



Nights of Spanish Culture

Tonight and tomorrow in I.V. Theater come be a part of "Dos Noches de Teatro Mexicano Contemporaneo." Four plays will be put on tonight, three tomorrow, all presented in Spanish. Beginning at 8, admission is general \$2/students \$1.

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Go check out the UCSB Gamelan Ensemble perform traditional music from Central and Western Java today at noon for free in the Music Building Bowl.

Latino I.V. Residents Seek Bilingual Police

BY LISA BUTTERWORTH
Reporter

For many Spanish-speaking Isla Vista residents, dealing with the I.V. Foot Patrol is often a laborious task, hindered by translation problems.

Despite I.V.'s large Spanish-speaking population, few IVFP officers are bilingual. Officers are provided with two options to help them to overcome the language barrier and better handle the situation, according to IVFP Lt. Butch Arnoldi.

"We have a system that GTE came up with. It's not only for Spanish but for all languages. They do a conference call where [operators] listen to what the victim has to say and then they translate it to the officer," he said. "We have Spanish-speaking correctional officers 24 hours at the jail. If worse comes to worse, we can bring one down here."

I.V. Teen Center Director Ramon Miramontes said that many

Spanish-speaking residents are not satisfied with these processes and feel uncomfortable dealing with a translator over the phone when reporting a crime.

"Often times, [the crime] is a very traumatic event," he said. "The phone is very cruel and very cold so they don't deal with it. They see the double standard between English-speaking and Spanish-speaking residents. We should offer the same services for all the residents."

Longtime I.V. resident and mother of four Rosa Pizano has encountered numerous problems when dealing with the IVFP because of language differences.

"It's really hard for me to go in there," she said in Spanish. "Every time I go in with a problem they say, 'Come back later.' I haven't found anyone who speaks Spanish there."

Arnoldi did not deny that communication problems have arisen, but said a translator would always

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SANTA BARBARA SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Have You Seen This Man?

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. released a composite sketch Tuesday of the suspect in a sexual assault that occurred in Isla Vista early Saturday morning. The suspect, above, has been described as a Hispanic or white male in his early 20s, 5'7" to 5'8", with a medium build. He was wearing a blue Hawaiian shirt, blue jeans and black tennis shoes and driving a red compact car resembling a Toyota Corolla. The suspect may frequent the I.V. area and may have committed similar offenses in the past.

Women's Support Group Gives Recognition to Black Men

BY ALEXIS FILIPPINI
and JILL ST JOHN
Staff Writers

Women of UCSB's black community performed poems, dances and skits last night to show their appreciation of black men as a part of Black Culture Week.

Black Men's Appreciation Night took place Tuesday in the Multi-Cultural Center with the theme "Essence of Mahogany." The evening was organized by members of Akanke, a women's support group, which

means "to know her is to love her" in Swahili, according to Akanke Vice President Tammarin Spearman.

"The purpose is to show we appreciate the black men and that we understand what they are going through and to bring the community closer together," she said.

The evening opened with the black national anthem, and included performances by the dance team Skyline, a tribute to Malcolm X, and several poems and songs commemorating black men. Akanke President Azizi Stephens said the event was a success.

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Annual Festival Strives To Increase Students' Knowledge of India, East

BY ETHAN CHILDRESS
Staff Writer

Scents of India will be in the air today as the Bhakti Yoga Club's third annual Festival of India drifts through Storke Plaza.

The festival aims to increase the campus' cultural awareness by presenting Indian heritage through demonstrations and exhibits, according to Bhakti Yoga Club President Parama Liberman.

"This entire event is basically to expose students to the fact that there is more out there than just the Western way of thinking. And it isn't just about the philosophy, but also the entire culture. This is about showing the Indian cultural part — food, dancing, music and things like that," he said.

Adam Marsh, the Bhakti Yoga Club vice president, said the festival will include aspects of Indian religious thought.

"For the last few weeks about 12 of us have been putting together this presentation of the Vedic culture and Vaishnava philosophy," he said.

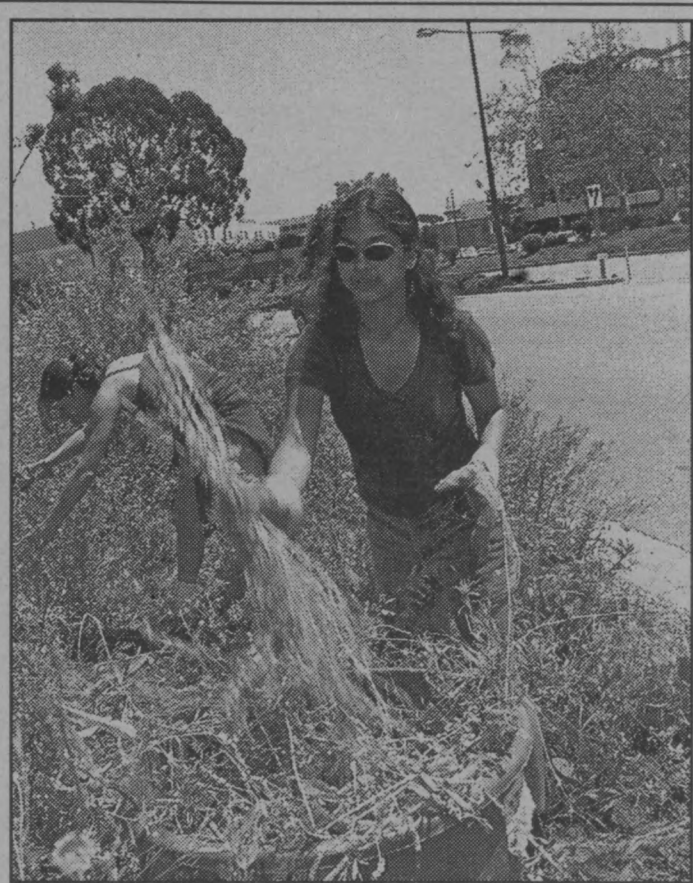
Bhakti Yoga Club Adviser Savvatma Das explained that experiencing the Festival of India firsthand would help to broaden students' horizons.

