



A Burning Memory

Twenty-seven years ago today, the Isla Vista Bank of America was burned to the ground by student protesters. It behooves all students to remember the history of I.V. activism, because history often repeats itself.

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The Pill ... After?

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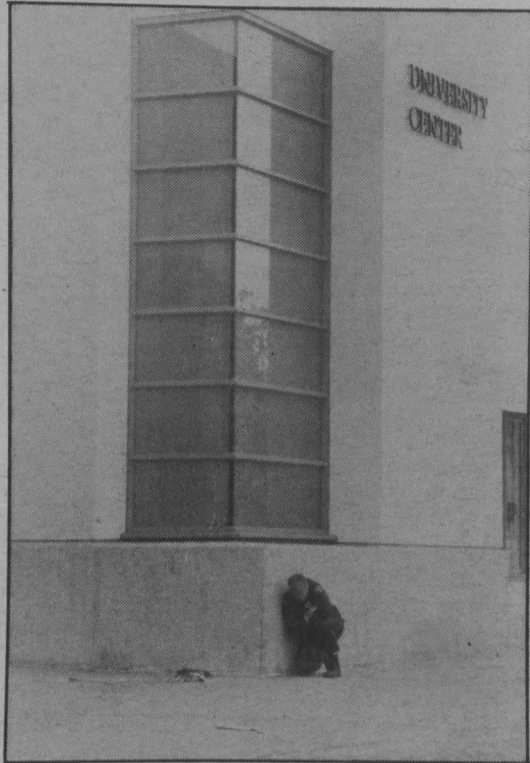
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Campus Has History of Bombings

Recent Scares Harmless, but UCSB Has Been Target of Explosives



By Anthony Galloway
Staff Writer

While the recent campus bomb scares have passed without incident, UCSB has a history of experiencing the damage and loss of life connected with explosive devices.

The university has been the site of several bomb scares since the first explosion in 1969 at the Faculty Club.

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. Explosion Ordinance Disposal Team Detective Lance Craig remembers several past bomb threats and explosions that occurred on campus.

"There were a series of bombings on campus during the Gulf War. One at the ROTC [building], two more at the library, one at [Cheadle Hall] that caused fire damage, then another at [Cheadle Hall] that was in place but not armed," he said.

"A janitor was killed on campus in [1969] because of a bomb. A janitor picked up a briefcase, it contained gas with an anti-disturbance device, and it detonated. ... He died two days later."

The 1969 explosion in the Faculty Club courtyard caused the death of custodian Dover-O.

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Police and rescue teams evacuate the UCen and prepare to enter the building to investigate a bomb scare in the bookstore. The threat turned out to be a false alarm after officials discovered the "bomb" was really a ball of tape.

I.V. Resident Wounded in Knife Attack

By Davia Gray
Staff Writer

The victim of a violent assault in Isla Vista this weekend is recovering while his alleged assailant waits in jail for arraignment.

While partying on Sueno Road early Saturday morning, I.V. resident Richard Baptista, 31, was stabbed multiple times during a fight with an out-of-town visitor, said Cpl. Mark Vellekamp of the Isla Vista Foot Patrol.

"Apparently the victim was in some sort of altercation with the suspect and another man. A knife was produced and the victim was cut several times," he said.

The police officers were responding to a call about a loud stereo when they were approached by the victim, who was covered in blood. Baptista was then rushed to Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital, Vellekamp said.

"He's doing pretty well considering he has a six- to eight-inch laceration on the top of his head that required 40 stitches," he said. "He has two stab wounds, one to his chest, one to the stomach, and cuts on his hands."

Glendale resident Mark Stanley, 21, was apprehended by Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. officers shortly after he fled from the scene with a friend, Vellekamp said.

"We had a description of the car broadcast on the police radio and they were stopped by the Sheriff's Dept. on the 101 free-

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Fund-raising Legislation To Be Supported by Local Rep

By Em Wengel
Reporter

In an attempt to even the political playing field, Congressman Walter Capps (D-Santa Barbara) is co-sponsoring a bill that calls for campaign finance reform.

The 22nd District representative joined 22 other House sponsors and President Bill Clinton in support of House Resolution 493, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act. The act seeks to eliminate foreign campaign contributions, set limits on Political Action Committee donations, regulate independent expenditures and soft money, and impose voluntary spending limits on federal elections.

The bill proposes a spending cap of approximately \$600,000 for federal campaigns, and a reduction in the amount of allowable total PAC contributions to about 25 percent of the campaign's budget, said Capps spokesperson Jeremy Rabinovitz.

"Now [individual] PACs can give up to \$6,000, but the bill would cut it down to \$1,000. Also it would set limits on soft money, [including] outside groups that spend a lot of money on advertisements meant as

voter education, [which] are unlimited," he said.

Capps feels that no special-interest group should have an undue amount of influence over the ordinary citizen in political campaigns, Rabinovitz said, adding that HR493 should help take big money out of politics.

"People are fed up with campaigning. Too much money is being spent, special interest has too much influence and political scandals are why people want a cleaner system," he said.

The congressman believes that finance reform may also decrease the nastiness of some campaigns, Rabinovitz said, adding that Capps was the target of several negative campaign ads during his bid for office, the most notable depicting then-candidate Capps next to a picture of Richard Allen Davis, the convicted murderer of Polly Klaas.

"Less money would make [candidates] less likely to run really nasty ads," he said.

Some sort of reform may be needed to help bring political campaigns more in line with the views of the average voter, said campus Governmental Relations Director Lee Marking.

"It costs so much to run for of-

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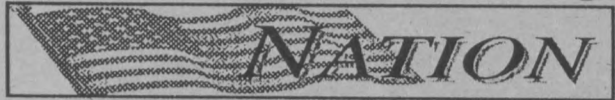
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Flyin' High

Hoping to inspire a liberation of the imagination, art studio student Devin Curtis bungee jumps over the Eternal Flame in his silver parachute pants and golden-winged jester shoes.

HEADLINERS

FDA Clears Emergency Contraception



WASHINGTON (AP) — American women who are raped, whose birth control fails or who just forget in the heat of the moment can use high doses of ordinary birth control pills to prevent pregnancy, the government said Monday.

The Food and Drug Administration said six brands of birth control are safe and effective "morning-after pills," the first federal acknowledgment of the emergency contraception that European women have been prescribed for years.

"The best-kept contraceptive secret is no longer a secret," said FDA Commissioner David Kessler. "Women should have the information that this regimen is available." The decision opens the door for companies to specially package birth control pills for women to have on hand in case of an

emergency, just as the pills are routinely sold overseas.

Contraceptive manufacturers so far have refused to sell what the government terms emergency

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could change that. One small company, New Jersey-based Gynetics, is developing a specially packaged version of birth control that it hopes to sell for emergency use next year.

And the FDA's instructions were purposefully

David Kessler
FDA commissioner

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contraception in the U.S., citing litigation and political fears.

So while it is legal for doctors to prescribe emergency birth control — and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology in December endorsed it — few physicians know the proper doses and few women even know to seek it.

The FDA's decision

detailed enough to tell family-planning clinics and private doctors the right dose to hand to women today.

"This should be in everyone's medicine cabinet," said Janet Benshoof of the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy.

