

Tuesday

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### Story Time

Author David Sedaris will read from and discuss his work tonight at 8 in Campbell Hall. This event is free.

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#### Big Money!

UC Berkeley and a biotechnical company sign a deal for \$25 million, while R.J. Reynolds Co. faces a settlement of \$206 billion.

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#### Here He Goes Again

Sadaam Hussein's latest antics have stirred up emotions in Henry Sarria.

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The UCSB women's basketball team won in its regular-season home opener.

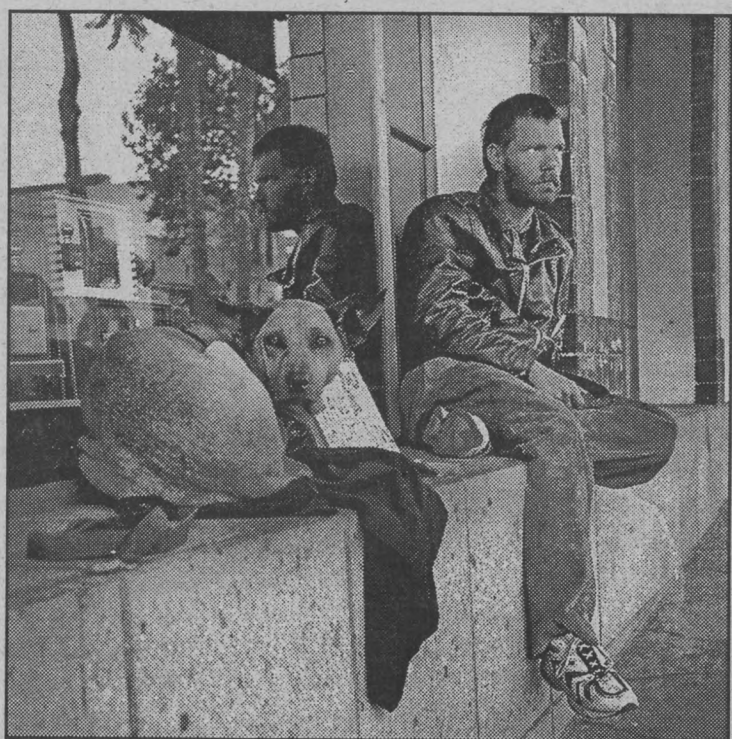
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Jacob and his dog panhandle on State Street. Street personalities like Jacob may be able to utilize the downtown winter shelter at the National Guard Armory opening its doors Dec. 1.

## Shelter Doors To Open Thanks to Supporters

BY JAMES BRAMLETT  
Reporter

Santa Barbara's homeless population may have some solace this winter in the form of a roof over their heads.

The Santa Barbara winter homeless shelter will open Dec. 1 at the National Guard Armory at 700 E. Canon Perdido Street. As a joint project, the shelter is funded by the county, the city, the Chamber of Commerce and a small grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, according to City Councilwoman Elinor Langer.

"The Chamber of Commerce decided to donate \$35,000 if the city and the county funded the rest," she said. "The governor, in his wisdom, did not provide funding."

When controversy erupted because the city council decided to move the shelter to the downtown Carillo Gymnasium due to the lack of funding, the Chamber of Commerce decided to help fund the shelter and move it back to the armory, Langer said.

The shelter has operated during winter months for the past five years and is designated for people whose only option is life on the street, according to Sheridah Gerard, head of the County Dept. of Human Services.

"The shelter is designed for people where there is no room at other

programs or can't conform to rules of other programs," she said. "The purpose of this shelter is to provide them with nutrition and a shelter."

Although many people who come to the shelter have drug, alcohol or mental problems, the shelter is not a rehabilitation center, Gerard said.

"We try to make contact with other programs, but we're not a recovery program," she said.

In previous years, the facility has housed an average of 150 to 175 people per night, and it can accommodate over 200 on peak nights, according to Gerard.

"I expect the numbers to increase slightly from last year," she said. "It may be due to the fact that the venue last year was smaller."

Local law enforcement will direct homeless people in violation of public sleeping ordinances to the shelter, as they have in past years, according to Santa Barbara Police Dept. Lt. Nicholas Katzenstein.

"We're not changing anything," he said.

The Salvation Army Hospitality House, which has been in operation for 100 years, is an alternative to the winter shelter, according to case manager John Ellett. The House runs a 90-day Job Club program that provides shelter, food and resources for the unemployed to get a job, he said.

"We monitor the savings of individuals, and we try to help them find housing," he said. "We have a 75 to 80 percent success rate."

## Sell Books, Get Money from A.S. Service

BY SHARON HELIBRUNN  
Reporter

Students have an opportunity to turn their textbooks into cash and possibly get a few extra gifts for Mom and Dad over the holidays.

The Book Exchange, organized by the Associated Students Business Services Committee, will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the UCen from Wednesday of Dead Week through the first week of Winter Quarter. The exchange will provide students with a more profitable method for buying and selling used books than going through local bookstores, according to ASBS Chair Nicole Simonian.

"The Book Exchange is a service to the students. Students can price their own books and sell them at a higher price if they would like," she said. "It will allow buyers to get a better deal on their books."

Students will be able to advertise their used books on a list available to prospective buyers, according to ASBS member Patrick Lavender.

"There will be a list, and students can sign up to exchange books," he said. "Hopefully buyers will look at the list."

Students selling books will provide an e-mail address or telephone number where they can be reached. Interested buyers can then contact them to arrange the exchange, Simonian said.

"We are just a liaison with phone numbers," she said. "We don't take books from sellers or cash from buyers. We just give students a way to reach one another."

Students will be charged \$1 for every five books they advertise. This surcharge will then benefit future student activities, according to Simonian.

"There is a \$1 surcharge for the books and no guar-

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## Donations Help Fill Stomachs, Lift Spirits

BY RYAN OTTO  
Reporter

With Turkey Day rapidly approaching, some people are going the extra mile to provide a happier holiday season to those in need.

One of the largest collectors of food for Thanksgiving distributions to the homeless and needy has been the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, according to Foodbank Agency Relations Director Laura Regis.

"We had a turkey drive on Friday, challenging people to fill our new Santa Maria freezer," she said.

Local residents responded to the call, donating over 150 turkeys, according to Regis, who added that although the bird fits the season, any form of food is appreciated.

"Our biggest contributor was [the local troop of] the Boy Scouts of America, who managed to bring in 25,000 pounds of food to the



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Members of Boy Scout Troop 126 help distribute food to the needy. This Thanksgiving, more than 25,000 lbs. of food has been donated through the efforts of Foodbank and other organizations.

