



Fall in Love

(Or out of it) just in time for Valentine's Day! The TV show "Change of Heart" will be auditioning couples and singles today in front of the UCen between 11 and 4.

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Opinion

Although the university presents a cheery facade of diversity, David Choi examines the undercurrent of unspoken racism.



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Sports

The UCSB softball team opened its season at Campus Diamond this past weekend with games against Santa Clara and St. Mary's.



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Sunset: 5:35 p.m.
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Credit card companies seduce with the promise of easy credit, often proving more than students can handle.

Activity of Credit Solicitors in Question

By ERIC SIMONS
Staff Writer

This is the second of a two-part series examining credit card vendors and their place on University of California campuses. Today's article focuses on student debt and the legality of vendors on certain campuses.

Students looking for quick cash from credit cards often find quick debt as well, prompting UC campuses to examine on-campus plastic-money dealers.

The UCSB University Center Governance Board,

Second in a Two-Part Series

which sets the policies for permit applications, ruled in September that "no credit card vendors will be allowed to distribute free materials such as T-shirts, water bottles, coupons, etc." According to Bookstore Administrative Assistant Debby Baker, the board was concerned with the amount of students with credit problems.

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Housing, Residential Services Improves Online Application Process for UCSB Students

Lottery System To Determine Assignments in Residence Halls, University-Owned Apartments

By DAN LEFRANC
Reporter

Students racing to find on-campus housing for next year need not run further than their own computers.

Housing and Residential Services will begin accepting housing applications online this Wednesday for continuing students, at www.housing.ucsb.edu. Associate Director of Housing and Residential Services Jill Hurd said that although the network system had many problems last year, students should have no qualms over this year's online housing application process.

"Last year we put together a new data system and we were learning as we were going along. We had a real short period of time to get it working, so the process worked out for most students, but some got caught in bugs in the system," Hurd said. "However, we're confident about the online application this year, and not anticipating any problems. We've had students that range from novice computer users to professional computer users test the system, and it looks as if all the kinks have been worked out."

The website allows students to apply for housing in both the residence halls and university-owned apartments simultaneously, Hurd said. Housing will be awarded through a class-based lottery system in which seniors would receive priority over juniors, and juniors over sophomores.

Hurd advised students not to worry about a shortage in housing, and to take the time to make wise decisions. "I anticipate that there will be an influx [of students applying early] because there is a perceived housing shortage, but I don't think that's a real shortage," she said.

Residence Hall Association President Lindsay Stevenson said students have nothing to worry about with this year's system. "We've received very few student concerns and it looks like the system has been ironed out, so we're looking forward to a huge success with the system," Stevenson said.

According to freshman psychology major Elizabeth Keeley, some students are anxious to beat the rush to find quality housing. "I'm worried that I won't find a place, and if I do find a place that it will be infested with rats, insects and other sorts of vermin," she said.

According to Hurd, concerns about the availability of housing may not be substantiated by an actual housing shortage. "It's all just a perception. We're real disappointed this [perception] is out there, because it causes students to sign contracts prematurely."

Stevenson said it is important to look for housing as soon as possible. "Students need to start looking for housing now, because this is the time to do it," she said.

The online housing application will be available Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 8 a.m. until Friday, Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. at www.housing.ucsb.edu.



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Reach out and Touch Someone

Prominent Santa Barbara gospel singer Ron Paris Green reaches out to the audience in the MCC Theater during a concert as part of the month-long "Unity in the Community: Why Black Music Heals" series.

Local Officials Work Together for Coast Preservation

By JEFF LUPO
Staff Writer

Various members of Santa Barbara city and county government have agreed to join efforts to keep commercial and residential development off the Gaviota coast.

Third District County Supervisor Gail Marshall and city council members Greg Hart and Marty Blum announced their intention to work together in attempting to preserve an area of the Gaviota coast Monday at the Santa Barbara County courthouse. The privately owned area approximately 12 miles west of Santa Barbara has recently been speculated to be developed into a town site dubbed Naples, drawing opposition from local environmentalists who wish to see the area turned into a national seashore.

According to Marshall, the purpose of the new union between city and county is to work with Naples property owners in order to find an alterna-

tive solution to developing the coast.

"Our first step in this process is to take an environmental impact report where we'll ascertain exactly what and how much development would be possible on the Naples site. We'll know what development value there is and then we can possibly transfer the development credits to a more urban area off of the coast such as Goleta," she said. "The report will take at least a year, but it's exciting because we're in collaboration with the city, who's stepped up to say 'we'll work with you on this.'"

Hart said the collaboration is still in preparatory stages, but is showing promise to be successful.

"We would really like to be able to transfer the development credits to another commercial area off the coast, but we just don't know where yet," he said. "This is really exciting, though, because it's never happened before where the city and county have come together to work on an issue like this. If it's successful, which we hope it will be, it's going to make Goleta and Santa Barbara residents very happy."



Gail Marshall



Top of the News

Plane Collision Results in Four Dead

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two small airplanes collided in flight Monday, killing four fliers when one craft plunged through power lines to a fiery crash on a golf course and the other fell into trees on the other side of a freeway.

Golfers on the sixth fairway at Cascades Golf Club scattered as debris fell out of the clear sky over the San Fernando Valley, but no one on the ground was hurt.

One plane, a single-engine Citabria, was patrolling oil pipelines between Bakersfield, Calif., and Los Angeles when it collided with a Questair experimental plane about 9:50 a.m., said George Petterson, investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board. The Citabria took off from Bakersfield and was scheduled to return there, he said.

Petterson did not have information about the Questair plane's origin and destination.



Two people were in each aircraft. Names of the victims were not released. The pipeline company also was not identified.

One group of golfers was talking about last week's Alaska Airlines crash off the California coast when the two small

We heard a loud popping sort of sound. [The plane] immediately exploded on the lines then fell to the ground and burned intensely.

**— Jeff Childers
crash witness**

planes collided overhead.

"We heard a loud popping sort of sound," said Jeff Childers, 50, of Sherman Oaks. "It immediately exploded on the lines then fell to the ground and burned intensely. You could smell the seat materials and fuel burning."

"It was already on fire

when it hit power lines," said Darryl Gordon, 38, of Valencia.

Two men were in the Citabria, and a couple believed to be in their 60s were aboard the Questair, said Fire Dept. spokesperson Bob Collis. Reports that a body may have fall-

en from one of the planes triggered a search for a possible fifth victim in nearby hills, but it was called off when authorities concluded witnesses had seen debris.

The Citabria is a high-wing plane, and the Questair a low-wing aircraft. Petterson said it is possible that the combina-

tion made it difficult for the pilots to see each other.

"That is of course a possibility," he said. "A wing does block your view, and it is a seen-and-be-seen concept of flight."

NTSB investigators were trying to determine altitude information about the planes and recover a flight recorder, Petterson said. He did not say which plane had the recorder.

Both planes contacted Van Nuys Airport just before the crash about nine miles north of the airport, Petterson said. The Questair pilot told controllers the plane was going to land there, but it had not yet been given clearance at the time of the crash, he said.

When air-traffic controllers answered the Questair plane, it did not respond, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesperson Kirsti Dunn. Neither plane reported problems before the crash, she said.

Judge Rules Homosexual Discrimination Unjust

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The state won't appeal a precedent-setting court ruling that prohibits lawyers from removing jurors because of sexual orientation.

Attorney General Bill Lockyer agrees that "gays and lesbians cannot be discriminated against during jury selection," spokesperson Nathan Barankin said Monday.

The state previously took the opposite position in the court case, but Barankin said those arguments were formulated when Lockyer's Republican predecessor, Dan Lungren, was attorney general. Lockyer, a Democrat, took office in January 1999.

The state's 4th District Court of Appeal, in Santa Ana, issued the ruling last Monday. The court said it was the first in the nation to address the issue.

Previous rulings, based on the right to a jury chosen from a cross-section of the community, have barred lawyers from removing prospective jurors because of race, sex or national origin. The court said homosexuals, likewise, were a distinctive group with a common perspective, based on their status in society.

"It cannot seriously be argued in this era of 'don't ask, don't tell' that homosexuals do not have a common perspective," said Justice William Bedsworth in the 3-0 ruling.



