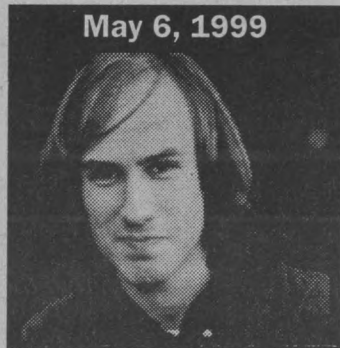


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Junior pitcher Troy Kinto threw a complete game with nine strikeouts. He is our Athlete of the Week.

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## Close Vote Tallies Finalize Results in A.S. Run-off Elections

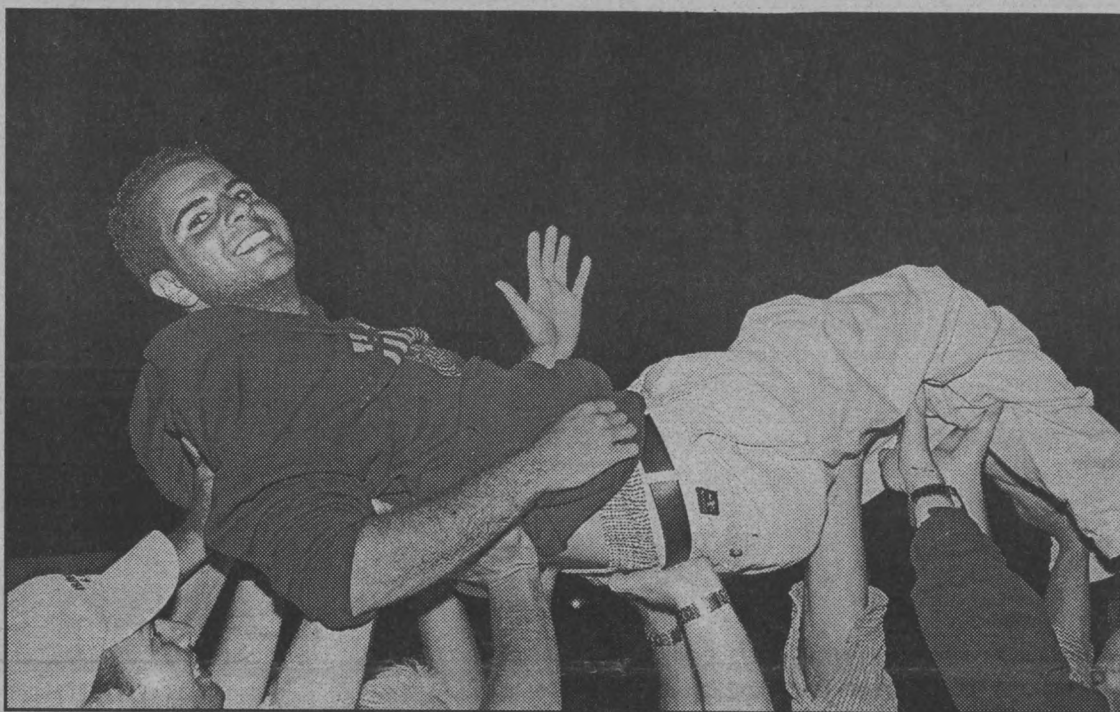
BY TED ANDERSEN  
Staff Writer

The votes were cast and the ballots counted, and when all was said and done Wednesday night, a combined 206 votes decided the political fate of the six remaining Associated Students executive candidates.

In a close run-off election, juniors Jason Nazar, Yumi Matsui and Rebecca Prather were elected as next year's A.S. president, internal vice president and external vice president for local affairs, respectively. Tuesday and Wednesday's 16.5-percent turnout — 2,609 students in all — doubled last year's run-off turnout, according to A.S. Elections Chair Brian Cheng.

President-elect Nazar, who edged opponent DaJuan Cowan by 44 votes (50.87 percent to 49.13 percent), said he plans to begin work immediately on his three campaign platforms: women's safety, working with outreach and sponsoring community service.

"I was very impressed with the voter turnout on both days," he said. "Above all, I really want to recognize DaJuan for running an extremely classy campaign. He



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A.S. President-elect Jason Nazar is victoriously hoisted into the air by his fraternity brethren. Tuesday and Wednesday's run-offs decided the outcome of president, internal VP and external VP for local affairs.

made me work harder, and I had to be the best candidate I could."

Nazar, the only elected executive officer not with the Student Action Coalition, said working with the S.A.C. next year will be a pleasure.

"I am much looking forward to

[working with them]," he said. "I think they are all individuals who I will have a good chance at having a working relationship with. I respect their work ethic immensely."

In the closest race of the run-offs, current Women's Commission Co-Chair Rebecca Prather

took the external vice president for local affairs position over fellow junior Christy Fellner by a mere 10 votes (50.22 percent to 49.78 percent). Prather said building a strong rapport with local leaders will be instrumental in the success of her office next year.

"[The EVPLA] is a position which relies on relationships and trust, and I'll be completely honest when I say I need to work on this," she said. "I understand that these relationships won't be developed overnight, but I am committed and am looking forward to developing these relationships on a lot of different levels."

With 153 votes separating her from Finance Board Chair Christina Costley, junior Yumi Matsui grabbed the internal VP office by the largest margin in the run-offs. Matsui, who expressed a desire to begin summer Legislative Council sessions in July, said her victory can be attributed to her intense campaign efforts.

"I really hope [students] looked at the qualifications," she said. "I think Christina is a qualified candidate, but it goes further than just knowing your [parliamentary procedures] and chairing a meeting. Voters want change, and that's why they elected me."

Snappy jingles and campaign manpower in the Arbor played a more prominent role in the results than the issues, a frustrated Costley said.

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## Cisneros Shares New Passages With Audience

BY ROBERT DESMOND  
Reporter

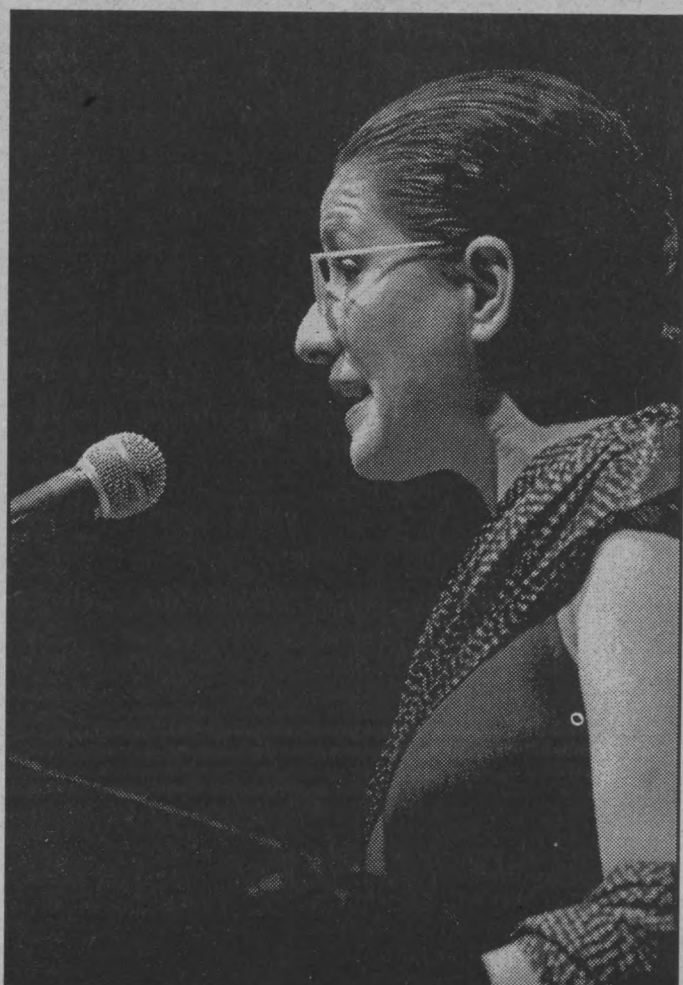
Campbell Hall was host to a full house Wednesday night as students gathered to hear the work of a popular contemporary author.

