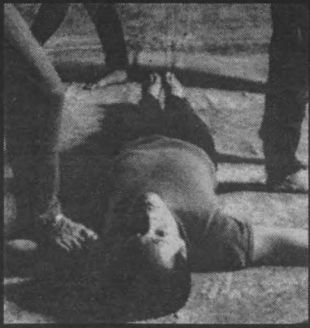


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Happening Tonight:

Dancemakers, a Canadian performance company, will perform at Campbell Hall tonight and Saturday night beginning at 8. Tickets are \$10/\$13/\$16 for students, \$14/\$17/\$20 for general admission. Call 893-3535 for more info.

INSIDE:

You Know What A.S. Is ...

Now find out about their graduate-student counterpart.

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In Pursuit of Progress

Find out what Ireland has done to surpass the U.S. as a progressive nation.



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Home Sweet Home

The UCSB women's volleyball team will try to stay on the winning track when the University of Nevada and Utah State come to the Thunderdome this weekend.



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Hey, Kids!

The newest market on the block and the latest entertainment in the club scene await your perusal ...



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Native American activist Suzan Shown Harjo will give a poetry reading today at 4 p.m. in the UCSB MultiCultural Center Theater. Admission is free.

Basketball To Debut Tonight

By TONY BIASOTTI
Staff Writer

The 1997-98 UCSB men's basketball team will be unveiled tonight against a backdrop of live music, free pizza, and a shot at a \$10,000 scholarship for a pair of lucky fans.

For the first time since Head Coach Jerry Pimm took the reins of the Gaucha program, the team will celebrate the beginning of the season with a college basketball tradition known as Midnight Madness. The NCAA allows basketball teams to begin official practice at 12 midnight on Oct. 18, and Pimm said that the placement of this year's date enabled him to schedule his first Midnight Madness at UCSB.

"[Midnight Madness was scheduled] because it's on a weekend and we won't interfere with class schedules the following day," he said. "Too many people did Mid-



NEXUS FILE PHOTO

Gaucha fans show their support for the men's basketball team. This year's fans will have the opportunity to do the same tonight at Midnight Madness, the unveiling of the new team.

night Madness in the middle of the week, so this year the NCAA moved it to Friday."

Mike Thrasher, an intern with the Athletic Dept.'s marketing division and one of the event's organizers, promised an evening full of entertainment to attract even the most casual basketball fans.

"It's going to be something for

the students to see," he said. "Cool Water Canyon will be playing, and prizes will be given out by [sponsors] Powerbar and Woodstock's."

Woodstock's Pizza will help the Athletic Dept. award the biggest prize of the night, according to Thrasher and Woodstock's manager Kristi Rungee.

"Two names will be drawn, and

the winners get to take a shot for a \$10,000 scholarship," Thrasher said, refusing to disclose the length of the shot.

Students can register for the drawing at Woodstock's during the afternoon pre-party, Rungee said.

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Campus Gets Ready for Strong Weather

By HAMIN O
Reporter

As the prospect of fierce storms looms on the horizon, the campus is preparing for El Niño, a mysterious natural phenomenon that occurs every few years.

The name "El Niño," meaning "the Christ Child" in Spanish, was given by fishermen who discovered uncommonly warm waters which

appeared periodically off the Peruvian coast. Normally, winds travel from east to west as they revolve around the equatorial Pacific. During El Niño, the winds change, causing ocean waters to warm up, and generating rainfall in California, according to Ross Grayson, manager of the Santa Barbara County Hazardous Materials Division.

"The ocean currents have diffe-

rent temperatures, direction and speed. These currents are consistent and predictable. In El Niño, the winds change route and the weather gives warm water. It is a tropical kind of weather," he said.

El Niño could cause such problems as torrential rains, localized flooding, dangerous waters on the coastline, mud slides, strong winds, falling trees, heavy traffic and the disruption of communications, according to a memo distributed by the Office of the Vice Chancellor.

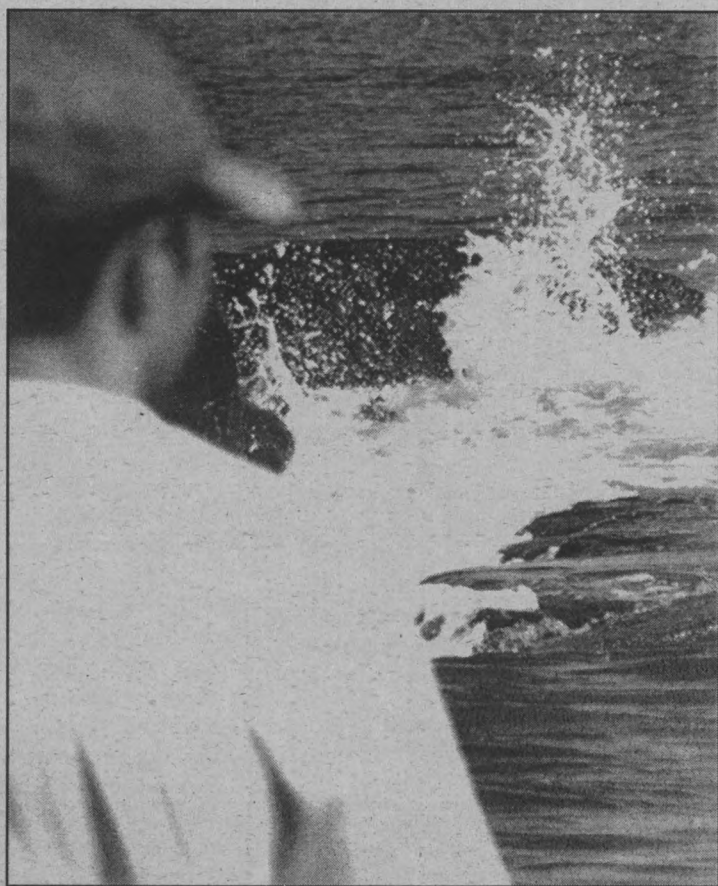
The campus is preparing for El Niño by clearing drain lines and trimming trees, according to Grounds Superintendent Ralph Mize. Grayson believes that internal construction and remodeling will not be affected, although external activities may be delayed due to their geographic location.

"We are actively planning ... and spending a lot of effort in preparing [for] the worst-case scenario," Administrative Services Vice Chancellor David Sheldon said.

Sheldon recalled the rains in 1995, in which flooding caused the closure of roads and a temporary cancellation of classes. It is uncertain whether similar scenes will engulf the campus this year, and students are advised to take precautions for the possibility of a powerful El Niño.

"Be aware of changing weather conditions. As we get closer to the rainy seasons, it will become critical. Listen and be prepared," said Larry Parsons, campus emergency planner for UCSB's Environmen-

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ALAN JACOBY / DAILY NEXUS

Local surfers can expect that El Niño will result in unusual surf conditions in the following months.

Reps Address Tram, El Niño, I.V. Festivities

By JODIE STOUT
Staff Writer

Halloween plans and transportation issues were among the many topics discussed in Wednesday's Associated Students Legislative Council meeting.

The evening began with a presentation from Isla Vista Foot Patrol Lt. Geoff Banks, who discussed the local authorities' outlook on Halloween.

"This year, [Sheriff Jim Thomas] said we're going to cut back. No SWAT team, no horses, [etc.]. We're trying to send the message that the Halloween of years past is over," he said. "Our goal is to have only Foot Patrol officers and deputies working."

Banks stressed that authorities hope the holiday will once again become a local celebration.

"Hopefully, we'll return back to a normal Halloween in I.V.," he said.

A.S. External Vice President for Local Affairs Leila Salazar announced a community forum hosted by the IVFP on Oct. 27 at Isla Vista School from 6-8 p.m. She encouraged attendance at the event.

"Basically it'll be a mediated event. It's not time to tell the Foot Patrol off," she said. "They're going to talk about

See COUNCIL, p.10



Top of the News

Balkan Elections Proceed Under NATO Eye



EAGLE BASE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The roads are jammed with armored vehicles, the tents are bursting and it's hard to find a seat in the mess hall at this gritty military base in central Bosnia.

A new contingent of U.S. soldiers is arriving for a mission they've been told will last until June. But few seem to think that this latest move into Bosnia will be America's last.

The extra troops — from the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment of Fort Polk, La. — were sent here in the event a round of municipal elections turned sour. About 10,000 American troops are in the region now, but the number will drop back to about 8,500 in the coming weeks.

Some 35,000 NATO peacekeeping forces are in

Bosnia. NATO defense ministers will decide in December whether to reduce the force. The Clinton administration, facing congressional pressure, says the U.S. mission will end in June.

If we pull out, it's like we failed again — like in Somalia.

— Sgt. Keith Giles

When Americans first arrived in 1995, he said, NATO troops worked to separate warring factions and to get them to disarm.

Now, the troops are supposed to maintain stability, which means dealing with elusive paramilitary units and corrupt police forces, helping international aid or-

reconnaissance unit from the 2nd Cavalry, said several tough training rounds before heading into Bosnia helped prepare his unit for the elections, which he said proved to be "a very tense time."

"I know there is a tremendous amount of animosity out there. If we weren't here, they'd go back to war," Littel said.

