



**Sounds of Faith**

A free concert, inspired by various faith traditions, is held today at noon in the Music Bowl at the Music Building.

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**Opinion**

The efforts of the brave WTO protesters in Seattle will not go without notice. Read why the *Nexus* commends these courageous souls.



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**Sports**

The #7 UCSB women's volleyball team faced Oral Roberts on Thursday at the Thunderdome in the first round of the NCAA tournament.



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Sunset: 4:48 p.m.  
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Low Tide: 1:24 p.m.

## UC To Close Contract Negotiations with TAs

By JAMIE FRANCISCO  
Staff Writer

Almost one year after teaching assistants were recognized by the University of California as employees with bargaining rights, an agreement, which hopes to improve the systemwide conditions of graduate student workers, is nearing completion.

Contract negotiations between the University and the United Auto Workers — the union elected to represent UC graduate student employees — are expected to be concluded by Dec. 16, according to bargaining committee delegate for UCSB Philip Zwerling. If the UAW and the University reach an agreement on labor contract terms, it will be circulated in January to all UC graduate students for ratification, he said.

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## UCSB Students Rally, Gain Support for Mumia Re-Trial

By GRETCHEN MACCHIARELLA  
Staff Writer

Philadelphia radio journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal received a federal stay of execution Thursday, the day he was expected to be put to death, which provoked a storm of letter-writing and pleas from UCSB students for a fair trial.

Protesters in red shirts held out petitions and information for passersby outside the University Center, while inside people poured over letters to the judge, who is scheduled to hear Abu-Jamal's appeal.

Abu-Jamal was convicted in 1982 of fatally shooting

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## Homeless Center Opens With Local Support

By ALEXIS FILIPPINI  
Staff Writer

An early gift to the community had its big red bow cut Wednesday night at the opening of a Santa Barbara permanent winter emergency shelter.

The Coalition to Provide Shelter and Support to Santa Barbara Homeless bought the facility at 816 Cacique St. in August, with the goal of opening the emergency shelter on Dec. 1. Neighbors, supporters, officials and homeless gathered for the ceremony and a dinner provided by the Community Kitchen, which will be serving meals at the shelter. Coalition member and neighbor Pat de Rueda opened the ceremony with a brief speech.

"I welcome this facility and the people who will take part in the services," he said. "It's important to realize this is a welcome addition to this neighborhood. [It's a good site], and I think it's going to be a better site because of the involvement of community people, such as John Dixon." Dixon chaired the East

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The Community Kitchen provided 475 dinners for the debut of the winter shelter on 816 Cacique St. The facility plans to remain open until mid-March.

## Independent Theater Troupe Brings Pulp Drama to Girvetz

By KRISTLE BRAFF  
Reporter

Theater-goers can get their fill of fedoras and trenchcoats with the opening of "A Dame to Kill For," a student production based on the Frank Miller comic book series "Sin City."

Set in a dark and seedy city, "A Dame to Kill For" is a fictive detective drama from the film noir era of the 1940s. The play adopts a rare stage style similar to "Pulp Fiction"

Director/Producer Matthew Weinglass said. According to Weinglass, who directed a similar play last spring called "Extremities," said musical undertones, such as those heard during tension-building scenes in a movie, add more suspense to the twisted and multi-layered plot.

"The pulp genre never really went

live or made it to the stage," he said. "This is a real unique experience for theater-goers because it also contains musical undertones that are heard in cinema."

The Sherwood Players came together independently and put this play on because of their love for the-

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ater, according to Weinglass.

"This is a group of actors that love to work together," he said. "They all share the same passion for this material — the same vision. That's what makes good theater happen."

Though the show is almost completely supported by the cast, a grant from Associated Students Finance

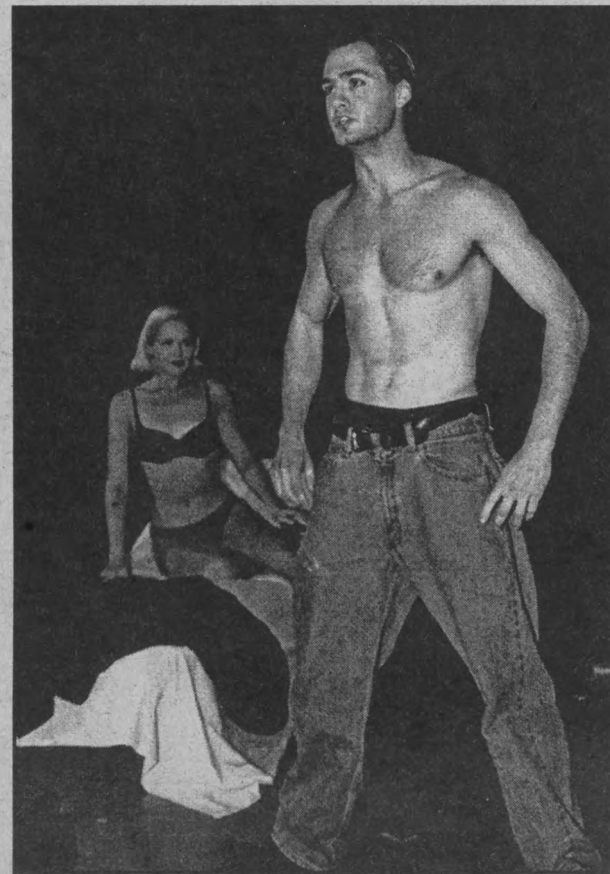
Board partially aided the play. Board member Lindsay Dunn said the board was happy to provide the grant to the players.

"They sounded like a great group. They were very enthusiastic about their project, so we decided to give them a funding grant," she said.

David Gary, who plays Dwight McCarthy, said the pieces come together to create a live movie effect. The story revolves around McCarthy, an ex-photographer, and his quest to avenge past evil, when his ex-girlfriend, Ava Lord, who is played by Katie Long, tries to frame him for murder.

"You'll get a better idea of all these mediums coming together," Gary said. "Dwight is this devastated man who tries to contain this 'monster' of anger, alcohol and depression pent up inside of him. Ava left him for another man; what

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Juniors Davis Gory and Katie Long appear in a staged student production of "A Dame to Kill For" on Dec. 3, 4 and 5 at Girvetz.



# Top of the News

## WTO Members Debate Worker Rights



SEATTLE (AP) — President Clinton, urging that worker rights and environmental safeguards be included in global trade talks, is getting a chilly reception from Third World nations as trade officials open serious negotiations after a two-day disruption by street protests.

Clinton's call for more openness and attention to the environment and worker rights in trade negotiations echoed the demands of thousands of protesters who have been demonstrating peacefully. The president saluted those demonstrators, but condemned the relatively small number tangling with police.

Protest groups held their own news conference today to say more marches are planned and to decry what some called an infringement on their

right to assemble. "I've witnessed things in the last four days that I didn't believe could happen in America," said John Goodman of the United Steelworkers of America.

With a Friday deadline

**The worker rights issue is an enormous sticking point among the 135 members of the WTO ... The European Union trade commissioner, Pascal Lamy, calls it the biggest hurdle the ministers now face.**

for wrapping up the World Trade Organization meeting, the commerce minister of Thailand, who takes over the top WTO post in 2002, said Wednesday that Clinton's tough stance on worker rights could jeopardize efforts to launch a new round of trade talks.

"I know it is an important issue for the United States administration, but to have trade sanctions linked to labor rights vio-

lations would be really ultimately highly detrimental," Supachai Panitchpakdi told reporters.

It could even prompt some trade ministers from developing countries "to walk away from any agreement on a new round," Supachai predicted,

move forward, according to a senior U.S. official who spoke early Thursday on condition of anonymity.

The worker rights issue is an enormous sticking point among the 135 members of the WTO, the Geneva-based body that sets world trade rules. The European Union trade commissioner, Pascal Lamy, calls it the biggest hurdle the ministers now face.

Wealthy nations want their poorer trading partners to adopt more stringent regulations protecting workers and the environment, saying standards that lag behind those in the West amount to an unfair trade tactic that steals business from nations where workers get a better deal.

Developing nations in Asia and Latin America are upset, saying they can't afford such proposals. More than 100 of the WTO members are developing nations.

responding to a Clinton interview with the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.

