK ORELLANA

FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT, PT. II

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This is in response to your Monday, March 2 staff editorial "Two for One." I am an A.S. officer, but I was not part of the "A.S. Seven." Unfortunately, it seems to me that our esteemed campus newspaper, the *Daily Nexus*, couldn't be happier with what the "A.S. Seven" did almost one year ago. Why else would they still be writing ridiculous editorials about it? Editorials that must alienate a good quarter of your readership, seeing as how many of them are freshmen who have no idea as to what you are referring. But since you are so enamored with the subject, please humor me while I reply.

The fact is that seven students, impassioned by

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ill feelings toward the lack of reliable writing in our campus publication, staged a protest. Whether that protest disrupted university activities, I cannot say. Some thought it did. Others found it pretty funny. What the *Nexus* fails to report is that when they sallied forth on the hooves of indigna-

tion to "punish" these seven students, they played a very dangerous game.

For months, I watched people that I had not yet met being tossed through administrative steamrollers in a quest for some absurd justice. The *Nexus* had its headlines, its drama, its fun going af-

"Well, maybe Rosa Parks should have stood up with the rest of the obedient riders like the nice, conformist bus driver told her to ..."

ter these people. And these people, people who demonstrated that they had an original idea, were bullied and threatened. These people had to attend classes knowing that they might be kicked out of them in a few weeks. And for what? For sending back hundreds of *Nexi* from whence they came.

Well, maybe Rosa Parks should have stood up with the rest of the obedient riders like the nice, conformist bus driver told her to, because as the *Nexus* simplistically reports, acts of civil disobedience are "illegal acts ... punished in a law-abiding society." Well, leaders have always made hard choices. I am just glad that UCSB has the privilege to say that, once upon a time, it elected some people who tried to lead instead of blindly following.

BRIAH TANNER

MEAT EATING LEADS TO TOO MANY PROBLEMS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

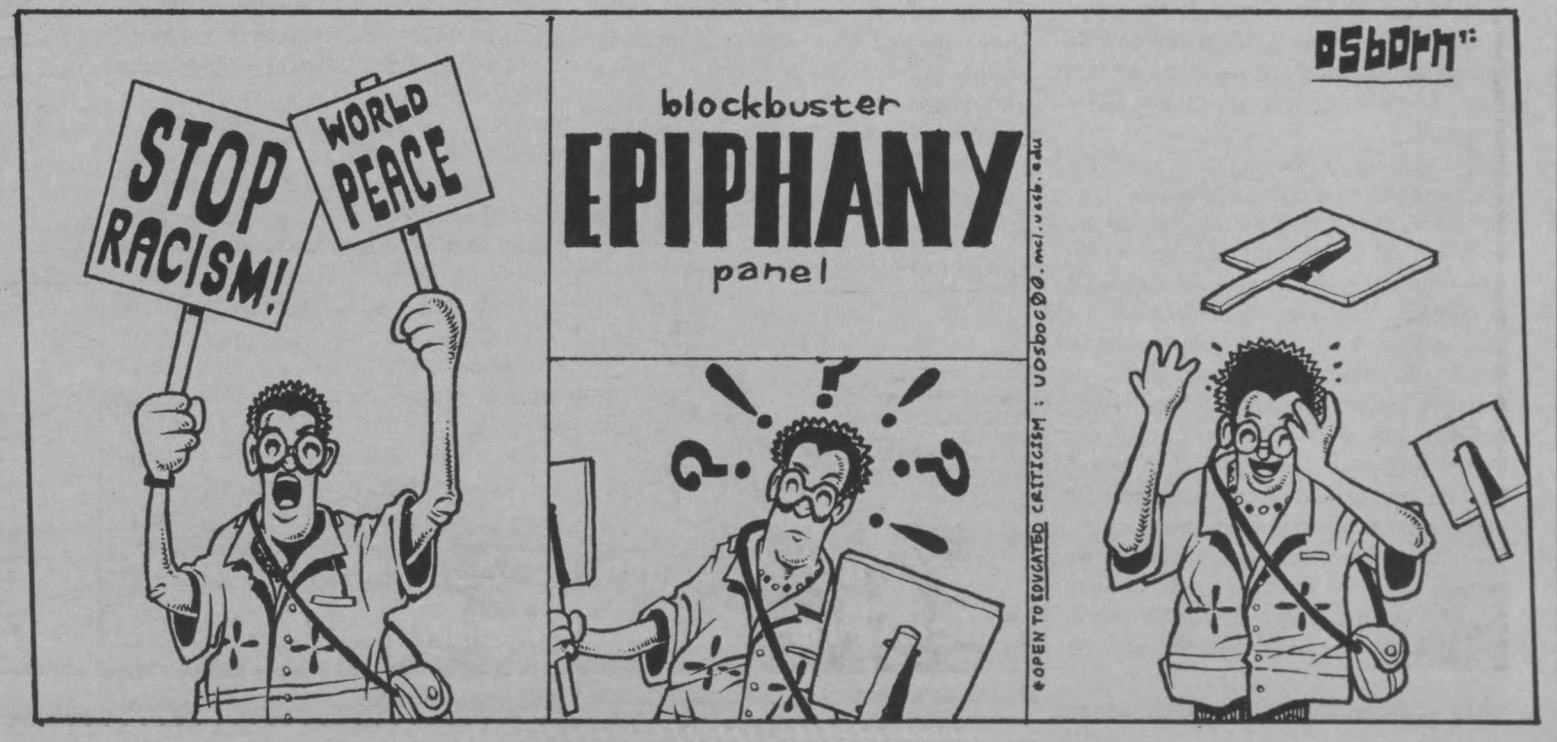
What part do UCSB beef-eating students play in global warming, devastating worldwide weather, the shooting of buffalo in Montana and the slaughter of wild horses and wild burros throughout the west? Would cattle interests play a killer role if no one ate beef or horse meat? What did you eat today?