The FDA announced Monday that high doses of six popular birth-control

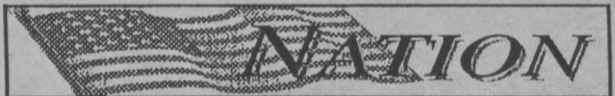
brands, when taken within three days of unprotected sex, are 75 percent effective at preventing pregnancy.

For every 100 women who have unprotected sex during the second or third week of their menstrual cycle, eight would normally become pregnant — but only two would if the women took emergency contraception, explained Dr. James Trussell of Princeton University.

His research convinced the FDA that emergency contraception could prevent up to 2.3 million unplanned pregnancies a year, 1 million of which now end in abortion.

"We're going to see a really big change here," said Trussell, who helped set up a hotline and Internet service that offers women information about emergency contraception and addresses of nearby doctors who already prescribe it.

Explosive Mix of Chemicals Sighted on Truck



HALTOM CITY, Texas (AP) — The FBI searched Monday for two men with a U-Haul truck that could be carrying bomb components like the ones used to blow up the Oklahoma City federal building.

But the bureau urged the men to call the FBI or local police "at once because of the possibility that the materials in the truck were meant only for innocent use."

"This is very soft, very speculative information," said a federal law enforcement official in Washington, requesting anonymity. "These guys may be farmers for all we know."

Federal authorities said a witness told police that the men were loading diesel fuel into containers in the back of the truck with out-of-state license plates at a Texaco station Saturday. Local police said at a news conference that the witness saw three men at the station in Haltom City, a suburb north of Fort Worth.

Someone else at the station observed that the truck held three blue plastic containers that appeared to be filled with ammonium nitrate fertilizer, the FBI said.

The materials spotted in the truck could produce an explosion big enough to destroy a large building, the FBI noted in an advisory.

The FBI released a sketch of one of the men, of average build and in his mid-50s. He was described as having slicked-back, salt-and-pepper hair, being about 5'10" and clean shaven.

The other man, in his mid-30s, was described as clean shaven with short brown hair, about 5'9".

A spool of wire, a small box of what appeared to be red road flares and some type of generator also were spotted in the medium-sized truck, the FBI said.

About 50 agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were assisting in the search, said Dallas ATF agent Lester Martz.

The bomb that killed 168 people at the Oklahoma City federal building in April 1995 was made of about 4,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate fertilizer and fuel oil with a detonator cord to ignite it, government officials have said.

The FBI alert notes that Friday marks the anniversary of the initial ATF raid on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco.

Mistrial Could Move du Pont Murder Case



MEDIA, Pa. (AP) — With jurors still unable to deliver a unanimous verdict after six days of deliberations in millionaire John E. du Pont's murder trial, the prosecutor raised concerns Monday about finding a fair jury in the event of a retrial.

District Attorney Patrick Meehan said the publicity surrounding the high-profile trial may make it necessary to choose a jury outside of Delaware County if the current panel ends up deadlocked.

A hung jury would result in a mistrial, and prosecutors have said they would retry du Pont on charges of killing Olympic wrestler David Schultz, a Palo Alto, Calif., native, on the millionaire's Newtown Square estate Jan. 26, 1996.

Meehan and Schultz's wife, Nancy, remained optimistic Monday that the

12-member panel would reach a verdict.

"We haven't heard anything from them today, and I think that shows that they're still very hard at work," Mrs. Schultz said.

Meehan said the jury apparently is making progress. "They have not sent out signals indicating that they are tired," he said.

Meehan said a hung jury would raise questions about choosing another jury in Delaware County.

"One of the first issues that you would have to address would be whether the unique publicity of this case somehow caused there to be heightened awareness on the part of the potential jury pool of Delaware County," Meehan said.

After a day off, the jury resumed talks Monday morning with markers,

note pads, tape and an easel board. They requested the materials before retiring to their hotel Saturday night.

Du Pont, 58, could either die in prison or be back in his comfortable mansion in five years if convicted.

Based on the questions they have asked Judge Patricia Jenkins concerning different degrees of homicide, jurors apparently have rejected finding du Pont innocent by reason of insanity shortly after verdict talks began.

But reaching agreement on a guilty verdict has been more difficult.

If found guilty of first-degree murder, du Pont would be sentenced to life in prison without parole. He could serve five to 40 years for third-degree murder or five to 20 years if convicted of voluntary manslaughter.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **WASHINGTON (AP)** — Reacting to the "startling" news that scientists in Scotland have successfully cloned a mammal, President Clinton asked a bioethics advisory commission on Monday to review the implications for human beings.

"This represents an remarkable scientific discovery, but one that raises important questions," Clinton said in a letter to Dr. Harold Shapiro, the commission chairman.

He asked the commission to report back within 90 days with recommendations on "possible federal actions to prevent its abuse."

The development, in which scientists cloned an adult mammal for the first time, produced a lamb named Dolly and the disturbing implication that the cloning of a human being might eventually be possible.

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Weather

If you haven't been reading the Weather the last few days, allow me to give you a *Reader's Digest* synopsis of what has been going down and why today could really be a crucial turning point in one of your fellow Gaucho's previously banal life.

A good friend of mine has been trying since his freshman year to get a hold of a certain girl he knew in high school, who had an undefinable and remarkable effect on his persona and panache. Unfortunately, he slowly lost touch with this extraordinary being, and the two haven't talked in three years. He never got to thank her for all she has done for him.

However, through an exemplary case of six degrees of separation and a little randomness, my friend managed to obtain her new phone number last week. He called, but found out she was gone until Tuesday. He's waited three years, so he figured three more days wasn't much more.

But today is the day.

Geology Society Honors Professor

By Brittany Burden-Leslie
Reporter

A campus researcher has received special recognition for his years of study and contribution in the field of geological sciences.

Professor Frank J. Spera, a researcher for the Institute for Crustal Studies for 11 years, was elected a fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America, an organization that recognizes outstanding contributions in the fields of mineralogy, crystallography, geochemistry and petrology.

According to Spera, the award is one of the most prestigious honors in the geological sciences.

"Only a tiny fraction [of geologists] are elected to this special thing. It is very gratifying to have your creative work and your ability to teach recognized," he said.

Spera is a specialist of planetary formation and igneous rocks in volcanic areas.

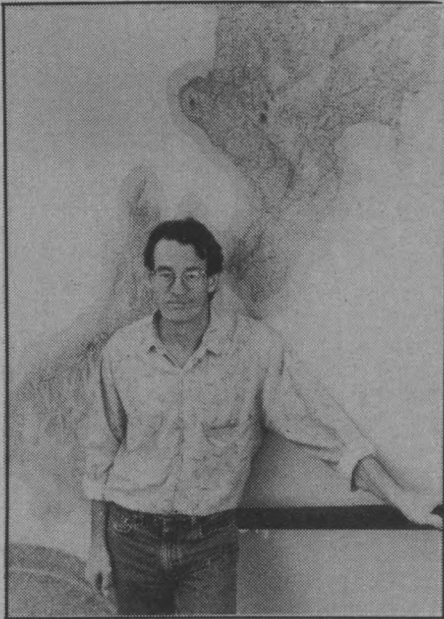
"I study volcanoes, magma, properties of magma at high pressure, where magma forms and why it forms, planetary evolution, the origin of the solar system and why planets form," he said.

