

**Little Birthday**

Steve Marriot, the frontman for the critically acclaimed 60s British pop group the Small Faces, would have celebrated his 50th birthday today. Tell your friends!

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Leg Council met Wednesday to discuss a bevy of issues. Read up to learn about what your student government is up to each week.

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Recent activities on the UCSB campus challenge even *The X-Files'* weirdness

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Chris, Cake, Cleese, Cronkite, C-Tupac, grid-lock, guerrillas; everybody says I love you while the mimes talk in *Artsweek*.



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# Daily Nexus

## Hunt for Dean Delayed for L&S Restructuring

By Eugene Tong  
Staff Writer

The search for a new dean for the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts has been suspended due to the upcoming vacancy in the position of provost of the College of Letters & Sciences. Chancellor Henry T. Yang announced Monday he had been counseled to temporarily halt the undertaking, following CL&S Provost Gretchen Bataille's announcement of her plans to leave her present job to assume the position of provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at Washington State University.

"After consulting with the chair of the Search Advisory Committee, the L&S divisional deans, Provost Bataille, the L&S Executive Committee, and the chair and vice chair of the Academic Senate, Executive Vice Chancellor [Donald] Crawford and I were advised, and concluded, to temporarily suspend this search [for the new dean of humanities and fine arts] at this very early stage of the process," Yang said.

With the provost position to be vacated in June, some have viewed this as the right circum-

stance to review the present state of the College of L&S, according to L&S Executive Committee Chair Ian Ross.

"Basically, the provost has resigned," he said. "There are some people who would think it's a good opportunity to look at the current status of administration in the college. ... If that's going to happen, then it would be wise to want to wait [on the dean search] and see what happens."

Yang agrees that an interim period is needed before proceeding with filling the dean position.

"We feel we will benefit from a little pause in this time of transition," he said.

Patricia Cohen, acting dean of humanities and fine arts, hopes the period of review for the College of L&S will be brief.

"We're going to go through a — hopefully — short period of re-evaluating the powers and authority distributed in the college," she said. "Questions have risen in different parts of the college and the Executive Committee of the college is taking a look at the concerns being expressed."

The issues and concerns in the College of L&S that need to be

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## GWD Denies City Proposal; Petition to Circulate Soon

By Nick Robertson  
Staff Writer

The Goleta Water District Board of Directors declined to forward a proposal to incorporate the Goleta region into cityhood at a special meeting Wednesday, dealing a blow to municipality proponents.

Following a bevy of remarks both supporting and opposing initiating the proposal, which was drafted by the Committee for Goleta Beach, the board voted 2-2-1 against forwarding the document to the county's Local Agency Formation Committee, where it would have undergone a comprehensive fiscal review. The CGB, a group of area leaders from various portions of the Goleta valley, must now begin a petition drive to solicit the 10,000 signatures necessary to continue advancing the proposal.

"I'm disappointed, but ... [the cityhood movement] is still alive and well," said CGB spokesperson Michael Bennett. "It will take us a few days to get [the petition drive] all organized, but it's an option we've discussed."

Although the agenda item was solely concerned with the possible

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## Residential Tax Proposal, Finances Discussed at Meeting

By Tony Bogdanovski  
Reporter

A special meeting of the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District Board of Directors Wednesday discussed a proposed tax to combat the potential loss of revenue due to Proposition 218.

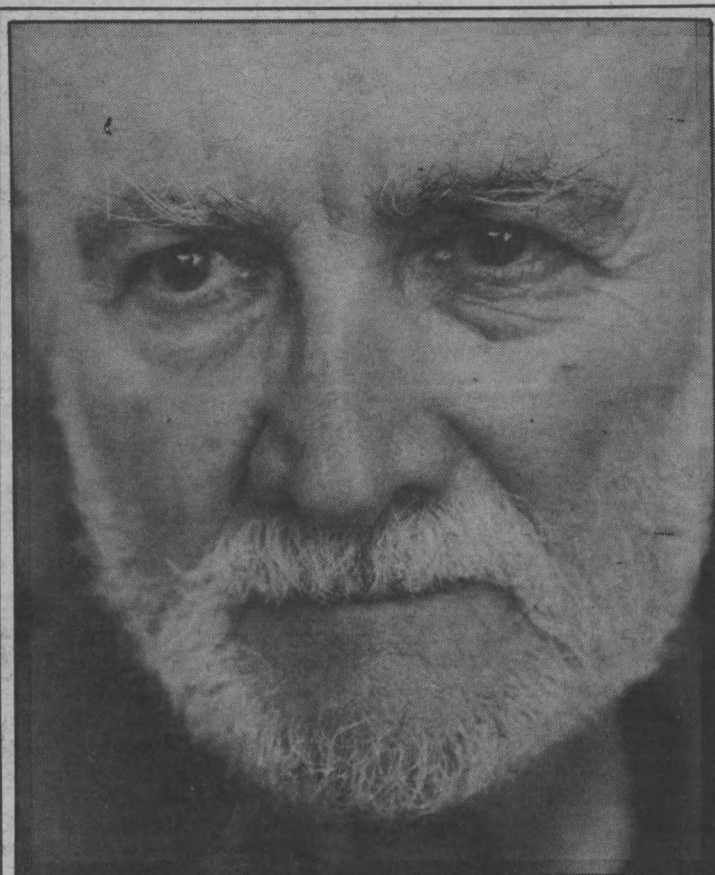
The meeting, which was scheduled to help collect input from local residents on the special tax resolution, saw only one member of the public in attendance. The board discussed and approved the proposal, which must be submitted to the Santa Barbara County Clerk's Office today to be included on the board of supervisors' Feb. 11 agenda for placement on the June ballot.

The resolution, which would need to be approved by two-

thirds of I.V. voters, asks the district be granted the power to collect approximately \$494,449 annually through a per bedroom residential tax of \$67.65 with homeowners receiving a one-bedroom exemption, and a non-residential tax of \$240.00 per unit.

Because voter approval of the special tax is crucial to the survival of the IVRPD, board members debated whether lowering the rates would prove the district's fiscal efficiency to the public or open a door to future financial risks.

Lowering portions of the special tax, such as the bedroom rate from the initially proposed \$71.54 to \$67.65, would have little effect on voter approval but could place serious financial restrictions on the district, said IVRPD Director Diane Conn.



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Geological sciences Professor Richard V. Fisher was recently honored with the Thorarinsson Medal.

## Professor Gets Medal for Accomplishments

By Tori Springer  
Reporter

A distinguished campus researcher was recently honored for his achievements in the study of volcanoes.

Geological sciences Professor Richard V. Fisher was awarded the Thorarinsson Medal on Jan. 24. It is the highest award given by the International Association of Volcanologists, in recognition of his "outstanding contribution to volcanology," as inscribed on the back of his medal.

"It is sort of a lifetime achievement award," Fisher said. "I've been publishing on volcanic rocks since the late 1950s ... and I feel very honored [to have received it]."

