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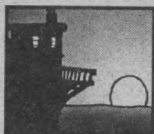
The 2nd annual Cal Animage Gamma film festival runs thru Friday, introducing UCSB to the varied world of anime.

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Opinion

Ted Andersen relates his tale of a merry Christmas in Isla Vista, and Marc Valles keeps us from feeling too merry.



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Sports

The UCSB men's and women's swim teams were defeated by the Trojans of USC in the Gauchos' only dual meet of the break.



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California Governor Proposes More Funding for Education

■ UC Fees To Remain the Same Despite Growing Enrollment

BY JERRY BEERS
Staff Writer

Gov. Gray Davis sent the 2000-2001 California State Budget to the California Legislature Monday, backing his campaign commitment to education by including a 12.1 percent, \$328 million increase for the UC State General Fund.

The UC plans to fund the enrollment of 6,000 new students in the UC system with the budget increase, according to UC Spokesperson Brad Hayward, as well as enhance UC research and undergraduate education, and expand a program to improve the teaching quality in California public schools. Tuition, which has not been raised by the regents since 1995, will remain at \$3,429 per quarter as a result of the budget increase.

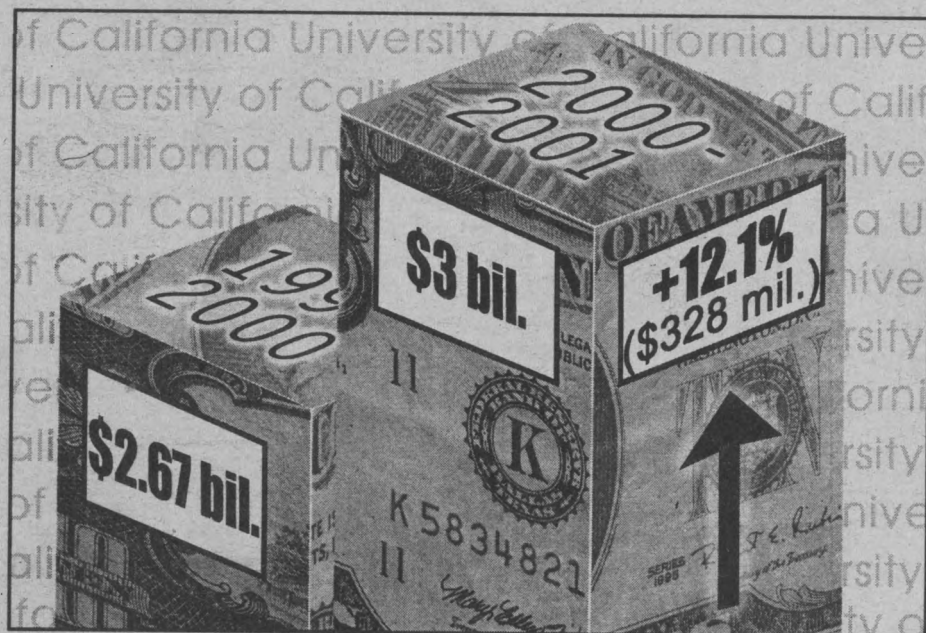
In a letter to the state Senate and Assembly, Davis wrote, "This budget encourages and rewards high academic

achievement from our students, and breaks new ground in efforts to recruit, retain and support the very best teachers. We owe it to California's children to continue to build on the historic reforms now underway until our schools are restored to nothing short of excellence."

UC Vice President of the Budget Larry Hershman announced in October that the University needed a 7 percent annual increase in the UC State General Fund to help absorb the impact of the expected 43 percent systemwide enrollment increase.

"The University was pleasantly surprised by the magnitude of the governor's commitment to the K-12 initiative at the University," Hershman said Monday. "He also gave a substantial increase to core programs, [which include] teaching, research and public service programs."

Funding from the new budget will help UCSB compensate financially for an unexpected increase in enrollment during



GRAPHIC BY JASON SCHOCK

the Fall Quarter of 1999, according to Assistant Chancellor of Budget & Planning Bob Kuntz.

"In the fall of this year we enrolled more students than we had forecast, and we received temporary funding which will be replaced with permanent funding [when the new budget is finalized]," he said.

In addition, the new budget will prevent increases in mandatory systemwide

student fees for next year, according to Hayward.

"The budget provides funding to keep student fees level, which means no increase in student fees for six years in a row, which is a positive for UC students," he said.

Hayward said the budget also includes increased funding to enhance the quality

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Watch 2000 Studies Endangered Local Otters

BY DAVID DOWNS
Staff Writer

One hundred fifty years after being hunted to near-extinction, the California sea otter is once again treading local waters, and preservationists are asking for community help in spotting the cute and furry mammals.