That doesn't mean that all homosexuals see the world alike, only that they share the perspective of "having spent their lives in a sexual minority either exposed to or fearful of persecution," Bedsworth said. "That perspective deserves representation [in the jury pool]."

He also said lawyers can't ask jurors about their sexual orientation. But a gay-rights lawyer said attorneys who want to remove gay jurors have been able to evade the ban by asking prospective jurors about their living partners.

The ruling requires a new hearing in an Orange County burglary case. Lawyers for defendant Cano Garcia claimed the prosecutors removed two women from the jury at his burglary trial because they were lesbians.

Garcia was convicted and, with two previous convictions for serious felonies, was sentenced to 25 years to life under the three-strikes law. He is entitled to a new trial if the trial judge now determines that either juror was removed because of her sexual orientation.

ing. "They share a history of persecution comparable to [the one] that blacks and women share."

NRB Still Wary After Revoking of "General Education" Ruling

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Religious broadcasters vowed Monday to keep a vigilant eye on the Federal Communications Commission even after it reversed a ruling that some religious programming cannot be considered educational.

"It's a total victory on this issue. But it was only a battle; the war continues," National Religious Broadcasters President Brandt Gustavson said during the organization's annual national convention.

The FCC recommended in December that non-commercial broadcasters



who seek licenses for specially reserved educational TV channels devote 50 percent of their air time to educational programs.

The agency also determined that programming "primarily devoted to religious exhortation, proselytizing or statements of personally held religious views and beliefs generally would not qualify as 'general educational' programming."

The order was rescinded last month. "We have always been

concerned and taken precautions into the intrusion into free speech. But this was a total surprise," Gustavson said. "For the first time, [the FCC] took an anti-religion stance."

Although affecting only a limited number of religious broadcasters, the recommendation prompted complaints that regulators were trying to control the content of religious TV.

The NRB has filed a petition asking the FCC to declare that it would not

quietly resurrect the proposal in the future.

Many of the 4,000 convention attendees, representing more than 1,743 religious radio and television stations as well as affiliated businesses, said they believed the FCC's aborted action was only the beginning of problems to come.

"This is completely political. ... It's payback time, as they say," said nationally syndicated columnist Cal Thomas, a former spokesperson for Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority.

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Weather

Forget slave labor abroad; check out the new McDonald's on Storke Road. Nevermind that there aren't any orderly lines to stand in (it's kind of a mill-around-until-someone-helps-you setup they got), they have eight-year-olds working the registers on weekends. The blank stare of exploitation will gaze at you when you go to order your value meal. Furthermore, the kids aren't strong enough to handle the torque of the McFlurry machine. One girl lost control and sent a Butterfinger ice cream treat all over her prepubescent self and half of the patrons who were wandering around hoping to get served.

Forecast: Count on scattered McFlurry this weekend in the Camino Real Marketplace.

POLICE REPORT



Identity Crisis

At approximately 11:15 p.m. Feb. 4, Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers observed a female suspect holding a white plastic party cup as she exited a party on the 6600 block of Del Playa.

According to reports, the 18-year-old suspect poured the contents of the cup on the ground as officers approached and immediately began to walk away from the officers with two other female subjects. The suspect was detained as the other two walked into a neighboring residence.

The suspect did not have any identification. Officers told the suspect she must give the correct spelling of her name and date of birth as it appears on her driver license and explained that supplying false information to a peace officer in an attempt to avoid prosecution is a misdemeanor and that she would be taken to jail.

The suspect said, "I understand. My name is Andrew ... and my date of birth is 05-23-78." Officers asked the suspect if she was sure, and she said, "Yes, my parents were kind of ..."

The information was radioed in to be checked by the dispatch. But fearing that the suspect was not being honest, an officer walked over to the other two females that were with the suspect, who told the officer that her name was actually 'Amanda.'

Officers then questioned the subject, encouraging her to be honest. The suspect said, "That's my name."

The dispatch returned with the information: "Andrew ... D.O.B. 05-23-78, 6'2", 150 lbs., brown eyes, brown hair."

The suspect was arrested for supplying false information to a peace officer

and transported to the Isla Vista Foot Patrol office, where she supplied the correct information.

Pre-Law

At approximately 1:22 a.m. Feb. 5, a male suspect, 19, was observed staggering westbound on the 6600 block of Sabado Tarde by officers in a marked patrol car.

According to reports, the officers stopped the patrol car to contact the suspect. The suspect identified himself as 'Kyle' and said, "I haven't had anything to drink this evening." Officers informed the suspect that he appeared to be intoxicated. The suspect said, "No, I haven't had anything to drink."

Officers determined the subject was too intoxicated to care for his own safety and arrested him for public intoxication. The suspect was transported to the Isla Vista Foot Patrol office to be booked.

During the booking process, officers again asked the suspect his name. When he replied 'Ryan,' officers told him he had originally said 'Kyle.' When officers asked why he had lied, the suspect stated, "What would you have done if you were me? I know it was stupid, I fucked up. I'm a fucking idiot."

The suspect apologized several times and said, "I know I am stupid, I was wrong. You're just doing your job, I promise I will cooperate."

The suspect was transported to Santa Barbara County Jail with two additional males. While en route to jail the suspect became confrontational. The suspect said, "This is fucked up, I didn't do anything. I hope you're happy. My aunt's a

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Feature

When it rains, it bores in Santa Barbara. In a community of outdoor recreation — sailing, building sandcastles, hiking and biking — it can be hard to think beyond a movie theater for getting out of the house on a rainy day.

Fortunately, there are ways to get out and not get wet.



BY ELIZABETH WERHANE
Staff Writer

The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History can give you a taste of the local past.

Multiple halls house marine exhibits, a space lab, Chumash Indian artifacts, habitat displays and hands-on activities, to name a few.

Natural history literally comes alive in the "lizard lounge," as museum officials fondly call it, featuring live reptiles and amphibians.

When it comes to wild things, the museum has more to offer than what you can find at local pet stores; a live Bengal Siberian tiger named Jasmine and an assortment of other animals will be at the museum Sunday, Feb. 13.

For an additional \$2, museum guests can see the planetarium show at 1, 2, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 3 p.m. Wednesday.

In addition to the displays and exhibits, the public is welcome to take advantage of the museum library and store.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and holidays.

Admission is \$4 for children, \$5 for seniors and teens and \$6 for adults. The last Sunday of each month admission is free.

Call 682-4711 for more information.

Even when it's raining you can go horseback riding without getting wet. Chase Palm Park is home to an antique carousel.

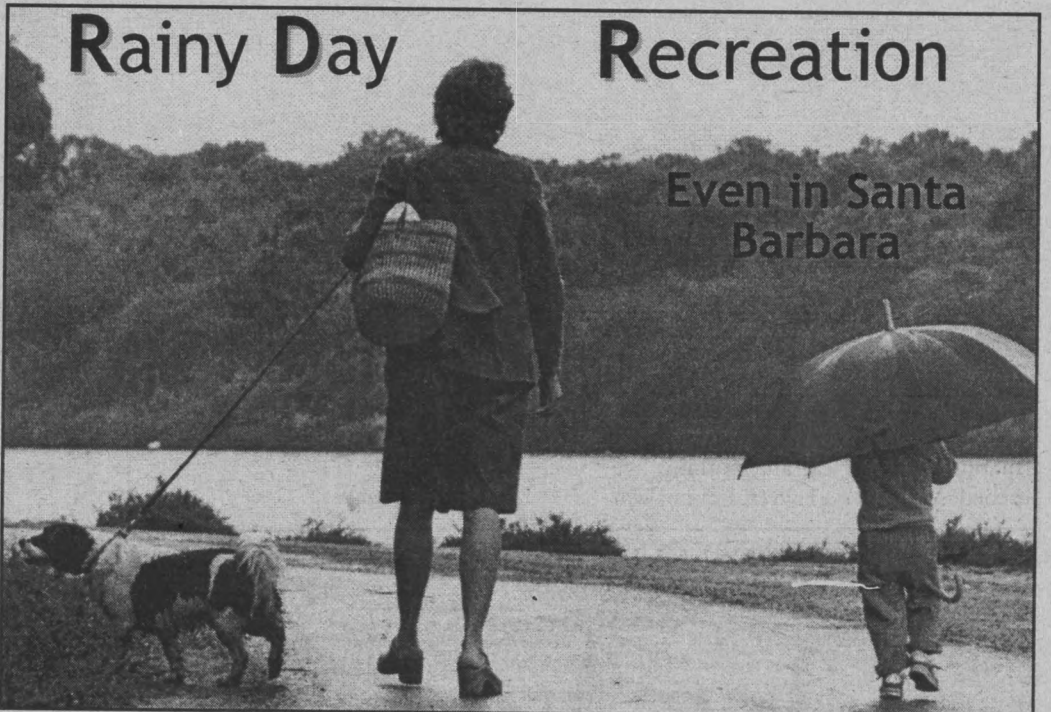
The Chase Palm Park Carousel is only \$1.50 a ride and open to all ages.