In addition to his research on magma and the properties of materials exposed to high pressure and temperatures in the Earth's interior, Spera teaches upper-division classes for geology majors, including Petrology (Geology 114) and The Solar System (Geology 123).

"I enjoy teaching," Spera said. "I think it's important to give people perspective. The Earth is 4.5 billion years old and we have witnessed changes in the last 100 years. Geological time gives us a better appreciation of how we can produce changes within the last 100 years."

His research and work is significant to our understanding of the Earth's evolution and current behavior from a global perspective, Spera said.

"The geological evolution of the Earth is fundamental to understanding the Earth from a global point of view. The Earth's evolution is relevant to climate. Volcanoes affect climate," he said.



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Geological sciences Professor Frank J. Spera was recently made a fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America.

Geological sciences Professor Emeritus Bill Wise praises Spera's advancements in the study of the evolution of the Earth's surface.

"Spera's work is important because he is developing theories and computer models about how the Earth's crust is generated from molten rock and attempting to understand how he can understand the processes that work to create the crust of the Earth. His work is unique in the sense that he has built sophisticated computer models to explain these processes," he said.

Spera received his Ph.D. in geology at UC Berkeley before becoming an associate professor at Princeton. In 1985, Spera began teaching at UCSB, Wise said. He feels Spera is qualified to receive such a prestigious honor.

"I think it is well-deserved. I am

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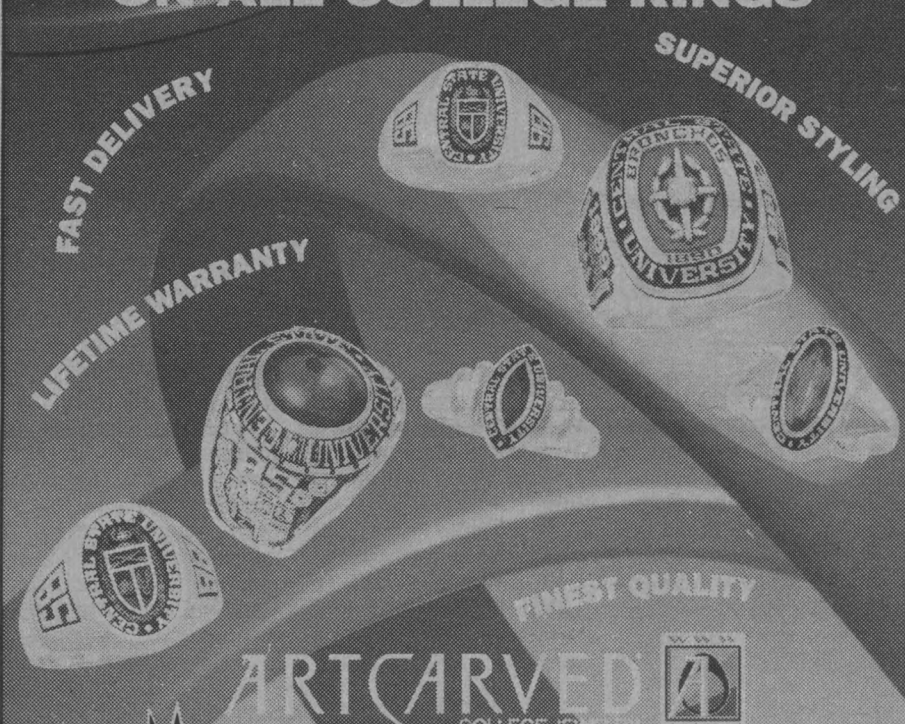
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Police Report

Intoxicated at Sam's

The I.V. Foot Patrol responded to a call from Sam's To Go in Isla Vista claiming that a man was passed out inside the eatery at 9:45 p.m. Friday.

"When I contacted [the suspect] to check on his welfare I noticed ... symptoms of intoxication," reports state. "When I contacted [the man] at the restaurant he had vomited on himself and the table."

The man was arrested for public intoxication and transported to Santa Barbara County Jail where he was held until he became sober, reports state.

Serial Masturbator Strikes Again

Two female UCSB students reported witnessing a man masturbating in his car near Camino del Sur and Sueno Road at approximately 10 p.m. Saturday.

"A black male in a light-blue Honda Accord drove up to their location. The male asked [one of the females] for directions to the Seville Apartments. [She] told the man she did not know where the Seville Apartments were," Isla Vista Foot Patrol reports state.

The other female tried to give the man directions to the apartment complex, and the man acted confused, reports state.

"[The female] was about to leave when the man stated 'Can I ask you one more question, do you like the size of my dick?'" reports state. "[The female]

looked down and noticed the suspect was masturbating."

According to the police report, the suspect was described as a black male in his mid-20s, thin build, short hair, with a stubble of facial hair.

There have been several past reports of this suspect masturbating in public, reports state. In each instance the suspect drove up in his light-blue car and asked for directions to the Seville Apartments.

Underage

Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers observed a male buying alcohol for an 18-year-old female at an Isla Vista liquor store on Saturday night.

"While on patrol I saw [the female] give [the male] some cash and he entered the SOS liquor store. I saw [him] purchase two bottles of an alcoholic beverage and then exit the store. [He] handed the two bottles of wine to [the female]," reports state.

According to the report, the female was contacted because of her "youthful appearance" and was discovered to be only 18 years old. She was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol.

The man who purchased the alcohol for her was arrested for buying alcoholic beverages for a minor and also for being intoxicated in public, reports state.

—Compiled by Anthony Galloway from Isla Vista Foot Patrol reports

AWARD

Continued from p.3 pleased for him. He's at the forefront of a unique

line of research," he said.

Bruce Luyendyk, director of the Institute for Crustal Studies, also considers Spera's award an outstanding honor.

"Not many people get this award. At this stage in his career, it is an important honor for him. It is a delight for the geology department," he said.



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Group Targets UCSB for Applicants

By Jessica Zimmer
Reporter

UCSB was recently chosen to be part of a 10-school applicant pool from which students are invited to apply for a program facilitated by the Washington D.C.-based Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution.

The institute holds a summer symposium in the Netherlands where participants learn the skills of solving disputes from prominent international leaders.

"[Students] get a firsthand glimpse at the behind-the-scenes stories and how diplomatic, legal and business things are done," said IIMCR college coordinator Charles Peterson. "You have access to people that have made history, and you get to pick their brains."

Students spend a month at The Hague, the central administration facility of the European Union, taking classes taught by the staff of the Netherlands Institute of International Relations. Participants also attend a series of lectures and workshops given by experienced foreign diplomats, Peterson said.

"Students are broken into two groups, each of which are trained by instructors from the Dutch Diplomatic Corps," he said. "All the students have various assignments and are taught to negotiate everything. These activities are intermixed with visits from VIPs such as heads of state, teachers and diplomats, who come in to offer descriptions of how they handled such crises."

UCSB was not previously chosen to be one of the schools from which applicants are accepted because Ivy League schools traditionally formed the applicant pool, Peterson said.

"A lot of Ivy League characters don't work though," he said. "You have to find people who are articulate, well-read, self-

confident, and get along with not only people from their countries but people from other countries."