Clinton said a new trade deal should contain provisions on worker rights, and countries that don't go along should face sanctions.

This has led to heated exchanges between U.S. and other delegates, forcing the Americans to try to placate angry trading partners, before the talks can

## Falling Value of Euro Raises Economic Concerns



LONDON (AP) — Europe's fledgling single currency, the euro, tumbled below \$1 for the first time ever Thursday, less than a year after it was launched, a symbolic benchmark in the fall of a currency some saw as a challenger to the dollar.

By breaching the psychologically-important barrier, the euro heightened concern about its long-term viability. Eleven European nations formed the euro on Jan. 1 in an ambitious effort to create a regional economic and monetary union.

The euro, which reached parity at 3:47 p.m. EST, slipped as low as 99.97 cents, and then rose to just above \$1. Its previous all-time low was \$1.0039, reached during trading Monday.

The single currency now has plunged 16 percent from its all-time high of \$1.1886, which it reached the first day of trading, Jan. 4.

The euro's decline extended a ragged retreat over worries that European governments lacked the resolve to let free-market forces prevail without intervening to protect national businesses.

Economists and currency traders have said the euro's slide to parity with the dollar would have little immedi-

ate economic impact on the member countries and their 292 million residents.

"The fact is that it's just hitting a new low," Peter Gutmann, senior economist at National Westminster Bank Group said.

By crossing such a highly visible threshold, the euro has given a black eye to supporters who had hoped the currency would challenge the dollar's supremacy in global financial markets. That dream now seems a distant memory for those who viewed the euro not just as a bold financial experiment but as a step toward the ultimate political unity of Europe.

On a more practical level, a weaker euro increases the risk of inflation. It also makes imports, including crude oil and other necessities, more expensive for European consumers.

As a result, the European Central Bank might come under more pressure to raise interest rates, a move that could discourage borrowing, throttle Euroland's gathering economic recovery and aggravate chronically high unemployment.

Further erosion in the euro's value could undermine public confidence in it as a hard currency. In the worst case, a debased euro might even lead to calls for member countries to junk it, and revert to their individual national currencies.

## AP Wire Shorts

UNION CITY, Calif. (AP) — Police, celebrating the promise of a 24-hour doughnut shop, wolfed down dozens of the desserts, while insisting there was nothing suspicious about their presence at the groundbreaking ceremony.

"There's no connection between cops and doughnuts," Lt. Rod Romano said, wagging his finger.

Union City police officers unloaded 35 dozen doughnuts from a black-and-white police van Tuesday and promptly eliminated the evidence while construction workers broke ground at the future site of Northern California's first Krispy Kreme store.

The growing North Carolina chain plans to open the 4,000-square-foot site March 1 in this community 25 miles southeast of San Francisco.

"We happen to go to every groundbreaking of any store in town, not just doughnut shops," said Capt. Randy Ulibarri.

Covering his doughnut with a napkin, he asked: "Where are the bagels?"

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — The nation's second-largest cigarette maker announced Thursday that it will begin making cigarettes with less of a compound some scientists say causes cancer.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., the maker of Camel and Winston, said it won't make any health claims, but will begin using the new blend in its cigarettes "as soon as practical."

Gary Burger, RJRT's senior vice president of research and development, said nitrosamines, also known as TSNAs, have been identified as carcinogens in high doses in some animal experiments.

"RJRT's product-stewardship philosophy dictates that we switch to low-TSNA flue-cured tobacco in our cigarette blends as soon as we feasibly can," Burger said Thursday, though he added, "There is no scientific basis at this time to conclude that reducing nitrosamines or any other single class of compounds will reduce the risks associated with smoking."

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# Locals View Community Center Design Options

By JEFF LUPO  
Staff Writer

Models for the proposed Isla Vista Community Center in Estero Park were displayed at Thursday's Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District meeting.

The assembly was held at the University Religious Center, and gave community members a chance to view and comment on various representations of the center, which were designed by architecture students from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. According to junior architecture major Mandi Roberts, the models were built with specific uses of the community center in mind.

"We wanted to design a community center that could be used for teens, and have a multi-purpose room that could be used for weddings and other big events held there, because we were told that there really isn't anything like that in Isla Vista currently," she said. "Since there already is a teen center, we're incorporating that into the design."

Roberts said the models were also devised with regard to the environment. "Our goal is to make a

sustainable community center. Not just any community center, but one that will minimize the impact on the earth," she said. "We plan to use the existing breezes for natural ventilation and natural heating. We'll also use recycled water in the center and try to minimize lights and the use of electricity."

Another viewing of the models will be held on Jan. 10 in order to make a final decision, according to IVRPD general manager Derek Johnson.

"The purpose of tonight is to promote discussion and generate ideas," he said. "We'll get an idea of what we want in the center, and then go to the architect with a lot of background information."

Johnson said the IVRPD used students to design the models in order to give them experience.

"As a district, we love to work with students, especially when it furthers the education process," he said. "This is a real project with a real site and real clients. They'll be getting valuable experience."

IVRPD Director Ariana Katovich said the plan to build a center has been long in the making.

"We've been talking about this for about two



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A Cal Poly student explains her model of the community center.

years, but we've been seriously planning for about one year," she said. "We started talking to residents and asking what they would want in a community center. We then took the students to the site, and they just kind of ran with it from there."

Katovich said construction of the center is dependent on a decision by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors about whether to continue

funding to the Isla Vista Redevelopment Agency.

"If they decide to extend the Redevelopment Agency, we'll get about \$1 million to build the center," she said. "This board is absolutely committed to the building of a center. It's going to take some money, some work and community participation, but hopefully, within a few years, we'll have a great center for the community to use."

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# Campus Comment

Compiled by Ted Andersen

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### How do you plan to party like it's 1999?



I'm going to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I'm going to be getting drunk in the corn fields.

Sharon Kirby  
Freshman  
Biology



I will be in Lake Tahoe with all my friends getting very drunk, with no parents ... and maybe some innocent drugs.

Mary Matheson  
Sophomore  
Undeclared



I want to make myself so messed up that I will explode like a bomb. People will have to get in bomb shelters to get away from me.

Kim Rocco-Shields  
Freshman  
Film Studies



I am going to boogie down with my closest 50,000 friends.

Dave Irving  
Senior  
Psychology



I'm going to hang out in the woods with a bunch of friends and some shotguns for Y2K.

Jason Reukema  
Freshman  
Mechanical Engineering



I plan to party like there's no tomorrow, like everything about life is all good. And that's pretty much a bunch of bullshit.

Greg Jones  
Graduate Student  
Engineering

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## Giving Tree Program Encourages Donations

By KELLY BURG DORF  
Reporter

During a time when the spirit of Christmas is easily lost in crowded malls, a program sponsored by the National Mortar Board Honor Society still provides holiday joy with the gift of giving.

The Giving Tree Program invites students and the community to purchase an ornament in order to decorate the giving tree. Each ornament describes the gift that has been purchased for a person with mental disabilities, who will not be spending Christmas with family members. The tree will be located outside of the UCen between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. until Dec. 15.

The program reached its goal of contributing 250 gifts last year, and expects equal success this year, according to pro-


gram coordinator Ahud Sela.

"The program gives us an opportunity to look out of our isolated community to help those who are less fortunate," he said. "The reason we do this is because they don't have families."

Participants are not obligated to purchase elaborate or expensive gifts, Mortar Board President Christina Costley said.

"The gifts are small, most under \$10, and though they may seem like trivial things to us, they can make holiday dreams come true," she said. She also suggested that roommates pool their money to spread out the cost of a gift.

"It doesn't take much to make someone's holiday — the effort is minimal," Mortar Board member Ben Taylor said. "If a couple dozen UCSB students can help out kids who would otherwise not have gifts, that would be great."