Author Sandra Cisneros read passages of her work and answered questions from the audience for the 36th annual Eugene Coral Lecture. The lecture has historically been given by famous novelists and poets, according to University Librarian Sarah Pritchard, who opened the evening by giving a brief background of the event.

"The annual lecture was created with the help of funding from Eugene and Edgar Coral to bring famous authors to the UCSB campus," she said.

Pritchard then brought forward Norma Cantu, acting director of the Chicano Studies Dept., to introduce Cisneros.

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Chicana author Sandra Cisneros addressed a packed Campbell Hall on Wednesday. She discussed her writing career, read excerpts from her new book and gave advice to young authors.

## Questionable Election Results Throw Leggies Into Debate

BY ERIC SIMONS  
Staff Writer

Financial planning took a back seat to elections controversy Wednesday night, as Associated Students Legislative Council dealt with two controversial bills.

A problem with vote calculations for the campuswide mandatory fee measures spurred Internal Vice President Danny Costa to author a position paper supporting the invalidation of the results of the five initiatives, which the council tabled. According to Costa, the Campuswide Elections Committee narrowly approved a new set of criteria after the polls were closed, decreasing the percentage of votes a measure needed to pass and altering the final results.

"This was the shadiest thing I have ever seen at this school. We were told that certain people in the room knew that changing the scale could affect the results of the election," he said. "It was just totally bogus."

One of a number of leggies to speak out on the matter, Campuswide Elections Chair Judith Liao asserted her anger over the process.

"I'm very frustrated. Not even being informed in time about these meetings is bull. I was told that these changes wouldn't skew the results at all," she said. "This is ridiculous to change this after the fact."

Although the election process was allegedly faulty, Off-Campus Rep Jen Tobkin said voiding the entire election would hurt all of the students who worked on the other campuswide measures, including lock-ins for shoreline cleanup, the Events Center and track repair.

"We're saying that because one committee messed up, what happened can't happen," she said. "I don't think we need to ask the chancellor to invalidate this election because this silences the student voice."

A.S. President Erin O'Donnell, who proxied for Liao at the emergency meetings, was upset that Raul Rojas, a voting student committee member,

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# Top of the News

## Refugees Receive Warm U.S. Welcome



**FORT DIX, N.J. (AP)** — The first Kosovo refugees to arrive in the United States were greeted by soldiers, roomfuls of toys and Hillary Rodham Clinton, who got a standing ovation when she walked into a gymnasium to welcome them from their war-ravaged homeland.

"We want you to know the American people have been very sad and very angry by what they have seen happening to you over the last weeks and months," she said, in a 10-minute speech interrupted by applause about a dozen times.

"Our hearts and our prayers have been with you. Now we want to show you that our hearts and our homes are open to you as well."

Clinton got the loudest applause when she said: "We will not let Mr. Milosevic succeed in keeping you out of your homes. We will continue to work to create a

peaceful Kosovo where you can return home as soon as possible and build your country again."

As the first lady left, the refugees broke into sponta-

**We will continue to work to create a peaceful Kosovo where you can return home as soon as possible and build your country again.**

— Hillary Rodham Clinton  
first lady

neous cheers, in English, of "Clin-ton! Clin-ton!," "U-S-A! U-S-A!" and "Free Kosovo! Free Kosovo!"

NATO launched airstrikes against Yugoslavia on March 24 after President Slobodan Milosevic rejected a Western peace plan to end the fighting with the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army. Hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians have since fled the Kosovo province to neighboring countries.

The refugees at Fort Dix — 249 adults, 195 children ranging in age from 3 to 18 and nine infants — left a crowded, dirty camp in Macedonia aboard a chartered Boeing 747 and landed at McGuire Air Force base. They boarded buses for

nearby Fort Dix.

Most of the 20,000 refugees the United States has agreed to accept will be directly placed with sponsoring families or relatives. The group arriving at Fort Dix from Macedonia were deemed at special risk because they had no family members available to help them, or were staying in unstable areas.

A 24-hour health clinic was set up for the refugees,

and local hospitals were on standby to accept any refugees needing medical treatment.

The refugees will undergo preliminary screening by immigration officials, receive photo identification badges and get dormitory assignments. Albanian-speaking mental health and trauma counselors also will be available.

Officials expect to move about 2,000 refugees a week through Fort Dix and New York's Kennedy Airport, and plan to eventually phase out entry through Fort Dix.

The refugee settlement is a massive undertaking by the United States and the first at Fort Dix since Hungarian refugees were brought here in the late 1950s.

The refugees will have a year to apply for permanent residence, State Department deputy spokesperson James Foley said at a news briefing in Washington. Officials expect most will return to their homeland.

## House Passes Legislation on Credit Card Debtors



**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The House, seeking to stem an increase in personal bankruptcies, passed a bill Wednesday sought by credit card companies that would make it tougher for people to erase their debts.

The bill was passed by a veto-proof 313-108 margin, getting solid support from Republicans but splitting Democrats. The Senate hasn't yet voted on parallel legislation.

The White House threatened a veto, calling the bill's "means test" for determining whether debts must be repaid gradually or erased entirely "inflexible and arbitrary."

The test would use the Internal Revenue Service's living expense standards to help determine from a debtor's income if or how much they would have to repay.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey (R-Texas) insisted the bill "is about personal responsibility."

"It's become too easy to run up massive debts and then abuse the system to welsh on those obligations," Armey said.

Big bank-owned credit card networks, notably Visa and MasterCard, and retail-business groups say their losses from forgiven debts in bankruptcy have forced them to raise interest rates for consumers who handle credit responsibly.

But consumer groups, unions, civil rights groups and bankruptcy attorneys maintain the legislation favors corporate profits over the needs of families struggling with debt who need a fresh start. They insist that the credit card companies share the blame by flooding consumers with mailed solicitations to entice them into easy credit.

By voice vote, the lawmakers adopted an amendment requiring credit card companies to clearly disclose their fees for late payments and how long it would take customers to pay off balances by making only minimum monthly payments. The companies also would have to clearly reveal the expiration dates of introductory "teaser rates" and the higher interest rates replacing them.

### AP WIRE SHORTS

• **MOORPARK, Calif. (AP)** — Two high-school students were arrested for investigation after threatening to blow up their school.

The two arrests Tuesday stemmed from separate incidents at Moorpark Community High School.

