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"Chalk" Full of Fun!

The annual *I Madonnari* chalk-drawing festival is taking place this Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the Santa Barbara Mission. Bring your chalk and get ready to get artistic on the sidewalk!

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Oh, My!

A new leader and peace on two fronts. It's a world news wrap-up for your reading pleasure in this edition of the *Daily Nexus*. Take it in and know it all (almost).

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If someone is taking off with your bike, you had better stop them yourself — because the CSO may not be much help.

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Breakin' Away

The UCSB cycling team finished fifth at the National Championships in Greenville, S.C., last weekend. Two Gauchos also finished in the top 10 individually.

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National comedians come to Isla Vista Theater tonight at 7 in "The Show," a comedy showcase that will bring the house down.

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Department Receives Donation

BY LORI PENDERGRAST
Reporter

Thanks to a hefty donation by a UCSB graduate, funding for research personnel in the Women's Studies Dept. will see a helpful increase.

Alumnus Blair Hull has given \$400,000 to create the first endowed chair in the women's studies program. The interest earned from the money will go toward recruiting a senior scholar to conduct research in women's and social justice issues, according to Women's Studies Dept. Chair Shirley Geok-Lin Lim. The gift allows the department to be more competitive in recruiting the scholar, she added.

"Compared to other universities, the salary we can offer to a senior scholar is not very competitive," she said. "The interest [earned from the endowment] will be used on top of the normal salary offered."

The newfound funds will not only attract a major figure in the field, but will also give more prestige to the department and the university, according to Edward Donnerstein, Division of Social



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For the Love of Numbers

Randy Farwell (left), of Farmers Insurance, presents a check to Professor David Hinkley in order to support the statistics program and actuarial profession.

Sciences dean.

"The endowment will bring in a scholar who will enrich the humanities and social sciences division as the first endowed chair in the Women's Studies Dept.," he said. "It will add more prestige to the program."

Hull, who is also a UCSB Foundation Trustee, said he gave the gift in part to honor the women in his life who have fought for women's rights, and also to bring recognition to the study of women's

issues. Hull stressed the necessity of outside funding in order to have a high-quality education at a public university.

"It's evident that sufficient funding for quality education is going to have to come from the private sector. I have always been curious as to why women do not play a more prominent role in leadership in government and business — why there isn't more equality," he

said.

The fact that a man contributed a large endowment to support the Women's Studies Dept. made the act that much more extraordinary, Lim said.

"His gift throws the stereotype of what a successful businessman is like. He's such a positive role model for men and women," she said.

Campus Group Hosts Program To Encourage Education

BY KERRI WEBB
Staff Writer

Focusing on the importance of academics, a campus organization has again embraced large numbers of high-school students from Los Angeles and the Bay Area in its annual outreach program.

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The UCSB 100 Black College Men's annual high-school outreach program began Thursday, as close to 200 African American high-school students took part in the first day of a three-day event. According to 100 BCM President Kevin Henry, a sophomore com-

munication major, programs such as yesterday's "Academic Excellence" workshops help to prepare high-school students for the demands of college life.

"We have the [high-school] students staying with several UCSB [students] that have volunteered to house them in their dorms and

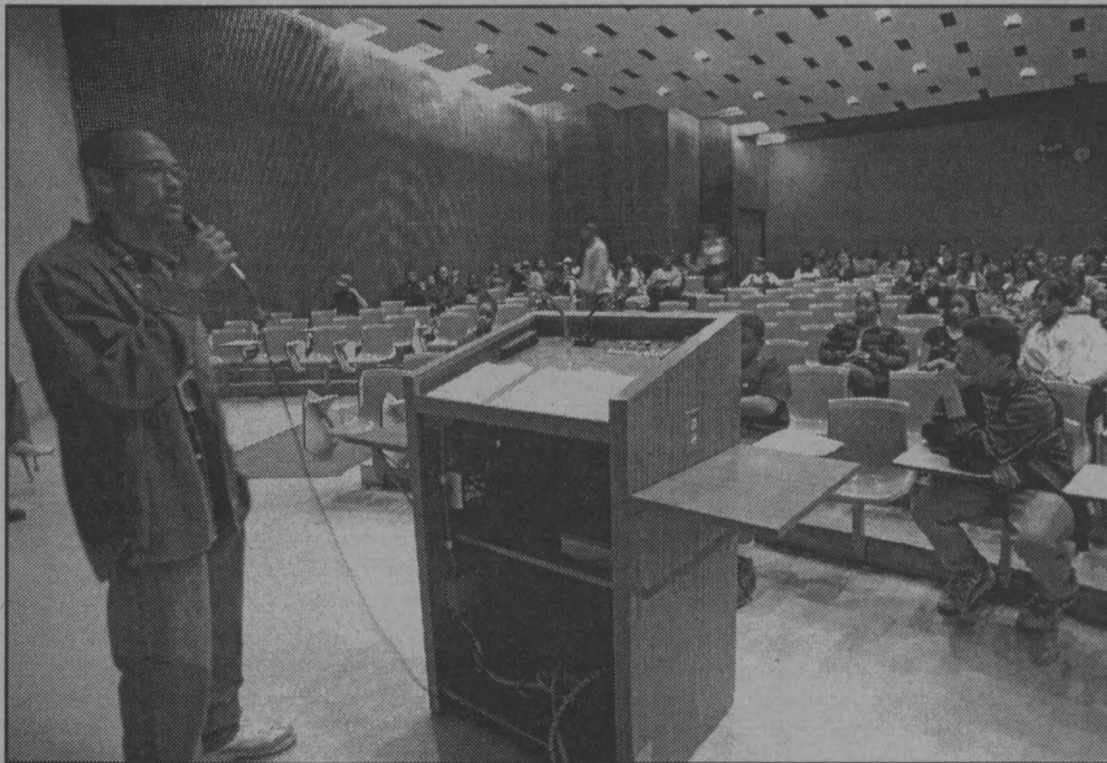
apartments, which gives them a feel for college life," he said. "There are going to be workshops on relationships and how to be productive members in their community."