Foodbank," she said.

According to Scout Executive Leonard Lanzi, the 10th year of the Santa Barbara Boy Scouts' "Scouting for Food" program has produced successful door-to-door donation requests. Boy Scouts, Cub

Scouts, Girl Scouts and Explorers all participated in the effort.

Other organizations, including Laguna Blanca School, State St. Chiropractic and the National

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## Organization Seeks To 'ACT' Out Against Oppression

BY RAY SMITH  
Reporter

A new student group focusing on awareness of oppression aims to open the lines of communication between the majority and minorities on campus.

Formed in August, Allies Celebrating Truth operates under the theory that it takes four generations to change the oppressive views of a society. The first generation to fight against these discriminations began its efforts in the 1960s and '70s and ended in the '80s, according to ACT Co-Chair Nick Hall. ACT provides a forum for people to discuss their experiences and feelings about racism, sexism, and other forms of oppression, he said.

"It's an ally club and we educate the dominant culture about its privileges over underrepresented

groups," he said.

According to Co-Chair Ben Schroeder, the idea for the group came from seminars he attended as a resident assistant in San Nicolas Hall last year.

"I received this diversity training, but I had no place to use it," he said.

According to ACT Adviser Ryan Greene, the group is unique on college campuses because it analyzes the actions of the caucasian population as it relates to minority groups.

"This is the only organization of its nature that explores white identity," he said.

Oppression is a topic that affects all students and should be acknowledged as a serious problem, Schroeder said.

"It's time that people in the majority population see oppressions such as racism, sexism and heterosexism

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# Top of the News

## Berkeley Signs Deal With Biotech Giant



**BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)** — A \$25 million deal between an international biotech giant and the University of California, Berkeley, is raising questions about the growing role of corporations on campus.

Berkeley Chancellor Robert Berdahl was jubilant about the arrangement announced Monday, under which Swiss-based Novartis will support basic research in agricultural genetic research in return for first rights to negotiate for up to 40 percent of the discoveries.

"We think it will spark a broad range of new opportunities in teaching, research, public service," he said.

But others questioned whether the corporate-campus marriage, the latest in a stream of such unions, heralds a trend away from

pure research toward work that produces a marketable product.

"We believe there are too few safeguards in this al-

[The deal appears to be] the inevitable trend of the future.

— **Arthur Caplan**  
University of Pennsylvania professor

liance ... to protect academic freedom from the influence of the gigantic, multinational corporation that is investing such a large sum of money," said a statement released by Students for Responsible Research, a student group at the school's College of Natural Resources.

That group also is worried the deal spells new emphasis on industrial agriculture, said member Jesse Reynolds.

While partnerships between business and

academia are common, this deal is unusual in that the money, \$5 million a year for five years, covers the entire plant and microbial biology department of the College of Natural Resources.

Bioethics expert Arthur Caplan, a University of Pen-

sylvania professor, said the deal appears to be "the inevitable trend of the future." That's not necessarily bad, he said, but what's missing is a formal ethical framework to answer ensuing questions about the direction of research and allegiances of faculty.

"We still have not managed to put together a road map for navigating this new world," he said.

Campus and Novartis officials said the unrestricted nature of the funding guards

against ethical quagmires.

"This research is, in my view, the final statement in academic freedom," said Steven Briggs, who signed the deal as president of Novartis Agricultural Discovery Institute, Inc., the company's California arm.

Supporters of the deal note that it gives Berkeley access to the company's high-tech resources as well as money while Novartis' first negotiation rights are limited to its percentage of the department's budget, estimated to be between 30 percent and 40 percent.

Novartis, which makes a broad range of products include drugs, genetically engineered crops and pesticides, will pay for commercial development of the research, but the university will own the patents and collect royalties.

Research will be guided by a committee of three Novartis scientists and three Berkeley faculty.

## Government Drops Joe Camel Ad Campaign Lawsuit



**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Federal regulators said Monday they plan to drop their case against R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., which they had accused of harming children with the popular Joe Camel advertising campaign.

Lawyers for the Federal Trade Commission said they will file a motion to dismiss the case because the recently brokered tobacco deal between 46 states and the tobacco industry — including R.J. Reynolds — would achieve the same objectives: banning cartoon characters in tobacco ads and funding anti-tobacco campaigns targeted at youths.

The nation's five biggest tobacco makers — including R.J. Reynolds — signed the settlement Monday with 46 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories. Under it, they will pay \$206 billion over 25 years to resolve states' claims for reimbursement for providing health care to sick

smokers.

The deal also calls for the tobacco companies to help finance anti-smoking research and education programs. They will give up billboard advertising, cartoons in ads, branded merchandise sales and other marketing tactics that critics say makes smoking more appealing to children.

Reynolds attorney John B. Williams called the government's intention to dismiss the action "eight years overdue," but he argued in court that the real reason for dropping the case was a lack of evidence that Joe Camel impacted teenage smoking.

The FTC brought the case in May 1997, arguing that the nation's #2 cigarette company set out to sell cigarettes to young people, creating a character that became as recognizable to children as Mickey Mouse.

Federal regulators had asked the judge to make R.J. Reynolds finance a 10-year anti-smoking campaign directed at children and to bar the company from ever reviving Joe Camel or similar characters.

## AP WIRE SHORTS

• **COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP)** — A disgruntled parent invaded an Orange County Dept. of Education office on Monday afternoon, taking at least one hostage and claiming that he had planted bombs around the building, authorities said.

No injuries were reported.

About 150 people were believed to have been in the building when the man went inside and about 50 apparently were released, police Sgt. Kevin Lovelady said.

Nearby buildings were evacuated.

Witnesses said the man had a gun but police could not immediately confirm that.

A police SWAT team surrounded the large single-story building at about 3 p.m. and negotiations continued hours later.

"Evidently this guy took some kind of hostage," said Chris Riley, city fire Battalion Chief. "He is threatening that he planted bombs around the building."

• **LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)** — An autopsy failed to determine the cause of death for a 6-day-old twin boy whose mother was arrested for investigation of murder, authorities said Monday.

The coroner's office had not ruled out Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, police spokesperson Karen Owens said.

The boy and his brother, whose names were not released, were born Nov. 15 at Long Beach Memorial Hospital without medical complications, Carrier said.

Carol Clark, 33, was arrested for investigation of murder on Saturday after the infant's body was found wrapped in a towel in a bedroom, authorities said.

Carrier said neighbors called police after seeing the mother standing on the front lawn, holding the twin and calling, "Where's my baby?" She was being held without bail.