One arrest was made for an April 28 incident in which a teacher overheard a student telling a classmate, "I'm going to bomb this school," said sheriff's Detective Richard Thomas. The teacher immediately notified authorities.

The other student, who was found by a school official wandering in a restricted area on April 21, told a teacher he was "looking for a place to hide my bomb," said Detective Charles MacDonald.

The teacher sent the student back to class. The principal found out about it eight days later and called authorities. That student was also arrested Tuesday for investigation of making a terrorist threat, MacDonald said.

• **BUENA PARK, Calif. (AP)** — Thousands of people were turned away Wednesday from Knott's Berry Farm when admission was reduced to 5 cents to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Several fights broke out, and hundreds of police were called.

The theme park, 22 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles, opened at 7 a.m., said Sgt. Terry Branum of the Buena Park Police Dept. Three hours later the park was full, jammed with 35,000 to 40,000 guests, he said.

"Fights broke out among people who couldn't get in,"

Branum said. Most of them appeared to be teenagers and most of the problems involved fistfights with few weapons involved, officers said.

Some 250 police and law enforcement officers had to disperse the crowd.

There were no immediate reports of injury or damage. At least six teenagers were arrested for disturbing the peace and assault, the sergeant said.

• **WASHINGTON (AP)** — Support for gun control increased in the week after the high-school shootings in Colorado, according to an Associated Press poll, with a majority of Americans saying tougher gun laws are the most effective way to curb violence.

That 51 percent figure is up 9 percentage points from just before the deaths at the school. Also, 40 percent of adults said parents should face charges if a child younger than 18 commits a crime with a gun.

ICR of Media, Pa., conducted one poll in the four days before the April 20 rampage. Some of the questions were repeated in an April 28 to May 2 poll, allowing the impact of the shootings on the public to be measured.

Before the school shootings, 47 percent said better enforcement of existing laws was the way to limit gun violence, while 42 percent said tougher gun laws would be more effective. After the shootings, 51 percent said tougher gun laws would be more effective, while 39 percent said better enforcement.

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## Weather

You know what bugs me about this column (aside from the actual writing and content part)?

It's the fact that there are no swear words. Yeah, I get away with the occasional "crap" and "ass," but no *real* cuss words. I mean it's not for a lack of trying. Quite the contrary, whatever bad words I put in get censored out! Look, the next sentence will be crammed full of obscenities. See! It was taken out! Oh well, what can you do, right?

In fact, the only way I could possibly get a bad word in is by telling you about my childhood experiences growing up at Lake Shittykhaka. But you know, there is a better way to get rid of bad words. Instead of watching what we say, let's all swear as much as possible. Once we've become desensitized, they're no longer bad words, right?

Today's Forecast: It'll be beautiful ... just friggin' beautiful (you know what I mean).

#### Corrections

In the article, "Groups Mark Culture Week With Speaker, Celebration," in Wednesday's issue of the *Daily Nexus*, the 1994 hunger strike was incorrectly represented as having been for an ethnic requirement. The strike was in fact for changes within the Chicano Studies Dept.

Also the phone number and e-mail for Bridget Saltzman in Wednesday's Opinion column, "Celebrate Your Staff," was incorrect. The number is 893-3191, and her e-mail address is [saltzman\\_b@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:saltzman_b@sa.ucsb.edu).

The *Nexus* regrets these errors.

## Clean Sweep In Store for Campus, Beaches

BY ERIN COE  
Reporter

A volunteer program offers students, faculty and staff a chance to spruce up UCSB and, in turn, score a free lunch on Friday.

The third-annual Clean Sweep is designed to enhance the aesthetic of the campus and portions of the beach by planting greenery and removing litter. It is sponsored by Facilities Management, Housing and Residential Services and UCen Dining Services.

Facilities Management Grounds Superintendent Ralph Mize, who helped arrange the event, encouraged all to get involved and described some of the projects.

"All volunteers are welcome," he said. "We will [clear] debris, remove stickers from signs, take down illegally posted [material] and plant throughout the campus."

Volunteers will meet at 11:30 a.m. in the Student Affairs and Administrative Services Building courtyard, located near the Bus Loop, and will then disperse to designated sites. Cleanup projects are assigned on and off campus, including San Miguel, San Rafael and San Nicolas residence halls as well as the lagoon and along the beach.

Past Clean Sweeps have received between 15 and 30 volunteers, although Mize said he

hopes for a bigger turnout this year.

UCen Dining Services Director Sue Hawkins said free box lunches consisting of sandwiches, drinks and fruit will be distributed, and should help encourage people to get involved.

"I thought it would be great to provide food after working for several hours," she said. "All food is donated by vendors."

Energy & Environmental Manager for Housing and Residential Services Mark Rousseau related Clean Sweep to "spring cleaning," and said it is intentionally organized around Earth Day, April 22, and after student elections.

"It is set up after elections [due to the amount of] fliers, posters and tape on campus," Rousseau said. "[Clean Sweep] gives a hand in cleaning up and gives grounds crews a break."

Clean Sweep also serves to prime UCSB for tours and graduation, Mize said.

"We are taking an effort to clean up the campus for the end-of-the-year festivities," he said.

Mize added that volunteers can show up and decide where they want to work. He suggested that although workers will be supplied with gloves and tools, they should bring their own appliances, such as a shovel or a trowel.

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was also a vocal proponent of the Student Resource Building measure.

"There was a definite conflict of interest. If the person is the author of an initiative they should not be allowed to vote on this," she said. "There's a certain expectation. The election is done, and then you're told there's a number that's going to change the vote. You have to go with the precedent that was set when you had the election."

Off-Campus Rep Eric Morris said the election results are an example of the strained relations between administration and students.

"I have a one-word analogy for this: cheating," he said. "Someone mentioned it's the system that's wrong. No, it's the administration that makes the system that's wrong. Point and time again, the students on this campus get neglected."

O'Donnell also presented her \$2 million budget to the council. After limited debate, Leg Council tabled the proposal until next week. According to Finance Board Chair Christina Costley, O'Donnell's proposal was worthy of passage.

"I urge you to adopt this budget," she said. "It seems Erin was very faithful to Finance Board. This budget is really good."

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"I wish that issues and experience played a bigger role than propaganda did ... I wish that people would have researched the candidates more thoroughly," she said.

"I really look forward to watching Yumi chair Leg Council next year."

According to Cheng, the candidates' campaign enthusiasm helped make this one of the most hotly contested run-off elections A.S. has seen.

"I don't think there has ever been a run-off which was 10 votes apart — the same can be said for the president, which was only 44 votes apart," he said. "You could pretty much call it record because of how close it was."

"Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans."  
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BY LINDA C. BLACK

Check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19)—Today is a 4—The action is fast and furious today. Now you know why you practiced and did all that homework. The skills you perfected will serve you well, and the ones you haven't will be obvious. You love it when things are fast like this, especially if you're winning. Today, don't try to do it on your own. Teamwork is required.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 5—Travel beckons, but it looks like it's hard to actually get there. Perhaps you could do your business via phone or e-mail instead. You and a distant friend need to stay in close contact. You learn a lot from each other. Today you'll learn how to keep your sense of humor under frustrating circumstances.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21)—Today is a 5—You're going to have to work to get what you want today. It's not going to come easily, but then the best things seldom do. Or is that just an old wives' tale. Maybe some days a positive attitude is all it takes, but today more than that will be required.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 4—A sometimes tense discussion with a partner could result in more money coming your way. Is this a situation where the other guy owes you and has been reluctant to pay? Or are you wheedling to get a loan or an advance on your allowance? It won't be easy, but you could get the money, so be patient.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22)—Today is a 5—Your workload is intense, partly because everything is moving so slowly. You're doing what you've always done, but it's taking twice as much time. Well, it's not all your fault. It's the conditions that are in effect. Furthermore, everybody else is moving more slowly today, too. Be patient.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is a 5—People will be in edgy moods today—quick to lose their tempers, wanting things immediately. And they'll be moving too fast and not watching where they're going. Just watch out for folks you know to be accidents waiting to happen. Today, be prepared for the worst.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is a 4—There have been a lot of changes in the last few days, but you're starting to settle down to a routine again. Hopefully it's the one you wanted. If not, you'd better put in the corrections quickly, because the cement will set before long. If you're going to compromise, compromise for love.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 5—It'll be hard to get much accomplished today. There are a lot of things in fixed signs, and that slows things down. Everybody wants to deliberate. They want to think it over until tomorrow. This condition will be in effect through tomorrow. It's natural, and it's all to the good.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is a 5—Practical matters demand your attention today, but that's OK. You're in a practical mood. You're usually lucky, getting what you want without much effort, but that won't be the case today. You're going to have to plan and scheme, then follow the plan to make sure the work is done right.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 4—You work hard for your money, so hold onto it. Definitely do not invest in a risky proposition today. Instead, be cautious about spending any money at all. Expenses you've already incurred may prove to be higher than you expected.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is a 5—This is a good day to make practical decisions concerning your home or family. That could also include shopping for real estate. If you've been thinking about making a move or a change to your home, do the research now. You don't have to take action yet. Save that for later. Don't rush into anything.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 5—If you're stilled by a seemingly impossible task, don't despair. Instead, call up an older friend who's been through this a thousand times before. You don't have to reinvent the wheel, so don't even try. It's not worth your time to bother. Instead, ask somebody who was around when the wheel was invented.

**Today's Birthday** (May 6). Your good common sense could lead you to a promotion this year. Let people know about your experience in May, and show that you're willing to learn in June. Ask loved ones over to your house in August, and take care of legal matters in late October and November. Diversify your portfolio in December, and tally up how much you've made in January. February is the best for setting career goals, and something that happens in April could light a fire under you to achieve them.

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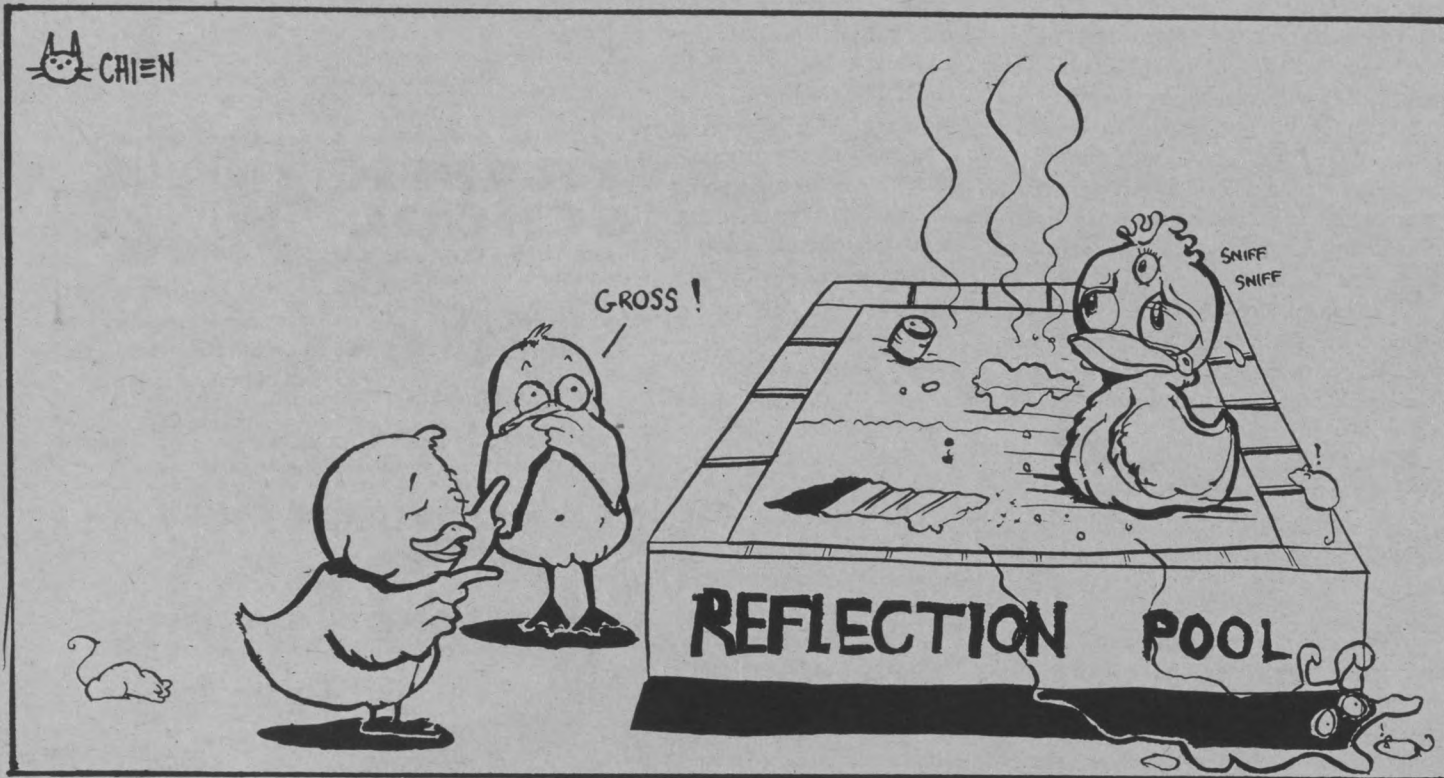
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## That Is One Dirty Pool

*The Reflecting Pool in Storke Plaza Is in a State of Decay and in Dire Need of Cleaning*

**T**ake a look around campus, if you would, please. UCSB is a beautiful, coastal campus: flowers, trees, buildings, parking lots ... the reflecting pool in Storke Plaza. Wait a second — The reflecting pool is far from beautiful ... far, far and away from beautiful. In fact, it is downright disgusting and it is time for the murky pit that is the reflecting pool to be cleaned.

A pool, in the literal sense, generally conjures up thoughts of pristine blue water that glistens in the sun. The reflecting pool that sits just outside of these offices does not even come close to embodying that definition. It, instead, is a slovenly pit. It bears clouds of grimy, smoky contamination in the water, while layers of who-knows-what separate at the surface. It can be lit on fire; yes, fire. The reflecting pool actually burns.

Disregard for a moment the fact that the reflecting pool should be a nice place for students to go sit around and study during the afternoon. Last Saturday was the deadline for freshmen to send in their letters of intent to attend our prestigious university.

