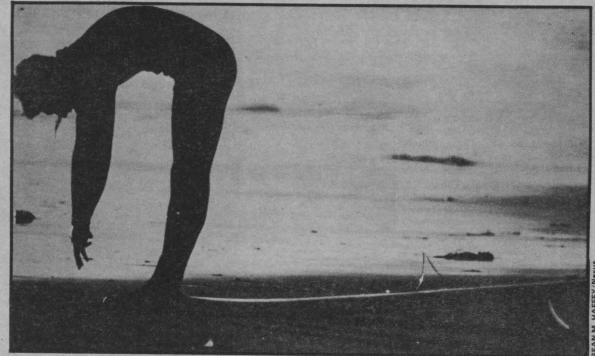


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# Surfing: That Magic Moment



The scenario: It's 5:30 a.m. on Monday morning, you and a couple of friends are packed into a car and you're coming around that last turn of the Jalama road that separates you from an ocean view. The driver of the car is making The Road Warrior seem like a Sunday jaunt to the corner drugstore, your sex life has been ruined because you had to cancel a date with the woman of your dreams in order to be in bed (alone!) by 10 p.m. so you could get up at 4 a.m. Your clothes are now unrecognizably stained with coffee that was originally meant to snap you out of your pre-dawn stupor and you find out, much to your chagrin, that the other passenger had an abnormally large dosage of refried beans for his last meal.

Does this sound like fun to you? To most human beings of at least moronic intelligence levels the answer would be NO! But if this same question were to be posed to a group of surfers you would get an entirely different answer. Why is

this? What is it that drives surfers to such extremes?

The answer to this question is known to surfers and surfers only. It is something that is difficult, if not impossible to explain to someone who has never ridden a surfboard. To surfers only is known the "magic" of surfing - the magic that drives them to considerable expense (time and money), gives most parents absolute fits, breaks up relationships and causes one's GPA to fluctuate with the wave conditions. To my knowledge there is no other sport or recreational activity that drives people to the seemingly eccentric and irrational behavior that is found among the surfing fraternity.

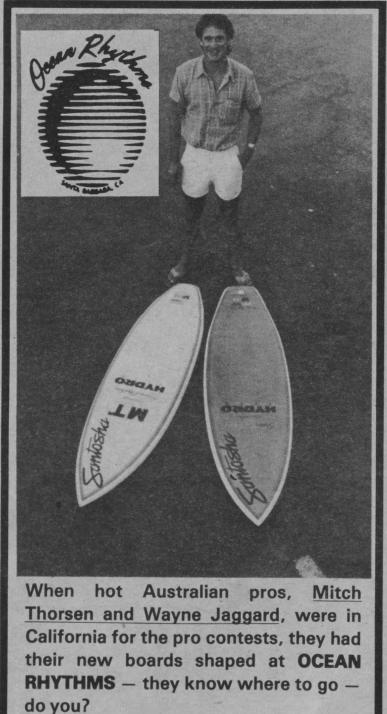
A friend of mine, for the sake of anonymity I will refer to him as Kevin, is a classic case study of surfdetermined behavior. He constantly monitors his weather radio so that he is in close touch with the everchanging wave conditions, and one night this past winter on the eve of a

forecasted huge swell, he woke up at three-hour intervals during the night so that he could listen to the marine weather updates. To an uninformed observer this could be classified as eccentric or irrational behavior (or both) but to Kevin it's not and it isn't to me either - Kevin and I were at the right place at the right time the next morning and we were treated to some of the biggest and best surf of our lives that day

Kevin is fortunate in that he has a girlfriend that surfs. This helps out in an area of a surfer's life that usually causes tensions on the part of both involved parties. The only problem that he (they) have is that he enjoys getting away from the crowds and going surfing with just a friend or two, and, most times, this means leaving his girlfriend behind. Alas, no relationship is perfect.