Education graduate students Timmy Lee and Bryan Brown led yesterday's academic workshop on time management, note taking, writing, speaking skills and active listening. African American high schoolers took notes as Brown stressed the importance of possessing these skills, including expertise in speaking.

"By being able to command language, you command attention," he said. "You need to learn how to speak properly in different situations."

Lee said that the main goal of the program is to give students an opportunity to experience the benefits of attending a four-year institution and to demonstrate how important it is to prepare for higher education while in high school.

"One of the main goals is to expose the students to an environment such as a college environment, one that they might not have the chance to see otherwise," he said. "I hope that by doing that, it will inspire some, if not all, to achieve goals of excellence and also



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High-school students participate in a discussion before a film dealing with black images in the media as part of 100 Black College Men's annual outreach efforts.

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Top of the News

Suharto Out; Nation Faces Same Problems



JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — An untested, little-trusted successor took over Thursday in Indonesia confronting the same problems that drove Suharto from power after 32 years: angry students, powerful generals and an economy on the brink of collapse.

Suharto's vice president and protege, Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie, faced calls to step down almost as soon as he took the oath of office at the presidential palace — immediately after a mournful, apologetic Suharto resigned under growing public and international pressure.

Unappeased, the students who spearheaded Indonesia's anti-Suharto drive occupied parliament for a fifth straight day.

"We won't leave until Habibie follows Suharto. They represent the same things," said one, Ramadi, as thousands of his fellow students parted into the night to

celebrate Suharto's ouster. Indonesia's student protests exploded into mob violence last week after police shot six students to death at a protest. The subsequent looting, fires and rioting

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— Morzan Eqbal student protester

killed hundreds in the capital and eventually broke the autocratic Suharto's long hold on power.

"We are very, very happy," said Morzan Eqbal, while other students whooped, hollered and danced in the fountains outside parliament.

"We wanted Suharto to go for a very long time. We have made it. But we still have a lot to do," he said.

Military roadblocks, set

up Wednesday to stop anti-Suharto protests, were still in place in many areas of the capital of 11 million.

In his first speech to the world's fourth most-populous nation, the president asked for support from all levels of society and said he had heard protesters' de-

cluding Suharto's wealthy family, he stressed that change would be gradual.

The president, seeking to maintain the political stability needed to get this country of 202 million people out of its economic quagmire, even praised the raucous students.

"The struggle of the students, in speeding up the process of reform, constitutes a fresh breeze that is going to enter the 21st century," Habibie said.

Indonesia's currency and stock market plunged to record lows at the news that Suharto had picked him as his successor Thursday.

Habibie has a reputation for confrontations and infatuation with high-dollar, high-tech projects, rankling the military and alarming investors.

Habibie is Indonesia's third president since the country won independence from the Dutch in 1945.

mand for "a clean government, free from inefficiency and the practices of corruption, collusion and nepotism."

In his televised address, he called for compromise after days of confrontation and violence.

Habibie said the new Cabinet, which he is expected to appoint Friday, would pursue wide-ranging reform. But in an assurance to the military-backed elite, in-

Polls Open Friday For N. Ireland Peace Referendum



BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The victims, the killers, the peacemakers who never gave up, and the intransigents who never gave in will all decide Friday whether to work together for peace in Northern Ireland.

At stake in the referendum is a hard-won agreement among eight parties and the British and Irish governments that would create a custom-tailored Belfast government balancing Protestant and Catholic rights and obligations.

In a frenzied finish to the campaign to end 30 years of bloodshed, British Prime Minister Tony Blair unexpectedly stayed a second day in Northern Ireland to urge a "yes" vote.

"I don't pretend and I don't guarantee that everything can be sorted out, even if everything goes the way I want it to go tomorrow," he said during a visit Thursday to a hospital. "But it's just the first step."

Outside, he got a taste of the deep resentment among many Protestants. "You sold Northern Ireland out!" one man shouted.

Friday is a day of decision for all the island of Ireland, divided by a border since 1920 and by competing religious and national allegiances for centuries.

In the Republic of Ireland, residents must approve

amending the constitution to give up a claim on the territory of the British-ruled north.

Under the agreement, Northern Ireland would remain under the British crown so long as a majority of its people approve.

The agreement calls for a 108-seat Assembly, to be elected June 25, which gradually would take over many government functions.

Votes on important issues would require either a majority of both Catholic nationalist and Protestant unionist members, or a 60 percent overall majority.

In a gesture to Catholic hopes of unifying Ireland, the Assembly would cooperate with the Republic of Ireland on all-island issues of mutual interest, such as waterways, agriculture and tourism.

A poll published in Thursday's *Irish Times* found 60 percent of Northern Ireland voters backed the accord, 25 percent were against and 15 percent weren't sure. Within the Protestant majority, opinion was evenly split between "yes" and "no" voters, with about a fifth of Protestants undecided.