Geological Sciences Dept. Chair James Boles feels that Fisher is a deserving recipient of the medal.

"He has a long record of outstanding contributions in his field, and it is not surprising to me that he would be chosen," he said. "He has carried a strong role in teaching about the volcanologist process to students and he is a great source of pride for the department. Of course we are very proud. This is one of the highest awards for someone in volcanology."

Volcanology has been the subject of Fisher's work for over 40 years. He has published more than 100 articles on the subject, co-edited the book *Sedimentation In Volcanic Settings* and coauthored the text *Pyroclastic Rocks*.

Fisher's contributions to the field are significant in further advancing research, said geological sciences Associate Professor Cathy Busby-Spera, a colleague of Fisher's for 14 years.

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It would also make the district appear as if it had been spending too much money in the past, she added.

"We as a newly elected board haven't had a chance to spend too much," she said. "It's an assumption that we've been spending too much, that the park district is extravagant, al-

ways has been. ... I don't agree with that."

However, the district could work around a smaller budget, said board Vice-Chair Jon Wolken, who feels it is important to pass the tax and deter the threat to funding loss, which

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### Timeline of Events for IVRPD Special Tax Measure

- Resolution goes to county clerk today to be placed on Feb. 11 board of supervisors' agenda — supervisors will place it on June election ballot.
- IVRPD public hearings to be held on Feb. 20.
- Arguments for and against the measure must be submitted between Feb. 17 and Feb. 27.
- Sample ballot statement is sent to printer by registrar of voters on March 26.
- Two-thirds of I.V. voters must approve the measure during the June 3 election for it to pass.



# HEADLINERS

## Nuclear Dumping Draws Tribal Protest



**NEEDLES (AP)** — Indians, farm workers and environmentalists briefly blocked an official tour group from entering the proposed Ward Valley nuclear dump site Wednesday, the latest scuffle in a decade-long battle.

"This is our ground," said Llewellyn Barrackman, vice chair of the Fort Mojave Tribe. "We're not going to have any kind of a dump put in this area at all." Surrounded by creosote and sagebrush, about 60 protesters gathered on a dirt road leading to the 1,000-acre site about 20 miles east of Needles.

A caravan of technical experts pulled off Interstate 40 and waited for about 45 minutes as Indian singers chanted and small girls in native dress danced to the rhythm of a drum.

"We all have our different viewpoints and theirs are to be respected," said Frank Bordell, a health physicist with U.S. Ecology.

The company, with the support of Gov. Pete Wilson, has been trying to get

the federal government to sign over the site to the state so that a dump can be built to contain low-level nuclear waste such as that from medical facilities.

U.S. Ecology has a California license to operate it but federal officials, citing concerns that radioactivity could leak into the water table and into the Col-

**“We're not going to have any kind of a dump put in this area at all.”**

boundaries.

Protesters have camped off and on at the site for the past year in an effort to block the dump.

Members of several Colorado River tribes joined Wednesday's demonstration, along with environmentalists and members of the United Farmworkers Union in Blythe.

After about an hour, members of a technical coordinating committee looking into nuclear dump

where you came from," someone in the crowd jeered.

"The project is over, sir," said Bradley Angel of the environmental group Greenpeace, who helped organize the demonstration. "There are thousands of people who will come to defend this land. Forget it."

The Wilson administration says it is dangerous for companies that generate contaminated garbage to store it themselves. The administration also contends that some medical research in California is threatened because the state has no dump.

John Garamendi, deputy interior secretary and a former California state senator, has accused state officials of spreading "half-truths" and fear on behalf of a favored company to head off any further delays.

Meanwhile, scientists conducting safety research for the government stopped work last November after U.S. Ecology threatened personal lawsuits.

orado River 18 miles away, have demanded safety assurances and further tests. Millions of Californians depend on the river for drinking and irrigation.

Idaho-based U.S. Ecology plans to put barrels of nuclear garbage in unlined trenches. The company's dump near Beatty, Nev., was shut down in 1992 by Gov. Bob Miller for accepting leaking containers and illegally burying waste outside of dump

sites entered the area. They spoke with and were harangued by demonstrators until a U.S. Bureau of Land Management ranger showed up and asked the protesters to move aside.

"As God is my witness, I firmly believe I could let my own daughter grow up on that piece of land and she would be perfectly safe," said Jim Shaffner, the local manager for U.S. Ecology.

"Take it back to Europe

## 'Frequency' Attacker Identified by News Anchor



**NEW YORK (AP)** — The mystery may be solved: Dan Rather has identified the man he says beat him up on the street in 1986 while demanding to know "Kenneth, what is the frequency?"

The CBS anchorman said his assailant was William Tager, now in prison for killing an NBC stagehand outside the *Today* show in 1994.

Tager was convinced the media had him under surveillance and were beaming hostile messages to him, and he demanded that Rather tell him the frequency being used, according to a forensic psychiatrist who examined Tager after the NBC shooting.

The turn of events apparently ends a weird mystery that inspired a best-selling song by R.E.M., "What's the Frequency, Kenneth," and made the newsman the butt of jokes.

Rather was told by the psychiatrist, Dr. Park Dietz, that Tager was almost certainly his attacker. The anchorman identified Tager from pictures supplied by the *New York Daily News*.

"There's no doubt in my mind that this is the person," Rather said in Wednesday's *Daily News*.

Rather had been confronted at about 11 p.m. while walking on Park Avenue. When he tried to walk away, he was punched from behind in the jaw and knocked to the ground. The attacker then chased Rather into a building and kicked him several times in the back.

At the time, it was thought Rather might have been a victim of mistaken identity. But Dietz told the newspaper that Tager admitted attacking Rather after running

into the newsman by chance and recognizing him.

Tager was in New York City at the time because he mistakenly thought he had an appointment with a female television personality to talk about ending the hostile messages, and had just been stood up when he saw Rather.

"It was a chance encounter with someone from a target victim class," Dietz said. In fact, Tager told the psychiatrist he had considered doing more harm to Rather but had decided against it.

Tager, 49, of Charlotte, N.C., later pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the slaying of stagehand Campbell Montgomery and was sentenced to 25 years in prison. Tager was trying to take an assault rifle into the street-level *Today* studio at Rockefeller Center, and opened fire when Montgomery pointed him out to police.

The district attorney's office said charges won't be filed in the Rather attack because the statute of limitations has run out.

Tager's lawyer, John Esposito, told the *Daily News* there are still questions as to whether Tager was involved.

CBS spokesperson Kim Akhtar said Rather didn't want to talk further about the incident.

The attack came when Rather had taken to wearing a V-neck sweater on the air to soften his image and was signing off his broadcasts by saying, "Courage." Coupled with his 1987 walk off the CBS set to protest his broadcast being pre-empted for a tennis match, it led many to question whether Rather was losing it.

"These were hurtful in ways that I think everybody understands," Rather told the *Daily News*. "Sometimes it angered me, and sometimes it was discouraging."