One campus faculty member was pleased UCSB students have been allowed to apply for the program.

"We have a long tradition of peace and international studies at UCSB, so it's a natural that we should be involved," said Global and International Studies Program Chair Mark Juergensmeyer. "We're very proud that UCSB is to be represented in this international student event."

Participation in the program is a valuable academic resource for students

“*We're very proud that UCSB is to be represented in this international student event.*”

Mark Juergensmeyer
chair
Global and
International Studies Program

studying diplomacy, according to Global and International Studies Program member Richard Hecht, a religious studies professor.

"I think that any opportunity our students have in international experience is absolutely essential to their intellectual development," Hecht said. "I think it's also important that the campus is recognized by this very distinguished institution ... because we are hopefully building a first-rate cluster of programs that will stimulate, encourage and develop greater international focus among our department."

Applications will be accepted until April 15. For more information call Charles Peterson at (202) 828-0271.

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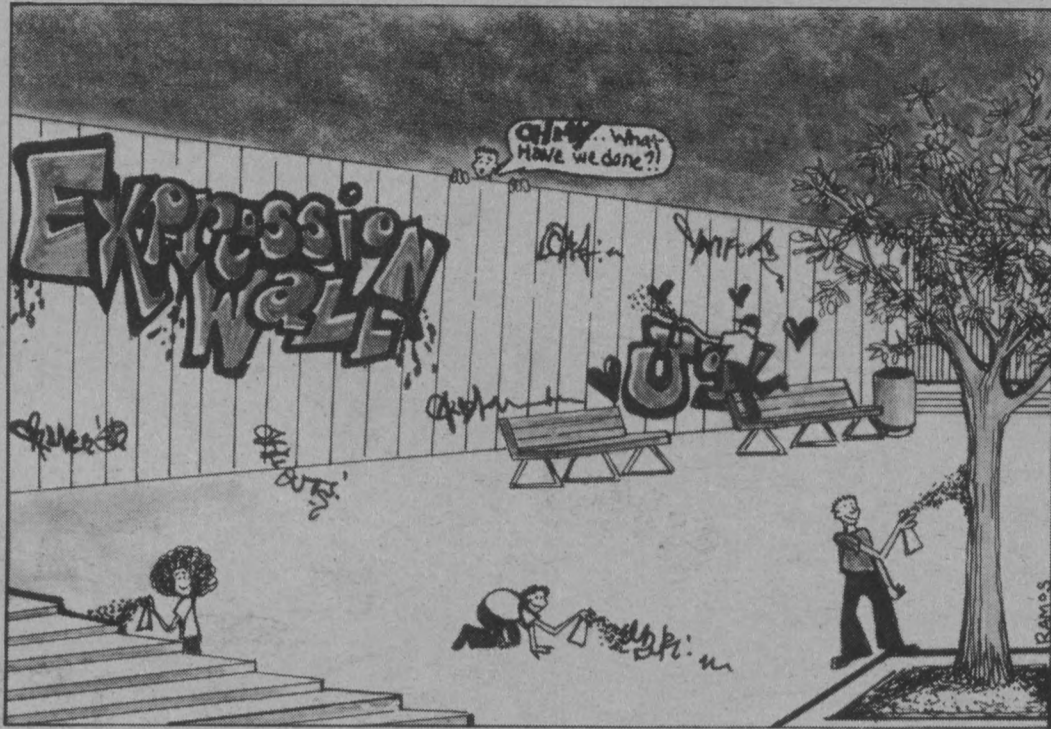
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— Thomas Dekker

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STAFF EDITORIAL



Bring Back the Wall

Plans to Revive the Expression Wall Should Proceed — Carefully

From 1991 to 1994, Storke Plaza was home to UCSB's very own expression wall. For four years, anybody could walk right up to the plywood that stood to one side of the plaza and put anything they felt like on the wall for all to see.

And people did — but some didn't stop at the wall's edge, and the incidence of campus graffiti went up. That and the cost of wear-and-tear brought the wall down in 1994. Jolene Price wants to put it back up again.

Price, an Associated Students off-campus rep, proposed the return of the Storke Plaza expression wall to Leg Council two weeks ago. The idea is now being bandied about before A.S. Finance Board because of the expense — \$800 alone for construction. Price is shopping around for a sponsor to cover building and maintenance — a good idea, but other things need to be examined before a resurrection of the wall should even be considered.

For starters, serious criticisms of the first expression wall have yet to be addressed. According to the UC Police Dept. and Facilities Management, the appearance of the expression wall in Storke Plaza coincided with increased campus graffiti, most of which was the work of taggers from outside the UCSB community and which cost the university thousands of dollars to paint over.

However, as anyone in the sciences will tell you, determining causality from coincidence is no pat matter. The first Storke Plaza expression wall may very well have been done in by a bad rap, and although authorities claim that campus-wide graffiti plummeted after the wall's removal, this could just as easily have been tied to local, state or national tagging trends. Barring hard, scientific evi-

dence of a direct link between the presence of an expression wall and explosions in campus graffiti — and that is exactly what A.S. should attempt to seek out — the Storke Plaza expression wall should be given the benefit of the doubt and a second chance.

The very idea of bringing back the expression wall, originally erected during the Persian Gulf War, ought to resonate on a campus where political conscience erupted 27 years ago tonight in the flames of the Bank of America. The original expression wall, say those students who were around to remember it and even some in Facilities Management, enhanced the atmosphere of UCSB and fostered a sense of community etiquette. The return of the wall would give all university students a unique forum.

Having said that, the revival of tradition is all well and good only so long as the tradition was good and the revival is done well. Recent tortilla throwing comes to mind. Just as the food-slinging antics of ESPN-hungry fans put the team at risk, appalling the more refined Gaucho diehards, and just as outside taggers proved the rationale for the first wall's demise, Price and those who want to see not only the return but the continued flourishing of the Storke Plaza expression wall need to proceed with caution.

If the reincarnation of the wall is to succeed, it needs to have the support and stewardship of the UCSB community. Perhaps A.S., in addition to investigating if there was any conclusive link between the old wall and campuswide graffiti, should poll on this issue as well or bring it before the student body in this spring's elections. Regardless of outcome, it can only turn out to be an educational experience for all concerned.

Steve Lange

I started skateboarding when I was 8 years old. My first board was a Variflex that I received as a birthday present from my parents. Over the next 15 years, skateboarding would prove to be an integral part of my adolescent development. I met people and skated in places around L.A. that most residents of my hometown wouldn't consider entering, not even in the daytime.

I feel that, as an indirect result of growing up as a "skater," I began to develop a sensitivity to the fact that others, coming from different situations than my own, perceived the world in a much different way than I did. The important thing, I realized, was that you had to respect these other ways of looking at the world, in the hope that others would respect your own.

I brought both this developing awareness — and my skateboard — to UCSB. Happily enough, I've been able to continue the evolution of

"There are so many people riding skateboards on campus now that the pedestrian population is starting to freak out."

both since I've been here. I no longer ride a short "trick" skateboard on a daily basis — my preferred tool is an oak longboard that I built myself three years ago.

Yet there are so many people riding skateboards on campus now that the pedestrian population is starting to freak out. Technically, "trick" or "stunt" skateboarding has already been outlawed on this campus. This type of skateboarding is done with a shortboard and tends to result in grinded-down curbs, scratched-up handrails and heavily waxed benches.