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day the carousel runs 'round and 'round, even in rainy weather.

Call 963-9463 for more information.

The hot spot, literally, for rainy days is The Hourglass. At The Hourglass, private hot tubs can be rented by the half hour.

Although some of the spas are outdoors and without a roof, permitting sunbathing or stargazing, others are entirely enclosed providing protection from the elements.



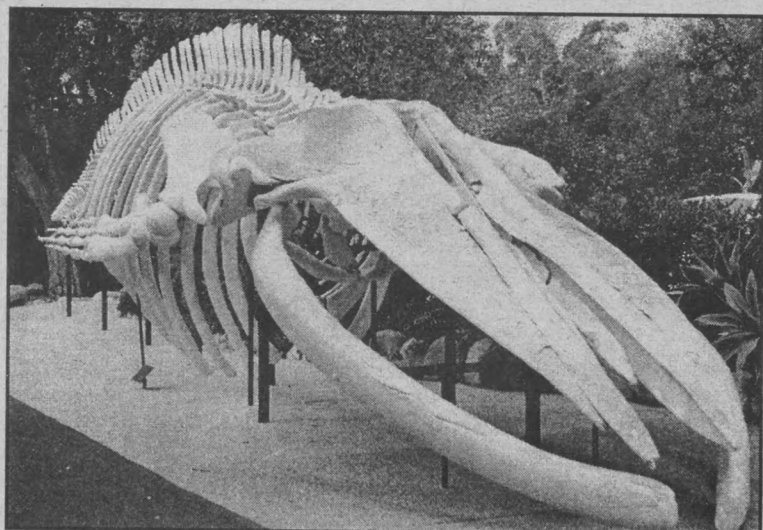
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The Hourglass is open 4 p.m. to midnight Tuesday through Friday, and 3 p.m. to midnight Saturday and Sunday. Although usually closed on Mondays, The Hourglass will be open for Valentine's Day.

Appointments are usually recommended. Call 963-1436 for more information.

Some Alternative Ideas

- 1 Bathing suit shopping
- 2 Play at an arcade
- 3 Bowling
- 4 Have drinks at a posh hotel
- 5 Go to a blood or sperm bank
- 6 Spend time in a church
- 7 Get a haircut (or manicure)
- 8 Start a trial gym membership
- 9 Make the most of KMart
- 10 Play games at a coffee shop



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This 72-foot-long blue whale skeleton is one of many natural artifacts displayed at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History downtown.

Feeling Artsy?



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The Santa Barbara Museum of Art has rooms upon rooms of art to shelter you from the rain and to entertain.

Located at 1130 State St., the museum is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday, and 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is free every Thursday, the first Sunday of each month and for children age 5 and under. Ages 6-17 and students (with I.D.) are \$2, adults are \$5, and seniors over age 62 are \$3.

Currently the museum is host to a

special exhibit of early California photographs from the 1900s. This exhibit will run through Feb. 27.

Call 963-4364 for more information.

In the mood to create rather than observe? Art From Scrap, on the corner of Cota and Garden streets, sells craft supplies by the bagful.

The bin-filled warehouse includes items donated by industrial companies, craft stores and individuals.

Run by the non-profit Community

Environmental Council, Art From Scrap encourages recycling and creativity.

The warehouse is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and until 6 p.m. Thursday.

Call 884-0459 for more information.

The less-creative but still crafty can try out a paint-your-own ceramics workshop in the area.

La Cumbre Ceramics Studio, open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., offers



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free studio time and advice.

"We're here to help you," employee Sandy Hollowell said. "If you want to learn any technique, we can show you."

Artists pay only

for supplies.

Call 682-1323 for more information.

2000 Degrees offers similar ceramics facilities.

Call 882-1817 for more information.

REPORT

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lawyer and you're fucked."

Officers asked the suspect why he was being so confrontational. The suspect replied, "I know you've been really cool, but fuck, I didn't do anything. All I tried to do was break up a fight. I don't give a fuck. I am already under arrest, what are you going to do to me?"

The suspect began to yell at the other two passengers, "Fuck this guy, my aunt is a lawyer and my parents have money. This won't even go to court," he said. "Hey, I hope you're happy, while you're making twenty-five thousand a year, I'll be making one hundred and twenty-five a year, you uneducated fuck."

The suspect then turned to the other passengers and said, "This won't even go to court, what is it, a PI?" he said, "I got pulled over with half a pound of marijuana in my car and nothing happened. My aunt's a lawyer, I'm not wor-

ried."

The suspect was moved to the sally port of the jail and was held until they were ready to process him. The suspect attempted to pull away from the officer and said, "Get your hands off me. You saw it, he assaulted me. I have a witness."

Officers then placed the suspect against the plexi-glass wall and the suspect said, "Oh you assaulted me. I want this on the record. I'm going to have your fifteen-thousand-dollar-a-year job, you fucker."

The suspect then intentionally banged his head twice against the plexi-glass door and fell to the cement floor. The suspect began crying and said, "I can't believe you hit my head against the wall. I'm going to sue you, you son of a bitch."

The suspect was housed in the Santa Barbara County jail pending sobriety.

—Compiled from IVFP reports by Shaun McGrady

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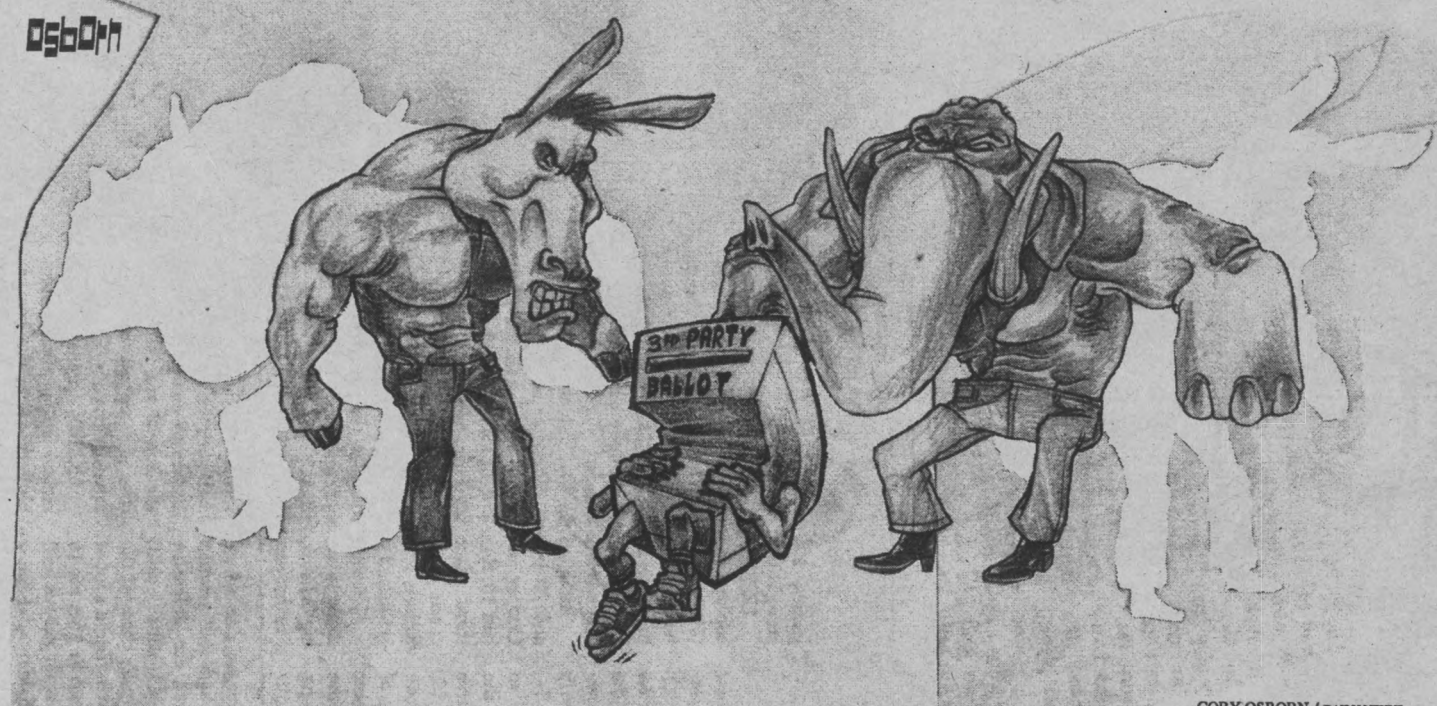
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Subverting the Will of the People