## Respected Medical Publication Encourages Use of Pot by Ill



**BOSTON (AP)** — The *New England Journal of Medicine* has come out in favor of allowing doctors to prescribe marijuana for medical purposes, calling the threat of government sanctions "misguided, heavy-handed and inhumane."

"Whatever their reasons, federal officials are out of step with the public," Dr. Jerome P. Kassirer, the journal's editor, wrote in an editorial in Thursday's issue. The journal is one of the world's most prestigious medical publications.

After voters in Arizona and California passed propositions letting doctors prescribe pot for medical uses, Attorney General Janet Reno said doctors who do this could lose their prescription-writing privileges, be excluded from Medicare and Medicaid, and even be prosecuted.

Some doctors believe marijuana can relieve internal

eye pressure in glaucoma, control nausea in cancer patients on chemotherapy and combat the severe weight loss seen in AIDS patients. However, administration officials note that such uses of marijuana have not been proved.

Kassirer said marijuana is safer than some drugs used legally for some of the same conditions, such as morphine.

Furthermore, he said experiments to prove marijuana's value would be hard to do because of the difficulty of measuring nausea and other such sensations.

"What really counts for a therapy with this kind of safety margin is whether a seriously ill patient feels relief as a result of the intervention, not whether a controlled trial 'proves' its efficacy," Kassirer wrote.

In a written response, retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey, director of the Office of National Drug Policy, said marijuana might someday be approved for specific medical purposes.

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## Weather

How beautiful was yesterday? I think yesterday was hands down the best weather we've seen this year. On top of being bright and shiny, worthy of donning shorts and other since-forgotten summer attire, yesterday was just a wonderful day.

Never mind I got back chem and physics midterms with lower than expected scores. Never mind I fell asleep on the bus and missed my stop and had to walk a mile back to my destination. And forget the fact I ran out of deodorant and my raw armpits received a most brutal scraping from the container that held no more Degree Sport.

So why exactly was yesterday so dreamy? The exact same reason today will be. No, not because I have new deodorant, cuz I don't. And the midterms still belong to me, unfortunately. The reason is simple, and lies not far from where you are. If inside, simply go to the nearest window or door and check outside. If you're already outside, look around you. Ain't life grand?

Forecast: (See above paragraph.) In other pertinent ramblings, Hamer takes the duece-duece challenge today.



# Leg Council Passes Nontraditional-Family Bill

By Diane Reid  
Reporter

Extensive argumentation over parliamentary procedure from Associated Students representatives prefacing discussion of a position paper brought forth strong emotions from audience members at Wednesday's Legislative Council meeting.

The Domestic Partnership Bill eventually passed with 10 votes for, three against and two abstentions. However, audience members belonging to the Queer Student Union, the co-sponsor of the bill, were offended by the comments made by certain reps before Erin O'Brien, student sponsor of the bill, could present the bill. O'Brien waited for an hour on the floor while the council argued over whether or not Felicia Perez, the other student sponsor, should be allowed to speak.

Thirteen QSU members stood when Erin O'Brien was able to vocally resume her place on the floor and address both the bill and

the council's treatment of the bill sponsors' right to speak.

"I would like to commend you; I can't," O'Brien said. "I'm appalled at the reception I received. ... We have come here tonight to express our concern. We feel shafted. We feel silenced. What has

opinions. I commend Ms. O'Brien for being very eloquent, but again ... she cannot represent [everyone's opinion]. We are Legislative Council representatives. We are here to represent the students. I think we failed tonight," said On-Campus Rep Eric Shapiro.

[now]," said Off-Campus Rep Jolene Price.

A bill opposing the county's proposal to turn Highway 217 into an expressway with traffic lights was passed. Only Rep-at-Large Trinity Eyre voted against the bill, expressing concern over the possible negative effect on local businesses.

"It seriously will impact the local businesses. We can't just pass over it lightly. This is people's livelihood we're talking about," Eyre said.

In other business six students were appointed to A.S. committees: Scott Tanaka to A.S. Investment Advisory Committee interim chair, Matthew Barrall and Kristen Lynch to A.S. Judicial Council, Melanie Schael to Parking and Transportation Committee and Affirmative Action Committee, Doug Stark to Business Services and Library Users Committee and Veronica Moon to Business Services chair were all approved.

“*We have come here tonight to express our concern. We feel shafted. We feel silenced.*”

Erin O'Brien  
senior  
Asian American studies and political science  
major

happened in this last hour is symbolic of the silence that is imposed on our community as a whole. This silence is exactly why we don't have housing [and why] we don't have health care."

Many reps presented apologies to QSU members who took offense at the council's actions.

"Most [board members] did not hear a variety of

Other council members felt the misunderstanding about who should be allowed to speak, and when, should not have occurred.

"I think that everyone did have the opportunity to speak out today. ... I recognize [faces] in the audience who were here for [the Prop 209 discussions] and they knew procedures. I don't see why it should be different

ideas freely, and is very supportive without being critical. He is an inquisitive scientist and a warm human being. As a colleague, he has always been very respectable and considerate."

Fisher's involvement in guiding students is especially noted by Ph.D. candidate in geology Ben Fackler-Adams.

"[Fisher] treats students and everyone as equals," he said. "He has a warm sense of humor and sees things in fundamental ways which helps the student's research to be more insightful. I feel happy for him. He is really deserving."

## MEDAL

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"[His book on volcanology] is like the Bible for volcanologists," she said. "It is used as a text and reference for books and there are few papers in volcanology that don't refer to it."

In addition to his accomplishments in the academic world, Fisher also has many notable qualities as a person, Busby-Spera said.

"He is my very favorite geologist in the whole world," she said. "He is very unselfish with his time, shares his

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**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is an 8 - It might be possible to work out a treaty in a real hot spot. Try to stay objective. If a jerk has the best idea, go along with it. In love, you should be able to communicate without any trouble. Just tell the truth and expect to hear the same back.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 6 - You could stumble on secret information this morning that leads to a real bargain. Ask a friend who seems to be in the know. An unrealistic authority figure could be giving you fits. Keep pointing out the obvious, no matter how long it takes to sink in.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 9 - It's a fine morning to get together with friends. You could call a meeting of the Breakfast Club. Splurge with a special luncheon date; you may not have time to go out later tonight. Work you've been postponing may finally have to take precedence.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is a 5 - The bad news is that you're under financial pressure. Go ahead and ask an expert for advice, even if it's going to cost you. If you want something for the house, shop for the best interest rate as well as the best item.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 7 - You might be able to convince some of your friends who usually disagree to get along, just because you're in such a good mood. There are still problems to watch out for, however. While you're planning your next big advance, don't forget to plan your defense as well.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 6 - This could be a stressful day. If there's a controversy, do what works best for you. You're one of the few people who can understand all the numbers. Don't let your interest in a co-worker get in the way of business.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** - Today is an 8 - Make sure you have all your facts straight, especially the money part. Being exceptionally charming is not enough. Check your work before you turn it in, too. Don't push for a commitment this afternoon. It probably wouldn't go the way you planned, anyway.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 7 - You may encounter a roadblock today. Watch where you're going so you don't go crashing into it. You'll be in more control of the situation tomorrow, so if you can't get what you want now, stall for time. If a friend wants to talk, listen.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 7 - If a bully's putting you in a tough spot, call for reinforcements. You may still have to do the job, but you don't have to do it alone. The middle of the day should be excellent for a social or business gathering, so schedule one.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is a 6 - Although you probably won't agree with everything you hear today, you might get a few useful tips. You've been very successful lately and a major job has been accomplished. Now, adapt to a change. Don't get talked into buying a pretty package that's empty.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is an 8 - There may still be a few obstacles to overcome, but you will probably win eventually. Be persistent. Continue to build on the structure that's in place, rather than destroying it and having to start over. And don't brag about your recent conquest yet.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 6 - If you're offered a choice between a nearby option and a better one that's farther away, think it over carefully. Consider the costs involved and the long-range effects of your actions. This is a good day to listen to a lot of different ideas. Decide tomorrow night.