In one tent, New Orleans native Sgt. Keith Giles discusses his second tour in Bosnia.

ganizations and getting the local militaries to clear the 750,000 land mines still strewn about the countryside.

"We're numb," said Lt. Col. Mark Littel, a commander at Camp Dobol, a base camp located several miles east of Eagle. "We've been in a blur."

Littel, who commands a

"I think people are getting on with their lives, getting their homes back," Giles said of the Muslims who are beginning to return to Serb-held territory. "If we pull out, it's like we failed again — like in Somalia." Asked what would happen if the NATO mission ends next June, Giles said the war "would start right back up."

Mayor Files Lawsuit to Kill New Presidential Power



WASHINGTON (AP) — New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani challenged the constitutionality of the presidential line-item veto Thursday in a federal lawsuit seeking to keep New York from losing Medicaid funds.

President Clinton's August veto "unfairly targets the city and the state of New York," Giuliani said.

Traveling in South America, Clinton called the provision "hastily conceived" and wasteful.

The 1996 law enables him

to cancel specific projects and programs, or "items," from spending bills and from certain tax bills.

The Supreme Court last June dismissed an action brought by six members of Congress, saying they lacked legal standing. But the justices made clear that the law could be challenged by anyone affected by such a veto once the president exercised it.

Said Justice Department spokesman Joe Krovsky, "We have not seen the suit

yet, but insofar as it challenges the constitutionality of the line-item veto we intend to defend its constitutionality."

Joining Giuliani at a City Hall news conference in New York, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) said he would support the mayor in a friend-of-the-court brief.

The lawsuit, which names Clinton and other administration officials as defendants, argues that the line-item veto law violates the Constitution by "expanding

the powers of the president" at the expense of Congress.

"I expect there probably will be a number of other cases that will be filed as well," said Allan Morrison, a lawyer for Public Citizen, a nonprofit public interest group involved in the earlier challenge.

While many critics accused the president of using the line-item veto too much, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), one of the law's original sponsors, accused him of using it too sparingly — and protecting some projects to appease influential lawmakers.

Radioactive Metal Scattered Around Soviet Military Base



TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — The small metallic capsule looked innocent enough, so a Georgian soldier who found it at his military base put it in his pocket as a souvenir.

Shortly afterward, the radioactive cesium-137 burned right through his skin.

Now Pavle Eliauri is among 11 soldiers hospitalized in Tbilisi, the capital of this Caucasus Mountains nation, with dozens of ulcerous wounds.

"In all, I had some 33 holes in my skin," Eliauri said. "The doctor says that the wounds left should also eventually heal, especially with the help of plastic surgery."

Doctors don't know if the soldiers will ever completely recover from the massive doses of radiation they received from small capsules left behind by Soviet troops.

With the 1991 fall of the Soviet Union, the predominantly Russian troops began pulling out of the military base of Lilo, six miles from Tbilisi.

Newly-independent Georgia began using old Soviet military bases for its own army, never knowing about the chemical and radioactive dangers that lay scattered about.

Radiation levels in some areas of the Lilo base reached 13,000 roentgens per hour, said Shuri Abramidze, the head of Georgia's Nuclear Research Center. The permissible level is 20 roentgens.

Police Vehicle Pursuit Protocol Under Fire After Tragic Death



LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police Dept. officials defended their pursuit policies in the aftermath of a chase in which a fleeing van collided with another vehicle, killing an innocent woman and injuring her daughter.

"Unfortunately, police pursuits are a necessary tool in our line of work," department spokesman Lt. Anthony Alba said Wednesday. "The guilt should be borne by those who cause us to be in pursuits. We can't control what the suspects are doing."

The family of Linda Wageman and police critics said the accident could have been avoided if police kept their distance.

The pursuit began just before 10 p.m. Tuesday when police attempted to pull over a suspected stolen van, said Officer Jason Lee. The driver refused to stop and instead sped off.

Minutes later, the stolen van crashed into another van that carried the Wagemans at the corner of Van Nuys Boulevard and Arleta Avenue, Lee said.

The American Civil Liberties Union on Wednesday called for the Police Dept. to change its rules and give officers more training and guidelines to keep bystanders from being hurt.

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Weather

Ahh, the promise of another restful weekend lurks around the corner, and I can't wait. If all goes as planned, I'll have plenty of time to bust out some art and clarify my agenda, as well as stash the keg shell and other contraband in the house before my roommate's parents arrive tomorrow.

It's funny how we slightly alter our lifestyles when the parental units come visit. Although it is a sometimes awkward role reversal ("You are in *my* house now"), there always seems to be a slight tinge of guilt that looms, whether it's the funky art your roommate's boyfriend made in his experimental sculpture class hanging on the wall, or that scattered collection of beer caps by the bed. Heck, sometimes it's even legit stuff, like the text for Soc 152 or the syllabus for the wine-tasting class.

Forecast: Be yourself this weekend. Then ask others what the weather's like.

UC Briefs



Daily Cal Stolen — Again

Nearly 7,000 copies of the *Daily Californian* were snatched off UC Berkeley racks yesterday morning — marking the seventh theft of the newspaper in the last archive calendar year.

No one has come forward to take responsibility for the stolen papers, taken from locations on Sproul Plaza, Kroeber Hall and Cory Hall. The papers were worth an estimated \$4,200 in lost advertising revenue and printing costs.

"This is the act of a tiny group of cowards and hypocrites," said Editor in Chief Ryan Tate. "It is hugely ironic that the campus that gave birth to the Free Speech Movement 30 years ago is now in danger of coming full circle and squelching true political discourse on campus. I am hopeful we can prevent that from happening."

Editors said they believe the theft occurred in association with the publication of two controversial opinion pieces. One, a column by staffer Joe Eskenazi titled "BAMN Be Gone," assailed the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action By Any Means Necessary, a small but vocal campus group, for hurting the cause of other pro-Affirmative Action groups. The other was an opinion piece written by UC Berkeley freshman Seth Schoen that criticized the Third World College on Sproul Plaza, an effort intended to educate students on racism and multiculturalism.

In November, 4,000 copies of the paper were stolen from Sproul Plaza on the day the newspaper endorsed Proposition 209, the measure banning Affirmative Action in state hiring practices. Since then, the paper has been stolen on days that the paper printed opinion pieces about anti-Proposition 209 groups.

The UCPD has been notified and took a report on the most recent thefts.

Melinda Marks
Daily Californian
UC Berkeley

Cigarettes Stir Campus Controversy

Once again, students can buy cigarettes on the UC San Diego campus from the General Store Cooperative. The General Store has been selling cigarettes since the beginning of the school year.

The co-op employees collectively agreed to sell American Spirit cigarettes, which are additive-free. Despite protests from students and staff members, the employees said they feel they chose to do the right thing by selling the cigarettes.

"We had a lot of students asking for cigarettes. We are here to give students what they want," said George Gonzales, a General Store employee.

"We've had some complaints from people who disagree with selling cigarettes, but we have had much more positive feedback about selling them," he added. "Besides, you can't preach against tobacco but then sell alcohol on campus."

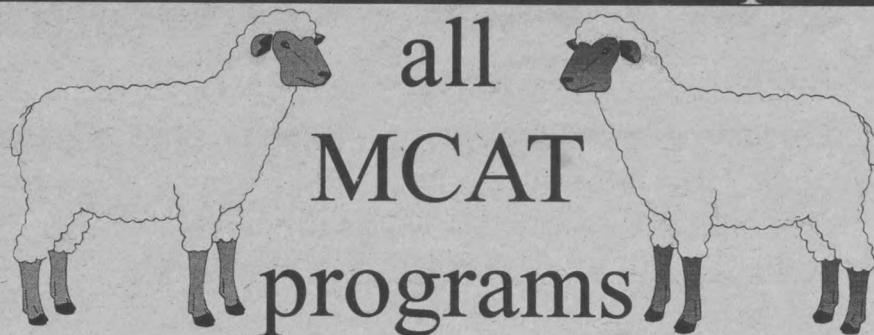
Associated Students has a Cooperative Oversight Committee, but A.S. President Souley Diallo said he is not sure whether the committee will review the co-op's decision to sell cigarettes.

"The oversight committee has not reviewed this," Diallo said. "There is no university policy against selling cigarettes on campus and I am inclined not to take a position on the issue. If a policy does come up, then that is a direct conflict and there is an A.S. issue."