Ratification requires a simple majority of all votes, which will be tallied Saturday. The two governments, which hope for passage with at least 70 percent, say they do not know what they will do if the agreement is rejected.

Israeli Leader Invites Arafat to Renegotiate Mideast Peace



JERUSALEM (AP) — Benjamin Netanyahu is seeking a summit with Yasser Arafat to break the 15-month impasse in peace-making, the Israeli prime minister's chief adviser said Thursday.

A senior Palestinian negotiator, however, accused Israel of stalling tactics, saying there was no point in holding "meeting after meeting." "I don't think any talks will help any more. It's time to stop this game," said Saeb Erekat, adding that Israel should accept the U.S. plan for a West Bank troop withdrawal if it's serious ab-

out negotiation.

David Bar-Illan, a senior aide to Netanyahu, said Israel wanted to see the resumption of direct Palestinian negotiations, which broke off in March 1997. He said the Israeli leader brought up the summit idea in talks with U.S. Mideast envoy Dennis Ross.

Direct talks "may be the only way the process could be advanced," said Bar-Illan.

The Palestinians broke off direct negotiations with Israel more than a year ago after Israel authorized build-

ing the Har Homa housing project in east Jerusalem, which Israel captured from Jordan in 1967 and the Palestinians want as the capital of an independent state.

Israel's call for direct talks with the Palestinians comes at a time of rising frustration on the part of the Clinton administration, which is nearing a decision on whether to re-examine its role as active mediator.

Arafat has accepted U.S. proposals for a 13 percent Israeli pullback in the West Bank in exchange for enhanced Palestinian security measures. But Israel has balked at the scope of the

withdrawal and demanded that any agreement resolve the issue of yet another withdrawal the Palestinians expect to be carried out.

Bar-Illan denied a report in the *Yediot Ahronot* newspaper that President Clinton had given Israel one week to accept the U.S. plan.

"There's no ultimatum whatsoever," Bar-Illan told *The Associated Press*.

Should Netanyahu accept the U.S. plan, Clinton is willing to hold a Washington summit to be attended by the Israeli leader and Arafat on May 28, *Yediot Ahronot* said.

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Weather

Our cops need more style.

I've just completed two back-to-back screenings of "L.A. Confidential" and have come to the conclusion that our local John (or Johnette) Law is in need of a little face lift. What's missing is the cool, dry wit displayed by their celluloid counterparts — like the scene where that nerdy cop walks into the restaurant and goes "A hooker cut to look like Lana Turner is still a hooker, she just looks like Lana Turner."

Now, I'm not trying to promote police insensitivity, I'd just like to spice things up a bit. I'm also tired of hearing the usual obligatory nonwitty, dumbass infantile responses from today's MIP recipients. You're already caught, so think up something creative and go down with style. Today's weather: hot and pollen-saturated. As always, off the record, on the Q-T, and always hush-hush.

OUTREACH

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the desire to attend college and pursue higher education."

According to Associated Students President Wayne Calvin Byrd II, a member of 100 BCM, the students were selected by counselors of primarily inner-city high schools that were targeted as having low grades and test scores. He said that this year's program will have the same positive effect that it has had in the past.

"We look for high schools with low university atten-

dance, low graduation rates and low test scores — basically schools in black communities," Byrd said. "What we often try to do is look at [black] students here at UCSB and go down to some of the schools that they came from."

Byrd said that he hopes A.S. Legislative Council representatives who opposed his original budget, which would have allocated \$14,000 to this event, will view for themselves the benefit of the outreach.

"I hope that members of Leg Council could come out and see how students who

weren't thinking about going to college are now changing their minds about higher education," he said.

Eleventh grader Arianne Russ from Crenshaw High School in Los Angeles appreciated the efforts put forth by the organizers and volunteers of the event, saying that the experience has been motivational for her.

"Everybody here is so educated and it is so good to see so many black people really trying to get a degree, you know," she said. "It's all just so inspiring for me."



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Aries (March 21-April 19)—Today is an 8—It's a wonderful evening for romance, although there's a little confusion later. Something doesn't turn out quite the way you planned it, and the problem seems to be financial. Keep your credit cards and your cash in different pockets, so if you lose one, you've still got the other.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 7—Somebody's nagging you. You want to run, but that's not your style. Your style is to stand there and take it. That's why others feel free to tell you what's on their minds. Your only problem is that you don't often tell them back. Today, go ahead.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)—Today is an 8—Meet with friends during the day and figure out what to do next. Everybody wants to do something significant. They look to you for creative ideas, and you're full of them. All in all, this looks like a marvelous day for everybody concerned. Have fun, and help others.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 7—There may be another opportunity for you to say what's on your mind, and you're wondering if you should. Actually, that's good. That wondering helps you keep in control of the situation. Go ahead and choose your words carefully, but do let some of them out.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)—Today is a 9—If you're going to start new projects, take care. They'll turn out well eventually, but there are a couple of snags in the way first. Look at them as problems to be solved, and they won't be so threatening. Just don't try to do everything all by yourself.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is an 8—A sweetheart or loved one might want to spend more than you think is appropriate. Don't be dismayed or dissuaded, even if he or she throws a fit. You're the one who has been called on to act as the expert in this situation, remember? Don't forget that. Be firm.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is a 9—You feel like going places and doing things. You want to climb out of your rut. And, a very attractive somebody makes it even worse with radical suggestions. If you're not careful, you'll run off and do one of them. Oh, well. If you must, you must.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 7—There are emergencies popping up left and right. Luckily, you work well under pressure. In fact, you love pressure. You love excitement, the more dangerous the better. If you think of your frustration in terms of a battle to be fought and won, you'll make it a lot more fun for yourself.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is an 8—If you're not already in love, it could certainly happen before this day is over. If you are, or if you have a good prospect picked out, be with that person as much as possible. No flirting on the job, though. Set up something for later and then enjoy yourself fully in an appropriate setting.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 7—Discuss improvements you've been thinking about making to your place with your sweetheart or partner. Having an objective that's bigger than both of you is great for a relationship. That's true even if you're just dating, by the way.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is a 9—You're very intelligent, but today you'll be even smarter than usual. That's good, because you'll have a puzzle to solve tonight. This could turn out to be an advantage. You'll look so good fixing this thing that you'll gain stature in the eyes of someone you admire.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 7—You've got lots to do, and might be concerned about time and money. You don't have the time to figure out how much money you have, however. Hopefully, you've already done that. If not, perhaps you can get a loved one to do it for you. It's worth a try.