"Being in a university, we should learn about the universe that we are in. We shouldn't just be creating technocrats. We want to expose people to the beauty and wisdom of the East," he said. "It's better to try to reach people at this point in their lives because when they are older they are more inflexible."

The festival will also include examples of sacred food and music, Das said.

"There will be live devotional music called Bhajans. It's really beautiful," he said. "There will also be Indian food. It's true vegetarian — that means no meat, fish or eggs. Also, there are no onions or garlic in it. It is sacramental — the Catholics get bread and wine, we get an entire meal."

The Festival of India will take place in Storke Plaza today from noon until 2 or 3 p.m.



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Keeping UCSB Beautiful!

Seniors Shruti Chandra (right) and Soraya Romero, members of the Habitat Restoration Club, help pull weeds Tuesday across from Lot 10 on University Road. The pulled weeds were non-native as well as a fire hazard, and the club intends to replace them with native plants.



Top of the News

Indonesian Leader Set To Resign — Soon



JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Student protesters forced their way into the halls of Parliament and army tanks took up position around President Suharto's white-columned palace Tuesday, both sides bracing for new clashes after Indonesia's authoritarian leader said he will step down — but not just yet.

"Hang Suharto! Hang Suharto!" the more than 15,000-strong student contingent chanted from inside the echoing, marble-trimmed building, unfurling banners demanding reforms from the roof of Parliament in a protest unlike any other in Indonesia's history.

Under pressure from economic crises, months of student protests and now riots in the capital of his country, Suharto told the nation Tuesday that he would end his 32-year reign — but only at a still-unspecified time, and only after he oversees government reforms, a Cabinet shuffle and new elections.

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bility in an effort to save the country from destruction," Suharto said in a sometimes somber, 15-minute speech televised nationally.

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rolled out by the dozens just before midnight Tuesday, unloading barbed wire for barricades to block off the park and taking up positions on streets around the site — apparently intent on keeping students from the protest site when daylight came.

Environment Minister Juwono Sudarsono said Suharto hopes to push through reform and resign by year's end as head of the world's fourth most populous nation.

Suharto himself did not give a timetable for the reforms, saying elections would be held "as soon as possible." But he stressed that he would follow the country's 1945 constitution, which could mean at least three to six months before a new vote.

He promised to appoint a special reform council to draft new laws for parliamentary elections and change the structure of Parliament. After the elections, a new president would be appointed by a special assembly, made up of lawmakers and government appointees.

"If we do not uphold the constitution, the country will be finished," he said.

making long-refused reforms before he steps down should not be interpreted as "resistance on my part to step down." But Indonesia's increasingly aggressive opposition took it as just that.

Students pushed their way into the halls and onto the roof of Parliament, occupying the building ahead of what's touted to be the largest yet in months of growing anti-government protests — a rally that the opposition hopes will draw up to 1 million students and workers to a park just outside the presidential palace.

Army tanks and trucks

While much of the public has turned against him in the face of soaring food and fuel prices, Indonesia's top military brass are backing Suharto, a retired general who himself came to power in time of turmoil in 1966 — and has ruled with little tolerance for dissent ever since.

Students cheered and applauded the lone, 10-member contingent of soldiers who entered the grounds of Parliament on Tuesday.

The army largely has acted with restraint against the students: it was police who fired on a crowd of stu-

**— Suharto
Indonesian president**

House Allocates \$750 Million For Hemophiliacs



WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted Tuesday to grant \$100,000 each to hemophilia sufferers who contracted the HIV virus in the 1980s due to tainted blood supplies.

The measure, passed by voice, provides \$750 million for the roughly 7,200 hemophiliacs who came down with the AIDS-causing virus after receiving contaminated blood-clotting products. The grants go to the families of those who are deceased.

The bill is named after Ricky Ray, a 15-year-old Florida boy who died of hemophilia-associated AIDS in 1992.

Some half of all American hemophiliacs were infected with HIV before protections were put in place for the na-

tional blood supply.

"I know my budget-conscious colleagues may balk at this expenditure, but when an extreme crisis hits an American community we should as a nation respond to that community's need — and that's what this bill does," said Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.).

The pharmaceutical industry has already set up a private fund to provide \$100,000 to hemophilia sufferers who came down with HIV and to their families.

The federal grant would provide additional money for victims' medical costs, which can reach \$150,000 a year. The bill requires Senate consideration.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)** — Helicopters rescued four stranded Japanese climbers from the world's third-tallest mountain Tuesday after a disastrous wrong turn that left two of their colleagues dead.

Climbers Atsushi Shiina, 28, and Akasaka Kenjo, 30, died Saturday after spending a night in the open on their way back from the summit of Nepal's 28,330-foot Mount Kanchenjunga. Their bodies were left on the mountain.

Three of those rescued Tuesday — Taro Tanigawa, 31, Masakazu Okuda, 32, and Kenta Hirose, 28 — were hospitalized in Katmandu for severe frostbite on their faces and fingers. The fourth climber, Shegehisa Yamamoto, escaped injury.

The six reached the summit Friday afternoon but lost their way as they descended, team coordinator Krishna Koirala said.