Furthermore, due to the nature of the terrain at this campus, people from all over come here to skate — it's something of a skateboard destination. Right or wrong — depending upon how much aesthetic value you place upon an unblemished curb — the police and campus authorities have made this type of skateboarding an offense punishable by fine.

Recently a new debate has arisen as to whether or not this ban should be expanded to include all forms of "skate-borne" transit (including inline skates, roller skates and all skateboards). This time the issue is not damage to the physical environment but the noise and "danger" represented by skaters. In order to gain a better understanding of what has

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The Reader's Voice

BENT OUT OF SHAPE OVER LIBERAL NEXUS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I have finally had enough. I have read your newspaper, if you can call it that, almost every day for the last two quarters. I came to accept the fact that I was in college, and therefore the majority of the opinions I would hear would be liberal.

What I didn't appreciate is the fact that very rarely do you publish the other side of issues. I watched in November as people decried Proposition 209, but I very rarely ever saw a counterbalance to the NO-on-209 stance your paper sought to push on everyone. Well, it wasn't until this morning that I had finally had enough.

About a week or two ago, the "Bleed-

ing Heart" Nexus published a collective letter from various leaders in the UC community calling for Ward Connerly's

tive Action was detrimental to the UC system. I can understand their concern — however, there is something that

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resignation ("Connerly Should Quit," Feb. 10). The people named in this article signed this "appeal" because they felt Mr. Connerly's stance on Affirma-

needs to be addressed. The fact of the matter is that Affirmative Action promotes preference. Mr. Connerly realizes this and does not

over for a minority who qualified? Personally, I would nev handout-based on my race. I

Consideration of Strollers and Skaters on Campus Walkways Goes a Long Way

An avid skater seeks creative solutions to the "us/them" mentality of the skateboarding issue



KEVIN GLEASON/Daily Nexus

Patience will solve the "skateboarding dilemma" far more easily and more humanely than a crackdown on skaters will. Even with today's number of skaters, there are better alternatives than bringing in the police.

And this is where we, as skaters of all types, must show initiative. We must take responsibility for the effects of our actions — if we don't, we will experience the tyranny of the majority. We will shortly find ourselves walking amongst the

"Patience will solve the 'skateboarding dilemma' far more easily and more humanely than a crackdown on skaters will."

crowds we used to avoid. We can start by modifying our riding practices. I have never hit a pedestrian on this campus, and it doesn't need to happen. Alternative routes, lower speeds and increased awareness are the key. Consideration for the feelings of others, as always, goes a long way toward ensuring that others take you and your feelings into consideration. I love skateboarding and want to

"Alternative routes, lower speeds and increased awareness are the key."

see it remain legal on this campus. I believe that if we, as the skaters of this campus, look at this issue from the pedestrian's perspective, we will immediately see where we can improve the situation. If we truly love skateboarding we are going to have to do this.

As for the rest of the campus population, please try to see the ultimate harmlessness of skating for transportation purposes and help us to help you. Don't make quick movements trying to avoid a skater — you'll probably just end up directly in front of him or her. Just chill and leave the driving to us. And to those of you out there, trying to look cool with your brand-new Gravity Board and heaving O.C. 'tude: Go home man, you're fuckin' with the program.

Steve Lange is a senior black studies and philosophy major.

ated this "problem," I would like offer some observations. First, the incoming class this year a new record for freshman enrollment — more people are milling around the crowded campus than ever before. Secondly, the recent commercial availability of longboard skateboards has resulted in their proliferation on campus. Whether they are chosen for their superior transportation qualities or simply because somebody wants to look cool" by jumping on a bandwagon fad, there is no denying that commercial availability of longboards has resulted in an overall increase in the number on skateboards on campus. Unfortunately, skateboards are less maneuverable and more difficult to slow down rapidly, especially for the inexperienced rider.

All of the above factors conflate into creating the "problem" with skateboards on campus. A situation has developed that is creating a problem for everyone involved. Pedestrians, either by choice or default, must travel in large herds, braving danger-laden bike path crossings where tardy bicyclists threaten to run them down in some sadistic juxtaposition of *Road Warrior* and "Frogger."

Once across, they are repeatedly buzzed at high velocity from both the front and the rear as maniacal skateboarders cut serpentine paths between them, leaving only inches to spare. The majority of pedestrians on campus do not find this experience

amusing. Furthermore, skateboarding to class isn't all that great anymore, either. Whereas you could once draw a clean, smooth line through those walking on campus, you can now barely find any line through the throngs of people that crowd the walkways from border to border.

Encounters with other skaters are equally frustrating, although slightly more adrenaline-charged, requiring that one simultaneously foretell the probable direction of the other's travel while adjusting one's own course. The process of second-guessing one almost always results in a near head-on collision. Which is fun and all, but it does illustrate that we need to work on our mental

telepathy. Does this mean that all forms of skate-borne transportation should be outlawed on campus? I do not think so, because the factors which are causing the current problem should prove to be short-lived. I hope that the current overcrowding of this campus will be addressed by the administration, as it should. There are simply too many people on campus, skateboards or not.

With relative certainty I can say that the current trend of longboard skateboarding will die off in the near future. Fads in skateboarding are cyclical and always have been. The current trend of skateboarding on campus has, at best, another two to three more years before it "just goes away."

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thing handed to me — instead, I want to earn what I achieve. But this isn't even my problem with the Nexus. I can accept that I will forever be held responsible for my ancestors' mistakes because we do have bleeding heart liberals who run this country. But this isn't what aggravates me. I'll tell you what does. Recently, I opened the Metro section of the *Los Angeles Times*, and saw a response by Mr. Connerly to all the people who asked for his resignation. I was thrilled. He finally stood up to all the accusations in public and decried all the people who asked for his resignation. His article was articulate and extremely well thought-out. I thought for sure that Mr. Connerly's essay would be published in the "Bleeding Heart" Nexus in an attempt to prove that it is a real newspaper by reporting both sides of the issue. Connerly's essay

would be published in the Nexus. Boy, was I wrong. Not only did the Nexus not publish Mr. Connerly's letter, *they didn't even mention it!* It's kinda funny in a way. You advertise yourself as a newspaper, yet the Nexus is nothing more than propaganda. How does "Bleeding Heart Propaganda" sound as the new name of the Nexus? Then again, I've been using that name for the past two quarters, so it would be nothing new to me. You need not publish this letter, *but you must answer it.* You must answer to me and to this whole university. They depend on the Nexus to report the news as it is. Instead, they get a liberalized version of everything. If people don't take it upon themselves to find out the truth, they may never know. It's time for the Nexus to answer to its readers. I demand it, or I shall not bother even reading it

any more. Furthermore, it wouldn't be a bad idea to enlist a writer who takes a different spin on things. Since objectivity hasn't been a part of the Nexus since I've read it, at least let the other side in. At least allow someone to write once a week, to give a fresh perspective on the "news" you report. Until then, the *Daily Nexus* will be nothing but the joke it is today.

DENNIS BENT

Editors' Note: Regrettably, the Nexus never received a copy of Regent Connerly's aforementioned response.