• **RENO, Nev. (AP)** — Winds gusting off the Sierra Nevada at up to 89 mph blew out two plate glass windows at a closed restaurant Monday, downed power lines and trees and turned nearby valleys into dust bowls.

"It sounded like a bomb exploded," said Lisa Mohun of Truckee, Calif., who was 20 feet away when the windows blew out of the Two Giraffe's Bar and Grille in downtown Reno.

"We thought we were in a war zone," she said.

The winds blew the roof off an apartment building on Hubbard Street in Reno, flipped a small plane parked at the Douglas County Airport and toppled a 35-foot tree at the State Capitol grounds in Carson City.

A roof was blown off a greenhouse and an out building was blown down in the valley, but no other damage reports were reported.

Sustained winds of 35 to 55 mph were the rule across much of northern Nevada Monday, downing trees, tipping billboards, snapping railroad crossing bars and knocking traffic signals out of service.

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## Weather

The coolest thing about the South is how socially acceptable it is to smoke.

In fact, it seemed as if everyone was smoking down there. You can smoke in restaurants, bars, airports, and yes, even hospitals! Better yet, they still sell cigarettes in vending machines — even minors can join in the fun! Yup, going to the South is sort of like visiting California before the birth of all this crazed, health-nut, anti-smoking coalition nonsense that we're bombarded with everyday.

The ultimate irony is that Californians are all, "clean air this, healthy environment that" and yet take a look at L.A. Look at that brown, filthy blanket of smog over Southern California. Look at those endless freeways and interstates occluded with cars. Just beautiful.

Today's weather: It's a cool, clear autumn day. You know, on days like today I enjoy smoking an occasional filtered Camel Light. Ooooooh, that sweet North Carolina tobacco taste.



## Police Report



### You're Not Fully Clean, Unless You're Drunk-Fully Clean!

On Saturday, Nov. 21, at 1:58 a.m., officers responded to a call from a house on the 6500 block of Del Playa Drive regarding a possible sexual assault suspect in custody. Upon arrival, the officers contacted the 22-year-old female who reported the incident. The woman told officers that she and her boyfriend had discovered the suspect in her shower at her house on the 6700 block of Del Playa. The boyfriend confronted the suspect, according to Isla Vista Foot Patrol reports.

"[The suspect] said, 'I need to get out of here,' and left the restroom," reports state.

The woman recognized the suspect as being her cousin's roommate and confronted him at his house, where she told him that she had called the Sheriff's Dept., according to reports.

"He was at the party ... and went into the restroom because he was feeling sick. [The suspect] heard someone trying to open the bathroom door and [the suspect] tried to lock the door. [The suspect] was unable to lock the door. [The suspect] hid in the shower because he was 'embarrassed' about being sick inside the bathroom," reports state.

The suspect confirmed that he had fled the scene when confronted, according to reports.

"When I told [the suspect] I did not understand why he hid in the shower [the suspect] said, 'I don't understand myself,'" reports state.

IVFP officers encountered a 21-year-old male who was stumbling toward them holding an open three-quarters-full bottle of wine, according to reports.

"[The suspect's] speech was heavily slurred as he stated, 'I had a lot to drink,' when he was asked how much alcohol he had consumed," reports state.

The suspect was cited for public intoxication and was taken to Santa Barbara County Jail to be housed pending sobriety. While being transported to jail, the suspect vomited in the back seat of the patrol car, and upon the officer's request, returned the next morning to clean the vehicle, according to reports.

### Rule Number 1: You Just Don't Steal a Man's Drugs!

On Friday, Nov. 20, at 11:50 a.m., a 43-year-old male came into the Foot Patrol office and asked that a report be taken for the theft of his wallet and approximately 35 to 40 cocaine #3 tablets, according to reports.

"[The victim] said he was sleeping in Anisq' Oyo' Park on the afternoon of 11-19-98 when apparently some unknown person(s) opened the victim's fanny pack and took [the wallet and pills] without waking him," reports state.


The victim questioned all the people who regularly frequent the park, but no one had any information. The victim was seeking the theft report because he wanted the pills replaced without paying for them, according to reports.

**Excuse Me, But Is Your Name Ralph?**  
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— Compiled by Curtis Brainard from Isla Vista Foot Patrol reports

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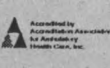


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## BOOKS

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antee that they will be sold," she said. "The dollar will go to advertising expenses and supplies for the Winter Quarter book exchange."

Students that advertise will also have the opportunity to post their information on an Internet exchange site, Simonian said.

"Students can advertise on the Internet if they would like. In the future, the \$1 surcharge will also be used to pay someone to update the Internet exchange site and keep it current," she said. "We'll have binders dedicated to majors. Prospective buyers can look up their major and check out who is selling the books they need and what condition they are in."

The goal of the event is to help students cut the net costs of textbook purchases, according to Business Services Committee member Amy Chou.

"Our main objective is to help students

out, because we understand how expensive [the process] is," she said. "Our committee is about making revenues and giving that back to the students."

The Book Exchange was successful three years ago, Chou said. One reason it was less profitable in recent years was the lack of community interest.

"The Business Services Committee hasn't been active for the last couple years," she said. "We're trying to get it started up again. In addition to the Book Exchange, we are also selling spirit items at sports games and we hope to get a student store started that we can profit off of."

Freshman Tim Short believes the exchange will benefit students.

"It would be cool if you could sell your books for more money than what the bookstore would give you," he said. "More money is always good."

## ACT

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as their problem," he said.

ACT's future plans include a freshman film series in the residence halls, activities with other groups on campus and compiling a list of allies. Above all, attracting members is the main goal for this quarter, Hall said.

"Right now we are in a big recruitment stage," he said. "We want to do active programs on campus that offer a valuable source for group issues."

ACT recently became recognized by the Office of Student Life as an official campus organization and was named one of the top 10 programs presented at the Pacific Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls conference earlier this month, according to Schroeder.

ACT meetings are Mondays at 3 p.m. and Fridays at 1 p.m. in the MultiCultural Center.