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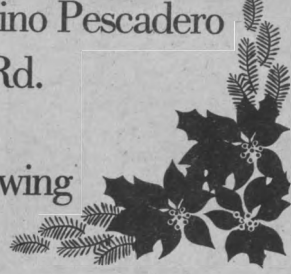
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**YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE**  
By Linda C. Black

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**Aries** (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — You could cinch a big deal to everybody's satisfaction. Even if you've been arguing, there's a ray of hope. He or she may finally see it your way, and vice versa, too. Give it one more try.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — You could have a lucky break at work. Somebody there might finally understand what you've been talking about. Press your advantage and ask for what you want. Your chances of getting it are good.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — You certainly have a way with words. Your sweetheart doesn't have a chance. You want it, you got it! If you don't have a sweetheart yet, make a date with the person you most want to enchant.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Your home is where your heart is — now more than ever. Conditions are perfect for a special meal with the ones you love most. Nothing's better than good food and good friends, and you can make it happen.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Why not have everybody over to your house? If you're not sure how to throw a big party, ask a roommate or close family member to teach you. Include the neighbors, and you'll have a night to remember.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — You're in a learning phase, and that's good. At least one interesting puzzle needs to be figured out. If you want to know what's really going on, ask a Gemini or a Sagittarius.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is an 8 — You should be in a good mood today — and with good reason. The moon in your sign makes you more sensitive, imaginative and good looking! Talk your date into going somewhere flashy.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — There's too much to do, and more coming in every minute. If you push yourself, you can make a bundle. Do that so you can buy yourself a special treat. You'll have earned it!

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Today your interactions with most people should be successful. You're an easy person to be with. Watch out for people who tend to withhold part of the data, however.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Things are not quite as they appear. You might not even be sure what you can and can't do. Keep pushing. You might accomplish more than you thought you could.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — You're competent, but you can't do it all by yourself. The help you get from friends is important, especially now. Somebody with a foreign flare could give you the boost you need.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Somebody thinks you can accomplish a new task. You might not be so sure. Instead of worrying, do the homework! Practice is all that's between where you are and where you want to be.

**Today's Birthday** (Dec. 3). This year a collaboration could lead to love — or at least a good friendship. A change in how you see yourself is an improvement in December. Sort through the data in February and find the clue you're seeking. Love's there for you in April. Rest up because May could be tiring. Pursue your vision in August and meet your match in October. Don't share everything you know in November.

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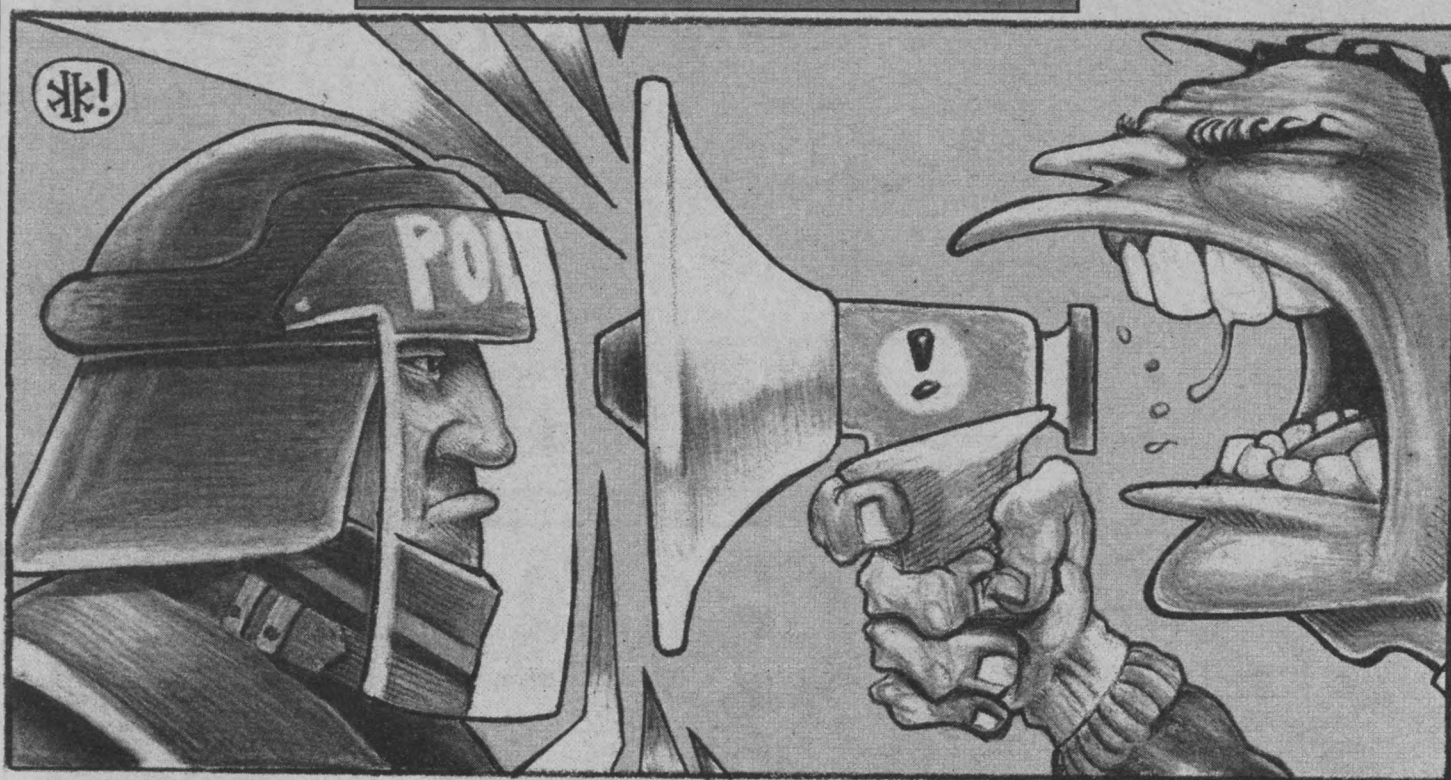
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## Purposeful Protests

*Most WTO Protesters Made Significant Headway While Maintaining the Peace in Seattle*

How does a person get his or her voice heard? Sit down, and demand attention. Protesters realized this, and went to Seattle this week with the intention of being heard at the World Trade Organization meeting. Some of the 50,000 protesters found their way to Seattle to form human chains, get arrested and make their point to the WTO. These efforts were tremendously successful.

Environmentalists, organized labor activists, students and others trekked to Seattle to protest activities currently performed by the WTO or activities that protesters feel should be performed by the WTO. The WTO is an international organization in which countries are invited to join, so long as they meet certain criteria. Its mission is to regulate international trade and promote free trade, but critics claim it promotes business interests at the expense of American workers, global human rights and the environment. With the exception of isolated bands of anarchists who looted downtown Seattle, the protesters utilized the tools of civil disobedience perfectly, disrupting the WTO without resorting to violence.

Due to the huge number of people present in a confined area, police action was inevitable and necessary. Protesters intended to hold up the meetings, and succeeded in delaying the beginning of the meeting's opening ceremonies. After this success, police stepped in the next day to keep things under control. A curfew was instated, and police resorted to the use of rubber bullets and tear gas in order to stifle unrest. Before utilizing these weapons, police did warn the protesters. After two days of protests, around 400 arrests had been made, and instances of police brutality do

not seem to have occurred.

On the first day of protests, only 17 injuries were reported, none of them serious. In the protest-filled 1960s, serious injuries, including fatalities, occurred as a result of militant police and protesters. The lack of major injuries this week illustrates another successful aspect of the protests.

The protests seemed successful across the board. The most visible success was that the protesters' views were heard and acknowledged, something that could probably not have been achieved without such a forceful and disruptive protest. United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan also embraced some of the same positions as the protesters, criticizing rich nations for unfair agriculture exporting. Furthermore, President Bill Clinton praised the protesters for exercising their freedom of expression. The protests made front-page headlines across the nation and the world, which is an accomplishment in itself.

The WTO was trying to peacefully assemble for its annual meeting, while the protesters also maintained a right to peacefully assemble. Seattle police allowed the protesters to get their message across, and then stepped in to allow the WTO to also conduct its own assembly. The protesters came to get arrested and make a statement, but the police had to act to enable the WTO meeting to commence, albeit a day late.

Finally, praise is due to the 30 or so UCSB students who went to Seattle to protest. They had a firm grip on the issues, and knew exactly what they were protesting, while also realizing the potential consequences of their actions.