Hamburger eaters might think about: mad-cow-like disease traced to cannibalism (human and animal); dead pets, cows and other animals processed and fed to cattle; rancher- and cattle-ravaged public lands; disappearing rain forests; vanishing species; the agonizing death of animals (including family pets) caught in rancher's traps; eating mutilated flesh severed from the carcass of an innocuous creature; *E. coli*; etc.

Caring voices may not be heard where cattle interests control lawmaking and the media (across much of the west). But what people don't eat can speak volumes in the west and around the world.

JAMES GRIFFIN

THINK by OSBORN



More Reader's Voice

HOW'S YOUR PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS GOING?

Editor, Daily Nexus:

There is a God-given right to the pursuit of happiness, and we hold this truth to be self-evident. But what is our method for achieving and how can we measure our success? For argument's sake, let's say that we are pursuing a permanent happiness rather than one that oscillates with depression, anxiety and fear — a state of being in which we are totally satisfied, secure and at peace. In fact, I doubt that anyone ever pursues happiness with the hope that it will end and cause them to return to a state of unhappiness. I think I can safely say that ever-increasing happiness is preferable to momentary or fleeting happiness.

The materialist method for achieving happiness involves cosmetic and structural work on the body. It involves a closer shave, the right mascara, a better haircut, colored hair dye, color contacts, breast implants, a tummy tuck, a "face lift," a "natural" suntan, expensive sunglasses, the proper shoes, and designer clothes. And if one is not satisfied with these items, then next year's will do the trick.

The only flaw in the materialistic plan is that many are not satisfied with the latest model and don't believe that any model in the future will be any better. Some are aware that when they die, they will lose the house, the car, the blender, the pasta maker and the body they spent their whole life conditioning and remodeling. To others, the materialistic plan for achieving happiness sounds more like a scavenger hunt or a child's board game. They are also aware of the negative effects on their bodies, psyche and the environment that the pursuit of material satisfaction causes.

Biologically, the body is nothing but a bag of stool, urine, pus, blood, bile, tissue and mucus. If one removes the millimeter-thick layer of skin from the human body, one will witness the most terrifying, grotesque, *alien* and nightmarish being imaginable.

A great paradox in our society is that no matter how racist, sexist and generally biased we may be, we make our laws so that discrimination cannot be based on the body. We go as far as to say that all men (sic) are created equal. We insist that a handicapped person is no less human than one who is not handicapped. We insist that it is "what's inside that counts."

But, materially speaking, we are *not* created equal. Some people are gifted, while others are seriously disadvantaged, mentally and physically. Some people are unable, some are adequate, some are above average, some are extraordinary, and some people are referred to as geniuses, composing music before they reach puberty. Similarly, some people are weak, some are average, others are strong, and a few are able to lift and carry automobiles. Some people are grotesque, some are plain ugly, some are average, some are beautiful, and a few are supermodels. So, to be perfectly honest, on the level of the body, we are not created equal. If you do not agree, perhaps you would like to play basketball against Michael Jordan, tennis against Pete Sampras or chess against Garry Kasparov.

Quite obviously, the notion of equality is not based on material qualifications. The government (which in a democracy is you and me) confirms that although we are materially different, we are equal in a way that is not material. When we talk about things that exist, and we are not speaking about material things, then we must be talking about anti-material, or spiritual things; things that do not share any of the properties of matter.

And in regards to our pursuit of happiness, we must first know *who* we are; *who* the government is referring to as having rights. If we do not know who we are, how can we be truly happy — and why should we have rights? Amnesia is not pleasurable nor is forgetfulness of things. We are angered when we lose things, miss appointments, or when we do not know where our classes are,

and we are equally angry when people forget to meet us or forget our names. Ignorance is not bliss; it is, at its best, frustration.

As we advance from childhood to youth to adulthood to old age, disease and finally death, we accept a variety of material bodies. According to modern science, we accept a new body every seven years. That means that as a typical college student, one has not a single cell that one had as a child. Yet one's friends and relatives treat person as being non-different from the person who inhabited the child's body. Neither the child's body nor any part of it exists in the present body, but that person's parents insist that they are indeed dealing with the same person.