• **WARSAW, Poland (AP)** — An owner arrived at his riverside cottage this weekend only to discover he couldn't get near it — someone had stolen the 18-ton steel bridge that was the only way in.

The 19th-century bridge was apparently cut into pieces with a welding torch and hauled away, Police Chief Zbigniew Skorwider said Tuesday.

The owner, who was not identified, last visited the cottage in Bytow, 250 miles northwest of Warsaw, in March. He discovered the heist Saturday.

The scrap value of the bridge was estimated at \$1,200. "I'm not sure if it was worth the effort," Skorwider said.

• **CAIRO, Egypt (AP)** — Police arrested nine shop owners Tuesday and confiscated 400 pairs of shoes deemed insulting to Islam because the brand name resembled the Arabic word for God.

"Filla" was printed on the soles of the footwear in a way that looked similar to "Allah," Arabic for God, a police official said.

If convicted, the shop owners face up to a year in prison or a fine. The raids were carried out across the country.

Egyptian law bans the sale of items that ridicule religions.

• **OSLO, Norway (AP)** — A girl hit by a car while riding her bike tumbled through the air and landed in the bed of a truck going the opposite direction, sustaining bumps and bruises but no serious injuries.

Kristin Nalvik Loendal, 9, was riding down a steep hill Friday in Aalesund, 300 miles northwest of Oslo, and failed to stop at an intersection. A car hit her and sent her flying, the *Sunnmoersposten* newspaper reported Tuesday.

The driver jumped out of his car to help the girl. Finally, he spotted her in the back of the truck, whose driver had also stopped to help.

Kristin had come down in the cargo bed of the glass company truck, somehow missing the panes of glass that were stacked in upright racks. She was stunned and suffered minor cuts, the newspaper said.

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If this beautifully warm weather makes you feel like frolicking around in nothing but a Saran-Wrap body suit and ditching all classes on days that end in "ay," then you've definitely caught a hefty dose of *escapismis di nimitety*, or more commonly referred to as springtime delirium. Ants in the academic pants. Bailin' to go sailin'. Testing your luck, always wanting to ...

With only a few more weeks left of school, the forecast can't help not looking good. Of course, that's if you discount the fact that these last few weeks actually count. According to a nasty rumor, they're actually the most important parts of the quarter. But don't let that stop you from playing the oh-so-innocent truant. You can work the system — it's up to you to find out how.

Forecast: Life is good. Don't sweat the petty stuff, pet the sweaty stuff.

County Reviews Options for Landfill

BY ALBINA KHAZAN
Reporter

Garbage and other assorted waste products are soon expected to spill over the edge of Santa Barbara's only landfill site.

Tajiguas Landfill, an 80-acre canyon 26 miles west of Santa Barbara on Highway 101, provides waste disposal for the unincorporated areas of the South Coast of Santa Barbara County, the city of Santa Barbara and Cuyama Valley. This landfill will reach its permitted capacity within three years unless Tajiguas is allowed to expand, according to Daniel Reid, the Santa Barbara Environmental Health Technical Services supervisor.

"[If Tajiguas expands within three years], after 2017 they would have to choose a new site or expand again," he said. "Usually choosing a new site takes 10 years."

The county is taking measures to conserve space in the landfill and protect adjacent properties, Reid said.

"They use a daily cover, which is six inches of soil or tarp, to cover the trash every day that new trash is brought in," he said. "Tarps are used when it's not rainy or windy to conserve another six inches of space and keep dust from flying off of the landfill into the community."

Residents can also contribute to slowing down the rate of overfill, according to Reid.

"Recycling programs such



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A garbage truck wends its way back to the Tajiguas Landfill. The landfill is nearing its capacity, thereby requiring officials to either allocate more space for it or to create a new landfill at a different site.

as paper, plastic and glass divert trash away from the landfill," he said.

According to Tajiguas Expansion Project Manager Amelda Craigan, the landfill is filled with nonhazardous solid waste from residential, commercial and industrial sources.

Environmental Defense Center Community Affairs Coordinator Greg Helms said he believes the community is adversely affected by the landfill.

"Leachate is what happens when heinous toxic [material] seeps down into the ground water. This is what might be happening," he said. "I doubt they check the landfill thoroughly enough. Small things like batteries have an effect. Cumulative effects can be really bad."

Although there are community concerns, there is no evidence of contamination around the landfill, accord-

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1998-99 Peer Educators Wanted

The Rape Prevention Education Program is a student (women and men) volunteer organization that presents educational programs to UCSB students, staff, faculty, and community on sexual assault.