Today's Birthday (May 22). Your team is red hot this year! Find a cause you feel passionate about in May and get involved in June. Gain leadership skills in August. Entertain company in September and form a creative partnership in December. A foreign friend encourages you in February, and gives you some excellent ideas. Make a lucky career move in March, and urge your group to victory in April. When they win, you'll win, too.

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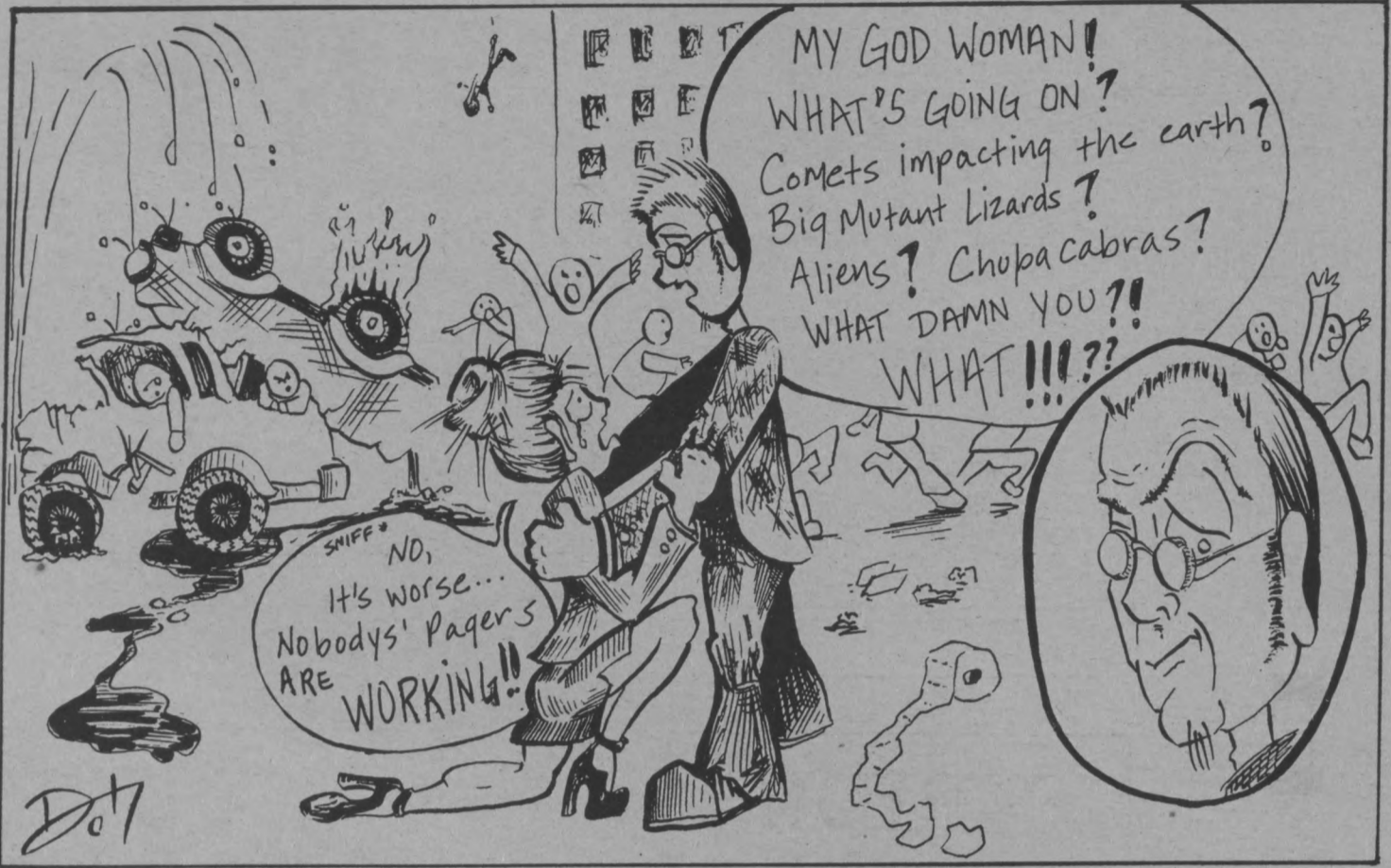
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Opinion

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Staff Editorial



LISA DOTY / DAILY NEXUS

So Much for Mobile Communications

With Americans' Electronic Umbilicals Cut, How Will We Survive?