Otter Watch 2000 is a new program designed to better understand otter behavior as they return to native shores. The program is sponsored by the Otter Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to the research and recovery of the California sea otter. According to Otter Project Coordinator Mary Stack, approximately 40 sea otters that are currently living off Point Conception are expected to enter the Santa Barbara Channel very soon.

The public is being urged to call the Otter Watch hotline and report the location of any otters sighted off the coast. According to Stack, teams consisting of researchers and student volunteers from UCSB will go out and document what the otters are doing, be it foraging, resting, playing or traveling.

"We'd like people to be aware and want to protect the otter," she said. "There was a core group [of otters] in Big Sur and now they are beginning to spread north and

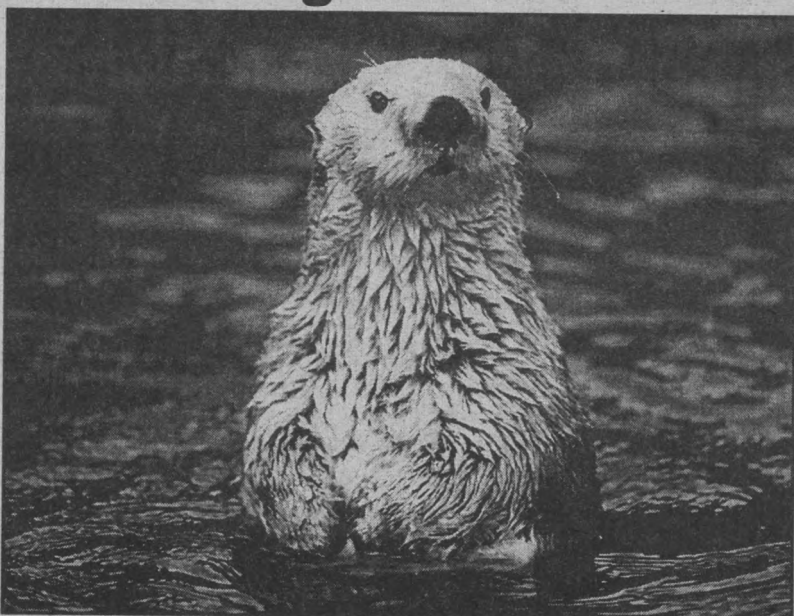


Photo courtesy of The Otter Project

A new Otter Project-sponsored program monitors the migration of otters returning to the Santa Barbara coastline, like this one photographed off of Point Conception south."

Otter hunting prior to the 19th century drove the population to the brink of extinction, although the population had stretched from Baja California to Alaska and across the Pacific Ocean to Japan. A small colony of sea otters survived in Big Sur, and otter numbers climbed to a population peak of over 2,300 in 1995.

Locally, approximately 150 otters were spotted in 1997, and around 100 last year. Stack said, "The overall California sea otter numbers have declined, but we're all

waiting for the spring count to see if it has stabilized."

According to Otter Watch 2000 volunteer and junior biology major Katrina Maksimuk, the program provides a great way to get involved with ocean conservation.

"A lot of students are volunteering, mostly as student interns for the Santa Barbara Marine Mammal Center, and I think it's great that the otters are helping to raise environmental awareness," she said.

Maksimuk said volunteers are

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County Digest

• As UCSB students return from their Winter Break, the Isla Vista Foot Patrol is celebrating a successful holiday season, with crime in Isla Vista down from years previous, according to Lieutenant Butch Arnoldi. This eight-week holiday season began Nov. 22 and officially ends Monday, Jan. 18, when City College students return from their break. Arnoldi reported that over the last seven weeks there were only seven reported residential burglaries and six reported auto burglaries.

Arnoldi called these figures "outstanding," in comparison to the 18 residential and 23 auto burglaries last year. Arnoldi credits these improvements to "changed deployment and added deputies."

• Last October, David Doyle, also known as "Guitar Dave," a local I.V. homeless resident, filed a complaint against Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Deputy Dan Osuna. The complaint alleges that Osuna assaulted and unlawfully searched Doyle when issuing a citation for violating the I.V. Recreation and Parks District open-container ordinance. Doyle said the department has not followed up on this complaint, and he now plans to take them to city court for assault charges, and to sue them for \$13.36.

"The \$10 is for the bag that [Osuna] ripped the zipper off, and the \$3.36 is for the unopened beer that he dumped out," Doyle said.

Doyle added that the Committee of Social Justice, a legal project of retired lawyers in Santa Barbara, will represent him.

• A report of two gunshots near the Jubilee Christian

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Top of the News

Internet, Media Giants Agree on Merger



NEW YORK (AP) — Time Warner, the world's largest media and entertainment company, is being acquired by America Online for about \$166 billion in stock in what will be the biggest corporate merger ever.