Thus, not unlike our government and our scientists, our own parents adamantly confirm that the material body is an impermanent entity and that the person, who is the object of love and is the possessor of rights, is distinct and independent of the body. All facets of society confirm that the body is material and temporary but the person is somehow permanent and unchanging. By definition, matter is always changing its form, therefore the person — also known as the consciousness, the life-force, the spirit or the soul — is some non-changing, non-material entity.

The Vedas (books of knowledge) are ancient Sanskrit texts, some 5,000 years old, and they explain the science of how to achieve ever-increasing happiness by realizing knowledge about the difference between spirit and matter. In the Bhagavad Gita (literally translated as "The Song of God"), Krishna (a name for God meaning "the all-attractive person") states, "Those who are seers of the truth have concluded that of the nonexistent [the material body] there is no endurance and of the eternal [the soul] there is no change. This they have concluded by studying the nature of both. That which pervades the entire body you should know to be indestructible. No one is able to destroy that imperishable soul" (2.16, 2.17).

Everyone is conscious of the pleasure and pains of their own body but these sensations are unknown to others. Therefore each body is the house of an individual soul, the symptom of which is consciousness. Other Vedic literature, like the Shvetashvatara Upanishad (5.9) and the Mundaka Upanishad (3.1.9), describes the soul as smaller than material atoms and only perceivable by perfect intelligence. But anyone can see that a material body without consciousness is a dead body and this consciousness cannot be revived by any material methods.

As sunlight maintains the universe, so the soul maintains the material body. And although the body takes birth and death, the soul is eternal, without birth or death, "unbreakable, insoluble, and can neither be burned nor dried. He is everlasting, present everywhere, unchangeable, immovable and eternally the same" (Bhagavad Gita, Chap. 2, Text 24).

By knowing that we are eternal, there is no cause for lamentation or grief. If we do not have a perfectly shaped body, there is no loss. Ontologically we are perfect, eternal, full of knowledge and bliss. It is only when we identify with the body as the self that we are in anxiety and fear. And one who is absorbed in anxiety and fear, consciously or subconsciously, cannot give attention to transcendental truth and cannot achieve happiness.

ADAM MARSH

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TELL UNOCAL TO CLEAN UP ITS MESS!

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Spring has sprung, a new quarter is upon us, and because we are more than mere students we are being summoned once again. To do what? To ACT! To turn the eyes of the globe toward the Guadalupe Sand Dunes of San Luis Obispo County, where Unocal is responsible for a toxic spill which could be far larger than the infamous spewing of the Exxon Valdez, and already surpasses the Unocal-caused Santa Barbara oil spill of '69.

The issue surrounding the Guadalupe Sand Dunes has it all: corporate criminals, a migrant farmworker community threatened by toxins, a community's pleas for cleanup ignored by state and federal officials. Sounds like a movie: the plot is thickening ... pollution of our land and waterways without thorough cleanup or restoration (or respect) is a reoccurring theme that students of grassroots activism have learned how to tackle. After a little sign making, phone-calling and carpool planning, it's easy: get everyone who is pissed off together in one place and bring lots of news cameras and reporters along for the show.

And when the "place" to gather is the site of over 8 million gallons of underground toxins that have been leaking under a unique and sensitive habitat for decades, it gets even more interesting. This **Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m.**, concerned folks will be joining hands, raising signs and uniting voices to tell Unocal to CLEAN UP ITS MESS!!! Unocal should be held fully accountable for its negligence and the cleanup negotiations must be brought out from behind closed doors! Citizens of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties are going to have to ACT this Saturday in order to focus the world's attention on this issue and focus Unocal on a full cleanup.

As always, the dedicated chargers of Environmental Affairs Board, Increase the Peace, CALPIRG and Surfrider will be on the scene. **Everyone is welcome to join a carpool that will be meeting at 8 a.m. this Saturday morning at Bagel Cafe!** It's early to rouse yourself out of bed, but there's nothing quite like the feeling in the air when the masses begin to gather ...

JESSICA SCHEETER

SPORT CLUBS, NOT HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in response to a picture on the front page of the *Daily Nexus* on Tuesday, March 3, that featured the Santa Barbara High School women's water polo team. When I picked up the paper on Tuesday morning, I thought, "What a great photo." Then I began reading the caption, only to learn that the featured team was that of Santa Barbara High School. Now, I want to make it clear that I am in no way denouncing the success of the Santa Barbara High School women's water polo team. I remember that CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) championships were a big deal in high school, and I feel that this team should be recognized for their success.

However, this is UCSB. The *Daily Nexus* is a UCSB paper, and before you publish photos or articles about any high school sports, it would be great if we could see some recognition for our 18 UCSB sport club teams. These teams include some 600 athletes and have won over 30 national championships in the last decade. Sport club teams have gotten little or no recognition by the *Nexus* lately, and I would like to see that change.

As a student I would prefer to read about how the UCSB surfing team has won the NSSA title for nine out of the last 13 years,

and that they're working toward another win this year. I would also like to read about the NIRSA (National Intramural Recreational Sports Association) Lacrosse Championships that UCSB will be hosting in May, which will feature teams from around the country.