National Republican and Democratic Parties Standing in the Way of Open Primaries

Around one-third of all Americans consider themselves politically independent — about the same percentage who belong to either the Democratic or Republican party. Students are especially likely to decline to state their party preferences or to support a smaller “third party”: in 1998, 10 percent of voters in Isla Vista, UCSB and university-owned housing were registered with a third party, compared to 6 percent of the rest of Santa Barbara County.

Until 1996, many of these voters were alienated by California's closed primary, which gave voters primary ballots with only candidates from their own party. But that year the state's voters approved a new open primary system allowing voters to choose any candidate — a new system that is proving meaningless in presidential primaries, thanks to the maneuvering of the national Democratic and Republican parties.

When the open primary was enacted, party leaders complained that they should have the right to decide who votes in their primaries. With an open primary, they argued, a Democrat could cross party lines and “sabotage” the Republican primary by voting for the weakest Republican candidate to advance to the general election. The state legislature placated national party leadership by amending the law so that only votes cast by members of the respective parties will count toward the selection of Republican and Democratic nominees.

With this action, the state legislature sent the message that national party bosses carry more weight than the voters of the most populated state in the nation.

Complicating the matter is the fact that state offices and congressional races still have open primaries. Election officials will be required to count March primary ballots twice. The first tally will include all ballots, but will be informational only. The second ballot, including only votes from party members, will be used to help determine presidential nominees.

Counting the ballots twice is a sure sign that something is amiss. We, as voters, are being told to disregard the result that most accurately represents the will of the people.

Parties claim that they are private organizations and have the right to decide who can vote in their primaries. However, a political party is not a “private” club in the accepted sense of the word.

[National parties] do not have the right to exclude otherwise eligible citizens from the process because their political views do not fall under the “Republican” or “Democrat” umbrellas.

National parties serve a very public purpose: they choose our nation's candidates for president. They do not have the right to exclude otherwise eligible citizens from the process because their political views do not fall under the “Republican” or “Democrat” umbrellas.

This exception obviously violates the spirit of the open primary system. Closed primaries encourage excessive partisanship and discourage participation by unaffiliated voters, in a time when voter turnout is already distressingly low. They also push candidates farther toward the fringe, when most voters are near the center of the ideological spectrum. Voters often register as independents or with a third party because they are disillusioned with the American political process; these voters are then discriminated against because they refuse to play by the major parties' rules. With these circumstances, it's no wonder politics is a breeding ground for apathy and cynicism.

The Reader's Voice



CRETINS WHO BREAK CAR MIRRORS ARE SUB-HUMAN

Editor, Daily Nexus:

You know, you would think that for a bunch of college students, smashing a mirror on somebody's car would be apparently wrong. Maybe college should start teaching students about morals and property not belonging to them.

I have had a new truck for three months now. I have nowhere else to park other than on the street. Last night, some skinny little drunken college moron decided it would be funny to totally smash the side mirror of the truck. If I had seen him do it, I would have broken both of his kneecaps.

The little twerps who are messing with cars in I.V. need to be shown a lesson, and if the I.V. Foot Patrol can't do it then that leaves it up to the public who have no choice other than to park on the street. I now have to spend over \$100 to get a new side mirror. I try and send my Mum

money who lives in Australia so that she can come out to the USA and visit me for the first time in four years. Now, instead of sending my Mum money, I have to spend the money on some little bastard's screwed-up sense of humor. Sorry if I seem a little pissed ...

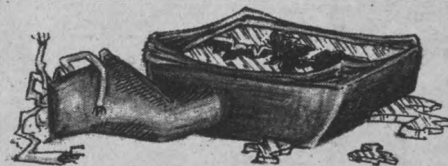
One day, the owner of the car will see it happen and flip out. There will be all hell to pay. I guess I should be thankful

for not seeing it happen because I would be in jail right now — right?

I am really pissed off with Isla Vista in general and cannot wait until my lease runs out in June so I can get the hell out. I think it is a true shithole full of immature high school students with a one-

way ticket to a hospital (whether it be from broken kneecaps or alcoholism)!!!

BRETT J. DENARO



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Looking for New

An Encounter With Racist Graffiti

DAVID CHOI

Recently, I happened across a scrawling expression of intolerance in the ground-floor men's bathroom in the Engineering I building.

During my three years at UCSB I have noticed that the topic of racial prejudice has been discussed in the *Nexus* somewhat sporadically, clumsily and without the usual mundane conclusions. The pattern in these exchanges is a common one. Invariably, lines are drawn across racial boundaries. Then, members of minority racial groups level accusations against the majority. To this, members of the white majority respond with either defensive hostility or some insipid comment like, “I have lots of friends who are not American (Latino, Asian, what-have-you).” Mutual respect typically ensues until both sides grow weary. The shouting subsides to a low grumbling, which eventually reverts back to the usual mind-numbing din that seems so pervasive on this campus.

Amid the incipient racial conflict, I imagine that many simply turn to the sports section or the movie listings, or, most likely, toss the paper aside. Ostensibly, the mass sentiment here is one of apathy. However, this blithe refusal to address racism reflects the ignorance that pervades our community. It is apparent in comments like, “Racism isn't a problem here (at UCSB, in Santa Barbara, in California ... in the United States).”

The implicit message in a comment like this is clear — these minorities are imagining something that doesn't really exist, and therefore they are delusional. Or rather they are making these accusatory remarks in order to get some undue entitlement, and therefore they are opportunistic. While a few individuals voice these opinions flagrantly, albeit in a thinly veiled fashion, some of those who stand by passively no doubt share their feelings. The vocal are guilty of perpetuating the racist status quo, while those who remain silent must share blame for sustaining it through inaction.

Discussions of race relations in the United States often stir strong emotions. When left untempered by knowledge and reason, an exchange that could lead to greater understanding and tolerance quickly escalates to aggression. It is impossible to mandate or legislate racial tolerance, but it is quite possible to achieve mutual understanding and respect through greater awareness; that is, through education.

It is appallingly clear that students at UCSB lack adequate education. By this, I refer not to the memorization of facts and figures. Rather, what I mean is the ability to assimilate and comprehend new information.

VOTE FOR LARRY MILLS; HE CARES ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Editor, Daily Nexus:

As a college student it is very easy to become disillusioned with politics. When I started college I started attending meetings for political groups on campus, and I began to realize the heart of the problem. All too often politics boil down to little more than a game of who can please the public the most while campaigning. Unfortunately, all too often, promises made on the campaign trail are forgotten when the position is won.

I was lucky enough to attend a meeting a few months ago at which Larry Mills spoke. Mr. Mills was just then beginning his run for county supervisor. He spoke about his children and his work with “The Living Room” a place where local students can spend their weekends where they will be entertained and not have to worry about substance abuse or gangs. Mr. Mills spoke about wanting to address the concerns of Isla Vista residents in particular and wanting to actually get things done.

I had the honor of hearing Larry Mills speak again today.