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

**Aries** (March 21-April 19)—Today is a 7—Looks like you've got a good opportunity, and if you're obedient, you'll most likely be successful. This is not the opposite of strong leadership, by the way. The best leaders are obedient to just about everybody. That's what makes them strong. The people they lead empower them, and today your team thinks you're absolutely awesome.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 5—You may not recognize a good opportunity, if it's in an area that's unfamiliar to you. You may have to learn how to do something different, and that could be a little scary. The pay should be pretty good, however. Just make sure you'll be getting the money before you go to too much effort.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21)—Today is a 6—The moon is in Aquarius now, and that looks like a lot of fun. Aquarius is the sign of the scholar. Yours is the sign of the student. With the sun in Sagittarius now, you're most likely going to be interested in studying partnerships or relationships, or one relationship in particular. That certainly ought to be interesting.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 5—You'll be more successful today doing work you've done before. Unfortunately, you may have to do something over that you thought was already done. It's important to do this job right. There could be money hanging in the balance. The closer you come to perfection, of course, the more you'll get.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22)—Today is a 7—Your mate or partner could come up with an absolutely bizarre idea today. You may think it's ridiculous, but actually just the reverse is true. The idea just hasn't been completely worked out yet. That's why you're in this partnership. Make the necessary corrections and you'll probably be able to fly that thing.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is a 5—You may face a technical problem today. Don't freak out if you don't know what to do. You'll figure it out. Besides, you can get support from your partner. It'll be emotional rather than technical, but that's important, too. Meanwhile, don't be upset by a minor problem at home. It'll be easy to deal with once the place clears out a little.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is a 7—You're usually attracted to intellectual types, and today you could get an opportunity. You're learning fast, and there's a person who knows more than you do who is especially fascinating. You've always had a tendency to be the teacher's pet, because you ask all the right questions. Make sure you do the homework too, or this won't last.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 5—You might feel like you don't have any control over a strange situation at home, and that's a feeling you hate. Try changing your way of looking at it. That could affect the outcome. Don't fight with somebody who has different opinions. Listen instead, and adapt your own philosophy to incorporate the best of the other person's ideas.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is a 7—You're probably a philosopher, not a scientist, but today would be a good day to study science, or even science fiction, much of which becomes fact. The good stuff, anyway. The bad stuff could come true too, and that's where the philosopher comes in. It's up to people like you to steer things in the right direction.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 5—Necessity is the mother of invention, and she's going to be active in your life today. She may be bossing you around, telling you to check items off those lists. There's a lot of preparation to be done. Today, as you hustle and bustle about, watch for ways to make and save money. You could discover some interesting new ones.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is a 7—You're looking good today. You're creative and bold—just the person you've always wanted to be. Even better, you've got a team that wants to play your way. They're just waiting for you to tell them what to do. Conditions are similar tomorrow, so you can do some more research if you'd like. Knowing you, you probably will.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 5—You're probably getting a little squirmy. Rules need to be followed. You need to communicate with people who pull the strings and provide what you want and need. You hate it when this happens. You feel like they're talking down to you, and maybe they are. Don't take them too seriously and they'll be easier to deal with.

**Today's Birthday** (Nov. 24). Yours is the sign of higher education, and this year you'll be even better at it. You're naturally talented, but sometimes you lack the enthusiasm to study. This year, you'll be voracious. Start your study plan now and fund it in December. By February, you'll notice you're reading everything in sight. You're solving problems and displaying technical skills you never realized you had. By March, you'll have time to relax. You might do so at home, where you're most comfortable. Unplugging the phone for the weekend is a great way to vacation. In April, there's a bit of a hassle concerning an old romance. When you come clean about what happened, from your point of view, you'll give the other person room to do likewise. In late August or early September, you'll have a chance to travel. This could lead to a marvelous opportunity. Definitely go for it. You'll take action in September on something you can use in your career. Be bold. It looks good on you.

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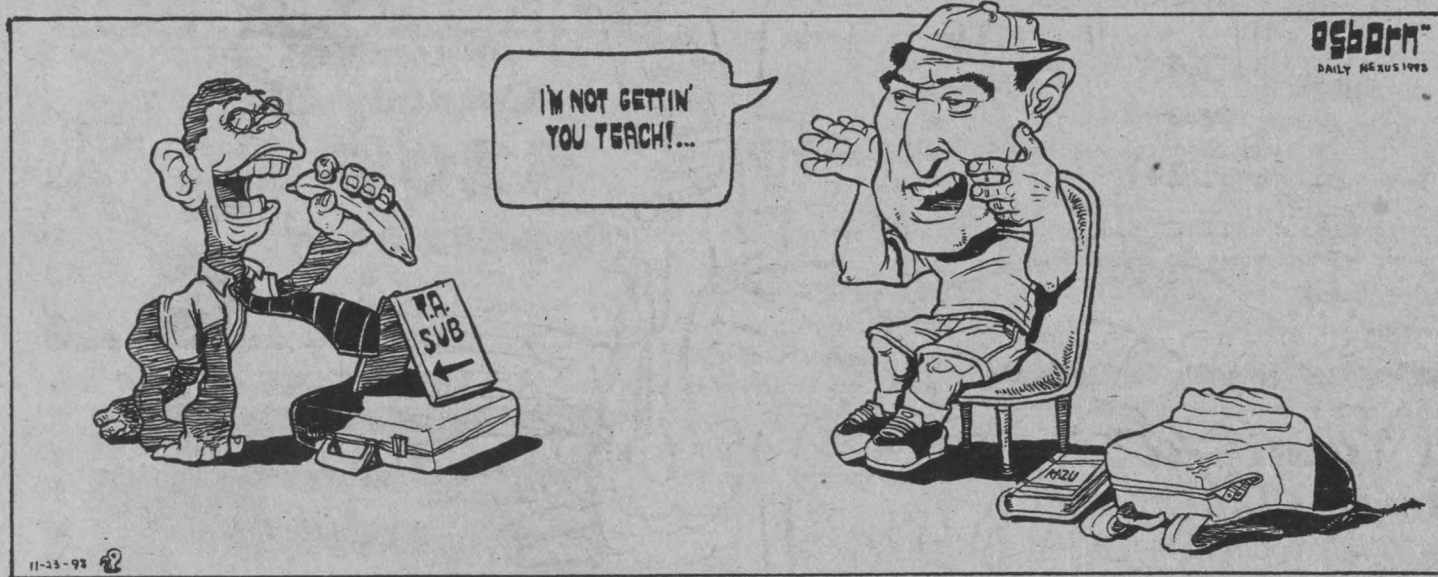
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## The Call for Unionization

*The Looming Teaching Assistant Strike is Justifiable in Order to Get More Rights for Overworked Teacher's Aids*

**T**he question of a strike among the teaching assistants at UCSB has drawn the attention of the campus. However, now they are serious and are planning to not perform their usual duties in the upcoming weeks.