Leena Shankar
The UCSD Guardian
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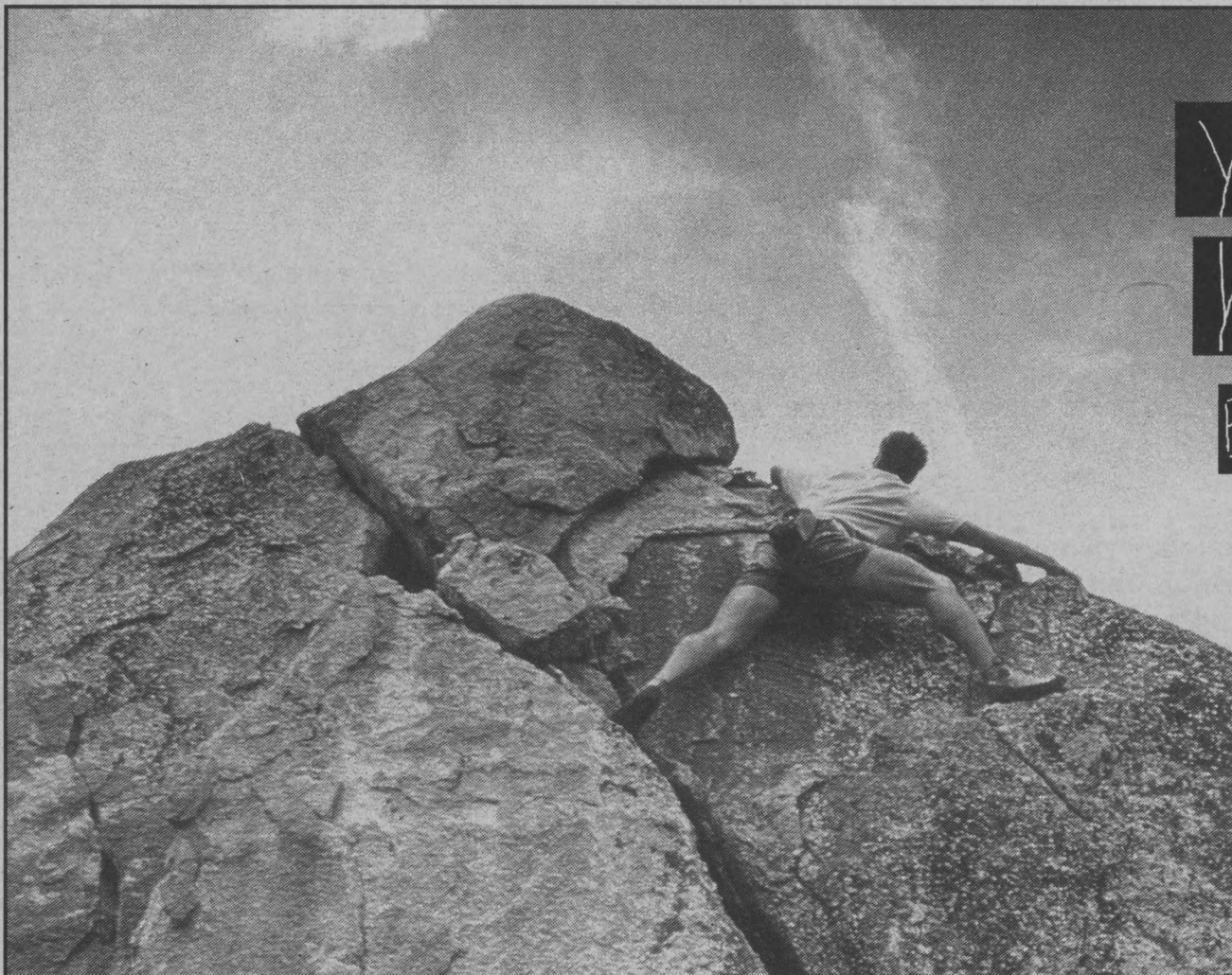
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Who Stole the News?

A FORMER PHOTOJOURNALIST FOR NBC DISCUSSES THE FORCES AT WORK, IN AMERICA AND ABROAD, TO KEEP THE PUBLIC FROM LEARNING ABOUT WORLD EVENTS. WHILE GUERRILLA GANGSTERS MURDER JOURNALISTS TO SUPPRESS INFORMATION, BROADCASTING CORPORATIONS "SPIKE" HARD NEWS STORIES IN FAVOR OF ENTERTAINMENT-ORIENTED SENSATIONALISM.

PART Two

A FEATURE BY KELLY PARKINSON

The following transcript is the first of a two-part series taken from a talk Arthur Kent gave at the Earthing Bookstore in Santa Barbara to promote his new book, "Risk and Redemption." Kent's battles with corporate executives illustrate the degree to which news is becoming entertainment-oriented at the expense of the public's understanding of world events.

In the last installment, Kent told of the dangers he and fellow journalists faced while trying to film a documentary on the civil unrest plaguing Afghanistan. Now Kent describes the profit-centered attitudes network executives have toward the news, offering a contrast between journalists who lose their lives gathering information and broadcasting corporations who value entertainment over hard facts.

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This happened in 1992. I was a correspondent at that time for NBC television. I was invited by our luxurious management at New York to take part in a new program experiment. They said the answer to all the news division's financial woes, this new program called "Dateline NBC," is going to put NBC news back into prime, back on its wheels.

We had to make a package out of it, with a beginning, middle, and an end.

— Arthur Kent

So at our bureau in Rome, we pitched in. We tried to do our best. Within several weeks, though, we discovered that this program, which had been sold to us as the next "60 Minutes," was instead sort of a downmarket take on "20/20," with a little "Hard Copy" edged in here and there. Most particularly what we objected to was the way our stories were be-re-edited, the way we were being asked to put our information, our facts, our footage into a kind of blender, instead of just telling the story in the words and the facts that we had witnessed and recorded. We had to make a package out of it, with a beginning, middle, and an end. Most particularly a happy ending with a satisfactory conclusion.

Well, it was not programming we were comfortable with, and when my stories were spiked — kept off the air — I finally went to the guys who were running the program and said, "Look, what's going on?" We did a film about Iraq and the effect of UN sanctions on civilians there. The way Saddam Hussein uses every attempt that we make to try to hurt him and rechannels it to hurt the civilians instead — his opponents, the people who hate him. They end up hating us, because we've caused the trouble. The executives wouldn't put that on the air, they delayed it by five weeks.

And the piece we did on Afghanistan, they spiked it altogether. They said, "This is not going on the program."

And they spiked a piece we did on Guatemala, which was partially based here in the U.S. — we went to Chicago to profile survivors of political torture being treated here in the states. And I thought we'd done very well with the case. They told us Burbank didn't like it. And I looked at the executives of the program and I said, "Burbank didn't like it? Isn't the entertainment division of NBC television in Burbank?" And they just looked at me. And I said, "Fellas, this is your show.

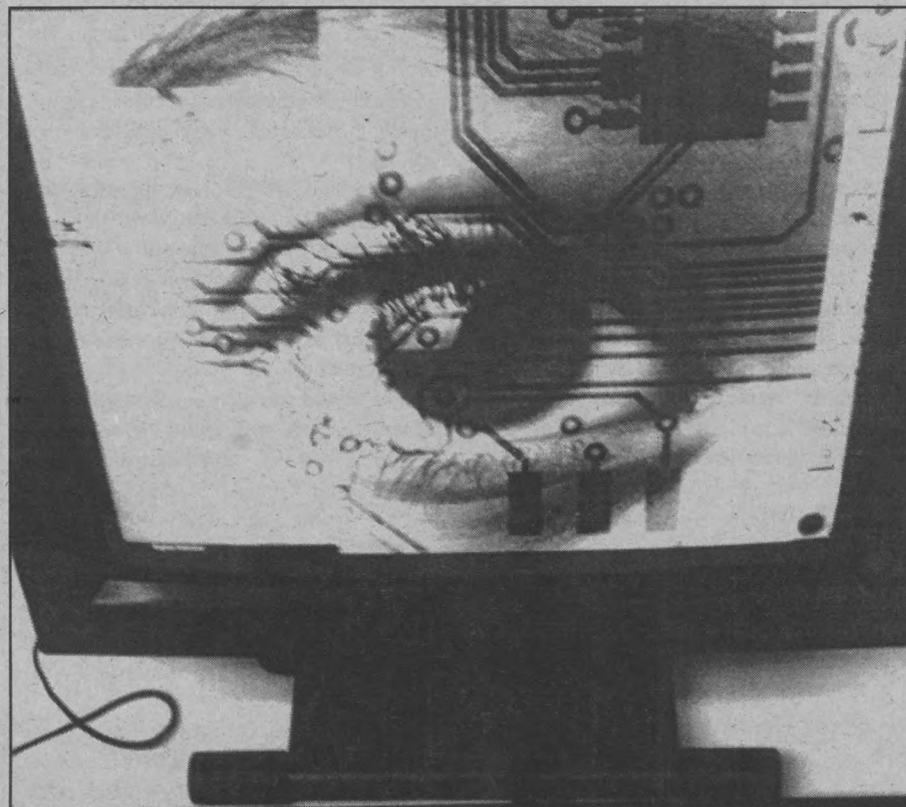
You're the executive producer, the vice president of NBC news." And they just looked at me. And I said, "It's Dateline, a production of the news division." And they just stared at me.

I won't go into a lot of detail because I do that in the book.

Within four months we were — I was myself — hotly at war against management because of our disagreement. To me, the fact that an entertainment division would have control of the news division was unconscionable. It just shouldn't happen. It's a crime. And to them, well, they were owned by General Electric. General Electric had come to be very impatient with the news division. It wasn't making as much money as the entertainment and sports divisions of NBC, and it wasn't making as much money as the financial services division of General Electric or the light bulb and appliances manufacturer. They decided, "Hey, you've got to shape up, and if it means throwing out the traditions of NBC, so be it."