The merger announced Monday marks the biggest bet yet that the Internet will be one of the most dominant features in the media landscape of the future.

"This merger will launch the next Internet revolution," America Online's Chair and Chief Executive, Steve Case, said at a news conference.

"This really completes the digital transformation of Time Warner," Time Warner Chair Gerald Levin said this morning. "These two companies are a natural fit."

At a time when traditional media companies are struggling to reinvent

their Internet strategies, the merger will give Time Warner a huge and powerful platform for reaching people online. AOL is the nation's largest online company, with some 20 million subscribers.

The deal also gives

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content, and Time Warner's cable systems provide a good network for AOL's online services."

Time Warner's large list of media properties includes CNN, HBO, Time, People and Sports Illustrated magazines and the Warner Bros. movie, TV and music properties.

The deal also raises the

Henry Luce and Briton Hadden, and Warner Bros. was incorporated about the same time.

America Online was founded in 1985 and has more than four times the net profit of Time Warner, earning \$762 million in the fiscal year that ended June 30, even though Time Warner's revenues of \$26.8 billion dwarf AOL's \$4.8 billion.

AOL shareholders will own 55 percent of the combined company, which will be called AOL Time Warner Inc. Time Warner shareholders will own the rest. AOL and Time Warner would each name half of the board of directors of the new company.

Case would be chair and Time Warner's Levin would be chief executive. Case said he first approached Levin about a possible combination in October.

The new media giant will have combined annual revenue of over \$30 billion.

AOL a key tool for distributing its services: access to Time Warner's large cable network system, the nation's second largest after AT&T's, with 13 million cable subscribers.

"It makes a lot of sense," said Tom Wolzien, a media analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. "AOL provides a huge platform for all of Time Warner's

stakes in the consolidation scramble in the media industry and comes just four months after another blockbuster media merger, the proposed combination of CBS Corp. and Viacom Inc.

Time Warner was created by the 1990 merger of Warner Communications Inc. and Time Inc. Time magazine was launched in 1923 by two Yale students,

— Gerald Levin
Time Warner chair

Court Rejects Appeal Against Tobacco Industry



WASHINGTON (AP) — The tobacco industry won a significant legal victory Monday when the Supreme Court refused to let union health funds sue cigarette makers to recover the cost of treating smoking-related illnesses.

The justices rejected appeals in which union health funds from Pennsylvania, Oregon and New York argued they should be allowed to sue tobacco companies under federal racketeering and antitrust laws.

"We're gratified," said Herbert Wachtel, a lawyer for Phillip Morris Inc. "Four courts of appeals have held unanimously that these third-party cases are without merit. Hopefully, this will put an end to them."

Although Monday's action set no national precedent, the three unsuccessful appeals had been viewed as health funds' best chance to reverse rulings that have thwarted their lawsuits against cigarette makers.

John Banzhaf of Action on Smoking and Health lamented the court's action. "The tobacco industry gets to keep its ill-gotten gain and the public health loses," he said.

Banzhaf said the court's denial of review "sounds the death knell for these types of lawsuits by health funds and possibly by other third parties as well."

Federal appeals courts also have disallowed smoking-related lawsuits by Blue Cross, foreign countries and smokers' employers.

The health funds' lawsuits accused the tobacco industry of defrauding them into paying to treat illnesses caused by health-plan participants' smoking.

The lawsuits contended cigarette makers and related industry organizations withheld accurate information about smoking's health effects that might have led the funds to more aggressively discourage their members from smoking.

The lawsuits were patterned after similar state claims that led to settlements in which the tobacco industry will pay the states \$246 billion for health care costs. The Justice Dept. also sued the industry; its pending lawsuit was not directly affected by Monday's action.

Federal appeals courts ruled unanimously that the union health funds could not sue because they were seeking payment for damages suffered by their members, who could sue on their own.

In dismissing the lawsuit by seven Pennsylvania union health funds, the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the states could sue because they were authorized to do so under state law, or because of the "political power of governmental bodies" — an authority and power that union health funds do not have.

In their Supreme Court appeals, the health funds' operators argued their members cannot sue under the federal laws they tried to invoke — laws that provide for triple damages.

"There is a clear national interest in holding tobacco companies accountable for the public health devastation they have wreaked," one of the appeals said.