I would like to congratulate the Santa Barbara High School women's water polo team. I would also like to point out that, to the best of my knowledge, there aren't any Santa Barbara High School students in attendance at UCSB. What UCSB does have in attendance is 600 sport club athletes who would appreciate having an article, a picture or a schedule printed in the *Daily Nexus*. The sport club office will be happy to help the *Nexus* in any way possible in reporting on sport club teams. Anyone who is interested in joining a UCSB sport club team or would like schedules, results or any other information regarding sport clubs, please call 893-3771.

BRIAN RAINES

NONE OF US IS BORN IN A VACUUM

Editor, Daily Nexus:

In response to Lucas Harper's letter "Don't Fight Racism With Generalizations" (The Reader's Voice, Mar. 6), I would like to address some of the issues he raises, namely that of responsibility. I, as a white person, would like to see other white people take responsibility, not for the *specific* actions of our ancestors, but for the position that white people are born into *as a result* of these actions.

Yes, we are all individuals. *However*, we are individuals within the context of a larger social structure. We are not born into a vacuum. We are born into particular categories of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, class, etc. Unfortunately, we are also born into a society which both rewards and discriminates based upon these differences. In order to "better ourselves as a society and increase understanding among all people," we must understand the social fabric in which we function and operate.

To do this, we must start by claiming and owning up to the truths of our history, as difficult as that may be. Then we can better understand how those events have *directly* affected and shaped the hierarchical structure of the society in which we presently live. We are all individuals within a larger whole, and to recognize one's self as only a single independent entity is to fail to see the big picture.

I think that much of the hostility generated around discussions of race occurs because white people often fail to see this bigger picture. White people reap the benefits of a society created by their European ancestors simply by having white skin, and even if you don't *feel* this privilege, it is there. Yes, that means that you do not have to personally oppress another person to receive the benefits of a racist society. We cannot begin to talk about race until we acknowledge this fact. Then and only then, Mr. Harper, do you "get a chance not to be in the wrong." Only when you admit that we live in a racist, sexist, classist, heterosexist society, and begin to take steps toward dismantling the hierarchy based on these categories, can you start to be on the right track.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 7—You're an intelligent person and getting smarter every minute. That's because you're practicing your skills by working with an expert. If you're not, you should be. That would be an excellent way to spend this afternoon, for sure.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)—Today is a 7—Your friends are all excited about doing something together. You want to join in, but you're a tad short on funds. You could go without something else. Or you could sell something. Knowing you, the latter's the more interesting alternative.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 7—The sun is in Aries, a fire sign, and Cancer is a water sign. Together, they make steam. That's sort of what's happening today. An older person is being obnoxious, but that's OK. He or she is pushing you to take action you would otherwise have avoided.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)—Today is an 8—Business deals keep you busy longer than you intended. You're going to be in a good mood for sports on Sunday, so schedule some activity for then. Meanwhile, do what needs to be done to get the bureaucrats off your back.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is a 7—You and your friends can come up with marvelous ideas today. Meet early in the day to brainstorm. Get to bed early tonight to avoid an argument. People will have a tendency to get cranky after dinner.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is a 7—An older person is going to request something that only you can deliver. Now all you have to do is put what you've learned into action. Your career could greatly benefit as a result, so don't hesitate. Timing is everything.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is an 8—Too much of a good thing can almost become a bad thing. You're in that situation right now. There are lots of opportunities, but deciding which one to pick could just about drive you crazy. Feast or famine, right? Don't be pushed into anything.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is a 7—Pay off as much of a nagging bill as you can to free yourself up for other things. But even if this takes all your money, you don't have to cancel your date. You'll just have to do something less expensive. The best things in life are still free.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is an 8—Invest in a person who can take some of the weight off you. With the right person helping, you'll do a better job than you could have all by yourself. Stop postponing finding a solution, and delegate instead.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is a 6—If you can give work your full attention, you'll get more done than you have all week. You'll also get a chance to use skills you've recently acquired. If you relax, this whole experience could be kind of fun.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is an 8—This is a marvelous evening to fall in love, except for a couple of problems. Not having enough money adds to the confusion. Before you give up on your dreams altogether, talk to a person who's in a position to help.

Today's Birthday (April 3). Your home takes precedence over all else this year. Plan renovations or a move in April. Get to work on this plan in July and have it done by September. Celebrate in December by having the whole gang over to your place. Friends continue to drop in all the way through February. By March, you'll be healthier, wealthier and probably wiser, too. Acknowledge yourself for a job well done.

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ing fines. It will make the acts enforceable."

The bill, introduced Thursday by Assemblywoman Carol Migden, would affect how the state deals with major polluters. According to a statement issued by CALPIRG, it would establish mandatory minimum penalties for serious and repeat violators, require penalties to be set high enough to erase any profits from pollution, and empower citizens to enforce the state clean water law through citizen suits when the government fails to do so.

According to UCSB CALPIRG Chair Holly Ross, State Senator Jack O'Connell (D-Carpenteria) supports the bill, and they are hoping more legislators will follow suit.

"We urge new candidates to take the clean water act on as an issue," she said.