**Today's Birthday (Jan. 30)** - If you've been thinking about getting another degree, do it this year. It could lead to a big increase in income. The lesson you learn in April is through experience. Save most of June for romance. Hard work makes a dream materialize in July. You may have a moneymaking idea in September. Travel or matriculate in September and October. Make an investment in November. Love blossoms next December, leading to big plans.

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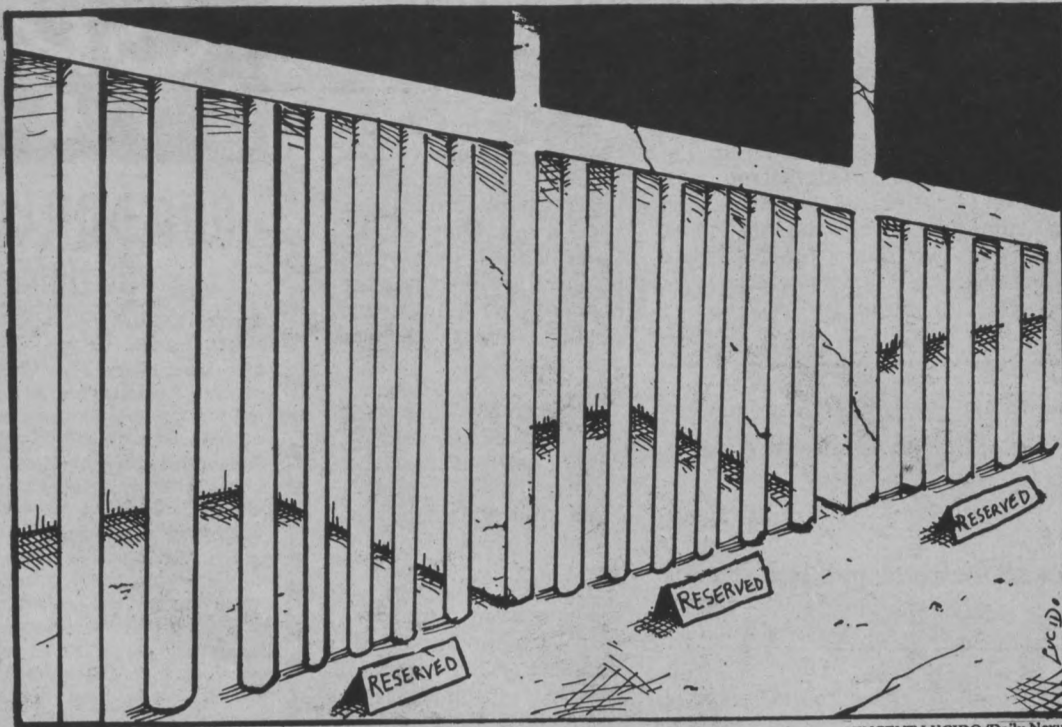
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# OPINION

## STAFF EDITORIAL



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### A Slice of Justice

25 Years-to-Life Sentence for Stealing Pizza Is Rightly Overturned

**J**erry Dewayne Williams stole a slice of pepperoni pizza from four children and got 25 years to life. Williams' harsh punishment, mandated under California's three-strikes law, breathed new life into America's long-running debate over mandatory sentencing and judicial discretion.

Two years later, in a ruling sure to renew and reinvigorate that debate, Superior Judge Donald F. Pitts cut Williams' sentence by at least 84 percent. Tuesday's decision, which overruled Pitts' earlier mandatory ruling, was made possible by a recent Supreme Court ruling that expanded judicial discretion by allowing judges to factor the past records of convicted criminals into sentencing — thus giving judges much-needed discretion that had fallen prey to restrictive legislation such as the three-strikes law.

Pitts' decision — despite Williams' prior convictions on charges of drug possession, robbery, attempted robbery and joy riding, and a rap sheet that literally unfolded to the floor — was the right one. While Williams was no angel, the mandatory severity of his sentencing — and of the three-strikes law in general — is, in addition to an usurpation of judicial authority by the legislative branch, a poor attempt at piecemeal reform for a judicial system that is in sore need of a wholesale overhaul.

Example: Williams' attorney predicts that his client will now be released sometime in 1999. Doubtless, many will be dismayed at this — another career criminal is back out on the streets, they will say.

This is reality — prison construction is one of the fastest-growing industries in America. But we're running out of money for the damned things and we still don't have enough cell space to ensure that criminals serve out their sentences. So we're forced to parole them. Which in turn raises the ire of the citizenry, who pass "get-tough" laws like three-strikes. More people are sent to jail. Rinse, wash, repeat.

All this comes in the face of FBI statistics that show the incidence of violent crime over the last few years is tapering off. Whether this last statistical trend can be attributed to laws like three-strikes or a demographic quirk is still being debated. What isn't debatable is that prison overcrowding, without which laws like three-strikes would be unnecessary, is in large part due to America's drug war — again, an effort in which the legislative and executive branches have teamed up to impose forever-expanding mandatory sentences for drug-related crimes.

This is nuts. A crime is a crime is a crime — whether committed out of rage, cruelty, avarice or addiction. We hate to sing out the same old song, but 99 percent of drug use in this country is a personal choice that has no business being criminalized. The republic would be foolhardy to continue this vicious spiral of mandatory sentencing — particularly in the case of victimless crimes — when we haven't enough space for the really serious offenders, let alone some petty thug snatching pizza slices from school kids.

*"What men value in this world is not rights but privileges."*  
—H.L. Menck

#### Editorial Policy

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#### The Reader's Voice

##### RUSSELL'S BEHAVIOR WAS INFANTILE

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Am I alone in my revulsion and disgust with our A.S. President Russell Bartholow? I don't know too much about our External Vice President for Local Affairs Jeff Provenzano — besides his recent involvement in Russell's infantile shenanigans — but everything I have experienced and heard about Russell Bartholow leads me to the conclusion that he is a moronic clown. He has tricked us all into paying his tuition while he now plays in office — like a spoiled, ignorant, undeserving child — with the powers we have foolishly given him.