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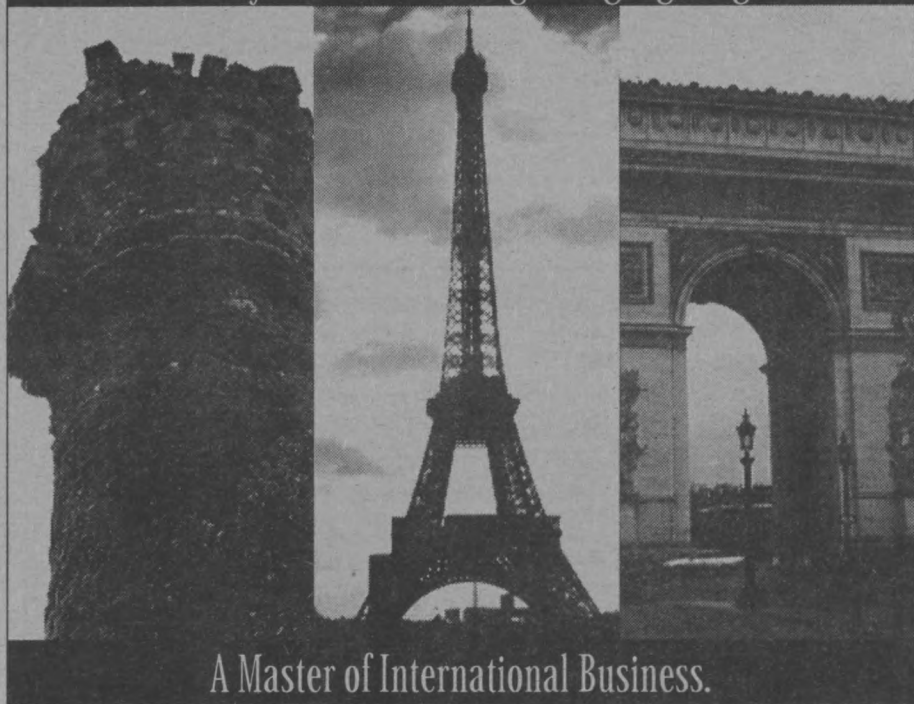
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At Any Rate

Belly Up to the Trough, Folks ...

Compared to the UCen, the Six-Minute I.V. Lunch Commute Ain't All That Bad

NICK ROBERTSON

The UCen was ruined forever after the Pub served its last pitcher. Now we're stuck with a commercialized monolith of capitalism's ugliest effects, and the burning irony is that the UCen seems to operate not unlike a communist state — and it's the independent small businesses of Isla Vista that suffer behind the Iron Curtain.

Look at the high-calorie swill they offer us in the UCen. Grease. Fat. Salt. Beer. While these types of student fare are far from uncommon at college campuses, at least a decade ago, we could get chubby in a place that was our very own, a unique landmark of Gaucho livin' — the Pub. A beautifully simple wooden gathering place reminiscent of a huge mead hall, complete with a massive tree as a centerpiece, the Pub was extraordinarily popular among students, staff and faculty alike. However, because it wasn't spectacularly profitable, the Pub was very unpopular with UCen administration.

As that was the only major restaurant/drinking center on campus, UCSB was missing out on a major customer base. Students seeking a variety of eateries had to venture into Isla Vista, and too many Gauchos were willing to take their appetites (and pocketbooks) there for lunch. I.V. restaurant business was booming — UCSB had to take action.

And so, after many attempts, the administration was able to cajole the students into voting for massive UCen "improvements," which included gutting the beloved Pub and replacing it with fast-food joints and corporate America. The majestic wooden tables and chairs were ousted in favor of plastic furniture imported from Italy. The Pub's restaurant was replaced by the multicolored galaxy of neon and grayish-blue that dominates our generic Pub replacement, the Hub.

You all know what the Hub is like at lunchtime. Amidst air reeking of grease and shame, hundreds of students jostle about, vying for a dirty table. The restaurant lines are reminiscent of Russia's bread lines during the Gorbachev era. Unenthusiastic student employees lollygag as they wonder if they really went to college to be slinging burgers. And then there's the bottom line — the food isn't really very good or very nourishing.

And, like ignorant hogs to the tainted trough, we students step rank and file into the Hub's lines daily, wasting valuable cash on unhealthy, unscrupulous conglomerate businesses. To many students, eating lunch in Isla Vista would be an occasion along the same lines as going to downtown Santa Barbara for the same meal, even though I.V. is just a minute bike ride away.

What makes the situation worse is that we students pay dearly for the UCen's "services" even without setting foot in the pit. In our last Associated Students election, the student body overwhelmingly voted to give the UCen another nine bucks per quarter, including summer school, to "maintain the UCen as a valued part of campus life." That's well over \$400,000 a year that we're shelling out so that we can lounge on uncomfortable foreign chairs and eat crappy food. Thanks, fellow Gauchos.

But I can't really blame the students for toeing the line. We're just continuing our ignorant trips to the trough, and no wonder — during the A.S. elections, the UCen waged a massive (and no doubt costly) propaganda campaign to support the fee referendum and pull the wool over our eyes. Mammoth professionally made signs were posted throughout the pastel palace, each offering heavy threats of lost student jobs and reduced business hours if the initiative failed.

The UCen administration even went so far as to force their hundreds of student employees to attend special meetings before the elections where they discussed the initiative, providing "all the information you will need to make an informed decision about this issue." The student employees were paid to attend these meetings (which seems strange, considering that the UCen is supposedly struggling financially), and then they were asked to convince five friends each to vote for the initiative. Sounds kinda manipulating of the system, eh?

In essence, the fee proponents argued that without the funding, the UCen would be doomed, as the edifice is still reeling from the early '90s



LISA DOTY / DAILY NEXUS

recession. But with UCSB's student body as a captive market, why is the UCen having such hard times? Noon in the Hub looks like a Coalinga cattle drive, and yet all that student money is not enough to keep the UCen coffers full? We already paid quarterly fees to the UCen before the \$9 hike passed, and who knows when the UCen Governance Board will decide to go for more, using these same sleazy tactics? Am I the only one who sees these techniques as reminiscent of Cuba, circa 1963?

There is a better way, my friends, and that way is west — off campus and into Isla Vista. With no local government or business bureau, I.V.'s restaurant scene is the epitome of laissez-faire economics. Woodstock's can't come whining to the Isla Vistas if funds start running low — if they want to stay in business, they'll do it with good service, good food and a pleasing atmosphere that makes the customer want to return. The grueling six-minute walk is well worth eating at a restaurant that actually tries to please the diner, rather than appease the diner.