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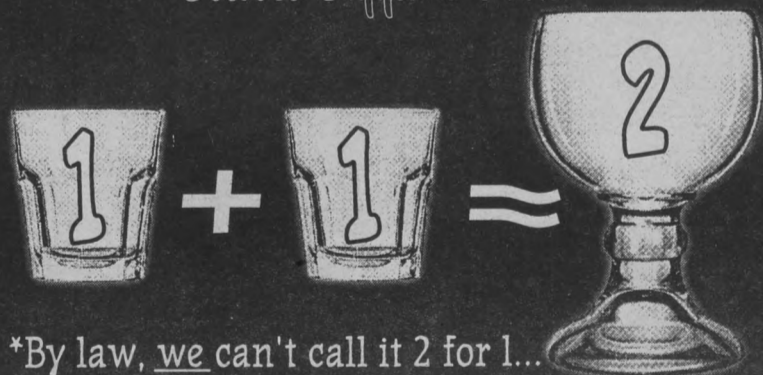
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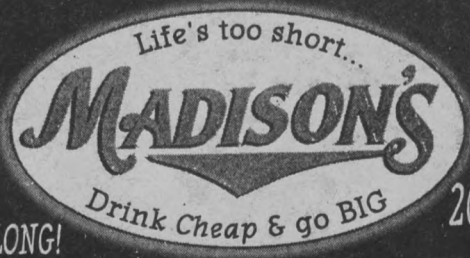


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OTTER BLOTTER

Sea otters grow to approximately four feet in length with the male weighing approximately 65 pounds and the female about 45 pounds.

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Otters eat the equivalent of 20 to 30 percent of their body weight per day.

The Santa Barbara area ecosystem has included sea otters for the past 5 million years.

Sea otters use rocks, shellfish or man-made objects to pry their prey from rocks.

Marine invertebrates including clams, mussels, urchins, snails, crabs and abalone are commonly preyed upon by sea otters.

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trained to note the behavior of the otters and record it as research on the otters' migration.

Sea otters play an integral role in ocean ecology by dining on sea urchins, clams, mussels and abalone — organisms known to damage underwater kelp forests. Kelp forests are essential to ocean life, as their oxygen production is second only to tropical rainforests.

Chair of the Isla Vista chapter of Surfrider Ashleigh Rossman, a sophomore biology major, commended the Otter Watch's efforts.

"The Otter Watch project is a great opportunity to raise community awareness about the destruction of our coastal environment by pollution and other sources," Rossman said. "Any time people get involved with conservation and research efforts like this, it can only benefit our oceans."

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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Opinion

Happy Holidays, Indeed

'Twas the Season for Discouraging News and Politics

MARC VALLES

Happy New Year, America! The good news is that nothing blew up over the holidays. Now for the bad news — so far — of the year 2000, from every corner of the Republic:

1. Your elected officials are playing geopolitical pingpong with a half-orphaned 6-year-old and Fidel Castro is not happy about it. Elian Gonzalez, the lone survivor of a U.S.-borne boat of

Granted, Cubans live under a repressive system, but there's no need to prove it by bribing a bereaved kid with the fruits of capitalism ...

Cuban refugees, lost his mother and stepfather to the waves in late November, but has since gained a trip to Disneyland and a puppy dog, thanks to Cuban-Americans intent on keeping him in the country. What he has not gained so far is being reunited with his father, who is very much alive and, unfortunately for us all, still stuck on the shores of communist Cuba. Gonzalez probably would have been returned to Papa already had he not been served a congressional subpoena by that concerned member of the Florida anti-

Castro community, Rep. Dan Burton (R-Ind.). The president, the attorney general, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and American family law, meanwhile, insist that the boy be returned to his one living parent.

Incredibly, this is shaping up to be a national issue. Worse, despite the INS's order that the boy be returned to his father, on Monday, Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Rosa Rodriguez allowed the boy's American relatives to file for custody.

It's hard for an outsider to make sense of any family dispute, so I'm not going to yell at the kid's immediate relatives. My question for everyone else blocking his return home is "What is wrong with you people?" Granted, Cubans live under a repressive system, but there's no need to prove it by bribing a bereaved kid with the fruits of capitalism and shoving him in front of a congressional committee. What precedent is this going to set? We have a hard enough time sticking up for human rights in our own ghettos; now

we're aspiring to become the world's child welfare department? Elian Gonzalez is not a chance for aging anti-communists to yank Castro by the beard — he is a just-turned 6-year-old kid who should be sent back to his dad. But tell that to Miami and Capitol Hill. Speaking of people who just don't get it ...