When I say "we" I don't mean to include myself and the others who *consciously voted*. I mean to direct the responsibility of the election of this fool onto the many brainless and apathetic who voted for him — or didn't vote at all. I fervently voted for "the other guy" because I saw through Russell's shiny

color posters (that said nothing but "Russell") and his scattered, self-representative dummies. His platform really didn't say much, but like a good corporation with a fancy, useless product, he advertised well.

So I guess what began as a voicing of my longtime disgust of our dodo playboy president has turned into an attack on the mass stupidity of my fellow UCSB students. Are the majority of us really the brainless, media-controlled, unselective, consumer zombies that I sometimes fear we are?

My original proposal was going to be that everyone growl at Russell when he passes you by (smiling confidently and hiding behind his snazzy, reflective sunglasses). But I don't really think that this is fair. I would like to amend this proposal to suggest that only those who *voted and did not vote for Russell* may participate in this activity. Those of you who did vote for him, please turn off your televisions and think for a while.

FLORIE DOWNEY

##### WE HAVE TO DRAW THE LINE

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I enjoyed Vincent Lucido's column (*Daily Nexus*, "Consistency Required in Abortion Debate," Jan. 23) because it was straightforward and appealed to the intellect. Lucido tried to reason things out rather than use religion or appeal to the emotions like most abortion columnists do. However, I disagree with his conclusions and see problems in his logic.

Lucido argues that because we don't know when human life begins abortion should be illegal. That would be playing it safe. I thought, "Maybe he's right. We are ignorant about when life begins."

Then I remembered that there are people who believe in reincarnation so devoutly that they'll carry a broom and sweep insects off the ground they're about to walk on — they believe the souls of their dead friends and relatives might have transmigrated into bugs' bodies. If we can admit that we're ignorant about

## Desecrators: P

Lawyers Try to C

Henry Sarria

It must be tough to be a criminal — running, hiding, deceiving, basically just living a lie. If this is the case, it must be tougher still to be a defense attorney, especially when you know your client is as guilty as sin and you are ethically required to provide a case for your client's defense.

These feelings were brought up by a recent desecration of Chumash graves and the stealing of Chumash artifacts on Santa Cruz Island by an employee of a local company that specializes in organizing hunting and kayaking trips to the Channel Islands.

Now, the desecration of a grave is not only a punishable felony, but is also morally wrong. The fact that a person would steal is bad enough, but to steal from a person's final resting place is in a word, sick. Compounding all this is that the desecrated graves were on native Chumash land.

The grave-robbing scum bag was finally caught red-handed in an undercover operation coordinated by the National Park Service, which took two years and netted sufficient evidence to indicate that the grave-robbing had been occurring for quite some time. Arrests were made and charges were filed — now the defendants of this heinous crime await their day in court to hopefully be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

The really disturbing part of this case comes in the form of the statements issued by the defendant's hired private attorney in a feeble attempt to cloud the charges with a smoke screen.

The defense attorney claims that "un- was employed in ex- arrests" because armed and deployed helicopter were used in

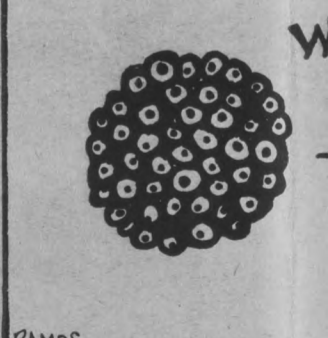
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# Proceed Directly to Jail

## to Cloud Clear-Cut Crime Case

attorney in this case that "undue force" was used in executing the case. 20 agents employed from a helicopter used in the arrest. The defense attorney took exception to the officers' attire, noting that "Tell government agents to hide their faces from the public, but you never

All the evidence in this case points to the fact that the crimes were being committed long before the investigation began. It seems as if the defense lawyer is either blind to the facts of the case or merely twisting them around for a price.

It is tough to represent someone you know is guilty, but it's your job and this is usually the dilemma of court-appointed public defenders. But this case involves a private, high-priced attorney with an ego to boot, leading me to question the integrity of a once-respectable profession.

I know our legal system provides rights for both the plaintiff and the defendant, who is innocent until proven guilty, but in a case where there is not even the slightest shadow of a doubt, the usual and dignified strategy is to plea bargain for a reduced sentence. Lawyers should not try to cloud the issues with useless

claims such as the ones made by the attorney in this case.

The defending attorney's claims constitute a mockery of the legal system. They send a message to society that it's all right to commit a crime — if you can afford a legal counsel that is willing to creatively twist the facts for a price, even in the case of desecrating a human being's final resting place.

I know all lawyers aren't like this, or at least hope that this kind of trend is only in the minority of the legal community. Nonetheless, it is disturbing that it even exists. In this case, as with many others, the final word will come down to a jury's decision as to the guilt of the defendant. The jury has the grueling task of filtering through the bull crap that the defense attorney is bound to sling in their direction.

I know why the attorney took the case at hand, but I can't fathom as to why he's trying to make a defense out of the way the crooks were apprehended. There's just no case and no course other than to plea bargain.

At least as a criminal you only make a lie for yourself and nobody else. As a high-priced defense attorney you get to make the lie for someone else — if the price is right — and even get to set a guilty person free if your skills are good. As I said in the beginning, it must be tough.

Henry Sarria is a longtime Isla Vista resident and a frequent contributor to the Daily Nexus.



## LAST CALL

# Spookier Than *The X Files*

### ➤ Darkest Secrets of UCSB Revealed!

Erin Vosti and Shannon Dorgan

Listen up, campers — the truth is out there. Stop looking into the distance, it's a figure of speech. Have you been wondering, like we have, about the paranormal activities that have occurred recently on our campus?

We're talking about conspiracy, deception and inveiglements; a tangled web of skulduggery. Do you think we've watched one too many episodes of *The X Files*? Well, OK, you're right, we have. But that does not obscure the fact that the UC administration acts just like a covert government organization, out to subvert the truth about their shady dealings.

To prove our point, we've compiled irrefutable evidence. We ask that you suspend your disbelief and ponder the following:

**Case No. 1:** Our school's recent rise to prominence as a research facility: What kind of experiments are taking place on our campus? Can anyone give us a conclusive an-

**Case No. 3:** The administration's attempt to erase identity and clone Jennifer: Just yesterday, Erin learned that her library account was frozen. After an intense investigation, it was revealed that Erin was never in the computer as herself — she was given the same account number as Jennifer X in an attempt to clone the student body-into one superstudent. Watch out — are there two of you at the university?

**Case No. 4:** The inability to buy a good, strong cup of coffee on campus: Has anyone ever questioned why students cannot get a decent cup of coffee at Nicoletti's? The strongest roast available is "Nic's Blend." But who is Nic, and what is in his blend?