Yet, what would they think? What do visitors think when they see the fumes of filth rising above the "pool"? Thoughts of "Oh, how nice," could not have been anywhere near their minds.

Now let's envision what the reflecting pool could be. It could be clear and sparkly. It could have fish, lots of goldfish swimming about. This is not as random as it sounds, for the reflecting pool actually did contain fish at one point. All that is needed is a few chemicals and a little water circulation — that shouldn't be too hard. Or better yet, the administration could send over a pool cleaner to clean up the hazardous, murky, disgusting and vile "pool." Perhaps students could hold fundraisers and sell "Clean the Pool" buttons or pencils.

The reflecting pool is a symbol of our university. It should be nice and well-kept. It should not be capable of possible chemical warfare (It seems to be since it can be lit on fire. We know, we've tried). Cleaning it will not take more than a couple of ... days? The time between cleanings has been long enough — so get to work.

## Is That a Cigar

*Research Team Uncovers the Truth*

ROBIN KRACKER

You're walking down DP on a busy Friday night. You can hear the music pumping through the crowd of party-goers holding their plastic cups. That means you decide to push your way through the mob toward the back door, where your frosty beverage inevitably waits for you. You're damp from your journey through the wobbly cups and smiling faces, but as you reach the doorway, make your way toward the great aluminum dispenser and gently nudge your way through the mob of people that surrounds this container of liquid gold.

Now imagine that while you're waiting, you look and you see him or her — the perfect specimen of the opposite sex. You watch as you wait. He (or she) laughs among friends, and slowly turns, catches your eye, and smiles. You feel your body temperature rise and your face flush. Then slowly, he (or she) turns to your friend and accepts something from them. It's dark, you can't quite see exactly what it is, but you watch out of the corner of your eye to avoid looking over your shoulder. And you notice, with a shock, a lighter being sparked and suddenly you realize the truth — they're lighting a cigar.

Whether this scenario turns you off or on, recent studies have shown that cigar smoking is on the rise. The findings from a national survey indicate that cigar smoking, once primarily an activity among older men, is gaining popularity among adolescents. And it's not just a guy thing. Women, too, are turning to the smoking alternative. But it's safer than cigarette right? Wrong! The health warnings on cigarette packs and advertisements aren't required for cigars, so here's what you won't read:

•Cigars have considerably more nicotine and tar than cigarettes, and produce 30 times more carbon monoxide in their smoke.

•Cancer death rates are 34 percent higher for cigar smokers than for nonsmokers, and cigar smokers have even higher rates of mouth, tongue, throat and voice box cancer than cigarette smokers.

## The Reader's Voice

### PRESS TURNS OUTCASTS INTO PSYCHO KILLERS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

OK, an obligatory word about the Colorado deal.

The press is attempting to classify these boys into four groups:

1. Computer-savvy Internet users
2. Goths
3. Role-playing gamers (e.g. Doom, C&C, etc.)
4. Social outcasts.

I don't know what makes the press think that these things create homicidal maniacs. I, myself, and MANY of my fellow computer-science students fit these descriptions to a T:

I have been using computers since I was in first grade, I play role-playing games (albeit poorly), I was a social outcast for most of my grade-school career, and many of my friends are goths.

It seems as if the press feels a need to place blame on areas which they don't (or won't) understand — and will sell anything which keeps someone's attention for more than 20 minutes. Remember, these are the same people who brought you months of O.J.

So, here for your entertainment, Alison deconstructs the myths:

Computer-savvy Internet users are com-

mon in schools. It is required that one knows how to use technology — especially people from our generation. We are the computer generation; we have less of a learning curve toward this stuff. We grow up with and around it.

So, to say that anyone with a Web page is going to take out their school is like saying that people who learned to type in the '50s are all Satan worshippers.

There is NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE INTERNET AND HOMICIDAL TENDENCIES! And if you think the Internet just makes it easy to get info on things of a potentially hazardous nature, try a library! Plenty of bomb-building books in there!

Goths are peaceful and depressed. They honestly just want to be loved; not go out and kill people. I have never met a goth who has wanted to cause anyone in the world physical harm — in fact, they are some of the nicest, most sensitive people I have met. They wear black and color their hair to get attention.

I don't know why people think Marilyn Manson represents the goth viewpoint ... goths love him because he gets a shitload of attention. (Trent Reznor is an example of someone needing ... quite desperately ... some love.) And, of course, there is the fact that some people like this music, but liking the art that someone produces does NOT mean that you necessarily agree with their

message.

Understand, also, that there is a distinct difference between those who practice Satanic worship and goths. Goths — gothic ... a little severe and scary looking on the outside, but beautiful nonetheless. Satanic worship — love of Satan. These are not the same thing. Just because two groups of people dress in black does not mean that they follow the same belief system.

Role playing? Acting is role playing for people with talent. There is nothing wrong with pretending to be someone else for a while. People do it all of the time. So, in those shoot-em-ups, when you are killing the ugly aliens that are threatening your world, you may have a sense of great accomplishment — you're a hero!! (Or you just really enjoy running around a computer-simulated world holding atomic weapons, your choice.) Or better yet — you are personally preparing yourself to help should an intergalactic war occur! Talk about community service!

And yeah, it is true that violence in the media affects people; but if a teenager is playing a game as bloody as these for hours on end, it is a parent's responsibility to see what sort of game it is that's being played. These kids didn't live on their own; they lived with their guardians. There is a definite issue of parental responsibility here.

Finally, social outcasts are like goths,

mostly. They want people to like them, not hate them more for shooting someone. And I would have to say that every person who has ever experienced puberty has experienced the joy of being a social outcast.

Even those who you thought were "popular" in grade school experienced some trauma from the position they were put in by their peers. No one escapes childhood easily; but not all of us took to killing people as a result, either.

I don't know where the press gets their messed up ideas, but I personally have had enough of them taking the blame from the parents and the school and placing it on technology and things that they don't understand. It propagates idiocy and doesn't help us get to the root of, and solve, the real problem.

The problem: Where do kids get guns? How do they learn how to use them? And most importantly, who told them that killing people (including oneself) would be a viable solution to the problems they face?

Parents need to make their children understand that they are always, unselfishly, unquestioningly and unjudgingly committed to their children. They must educate, and educate young. And, most of all, they must teach the value of our greatest possession — life.

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HOT Line

Turn It Up

Before lecture begins, some professors have been known to play music on the audio system in the classroom. This is one of the greater ideas to come out of the university system. History Professor Graves likes to play rock 'n' roll and jazz prior to his History 173T class. Listening to music before class is a great way to relax and get the brain cells working. Most of us really need that kind of kick in the morning. It is recommended that other professors adopt this great idea for the benefit of the students. Is it too much to ask?

The Better of Two Evils

One way to get any rock 'n' roll fan talking is to ask him/her, "Which is the better group, the Rolling Stones or the Beatles?" This question is very difficult for the rock 'n' roll fan to answer. The question can be broken down more simply by specifying the differences between the two groups. Example: "Which is better, the Rolling Stones and hard alcohol, or the Beatles and soft drugs?"

Turn It Off

Does your roommate abuse the power of the snooze button on the alarm clock? How does this make you feel? Tired? Angry? Frustrated?