On Saturday, environmental groups including Coastal Watch, Get Oil Out! and the Surfer's Environmental Alliance will stage another protest at Unocal's Guadalupe Oil field, according to UCSB Environmental Affairs Board chair and protest coordinator Eric Cardenas.

"Our goal is to draw attention to how Unocal acted about the spill," he said. "It may have been the biggest spill in U.S. history, and we want the public aware of it through word of mouth and media attention."

GOO! President Hannah Eckburg feels that sponsoring Saturday's protest is an important step in raising public awareness.

"It is very important to bring the world's attention to Unocal and make them take full responsibility for the spill and be held accountable," she said.

According to Cardenas, the goal of the event — in addi-

tion to attracting publicity — is to pressure Unocal into taking action.

"Our objectives are to make [Unocal] release the documents [which specify the details of the spill] and for Unocal to clean up the spill 100 percent," he said. "Unocal is trying to get public exclusion of the documents, and we want them released to the public."

Eckberg added that the protest would include trespassing and other forms of civil disobedience.

"The people who [may be] arrested feel it is a small price to pay," she said.

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— Eric Cardenas

UCSB Environmental Affairs Board chair

According to Cardenas, Unocal may be acting irresponsibly in part because the people affected by the spill do not have a substantial political voice.

"Many of the people who are most affected by the spill are migrant workers with no political power," he said. "The spill is also affecting the ecosystem. There are many issues involved in the situation."

The public demonstration will be held on Saturday at the front gate of Unocal's Guadalupe Oil Field on Thornberry Road at 10 a.m. Carpools will be leaving from the Bagel Cafe at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call the CALPIRG office at 893-8319.

ALLEGATIONS

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these claims since I've been here and they're not giving evidence to support them."

In addition to the management's behavior, the custodial staff is also concerned with the possibility of losing their jobs due to recent contracting, which they contend has eliminated some jobs.

"The deal is, [the management wants] you to fail so they can contract out the work to the lowest bidder. They have already contracted out people from other departments — if we hadn't gotten together four years ago, we would not be [employed by the university] right now," Mason said.

However, Gonzales felt the custodial and groundskeeping staff have nothing to worry about.

"The real issue is in the close of the letter. Their fear is that we're going to contract out their career jobs and that's absolutely not true — no career employee will be impacted," he said.

Despite Gonzales' promises to look into the accusations and maintain jobs, Mason fears the management will not take the union's concerns seriously and is prepared to take further action.

"They're all crooked — this is a very corrupted management. This is serious — this is not a game. What our union didn't bank on was the stand we're taking. They didn't see that we would take the authority we have as stewards," he said. "If our union will not fight for us, we already have a lawyer in the retainer and we will file a class action suit — that's what we have to do to keep our jobs."

Ordinarily, in such departmental situations, grievance procedures are followed according to those set forth in a contract between the union and university, explained labor relations acting manager Leslie Sanchez.

"The grievance policy is a systemwide contract between AFSCME and the university that's negotiated and agreed to by both sides. We work with the department to resolve the grievances; it's pretty much a cooperative effort. Part of our job is to help facilitate meetings with union representatives — either stewards who are campus employees or business agents who work for AFSCME," she said.

Although she could not disclose details, Sanchez confirmed that the labor relations office has received complaints filed by the custodial and grounds employees.

"For confidentiality reasons, I can't tell you specifics about the grievances, but yes, we have had complaints filed in the past and still have some now," she said. "We'll continue to be involved in any grievances filed. This applies to other departments, not just the custodial staff."

Though the letter was written in early March, Yang did not receive news of the allegations until early April, at which point he took measures to ease the situation.

"I am sorry to learn of their distress over a variety of workplace issues. Some of their concerns relate to terms and conditions of their employment," Yang said. "These concerns are properly directed to the grievance procedures available to them, negotiated on their behalf by their union. I encourage them to pursue their rights in this form."

In response to the cited abuses of power, Yang directed the concerns to Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services David Sheldon for further investigation.

"There are very serious allegations. It's hard for me to determine whether these allegations are new or have been investigated," Sheldon said. "If in fact they have been investigated, there's no need to do another. But if there are new allegations, we will investigate them — the [internal audit manager], Joe Hakett, has the independent authority to do that."

However, Mason fears that promises will be rescinded and issues will remain unaddressed, as they have in the past.