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New Solutions to Racism

Anti-Racist Graffiti Prompts One Student to Look Closer

...concepts, to analyze them critically, to create and propose ideas of their own, and again to analyze these new ideas critically. If they were taught even the first of these, perhaps there would be some hope of an intelligent discussion of race relations. In short, students have been *told* that racial intolerance is unacceptable, yet it is blatantly obvious that they are unable even to identify it, much less begin to *understand* why it is wrong.

It is incumbent on the faculty, administration and staff (including graduate student teaching assistants) to perform their task of educating students. This begins by posing controversial, unsettling, provocative questions and continues through logical analysis and discussion of ideas. More easily said than done, perhaps, but as educators this is their entrusted duty and responsibility. It is an uphill struggle; that much is certain. Competition for students' attention is fierce from acceptance by their peers, sex, alcohol, MTV. It

free from racist sentiments. All forms of racial prejudice must be openly confronted. Passive denial is, in essence, as good as silent approval. If the university is all that it claims to be — moreover, if it is to become all that it aspires to — there is no other recourse.

Within the context of racial tolerance and understanding, perhaps it is sufficient for students to simply employ a little imagination and feel a bit of empathy. If they could imagine their lives as fundamentally different in some disadvantageous way, then they might see the folly in statements like, "Racism is not a problem." Racism may not be a problem *for them*, the way that hunger is not a problem *for them*, the way that HIV is not a problem *for them*. Again, this is something that can be taught, but is obviously not taught adequately.

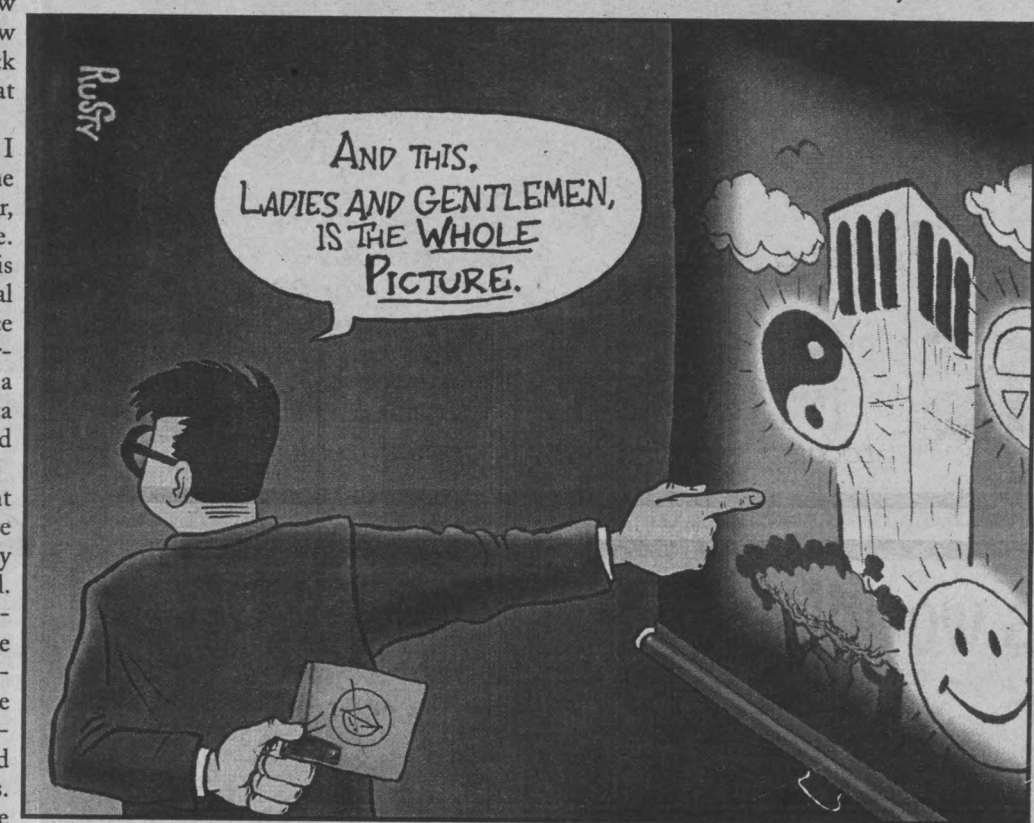
I do not presume to have all the answers. But it is clear to me that, under the present state of affairs, positive change is unlikely to emerge of its own accord. It is my understanding that the UCSB student body is overwhelmingly white, middle-class and politically conservative — in essence, the American status quo. I cannot help but wonder how many of them have been challenged to think beyond their socialized value systems and prescribed roles

by the time they graduate. They will leave here under the pretense of being "educated" individuals. I shudder to think about the legacy of ignorance that they will pass on to the next generation. Providing an education, as opposed to mere training, will not completely alleviate racial tensions and other social ills, but it can help break down the blinding barriers of ignorance. Only then will progress become a real possibility.

The faculty, administration and staff must shoulder the brunt of the responsibility for the gross neglect of their duties to educate, enlighten and instill general wisdom and understanding in the students placed in their trust. Thus far, they have mostly catered to the sound-bite, entertainment-oriented, feel-good culture that permeates our society. In doing so, they are tacitly compliant in perpetuating the status quo. Instead, they must demand excellence and provide the guidance and support to reach it. By raising expectations, they will give students a chance to excel and live up to those high expectations, rather than the alternative. If UCSB is to become a premiere university, it must attract talented students with a desire to learn. But excellence in this university can only be realized from the top down.

Institutional policies can provide some valuable guidelines, but the course of action I have proposed requires enormous personal responsibility. I refuse to believe, in spite of the tremendous evidence to the contrary, that we live in "the best of all possible worlds." However, I do hope that others will share my spirit of progress, share my vision of the future, and join in the daily struggle.

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is up to the educators to not only impart wisdom but also to inspire young minds. If students were to receive a true education, they would perceive the world in a radically different light compared with when they began their college careers. I wonder then, how many of them would hold the same opinions about race and racism in America. Furthermore, it would open them to the possibility of having productive, intelligent exchanges about race, as opposed to vacuous expressions of aggression and hostility.

The responsibilities do not end here. Racial prejudice must not be tolerated and must not be actively or passively condoned. Furthermore, it is naïve to assume that the ranks of our faculty, administration and graduate programs are

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weeks ago. This time not only did I was pleased to discover that since his first speech he had listened to the people of I.V. and knew what they wanted. He spoke of doing something about the roads in I.V. and he talked about using the good relationship he had built with the police through "The Living Room" to work out a way to create better terms between students and officers.

The topic that really got my attention was the landfill. As it turns out there is a landfill very close to the shore, which is long overdue to be shut down. The landfill is so full that its contents are easily being picked up by the wind and deposited in the ocean. The landfill is so out of date that its unsealed bottom allows all the toxins leaking out of the garbage to flow straight into the ground water, making the ground water so polluted that one cup could kill a human.

Another thing that particularly struck me about Mr. Mills is that very rarely did he bring up his opponent. He did, of course, address issues that she had failed to address during her time in office, but he did not dwell on her shortcomings.

After hearing Mills speak I became very interested in the supervisor race. I have sadly noticed the millions of bright red Gail Marshall signs plastered all over the phone poles, walls

and fences. I have pondered the hypocrisy of Marshall claiming to be pro-environment, and to desire to make I.V. better to live in, while also feeling the necessity to cover every pole with at least two bumper sticker-sized posters. I've heard some of her ideas about building parking garages in I.V. and making the streets one way only. Then I looked down at the streets in I.V. and wondered how she would be able to manage to put up a parking garage when she couldn't manage to repave the streets in the four years she has already had.

I've begun to understand that while I look up to Mr. Mills for not lowering himself to the "game" of politics, his opponent knows the rules of the game very well. She knows how to tell people what they want to hear, she knows how to personally sling mud at her opponents, and she knows that if she gets re-elected she will not have to keep any of her promises.

It is hard to find someone who wants to run for public office simply to help his community, who really wants to accomplish what he believes in within his community. Honest, noble, caring people are hard to find in politics, but I believe that Larry Mills is such a man.