So those two stories give you a background of where I and many of my colleagues come from. When you turn on your television sets and, all too infrequently now, when you see great reporters like Rob Simon of CBS, or Peter Arnett and John Horowitz of CNN, or any of our other great foreign correspondents, you should be realizing that they are generally there in spite of — not because of — management help, management policies.

Because the management of our companies, despite our



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influence from the entertainment czars in what we do. When you hear journalists pointing this out, don't think for a moment that it's just us who have been robbed. ... It's you, the American public, viewers, our audience, our consumers, our customers. You've been robbed. And the way in which you have been robbed is very simple. ...

Those three networks — NBC, ABC and CBS — were granted the right to broadcast the news. Companies that originally owned them — the industrialists, the entrepreneurs — created those great companies and were given licenses to broadcast over those frequencies and so create the industry based on your attention and the advertising money that could be earned by sending you advertisements. The licenses were given by the United States government in your name, in the name of the American public.

The fact that an entertainment division would have control of the news division was unconscionable.

— Arthur Kent

In the early years, when General Sarnoff ran NBC, when Bill Paley ran CBS, there was a convention that was strictly adhered to. It was the understanding under which these frequencies had been given them, and that was that in addition to trying to bring you the best and most profitable entertainment and sports, the television networks first had to deliver to you reliable information through their news divisions. The news divisions were never regarded by the original founders of these companies as profit centers.

It is impossible to bring from everyday reality the ratings advantage that you can wrench from a sitcom or a drama or even Monday night football, all of which, as programs and art, I admire. But what we have to speak up about now, all of us who have earned a good living in this craft, is the encroachment upon our editorial autonomy, which is necessary to deliver to you reliable information, by these entertainment values.

So today at NBC television, instead of there being a clear delineation, as we proved before the courts, the General Electric corporation declared that the ... barriers would be removed between entertainment and news. And we proved that Warren Littlefield, president of NBC entertainment, and Vince Nancy, his chief of promotions, took control of first "Dateline NBC" and then other programs under the news division to maximize its sales potential and to drive up ratings. That is an infraction of the most basic and grave variety, and it's something that all of us have to start discussing openly as we try to figure out how to turn things back to a more responsible practice of broadcast journalism in this country.

Arthur is one of our best foreign correspondents.

—NBC News press release, Feb. 21, 1991

Arthur Kent has been unable to deal with any level of management. His actions are unfortunate and bizarre. He has consistently been unable to work within a supervisory and collaborative environment.

—NBC News press release, Aug. 17, 1992

We are unable to reach an amicable resolution of our differences with Arthur Kent. In light of Arthur's repeated breaches of his agreement with NBC, his employment has been terminated effective immediately.

—NBC News press release, Aug. 21, 1992

Arthur Kent is and always has been a talented and courageous journalist who is highly regarded within NBC ... Arthur conducted himself fully in accord with his contractual obligations ... [and] is always welcome to return. ... Litigation has been dismissed in return for a fair and appropriate payment by NBC News to Mr. Kent...

—NBC News press release, Mar. 16, 1994

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traditions of putting everything on the line for what we do, for what you need in terms of straight information, for making sacrifices of the kind Marwais Jalil made — the kind that more than 72 journalists gave their lives for in Bosnia — despite that, too many of the big media companies and their nonmedia industrial conglomerate ownerships are just interested in cashing in. ...

Anybody of my discipline can tell you that, when ... you open *USA Today* three days ago and you see Don Hewitt, executive producer of "60 Minutes," saying much the same thing: too much commercial control of the news, too much

GSA Discusses Agenda for 1997-98

By TENNILLE TRACY
Reporter

As classes get into full swing, the Graduate Students Association is working to cement their political plans for the current year.

Representing a constituency of approximately 2,100 students, GSA is in the process of considering issues on which to focus their energies this term, according to GSA Internal President Jessie DeAro, a chemistry graduate student.

"We are currently working on nine issues which are proposed to make up the 1997-98 GSA agenda. These issues are up for approval by the GSA General Council at the November meeting, and [are] currently being discussed at the departmental level by the GSA Departmental reps," she said.

The General Council is comprised of seven executive officers and approximately 50 departmental representatives. Some of the items up for the November vote include bike path maintenance, affordable child care on campus and safe student housing.

The primary goal of GSA is to lobby for the interests of graduate students, according to GSA Press Secretary Chris Martin, a graduate student in physics.

"The GSA is the elected representative government for UCSB grad students. We work to ensure that grad students' concerns

are addressed in on-campus and off-campus policy decisions, and provide grad students with information concerning decisions that are relevant to students' [lives]," Martin said.

The scope of GSA interests extends beyond local political participation into state and national issues through the University of California Students Association, according to Payam Afkham-Ebrahimi, the GSA external president and a UCSA representative.

"My main responsibility is to have contact with the GSA at UCSA. It's important to have a political wing [and] to participate in issues we can do something about," said Afkham-Ebrahimi, a geography graduate student.

Some of the ways GSA hopes to maintain open lines of communication with their constituency is through office hours, a "coffee hour" held in the GSA lounge on Wednesday mornings, a monthly newsletter, and a "happy hour" at Chilitos every other Thursday, according to GSA Vice President of Administrative Affairs Jim Dalton.

"When [graduate students] approach us, they can comment on what's happening, and then we're able to try to change that particular thing," said Dalton, a graduate environmental science and management student.

A calendar of upcoming GSA events and meetings can be accessed online at <http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu/>, the GSA website.

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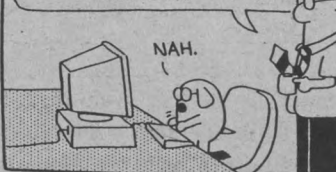
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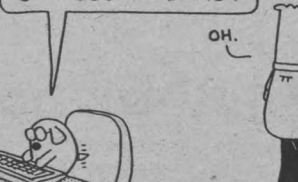
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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - It looks like you'll be forced to change your agenda due to a lack of funds. Although your immediate future looks dismal at first glance, you haven't run out of ideas yet. There's a way to get what you want for less money. Necessity is the mother of invention, remember?

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - All is not coming up roses. Several problems may appear instead. The first is scheduled for this morning. After your third cup of caffeinated tea, you'll feel better. Then, cruise the ads. You can save a lot of money, but don't bother to shop before noon.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - You can borrow the money. If you have property, you could refinance it. Or ask a friend for a loan. Do it immediately after a gourmet dinner, prepared especially for this purpose. If you're no cook, send out for it. A little extra attention can pay off big.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Continue with yesterday's agenda, getting friends, relatives and employees to help with the work. There is certainly no shortage of things that need doing. Tonight, schedule a meeting with your favorite confidant. You need a little extra attention yourself.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - There is a huge emphasis on your career today. You might be practically forced to accept a promotion or a better job. Stop fighting. This won't be unethical or even particularly difficult. It just means you have to follow orders for a while. This is going to be good for you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - You've got a beautiful grand trine in earth signs going on. It forms a huge triangle in the sky, connecting your sun sign in Virgo to the moon in Taurus and Neptune in Capricorn. You can't see it, of course. You don't have to. Just use it to launch a successful endeavor.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is an 8 - Don't worry. Conditions are excellent for practical decision-making. If you're not sure how to make this one all by yourself, get help. You may need a good coach. Get the best advice you can afford or can coax out of your friends. Trade for it.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Settle an old dispute. This could be an argument with a friend or a legal matter against an adversary. To get it over and done with, you'll have to make concessions. Minimize the loss, then get on with the rest of your life. It's not worth worrying about anymore.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - The job in front of you is tough and you're unsure of the results you can produce. The friends who are enticing you to join them are among your favorite people. Well, they'll still be there tomorrow. The job might not, if you make too big a mess of it. Keep your priorities straight.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - The love of your sweetheart and your dreams for the future have pulled you through again. You and your friends are starting to come up with some very good ideas. Trust your own judgment, not the advice of other people. You are more likely to be right than they are.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Don't empower your doubts, but do treat them with respect. These are problems that must be addressed. Somebody close to home also needs your attention. Make time for yourself and the people you live with. A quiet evening with your loved ones will give you new strength.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Your friends are a great help. They not only bring you inspiration, but also valuable advice. You're learning very quickly. It's sometimes difficult for you to concentrate, but today that's not the case. The problems you're running into are external, not internal.

Today's Birthday (Oct. 17). Get your finances in order this year and you'll be set. Consult a wealthy person privately for good ideas in October. A sibling could surprise you by knowing the answer in December. Borrow the money you need for household improvements in January. Keep a child's secret in February. Don't repeat an old mistake in April. Learn from it instead. A lender wants to give you money in May, if you've met the requirements by then. A dream could come true by September.