**Case No. 5:** The recent foibles of our A.S. officers, Russell Bartholow and Jeff Prove-



swer? We've uncovered a list detailing grants given to students for research. Student X received money for a project on the "characterization of ... aminoacyl-tNRA synthetase of a latent polyphenol oxidase."

What the hell is that? It sounds like random words strung together nonsensically — or maybe a fake cover for alien DNA replication.

**Case No. 2:** The sudden dissolution of UCSB's football team several years back: Was it due to a lack of funding, or was there something more sinister behind it?

Maybe the administration has been hard at work creating a race of superathletes to compete in collegiate sports. The basketball teams, with their star players, are obviously being used by the administration to test these new and improved athletes. But the football team must have been a bunch of mutants, hidden away by the administration until their genetic makeup could be perfected.

nzano: First classified as "collegiate shenanigans," this unfortunate incident points to the dark forces at work.

How? Well, obviously, mad UC scientists performing human experiments injected the pair with paranormal bacteria found only in the outer reaches of the solar system carried down to Earth by a meteorite shower. What else would drive two "responsible" school representatives to deface a sorority house? The 12 people who actually took the time to vote in the last election must be very disappointed.

Even if you've never actually watched an episode of *The X Files*, you must be acquainted with its pervasive themes, and we think these themes transcend fantasy and permeate everyday reality on campus. Trust no one. Except for us.

To the best of their knowledge, Nexus columnists Erin Vosti and Shannon Dorgan have not yet been abducted by aliens.

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thawed the brains, took out the preservative, and pumped in warm cat blood, hooked the brains up to an EEG and saw that brain waves were being produced — the thawed-out cat brains were thinking cat thoughts.

This experiment is used as evidence

rest victims whose hearts had stopped were considered dead but now they get shocked back to life.

It's possible that people who we would consider dead aren't really dead. So in order to preserve human life we have the responsibility of freezing everyone when they die as well as weeping before we walk and outlawing abortion.

Then I thought, "This is ridiculous! There are always uncertainties, but we have to draw the line somewhere!" So halfway through Lucido's column I became pro-choice again and continued reading.

Lucido brings up the situation of both a woman and the fetus being in trouble. What's a pro-lifer to do? His answer is to attempt to save both. He doesn't say what should be done when it's impossible to save both.

He gives the example that if a father sees his two teenagers dangling from a cliff he won't save one and not the other. This is true but doesn't take into account the uncertainty that a fetus has life, the uncertainty that all of Lucido's pro-life arguments are based on.

A more precise example: A man sees

his wife dangling from a cliff and a clump of cells that doesn't look like a person to him at all is dangling beside her. What would he do? Save his wife! Any husband who would stand there wondering, "Well, my wife's going to die in a few seconds if I don't help her but what about that clump of cells?" would be silly.

There's no question about whether or not the wife has a life but there is a question about whether or not the fetus does. The woman should always be saved.

In the end Lucido brings up the idea of a double standard. He states that criminals who kill pregnant women usually get two murder sentences. This is a double standard because a woman can choose to do away with her fetus but someone else can't choose for her. That seems fair to me!

I think the real double standard is that outlawing abortion would make the government in control of a woman's womb but not a man's testicles. I'm reminded of what Gloria Steinem said: "If men could get pregnant, abortion would be a sacrament."

In this world of ignorance and uncer-

tainty something is clear — if abortion were outlawed women would be forced to have unwanted children while men, of course, would continue doing what they have always done: whatever the fuck they want.

LAURA-MARIE TAYLOR



that cryogenics could be feasible — the freezing of people's heads or entire bodies as soon as they're declared legally dead in hopes that technology of the future will be able to resuscitate them. It's not so strange an idea — before the invention of the defibrillator cardiac ar-



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# GOLETA

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forwarding of the proposal, and was not to be considered an endorsement or condemnation of the plan, many speakers took the opportunity to address their grievances with this concept of cityhood. Of particular scrutiny was the incorporation of Isla Vista with the rest of Goleta Beach's municipal government.

"I believe it would be detrimental to the rest of the Goleta valley because in the end result [the city] would be controlled by the UCSB/Isla Vista political establishment," said I.V. Property Owners Association Executive Committee Chair Charles Eckert. "There's no evidence of any significant public support. ... If there's a change of heart in the community, then they can get the 10,000 signatures."

Still others argued that forwarding the proposal would be inherently political, and not within the GWD's jurisdiction.

"My suggestion to you was you shouldn't be participating in these kind of activities," said longtime Goleta resident Ken Taylor when addressing the board. "[This proposal is] not something that we need to rush off and consider."

However, proponents stated that the cityhood movement is working under the deadline of impending area development and the possible tax revenue loss that could occur if incorporation is delayed with a petition campaign.

"There's a tremendous amount of growth that's going to be occurring in the Goleta valley in the next 10 years," said CGB member Harlan Green. "I want this to get to LAFCO and get this to a ballot as soon as possible ... to have a hand in controlling this growth."

Some speakers supported incorporating I.V. and UCSB in the proposed city, citing the possible financial benefits.

"UCSB is the major employer in the Goleta valley," said CGB member Lanny Ebenstien. "Inclusion of Isla Vista is also necessary to dissolve the [Goleta West Sanitary District]," he said, noting the proposal's goal to streamline government.

Nonetheless, with the GWD's decision, the proponents must now wait for an extended period of time before the proposal could reach fruition through a vote by the public, which is the last phase of the cityhood process, Bennett said.

"We will not make the November election, that's impossible. The earliest we'll have the opportunity to go for it is June of '98," he said.

# DEAN

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addressed are still being researched, said Academic Senate Chair Stanley Awramik.

"The Executive Committee [is] still in the information-gathering phase of the process," he said.

Cohen assumed the role of acting dean on Dec. 1 of last year after former dean and English Professor Paul Hernadi resigned in order to return to teaching and

research.

"I accepted this position through the end of this academic year on June 30th," Cohen said. "Now I've agreed to stay for the '97-98 academic year."

The position of dean of humanities and fine arts deals with various administrative aspects in running the different departments under the title's categories, Cohen said.

"I oversee 17 departments and programs. I assist in issues of planning, budget and research allocation," she said.

# IVRPD

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could occur in June if I.V. property owners vote to dissolve the current benefit assessment district under Prop 218. The district already has the power to levy about \$50,000 through an existing special tax, he said.

"Seeing as how we're operating our budget without that special tax [now] ... we're making up with that right there," he said.

IVRPD Director Dave Fortson agreed

and said the district had options available to it to reduce expenditures, such as volunteer help and acquiring county and state grants.

"At the current time, the parks look fabulous ... [and] there is a work force out there who would love to plant and pull and help out," he said.

The board passed the motion to adopt the special tax resolution for placement on the ballot, with only Conn abstaining. The resolution will be submitted today to the county clerk for placement on the supervisors' agenda, and the district will hold a public hearing on Feb. 20.