Isla Vista's bevy of struggling independent restaurants is what Thomas Jefferson and Adam Smith had in mind when laying this fine nation's financial brickwork, while any good libertarian knows the dangers inherent to a governing bureaucracy like the UCen, making financial mistakes thanks to their own ineptitude and charging everyone extra through government subsidies. The UCen's predicament and their handling of it sounds like a dreary chapter from an Ayn Rand novel.

At any rate, even though we're stuck paying the nine bucks per quarter, please take the extra few minutes to eat in Isla Vista, and avoid the infernal Hub as much as possible. As a campus gathering place, the UCen is swell, but as a source of nutrition, it's a rip-off and a legal scam. I.V. is genuinely our community, and it deserves a helluva lot more support than the UCen. The Pub may be gone, but Isla Vista is forever.

Nick Robertson is the daily friday editor.

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CEREMONY

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"It went very well, more smoothly than I thought it would," she said. "Ever since I got here I felt a lot of respect from black men on this campus. I felt it was very important that we show them our respect and appreciation."

Undeclared freshman Latesha Knight, a member of the Shades of Essence dance performance, explained her reasons for being involved in the event.

"I think the performance went really well. The program as a whole was wonderful. I felt a lot of love, a lot of essence," she said. "This is a time to appreciate the black men on campus, because they don't really get a lot of appreciation on a regular basis. It's a time to go

out of our way for them."

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Young said the students' involvement and effort contributed to their education.

"It gives us the opportunity to celebrate our strengths, our heritage and to celebrate each other. It's part of what we're here to do, to learn inside and outside of the classroom."

Associated Students President Wayne Calvin Byrd II said the evening accomplished its purpose.

"The program was beautiful. I feel thoroughly appreciated and loved," he said. "This is the type of event that builds a cohesiveness within the community. ... I'm proud of the young black women that put the program together."

SPARKS

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"Everyone here is a lot bigger and stronger than in college," she added. "There are a lot of veterans who know tricks and skills that some of us newcomers don't have yet."

Like Alexander, Matsuhara is already impressed with the skills Kienast has displayed thus far in training camp.

"She's got a great attitude and is a hard worker," Matsuhara said. "She's extremely good on the blocks and can

set hard screens. [Erika] knows how to use her body to score against taller players. [Also], being the only left-hander in camp gives her some uniqueness."

French is hopeful that Kienast can have a prosperous WNBA career as well. However, the 11-year Gaucho skipper has some personal motivation to see his former athletes among the professional ranks.

"If our program is going to continue to grow, we need to be able to go into kids' homes and say, 'Oh yeah, we've got kids in the

WNBA, we've got kids in the ABL, we've got kids on the National team," he said. "If not, it makes our recruiting much, much more difficult."

For the next two weeks, Alexander and Kienast will battle the odds in pursuit of pro basketball glory and to earn some recognition for UCSB athletics. Although the Sparks only have 11 roster spots, most of which have already been secured by returning players, Kienast says "You have to believe you're going to make it."

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Cain's. The freshman from Sir Francis Drake High went 4-5 with a 6.08 ERA and became the team's Friday starter.

"Bing definitely heads the list [of surprises]," Brontsema said. "He was the last guy to throw in tryouts. We were packing up our stuff when Bing came out to the hill. Obviously he was a pleasant surprise."

With '98 over, Brontsema thinks that this season will not be a total loss. With a majority of the players returning next year, this season could be a stepping stone to something greater.

"We got a life's worth of lessons this year," Brontsema said. "With a year's worth of experience and hearing me hound on them, it's going to pay big dividends next year. We didn't do that well this year, but the silver lining is that the future is bright."

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Leg Council Will Discuss New Bills

As Spring Quarter comes to a close, Associated Students representatives will hold their final full-length Legislative Council meeting of the year.

The Bicycle By-Law is one of the bills that will be voted on tonight. According to Rep-at-Large Josh Krom, the By-Law change will affect the way in which a recently passed lock-in fee will be handled.

"It just deals with how the bicycle lock-in money will be spent," he said.

Another item of old business to be voted on is the Terms of Office Bill, written by On-Campus Rep Christina Costley. This bill deals with a technicality in the A.S. By-Laws regarding the wording of office terms for boards and committees, Costley said.

"My bill changes all the spots in the By-Laws where it says 'one year' to 'one academic year,'" she said. "It is the most un-

exciting thing in the universe."

Also on the agenda is the A.S. Queer Commission Bill. According to the proposal by Off-Campus Rep Joe Lee, an A.S. Queer Commission needs to be set up next academic year due to the lack of A.S. representation of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students.

This week will be the final full-length meeting for this year's council as next year's elected officials will be sworn into office on May 27, according to Costley.

"Next week we will sit up there and go through new business and vote on stuff. After that the new officers take their oaths. It's kind of a tradition," she said.

The meeting is scheduled for tonight at 6:30 in the UCen Harbor Room.

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LANDFILL

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ing to Reid. "Dust affects the community next to the landfill," he said. "The landfill attracts sea gulls. ... There is possible ground-water contamination on the landfill, but no indication of it off-site."

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors has recently approved the funding of an Environmental Impact Report, according to Robert Hazard, a member of the Gaviota Coast Conservancy Board.

"The landfill was built in the late '60s. Those days they didn't put anything under the landfill to protect it from pollution. There weren't checks and balances like they have now," he said. "During rains, enormous amounts of silt float into the ocean. Color photographs show [the ocean] is almost black."

Tajiguas does not use a

siltation basin, a large pond or lake where silt settles to prevent it from going into the ocean and coming in contact with ground water, according to Hazard.