ATTENTION ATHLETES: BEERS IS RIGHT ON

Editor, Daily Nexus:
Tom Beers is under assault for his

opinion on intercollegiate athletics (*Daily Nexus*, "Gaucho Sports Gouge UCSB," Feb. 20). Finally, we get an educated opinion and analysis on the value of sports at UCSB, and out come the athletic meat heads ranting and raging about how important they are to people such as myself and everyone else I know. Get this one thing straight — UCSB is not an athletic superpower, and it never will be. I've been to various competitions and nobody cares to go to them, as the emptiness of the stands show. I am absolutely against using crucial funds for the enrichment and further training of a few select individuals when those funds could be assisting a greater number of students. This school is not a training camp for aspiring athletes — it is a center for education.

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STABBING

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way and Patterson [Avenue]," he said.
Stanley was arrested for attempted manslaughter and taken to jail, Vellekamp said.
According to the county district attorney's office, Stanley has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon and will be arraigned today.
Foot Patrol Deputy Damon Kurtz is continuing the search for information regarding the crime.
"We are still in the process of investigating," he said. "We don't actually know what happened because the victim isn't really cooperating. All we do know is he was stabbed twice."
While violent incidents are not the norm for I.V., there has been a recent surge of crime in the area, Vellekamp said.
"All activity has increased, but we haven't had a stab-

bing this brutal in quite some time," he said. "Currently over the past couple of weekends, we've seen an increase in [criminal activity] of all sorts."
Mark Chaconas, executive staff assistant to 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall, believes the increase may be due to impending warmer weather coupled with increased alcohol consumption.
"In general, assaults and violent crimes have been low," he said. "I guess midterms are over, and the weather has been nice, so people are drinking and staying outside. That could be part of the problem. ... [In I.V. there is] a rise in crime when there is an increase of alcohol abuse. There's a direct correlation."
Chaconas believes the addition of more street lights may alleviate some of the danger of late-night partying.
"The added street lights will help. We already have them on every telephone pole on [Del Playa Drive] and the bigger party streets," he said. "Some people complain and say they make I.V. look too industrial, but it all comes down to what is safest."

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REFORM

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fice, politicians have to court the favors of those who have money. The interests of those with money to finance campaigns may not be congruent with the majority," she said.
While reform is needed because big organizations and big money have more sway with elected officials, the federal proposal is not enough, said California Public Interest Research Group campus organizer Nels Bjorkquist.
"I think that the HR493 is going in the wrong direc-

tion. The bill is laughable with its changes. This is phony reform presented by the Senate and the House," he said.
The bill would allow campaign contributions to be given in larger chunks and further take democracy from the average voter who can't afford to contribute up to \$2,000 under the new bill, he said.
"It's unfortunate that such a well-intentioned person like Capps doesn't have anything better to sign than this. That's why CALPIRG is pushing for a citizen-backed bill," he said.

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Tuesday, Feb. 25th • 12pm MultiCultural Center Theater

"The Ritual of Prayer and Meditation: Interfaith Perspective and Discussion"
Sponsored by the Interfaith Council of UCSB and co-sponsored by MSA, a panel of Christian, Jewish, and Muslim students will share their thoughts on the ritual of prayer.
Tuesday, Feb. 25th • 3:30pm MultiCultural Center Lounge

"Conversion Narratives: Choosing Islam"
Frank Banales, executive director of a local alcohol and drug abuse rehabilitation center, Akil Hill, a college student, and Abdul Hadi Suter, a local businessman, will share experiences of their journey into Islam.
Wed., Feb. 26th • 3pm MultiCultural Center Theater

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Oakland Mosque leader and esteemed Islamic scholar Imam Abdul Malik Ali in his second appearance at UCSB will address the issue of the Muslim struggle in America. Imam Abdul Malik is also a leader of the Al-sabiqoon Islamic revival movement.
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BOMB

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Sharp. The homemade bomb, which was contained in a cardboard box, caused \$1,000 in damage to the building.

UCSB was bomb-free for several years until the Persian Gulf War sparked a new barrage of incidents. News reports from March 1991 state that a firebomb caused \$500,000 in damage to Cheadle Hall on Feb. 26, 1991. Several other explosive devices were found in the days following the incident, including a pipe bomb left outside the Military Science Building Feb. 27 and a bomb hidden in a library reading room Feb. 28.

In the wake of the Cheadle Hall firebomb, several anonymous bomb threats were called in to local police and media. The threats caused multiple evacuations of various campus buildings, but in most cases no devices were found in connection to the threats. A Gulf War opposition group called The Rite of Spring did, however, claim responsibility for the string of bombings and threats after the fact.

Additionally, the reports state that while workers were cleaning up Cheadle Hall after the fire, an incendiary device was found in an air duct on March 8, 1991. The device was reported to be a duplicate of the firebomb that damaged Cheadle Hall approximately two weeks earlier.

Since September 1996 the UCSB Bookstore, the

courtyard between Davidson Library and The Arbor, and the Psychology Building have all been the scene of police activity resulting from some type of bomb scare.

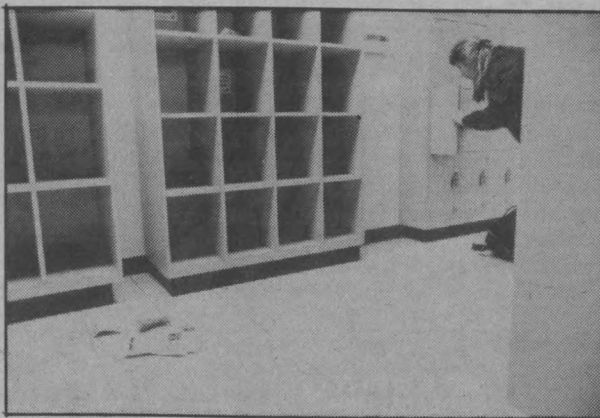
UCSB Bookstore Director Ken Bowers said the suspicious item found in a bookstore locker earlier this quarter, which was disposed of by the sheriff's bomb squad, turned out to be a homemade roll of tape.

"It was a roll of duct tape. It was created by a student who was cleaning up the far end of the UCen. ... Apparently they put tape on the floor and he was part of the group of students that was helping clean all that up. He just decided to make a ball of tape ... left it in one of the lockers and I think he just went off and forgot it," he said.

The unusual roll of duct tape was treated as a potentially dangerous object because it looked out of place in the locker, Bowers said.

"It was just one of those innocent things that happens where something shows up that doesn't look familiar and looks a little like something dangerous and so you really have no choice but to treat it that way in the absence of determining that it's harmless," he said.

The suspicious briefcase noticed between The Arbor and Davidson Library also turned out to be nonexplosive. According to UCPD Capt. Tony Alvarez, the owner of the case has not been identified and the incident is not



A small charred area is all that is left of the bogus bomb found in the bookstore. A police officer continues to search for evidence near the site of the bomb threat.

being treated as an intentional bomb scare.

"The owner of that briefcase ... we don't know who it was ... although we don't believe it was part of a hoax," he said.

John Vasi, associate librarian for Administrative Services, said the library has no special procedure for bomb scares, only standard procedures for evacuating the building in case of any emergency.

"We have evacuation procedures in each department and we have a PA system, but really no special [procedure] other than evacuation, as we would in a fire or other emergency," he said.