The TAs are — and have been for some time — calling for unionization so they can have the power of collective bargaining in negotiations with the university. They are also calling for an expansion of the benefits they are offered. The TAs here are an invaluable resource to the university and should be recognized as a union. They are the ones who perform the majority of the work that allow undergraduates to gain an education, and the wages and benefits they are given does no justice to their worth.

The TAs have several options of how to go about the strike in terms of the time frame. They could go on strike indefinitely until their demands are met, or they can use a short strike at the end of the quarter as a bargaining chip in future negotiations. It would be very wise for the TAs to use the latter if they are seeking to garner the best possible results from the strike.

A key to the success of the strike is the undergraduate population. The TAs need their support in order for the university to finally realize the legitimacy of their complaints. If the TAs were to strike indefinitely, possibly lasting well into Winter Quarter, many undergraduates could become upset and shift their support to the university. Losing undergraduate support could possibly be the worst thing for TAs.

TAs bear the brunt of the work of undergraduate classes. For

the most part, they lead sections, grade papers and are the very people undergraduates go to with problems regarding classes or personal issues. Yet the administration considers them merely students, not employees. A TA's duties are understood primarily to further their education. However, these "students" go above and beyond the call of duty to see that undergrads get the best possible education.

The professors at UCSB are research oriented, and students understand that when they decide to come here. It is, after all, a research institution. However, without the TAs, a major portion of undergraduates' education would be sacrificed because most professors are not willing to sit down and grade hundreds of essays.

No tension should exist between those TAs choosing to strike and those who aren't; it is an individual choice. So far it seems as if there are few resentments between the two factions, a trend that will hopefully continue.

TAs are touting their unionization as a way to provide better education to undergraduates by lowering section class size and producing more enthusiastic TAs who are better equipped to deal with the large work load while they themselves attend classes and attempt to get a degree.

In the upcoming weeks it will be interesting to see if the TAs can get what they should have been granted years ago. TAs at other UCs and universities have been rewarded for their diligence, and it's time that UCSB recognized their importance.

## Saddam Hussein

*The Same Situation That Caused the*  
**HENRY SARRIA**

Well, he did it again. The madman the U.S. loves to hate has done it one more time and once again the same countries who were part of the "U.N. Coalition" that supported the initial U.S. action against Saddam Hussein have once more backed down to their original position.

Keeping in mind, these were the same countries that pleaded with the U.S. to come in and do something in the name of "world justice" when Kuwait was invaded by Iraqi troops back in that summer of 1990. These were the same countries that formulated the U.N. resolution that Iraq must follow as a function of losing the very war they waged. These were the countries that pleaded to any and all that something, anything, had to be done about Iraq's weapons capabilities. How they forget what deeds they've done.

But once again, these same countries falter in maintaining the position that they created in the place, all the while putting our troops in harm's way simply due to the vast logistics involved in moving troops across the world. And why should they? Do any of those countries even offer to contribute financially to keep the madness created by Saddam Hussein in check?

Moving troops and equipment around the world to defend those who don't contribute can be quite a costly venture. Ever wonder why our deficit will never

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ally be "fixed"?

Then there's the public-relations bashing that the U.S. undergoes every time the commander in chief decides to take some form of decisive action. Sure, the bad guys because everyone comes crying to us at the time they feel Saddam isn't playing by the rules.

For our eagerness to help, the U.S. gets labeled a warmonger state. Need the world be reminded that it was Saddam Hussein who ordered the madness in the first place? Need the world be reminded that there is the only country from the past coalition that is willing to live up to the goal decided by the other hardy nations that are quick to plead for help, but not to reprimand when it involves clutching up?

How easy it is to forget when someone does work for you. And it's not just in Iraq that this misadventure goes down. Iraq is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. Remember Bosnia and the living hell created by

## The Reader's Voice

### DINING HALL EMPLOYEES WORK HARD TO PLEASE

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in response to "Dining Commons Are Too Chaotic" (Reader's Voice, Nov. 18). The amount of bitching a freshman can do never ceases to amaze me, but every once in a while, I do get especially shocked.

I really feel for poor Miss Amanda Reynolds who constantly has to suffer through the "food-like substance" or "regurgitated stomach bile" she and the other dorm dwellers have to endure. I find her unfounded remarks about the food and employees of the dining commons system insulting and derogatory without cause.

I've been employed by the university in a dining commons since I was a freshman, three years ago. We work hard and deserve respect, because not only are we students, but we're workers, too. We take pride in our

work and we work hard.

There are students in the kitchens as early as 5:30 a.m. to cook your food. We sacrifice time that could be used to study, sleep, party or any other number of things for a job that often doesn't pay much more than minimum wage.

We only get paid once a month and that's tough on us, so sometimes when you come in and the lobby checker is "semi-coherent" maybe you should think about why. Nobody I know works because they just really want to, unlike so many UCSB students.

We NEED to work to pay for things like rent, school, books and bills. If you can't read the menu and figure out what you're being served, maybe you should spend less time partying and more time brushing up on your reading skills. After all, this is college, you're expected to know how to do it.

In addition, UCSB's dining commons system is second only to Cornell University and it's also the only large-scale food operation in the United States to install and vigorously carry out a strict food safety system:

HACCP (Hazard Awareness and Critical Control Points).

So, the next time you're in for a meal and you feel like you're not getting all the love and support you deserve from each and every employee, try to empathize with us because we have to deal with hundreds of ignorant, spoiled children like yourself at every meal, so we're not always in the best of spirits.

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### CONCERT A SUCCESS DESPITE LOW TURNOUT

Editor, Daily Nexus:

First, we would like to thank all that participated in the Benefit Concert Saturday night. We had four terrific bands that came and played for free: Harvey Kirshner, Rocket Air, Bona\*fide and Munkafust. After hours, DJs from Cold Beer Entertainment kept the party going past three.

The Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity brothers were spectacular hosts, helping us

set up and clean up, as well as helping in the preparations for the event. We would also like to thank the hundred or so of you who came with donations and cans. The money is now being used by Direct Relief to send medical supplies to Central America.

At first we were angry. With a venue capacity of 3,000, along with four bands, free gifts, the promise of late night partying, our extensive publicity on the front page of the *Nexus*, an article in the *Independent*, public service announcements on the radio and thousands of fliers and handouts, we were sure we would expose the struggle of those struck by this devastation who were already less fortunate than even the poorest among us.

Our anger peaked when the Isla Vista Foot Patrol showed up at 10 p.m. to tell us to turn it down, even though the neighboring fraternities were just as loud and probably the ones who called. This anger became sadness, not for what we had tried to accomplish or out of self-pity, but sadness in the type of community we live in.