Ah, America — the land of things taken for granted. Everyone from doctors to drug dealers has been walking around since Tuesday afternoon with completely useless little black boxes clipped to their belts. And from all reports, it'll be about a week before they fix the satellite that makes all of those little black boxes work.

So how is America dealing with this crisis? Well, in a lot of little ways, it's falling apart. On-call surgeons are either chained to a phone or sleeping at the hospital. Lawyers are sitting in their offices watching mold grow on the bookshelves. Journalists of all stripes are off somewhere crying their eyes out, or getting heroically drunk, or both.

This whole sorry situation neatly underscores modern America's sad dependence on the mighty works of man. What is America without pagers? A silly blubbing lump, that's what. We've become so used to having an easy, private type of communication available that in its sudden absence, we are lost.

For the next week, we'll all have to give people our *real* phone numbers, or no number at all. We'll have to stay by the phone if we're expecting an important call. We won't be as certain of reaching people when we call them up.

Sounds like American telecommunications 10 years ago. Remember those bygone days? Hell, not all of us had touch-tone phones back then. Cellular technology was hardly available even to those who could afford it. Digital PCS wasn't even on the horizon. No, most of us had good old land-line telephones, yet somehow we all scraped by.

This modern tragedy, however, has a silver lining if we are just brave enough to see it. For a week, we can be free, if we choose to be, from people who want to reach us. If we want some time for ourselves, all we have to do is walk out the door. Go hiking, swimming, bicycling, picnicking, even lovemaking. While we could do this before, we'd always have taken our pagers with us. And while we might have turned them off, we almost never did, because *we might just miss that important call*. Now, we have no choice but to leave the phone behind (unless you prefer to pay cellular or PCS prices). And we can reflect on just what sort of people technology has made out of us.

This time last week, in a crowd of 50, a pager could go off and 35 would immediately, in a reflex action, draw like it was the OK Corral. When the pager calls, we all start running.

So just who is in control here?

To Ol' Blue Eyes: Here's One More for the

Remembering What Was Unforgettable About America's Chairman of

STEVE WENDT

That's life.

I was in a hotel room in Fullerton when the news flash came on that Frank Sinatra had passed away. I knew it was coming, but for some indescribable reason, it blind-sided me. The coolest man that America had ever known was gone.

My friends always laughed at me when Sinatra crooned from my speakers, but I knew better. Frank Sinatra wasn't just your grandparents' star, he was larger than life ... and that transcends generations.

Sinatra defined American popular music the way Babe Ruth defined baseball or George Washington defined the Revolution. Before Neil Armstrong did it, Sinatra was the one who flew us to the moon and let us play among the stars.

The mystique of Sinatra was that the man had it all. He was a guy that men wanted to be like and that women wanted to love. He wasn't big or outrageously handsome, but his presence filled stadiums, much less rooms. The man could turn any venue into a corner bar. He would claim that he was just a simple saloon singer and proceed to convince 20,000 people that they were watching a guy on a stool in Anytown, USA.

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My regrets are that in his element — with Bishop, Peter Law, Sammy Davis Jr. and guys took over towns; looked like they had should be allowed to

They reveled in it when it wasn't popular no way Sammy accom American society with hind him. I always love that Dean Martin had smile and a drink in Deano claimed that ing. He decided to fre them like popsicles. T ter was that Frank sp Dean drank.

Sinatra was the lea they all knew it.

The fun times were ren't what made Old hard times were what Sinatra will live on been in love. It may n to say they are in love Frank did it for them Frank Sinatra gave ings expressions. Sur image, but his songs r

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ROBERT M. REED

To whom it may concern:

Let me just preface this letter by saying that I love the *Nexus* and wish you would all burn in hell. That out of my system, I'd like to relate a little piece of knowledge that has taken me five tedious years as a UCSB undergrad to see clearly. I'm talking about bike theft and the apathetic attitude the local system takes in addressing this problem.

Freshman year, way back in '93 ... it was a Ross Mountain bike that I had grown up with. Heavy, reliable, nice. I was living in the dorms, and like the sardines, there wasn't room in my room for a bike. I parked it outside, always careful to lock it with something solid. Still, it eloped one night with a sneaking bastard. That was the first time I made a five-mile uphill trek through the blistering sun to the CSO office, only to find out that they didn't really care. The CSO were kind enough to write my complaint down on some toilet paper on which I can only assume they later wiped their asses, but soon enough I was walking back home trying myself for wasting my time with them. The next bike was better, more expensive, better locked. I kept it indoors. No way was anybody going to take that puppy. So I was surprised when I came out of Broida and didn't see my bike in the middle of the day, fully locked in the middle of a crowded area of campus. Dozens of people must have seen someone steal my bike. I made the trek to the CSO again ... no help.

My next bike sucked. I was too poor to buy a nice one. The CSO took that one. Cut the lock, impounded it for not being registered. Why should I register it? It wasn't worth as much as the lock they cut. They can't do anything for a stolen bike, anyway. So I shelled out big and got it replaced. Impound fee, registration fee. Then it got stolen — who would have guessed? Smarter this time, I caught a ride to BFE — isn't it ridiculous that people without bikes are supposed to go all the way out there? ...

A couple of weeks later, they found my bike. Replaced it with a different color, kind of trashed, but definitely mine. Great, they couldn't find a good replacement, but a \$20 piece of shit is no problem. They would have found it had the thief not been a retard. He rode it to campus the week after it was stolen, and parked it illegally. It looked stolen with the spray-paint paint job, and when the guy

saw some CSO near it, he ran like hell — so like most semi-evolved life forms, they were able to sense the fear and decided to chase.