"Almost all landfills use a siltation basin ... in this case they haven't done it because there is no physical room for it. The landfill is too close to the ocean," he said.

According to Hazard, some options are transporting waste to large Southern California facilities or using new technologies that convert garbage into methanol, carbon dioxide and a residue that can be used to make asphalt. The problem with alternative methods of waste management is that there will not be enough time to implement these programs before Tajiguas reaches capacity, he added.

"The county waited so long until they applied for expansion permit," Hazard said. "All [other] options take longer."

It is almost certain that Tajiguas will be allowed to expand another 40 to 50 feet vertically, according to Hazard.

"The conservancy's position is that problems are so severe that [the county] won't be given a permit to expand horizontally," he said.

The landfill in north county will close in a few years, bringing more waste to Tajiguas, according to Hazard.

"In the state of California, you couldn't find two worse landfills than Tajiguas and [north county]," he said.

Reid said that once landfills are full they are most commonly reclaimed by the construction of a golf course.

"To make sure there were no contaminants on the land, they would use a final cap—a 12-inch layer of soil or clay which is placed on top and then do 30 years of post-closure maintenance," he said.

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be used for serious crimes. "I'm not going to say it doesn't happen, but let's put it this way—it shouldn't happen," he said. "If there's a serious crime, we're not going to send people home and say, 'Hey, come back tomorrow, there's no Spanish speaker here.'"

According to Miramontes, this concern is an issue that has been raised in the community for over three years. He said that Spanish-speaking residents want a translator at the IVFP at all times.

"Every month [the community] says the same thing and every month they say it's not in their budget," Miramontes said. "It's not that the money isn't there, it's how they prioritize the money."

According to Arnoldi, the issue is more complicated than finances alone.

"To have a Spanish-speaking person assigned to the Foot Patrol 24 hours a day is virtually impossible," he said. "People say, 'Why don't you hire a bunch of Spanish-speaking people?' But even if we did, you're not going to [have] that person on the street for nearly two years."

Pizano said that she believes the Spanish-speaking community is not treated as fairly

as other I.V. residents.

"[We encounter] cases of discrimination because we're not Anglo-Saxon, because we don't speak English," she said.

Pizano said that her children, ages 8-18, have been interrogated roughly and unjustly, and she is looking for a change.

"We may be Latino but we want respect and security," she said. "We don't want our kids to learn that violence is OK, and that's hard when it's coming from the police. It's not right."

Six-year I.V. resident and mother of three Juana Perez said that she had not personally interacted with the IVFP but was aware of the concern in the Spanish-speaking community.

"I've never had problems," she said in Spanish. "But I've known of a lot of people who said they went there and couldn't find anyone who could speak Spanish."

In an effort to increase bilingualism in the police force, Spanish has recently been added to the training schedule, Arnoldi said.

"At the Ventura training academy they just added two weeks of street Spanish to the course curriculum," he said. "Law enforcement sees a need [for it], and that's why it's in the curriculum."

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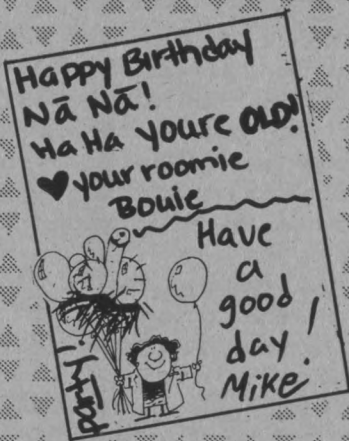


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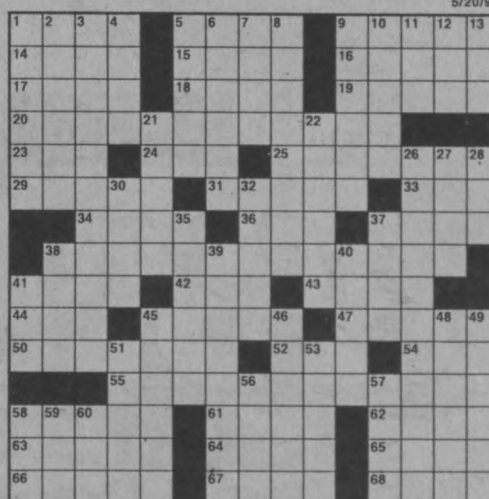
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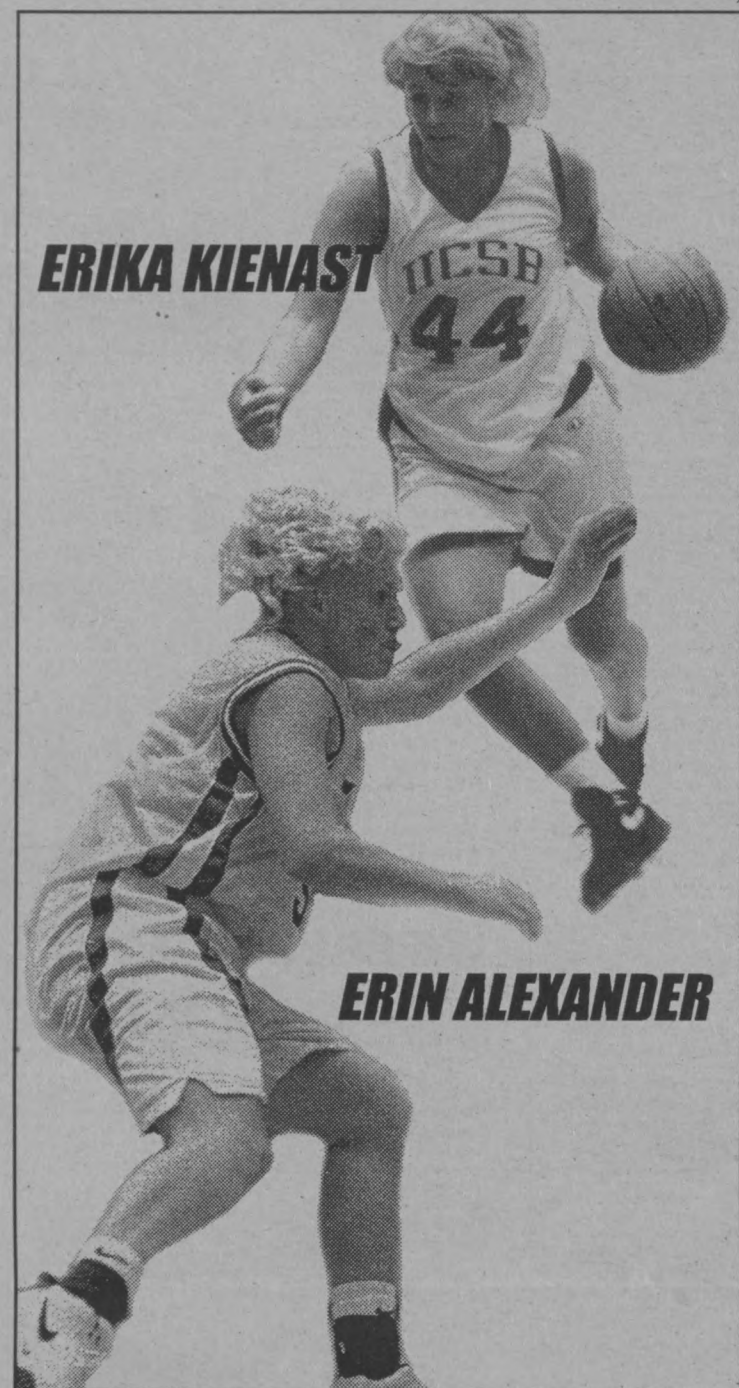
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TWO NEW SPARK PLUGS