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## The Reader's Voice

### NEXUS WAS WRONG AND MEAN-SPIRITED

Editor, Daily Nexus:

It is difficult to know exactly how to respond to the *Nexus* editorial, "Appointment Difficulties" (Dec. 1) because it is so problematic, so wrongheaded, so mean-spirited and so unnecessary. And it is time for us to put all of this behind us, and just move on. However, I feel I must respond out of concern for my co-workers and for A.S. President Jason Nazar.

First, let us be clear about the status of Associate Students career staff at this university. While we do work for the students, we are not serfs without employee rights or recourse who serve at the pleasure of the president of Associated Students. In fact, Legal Code of Associated Students states the following:

"The selection and job description of the executive director of the Associated Students shall be the responsibility of the Legislative

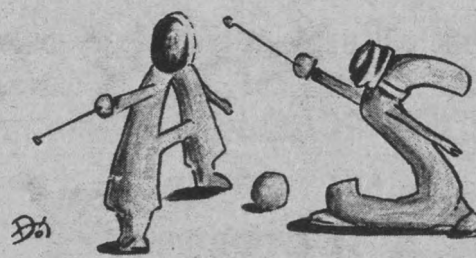
Council. The executive director's term shall be indefinite, and shall be terminated by written notice of either the executive director or the Legislative Council in accordance with current UCSB personnel policies and procedures."

Even if the Legislative Council should ask for an executive director's resignation, a formal request would have to go to Human Resources (formerly called "Personnel") asking that department to carry out the termination. That requirement exists precisely so that employee rights might be protected.

Given the above, one could argue that this entire process should have been handled by Legislative Council. However, it was not necessary to follow the legal code or any other written personnel policy because this is a temporary appointment. To paraphrase the University Administration in this regard, there is no policy governing temporary appointments, so someone could close one's eyes, and randomly point to fill such a vacancy.

So, as your editorial states, the initial appointment was "legitimate." However, I

challenge you as good investigative journalists to do the following: 1. At least question whether what was legal was also fair, morally acceptable, and behavior that you would want used for you; 2. Do a serious investigation into how many people in high places on this campus first got their positions through such



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"temporary" appointments. This is very significant because it skews permanent appointment processes in favor of those temporary appointees. It is also important because it often means that there is never a truly open

## Free Speech

*One Student Believes His First*

CHRISTOPHER BROWN

Graduate students have degree based on judgement. What reported about wh basically, university that it ha censor any of academ maintain edgement to praise

Today will undoubtedly pass with few realizing it is the 35th anniversary of a watershed event in the history of the University. On Dec. 3, 1964, Mario Savio, an undergraduate at the University of California, Berkeley, incited students to civil disobedience. Storming Berkeley's administration building, Savio and supporters precipitated one of the '60s more publicized protests. At stake for these students was the right to speak their minds, express opinions and associate politically without the threat of reprisals from the University. By this time, the Free Speech Movement was well on its way, but this event, more than any other, marked the student solidarity that would see the FSM movement to its necessary end.

As most people not of that era, I took the FSM's heritage for granted. I believed the university — especially the University of California — was a bastion of free speech. To a large extent, it is. One is free to express any opinion, so long as it is officially sanctioned and supports the status quo.

Over the last 35 years, we have failed to realize that any liberty requires vigilance.

*Nexus* readers may already be familiar with my dispute with the UCSB administration ("Grad Student's Denied Thesis Provokes Suit," Nov. 15, or [www.disacknowledged.org](http://www.disacknowledged.org) where I made all documents publicly available). Since June, the Materials Dept., the

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job search, which might allow for more of the diversity this university says it values so highly. (A historical footnote: Former Chancellor Vernon Cheadle, for whom Cheadle Hall is named, reportedly had a policy which prohibited temporary appointees from applying for the permanent position they were filling. Thus, the temporary appointee assumed caretaker role free from self-interest.)

Finally, I must challenge your making a villain of Marilyn Dukes and your criticism of Jason Nazar for having had the audacity to try to correct a bad process. For the record, I was the first person to complain in writing about the process, and I was not interested in the position. There were also student complaints about the process. And while I don't need to go into the specifics, believe me, it was quite obviously and seriously flawed.

Dukes was certainly not "completely out of line" in filing a complaint (part of a confidential process, by the way, so consider your source); she was entitled to do so to protect



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## Disacknowledged?

### First Amendment Rights Were Stifled

Graduate Division and the university have refused to grant my degree based solely on the expression of opinions in the acknowledgement section of my thesis.

What has not been faithfully reported is that the dispute is not about what was said, but more basically, the right to say it. The university has taken the position that it has the unilateral right to censor any opinion under the color of academic review. Conversely, I maintain that because acknowledgements afford the opportunity to praise the university, dissent

along with Article I of the California Constitution, was drafted to protect unpopular speech, not popular speech. The framers understood that dissent against government or any of its institutions was the expression most in need of protection. They understood that any totalitarian regime needs to quell its opponents, beginning with the suppression of dissenting speech.

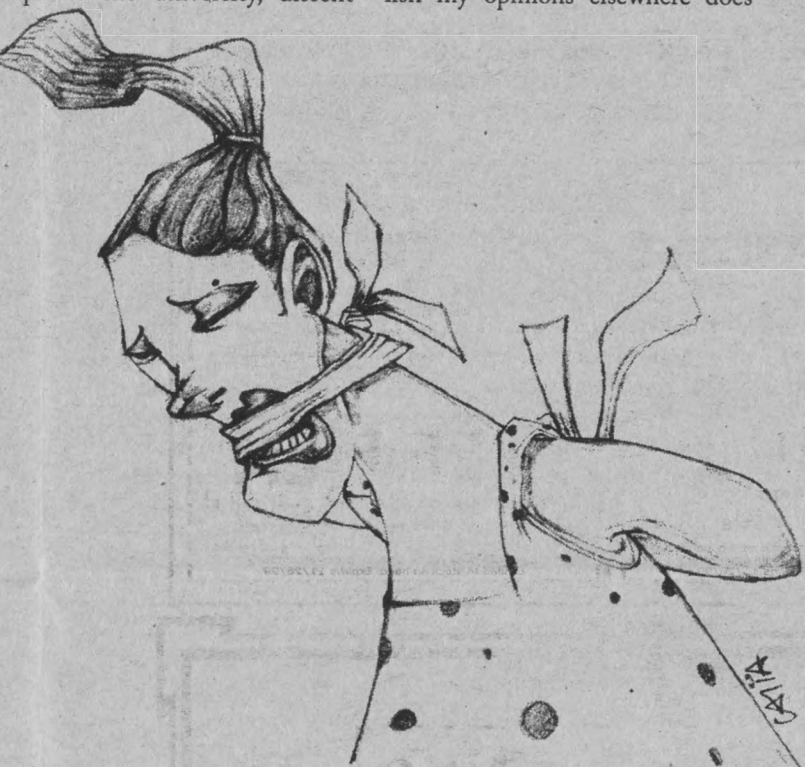
In support of censorship, the university has applied weak, ad hoc arguments. That I am free to publish my opinions elsewhere does

not mean that the university should sue [Christopher] Brown for his alleged slanderous action. What do you think he's worth? ... As he continues to pursue his suit, the university should do the same until it forces a compromise, i.e. we sign without a Disacknowledgement section, plus, he pays the lawyers, his and ours. As our last action, we could teach him about the cost for leading a responsible life."

In my mind, this statement is irresponsible and crosses the line of acceptable conduct by a member of the university's faculty. This vindictive statement reveals that there are entirely too few safeguards for student expression, academic freedom or individual freedoms at UCSB. In situations where students and faculty clash, the student can be certain to be treated as a second-class citizen and not enjoy fair or impartial treatment. The machine is structured with too much impetus for the university to circle wagons supporting its own prerogative and makeshift interpretation of rules and laws. Consequently, "student rights" are relegated to nothing more than an advertisement to attract the next students into subjugation of thought, opinion, conscience and individuality.

While I do not expect UCSB to respond with the fervor enjoyed by the FSM or Savio — times are indeed different — I hope several, a few or even one of the UCSB student leaders will recognize the underlying importance. Academic freedom and freedom of speech are too vital to this campus to hold at abeyance to the whims, prerogatives and egos of any members of the faculty or administration. As a university, and more importantly as students, I hope we do not continue moving backward in the next 35 years.