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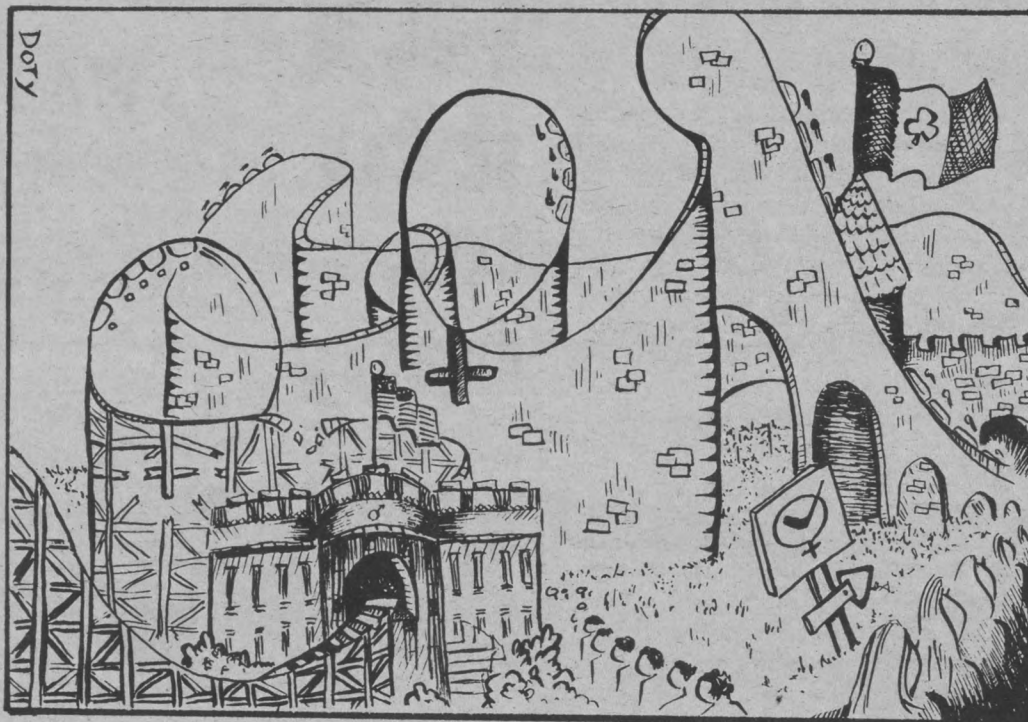
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"since feeling is first"

Opinion

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Staff Editorial



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Eirinn Go Bragh

Ireland's Presidential Elections Hold a Lesson for U.S.

A little perspective can go a very long way toward shifting one's view of the familiar. Take America, for example. Very few people would argue against the claim that America is one of the most socially progressive nations on Earth.

Hence the surprise to see that we've been quite overtaken and routed in at least one area of social reform — and by a most unlikely contender. Ireland, two weeks away from a presidential election, has found itself with a slate of contenders that is four-fifths female — in a race to succeed a female president.

This is nothing short of science fiction in the world of American politics. In 221 years of democratic government, we can boast exactly zero female presidential candidates — at least, zero that had any chance of winning. We ought not forget Geraldine Ferraro, who took a shot at the vice-presidency in 1984, but we must recall that she faced endless, vituperative criticism (and the agony of being Walter Mondale's running mate).

That an island nation that has been a patriarchal Roman Catholic society for longer than America has existed can, in good faith, elect one woman president and consider four others in the subsequent race ought to be an example to Americans. (If not shaming outright.)

How has Ireland been able to put its political money where its legislative mouth is? Why are Ireland's major political parties willing to

back female candidates for high office, whereas our Democrats and Republicans have but one between them?

To be blunt, Ireland's social reform has not been hampered by an entrenched and monolithic two-party system, as has been the case in America. In America, real and meaningful social change is quickly snuffed out, either by the party opposing that change or by the politicians of both sides who shrewdly realize that it might well endanger their current comfort.

Looking with a clear, cold eye, we see that it took nearly 100 years to free the slaves, nearly another 50 to grant women the right to vote, about 50 more to outlaw racial discrimination — and, with all of these "advances" already made and long past, there have been few changes in the demographic structure of power in the United States: A nation founded and financed by white males is still run and still bankrolled by them.

And with all this at the back, and with Ireland's elections to throw it into sharp relief, it is suddenly rather doubtful just how advanced American social policy and attitudes are — the reality hardly matches the legislated fantasy.

If we ever intend to truly be a nation of free and equal human beings, we need to take longer strides and make better efforts in that direction, rather than rest on laurels that aren't really there. Ireland's example shows us that. And shows us up.

Thought for the day:

"If I get a job with the Foreign Service, I can do interior decorating on the weekends."

— Landon W. Romano

Are your career plans so well thought-out?

Holocaust Qu

➤ A Meditation on the Causes a

LINDSEY CAPP

The enduring memory of Anne Frank has come to us in many ways. She is the young girl who has read the diary of her life probably already. Nonetheless, the series of exhibits and events celebrating *the World*, a monthlong celebration of and reflection on the Holocaust, has been making its mark upon many of us. It has brought us into the dark world in which she lived and gleaned from it an understanding of the lessons of her experience.

To comprehend and understand is daunting work. But it is this effort to answer the questions it poses to form from memory a cognizant explanation that makes public remembrances like the one for Anne Frank so important.

There is something instructive in the contrast between the young girl, whose writing is both endearing and poetic, and the way in which millions of Jews were massacred. We must ask such actions, whether we do so to explain how they came to be, to ask if they could ever, in their cruelty and horror, be justified, much for the sake of Holocaust survivors, or for the sake of humanity, but for all of us.

Primo Levi, a Holocaust survivor who endured the camps, sought to find such an answer. He wrote an immensely painful account of his experiences titled *The Drowned and the Saved*. Only as a deeply personal attempt on Levi's part to come to terms with the ties he endured, but also as a candid response to the questions of "why?" and "how?"

"Almost always, at the beginning of the memory of the Holocaust, 'stands the train, which marked the departure toward the unknown' may simply be representative of the uncertainty of the outset of their forced exile into the concentration camps — Treblinka, Mauthausen, Maidanek, Ravensbrück — have come to represent the scars of one of the darkest crimes in human history.

But the "unknown" — for those who survived the camps and the subsequent generations who encounter the shadow of the Holocaust — is emblematic of our failure to understand or fully comprehend the unconscionable event could be born of human will.

The occurrence of mass genocide in Europe is a testament to the maniacal fervor fomented by a charismatic madman. Those who carried it out are defended by the human need for assurance, that they were motivated into complicity by the need for following orders, or at least from a fear of the unknown.

The Reader's Voice

WHY SOME STUDENTS

RUN BACK HOME

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

Remember that white blur you saw shooting across campus last Friday afternoon?

Well, it wasn't Halley's Comet putting in an early appearance. Nor was it the new "Wave" commuter tram, out of control and heading for the lagoon.

That was me, hurrying to my car to go home.

Yes, I am one of a minority of students who chooses to abandon this earthly paradise on the weekend. I am always absent for the Friday-night I.V. crawls, lazy Saturdays on the beach, and Sunday study sessions.



And as a member of this small group of students, I'd like to tell you why we do what we do. Then maybe the rest of you won't feel compelled to stare at us with strange looks on your faces, or even voice the question: "Now why in the hell would you want to go home?"

First of all, allow me to clear up some myths. Most of us aren't insanely homesick, we're not mama's boys/girls, and yes, we are capable of doing our own laundry.

And believe it or not, the majority of us like it just fine here at UCSB — during the week, that is.

Questions Uses and Consequences

CAPPS

has come to Santa Barbara. Yet, anyone already carries that memory with and events that make up *Anne Frank* in reflection upon this young girl's proportion many who have ventured to peer and glean from it both a comprehension and experience.

Within the context of the Holocaust, it has left to history — the challenge for "why?" and "how?" — the one for Anne Frank so profoundly

contrast between the innocence of this and personal, and the cold, systematic. We have no choice but to question how they came to be carried out, or horror, be forgiven. We do this not so for those who acted in silent compl-

no endured internment at Auschwitz, an immensely insightful and deeply *The Drowned and the Saved*. It served not to come to terms with the atrocity to the questions we encounter in re- were so brutally murdered — those

memory sequence," Primo Levi writes, "toward the unknown." This "uncertainty millions of Jews faced at concentration camps, the names of which Ravensbruck, Buchenwald, Auschwitz one of the most harrowing and horrific

survived the Holocaust and for those shadow of its legacy — may also be emblematic of how such a massive and human will.

Europe is excused as being the result of a madman of rare but extraordinary by the hope, rather than the objective complicity by a no-less-ennobled rever- a fear of the consequences of disobedi-

ence. Thus, they are released from the responsibility of moral judgement in the sight of such inconceivable atrocities. They have become the victims of the Holocaust, rather than its progeny. In the process, humanity is spared the guilt and condemnation for behavior that in its worst form is inherent to ourselves, if not tragically endemic to human potential.

The protection that is sought behind such a veil of volunteered ignorance becomes a foundation upon which the truth cannot fully rest. As long as the memory of the Holocaust flickers in the minds and expressions of its survivors we cannot help but be reminded of the ferocity and viciousness that inextricably bears the mark of human hands.

How then does one truthfully explain the Holocaust in a way in which we are able to maintain our faith in humanity? This seems to be the "unknown" that en-



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cumbered Primo Levi even after his experiences at Auschwitz had faded into memory — and for the most part remains unresolved for the rest of us.

For his part, Levi would not completely excuse the claim that the complicity of the German people was somehow coerced through the threat of force and terror or the euphoric call of national loyalty. They, nonetheless, in his view, could not be justified nor their actions papered over in the writings of history as the effect of a sort of mass insanity. The violent plebiscite against the Jews was irrational in its cruelty and hatred, but systematic in the form in which it was manifested.