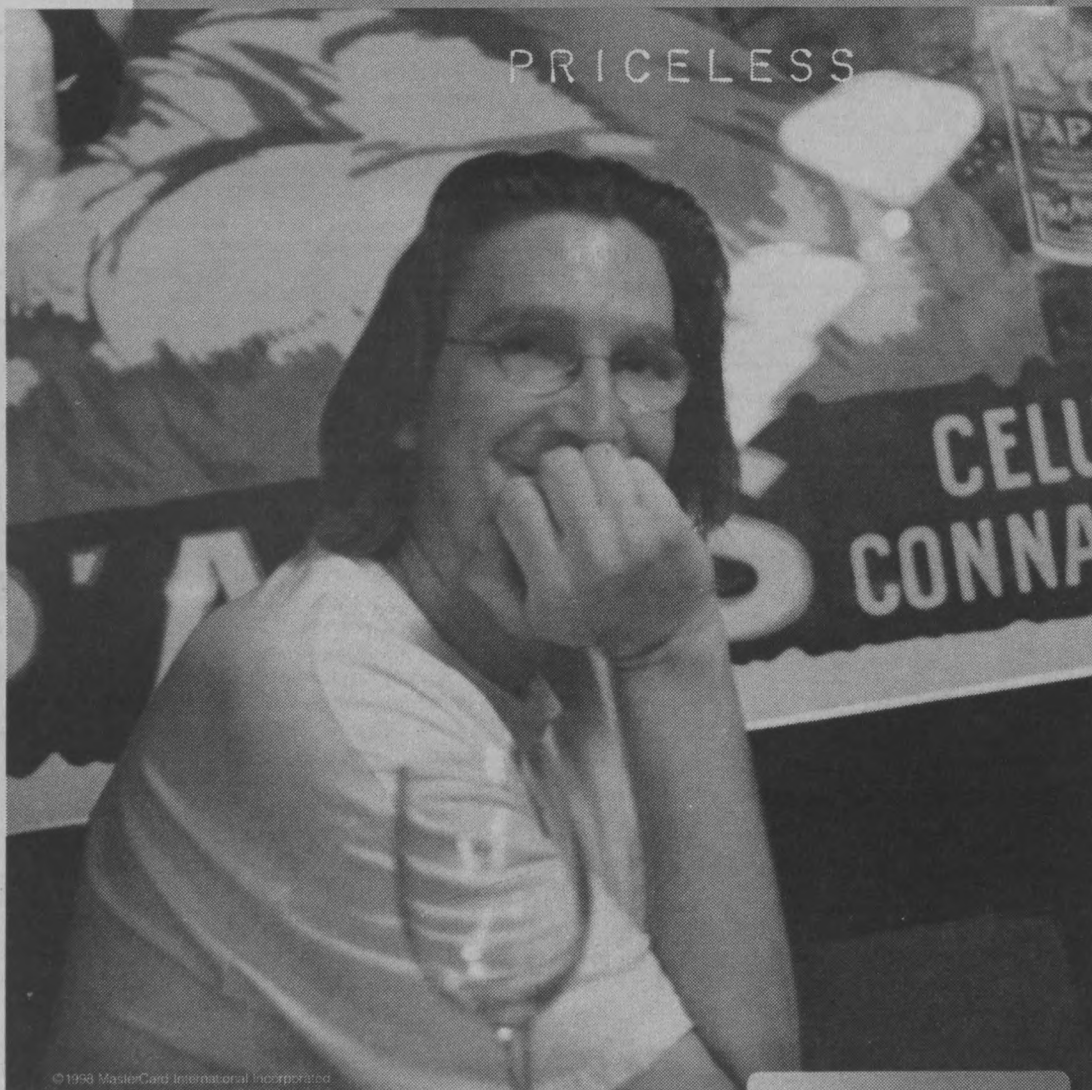
"About three years ago, [Physical Facilities Superintendent] Al Kelly was kicked out because 80 custodians went up and talked to Sheldon about him. Sheldon said that [Kelly] would never be back on board at F.M., and three years later, he's back. We have all kinds of evidence and letters of that," he said. "They put so much pressure and stress on the worker that they either quit, get fired or fight back — which is what we're doing."

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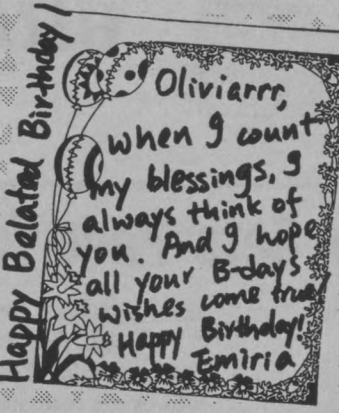
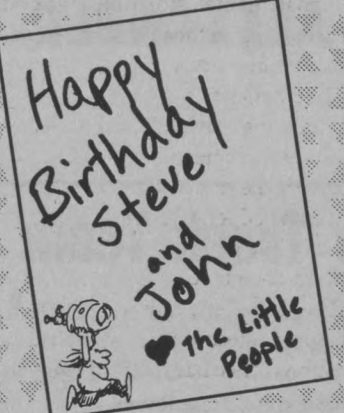
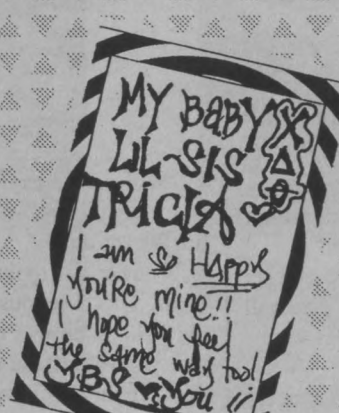
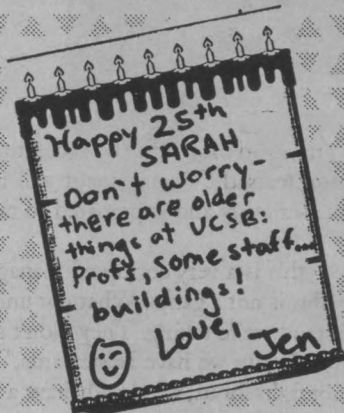