ANNE CASABONI

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Minors on the Way

JESSICA EHRLICH

Typically this column addresses the issues that all of us over in Associated Students are working on. But you rarely hear about what we, at A.S., actually accomplish by working on so many of these issues. Well, score one for A.S. in our latest victory for the student body. While you probably hear us talking all the time about what we are going to do, believe it or not, we actually do accomplish more than you can imagine.

For 10 years now, A.S. has been attempting to place academic minors on your diplomas without success. We all work so diligently when we take on the added workload of an academic minor, and it is ridiculous that we cannot receive credit for such an effort on our diplomas. It's amazing how something that seems so trivial and easy to do has become such a long-enduring issue. Well, not anymore.

Our road to victory began last Fall Quarter when I authored a position paper urging the Faculty Legislature of UCSB to put minors on diplomas. This passed Leg Council unanimously. As a result of the combined efforts of Academic Affairs Board Chair Christina Costley, Vice Chair Bill Flores and myself, this position paper was placed on the Faculty Legislature agenda last Thursday, Feb. 3. Not only did we speak in support of this issue in last Thursday's meeting, we were also supported by

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members of the Faculty Legislature. When it came time for the Faculty Legislature to vote on passing a resolution to place academic minors on diplomas, there was an overwhelming, unanimous response. That's right — the UCSB Faculty Legislature voted unanimously to put minors on our diplomas.

What now, you ask? Well now that it has passed through the Faculty Legislature it goes straight to the University of California Office of the President, Richard Atkinson. And from the support we received at last Thursday's meeting, we should be seeing minors on our diplomas in the very near future.

Many of us think of A.S. as the provider of great student services (concerts sponsored by A.S. Program Board, notes from the class we missed courtesy of A.S. Notetaking — the list goes on and on), but we are more than that. We are an organization that fights for you, the student body, on a daily basis. And believe it or not, many of these fights end in victory. Placing academic minors on diplomas may seem like a small feat, but it is one that benefits us, the students.

If you have a battle to fight, or just a little change you would like to see made, come let us know, or better yet come and join us. We are located right by A.S. Notes in the A.S. Main Office, or give us a call at 893-2566.

Congratulations to every student on this campus who has an academic minor. We have achieved something that has been in the works since long before many of us arrived on this campus. Our diplomas might start to look a little different soon; they might just start to show how hard we all work on our minors.

Jessica Ehrlich is a Legislative Council Rep-at-Large.

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"The basic reason [for the ban] is that there is an opposition to teaching students to spend money before they've earned it, and taking advantage of students who are excited about offers of free material or good credit," she said.

Graduate Student Association President Jim Dalton, a member of the UCen Governance Board, said he presented the idea of a credit card solicitation ban to a meeting of Bookstore directors in San Diego. According to Dalton, UCSA agreed to check into the issue at their mid-February meeting.

"There is a statewide and national movement to look at the solicitation of students for credit card application," he said. "Specifically, people are horribly appalled at the idea that a free T-shirt could leave a student in six years with \$6,000 in [debt] and 21-percent interest ... there's nothing free about that T-shirt."

It's this wild game they're playing, and I don't think we should participate. If you want a credit card, there's so many ways you can get one [other than on campus]."

Sacramento-based EdFund, part of the California Student Aid Commission, distributes Cal grants and student loans. According to EdFund Vice President Dana Callihan, VISA recently performed a national study of college students that found college graduates to be responsible with their credit.

"[VISA] argues that students, especially college graduates, pay their debts better than others and that's why they're marketing on campus," he said.

One student, who wished to be identified as "Nina," said she accumulated a \$500 debt and a 23-percent interest rate on a credit card she got on campus.

"I don't think [credit card companies] are bad. I think it's my fault. I think in general [students are less responsible] because they are nonchalant. I'm sure it

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your Daily HOROSCOPE

by Linda C. Black

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 a 5 — You could do something behind the scenes that works out well. Don't feel like you have to tell everybody everything. Meanwhile, something you've already done is working in your favor. If you're a fair and honest person, that hasn't gone unnoticed.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — You and your buddies make a good team. You're smart, creative and concerned with helping others. If you get involved in a neighborhood project, things around there will never be the same again. And, of course, they'll be better! Just do it.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — You may be just about ready to take action. A confronting situation could actually be good for you. This could cause you to stop and think, and maybe even change your mind. Take somebody else's point of view into consideration, and you'll make a wiser choice.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Errands and travel should go better now. You're also in the mood to ask tough questions. That's good because it's the only way you'll get the answer you've been seeking. Something you've avoided should be easier now, so give it another try.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 4 — You have been pondering a purchase for quite some time. You're about to make a decision. Better think about it just a little while longer. Are you going to be paying this off for years? Are you risking more than you can afford to lose? Take care.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Doesn't look like you'll prevail in an argument today, so don't even let it get started. You probably won't have to back down from something you think is important. It's more likely a trivial thing. So, why get your blood pressure up? Let them have what they want.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 6 — You may take quick action to help somebody else. Be on the lookout for a person who can't figure out what to do next. You may have the tools this other person needs. Give your best advice, too, of course. Maybe you can help keep this from happening again.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Today you're feeling strong, forceful and assertive. Your sweetheart and kids should listen, and pretty much go along with what you want. That's partially because you're so convincing, and partially because you're right! And, you're so darned cute, too!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5 — You're a social person most of the time. Tonight, however, you might do better if you stay home. Clean up your place and toss out some stuff you've outgrown. Make your own nest and family the most important things in your life, and you'll benefit, too.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — You are intelligent now, even more than usual. You may be noticing changes in your perspective. You're finding it easy to acquire new skills, so take advantage of this opportunity. Gram your brain full of whatever you've always wanted to know!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — Learn as much as you can about an impending purchase. You don't have much more time, so don't waste a minute. The odds are good you'll have to decide before the day is through, and you know how you hate to make the wrong choice. You'd better get busy!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — If you've been doing the homework, you'll really be on top of the situation now. Your hunches should be pretty good, but a combination of mental and psychic energy would really serve you well. You're not just blindly following a hunch; it's a well-calculated guess.

Today's Birthday (Feb. 8). You could come up with a money-making idea this year. Don't spend it as fast as you get it, though! Add everything up, both down and across, in February. Invest wisely in March by doing the homework and then moving quickly. You're smart in April, but inhibited in May. Support your mate's decision in August. Travel is expensive in October, and more profitable in November. A friend could surprise you in December, and another warms your heart in January.

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will change [when they get older]," she said.

Four banks — Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Bank One and Credit Union — have contracts with the UCSB Bookstore to operate on Vendor Row, Bookstore Director Ken Bowers said. Unlike merchandise vendors, who must pay \$25 per day for a site, credit card companies must pay \$500 per day. In addition, they are only allowed on campus for the first two weeks of each quarter, and must give students a paper detailing the risks associated with credit, according to Dalton. The extensive regulation ensures that banks can be held accountable to students with complaints, he added.

Other campuses have looked at the issue as well. At UC Davis, the bookstore monitors all credit card companies that

appear on campus, according to Davis Bookstore Manager Chuck Kratochvil.

"Our big push is development within our students for responsible use of credit. We recognize that there is a need for credit cards — the proper use of credit cards is what we're after," he said. "Generally, our students at Davis are pretty savvy about different rates and what vendors are offering ... I think students at Santa Barbara are probably the same."

Applications are banned on campus at UCLA, according to Terry Saunders from the Center for Student Programming.

"We have done a blanket policy against anyone soliciting information on campus — we just try to discourage that; we ran into problems when we felt like the safety of our students was compromised," she said. "[There was] somebody who was completely dishonest and misrepresenting what he did ... he's in jail now."