*Christopher Brown is a materials graduate student.*



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must be afforded equal opportunity. Those familiar with academia may see this as an issue of academic freedom, those familiar with the law will recognize it as an issue of censorship, and those familiar with feminism may see a disturbing trend. Resoundingly, no one contends that my acknowledgements have any bearing on my qualification for my master's degree, nor that my work does not merit a degree.

Perhaps the greater flaw of the university officials is failing to recognize that the First Amendment,

not mitigate the illegality of its action. Moreover, rather than apply any number of rules stipulating academic freedom, freedom of speech or, worse, the laws of the state and country, the various committees involved have been biased toward their own prerogative. Surprisingly, the continued refusal of my degree seems to have more to do with university retaliation than any desire to uphold propriety. On Aug. 5, the chairman of the Materials Dept. wrote to the thesis committee, "I also feel that the uni-

versity should sue [Christopher] Brown for his alleged slanderous action. What do you think he's worth? ... As he continues to pursue his suit, the university should do the same until it forces a compromise, i.e. we sign without a Disacknowledgement section, plus, he pays the lawyers, his and ours. As our last action, we could teach him about the cost for leading a responsible life."

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## THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT

Editor, Daily Nexus:

My basketball players and coaching staff would like to thank the UCSB student body for the intense, energetic and classy manner in which it supported our team against Stanford University.

Our program works very hard on a daily basis to build a program that represents UCSB in a top-notch way. The atmosphere created by the students is what makes college basketball great, and we hope they return to support us at every game.

We will continue to work to bring this basketball program back to national prominence, and we hope the students keep coming back to the Thunderdome to make this the best home court in the country.

Thanks again, UCSB students, and GO GAUCHOS!

ELIZABETH ROBINSON

BOB WILLIAMS

## You Control Your Destiny

### Alcoholics Are Not Powerless to Better Themselves

HENRY SARRIA

The holidays are upon us, and with the holidays come many an opportunity to party. There's going to be some mornings when many of you will feel the aftermath of the night before, and that's all good. It's the holidays, and you can make decisions for yourself.

But if you go by the standards of some anti-alcohol crusaders, you are officially "an alcoholic" due to the fact that you took the time to have a drink at all. What's more, the official stance of Alcoholics Anonymous is that the only way to deal with alcoholism is complete abstinence from drinking. If you drink at all, you're "powerless" to prevent the worst from happening.

I beg to differ with this view, based on the fact that if this were true, then a severely high percentage of this country's population are helpless drunks.

Does this view take into consideration Catholics who drink wine at Communion or the Jewish celebration of Passover, where the celebratory consumption of Manischewitz wine takes place?

Better yet, does this view take into consideration the fact that maybe some people aren't powerless to the evils of drinking, and actually have more control over this mortal activity and its potential effects than is believed by anti-alcohol organizations?

There used to be a time when I drank like a fish. It was fun, but then the reality of everyday life set in, and I cut down on the drinking. Also, waking up feeling like somebody took a baseball bat to my mid-section was becoming less appealing every day.

I don't miss the feel of cold porcelain on my forehead or the comfort of the hard bathroom floor. And aiming for the bucket next to my bed was — well, let's just say it wasn't fun. I guess I learned a lesson from the experience and my liver is grateful. These days, I rarely drink any alcohol, and if so, it isn't for effect, it's just for the taste. I doubt this makes me "helpless" to alcohol, despite my earlier drinking habits.

It is also pretty easy to be around people who are drinking alcohol, and not have any alcohol to drink myself. Why? Because none of us are "powerless" victims.

It is easy to say things are the work of a "higher power" when it comes to the human condition, but if we look around us, it is pretty evident that we have more control over ourselves than we imagine. All it takes is determination and confidence.

Life presents us with choices and becoming an alcoholic is one that will be put in front of us on many occasions. You can have a drink and continue to do so, or you can have a drink or two and call it a night. It's a choice, and the end of the prohibition era saw

to it that we, as responsible people, could make that choice.

If you do have a problem with alcohol, then get the required help, but don't feel like you're powerless. The fact that you realized you have a problem shows that you may have more power over the matter than you think, and if you're willing to do something

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about it, well, what more can be said? "Powerless" does not apply here.

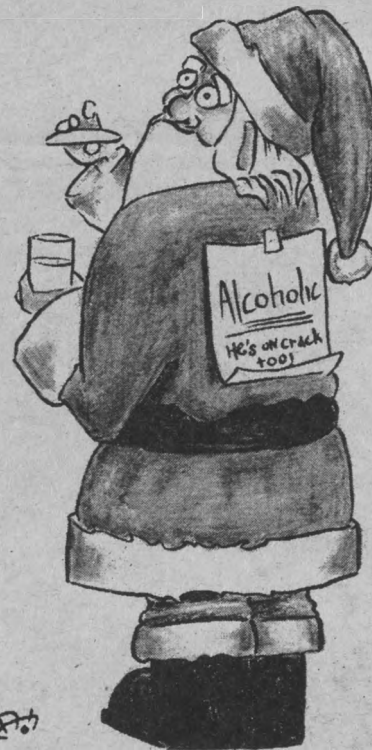
That's the problem with a lot of the addiction rehabilitation programs out there: too much reliance on the model of being a powerless victim and not enough reliance on oneself for results. True, with any form of addiction, help from those around you is a necessity, but to say that your course is set and locked by a higher power is definitely wrong and counterproductive.

We know about the consequences of alcoholism, but what about the consequences when one is brainwashed into thinking that one can't do a thing about one's condition? This only creates victims that rely on co-dependency and feel that their lives are out of control due to their conditions. We constantly hear about addiction being an illness, so why don't we treat it instead of making a terminal prognosis?

I might have a beer or a glass of champagne over the holidays, but I don't consider my peers or myself powerless drunks solely based on the fact that we might make the choice to have a drink. An ounce of prevention is truly worth a pound of cure, but creating victims based on a poor definition does not help prevention. It only makes the weak helpless in a constant search for the cure. Have a drink responsibly, and enjoy the holidays.

Chances are you won't need to rush off to your local Alcoholics Anonymous chapter just because you got a little naughty over the holidays, but it is good to know that they're around if you feel that you need some help. But always remember that you're not powerless. You're just human, and there is nothing you can do about that fact.

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## SHELTER

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Beach Coalition, a collection of business owners and neighbors who had expressed concern over the placement of the largest shelter in Santa Barbara. The coalition appealed the opening of the shelter to the Santa Barbara City Council in October, but dropped its appeal after concessions were made to the size and management of the shelter. Dixon barbecued tri-tip at the opening of the shelter.

The Community Kitchen had previously served meals every day at noon out of its building on Hope Avenue, but will relocate to the new shelter. Past president and tenured Community Kitchen volunteer Don Ziehl said the 475 meals served Wednesday night all came into the Community Kitchen that morning like its regular meals.

"Every bit of food came through the front doors of the Community Kitchen between 7 and 9 a.m. [Tuesday]," he said. "Barbecue — that's the only thing special; the rest is what we normally serve."

The Community Kitchen relies heavily on volunteers, and Ziehl introduced one of the newest members during the dinner.

"[Charlie] has been homeless since the house he rented was sold. He came to me [Thursday], and said he has lots of experience in the kitchen and serving food," he said. "He's a symbol of the people who are homeless these days — not what you and I think — people who can't find affordable housing."

Homeless Coalition Chair Sue Adams thanked the many individuals and organizations involved in the project, including churches, community providers, homeless

advocates and city, county and state officials.

"What a family; what a town! It really is an emotional moment for us on the board to be here," she said. "This whole project just takes my breath away."

Coalition member Rev. Peggy Betzholtz also recognized the dedication and cooperation behind the quick progress.

"What a grand, glorious day this is. I can't believe we're here," she said. "People who might have been adversaries coming together, ... organizations grafted on piece by piece."