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## Hussein Has Done It Again ...

... and the Gulf War Is Once Again Hovering Over the World

other than Mr. Milosevic and his Serbian troops upon those helpless Bosnians?

Whatever happened to the plans to capture certain individuals accused of war crimes to be tried in front of a U.N. tribunal? Every time the U.S. troops captured someone that was wanted on these charges, they had to be released due to pleas from the same nations that wanted these criminals arrested. Maybe it was all a big mistake.

I love peace just as much as the next person and the decision to go to war is one that I never look forward to simply because of the reality that war sucks. It always has and it always will.

War, the indiscriminate killer it is, puts an end to the lives of young people full of dreams as well as the lives of old people full of wisdom. The aftermath of

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war is something that takes a toll on even the victor, but most affected are the survivors of the regime that starts a war only to lose, thus forcing the aggressor nation to pay war reparations, kind of like what Iraq is required to do.

For all it's worth, war should be outlawed, but there's always someone like Saddam Hussein willing to throw a wrench in the works of world peace. And why shouldn't he? Mr. Hussein is very well aware of the financial cost of moving troops and of the displacement it creates, especially around the holidays. It's no wonder he's pulled this crap off every Thanksgiving or Christmas for the past few years. Kind of twisted, yet smart.

But it has its flaw. The flaw comes in the form of the U.S. resolve to keep the U.N. accord that Iraq signed after a humiliating defeat intact, with no help from so-called "allies" within the U.N. mind you.

There's always the usual whiners within the international community who are quick to call the U.S. a bully, but also quick to drop a hot potato on the lap of the U.S. as a function of their inability to deal with the problem at hand, and that problem is Saddam Hussein.

The U.S. may have its problems, but at least it is willing to do something in order to preserve some sort of order in the otherwise chaos created by the end of the Cold War.

Simply put, the U.S. is still the only super power left and, like it or not, the world community will always



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come to us for help when it comes to matters of military might, especially since no other country in the U.N. is willing to take any sort of stance on anything of importance.

The real threat comes from the chicken-shit nations who don't have the backbone or resolve to do what the situation calls for.

The position wasn't asked for, the spot was simply filled by the vacuum created when the Eastern Bloc fell apart during the Gorbachev era, and it was with this that the increased responsibility of "global policeman" was bestowed upon this nation. Damned if we do it, damned if we don't — there's no right in any decision we make in the eyes of the rest of the U.N.

So here we are once again, pointing fingers as to who backed down first and how the problem will be dealt with the next time around. But if any of us take the time to notice, it's not Iraq or Saddam who pose the biggest threat to our country's national and economic security as well as the security of our troops.

The real threat comes from the chickenshit nations who don't have the backbone or resolve to do what the situation calls for, especially when it comes to a mili-

tary decision. Next time, let them solve it on their own. It'll save us a lot in the long run.

Sure, they have the guts to speak up on the subject of U.S. aggression, but when was the last time they checked themselves for similar charges or, worse yet, backing down in the final hour? As for the first query, true, not every nation can possess the military might of the U.S. or a battle-proven history, but I can say with ample amounts of certainty that when it comes to the second issue of backing down, many of the critical nations can boast for the title of champion within this realm hands down. It's a title the U.S. will never hold.

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## That's Right ...

The end of the quarter has finally come, so start getting ideas about what to complain about next quarter.

Letters to the editor **MUST** include the author's **FULL** name, phone number, year and major.

## 's Voice

Those of you who decided not to show, perhaps because you wouldn't have to pay at OP keg parties, or because you were playing our \$100 video games or maybe getting high, is where our sadness was grounded.

This world is divided in many ways. In law you can be guilty by association. Indifference or lack of action are as bad as wrong action.

We went to Direct Relief Thursday to pick up billboards as well as information to give to the crowds we expected and spoke with the president who was very excited that Santa Barbara students were going to join in this cause.

She told us of a \$10,000 donation that they were able to stretch to send \$250,000 of medical supplies to Central America.

From this benefit concert we had hoped to receive \$4000 or \$5000 from our Isla Vista Community to give to Direct Relief. Today

we brought them \$480. With donations of \$1,025, from the generous who felt this concert was a worthwhile cause, and the personal commitments of the three of us for a \$120 each, we tried to create an event Isla Vista might embrace, but came out financially unsuccessful.

We don't see this as a lack of success. Almost \$500 is going to Direct Relief, those that showed got to have some fun and the three of us learned a great deal about ourselves, about promoting and about the community we live in.

More importantly, maybe we raised the awareness of this community, even in the slightest, that there is a world beyond the boundaries of Isla Vista, and perhaps raised awareness about the existence of ignorance and indifference.

Regardless of the financial success of this event, we hope that in our attempt at taking a large step in bettering our world our com-

munity has taken a step also.

Again, thank you all who participated.

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**MONEY, NOT RACISM, IS  
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Editor, Daily Nexus:

Lately there has been a flood of articles and editorials talking about the evictions of the Latino families in Isla Vista's Balboa, Cortez and Colonial apartments.

I can't stand to listen to all of the articles that are saying the landlords are racist. Now, don't get me wrong, I am not defending the slumlords ... oh excuse me ... landlords. In fact, I have had my share of problems and lawsuits with these people.

But they are in a business. Their business, just like everyone else's, is to make money. And the bottom line of these evictions is the

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The opportunity to make more money is a "just cause" for me. Anyone who has taken a basic economics class knows that when supply is down and demand is high, the price rate is driven up.

When it comes down to it, the landlords are just doing what every single one of us would do if we were the landlords. When people are willing to pay more than other people, it is, much like the people who say that it is racist, a no-brainer.

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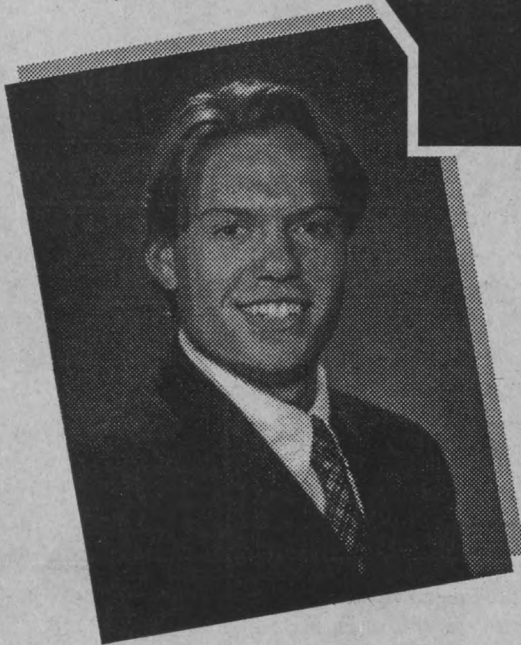
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Although many local shelters will not open until Dec. 1, there are a variety of locations that will be serving meals on Thanksgiving, according to Community Kitchen Manager Tucc

Nelson.