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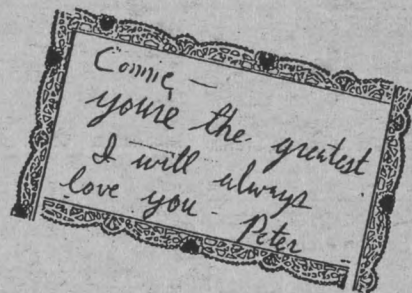
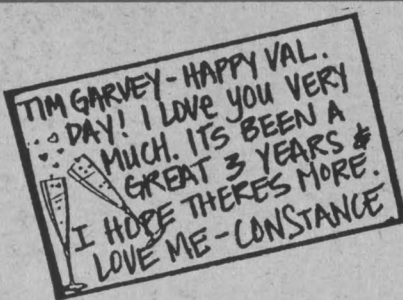
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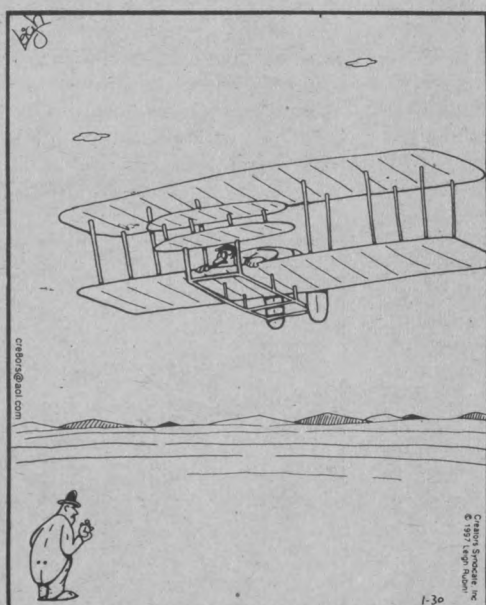
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## Road-Wearied Gauchos Face Nevada, Look to Grill Wolf Pack's "Meat"

### ■ Tutt One Game Shy of UCSB Consecutive Leading-Scorer Record

By Yier Shi  
Staff Writer

After getting manhandled in the paint by the University of the Pacific on Saturday, the UCSB men's basketball team (7-9 overall, 2-4 in the Big West) will once more face dominant big men when the squad travels to the University of Nevada (11-6, 5-2) today.

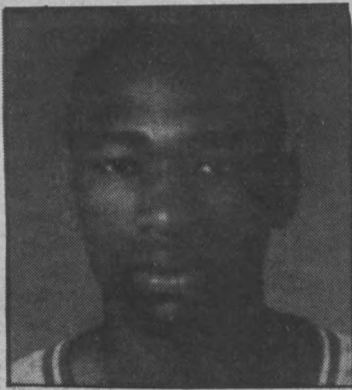
While listed at only 6'7", Nevada senior forward Faron "Meat" Hand has been one of the most consistent power men in the Big West Conference this year. The 270-pounder is currently averaging 19.6 points per game, good for third in the conference. He is also averaging 6.6 rebounds per contest, ranking him eighth in the Big West.

"Nevada has a good mix of athletes," said Santa Barbara Head Coach Jerry Pimm. "Hand is one of the most powerful men in the conference, and they have good outside shooting in Jimmy Carroll, Tim Barnett and Richard Brown."

Carroll, a junior, is averaging 14.2 ppg while ranking third in the conference with a .471 shooting percentage from behind the three-point line.

UCSB will reply once again with junior guard Raymond Tutt and junior forward Kealon Wallace.

Tutt, who averages 22.2 ppg, relinquished his Big West scor-



Kealon Wallace

ing lead last week to James Cotton of Long Beach State (22.9). If he can lead the team in points again tonight, Tutt will set a new UCSB record by accomplishing that feat for the 16th straight game.

Wallace had an off game against UOP on Sunday, scoring only five points while grabbing four boards. He will look to bounce back against the Wolf Pack.

"We've got to get [Wallace]

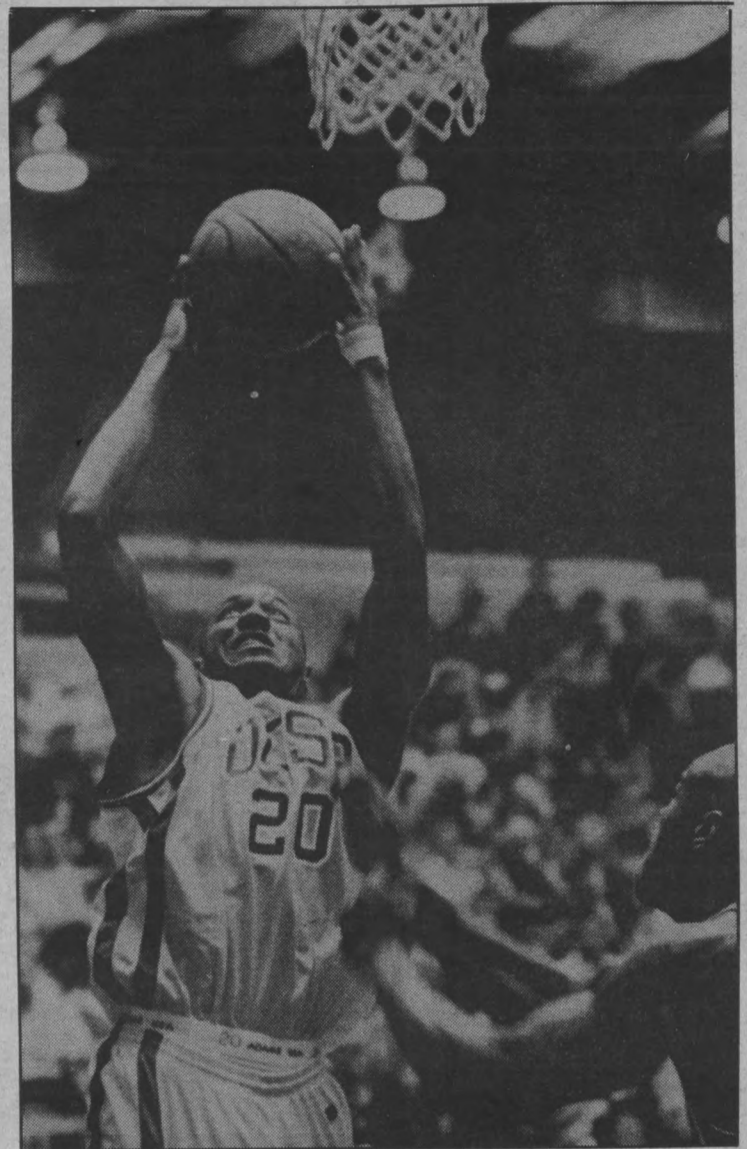
the ball more in good areas," Pimm said. "I've been trying to get the offense going with more room."

The Gauchos will be looking for their first road victory of the year — they are 0-7 away from the Thunderdome this season.