Former Gauchos Alexander and Kienast are pursuing careers in the WNBA.

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Although the WNBA doesn't operate an official minor league system, the Los Angeles Sparks appear to have found their own farm team in Santa Barbara.

Two former Gauchos — 1992 graduate Erika Kienast and 1997 alumna Erin Alexander — are currently pursuing pro hoop dreams in the Sparks' pre-season training camp. While competition for a roster spot is fierce, those familiar with the duo feel they have the determination and talent to excel in "The Show."

For Alexander, the school's all-time leader in scoring (1,588 points) and three-point field goals (233), playing professional basketball stateside has been a goal of hers since the WNBA and ABL began operation in 1996. However, the Santa Ynez native had to postpone her career for a year after suffering an untimely injury last April. Three days before attending the Utah Starzz's open tryouts, Alexander sprained an ankle in a pickup game at UCSB, severely hindering her performance in front of the coaching staff. Unfazed, the 1997 Big West Conference Player of the Year attempted to join the expansion Detroit Storm earlier this month, but did not make the cut.

Alexander is unsure about her chances of surviving the June 10 roster cutdown, since Los Angeles features numerous standout players including Lisa Leslie and Penny Toller.

"We've been working really hard, having two-a-days," said the shooting guard of her practice schedule. "My chances are slim because they have a lot of returners. But possibly I'll make it."

However, Santa Barbara Head Coach Mark French is a bit more optimistic. He feels Alexander's outside shooting touch is just what the league needs to com-

plement its bevy of interior scorers.

"[The WNBA people] felt they needed more kids who could shoot the ball well from the perimeter to open things up," French said. "Last year they drafted all of these athletic, slashing types that were very creative and took the ball to the hole really strong, but there wasn't a lot of room for their big kids to play. If [Erin] goes down there and shoots the ball well for three weeks, she can make it."

Fortunately, Sparks Assistant Coach Colleen Matsuhara has taken notice of Alexander's range during the first week of training camp.

"Erin is an excellent outside scoring threat," she said. "She's able to catch the ball and shoot it quickly. An outside shooter would help us."

Kienast's road to the upper echelon of women's basketball has been much more winding than that of her fellow Gaucho. After leaving UCSB with career averages of 13.2 points and 9.2 rebounds per game, the 5'11" forward ventured to Germany to play pro hoops for a year.

Kienast then returned home to embark on a career as an occupational therapist, but she never strayed far from the hardwood — or asphalt. Earlier this year she was a member of the national champion three-on-three "Hoop It Up" team, and caught the attention of pro scouts when her squad took on a group of WNBA all-stars. Last month, the Sparks drafted Kienast with their fourth and final pick, 35th overall.

The Bothell, Wash., native hasn't had much trouble returning to competitive basketball, but has definitely noticed the heightened level of competition.

"It's not really a tough adjustment," said Kienast, an All-Big West Second Team selection in 1992. "It doesn't feel like I've ever been away."

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Early Misfortunes Lead to Lackluster 1998 Season for Young Gaucho Baseball Team

YEAR IN REVIEW

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Call it a learning experience. The UCSB baseball team finished 1998 with a 18-31-2 record, but also with an eye on the future. The Gauchos fielded a team with 20 players who didn't don Santa Barbara blue and gold a year ago, 14 of whom were freshman.

That influx of new blood wasn't the only thing of worry at the start of the season. UCSB lost two starting pitchers, Seth Bean, a late free-agent signee, and Barry Zito — who transferred to a Los Angeles community college. The Gauchos also had to deal with the decision of redshirting two touted freshman hurlers, Chris Quiroz and Jeremy Sugarman, due to injury.