Being CSO, they were not very fit and were unable to catch the guy, even though they had his bike. I guess he could speed-walk faster than they could bike? He was even dumber. He had a parking sticker for some apartment complex on the bike, so even the slow-moving, dimwitted CSO couldn't help but track him down. I got it back, but they wouldn't tell me the thief's name, which

had it impounded. I registered it and the CSO put a stamp on it that went through the paint and started to rust immediately. Considerate from the beginning, those CSO.

I never left it out overnight until one night when I couldn't ride home. It was already late, and I had it locked up tight enough to make Houdini think twice, so I wasn't worried. The bike was going nowhere. The fork of the bike, however, was gone in the morning. I called the police. They feigned interest for a short time and said

Everyone knows they do that. I asked if they ever thought about setting nice bikes out and watching them until someone stole one, and then maybe catching them in the act. They said that was a pretty good idea, but they couldn't do that. All those CSO hired by MY fees, and they can't do anything creative to reduce bike theft?

I am absolutely convinced that in the time any student will spend at UCSB, the CSO will steal your bike, cut your lock, hassle you, annoy you, and cost you more than any bike thief will. The CSO and the police seem to be far better at hassling people for insignificant reasons than they are at helping the people who really need help.

Imagine how surprised I was when on April 28 I heard about a man who the police caught with over 15 bikes in his house. I was ecstatic. Maybe I was wrong about the police — maybe they really could do something right. I called and called to find if my fork was amongst the impounded loot, and was confronted with pure apathy. My roommate had an expensive bike stolen recently as well, and he did the same. He asked what was to happen to the bikes, and the police said the ones that couldn't be absolutely proven as stolen would be returned. The police never have gotten back to us about whether or not our stuff is there, and they will not let us look to see if we can identify anything as ours.

So here's how I see it: Bike thief steals my fork and my roommate's bike. We're sad, he's happy. Police catch bike thief. He's sad, we're happy. Police release bike thief and give him the stolen stuff back. We're sad, he's happy. What did the damn police do? There was no justice. The police probably extorted some money from him, but how does that help the victims of bike theft? The guy should be sodomized with every stolen piece!

For me, bike theft is the most pressing problem at UCSB. It has caused me more unhappiness than anything else during my five years here, and I am disgusted with the apathy with which the problem is treated. In the end, as ineffective as it is, I feel the need to say this: Bike thieves are such assholes.

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MICHAEL VELASQUEZ / DAILY NEXUS

I wanted to know, because I wanted money for the damn lock he cut. Like I said, it was worth more than the bike.

I bought a nice bike. \$1300 Specialized Stump Jumper. Front suspension, good components. Invested big bucks on a lock and a thick, thick cable. Kept it inside. Slept with it until my roommate threatened to strangle me, and my girlfriend to leave me. I was careful where I put it so I never

they would meet me at the bike. I waited forever. No one showed, so I called again. They sent a couple CSO officers who didn't know what to do. (Surprise, surprise.) I demanded they have it fingerprinted — it was like pulling teeth. They said there weren't any prints.

I asked what they do about bike theft, and they said they walk around looking for stolen bikes on campus. No shit, that's a great way to find idiots!

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The Road of the Board

is are that I missed out on Sinatra — with the Rat Pack: Joey Lawford, and especially Dean Martin. These towns into their seventies and they had more fun than people allowed to have.

led in their friendships, even n't popular to be friends. There's my accomplished what he did in society without Frank firmly be- always loved the carefree attitude Martin had. He always had a sly drink in his hand. One time ned that he had stopped drink- ded to freeze his drinks and eat psicles. The true fact of the mat- Frank spilled more booze than as the leader of that group and w it. times were just that, but they we- made Old Blue Eyes great. The were what set him apart.

ill live on in anyone who's ever t. It may not be popular for guys re in love, but that's all right — for them. Sinatra gave the inexpressible feel- ions. Sure, he had a tough-guy is songs reflected the vulnerabil-

ity that men don't like to admit having. His tunes were genuine and had integrity. His music didn't have whining, he just left it all on the line.

Grace and style were his calling cards. He never became unfashionable. That's a testament to his credibility.

Fittingly, the legend slipped away from the limelight with a dignity that was unparalleled. Although he is now gone, he'll live on forever for one simple reason: Frank Sinatra lived life on his terms. Not many people can claim that.

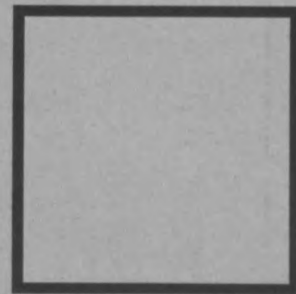
People always bring up the Mafia ties and the failed marriages. Sinatra definitely had his faults, but the public never saw the man give a struggling college student a 500-dollar tip for bringing him his morning paper. Nobody saw the man leave envelopes full of cash at the rectory of a church anonymously. He had the image of a bully because that's what the media wanted him to have.

He could be tender, he could be raucous. Sinatra lived the life of a swinger and the life of a devoted father and husband all on the same trip. He won and lost, he succeeded and failed, but he never quit and he never bent to anyone.

The man said it better than anyone else will ever say it in a song that has come to encapsulate his life. "The record shows; I took the blows ... and did it my way."