Nevada is coming off a roller coaster week. The Wolf Pack first lost to last-place UC Irvine on Tuesday, giving the Anteaters their first conference win. However, Nevada bounced back on Thursday to beat its archrival and Eastern Division leader Utah State. Ironically, it was the first conference loss for the Aggies.

### The Tutt Trend

Opponent	Points
Pepperdine	21
St. Mary's	37
Akron	20
Westmont	25
San Francisco	20
Colorado	17
Cal State Northridge	13
San Diego	33
Loyola Marymount	28
North Texas	17
Cal Poly SLO	14
Cal State Fullerton	36
UC Irvine	21
Long Beach State	17
Pacific	19



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**SCORING KING:** Junior forward Raymond Tutt will look to lead the Gauchos in scoring for the 16th straight game tonight.

## Santa Barbara Sluggers Open Season With New Faces; Host Gaels in Debut Saturday

By Scott Hennessee  
Staff Writer

Gaucha softball gets under way this weekend with a pair of doubleheaders against St. Mary's College and Loyola Marymount University. Santa Barbara welcomes the Gaels to Campus Diamond on Saturday at 1:00 p.m., then travels to Los Angeles on Sunday to face the LMU Lions.

UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly will most likely start five of the nine new players to the squad. With only six returners and eight freshmen, the roster is loaded with youth. "We are young but eager," Kelly said.

The Gauchos will rely on only two pitchers to carry them through the four games. Senior Megan O'Brien and freshman Jennifer Tolton will share the pitching load. O'Brien is one of the only Santa Barbara players with significant experience. She returns for her fourth season, ranking seventh in UCSB history with 19 total wins and 189 career strikeouts.

O'Brien is anxious to return to the mound to start her final season: "Everybody is ready to go," she said. "I think we are going to come through really well."

Tolton begins her first collegiate season having received a pile of accolades in her prep career at Centennial High School in Cor-

ona, Calif., where she led her team to the CIF Championship while garnering All-State and Player of the Year honors. Her record over four years was 82-23 and her ERA never rose above 0.33.

"Jennifer has the talent to be one of the best [pitchers] UCSB



Jennifer Tolton

has ever had," Kelly said.

The infield, which has been a strong point for the Gauchos in the past, has had to make some adjustments due to the injury of senior shortstop Alysia Hendricks. Last season Hendricks started all 50 games, but a recurring back injury leaves her presence questionable for the opening contest. Freshman Mandy Edwards will likely start in Hendricks' place at short.

Sophomore Dana McCall has stepped in at second base and either freshman Korin Thorig or

junior transfer Kerry Kops will be at third. Power-hitting freshman Kendra Wood will start behind the plate.

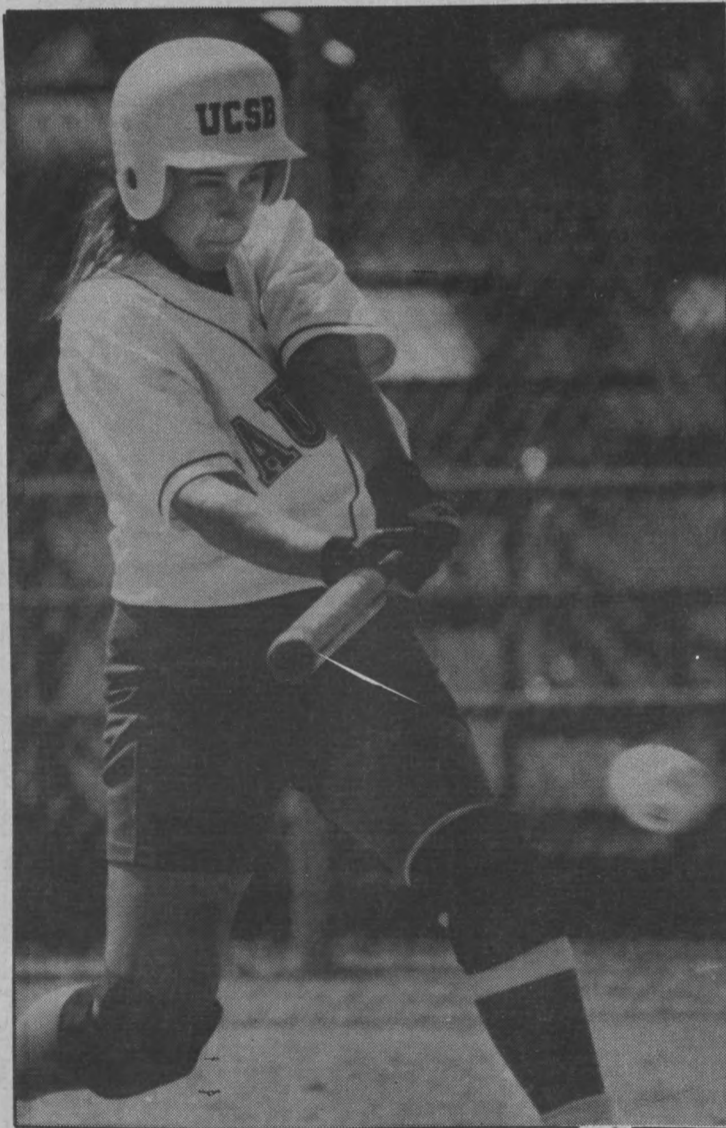
Senior first baseman Jessica Montgomery will once again captain the defense. Montgomery led the team in fielding percentage last season at .984. She is also the most experienced of all the Gauchos, having played in 158 games.

The outfield will see a new face in the middle as freshman Tonya Dias will get the start in center. Senior Alice Carvalho or freshman Sarah Mertel will anchor right field. Senior Danelle Lovetro, who made only one error last season, will start in left.

Santa Barbara leads the all-time series with St. Mary's 18-16; last season's game was rained out. The Gaels are led by sophomore pitcher Trisha Dean, who was 6-5 last season and batted .348 with two home runs.

LMU begins the new season off a strong campaign last year, in which they went 44-27. UCSB has not faced the Lions in the last three years, but knows it is in for a tough contest.

"We can't take them lightly, I know that for sure," said Lovetro. "They have beaten some pretty good teams in the past."



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**JUST RIP IT:** Senior left fielder Danelle Lovetro is one of the few returning starters for the Gauchos this season. Last season Lovetro had a .305 on-base percentage and led the team with 12 walks.

## Gaucha Weekend Events

Men's tennis travels to Seattle, Wash. to compete in the Great Northwest Shootout on Friday.

Women's tennis will look for its first win as it faces Washington State and the University of Oregon on Friday and Saturday. Both matches will be held in Eugene, Ore.

The rugby team will return to action on Friday as it hosts Arizona State at 7 p.m. The team will also welcome the University of Arizona on Sunday at 1 p.m. Both games will be played in Harder Stadium.

Men's gymnastics returns to Rob Gym to host UCLA and San Jose State in a dual meet beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The women's gymnastics team will compete at the UCLA Invitational Saturday at 6 p.m.

The UCSB swimming and diving teams will host UC Irvine and San Diego State Saturday at noon at Campus Pool.