According to UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema, the loss of those arms greatly changed the complexion of the team.

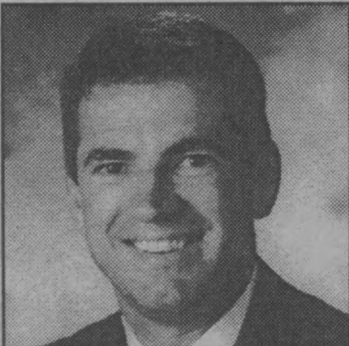
"It's not that we just lost the returning guys," Brontsema said. "We also lost Quiroz and Sugarman. That was four scholarship guys that we thought would contribute that got zero innings. [Bean and Zito] were going to power the staff and the other two were really going to support. Losing all four of those guys was devastating."

Before the season was underway, the Gauchos seemed to have a

couple of strikes against them, but players and coaches know that stat sheets and rosters don't measure heart.

"One of the greatest things about this team was how persistent it was," Brontsema said. "They never died, they always rose to the challenge. We didn't always win, but they never quit."

"I really thought that this was going to be a good year for us. If we didn't lose [the pitchers], we could have been a great team. We hit the ball well and played pretty good defense. Our guys fought to the very end, we just didn't have the



Bob Brontsema

ammunition of some of the teams." Smooth fielding freshman third baseman Jeff Bannon thought that this team was never out of any game.

"Our team definitely had a 'never say die' attitude," said Bannon, who batted .284 in his rookie

season. "We came back from five down against USC and lost by one. That's not easy going against a team like USC."

Bannon was one of a number of freshman who saw significant playing time this season. The main difference they felt was the quality of pitching they faced day in and day out.

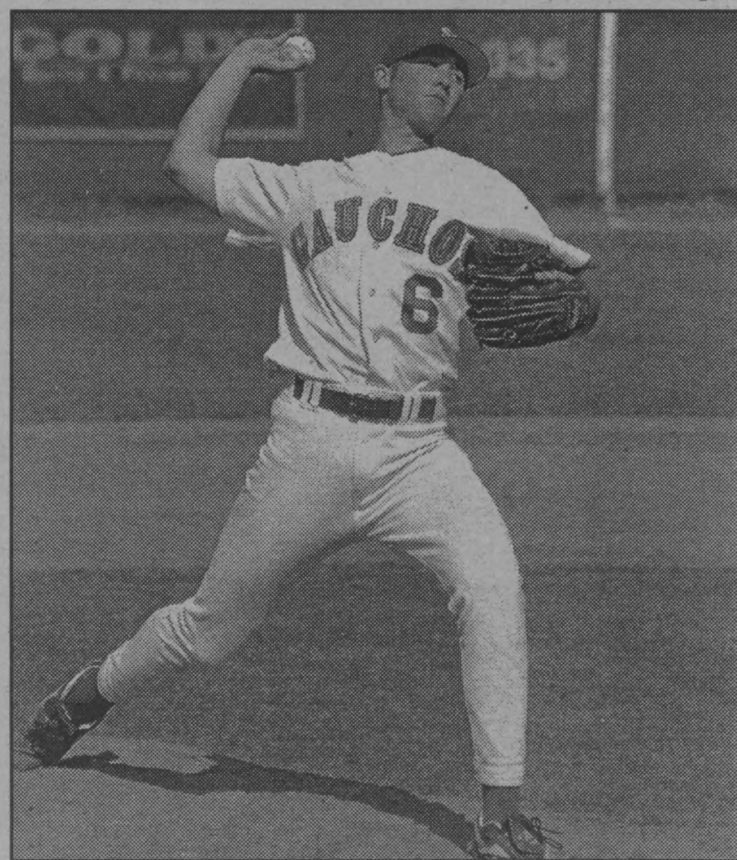
"It's a lot different [than high school]," said freshman second baseman Chad Peshke, who started all 51 games and batted .298. "You see things like 2-0 change-ups. It's an adjustment."

"The difference is almost night and day," Bannon said. "In high school there are one or two guys in the whole league that are good, here you face those guys every day."

Santa Barbara was green in the infield as well as on the mound, but where they appeared most comfortable this season was at the plate.

Junior Bryan LaCour headed an arsenal of heavy hitters that hit .307 as a team. LaCour batted .359 with 20 doubles, eight home runs and 51 RBIs.

Sophomore Justin Gemoll raised his batting average considerably after terrorizing Cal State Fullerton pitching in the final week of the season. He batted .351 with 20 doubles, nine bombs and 57 RBIs. Juniors Brad Wright and Justin Lehr weren't too shabby either.



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"THE FRANCHISE": Freshman walk-on Bing Cain was one of 14 freshmen on a Santa Barbara squad which went 18-31-2.

Lehr pounded out 12 homers and batted at a .322 clip, while Wright posted a .345 average with six round-trippers.

While pitching certainly wasn't the team's strength, the Gauchos actually improved on the '97 team ERA by .30 runs per nine innings. Despite the early season losses to the staff, Santa Barbara did manage to get quality pitching from some unlikely sources.

Starting pitchers Troy Kinto, a sophomore, and freshman Bing Cain were impressive while junior David Uris showed flashes of bril-

liance — such as a complete-game victory over San Diego State in mid-February. Kinto was the most consistent and dominating of the starters. He went 5-4 with 95 strikeouts in 93.2 innings. The Upland native was named All-Big West Conference Honorable Mention and led the league in K's per nine innings with 9.2. Kinto finished the season with an ERA of 5.77.

While Kinto's emergence was unexpected, it was nothing like

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