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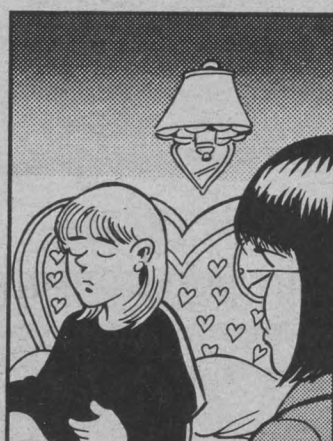


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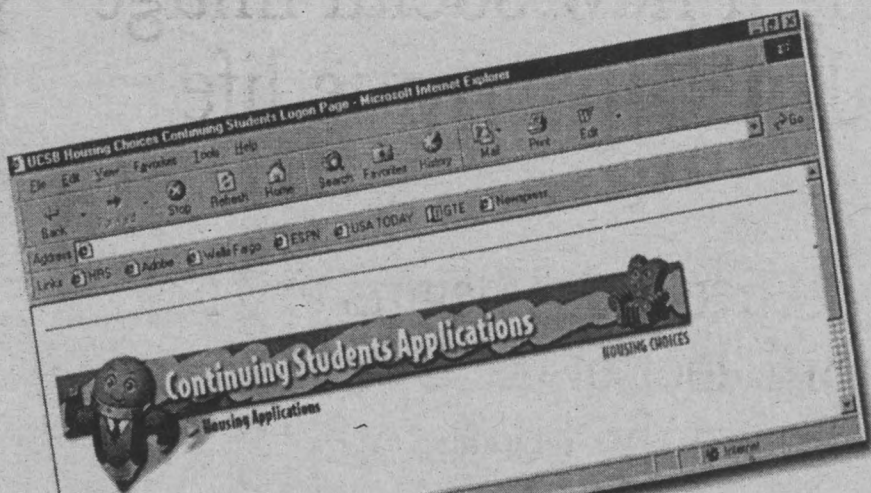
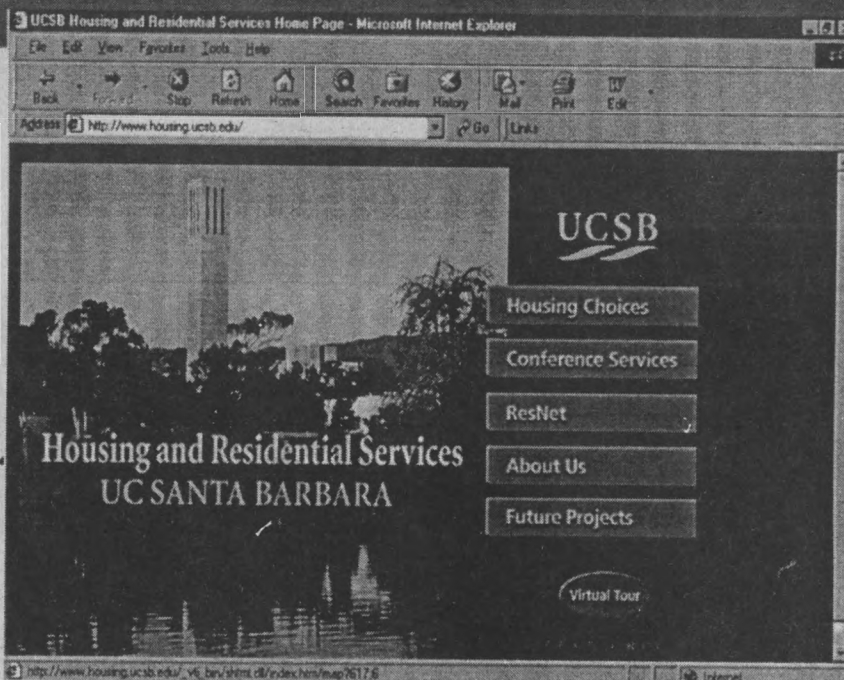
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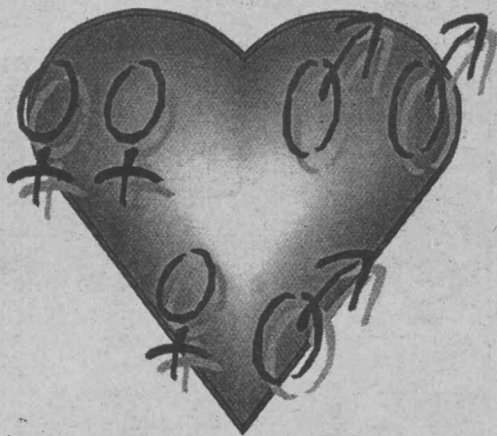
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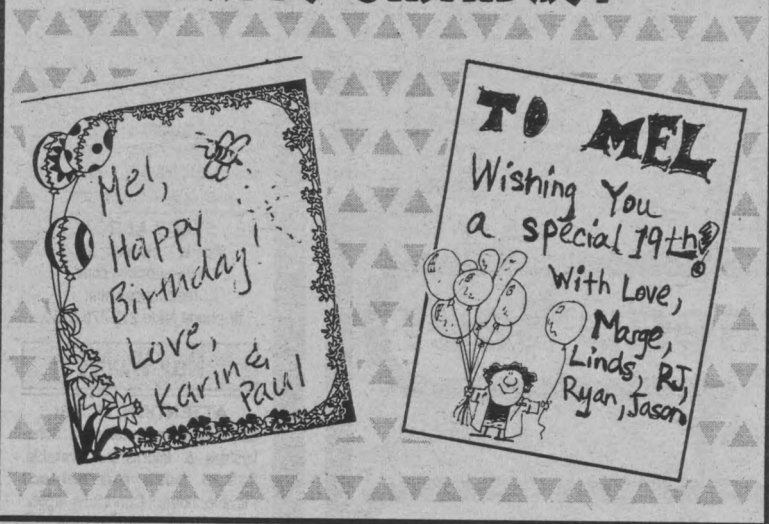


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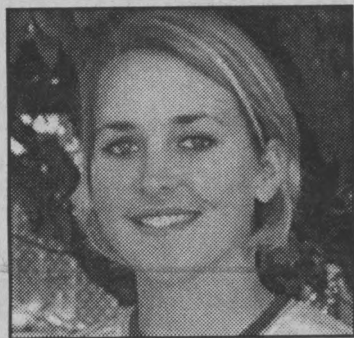
BY ZACK O'NEILL
Staff Writer

In the grand scheme of things, three out of four ain't all bad. They guess.

The UCSB softball team played its first games of the season this past weekend at Campus Diamond, hosting two teams that had never defeated the Gauchos: St. Mary's Gaels and the Broncos of Santa Clara.

After dropping the first game 9-7 to St. Mary's on Saturday, the Gauchos (3-1) rallied to win their next three behind strong pitching performances from freshman Loren Thornburg and junior Erika Koivula.

"I'm happy with three out of four," UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly said. "Santa Clara has a much-improved team, and I felt good about [winning] two from



Mandy Edwards

them. But I think we should have taken two from St. Mary's."

Santa Barbara raced out of the gate in its opening game Saturday against St. Mary's, scoring six runs in its half of the first inning.

But the Gaels (1-3) kept chipping away, scoring in the first four innings to stay close. By the time junior starting pitcher and last year's ace Abigail Murphy was removed from the game, the Gauchos' lead was down to 6-4.

"It was my first game and I was nervous," Murphy said. "I wasn't very sharp because I haven't pitched in a game since last fall."

In the fourth, Thornburg entered the game for UCSB in her first-ever collegiate appearance, and was unable to contain St. Mary's bats.

The Gaels tacked on five more runs and held a 9-7 lead after six innings, which proved to be the final tally in St. Mary's first-ever win over UCSB.

In game two Saturday, the Gauchos came out with a vengeance and easily disposed of the Gaels behind the pitching of Koivula. The junior transfer from Palomar College went six innings for UCSB, allowing no runs while scattering five hits and walking one.