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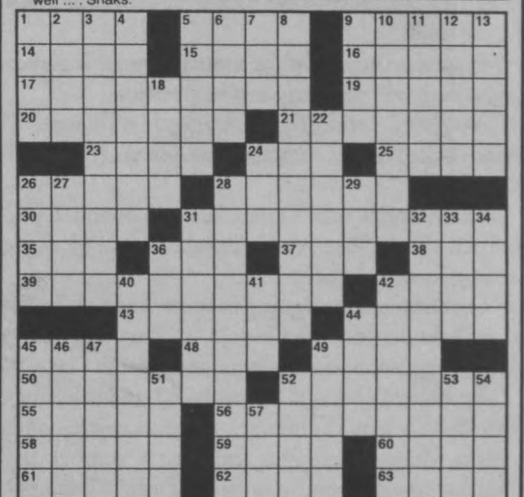
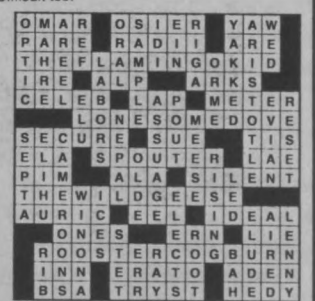
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Sports

Gary Cunningham Has Heart Attack Thursday

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According to KEYT-TV reports, UCSB Athletic Director Gary Cunningham suffered a heart attack Thursday afternoon.

After experiencing chest pains and nausea during a morning meeting on campus, Cunningham was taken by one of his assistants to the Sansum Medical Clinic's Immediate Care Center in Goleta. Sometime after being admitted, Cunningham



Gary Cunningham

reportedly went into cardiac arrest.

After being stabilized, the 58-year-old administrator was transferred to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, where an angioplasty procedure was performed to remove coronary blockage.

"He's stable," a Cottage Hospital spokesperson said Thursday evening. "That's the only information I can provide you with at this time."

Cunningham is said to be resting comfortably in the medical center's cardiac care unit.

The Inglewood, Calif., native has been UCSB's athletic director for the past three years after holding the same position at Fresno State University. Arguably the most important administrative decision of his tenure came on March 25, when Cunningham named Bob Williams as the sixth men's basketball head coach in Gauchos history.

In addition to his duties at Santa Barbara, Cunningham is chairman of the NCAA Business and Finance Cabinet and serves as president of the United States Collegiate Sports Council, which organizes and administers the annual World University Games.

Cunningham and his wife Barbara have two daughters, Stacy and Erin.

— Ben Alkaly

Sport Clubs Update

Santa Barbara Lacrosse Squads Are Focused on Playoff Success

BY NICK SOBOLESKI
Staff Writer

Both the UCSB men's and women's lacrosse teams are in action this weekend with the fate of their respective postseasons hanging in the balance.

Losing some close matches over the past few weeks after tearing through the early season with a 5-1 record has forced the men's team to step up its intensity down the stretch. The Gauchos, currently riding a five-game losing streak, hope to complete the regular season on a high note by beating the Broncos in Santa Clara this weekend before coming home to face Sonoma State.

Senior midfielder Burr Hilsabeck felt the squad's downward slide began after an 18-9 loss to Cal midway through the season.

"We have a young team," Hilsabeck said. "We started off pretty much on fire. When we played Cal it was a wake-up call. We got beat pretty bad."

Senior attacker Adam Minor pinpointed the team's weaknesses.

"The defense has been playing great," he said. "We're holding teams to 15 or 10 goals every game. Unfortunately, our offense has not been producing goals."

Minor recalled one of the more memorable games of the season, which Santa Barbara eventually lost in overtime.

"We played a really tight game against Illinois," Minor said. "They got a goal in the final 17 seconds to go one up. [After that] we got a goal to tie it up."

With victories over Santa Clara and Sonoma, UCSB can finish in second place in the Western Collegiate Lacrosse League and earn a favorable seeding in the playoffs.

"The entire season's going to come down to the last two games," sophomore defender Josh McGurk said. "Last year we won all the close ones. [However], none of it matters once you get into the playoffs."