"The Foodbank is providing food to the Salvation Army Shelter and the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission," she said. "The Community Kitchen will become more heavily involved around Christmas time, providing meals for the people in the shelters."

Lanzi stressed that even the smallest donations are appreciated, especially during the holiday season.

"The average person can just open up their wallet or

cupboard and that would be enough," he said.

Regis said that while Thanksgiving donations are a good start, hunger is a year-round epidemic that needs to be addressed.

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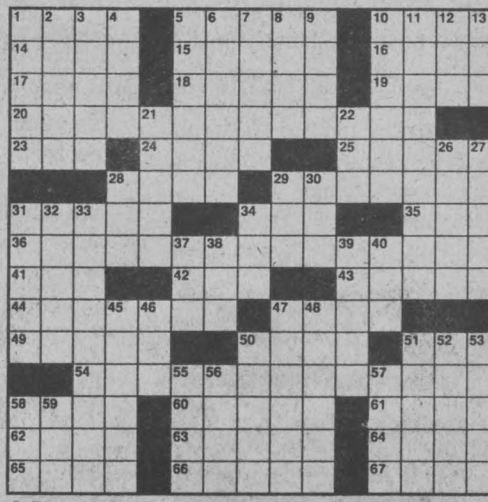
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# Sports

## Hot Stove Burns Bright

STEVE WENDT

What is it about the intensity of midseason NFL football that always gets me thinking ... about baseball?

The Hot Stove League is in full swing. I know there isn't really a need for hot stoves out here on the left coast, but the Patio Heater League doesn't really do it for me.

Yesterday, the stove burned some fingers as the Braves signed Brian Jordan, late of the St. Louis Cardinals, and the Indians plucked future Hall of Famer Roberto Alomar out of the free-agent pool.

The intrigue and insight that follows the offseason wheelings and dealings of Major League Baseball keep my mind off the fact that baseball isn't being played (well, actually I watched three hours of Caribbean Winter Ball the other night in romantic Español). The ticker on ESPN always brings hope of offseason salvation ... a big signing.

I even get a rise out of something like Brian Giles getting swapped for Ricardo Rincon. Giles was called untouchable last season in a deal that would've sent Randy Johnson to the Tribe.

Now a Giles/Rincon deal goes down? No offense to Rincon, but my questions are as follows: Who sells the Indian front office their crack? How much is it? Where can Cavalier players get it (they're not working)?

The beauty of the Hot Stove League is the beauty that baseball possesses as a whole. It fosters conversation. I can talk about how the National League should not suit up teams if Atlanta lands rumored deals with either Kevin Brown or Curt Schilling. I can think about all the batteries that will be put to proper use if Albert Belle plays left in Yankee Stadium instead of against New York. Think about it, Albert, those damn Duracells sting like a mofo.

Offseason deals are great because they give you a chance to feel good (or worse if you're a Marlins fan) about your team. You can see the front office trying to put a better product on the field, to fill some holes and some seats. It sure beats watching Kansas State demolish Cowpie Kentucky State (Go CKS!) 77-3 in college football.

By the way, pitchers and catchers report for spring training in roughly seven weeks.

— Steve Wendt is the Daily Nexus Sports editor.

**NBA  
Hate-Fest:  
Day 22**

## Gauchos Pummel Orangewomen in Thunderdome

BY STEVE WENDT  
Staff Writer

The Syracuse women's basketball team may have walked into the Thunderdome as Orangewomen, but they walked out black and blue.

The Gauchos used an impressive first-half cushion to coast to an 85-74 victory over the visiting New York school. Santa Barbara jumped on top thanks to sharp shooting and strong defense, outscoring Syracuse 45-28 in the opening period of the Gauchos' regular-season home opener.

UCSB got a little sloppy in the second half, a fact that didn't please UCSB Head Coach Mark French. "I liked the first half," said French, whose Gauchos raised their early season record to 2-1 overall. "I liked our defensive intensity in the first half. I thought our rebounding was good in the first half and I thought we were mentally focused. Unfortunately, we couldn't sustain it."

Junior wing Tawneé Cooper added that letting teams back into games by losing focus is really go-



Tawneé Cooper

ing to hurt down the road.

"That's something we really need to work on," said Cooper, who had 13 points and eight rebounds. "The first half of games is good enough to win us Big West Champion, but we want to go so much further than Big West. Once we can put two good halves together, watch out. We're going to be a good team."

Sophomore Erin Buescher led the Gauchos with 23 points and seven assists as well as a game-high 12 boards. She shot 75 percent from the field and 66 percent from three-point land.

Syracuse junior Paula Moore led all scorers with 28 points, 22 of which came in the second half. Moore went to the foul line 17 times in the second half, converting nine of them. Moore was the only consistent scoring threat for the Orangewomen, a fact that distresses Syracuse Head Coach Marianna Freeman.

"That's one of my concerns about my team," Freeman said. "We have to find other ways to bring about some good offense."

Freeman also added that the Gauchos can muscle up inside, something that is more suited to her Big East Conference as opposed to UCSB's Big West.

"I thought that the play was very physical," Freeman said. "We just have to be a lot tougher. I commend UC Santa Barbara; they play hard and tough. I'm real impressed with them. The coach has done a tremendous job with them. I'll enjoy bringing them to Manley Field House. We can have a rumble in the jungle there, too."

UCSB junior Stacy Clinesmith

## UCSB Heads North Searching for First Win of New Season

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Coming off its first loss to Westmont College in 40 years, the UCSB men's basketball team is searching for both answers and its first win.

Winless for 11 consecutive games dating back to last season, the Gauchos (0-3 overall) travel to take on the University of Portland on Tuesday night.

After jumping out to an early 10-0 lead against the Warriors on Saturday night, Santa Barbara eventually fell, 54-53. A possible explanation for the early lead might be the fact that UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams — still in search of his first victory as a Gaucho — went with three more new starters than his two previous matchups against Pepperdine and San Francisco.