Alvarez stressed that all threats, both perceived and real, are taken seriously.

"We at the UCPD take all threats seriously. We do take steps verifying the authenticity of the [claim]. ... We don't do this individually. We try to involve everyone who's impacted by the situation at hand.

We try to involve people so we can make the best determination as to the authenticity of the device. We treat all threats as credible threats," he said.

Craig said in all cases, alleged bombs are treated as actual explosives until the threat can be identified as false.

"Any time we get a call ... our frame of mind is that it's a bomb. ... Everything is a bomb until we are sure it's not. If it's suspicious we're going to be handling it just like a bomb," he said.

With the recent work of the bomb squad at UCSB as well as other locations in the county, Craig believes calls to the Explosion Ordinance Disposal Team have increased.

"Overall bomb calls are up significantly. Not just with [Santa Barbara County] but nationwide. The bomb is turning into a major tool of the criminal element," he said.

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - Besides being popular, you're also a bit pressed. There's something you already should have done by now. Nobody's going to call and remind you until it's almost too late. Follow through on your promises. When you do, you'll be monstrously successful.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Get a talented wordsmith to help you untangle a communications mess. You're good at making decisions, once you can figure out your options. Later tonight, meet with old friends. Congenial company in a cozy setting will do more than any other tonic to soothe your nerves.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - Besides being inquisitive, you also have the patience to follow through on a tough project. Even more important, you're sensitive, caring and tuned in to other people's needs. You're not? Well then, get on it! That's the key to success today.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - Don't get flustered if there are too many demands on your time. Instead, sneak away to a quiet corner and call the person who understands you completely. A temporary disruption is necessary to improve the overall ambience. You'll help make an important choice.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Study ways to become more effective on your job. This is not a new computer skill or a different product to market, but more like a change in your attitude. Ask your friends and family for feedback, then listen.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - What's your vision for the future - either your own personal future or that of your family, your neighborhood, your country and your world? Think about it. Tonight, go shopping for something you need in the here and now.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 7 - You're even better than usual at settling arguments, picking complementary colors and arranging musical scores that would soothe the savage beast. If you get to thinking you know it all, however, you could miss a major point and end up looking ridiculous. Don't do that!

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - There are lots of people to see and deals to be completed. Folks are in the mood to talk, but it may be hard to pin them down to a decision. Don't give anybody more than a couple of options to choose from. Then, tell them which one to pick.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - You want to go play with your friends, but there's something you need to take care of at home. Both these distractions could get in the way of your work. Sound like a mess? It certainly could be. Stick to a schedule and you can have it all.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Don't wait until you're frustrated, speak up! Your suggestion will be highly appreciated. If you're going out with a wishy-washy type tonight, make sure you do the driving. Choose the restaurant and the movie, too. It'll make your life a lot easier.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - This is not a very good day to begin your world cruise, but you could certainly start planning. You might even want to put a little money down, just to make the game more interesting. How about Tahiti in April? You may also have to start learning French. No problem!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - How much money do you have stashed away? You may have been so busy weaving fantasies you forgot the most important one of all. Even a little bit each week will add up to a lot, if you leave it there. You can actually grow up to be rich. It is possible.

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 Stanford's Tracey Kohl captured the all-around title with a 38.825.
 Hoefler earned the Gauchos' only first-place honor, winning the floor exercise with a 9.85. Hoefler also finished second in the vault with a 9.85 mark.
 The loss against Stanford came immediately following Friday night's third-place finish in a meet vs. San Jose State and UC Davis. UCSB mustered only 185,400 points, allowing Davis to win the meet with a 187,700 and SJSU to take second with a 187,050.
 San Jose's Hawley Almstedt won the meet's all-around title with a

38.050. The Gauchos' top finisher was Hoefler, earning a 37.550.
 Hoefler, once again, was the meet's best vaulter with an average of 9.80. Freshman Fairouz Azzam finished second in the vault with a 9.725.
 Although Hoefler succeeded in the vault, she was not pleased with her overall performance.
 "It was definitely not my best meet of the year," she said. "I did OK in a couple of events but I fell on the beam."
 Santa Barbara's next meet will be Feb. 28 when it welcomes Boise State in the Gold's Gym Classic at 7 p.m. UCSB was defeated by the Broncos in its second meet of the season in Boise, Idaho.

TRACK

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 won the 1,500 meters in 3:56.2 and the 5,000 meters in 14:40.3. The only other Gaucho to take first place in an event was Trent Bryson, who won the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 9:15.2.

"The objective was to score points for the team," said Cullum about his two first-place finishes. "My goal was to get a strong workout in for endurance."
 The team next faces UCLA, Long Beach State and Cal State Los Angeles this Saturday in L.A.

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Hot Gauchos Ready to Battle Warriors Today

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

The UCSB baseball team, energized by two big wins over #4 Stanford this weekend, will try to avoid a letdown when it takes on Westmont College today at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium.

The Gauchos (8-6) returned home on Sunday feeling bitter-sweet about taking two of three from the Cardinal. The squad felt like it could have swept the series in Palo Alto.

"On the bus ride home, everyone was a little bummed," said Santa Barbara senior pitcher Bryan Noyes. "It was disappointing not to get all three games. But two of three is awesome. Hopefully, we'll be ranked next week."

The Gauchos' bats remained hot against Stanford — belting six home runs over the weekend. Senior David Willis led the way with three homers. Willis is now batting .411 with five round-

trippers and 21 RBI, all team-highs.

"I'm hoping [the wins] do a lot for us," said UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema. "We played at a high level this weekend. But we can't rely on what you do yesterday, you're really as good as the next pitch."

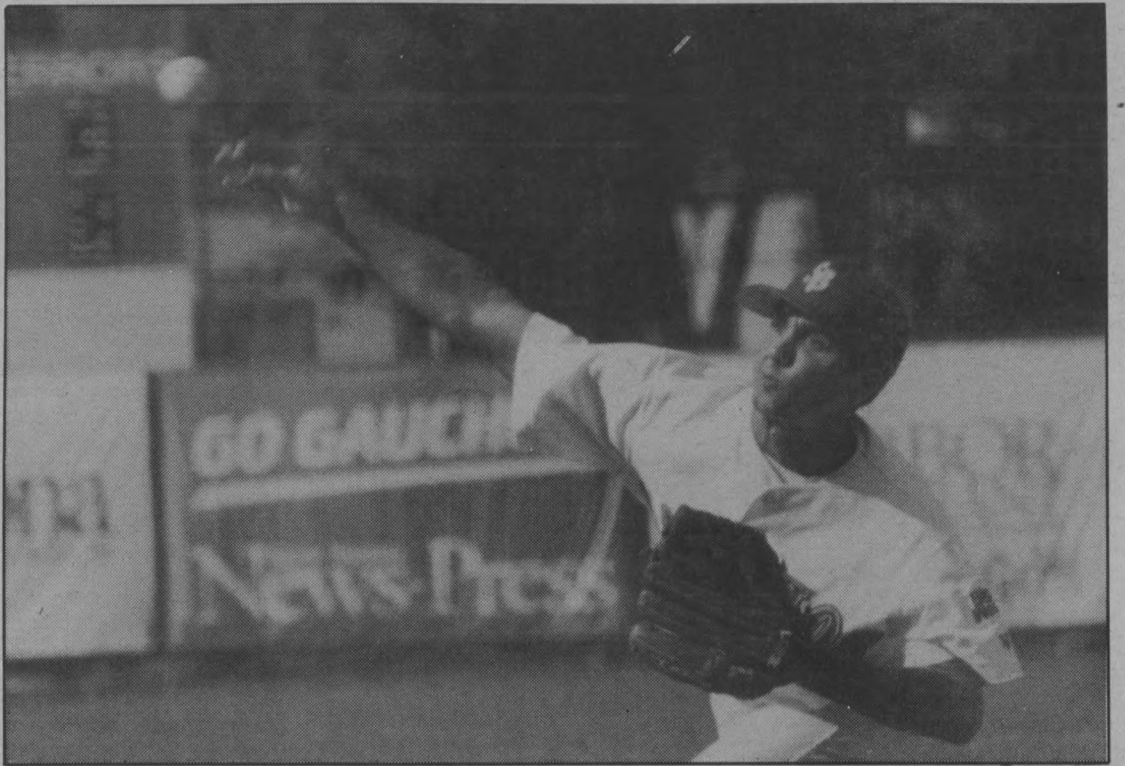
The Warriors will visit Santa Barbara for the second time this season. The Gauchos crushed Westmont 14-7 on Feb. 6.