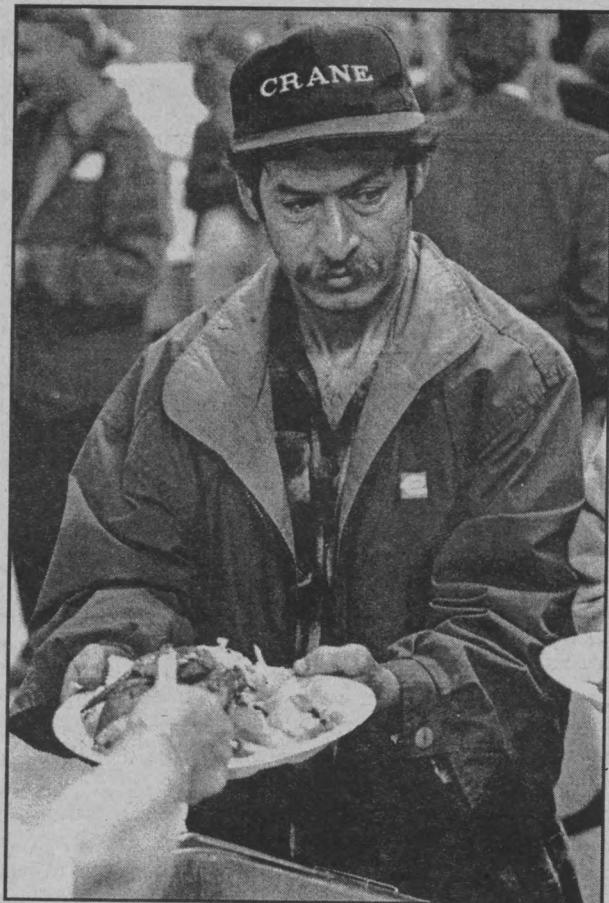
Eddie Rogers and David Skye shared a table at the opening. Rogers said he enjoyed his meal, and intends to stay at the shelter "probably longer than tonight." Both agreed that the shelter was an improvement on the temporary shelters of past winters.

The emergency shelter will be open nights until mid-March, and the coalition intends to open a day center that will include services such as drug and alcohol counseling and job placement. Skye said he looks forward to a day center, and hopes to see showers and laundry facilities.

"You've gotta have clean clothes if you want to go to an interview," he said.

The coalition's financial adviser Marshall Rose said the shelter has come a long way since its days as a furniture store, but it will still need volunteers and donations.

"I see a room full of worker bees, and I couldn't see this happen without 12-16 hour days. We do have to pay for this, but we have a good start," he said. "We've come a long way. If you saw this place in October, you wouldn't recognize it. We're a giant step forward, and a year from now we hope to be another giant step."



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This man receives a hot meal Wednesday at the opening of Santa Barbara's new emergency homeless shelter. He and many others in the community will benefit from its services.

## PLAY

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would happen if you fell to the lowest low, and came back up only to discover your past is back to haunt you again?"

Ava Lord is the "dame to kill for," who lures men to their deaths, Weinglass said. "She's driven by this demonic force to frame Dwight for murder," he said.

Although Ava may appear to be mad, Long said she can still relate to the character. Long said she hopes audiences will

walk away loving and hating Ava by understanding her extremes.

"The biggest growth I've had in dealing with a character is dealing with Ava," she said. "She's manipulative and multifaceted. Her distinct style makes her very unique. She's a combination of the different characteristics of women, taken to extreme heights."

"A Dame to Kill For" will show Dec. 3, 4 and 5 at 8:30 p.m. in Girvetz 1004. Students are asked to donate \$5, and general admission is \$7.

## UNIONS

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Local bargaining sessions closed to the public last month when the eight-member committee, elected to negotiate for UCSB, resigned and was replaced with two UAW-appointed members. Although advancements toward an employment contract continue, according to sociology teaching assistant Philip McCarty, many graduate students are not receiving information about the terms of the upcoming contract.

"We're not sure what bargaining has done on our behalf," he said. "We're not even told what progress has been made, and we've been blocked from negotiations ourselves."

Though specific details could not be divulged because negotiations are still underway, Zwerling said, "Economic issues are being bargained at a systemwide level, like a 4-percent raise for TAs, and including dependents in health policies."

UCSB's union, Academic Student Employees, has encountered difficulties with the UAW because of differing opinions about the role of constituents in the bargaining process since activities began five years ago, according to former ASE/UAW representative Rani Bush.

"Bargaining here on campus has had a history of having problems with the UAW because we've always been concerned about a democratic union on our campus," she said. "A lot of times the UAW will put efficiency above democracy."

According to Bush, when talks began, the UAW assured the

UCSB team that any issues not agreed upon by the UC campuses on a systemwide level could be brought back to the local level. Bush said representatives discovered this was not the case when they were asked to concede the right to strike.

Although the other seven UC campuses agreed to forego the right to strike in exchange for arbitration in future disputes with the University, the UCSB team refused. Its desire to maintain local control over this issue led to the team's resignation on Oct. 25.

"We hope that [our resignation] will send a message to the UAW that they have to represent the workers," Bush said. "We resigned because we weren't able to represent our members in the way we wanted to."

Political science TA William Ford, appointed along with Zwerling by the UAW, said he disagreed with the original representatives' reason for quitting. Ford said the right to strike should be decided at the systemwide level.

"People who are activists tend to be a bit more extreme. I got a sense in my department [that] people felt [the original UAW bargaining team] was out of touch," he said. "I think I represent those who want a good contract."

McCarty reported that some graduate students are concerned that the two newly appointed representatives were not involved with the process from the beginning and have undertaken responsibilities that used to be divided by eight. He said the fact that the UAW appointed the representatives does not ease gradu-

ate workers' mistrust of the national union.

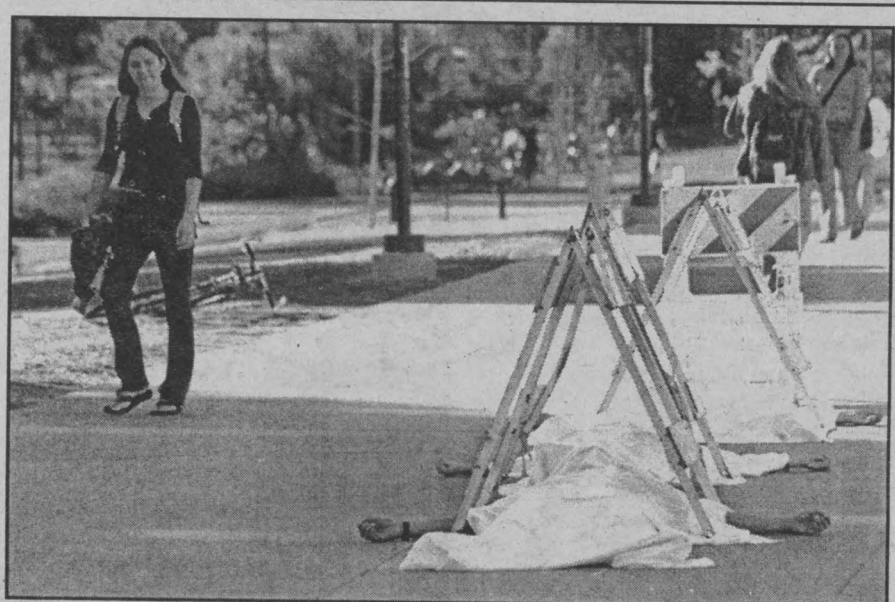
"The last graduates that were supportive of the UAW was the bargaining team. They were the stalwart diehards, and they finally got pissed off and walked off," he said. "We now have two people who are appointed bargainers that did not participate in the strike, were not original organizers on campus, and we were not even told they were appointed for us until after bargaining had resumed."

McCarty is part of United Student Labor, a small but growing group with the goal of replacing UAW as UCSB's bargaining union. According to McCarty, the USL needs the support of 30 percent of enrolled graduate students to be placed on the ballot for the next union election.

"USL members really value having local control over union policies. What the UAW has shown in the last year and a half is that the [UC systemwide] interests have been put before UCSB worker's interests," said John Baranski, USL co-founder. "They're more concerned about their own interests than about UC workers and giving UC workers a true voice at the bargaining table."

Although Ford recognizes USL's efforts and intent, he believes the group lacks the strength and experience needed to be effective at the bargaining table.

"I know that they're interested in being our union, but the UAW has the resources, organization and experience to get us a good contract," he said. "I have a lot more faith in the UAW to get us a good contract than the alternative."



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### Road Hazard

A student observes an Art Studio 3D project in front of HSSB on Wednesday. Art students, draped in white sheets, laid on the ground for three hours to study reactions of passersby.