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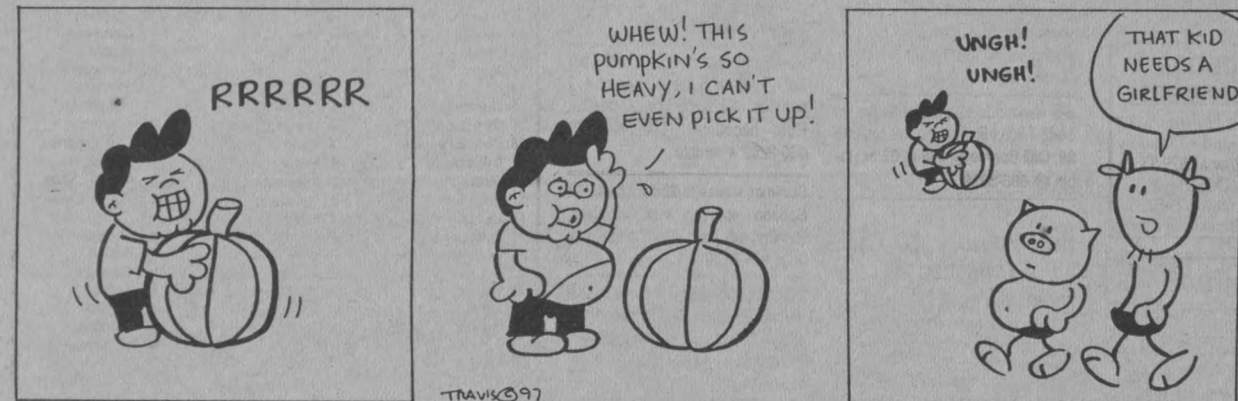
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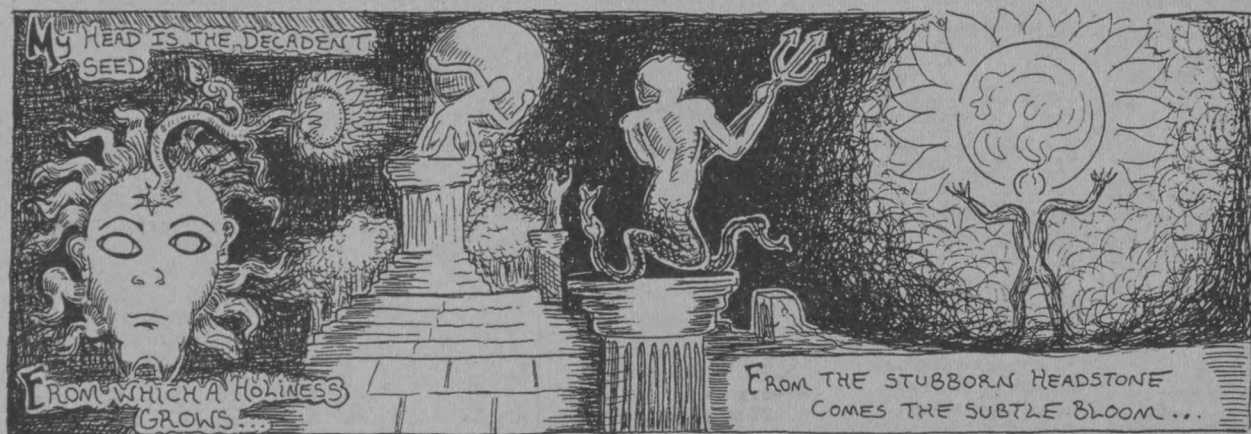
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Athletes of the Year-Honorable Mention

Raymond Tutt

SPORT:
Men's basketball

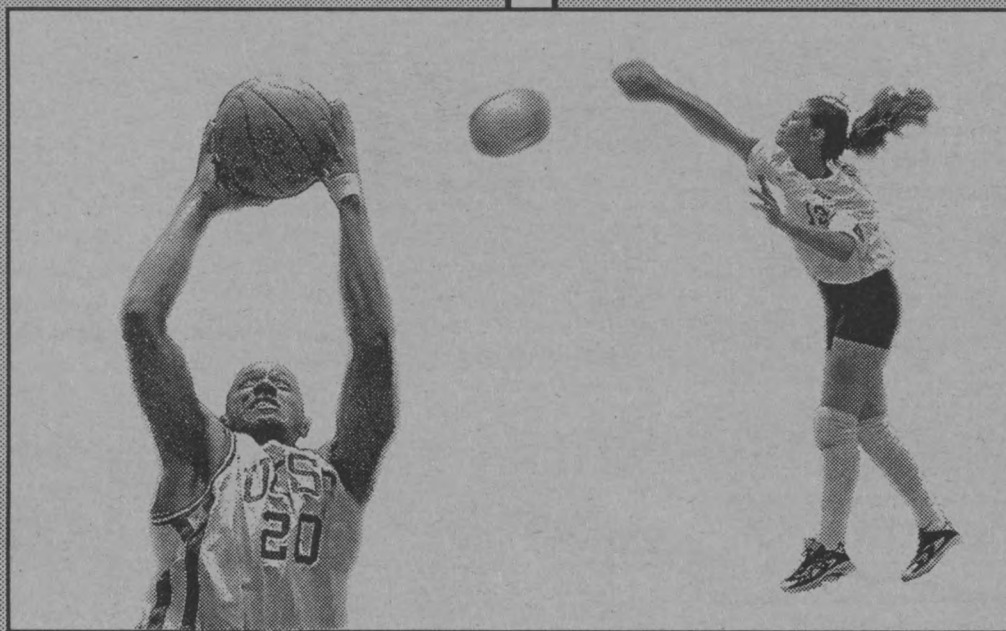
YEAR: Senior

HOMETOWN:
San Pedro, Calif.