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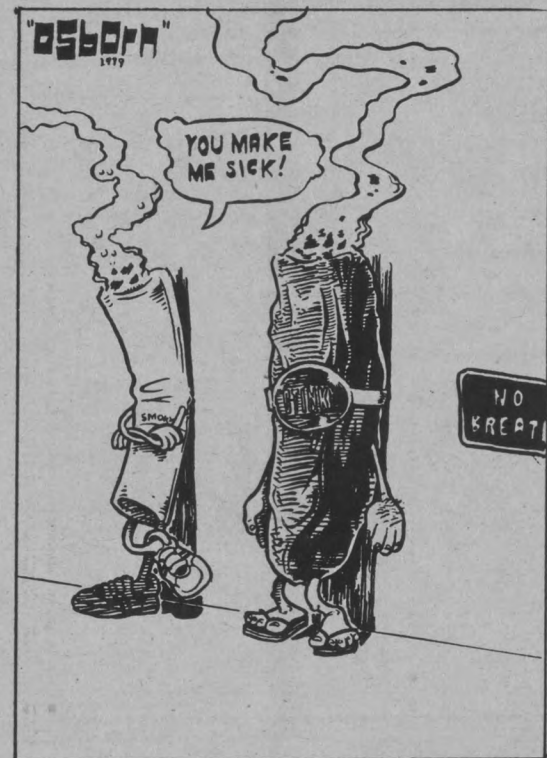
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# Cigar in Your Pocket?

## The Truth about Cigar Smoking at UCSB

Cigar smoke does not have to be inhaled to do damage. Nicotine is absorbed by the lining of the mouth and throat whether or not you inhale.

So how much are UCSB students really smoking cigars? Well, thankfully, we're below the national average. The Tri-County Regional Team and a research evaluation team here at UCSB recently conducted a



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survey of our own college student population. This column is to let you know what they found.

**Who's smoking cigars at UCSB?** More than half of the students don't use tobacco at all, including smokeless tobacco. More students are cigarette smokers (24 percent) than cigar smokers (9 percent). Plus, cigarette smokers are more than three times as likely as non-cigarette smokers to report having smoked a ci-

gar. Most students believe that none of their closest friends from this school smoke cigars, and they estimated that about 10 percent of all UCSB students smoke cigars on a regular basis.

Although the majority of UCSB students indicated that they aren't current cigar smokers, they admitted to occasionally lighting one up. One out of four students have smoked about one to five cigars during the past year. What's more, one in four students said that they were somewhat likely to try a cigar within the next three months. It seems that the preferred places to smoke cigars are at home, at parties or in the great outdoors.

**Stogie Attitudes.** Overall, UCSB students don't think cigars are "all that." Our survey reflected negative attitudes toward the cigar craze. In general, UCSB students feel that cigars are unhealthy, unpleasant and unattractive. Most people think that cigars stink and would not consider dating a stogie lover. Nevertheless, one out of three would consider a date with a cigar smoker to be a "likely" occurrence — this goes for both males and females. Interestingly enough, it seems that a familiar ad campaign rings true when claiming that "image is everything," since most students reported that this was the most likely reason for college students to smoke cigars.

**Who's in the know?** Most of you are aware that cigar smoking can be more dangerous than cigarettes and have seen enough ads about "secondhand smoke" to know what's up. Unfortunately, some students still have misconceptions. For example, one in five students mistakenly believe that cigars are actually less harmful than cigarettes.

As the media continues to portray cigar smoking as "sophisticated," "sexy" and "powerful" through celebrity ads directed at both males and females, increasing numbers of young adults are lured by the hype. College students need to know more about the health hazards of cigar smoking as well as understand the falsehoods of media portrayals and marketing ploys provided by cigar companies. Fortunately, this survey shows that the majority of students at UCSB do not currently smoke cigars, and they hold unfavorable attitudes about this trendy, smelly, "wanna-be-cool" habit.

*Robin Kracker and Sabrina Rhee are graduate students in the Dept. of Education and members of the Tri-County Regional Team.*

# Explanation

## We Meant to Educate, Not Hurt

KERRI WEBB

As the editor in chief of the *Daily Nexus*, I'm responsible for the content of our daily product. As an active journalist for the last 5 years on this campus, I acknowledge my duty to this community and have worked hard to put forth a credible product that neither jeopardizes our journalistic rights nor our relationship with the community we serve.

In light of the feature in Monday's *Daily Nexus* (May 3) regarding the "Take Back the Night" event that took place in Anisq' Oyo' Park last Thursday night, I take this opportunity to express my regrets to the victims who were offended by our printing of their testimonials.

Although the *Daily Nexus* reserves the right to print comments and conversations made in the public domain, I do recognize the right for privacy and comfort, especially with respect to such a sensitive subject as sexual harassment, assault or violence against women. I am deeply sorry for any discomfort, inconvenience or threats made against the survivors who demonstrated such strength and courage in sharing their stories with others in a very public space.

My only hope is that the action taken on behalf of the *Daily Nexus* does not hinder the healing process of the survivors or the efforts of the organizers of the event. I ask of those who were offended by our publishing of their testimonials to please accept my humble apology, as it was not our intention to be malicious in any way.

Please understand that we were attempting to create awareness of sexual assault/rape and to demonstrate that the effects of the crimes extend much further than the physical violations; they hurt the spirit and the soul.

If anyone has any comments or questions for me personally or on our policies here at the *Nexus*, please feel free to contact me here or call 893-2695.

*Kerri Webb is the Daily Nexus editor in chief.*

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STUDENTS OUGHT TO BE

TRAGED OVER SPILL

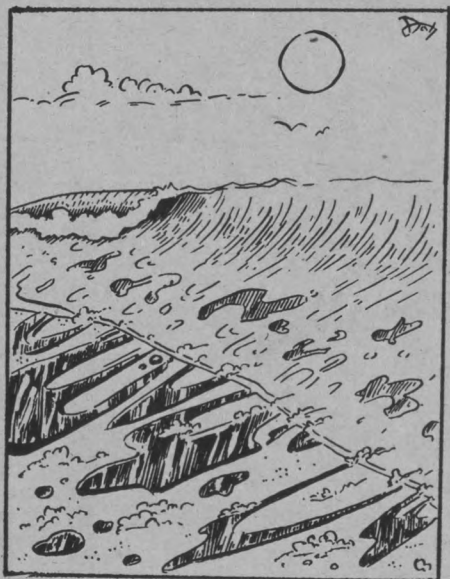
Editor, *Daily Nexus*:  
Approximately 10 years and about a month and a half ago, the Exxon Valdez hit Prince William Sound and wrecked Prince William Sound a decade ago. In the Tuesday, May 4, edition of the *Daily Nexus*, there were two articles on spills. One may not have affected any of us. The other is one that can actually have something done about it — one that is right in our own backyard.

I was 11 years old when the Exxon Valdez tanker ran aground. I was living in Alaska's capital, Juneau. My family was involved in commercial fishing at the time, so I had some concerns, not just for our livelihood, but for the land and wildlife. The oil spilled past the booms and covered so much coastline it was almost like there was nothing that could be done. Animals were dying, and the "last frontier" could no longer be thought of as pristine.