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## LETTERS

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Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner. His supporters claim the trial was flawed, and that police wanted to silence Abu-Jamal — who had been critical of law enforcement on his radio show — for his political beliefs.

English graduate student Ted Coe said the original trial was tainted for various reasons. According to him, there was a biased jury selection, contrary evidence was not allowed, and the judge had connections with the police. Coe called Thursday's effort an 11th-hour campaign.

"We are commemorating this day as the day he was supposed to die. We're holding out hope that he can get a fair trial," he said. "This is probably the most important death row case since the Rosenbergs who were executed for treason. I see Mumia as one of the most important activists now."

Others, such as freshman music major Alex Pasternak, were not only working for the case of Abu-Jamal, but for the larger issue of state execution.

"I believe that he was framed," he said. "More so, I believe capital punishment is wrong. ... Talk about cruel and unusual punishment."

Because there have been questions raised about the trial, Pasternak said it is obvious that Abu-Jamal is not guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. He said there is evidence that was not heard at the 1982 trial, and that other information has surfaced since then.

"Whether anyone knows the facts of whether or not he's guilty, they should agree that he should have the right to a fair trial," he said.

Mumia has attracted international support, including from former South African President Nelson Mandela, the British Parliament and Amnesty International, according to Coe. He said because Abu-Jamal had been critical of the Philadelphia police on the radio, there might have been a strong motive to frame him for the officer's murder.

Coe added that Abu-Jamal was convicted of first-degree murder, which requires that it be premeditated, but the evidence does not back this up. Coe said he involved himself in the campaign because, "I couldn't rest at night without trying to do something."

Junior sociology major Eric Wong bought a T-shirt and wrote a letter to show his support. He said the courts are more interested with going through the motions of the trial than finding the truth.

"I wrote a letter because I think there are injustices in the legal system," he said. "They shouldn't even be thinking twice about giving him a fair re-trial."

As he collected signatures, freshman history major Justin Regel showed students the information that was posted throughout the UCen and the basics of what activists were working on. He pointed to the letter that Abu-Jamal filed in Federal District Court that lists 29 constitutional violations in his trial.

"He had a pretty messed up trial," he said. "Basically, we are just working so he can get a re-trial and a fair trial."

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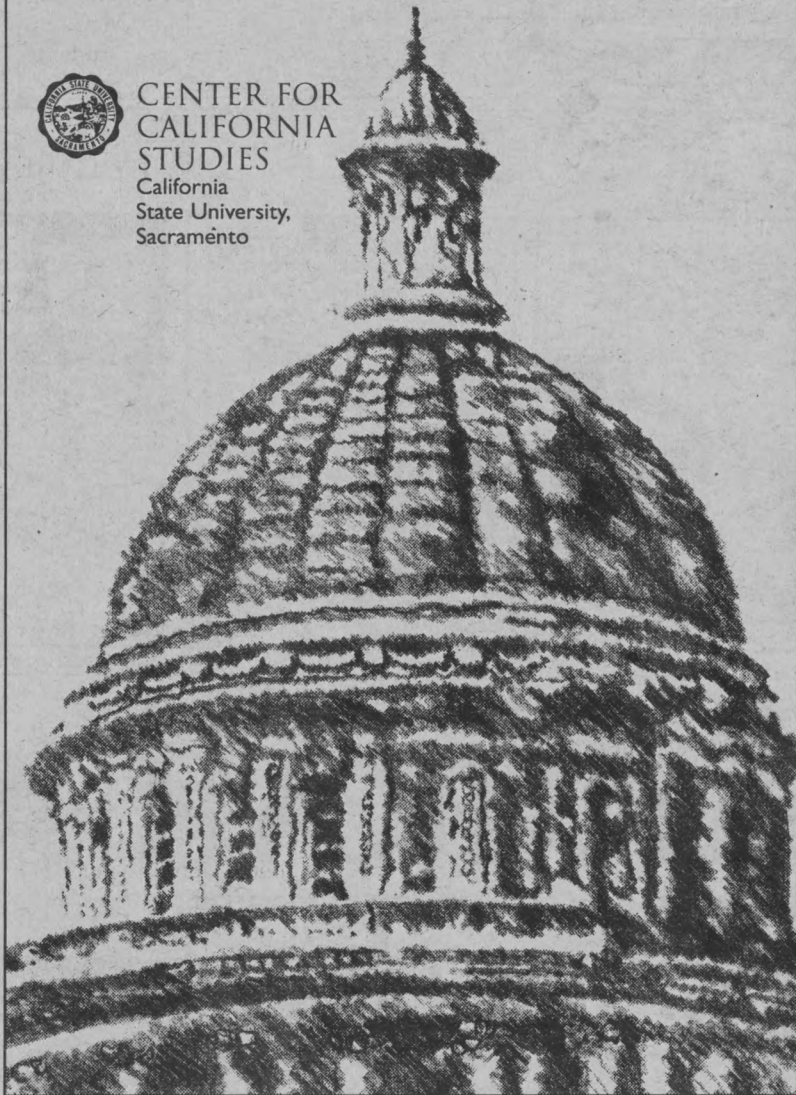
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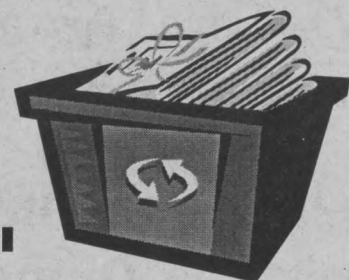
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6:00 p.m. at Hillel,  
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followed by  
**Shabbat Services  
and Free Dinner**

Sunday, December 5

**Gala Candle-Lighting**

7:30 p.m. in Storke Plaza

# Chanukah Dance!

in the Hub  
at 8:00 p.m.

Monday, December 6

**Candle-Lighting** 7:00 p.m.  
Santa Rosa Formal Lounge

Tuesday, December 7

**Candle-Lighting** 7:00 p.m.  
F.T. Formal Lounge (Free Pizza!)

Wednesday, December 8

**Candle-Lighting** 7:00 p.m.  
Santa Cruz Formal Lounge  
(Jelly Donuts!)

Friday, December 10

**Shabbat & 8 Candles**  
6:00 p.m. Hillel







# Sports

## UCSB Soars Past the Golden Eagles in First Round of NCAA Tournament

BY MARVIN GAPULTOS  
Staff Writer

The Golden Eagles of Oral Roberts did not have a prayer against the balanced attack of the #7 UCSB women's volleyball team Thursday night in the Thunderdome.

After sweeping the Golden Eagles in three games last weekend at the Long Beach State tournament, the Gauchos had a mental edge over Oral Roberts, and swept it again Thursday in the first round of the NCAA Championships. Santa Barbara (27-5) had four players with double-digit kill totals and out-hit the Golden Eagles (23-13) .293 to .200 in a 15-11, 15-9, 15-8 victory.

"This match was, I think, not indicative of the score," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "I felt this was really a tough match. We played Oral Roberts last weekend, and I thought that they upped their level [of play] tremendously. ... It looked like a 3-0 game, but in my opinion, I thought it was a big test."

The Gauchos were indeed tested in each of the three games, as the Golden Eagles stayed within striking distance. In game one, Santa Barbara led 11-4, but Oral Roberts staged a rally and scored four unanswered points to close in on the Gauchos, 11-8. However, Santa Barbara would score on a net violation by the Golden Eagles, and then on a kill by senior outside hitter Charlene Conley. With the game at 13-11, freshman outside hitter Brooke Niles put down a kill for game point at 14-11. Conley then ended the game at 15-11 with another kill.

"I don't think we were prepared for how well [Oral Roberts] was going to play," Niles said. "And it was the first match of the NCAA's. I say I'm not nervous, but I think there were some jitters involved [tonight]."

All jitters aside, the Gauchos had a steadying influence on their side with senior outside hitter Roberta Gehlke. She did not play in last week's match with Oral Roberts because of a foot injury, but was back in action Thursday, and had a match-high of 17 digs while also swinging for 12 kills. Gregory had some butterflies herself about playing

Gehlke against a team that the Gauchos had already beat, but the 24th-year coach was glad that she had her Big West Player of the Year back in the fray.