As Levi wrote, "One feels torn between two opinions: Were we witnessing the rational development of an inhuman plan or a manifestation of collective madness? Logic intent on evil or the absence of logic? As so often in human affairs the two often coexisted."

In fact, the mass genocide against the Jewish people was the result of protracted dehumanization. The continual effort to erase their humanity and strip them of their dignity — from Kristallnacht to the Warsaw Ghetto to the packed boxcars on their way to the concentration camps — created perceptions that made the justification for their victimization more palpable to the German people.

The Holocaust, then, can be seen as the inevitable result of the order that was in place. It was to Levi "the logical consequence of the system: An inhuman regime spreads and extends its inhumanity in all directions. Unless it meets with resistance and exceptionally strong characters, it corrupts its victims and opponents as well." In essence, the system fed the fire of imbedded prejudice.

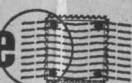
Whether or not this excuses the action of individuals remains a matter of controversy. If anything, it may serve, as it did within Nazi Germany, to provide those responsible for mass genocide the scapegoat by which to avoid their own guilt. But it leaves nothing as justification. The victims of this horrendous crime are only left with the hope that by telling their stories, the world may be more vigilant in protecting the higher virtues of our humanity from the evil and injustice of this "unknown."

What hope does this bring us and what is our responsibility? It would seem fitting that in our efforts to answer the questions of the past, if we are to truly honor the memories of Frank and Levi, that we not lose sight of those injustices that exist in the present. Though we live in a free society where tolerance is valued, we must never lose sight of the ways in which intolerance finds root within our own minds and throughout our community. In a nation as diverse, as multiethnic and multiracial as ours, there are many points at which the threads that bind us together — those which allow us to be tolerant of difference — become frayed. Racial prejudice and anti-Semitism still exist. Hate crimes and racial violence still occur. And recent conflicts over Affirmative Action, immigration, and welfare reform are not just highly charged political issues, but serve as dividing lines infused with racial and class stereotypes that elicit bitter resentment and anger across all lines of society.

Whether or not constructive reform in these areas is required is not the issue. The way in which our institutions and leaders respond to such tears in the social fabric is. While leaders can propose meaningful solutions to problems, they can just as easily exploit them for political gain, often at the expense of a tolerant and cohesive society. The result is not only increased divisiveness, but subtle attempts on the part of some to dehumanize, demean, and pass judgment on whole groups of people. While such efforts, intentional or not, are far from the horrors that were inflicted in the concentration camps, the line of common decency is often crossed. At such times, we should never hesitate to express our moral outrage.

While we have much to celebrate in our nation, we must use these public remembrances — like the one for Anne Frank — to reflect and be thankful for the relative peace of the age in which we live. But we must use that memory as a marker of where we are as a people and how we relate to our differences. That way we may feel secure in our tolerance and shared respect for each other.

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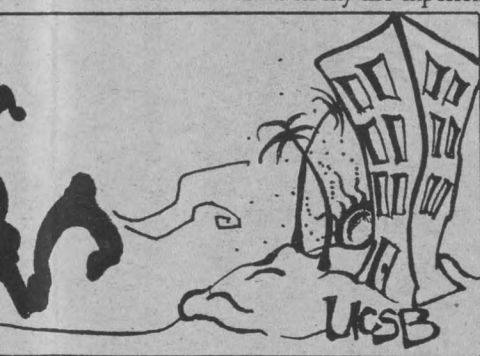
But we also like it at home. And if home isn't too far away, mom's cooking is often just too good to pass up.

Why do I go home? I go to work, to study, to sleep, to see my family who love me, to feel sane again — a short list, but comprised completely of things that aren't so easy to come by in the dorms.

It's funny, because once I get home I often encounter looks altogether too similar to those I got back at school.

"What are you doing here?" people ask me, as though I'm some alien visiting from another planet. "Aren't you supposed to be at school?"

Feeling like a truant child, I merely smile at them. Then I think to myself: These are the same people who urged me to go across the country to college, who told me to get out of California and "broaden my life experience."



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Thank God I didn't listen to them. If I had, I'd be crying in a Minnesota dorm room right now, while the snow poured down outside.

My chances of dropping out would've been 10 times higher than they are here at UCSB.

So, for those of you who still don't understand why some of us choose to leave on weekends, please try to understand. And if you can't, try to do what mom always told you: Keep your mouth shut.

Speaking of Mom, when's the last time you called home?

LEAH ETLING

IT'S JUST TOO DAMN CROWDED HERE

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Is it just me, or is our once comfortable, spacious, and open campus terribly and desperately overcrowded? I thought that maybe I was imagining things as I headed back to the classroom this past month, but I have quickly learned through hearing others' experiences and reading the frequent *Nexus* stories that it is not just me feeling the pinch. I feel that it is an outrage that our university can continue to let in more students but seemingly fail to plan at all as to how these new students will be accommodated.

My experiences thus far have been annoying and irritating at best. Take riding my bike, for instance. I do not believe that it is too much to ask for a bikepath free of gridlock. Yet there are so many people riding on the paths that they are beginning to resemble Los Angeles' Interstate 405 on a Friday evening — no one can move because there are just too many bikes and not enough space. Moreover, once I have finally crept far enough along to make it to class, it's like asking for a miracle to find a spot to even park my bike — every conceivable space in sight is occupied. However, even when I leave my bike at home, I find that the sidewalks are overflowing with people as well. And God help us all if the tram, the giant, overpriced, unnecessary road-hog, happens to be heading down the sidewalk; as the overpaid driver repeatedly asserts "tram approaching," massive waves of pedestrians desperately maneuver together onto one half of the sidewalk, out of the way of its barreling path, in a vain attempt not to get flattened. And it seems that those already-notorious long lines at the bookstore, Billing-Accounts Receivable Office, Financial Aid, Registrar's Office and the like are some-

how even longer.

My petty and trivial experiences so far do not rival, however, the anguish currently being suffered by many. I could not imagine being packed liked overcooked sardines — three to a dorm room that just barely accommodates two. It is inconceivable how the university can fail to offer enough classroom space and sections to accommodate all the science majors desperate to enroll in lower-division requirements. I sympathize greatly with all the students who tried frantically to find any housing (even



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grossly overpriced) in Isla Vista, only to be greeted with signs cheerfully proclaiming that no properties will be available until June 1998. I wish all commuting students, faculty and staff good luck in finding parking now that the great construction has begun.

One of the major reasons I chose to attend UCSB was that it was very much an unknown campus, a secret jewel of the prestigious UC system. Chancellor Yang and company have done an incredible job promoting our wonderful school, yet all the efforts have only been one way. Now that the secret is out of the bag, efforts need to be centered around serving the influx of students: adding more bikepaths and bike racks, starting new dorm construction now, hiring more faculty so that more classes

and sections can be offered, working to control rents in Isla Vista, alleviating parking problems now, hiring more staff to serve students in the various offices, and generally improving the infrastructure of our campus.

JENNIFER TOBKIN

ACTION BEATS TALK ANY DAY OF THE WEEK

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I felt I had to write after reading the Oct. 14 *Daily Nexus*. Inside were two articles, one an opinion in The Reader's Voice ("Why Ride? Walk — Because You Can"), and the other a news piece titled "Campus Tram-Bashing Movement Jump-started by Student Leaders."

The first thing I want to say is: "GET OVER IT!!" The trams have already been bought by the school. Do you want to demand that the Atlanta Olympics give us a refund? Or do you want to sell the tram, at a loss, so that you don't have to see "lazy" people riding on the trams?

I feel that the efforts of our elected A.S. representatives would be better spent in finding ways to prevent an incident like this from ever happening again, instead of just protesting. Do something significant! What will a list of names presented to Parking and Transportation Services do?! And in reference to the OPINION expressed by Ms. Steinberg, what gives you the right to label people you don't even know as sloths?

The tram does not pollute the air like cars, and it helps people get to classes quicker without having to worry about skateboarders or bicyclists running into them on the sidewalks. Boycott the tram if YOU want to, but as for me, when I have been in class for six hours and want to quickly get from HSSB to the Chemistry Building, I'll be taking the tram.