And now for another case study me. I was up at dawn today, at the beach parking lot 15 minutes later and stumbled my way down to the (See SURFING, p.7A)





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# Hang Gliding: Dreams Can Come True

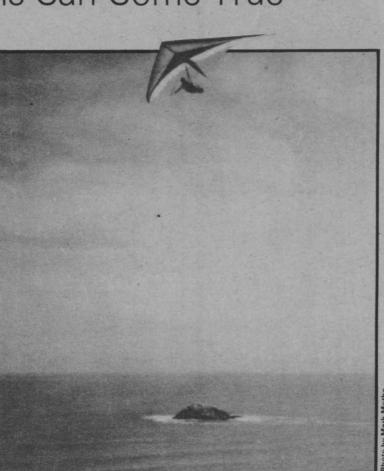
Have you ever dreamed of soaring majestically over hills and dales only to wake with your arms outstretched, clinging to your bed posts? If you've always wished these dreams could come true, get out of bed — they can, with hang gliding.

Hang gliding is not a new sport, but it has recently gained a new popularity amongst male and female, young and old. The hang glider was invented in the 1950s by Francis Regallo, a California engineer working for NASA on satellite recovery systems. These first gliders looked more like parachutes and were known as "Regallo Wings." In 1979 the "UP Comet-Crossbar" took to the air with a shape that increased performance and resembled today's hang gliders. Now hang gliders are very sturdy with extremely highperformance capabilities.

Hang gliding is not only a recreational sport, but a competitive sport as well. New records in height and distance are being set everyday. Pilots can fly up to 21,000 feet in the sky using oxygen masks. The distance record is set at 221 miles which took eight-and-a-half hours to complete. In Hawaii a glider set the record at 25 hours in the sky, and traveled 21 miles before touching down.

Hang gliding is popular in America and all over the world. There are 25,000 glider pilots in the U.S., 14,000 in Japan, 12,000 in West Germany, 6,000 in Great Britain, and 6,000 in France. The Eastern Block countries are also becoming more active in the sport; however, hang gliding is outlawed in East Germany because the pilots can fly over the border.

Achim Hageman is the owner of the Santa Barbara Hang Gliding Center(29 State St. 687-3119), and a certified instructor. He was the team manager of the U.S. National Team which was ranked second in the world in 1983 under his supervision. "There are many beautiful places to fly all around the world," says Hageman who has taken his glider through New Zealand, Switzerland, Austria, and through many American national parks. "Sky camping is popular among the



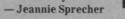
with the eagles, rest on a mountain ridge, and take off again.'

"Many people think that hang gliding is a dangerous sport, but just like any other sport, if you take it seriously and take the time to learn it correctly, it's perfectly safe. We are working hard to get our image improved," says Hageman. He warns that anyone getting involved with hang gliding should make sure that he/she is working with a certified instructor. "10 to 15 years ago hang gliding was a lot of trial and error, but now it's different - there are certified instructors, certified gliders, certified everything!"

"All of the materials used to build hang gliders are high-tech including aircraft-approved aluminium for the body, and dacron and mylar for the sail. There is really no structural damage anymore; the biggest

careful," warns Hageman,"the ones at garage sales are losers. Never buy one that was made before 1979."

Hageman offers hang gliding classes at UCSB. In his beginning classes he teaches the basics. The students learn how to set up and break down the gliders, launch, fly in a straight line for 20 to 30 feet and pass a written test. In these weekend classes he emphasizes the importance of safety. "I insist that my classes begin on sand dunes because sand is the safest surface to land on." Each class consists of 15 to 20 students of which over 40 percent are women. Both men and women are eager to master this popular sport. "I am more worried than the students are," Hageman confesses,"everyone wants to fly."