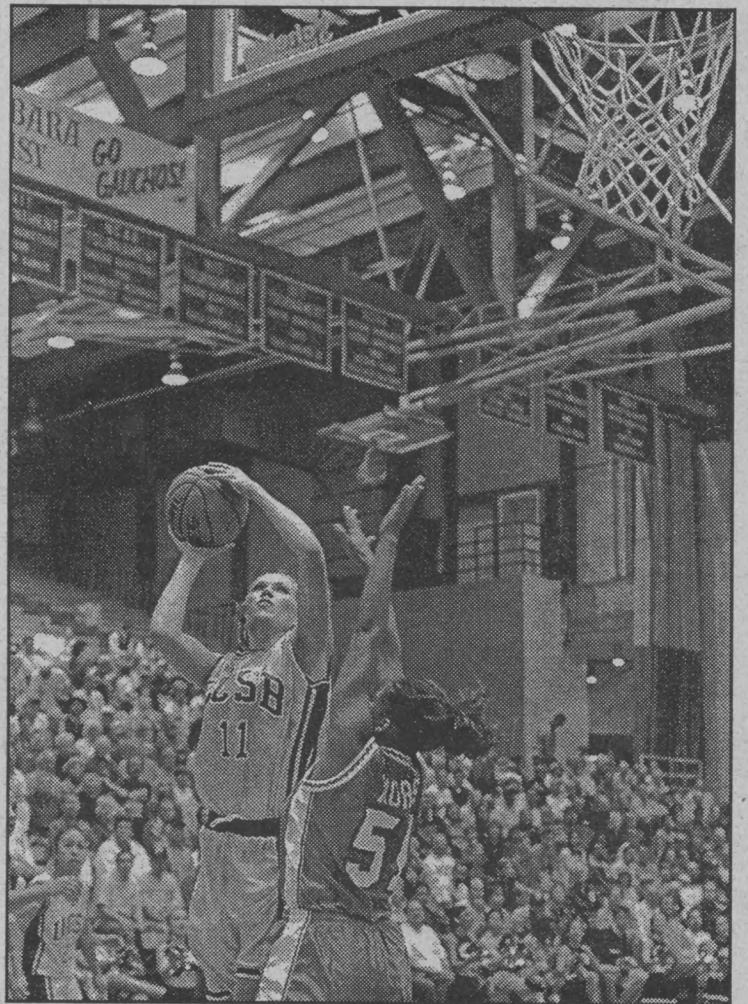
Instead of having a backcourt of junior Derrick Allen and sophomore Brandon Payton, Williams had junior Larry Bell running the point and junior Erick Ashe as the

off guard. Ashe had been one of the original starters as swingman but was moved to shooting guard in place of bigger men in the paint.

Sophomore Matt Blakely started at small forward and sophomore Adama Ndiaye was the team's center in place of senior B.J. Bunton. Having his best game of the year Saturday was senior Josh Merrill — one of the original five — with 20 points and 10 rebounds. It was Merrill's second double-double of the year.

"We didn't practice very well [last] Friday," Williams said about the change in starters. "We were very sluggish early and we weren't competing at a very high level. So, I put five guys together who were competing at a higher level. It picked up the whole level of practice."

Of the original starters that were benched, only Payton was unable to play big for UCSB. Bunton went 6-10 from the field for 12 points and he grabbed five rebounds. Allen had four points, two of them on a layup with 8.6 seconds left, giving the Gauchos a momentary lead.



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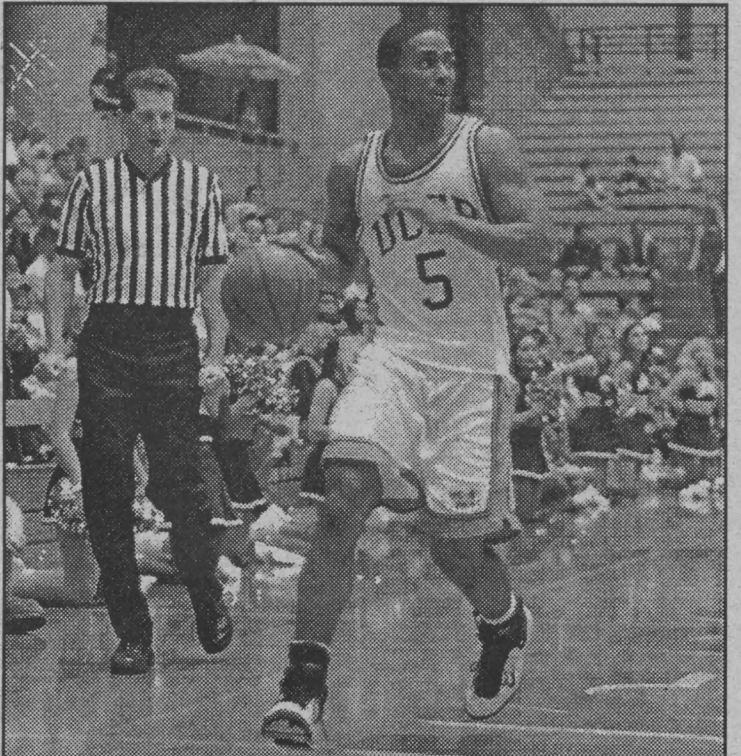
**EYES ON THE PRIZE:** Sophomore Erin Buescher and the Gauchos gave 1,326 fans at the Thunderdome something to cheer about with an 85-74 victory over Syracuse. UCSB is now 2-1 on the year.

had 11 points while junior Kristi Rohr and sophomore Rachelle Rogers added 10 points apiece.

Santa Barbara will host Drake University of Des Moines, Iowa, and try to burn off a turkey hanger at 7 p.m. on Friday. The Bulldogs were 25-5 a year ago and return two 6-foot-4-inch players, junior center Tammi Blackstone

and junior forward Haley Sames.

"They're a very good team," French said. "I was watching their tape last night and I didn't sleep much afterward. I'm very excited, it's going to be lots of fun. They beat Marquette at Marquette by 17 and their big kid, Blackstone, only played 17 minutes with foul trouble."



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**BELLS WILL RING:** Junior Larry Bell hopes the men's basketball team can earn its first win of the Williams era.

With 22 seconds left, Allen took a charge to give Santa Barbara the ball back and set up his own layup.

As for Payton, he missed all six of his shots, his second poor shooting performance of the year. In the opener at Pepperdine, he hit only 4-13 shots, and against USF last Wednesday he had a turnover that caused him to lose focus and he was benched for a good part of the game.

"We've got to get more guys stepping up at certain times," Merrill said. "Including myself, if I had stepped up more we would be in the win column."

Coach Williams cites one thing to help Santa Barbara start winning games.

"This group needs to get a lot more togetherness for us to be successful," he said.