2. Thousands of South Carolinians recently rallied around the symbol of the long-defeated Confederacy to protest the National Association for the

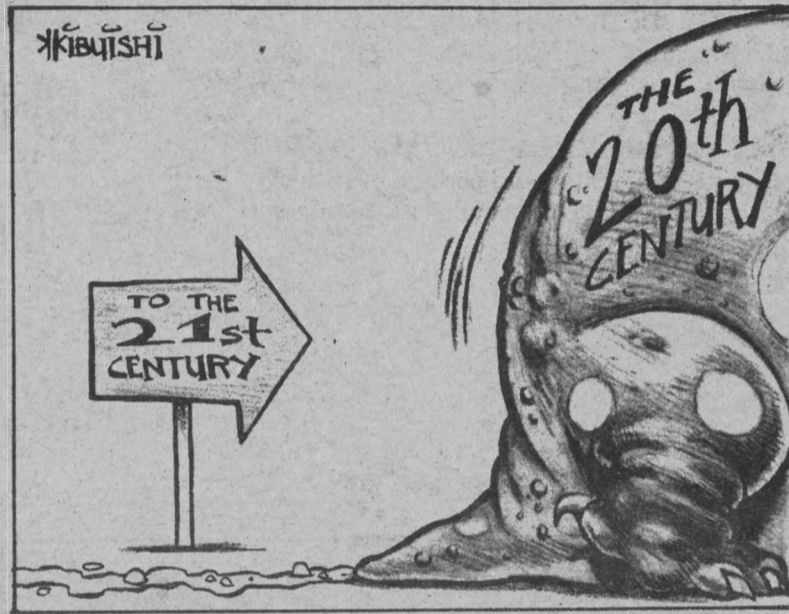
swastika. But, then again, Hitler only gave us the Autobahn; South Carolina beats that by a long shot with its gift of Republican Sen. Strom Thurmond, who at 92 is not only older than the Autobahn, but also slower. As slow, perhaps, as the Great American South's progression into ... the 20th century. On a lighter note ...

3. The silver screen's most beautiful hyphenate, Catherine Zeta-Jones, announced her engagement to former Gaucho and occasional actor Michael Douglas, sending millions of American men into a foul and nasty mood resembling the deep depression millions of American women went into after Prince Charles married Diana, but before he told the world his desire to be reincarnated as his mistress's tampon. Gentlemen, I think our sense of loss is a wee bit more justified. Finally, wrapping up the decade's bad news so far:

4. RBT did not fall prey to Y2K, which is pretty FUBAR, because if all our GPAs went MIA, it would be such a SNAFU that SAASB might shut down campus ASAP to keep it on the DL, and none of us would have to leave I.V. for the HSSB; instead, A.S. would hold meetings in the Ucen, which would go into OT while the rest of us lived it up on DP.

You never know. Stranger things have happened at UCSB.

Marc Valles is a senior English major.



KAZUHIRO KIBUSHI / DAILY NEXUS

Advancement of Colored People's efforts to remove the Stars and Bars from the state flag. Defenders of the Confederate flag insist that it doesn't represent racism, only the heritage of their forefathers — you know, "Massa." I wonder if the good Germans felt the same way about the

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Home Alone, Without the Bad Guys

TED ANDERSEN

I decided to try something different this year. Both sides of my family chose to have our "Christmas" get-togethers on the 19th instead of the 25th to accommodate everyone's schedules. It was no skin off my back, since the 25th is an arbitrary date (plenty of evidence suggests it's not Jesus' birthday) and my schedule was as empty as Isla Vista three days after finals. What resulted was a chance to experience the true beauty of our little seaside hamlet.

Isla Vista is the most unique town I'll ever live in with respect to both population and geography. In full swing, crowds of UCSB and Santa Barbara City College students revel in the streets, openly display their creativity (yeah, we can dress up and heckle better than any other West Coast college) and keep the local food joints in business (a lot of them close or cut hours when people leave). Sometimes we go too far though. After big nights, broken glass often paves the roads, and remnants of couch fires must be pushed to the side.

But for those who stay long, a new day will dawn. The phenomenon takes place the weekend after finals, when 90 percent of the students get out of town. After the mass exodus, I.V. reverts to what it was before UCSB arrived: a quiet beach community. I chose to spend Christmas Day at my Del Playa apartment, and I don't regret it in the least. I called my mom that morning and

took the phone outside on my balcony so she could hear the sound of waves crashing below. She was the one who was envious, not me. Having the privilege to lounge on a deck at the very edge of an ocean, which Americans travel thousands of miles every year just to visit for a few days, is quite extraordinary. Of course our house is progressively falling into the water (small technicality), but that just adds to the charm of I.V. (hanging on the brink of death). Where else in the world could a student have the opportunity to live on a high cliff above the ocean —



KAZUHIRO KIBUSHI / DAILY NEXUS

without the threat of hurricanes — while surrounded by thousands of other students in the same boat? No matter how much money I make, I'll never have a better view.