Freshman Matt Dailey will make his first collegiate start today. Dailey, used mostly in long relief this season, has a 10.13 ERA in 5½ innings of work.

"We need to see how good he can be," said UCSB pitching coach John Kirkgard. "He's pitched well in relief. We'll give him the opportunity to show his stuff."

Dailey will probably not pitch long, and the coaching staff will carefully monitor his progress.

"If we can get four innings from him, we'll be happy," Brontsema said. "He's got a



STEEE-RIKE: Sophomore pitcher David Uris and the rest of the Gaucho baseball team take on Westmont today at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium. The game starts at 2:00 p.m.

good arm."

The position switch between sophomore Bryan LaCour and freshman Justin Gemoll that was implemented over the weekend will be maintained.

LaCour, who has made 12 errors this season, will now play second base while Gemoll moves to third.

"Gemoll could've started third at the beginning of the sea-

son," Brontsema said. "He's not as experienced as LaCour there but he played extremely well this weekend. This is to help us be better. The combination before wasn't getting it done."

UCSB Women's Gymnastics Update

Women Gymnasts Defeated Despite Impressive Showing

By Brian Berger
Staff Writer

Not many teams would be pleased with a defeat, but the UCSB women's gymnastics squad was ecstatic following its loss to highly touted Stanford University on Saturday.

The team's excitement came from the fact that the Gauchos posted a team score of 190.100. Although the mark was shy of the Cardinal's 193.150, it set a new high score for the year.

"Our goal was to break 190," said senior Margie Hoeffler. "Even though we lost, it felt good getting the score. It's not like we went into the meet thinking that we could win."

A balanced team attack helped Santa Barbara's effort, but three athletes shined. Sophomore Alison Giorgetti and freshman Dawn Taniguchi led UCSB in the all-around by finishing second and third, respectively. Giorgetti scored a 38.025 in the four events, with Taniguchi close behind at 38.000 points.

See GYM p.10

GaUCHO Track and Field Athletes Show Improvement by Finishing Second in Meet at Cal State Bakersfield

By David Diaz
Reporter

Both the UCSB men's and women's track and field teams finished a respectable second in a four-squad meet over the weekend at Cal State Bakersfield. UCSB competed against CS Bakersfield, Cal State Fullerton and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

The women's 400-meter relay team turned in the finest Santa Barbara performance of the meet, recording the best time UCSB has seen in that event in 10 years. Ashanti Austin, Jodi Bailey, Jamie Bailey and Valerie Fleming took first place with a time of 48.4

seconds.

The highest individual result for the Gaucho women was achieved by Eliza Alexander, who won the 5,000 meters. Her time of 17:29.3 was her fastest yet this season. Alexander's second-place finish in the 1,500 meters in 4:44.8 was also her best time of the year.

"It was a fast time for me," she said. "The distance runners are training more for endurance than speed. We concentrate on smart training."

Fleming and Bailey finished second and third in the 100-meter dash, respectively, with season-best times of 12.6 and 12.7.

Season bests were also turned in by Barbara Scheil in

the 200 meters (26.9), Merideth Webster in the 400 (59.1) and Heather Bray (10:28.5) in the 3,000.

Mary Wilson's second-place mark of 119'09" in the javelin was Santa Barbara's highest finish in any women's field event.

"It was a pretty good team performance," said UCSB Head Coach Pete Dolan. "It was a surprise to all teams that Cal Poly won many of the events. That was an unwelcome surprise."

The Santa Barbara men's team had some outstanding individual performances as well. Distance runner Dave Cullum

See TRACK p.10

Daily Nexus Athlete of the Week

David Willis

SPORT: Baseball

POSITION:
Designated hitter

YEAR: Senior

STATS:

Hit three home runs and one double over three games, going 5-13 and knocking in seven RBI. Currently hitting .411 with five home runs and 21 RBI, all team highs.

ACCOMPLISHMENT:

His two home runs on Friday helped UCSB to a 6-4 win over #4 Stanford. Returned on Saturday to hit his fifth home run of the season in the Gauchos' 8-6 victory.

QUOTABLE: "I'm pleased with my play and hope that I can keep it up all year."



Women's Water Polo Beats UCSD; Defeated by Bruins in Los Angeles

By Morgan G. Williams
Staff Writer

The UC Santa Barbara women's water polo team improved its record to 5-4 overall and 1-2 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation by splitting two games on the road over the weekend.

The Gauchos lost to 1996 national champions UCLA 11-7 on Saturday before defeating UC San Diego 6-4 on Sunday.

Both teams came out shooting Saturday, with three balls ending up in the back of the net during a 57-second stretch in the opening quarter.

UCSB Head Coach Joe O'Brien believes that a fast-paced game is not to the Gauchos' advantage.

"That team has been playing together for two years," he said. "They have lots of experience. That's not the kind of game you want to get into."

UCLA outscored Santa Barbara by two goals in each of the first two quarters and led 7-3 at halftime. UCSB was led through the first half by freshman Kara Watkins, who scored two goals, and sophomore Wendy Jensen, who added one.

The Gauchos stepped it up on offense in the second half with goals by three players, including two by senior Keri Santos. Freshman Lynn Nisbet and senior Suzanne Eskilson each added a goal. However, the effort proved to be too little too late as the Bruins added four goals of their own to finish the game.

On Sunday, Santa Barbara avenged last season's four losses to San Diego by defeating the Tritons 6-4. The Gauchos took control of the game early and never let go, taking a 5-1 lead into halftime.

"We were patient. We didn't make opportunities for them," O'Brien said.

UCSB utilized its depth at the 2-meter position by creating mismatches against UCSD. The mismatches caused the Tritons to play defense for the full duration of the shot clock, and Santa Barbara remained in complete control until the final buzzer.

"We lost to them all last year," said sophomore driver Wendy Jensen. "It shows that we are improving."