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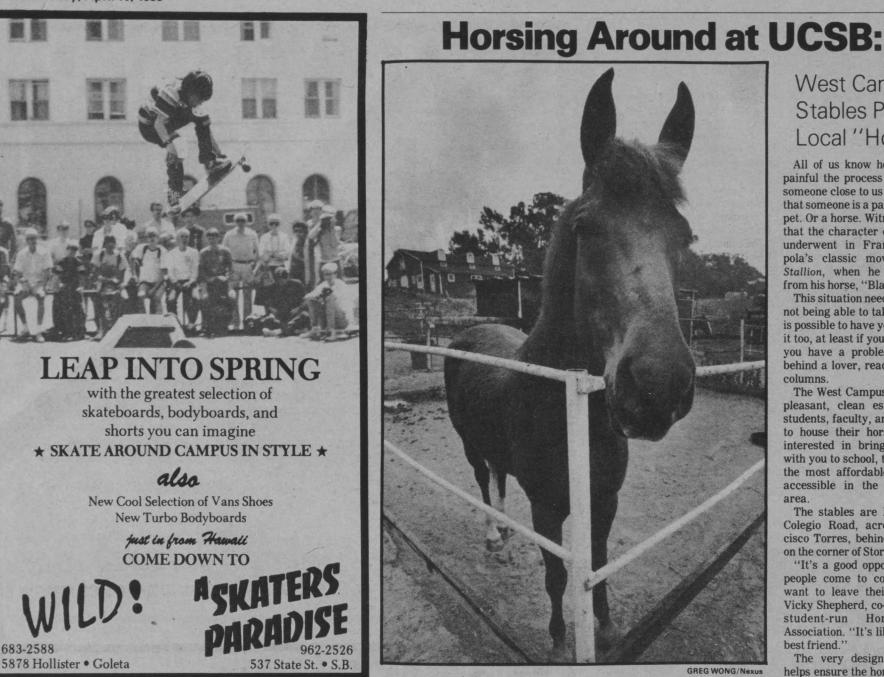
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## West Campus **Stables Provide** Local "Housing"

All of us know how difficult and painful the process of parting with someone close to us can be, whether that someone is a parent, friend, or a pet. Or a horse. Witness the torment that the character of Alec Ramsay underwent in Francis Ford Coppola's classic movie, The Black Stallion, when he was separated from his horse, "Black".

This situation need not be a case of not being able to take it with you. It is possible to have your cake and eat it too, at least if you have a horse. If you have a problem with leaving behind a lover, read "one of those" columns.

The West Campus Stables offer a pleasant, clean establishment for students, faculty, and staff of UCSB to house their horses. If you are interested in bringing your horse with you to school, these stables are the most affordable and the most accessible in the Santa Barbara area.

The stables are located near El Colegio Road, across from Francisco Torres, behind the pre-school on the corner of Storke Road.

"It's a good opportunity because people come to college and don't want to leave their horses," said Vicky Shepherd, co-secretary of the student-run Horse Boarders Association. "It's like bringing your best friend.'

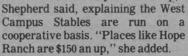
The very design of the stables helps ensure the horses remain best friends with their owners. Three large riding rings accompany the stables, providing ample area for the animals to exercise. The stables are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and are patrolled at night.

A myriad of riding trails lead from the stables. There is direct beach access to Sands Beach, which leads to Del Playa Beach and to Ellwood Beach. Horse-riding is not allowed around campus point, however, or on campus.

"There are some great trails beyond Goleta Beach," Horse Boarders Association co-secretary Cindy Cuff said. "But you have to find some way other than the beach or across campus," she explained. Riders can take consolation knowing there are trails winding into the Goleta foothills that have easy accessibility.

Membership at the West Campus Stables is limited to UCSB students, faculty, and alumni, and requires a one-time fee of \$15. Board is \$75 per month, which includes alfalfa hay, oat hay, and pellets, in addition to the corral and shelter.

"Our stables are only \$75 because we don't have any hired help,"



As a student-operated club, the Horse Boarders Association is busy with various activities. Elections are held every year, in May. The executive board consists of a chairman, a president, and two co-(See HORSES, p.8A)



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### **Rock Climbing:** UCSB Class Helps Conquer Fears

you're safe, then you close your eyes and jump. It's scary, but risking your apparent safety makes the ropes course here at UCSB so inviting.

The ropes course at Rob Gym has been around for years, but only recently has it been in demand. There is only room for 10-20 people, more by appointment. "To have the class small like this helps to provide for camaraderie," says outdoor director, Wayne Horodowich.

Challenge and its defeat is the thrill of the course. To experience a possibly fatal situation and stand up to it is the rush. "When you and your pal can overcome an obstacle together, there is not much of a greater feeling," Wayne said.