But most students probably aren't thinking of these qualities when they leave I.V. for the holidays. On Christmas Day I went surfing at Devereux and counted at least 30 people (most looked like out-of-towners) frolicking in the exceptionally low tides and tide pools near Coal Oil Point. I ran into a surfer who grew up in I.V.,

and she said when people leave town, her vacation begins. While I only counted 15 cars between the 6600 and the 6800 blocks of DP on Christmas Day, I counted over 20 people who stayed till dusk to watch the ocean swallow up the last orange ray the sun had to offer that day. Many of us just take it for granted every evening and bitch about our steep rent on the first of every month.

Just riding my bike down the street, strangers wished me a Merry Christmas or *Feliz Navidad*. There were no hard-asses or meatheads to spoil the peace and even the police were nice enough to give warnings before ticketing (whew). Several Latino families walked hand-in-hand down the vacant streets over the holiday and just about gave I.V. the look of a family community — the same look many students' hometowns have. So why go home?

Students escape I.V. thinking that they have somewhere really important to go. And for the most part, seeing family and old friends is a task we all must attend to during the course of the year. But think about what the average person does during the holidays. They eat, chat, watch television, eat some more, open gifts, chat, eat again and finally go to sleep. Between Thanksgiving's candied yams and grandma's Christmas fudge ("Oh, honey eat something, you're too skinny"), the average American accumulates all the blubber they try to burn by summer during the holidays.

Christmas came and went again for all of us this year, but some of us will remember it more fondly. Solely by spending the time outside in an environment many people would vacation to, this winter break has taught me to be truly thankful to call this place home.

Ted Andersen is the Daily Nexus campus editor and celebrated Christmas this year ... I.V. style.

A LETTER FROM THE EDITORS (AS WE HAVE NO LETTERS TO THE EDITOR TO FILL THIS SPACE)

Dear Loyal Reader,

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Love,
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BUDGET

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of teaching in California's public schools.

"The budget includes \$70 million in funding to create or expand programs led by the UC to develop teachers in public

schools," he said. "The programs range from the governor's Reading Professional Development Institutes to the California Algebra Institutes."

Hayward said he expects the state legislature to approve the governor's budget sometime this summer.

COUNTY

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Academy sent the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. SWAT team searching through the dense field adjacent to the school Friday. According to Sheriff's Sgt. Bill Turner, two children came in from their play area at approximately 12:15 p.m. and told their teacher

they thought they had been shot at.

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— Marisa Lagos and David Downs

Yesterday was Plow Day and you missed it. This holiday goes back to feudalism. **Serfs** went from manor to manor asking for **money** to buy **alcohol**. Benevolent lords threw money into the **plows** the serfs dragged behind them.

Perhaps this is where the expression "Plowed" came from?

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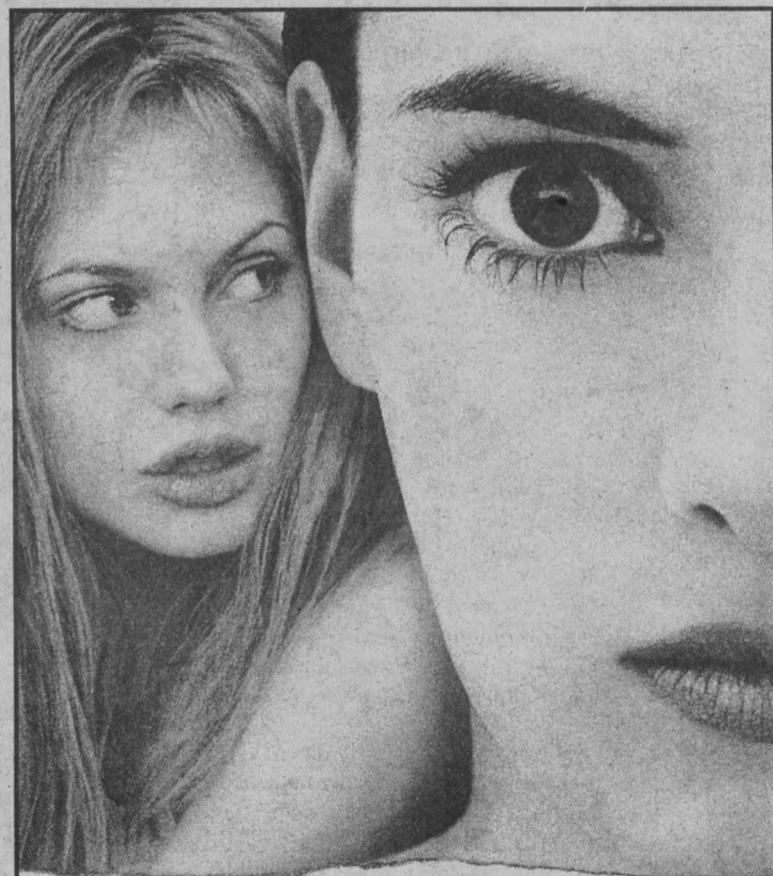
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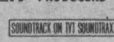
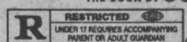
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Taurus— You're at the point between two major projects or eras of your life. Even though you might have done well in the past, use caution in beginning on this new part of your life; overconfidence could drive you over the edge.