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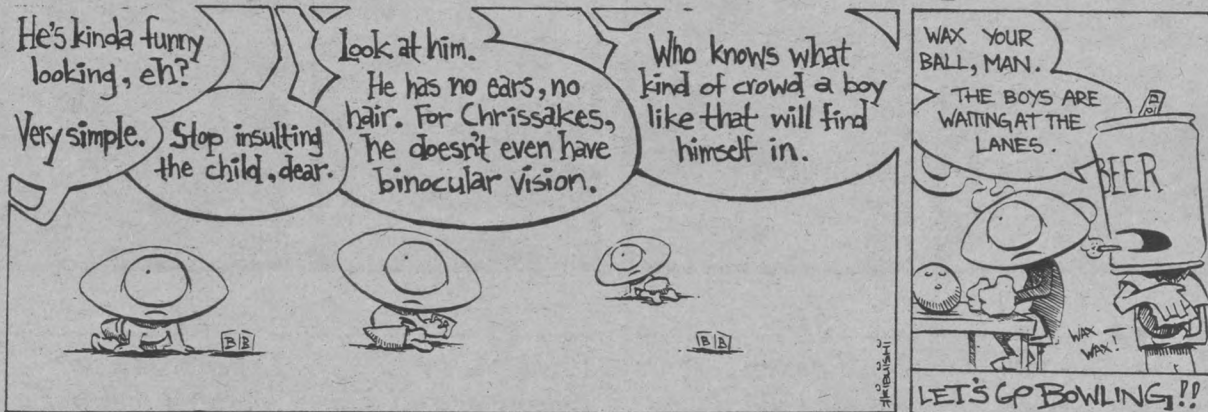
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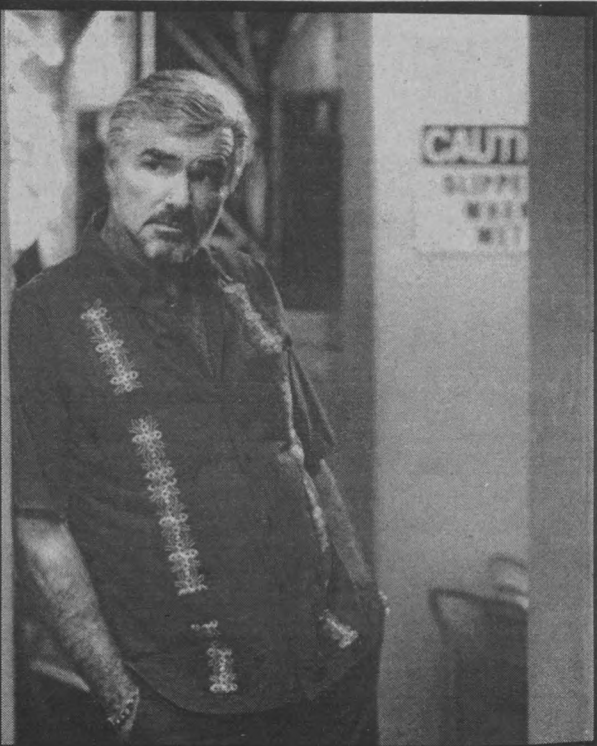
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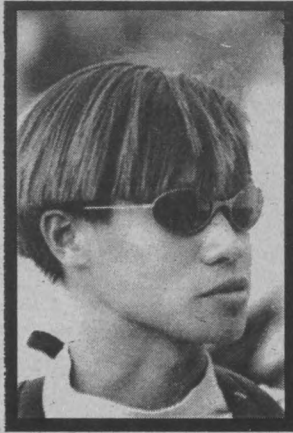
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Have you ever seen a bike crash on campus or in I.V., and if so, what was your reaction?



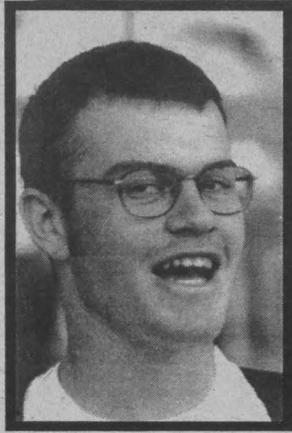
“
Yeah, I saw one on my way to the Rec-Cen. I told someone to call an ambulance for them.”

Robert Le
junior
biopsychology



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No, I haven't. I probably would help them and see if they're OK.”

Sue Park
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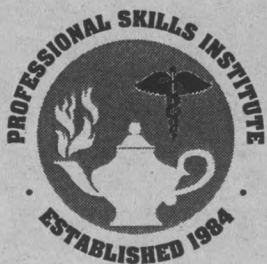
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Halloween. And there's going to be a question-and-answer period.”

A Halloween parade is also in the works, Salazar added. “We just need a parade permit from the county. We'll have people dressed up and meet at Dog Shit Park, go down DP, through Perfect Park and end up at the [Anisq' Oyo'] park for the festivities,” she said.

There is also an upcoming change in the A.S. Shuttle route, according to A.S. Executive Director Tamara Scott. “There's an overlap in terms of the A.S. Shuttle serving the Harder lot versus other shuttles,” she said. “We'll be doing some short-term changes to occur Nov. 3.”

The change in the shuttle course will produce positive results for local residents, Salazar said.

“Starting Nov. 3, there [are] going to be a lot of services in I.V. from the shuttle,” she said.

A.S. Internal Vice President Kerry Kops reported an incident regarding the campus tram and her “I hate the tram” informational table.

“With my ‘I hate the tram’ booth, I want students to be informed. My booth is not to go directly against tram workers,” she said. “[One worker], over the tram intercom, called me a ‘bitch.’ I am so upset. I'm really shocked. I'm going to file a complaint with [Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs] Michael Young about the [incident].”

Other issues brought up at the meeting concerned the I.V. housing crisis. Willie Brown, the Office of Housing and Residential Services' director of student housing, addressed the tripling-up of dorm rooms.

“We were offering triples as an option. It beats living on the streets,” he said.

Though 200 rooms were set up as triple rooms, the current numbers reflect that only 50 rooms have triple occupancy, Brown said. Most students requested the third roommate to lower their housing costs by \$1,300 a year, he added.

The possible effects that El Niño could have on I.V. were among other concerns brought up in Leg Council. According to Salazar, students should be informed about how to protect themselves from the elements.

“Students should be aware that they can buy renter's insurance. It covers your personal stuff, not the actual house,” she said. “It's a thing we should be concerned about.”

MADNESS

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After the pre-practice festivities and a laser light show, the Gauchos will take the floor for a very atypical workout, according to Pimm.

“This gives fans a chance to see us early,” he said. “We'll have lots of scrimmages — we'll save the boring stuff for when we're there by ourselves.”

Junior forward B.J. Bunton is looking forward to starting the season on a high note by dazzling the student body in the slam dunk contest, which will be held at halftime of the scrimmage.

The Events Center's doors open for Midnight Madness at 11 tonight, with the festivities beginning immediately afterward.

EL NINO

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tal Health and Safety Dept.

This year's El Niño characteristics first surfaced in March 1997 when temperatures increased throughout the equatorial Pacific, according to the Climate Prediction Center.

The campus radio station has a news report at 5 p.m. daily. During El Niño, KCSB 91.9 will be operating and broadcasting emergency messages.

“It is crucial to have a radio that runs on batteries so that you know what is happening out there. If the power is out and it is night, you should have a flashlight. It is really important for a student [to] be able to listen to the list in the area where you had to evacuate. The University Event Center was used as an evacuation post [in the past]. You can pick that up on your local Santa Barbara radio station,” stated Diane Pires, manager of the UCSB Bookstore's Photo/Electronics Dept.

Students can prepare for heavy storms by repairing roofs and gutters, acquiring flood insurance and organizing an emergency kit with stored water and extra blankets.

Even though El Niño could precipitate a natural disaster, some individuals see it in a positive perspective.

“It's a wonderful thing. It is good for the earth, and it can be bad for some and better for others, [depending on] how you look at it,” said Tom Crocker, a surfer at Campus Point.

Environmental Health and Safety Dept. Director David Coon has provided a website to refer to at <http://www.ogp.noaa.gov/enso/>. For conditions of roads during El Niño or more information, call (800) 427-7623.

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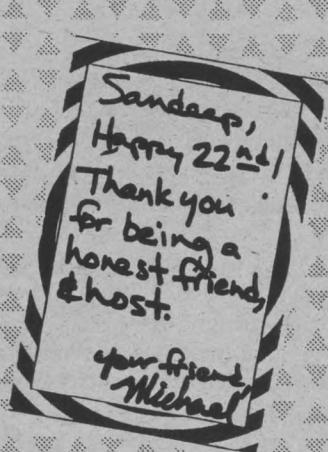
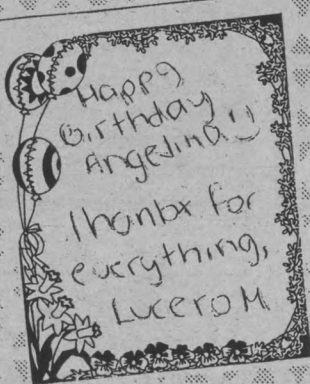