As the hours turned into days and then weeks turned into months, we watched the cleanup crews literally try to scrub those beaches clean. The sea otters, whales, caribou, salmon, birds — especially the puffin — yes, even dogs suffered the consequence of one company's blunder. In one second, people's livelihoods were smashed to pieces.

The crude oil that leaked onto those beaches cannot be scrubbed away, no matter how many people get down on their hands and knees with toothbrushes. The water brings it back again.

Last Friday I paid a visit to our local Sands



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Beach, the day after the harmless spill occurred — once again by Venoco. I read in the *Santa Barbara News-Press* that there really was nothing that could be done, and that cleanup crews had done their best. I was troubled, though, because when I was on the

beach Friday I happened to pick up three to five pounds of crude oil. There was still lots more left on the beaches.

For all of you females planning on having children, I would avoid the local beaches — crude is toxic, as I was informed by my father. Crude can kill the eggs in your ovaries, possibly causing cancer. So I am still confused that the cleanup crews said they had done all they could. There are beaches with the remnants of the spill still sticking around.

All I can say is that if Santa Barbara cares so little about the beaches, then we, the students, need to take some action. I personally love going to the beaches here, as I'm sure many of you readers do. I also know that there are many other things pressing on your minds, such as midterms, Kosovo and sweatshops. Don't forget that you can do something locally. Call Lois Capps up, or maybe talk to someone in CalPIRG or even call the Coast Guard. I challenge each and every one of you to do something today.

Many little things lead to one large problem. We will be the ones to suffer, as well as the wildlife. For many of you local surfers who love to "hang ten" at Sands, I would highly recommend finding somewhere else to ride that ultimate wave. Thanks for your time, but please don't forget what I've said as you toss this paper away.

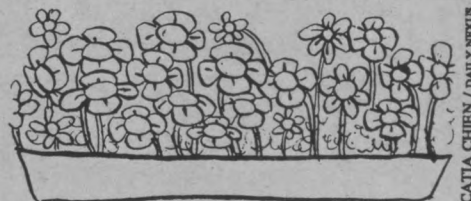
SUSAN STEIN

PARKING COMMITTEE

FAILS TO COMPROMISE

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

I was appalled at the recommendation of the Parking Plus Two Committee. An amendment was proposed that stated, "If a parking structure is placed in the Lot 3 area



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there must be an eventual improvement in the quality of life and academic environment of the residence halls including a net gain in green space in the area around the residence halls."

The new recommendation was voted down by almost all the faculty board. What are they trying to say to students? Here they had a chance to improve upon the lives of students and make it better. Instead they do the opposite and tell the students that they aren't important enough in this UCSB community. The parking committee missed an opportunity to show that it was trying to make a compromise between faculty and students.

HOWARD KAHAN

## CISNEROS

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Cantu placed great emphasis on Cisneros's role as an author.

"She writes. She is a mentor to young writers, a lover of gifts and a giver of gifts," she said. "She writes. She is words. She is an artist. She writes."

At the end of Cantu's introduction, two women from MUJER, a campus Chicana group, made a presentation of flowers and a poem to Cisneros, whose arrival onstage was met with a standing ovation.

"Thank you," Cisneros said. "I'm going to read tonight from a work in progress. I know some of you probably have ideas about what you want me to say, but you know, I started writing 'House on Mango Street' when I was 22 and finished it when I was 28. I'm over 40 now."

Cisneros proceeded to read selections from a work in progress titled "Caramelo." The audience responded with laughter as Cisneros recounted semi-autobiographical tales of emotional aunts, lazy uncles and an

awful *abuela* (grandmother).

At the close of her readings, Cisneros opened the floor to questions, most of which centered around her personal relationship to her works.

"Some things are autobiographical," she said. "I take people I know and turn them into characters. Even things like the road trips to Mexico City were such a part of my life that I figured everyone did them."

She ended her presentation with a bit of advice for future authors, specifically women.

"It is very important for writers to be able to earn enough money to support themselves," she said. "Make sure you have an income of your own so that you have room to write. Work in an apprenticeship before you worry about publishing."

Sophomore global and international studies major Katie Costello was inspired and moved by the author's talk.

"I have a new respect for Cisneros," she said. "She radiates something. She has a very welcoming style."

### RHA All-Hall Talent Show '99 Results

1st Place - Thais Albert & Brookes Regenhardt

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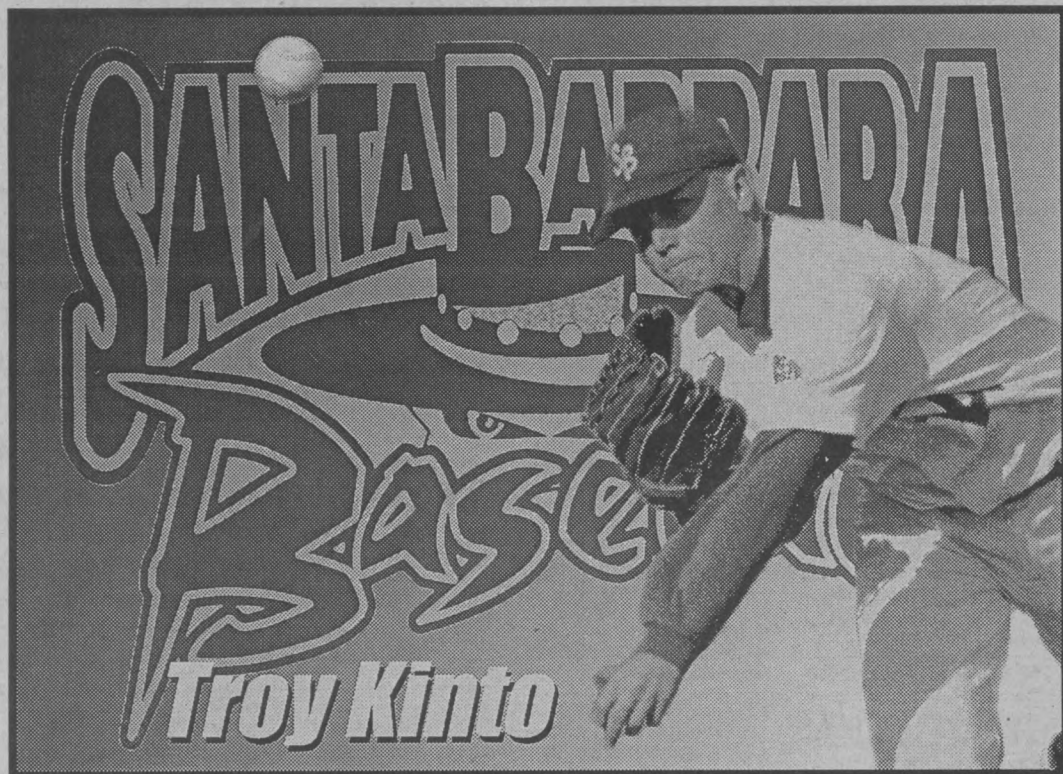
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# Sports

## Athlete of the Week



### Bullpen Action Causes Kinto's Excellence

BY MARVIN GAPULTOS  
Staff Writer

To a pitcher, there's nothing more unnerving than seeing your teammates warming up in the bullpen to replace you after a shaky start. Fortunately for the UCSB baseball team, its man on the mound regained his composure Sunday after walking three batters in the first inning and seeing hungry relievers loosening up in the pen.