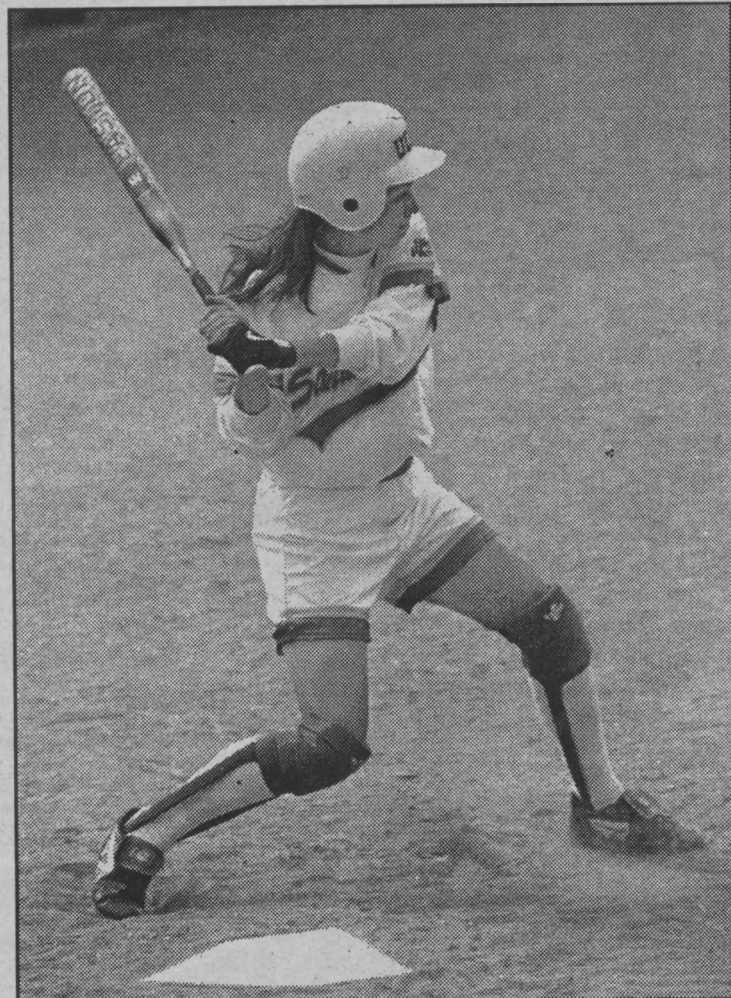
Most of the offense was supplied from the bat of senior shortstop Mandy Edwards, who went two-for-three with two home runs, three runs batted in and three runs scored. In the sixth inning, Santa Barbara went up 8-0, good enough to call the game on account of college softball's eight-run mercy rule.

"I don't play myself off as a strikeout pitcher," Koivula said. "I can make my ball move well enough that I can make them hit pop-ups and grounders to my fielders. I felt really good and rested for Saturday, and I was really satisfied with the way I pitched."

Sunday's games against Santa Clara (0-4) were much more defense-oriented, and the pitching of Koivula and Thornburg was what carried the Gauchos to a sweep of the doubleheader.

The two both had complete game victories against the Broncos, and neither allowed an earned run in her performance. Koivula pitched her second shutout of the weekend in game one, allowing seven hits and no walks. Again Edwards supplied the punch, hitting her third home run of the young season in a 2-0 victory for UCSB.

In the second game, Edwards (surprise) clubbed homer number four, and finished the week-



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FAST START: After the UCSB softball team's first weekend, sophomore second baseman Kim Sawyer is batting .455 with three runs scored.

end with a slugging percentage of 1.333, six runs batted in, and 16 total bases. Senior catcher Kendra Wood singled home freshman outfielder E.J. Lauchland in the sixth to put the Gauchos up 2-1, a lead they would not relinquish.

Thornburg finished the

Broncos off in the seventh, capping off a sweep of Santa Clara and giving UCSB a winning first weekend.

"It would have been nice to go 4-0," Kelly said of the Gauchos' opening weekend. "But we're 3-1, and if we go 3-1 every weekend, that'll work."

Gauchos Lose to Air Force Despite Season-High Scores

BY ZACK O'NEILL
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's gymnastics team was in Colorado this past weekend to compete against Air Force Academy in two separate meets, one Friday and one Sunday. Despite putting up their two best team scores of the 2000 season, the Gauchos (0-4) were eclipsed by the Falcons (2-0), 192.025-190.325 Friday and 192.875-187.175 Sunday.

"Winning and losing means nothing in gymnastics," UCSB Head Coach Megan Fenton said, pointing to the team's scores rather than its two defeats. "It's nice to win, but the score is what's most important. This weekend we had our highest scores of the season back to back, and that's hard to do because this is a sport that beats you up."

On Friday, the Gauchos were defeated by Air Force in every event, but still managed to place high enough in each event to finish within two total points of the Falcons. Tops among the UCSB gymnasts was senior Fifi Azzam, who placed second in three of the meet's five events. Azzam notched a 9.750 in the uneven bars and scored 9.550 in the vault.

"I was very satisfied with the meet against Air Force," Azzam said. "It was definitely an amazing experience. Last year I quit [the team], but I made a decision to come back for my senior year and prove to myself that I could be a consistent gymnast."

On Sunday, Santa Barbara won its only event of the weekend, with freshman Cara Simkins' 9.800 in the balance beam. However, the Falcons finished in the top three in the floor exercise and the uneven bars, allowing them to win by a larger margin than on Friday. In addition to Simkins' performance, UCSB's highlights Sunday included a 9.625 in the balance beam for senior Alanna Trimble, a 9.650 in the vault for Azzam and a 38.625 in the all-around for freshman Rynne Strohm.

"It was a good meet," Strohm said. "We still have some people out [with injury] that should be in. I still think we can do better than we did against Air Force."

UCSB's next meet will be this Friday, when the Gauchos travel to Berkeley for a four-team meet that includes Cal, UCLA and UC Davis. On Saturday, Santa Barbara faces UC Davis in a two-team meet.

Santa Barbara Runs out of Gas on the Road to Victory in Home Match Against Pacific

BY BRITTANY LANGAN
Staff Writer

Historically speaking, the term "deficit" has been a precursor of ill fortune, at least in the world of sports. In basketball, never has an NBA team come back from three games down in the playoffs, and baseball has yet to see a team survive the dreaded 3-0 series deficit. This past weekend, the #12 UCSB men's volleyball team dropped the first two games of their match against Pacific, and fell short (barely) of the difficult-if not impossible-task of taking the next three games to win the match.

"No matter how great a comeback, you can't rely on the fifth game to pull out a win," senior opposite Kevin Collins said. "The fifth game is anyone's game. Any small error you make, the other team capitalizes on. Luck has to be on your side."

The Gauchos (4-2 overall, 3-1 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) dropped their first two games 15-11, 15-10 to the Tigers (4-7, 4-4). But UCSB got back on its feet to win the next two, 13-15, 4-15, only to fall short in the fifth match 15-11, at the Thunderdome on Saturday.

"I was pretty upset with our loss," Collins said. "In the first games, every time we had a few good plays we kept making errors which they took advantage of. We gave them their points on our screw-ups and they never really had to work for their points."

In game one Santa Barbara jumped ahead of Pacific but quickly felt the bite of the Tigers, who scratched and clawed their way to a 15-11 win. The Tigers continued to dominate in the second

game and beat UCSB, 15-10, to move within one game of the match.

"We need to work on being more consistent," junior middle blocker Wes Badorek said. "We start off well and then we lose focus and break down mentally. When we do that the other team takes advantage of our mistakes. We need to execute our game plan, which is to focus on our side of the net and not worry about what the opponent is doing."

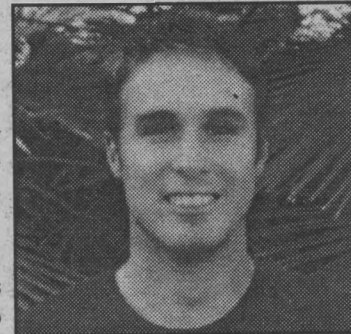
In the third game, the Gauchos were down 13-6 before they retaliated with nine consecutive points to steal a 13-15 win. Much of the Gauchos' success in game three can be attributed to mixing the lineup around, which breathed new life into UCSB.

"In the third game we started putting in other players," senior middle blocker Chris Komer said. "[Freshman] Keith Busam was a key player in the third game. He brought us back and helped turn the team around. [Freshman] Jan Carlo [Zegarra] had a couple of blocks and kills that helped bring us back."

Santa Barbara continued to ride the Tigers in the fourth match with a 4-15 win, but fell off just a few points short of a win in an 11-15 fifth-game loss.

"We were used to having our way with opponents," Komer said. "We're good but we're not great. We need to work on being more aggressive the entire game. I think we hold back a little in the beginning and we need to go balls out."

On Friday, UCSB hopes to drench the Rainbows of Hawai'i with a thunderstorm of spikes and kills. The Gauchos will conclude their six-game home stay with the return of sophomore outside hitter Dave Kohl, who has been out with injury since early in the season.



Keith Busam