POSITION:
Guard

Coach Jerry Pimm says:
"He kept working hard the whole year. He really came on strong at the end of the season and started to play some great basketball like he did his junior year. He had some big games and made some good plays for us."

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Although he was a marked man by opposing defenses, Tutt averaged a team-high 18.9 points per game to earn Big West Conference Honorable Mention honors. He also led the team with 41 steals, 34 three-pointers, and was second with an average of 5.7 rebounds per game. Tutt is projected by some to be a second-round selection in June's NBA Draft.



Katie Crawford

SPORT:
Women's volleyball

YEAR: Senior

HOMETOWN:
Fallbrook, Calif.

POSITION:
Middle Blocker

Coach Kathy Gregory says: "Katie helped us in the front row with her aggressive hitting and her blocking was at times dominant. Her biggest improvement has been in the back row by becoming a primary passer and scoring points with her serving and defense."

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Crawford earned first team All-American honors by posting a team-high 4.8 kills and 1.54 blocks per game. She also averaged 1.83 digs per game and served a team-high 39 aces. Crawford was named American Volleyball Coaches Association National Player of the Week on Oct. 22 after slamming 28 kills vs. UCLA and tying an NCAA record with 11 kills in 11 attempts vs. Utah State.

Santa Barbara Track and Field Readies for Run at Big West Conference Championship

BY NATHAN ELSTON
Staff Writer

Hearts will be pumping and pulses will be racing this weekend at the Big West Track and Field Championships in Boise, Idaho.

For all but the most select athletes, conference championships are the final competition of the year. As the last chance for competitors to prove their fitness, this meet is at once nerve-wracking and exhilarating.

"It's how you're going to be remembered," senior Alan Roberts said. "I mean, people have been training hard all season, so they should bust."

On the men's side, Idaho heads the list of contenders, followed closely by host school Boise State and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Utah State and Idaho figure to duke it out for the conference crown on the women's side, but the Broncos and Nevada also showcase powerful teams.

Although UCSB has three runners on the verge of extending their seasons to the National Championships on June 3-6, neither Gaucho squad figures to upset any of the favorites.

"Track and field is so pure, you know whether you have a shot at it

going in," UCSB Head Coach Pete Dolan said. "We're a fast-rising program, but not fast enough to win."

Although Santa Barbara is behind the better-funded programs for the moment, Dolan doesn't expect the situation to remain the same.



Sabrina Caplis

"I'm not settling. I'm hungry to see this team improve," he said.

A large bulk of the teams' point totals are likely to come from the distance runners, who have been carving a national reputation for themselves the past couple of years.

Junior 800-meter runner Sabrina Caplis goes into the meet with a personal record of 2:06.52, which is the leading time in the conference. Although this time is the 19th fastest in the nation, Caplis' position for nationals is any-

thing but sure. Due to the likelihood of fast 800-meter times being produced in other conference meets, Caplis will likely have to lower her own school record even further.

Senior Eliza Alexander has the 15th fastest 10,000-meter time in the country, but the psychology major will not run in this event due to its exhausting nature. She will instead focus her efforts on the 3,000-meter event.

Senior Trent Bryson finds himself in a position similar to that of Caplis. The business economics major has the fastest 3,000-meter steeplechase time in the conference, but is ranked 19th in the nation and will likely need to run faster to qualify.

One of the highlights of the meet for the sprint corps is sure to come from the relay teams. The men's 4x100-meter quartet is the best Gaucho team in the last five years, and they are capable of taking down a number of higher-ranked teams. Caplis is a dangerous anchor leg for the women's 4x400-meter team, and the 4x100 squad also has the potential to place well.

In the throwing competition, sophomore Dustin Emter is third in the javelin, and senior Jenna Endres leads the women.

Gaucho Cycling Returns to Old Form at National Race

BY NATHAN ELSTON
Staff Writer

Glory days are back for the UCSB cycling team.

National champions from 1989-91, the Gauchos once again reached the upper echelons of collegiate competition by finishing in fifth place at the national championships after two days of racing.

The team finished with 300 points, just 10 points shy of conference rival UC Davis and 24 points behind third-place University of Florida.

"It came together really well for them," Head Coach Kelly Steelman said. "The bummer is that we were so close to third and fourth. I think we could have made up those points."

Faced with 95 degree heat and 70 percent humidity on the first day, sophomore Amy Nett defied the conditions and placed fourth out of 99 women in the 52.2 mile road race. Senior Mike Easter was the only Santa Barbara rider to finish the men's 78.3 mile race, placing in the top 30 out of about 160 athletes.

On the second day, the men competed in a 12.5 mile team time trial, finishing about two minutes behind first-place University of Texas. Coupled with the first-place individual finisher in the road race, the Longhorns scored enough points to win the national championship.

In the afternoon criterium race, the men raced for 90 minutes around a one-kilometer course and the women went for 60 minutes on the same course. Easter captured second place in the men's race, completing the weekend with 165 points and a sixth-place overall finish. Nett crossed the line in eighth, and collected a total of 104 points for eighth place overall.

Nett expressed happiness that the team was able to represent UCSB so well in nationwide competition, and was satisfied with her personal results.

"There was a lot of East Coast-West Coast tension, which was surprising," she said. "We wanted to be recognized as a national power, and we did that. I just wanted to be in the top 10."