Gemini— For the moment, you're being misled in life—especially as far as what you want from life. Step back and take a look at what life's been throwing you lately. The advice from a stable friend may help you discover the true you.

Cancer— Recent events have placed you into a fairly secure position for the moment. Everything seems to be going your way, and it looks to you like you could be getting what you wish for. Take care of advice from others that could be false—being too trusting could mean a pause in your movement toward your goals.

Leo— You've come to realize that taking bad advice can lead into a whole mess of trouble for you. Keep your feet on the ground and stay focused on what's around you to get yourself back on track.

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Scorpio— Things are moving quickly for you, and even though you're doing well, you're not quite sure that you can handle what you've gotten yourself into. Use caution in your next few decisions, but be confident that you have the potential to get the job done.

Sagittarius— The wheel of fate has spun, and you're looking for guidance as to how to interpret your new situation. Take into mind advice from friends, and even trust your heart as far as some signs go, but in the end use your own intuition as to what should be done.

Capricorn— You're finding yourself suddenly thrown into a situation that you have almost no control over. Look for signs from others and from yourself to determine the path you should take next.

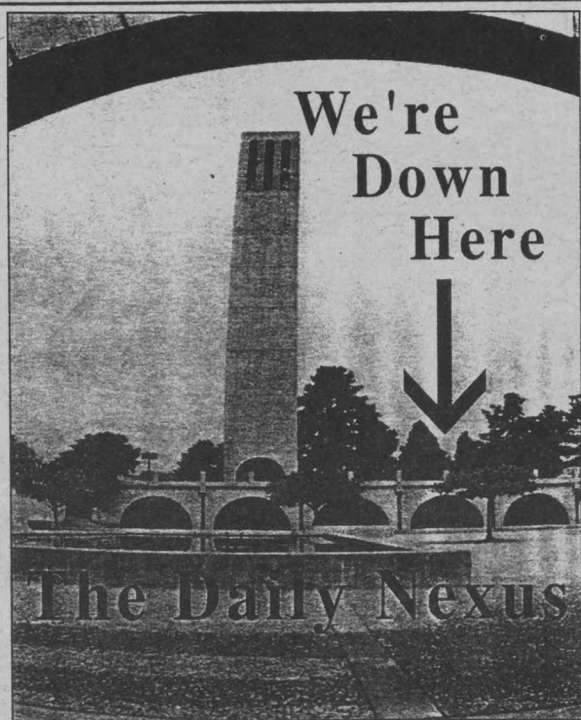
Aquarius— Obstacles in your path are keeping you from the goal you are reaching for. A friend appears who may be able to guide you around this difficult time; take their advice, even if it may appear sort of stupid.

Pisces— Some bad advice you took recently in the past is going to come back to haunt you; take care. It's not the end of the world. Use your own judgement and follow your own intuition when taking advice in the future.

Today's Birthday (January 11)— You used to think that you were pretty set and happy with your path in life, but the beginning of a new friendship or love interest has made you realize that you can do more with yourself. Try not to reach for too much, or you'll end up hurting yourself and others. Don't be afraid to start something new, for a friend will help you conquer your dreams. The end of the year may see you happily settled with your new life.