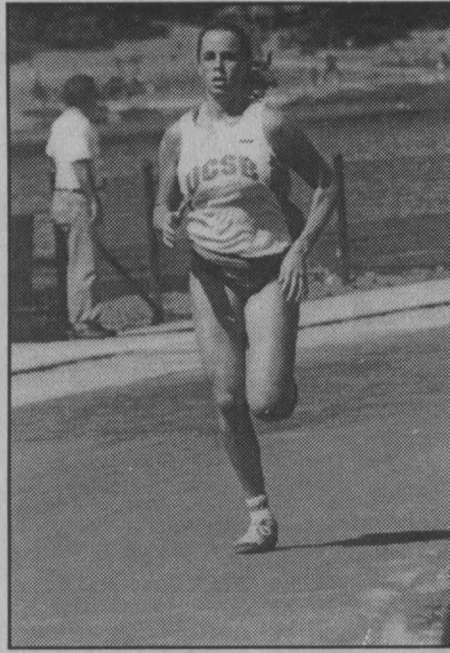
The women's team is currently 6-1 and is having a relatively easy time with its Western Women's Lacrosse League competition. Senior team captain Megan Burroughs feels that a number of younger players have contributed significantly to Santa Barbara's success.

"[Sophomores] Colleen Snider and Gwen Allen and [junior] Nicole Gherlone have stepped up their game and had an amazing season," she said.

The women play their final home match in Harder Stadium on April 18 against the Tri-Check Uvas; the men are in the Pit April 11 at noon.



Athlete of the Week



ELIZA ALEXANDER

Eliza Alexander Sets Pace for Track Team

BY NATHAN ELSTON
Reporter

Rockin' the Casbah.

That's what senior runner Eliza Alexander has been doing since she first donned a Gauchos uniform, and that's exactly what she did this past weekend at the Stanford Invitational.

By finishing her 10,000 meter race on Mar. 28 in a time of 35:30.17, Alexander broke Mary Mason's 16-year-old school record by eight seconds.

As an added bonus, her performance was fast enough to make her a provisional qualifier for the NCAA National Championship meet to be held in Buffalo, N.Y. The personal-best time has changed Alexander's feelings about the rest of her season.

"Nationals has been a thought for a long time, but not until my race at Stanford did I get that excited feeling," said the Tustin, Calif., native.

According to Assistant Coach Kristen von Teuber, that elated feeling is something Alexander has brought to every member of the Santa Barbara track and field team.

"She's exciting to watch, and she brings prestige to our program," von Teuber said. "There's never been an athlete like Eliza at UCSB. She's been good for so long."

To guarantee that she makes the trip to Nationals, Alexander would need to run an automatic qualify-

ing time of 34:20. According to track and field Head Coach Pete Dolan, however, a time of 35:15 has generally been good enough to qualify. Dolan believes that Alexander is quite capable of cutting her time down even further.

"She has the training and confidence to break 35:00," he said. "All she needs is another good opportunity, which she'll get at the Mt. San Antonio College meet."

Now that Alexander is in position to become the first female distance runner from UCSB to qualify for Nationals since 1983 — when Melissa Martel competed in the 800 meters — she has set a precedent for her younger teammates to follow. Dolan and von Teuber both believe that her success will instill a belief that NCAA appearances are achievable for the under-funded program.

"Eliza is proof of how well-balanced this university is," Dolan said. "She does well in academics and she competes on a national level. Plus she works a lot."

Alexander is quick to give credit to the people that have surrounded her for five years.

"I've personally thought I've been so lucky to come here. This whole atmosphere and campus have helped," the fifth-year psychology major said. "I've been happy outside of track. How can anybody not be happy here?"

Volleyball Has Another Set of Big Matches

BY SHANE CULBERTSON
Staff Writer

A good coach is one who can walk his team fearlessly into the valley of death with complete confidence it will come out the other side unscathed. This may be a bit of a harsh analogy for the current state of the UCSB men's volleyball team, but the confidence exuded by Head Coach Ken Preston as his team heads toward this season's crunch time would be hard to exaggerate.

With five games remaining in their season, each match becomes increasingly critical for the Gauchos (8-9 overall, 6-8 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation). This weekend's road matches are especially important, with Friday's contest being against division rival Loyola Marymount and Saturday's meeting with pow-

erhouse Pepperdine University.

Preston remains undaunted despite the imposing pressure of it all.

"We have to look at it as if the cup is half-full right now," Preston said. "We're going into these games believing that we can win all five. If we do that, we will be assured the fourth [and final] spot in the playoffs."

"I see it as if we have put ourselves into a particular position, and now we have to work to put ourselves into a better one. We have the capability, it's just a matter of going out and doing it."

If UCSB's previous match against LMU (8-8 overall, 7-8 in the MPSF) is any indication, tomorrow night's contest should be a doozy. The Gauchos defeated Loyola on Feb. 25 in a five-game thriller, winning the last set of the match 22-20 in rally scoring.

There will be little relief in sight for the Gauchos on Saturday as

they take on the #2 Waves (16-3 overall, 13-2 in the MPSF) at Pepperdine. UCSB was swept in three straight sets when the teams last met Feb. 27 in Santa Barbara.

Preston views the Pepperdine match with a typically optimistic eye.

"Pepperdine is beatable," he said. "Anyone can have an off night. I mean, Long Beach beat them last week, so it's not like they're going to play great every night. Hopefully we'll catch them a little off."

Gauchos star outside hitter Kevin Collins, who plans on being ready for LMU despite an ankle injury suffered last week, shares Preston's confidence.

"We set a goal to win the National Championship at the beginning of the season," Collins said. "We have no intention of letting go of that goal."