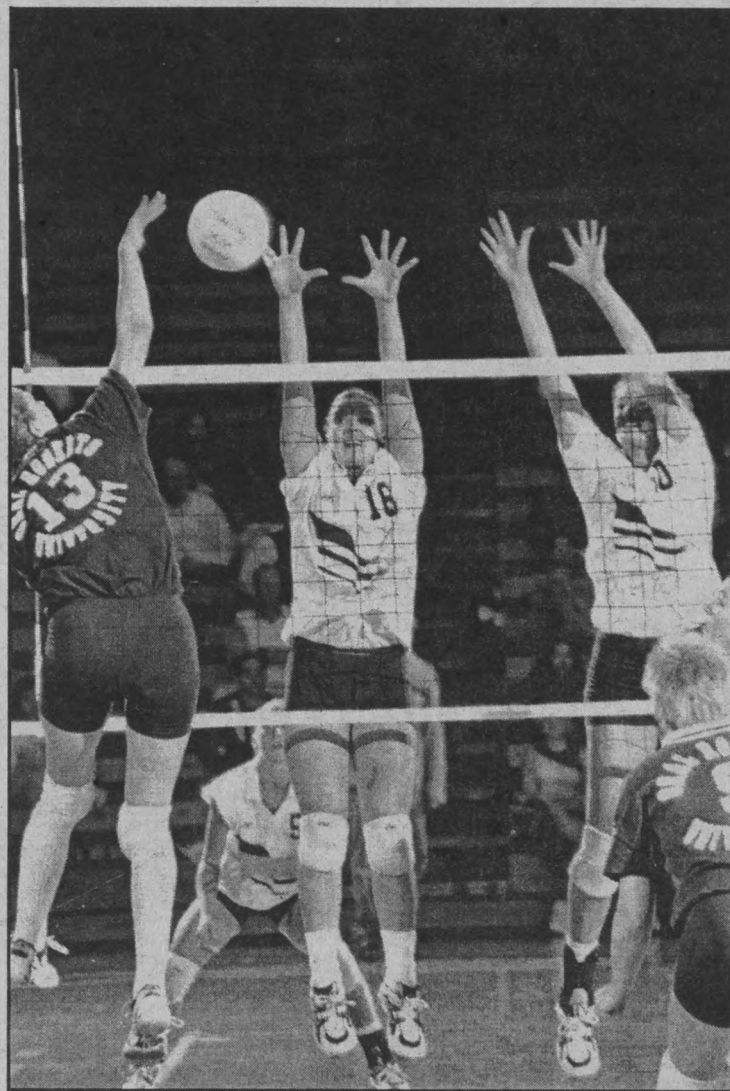
"I was considering [not playing Gehlke]," Gregory said. "But I also thought that she was ready to play, and I had a feeling that [Oral Roberts] was going to play well. ... There is no tomorrow in the NCAA's, so you can't hold back, and Robi is a competitor."

In game two, the Gauchos again saw the Golden Eagles come from behind. Down 8-4, Oral Roberts again scored four unanswered points to tie the game at 8-8. The Golden Eagles then crept ahead of Santa Barbara for the first and only time of the match on an error by Gehlke. However, the Gauchos regrouped and kept the Golden Eagles from scoring again, finally ending game two at 15-9 thanks to a block by sophomore middle blocker Jutta Weissenborn.

Game three was a kill-fest for Santa Barbara. In the final match alone, Niles posted eight kills, Conley swung for six kills and Gehlke had five put-aways, as the Gauchos finished off Oral Roberts 15-8. Conley and Niles led UCSB with 13 kills each, while hitting at .333 and .423, respectively. Conley and Niles had four digs apiece as well. Weissenborn finished the match with 10 put-aways and six digs.

The Gauchos turn to face Loyola Marymount University in the second round of the playoffs tonight at 7:30 in the Thunderdome. LMU defeated Southeast Missouri in five games in the first match Thursday, and is no stranger to the Gauchos. Santa Barbara defeated the Lions earlier this year in five games and the Gauchos are ready for another victory.

"We're going to have to be able to play one of our best games and be ready for a long match," Gregory said. "They're a good defensive team, and they have a lot of confidence now after winning a match [against Southeast Missouri] that they thought they could have lost."



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**X-NILES:** Freshman outside hitter Brooke Niles had 13 kills and four digs in the Gauchos' straight-set victory over Oral Roberts University.

### Tournament note:

In the second round of the NCAA tournament, UCSB will face Loyola Marymount. The match will be held tonight in the Thunderdome at 7:30 and can be heard on KCSB 91.9 FM.

## GaUCHO Swimmers in Long Beach This Weekend for the Speedo Invitational

Every successful college coach knows that constant recruiting is what a program needs to remain competitive. With this in mind, the UCSB swim teams have ushered in one of the most talented crop of freshman ever, and the results are beginning to show.

With three meets each under their belts, the UCSB men's and women's swim teams will head to the Speedo Cup Invitational in Long Beach this weekend. Both the men's and women's team feature a strong crop of freshmen



Ryan Koch

and sophomores, the result of two years of successful recruiting by the swimming program.

"This, to me, is the most fun I've had with an incoming class in about a decade," UCSB Head Coach Gregg Wilson said. "Some of the most important swimmers on both of our teams are our freshmen."

The women's team held their first meet at Campus Pool against UCLA, which they lost 165-92. However, Wilson points to the fact that UCSB has suspended its diving program as a factor that should be considered when looking at results of its meets.

"Before we even compete in an event, we're behind," Wilson said. "Because we don't have any divers, we automatically sacrifice points to the programs that do."

The first meet in which both teams competed was the USC invitational, held in Los Angeles

on Oct. 30. In a meet that was dominated by the Trojans, the Gauchos placed respectably in several categories. In the women's 100-meter backstroke, sophomore Shelby Chandler placed fourth overall in the event, with a time of 0:59.16.

One event at USC in which both teams performed well was the 800-meter freestyle relay. The women placed fifth overall in the event, with a time of 7:50.82. Swimming on UCSB's four-person team were sophomores Kim Feig and Karin Finger, and freshmen Kristal Haesler and Romina Mosquera. In the same event, the men's team — made up of sophomores Seth Derrick, Kevin Herlihy and David Maddan, and freshman Matt Wheeler — finished sixth overall, with a time of 6:59.33.

The last meet that both teams competed in was the Big West Shootout, held from November

5-6 at UC Irvine. For both the men and the women, the meet was a major success.

The men finished first in several categories. Sophomore Jeremy Sutherland won the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 0:21.11. In the 100-meter freestyle, senior Mike Scarcelli finished first with a time of 0:46.41. Wheeler enjoyed multiple wins in the 200-meter backstroke and the 400-meter individual medley, with respective times of 1:51.54 and 4:01.31.

"Wheeler is our top freshman recruit," Wilson said. "We got him to come here, and he is now a valuable member of our team."

On the women's side, there were also multiple winners for the Gauchos, including Danielle Steadman in the 100-meter freestyle (0:52.34), Mosquera in the 500-meter freestyle (4:59.79), and Chandler in the 200-meter backstroke (2:06.64).

In head-to-head competition, the men's team defeated Pacific 71-51 and UC Irvine 95-37. The women bested four teams in their meet, beating Irvine 96-46, Pacific 76-46, New Mexico State 99-36, and Cal Poly 105-33.

The men had one last tune-up before the Speedo Invitational, competing in the Husker shootout on November 19 and 21 in Nebraska. Behind the strength of a third-place finish in the 400-meter freestyle by junior Ryan Koch, UCSB earned 212 points and finished sixth.

UCSB will be in Long Beach until Saturday, since both teams are competing in the three-day Speedo Cup Invitational.

"We're really excited about the event," Wilson said. "These kids are working so hard, and they just love getting out there and competing. They're just doing a fantastic job."

— Zack O'Neill

### Tickets for Men's Basketball

The GaUCHO Locos will distribute tickets for Saturday's basketball game against Westmont today in Storke Plaza at noon. Students who bring a valid UCSB I.D. can pick up two free tickets to the game. Beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, students will be admitted into the Thunderdome on a first come basis, and must have an I.D. and a ticket with them. Unclaimed tickets will become available Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the Thunderdome.