After dropping the first two of a three-game series against University of the Pacific last weekend, the Gauchos were in need of a win to salvage the series and leave Stockton on a positive note.

Junior Troy Kinto started on the mound for Santa Barbara in the final game of the series, and was the Gauchos' pawnshop savior — salvaging what was left of the weekend and making good on it. Kinto earned his second victory of the season as the Gauchos came away 7-1 over Pacific.

The Upland, Calif., native pitched his first complete game of the season and reduced the Tigers' roar to a purr, giving up just one earned run on two hits. Kinto also whiffed nine Tigers in his nine innings of solid pitching.

"He did a very, very good job obviously," UCSB

Head Coach Bob Brontsema said. "He got his breaking ball to go and he started to throw some strikes."

However, Kinto's dominance of Pacific was not seen early in the game. The lefty walked three batters in the first inning, and hit the very first batter in the second with a pitch.

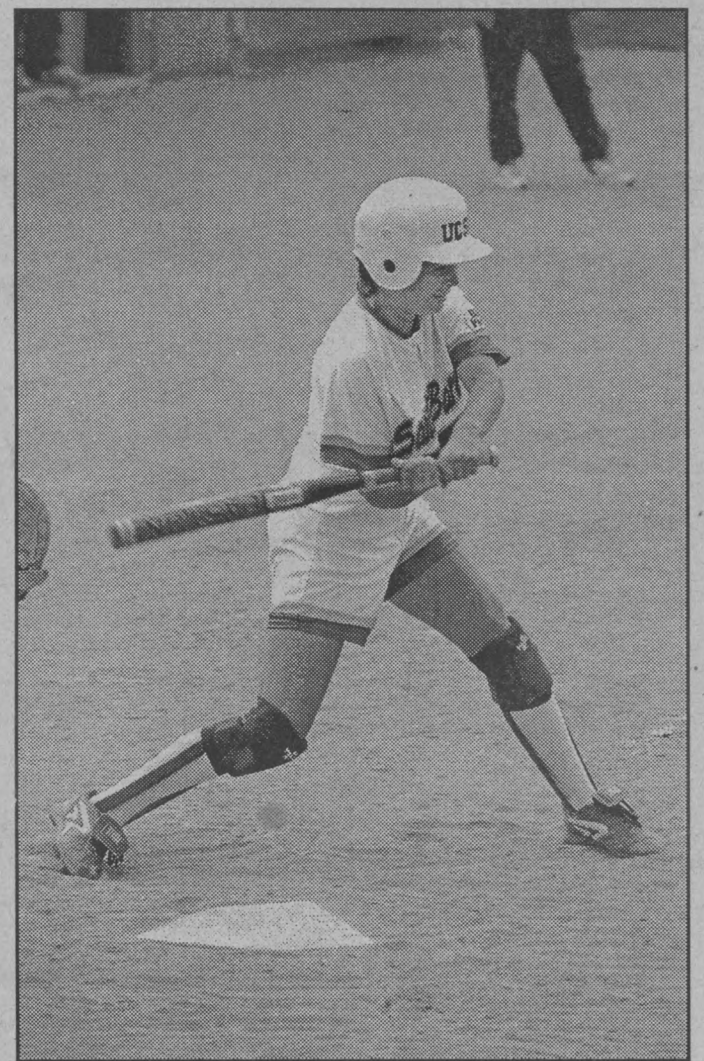
"He was tiptoeing around getting pulled," Brontsema said. "After he walked a couple of guys, he got motivated. From that point on he was just awesome."

Kinto was awesome indeed. In the third inning of action, he came back and struck out the first two batters and got the third batter to ground out for the third-consecutive out.

"I knew [our coaches] were wary of leaving me in there," Kinto said. "I would have been, too, considering the way I started off. But I saw a couple of guys warming up in the bullpen and that got me going. That pretty much lit a fire under my ass."

The fire didn't stop burning for Kinto or the Gauchos, as the southpaw kept the heat on for the entire game. Including the third inning, Kinto notched nine consecutive outs for Santa Barbara and retired 12 of the last 13 batters he faced.

"I think [Pacific's] strategy against me was to just take as many pitches from me as they could," Kinto said. "But I pretty much started to throw strikes and heated up from there."



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### Swing, Batter Batter

Sophomore third baseman Teresa Tolson looks to take the Utah State pitching deep this upcoming weekend. The three-game series on Sunday and Monday will be the final road contests for the Gauchos.

## Cunningham Is West's Best

UCSB Athletic Director Gary Cunningham has been named by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics as a recipient for the Division I-AA/I-AAA Western region Athletic Di-

rector of the Year award.

The inaugural award, given to 24 different recipients across the nation, is split into six separate groups of four winners. The NACDA/Continental Regional AD award splits these six divisions into Northeast, Southeast, Central and West.

"Our Honors and Awards Committee recognized a need for an award such as the AD of the year," NACDA Executive Director Mike Clearly said. "The program brings to light the exceptional jobs done by athletics directors across the country. These 24 regional award winners exemplify that, providing us with a group of outstanding athletics directors who excel at their jobs."

— Nexus Staff Report



Gary Cunningham

## 16 UCSB Athletes Named for Golden Eagle Awards

The UCSB Athletic Dept. will celebrate its top student-athletes with the Golden Eagle Awards banquet on Wednesday, May 12.

The list of recipients is printed to the left, and in addition to the Golden Eagle Awards, one male athlete and one female athlete will each be awarded a ring to signify the top GPA among the athletes. This year's award winners are junior Jay Brem of the men's water polo team and junior Lynn Nisbet from the women's water polo team.

Two other Gauchos have been recognized as UCSB's Big West Scholar Athletes. They are seniors Bryan LaCour and Charlene Conley, who are on the baseball and women's volleyball teams, respectively.

"There is nothing that makes me more proud than all the accomplishments of our Golden Eagle student-athlete award winners," UCSB Athletic Director Gary Cunningham said. "These student-athletes represent UC Santa Barbara's finest."

— Matt Hurst

Congratulations to these UCSB student athletes. They will be honored with Annual Golden Eagle Awards.

Jay Brem	Jr.	water polo	English	3.88
Michelle Christ	Jr.	volleyball	English	3.54
Charlene Conley	Sr.	volleyball	environ. st.	3.66
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Cindy Goebel	Sr.	soccer	psychology	3.44
Mike Hegglund	Sr.	track & field	sociology	3.70
Bryan LaCour	Sr.	baseball	bus. econ.	3.62
Andy Lopez	Sr.	swimming	chem. eng.	3.49
Dana Mazza	Jr.	tennis	bus. econ.	3.68
Courtney Miller	Sr.	diving	bio-psychology	3.50
Juli Monahan	Sr.	water polo	bus. econ.	3.91
Lynn Nisbet	Jr.	water polo	chemistry	3.80
Kristi Rohr	Jr.	basketball	comm.	3.45
Amanda Rose	Sr.	swimming	bio. science	3.44
Chris Schwandt	Jr.	soccer	philosophy, psych. & anthro.	3.83
Brad Wright	Sr.	baseball	bus. econ.	3.33