The ropes, Belay and rappel, carabiners and other standard rock climbing equipment are all paid for with the initial \$10 fee. And there is plenty of stuff to play with, too.

Wayne even let me have a taste of the zip line. That is a 75-foot rope, hanging 20 feet above the floor of the

First you have to realize that gym. No matter how big you are, let me tell you, you can't feel much smaller the second before you jump.

There are many other obstacles to overcome in the ropes course including climbing the dreaded wall, traversing the tires, walking the rope ladder, and flying through the spider web, no pun intended.

The main component for which the course is intended is companionship. "The course consists of a set of tasks which help to master one's own physical and mental endurance. The tasks are made for group problemsolving while having fun and excitement at the same time," Wayne added.

Scheduling for the class is done by appointment by calling 961-3737. Classes are scheduled for Monday and Thursday 3-6 p.m., Tuesday and Friday 3-5:30 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The classes are for fun and enjoyment, but why not overcome your phobias while having a good time?

- Ryan Beachkofski



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and only to watch 6-8 inch (socalled) waves dribble up onto the beach. My body hurt from walking into walls and cabinets in my kitchen earlier as I fumbled around in my usual early morning stupor and to make matters worse, I had forgotten my wallet and thus had to forego my much needed caffeine fix. As I crawled my way back to my car all I could think about was getting back to sleep and all the sleep I had missed by performing my "Dawn Patrol" ritual. But, in the back of my mind, I knew that I would be back in the same place in the same condition tomorrow and for many days and years after that.

I'm sure that many of you know someone who exhibits the types of behavior I have just described. As I said earlier it is almost impossible to explain to uninvolved persons just what it is that drives surfers to such extremes. Suffice to say that the feelings to be found in such an intimate involvement with the ocean and more particularly with the incredible feelings of freedom and enjoyment to be found in the simple act of riding a wave are what drive surfers to the lengths that they endure in the pursuit of what they love.

the first paragraph: You finally come around the last turn and all you see are offshore wind-blown walls breaking perfectly up and down the beach. For now you have it to yourselves and all of you start screaming and hooting like maniacs. This is the magic of surfing.

> - Paul Kuhn, **Owner**, Ocean Rhythms

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secretaries. Members are nominated by the club and then elected. All members are required to help with damage and make repairs if they are needed, and everyone participates in a once-amonth club workday.

"It is a lot of responsibility," Cuff said. "It's like a second job."

The West Campus Stables believe in keeping all horses in the best condition, and take measures to maintain that ethic. Each member is responsible for their own horse in all respects, doing feeding, cleaning, and regular exercise. Everyone is required to take part in the bi-annual veterinary clinics, where the horses are wormed and get injections for, among other things, tetanus and influenza.

"It's preventative medicine," Cuff said.

"Everyone is required to bring records showing that their horse is in good health," Shepherd added. "We have to be very careful."

Quite a few people here have a horse, but you wouldn't know it if you saw them in class. Once these lucky individuals make the transition from the busy campus to the quiet atmosphere characterizing Devereaux, where the stables are nestled amidst a cozy community of gentle, rolling hills populated by trees, thoughts of school disappear as soon as the first snort of a horse is heard. It is this that explains the popularity of, and the competition for a spot at the West Campus Stables.

"Getting a spot is difficult," Cuff admitted. "As soon as a spot becomes vacant it's filled. If anyone's interested for next year it would be a good idea to apply now."

Approximately 30 horses can be accomodated at the stables. The Horse Boarders Association

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will be holding an exhibit and a bakesale on campus at UCSB's Super Saturday, on April 19. An open house will run from 2:30-4:00 p.m. at the stables.

"Because we're a co-op, the way we get money is by bakesales, horseshows, and movies," Shepherd said. "We might try a raffle this year."

"We've had horseshows in the past, usually in the Spring," Cuff said, "and they're always a lot of fun."

Those with questions are urged to attend the exhibit on Super Saturday. You may call Cindy Cuff at 968-7805, or Vicky Shepherd at 968-4751. — By Mark van de Kamp





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