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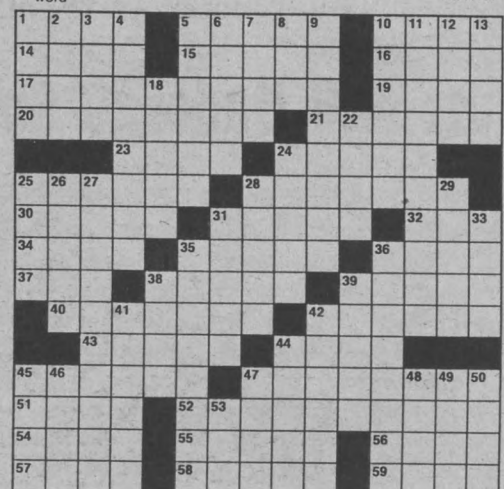
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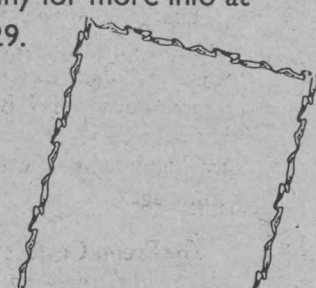
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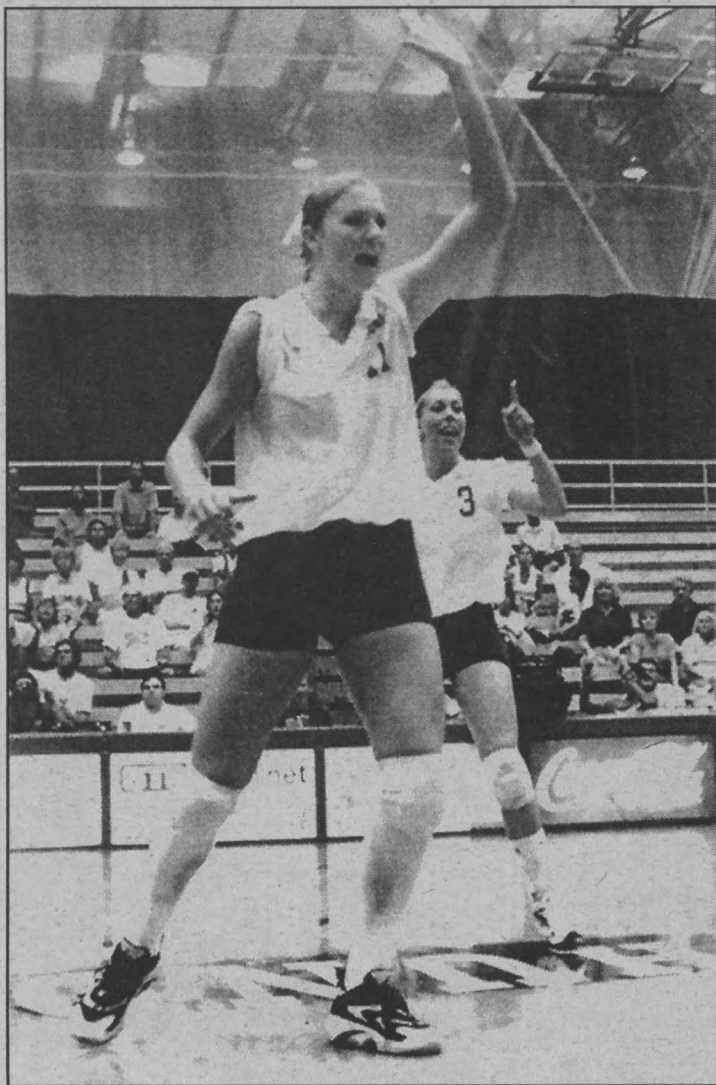
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NUMBER ONE!: The UCSB women's volleyball team gets back to conference play tonight against the Nevada Wolf Pack.

Soccer Faces Cal Poly SLO Looking to Get Redemption

BY DAMON DAMELE
Reporter

It has been a season of ups and downs for the UCSB men's soccer team.

After a tough preseason, the team finally began to come into its own and played some strong soccer against Gonzaga, Cal State Northridge, and San Diego State. Suddenly, the playoff talk didn't seem so farfetched. Then came two conference losses last weekend to Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine — and now the Gauchos are being forced to fight for respect all over again, beginning with Friday's match at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

While it will be no easy task, Santa Barbara seems to welcome the challenge that lies ahead.

UCSB Head Coach Mark Arya feels the Gauchos may just now be hitting their stride.

"We're concentrating on creating more opportunities," Arya said. "We've had a very good week. This is probably the best week of training we've had."

Cal Poly is a conference rival that Santa Barbara has had great success against in the past. The Gauchos split last year's games with San Luis Obispo, winning the first game 2-1 and dropping the second 1-2. Traditionally, the Gauchos have owned Cal Poly, sporting an all-time record of 23-9-2, including a loss during the preseason.

"We played them earlier in the season and they beat us 2-1," Arya said. "We are addressing all the issues that need addressing, so

Volleyball Battles Conference Foes; Nevada, Aggies Visit Thunderdome

BY SCOTT HENNESSEE
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's volleyball team continues its extended home-stand tonight with a 7:30 conference matchup against the University of Nevada, Reno. Santa Barbara will take the floor of the Thunderdome again Saturday night at 7:30 against Utah State.

After playing its last three games against teams that are ranked in the top 25 in the nation, the #7 Gauchos (17-2, 5-1 in the Big West Conference) will get somewhat of a breather against the Aggies (12-8, 2-4 in the Big West) and Wolf Pack (8-12, 2-4). Utah State and Nevada are tied for fourth place in the Eastern Division of the conference, while UCSB sits alone in second place in the Western Division.

Santa Barbara Head Coach Kathy Gregory wants to make sure that her team continues to play at a high level, even though the competition will not be as tough as it

has been.

"We can't let down just because we have been playing a tough schedule," Gregory said. "We can't expect to just walk out on the court and win."

Nevada is coming off of a five-set loss to Utah State in which it surrendered a two-games-to-one advantage. The Wolf Pack has never beaten Santa Barbara in 11 tries, including a four-game loss last season.

Reno is lead by senior outside hitter Tiffany Neumeier. She is second in the Big West — behind Gaucha junior Katie Crawford — in kills per game with 4.06, and is fifth in the conference in digs per game with 3.13.

"Tiffany Neumeier has been a good player for the last four years," Gregory said. "She is a great outside hitter and a great passer. She plays a lot like [UCSB sophomore] Roberta Gehlke."

That comparison can be considered a great compliment when looking at the stats Gehlke has put

up in her last three matches. After posting 45 kills in two contests over the weekend, Gehlke came back Tuesday night to spike 31 more against UCLA. The 31 kills are the most put up in a single match by any Big West player this season.

Utah State comes to the Thunderdome on Saturday looking to up its already improved win total to 13. The Aggies' 12 wins are the most they have had since 1989, when the team finished 12-16.

"Utah State is the most improved team in the conference. They have recruited some great athletes," Gregory said.

Santa Barbara will once again be led by Gehlke, Crawford, and sophomore Heather Bown. The trio all set new personal bests in kills during Tuesday's four-set win over UCLA. Crawford is first on the team and in the conference with 4.725 kills per game, while Gehlke ranks #3 in the Big West with 4.25 kpg.



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GOAAAAAAL!: UCSB junior forward Aron Wellman watches as his shot rolls into the goal. The Gauchos are looking for that kind of offensive production Sunday against the Mustangs.

we've done everything we can do.

"We've gone to a different format in order to get more offensive thrust and more production from

our forwards."

Friday's game promises to be explosive. Santa Barbara is hungry for a win, and anxious to get back on track.

"Because we're coming off two conference losses, this will get us back to .500," Arya said. "So, obviously, it's a very important match for us."

Tutt Will Undergo Surgery

The UCSB men's basketball team released a statement Thursday saying that senior guard Raymond Tutt will undergo minor surgery to remove a bone fragment from his left ankle on Monday, Oct. 20.

The bone fragment is rubbing against a nerve in Tutt's ankle, causing discomfort and slight numbness. The minor operation will keep this season's Big West Preseason Player of the Year out of action only until the incision heals, which should be in approximately one to two weeks.

"We look forward to Raymond's return," Santa Barbara Head Coach Jerry Pimm said. "As minor as this procedure is, he will not even miss a beat and when he returns he will be at full strength."

Tutt will still participate in tonight's Midnight Madness festivities, with his injury causing only slight discomfort and there being no danger of it worsening.

—Scott Hennessee

Women's Basketball Tryouts
Anyone interested in going out for the women's basketball team should be at the Events Center on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. for open tryouts.

North Texas Eagles Fly Into Santa Barbara

BY STEVE WENDT
Staff Writer

You'd better put the ball in the net if you want to soar with the Eagles of the University of North Texas. Unfortunately for the UCSB women's soccer team, its own offense has been grounded for most of the season.

The Gauchos (3-10-1, 1-2 in the Big West) will play host to North Texas (11-3, 2-1 in the Big West) Sunday at 1 p.m. in Harder Stadium.

The Eagles are as potent offensively as any opponent Santa Barbara has faced thus far.

UNT is led by Christy Johnson, who has put up some staggering

numbers. In 14 contests, she has 19 goals and six assists for an exceptional total of 44 points.

She also has a partner in offense in Krista Davey. Davey has 11 goals along with eight assists for 30 points.

If those numbers aren't impressive enough, all one needs to do is compare them to the Gauchos. Not the Gaucha players — the Gaucha team.

As a group, Santa Barbara has posted 26 points off 10 goals and six assists.

Needless to say, UCSB Head Coach Kris Bassler's defense has its work cut out for it. The Gaucha defense will be facing a North Texas team that scored 22 goals

against Troy State on August 31.

"We need to win the ball," Bassler said. "Defensively, we need to be strong."

Offensively, freshman Carolyn Hendrickson has lately emerged as a pleasant surprise for Santa Barbara.

The walk-on from Cupertino, Calif., has been an offensive threat the past two matches. She had the winning score against the University of Pacific last Sunday and had the most shots — five — in the losing effort against Pepperdine.

"She's been that player that's come up from the bottom," Bassler said. "She's getting the job done for us. I like what she's doing."