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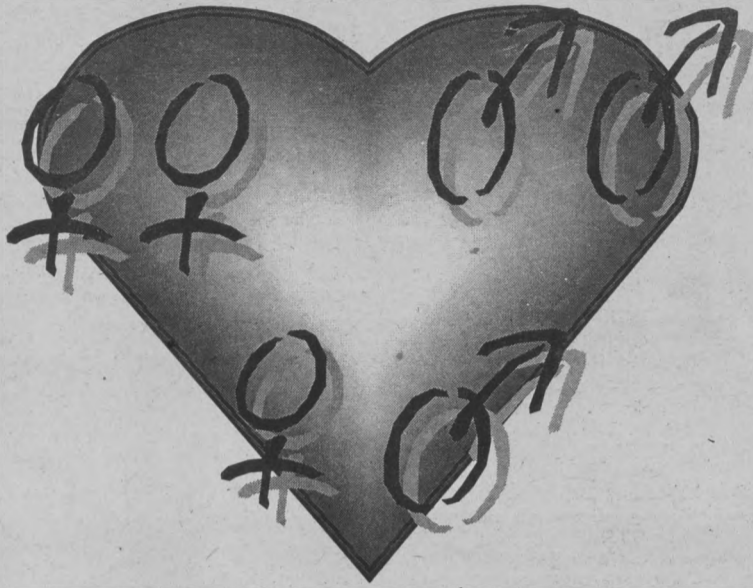
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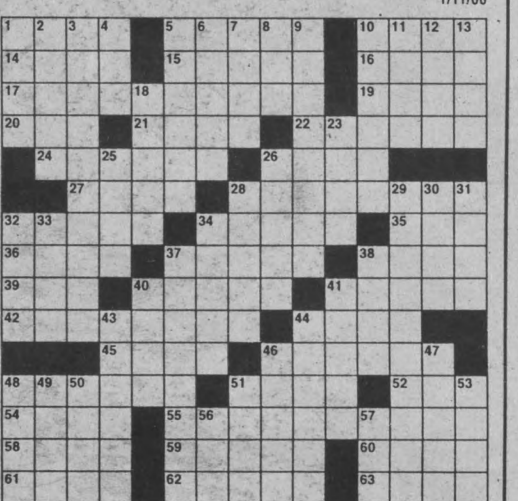
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UCSB Hits a Dry Spell Against Cal and USC

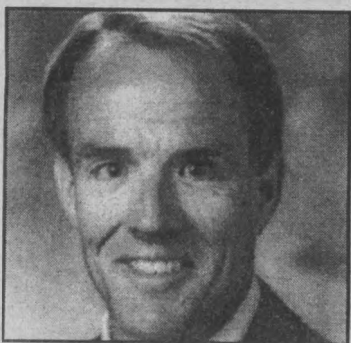
BY ZACK O'NEILL
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's and women's swim teams both spent much of their Winter Break in hibernation, save for a men's-only road trip to Cal and a recent dual meet with the Trojans of USC. The Gauchos, inactive for over a month, struggled with resuming their schedule after a long winter layoff and were defeated in both meets.

Santa Barbara Head Coach Gregg Wilson expected his swimmers to have a difficult time against Cal and USC, citing a long break from both training and competition.

"We returned to campus on the second of January," Wilson said. "The meet with Cal was on the fourth. We were out of sync. It wasn't all bad, we did win three events, but we have to be ready because we have a meet every single weekend in January. We have to be prepared to race."

Among the Gauchos that performed well against Cal was



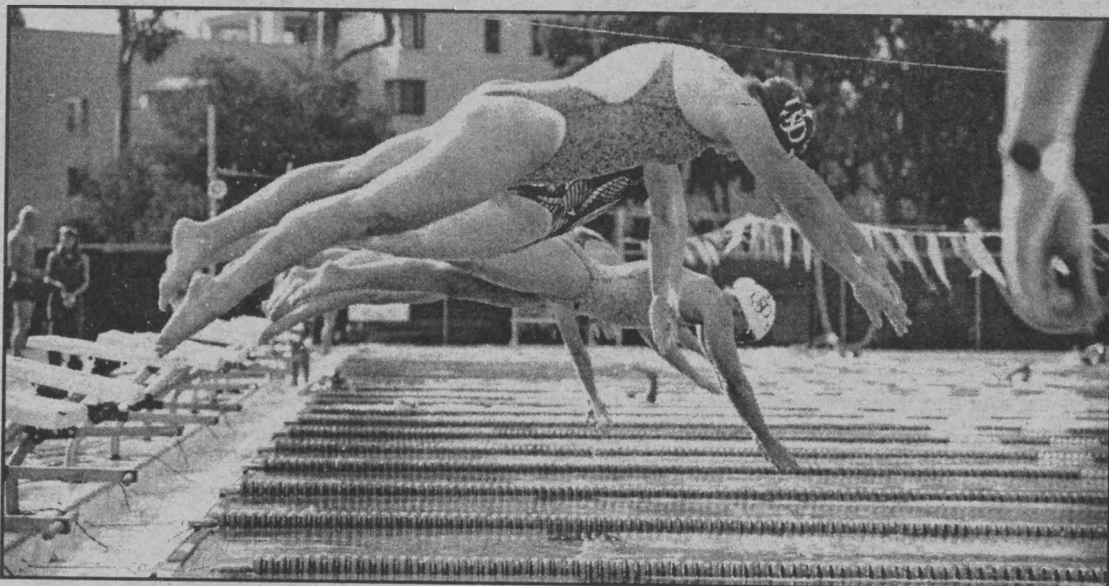
Gregg Wilson

junior Ryan Koch, who won the 1000 freestyle with a time of 9:30.35. Koch also performed well in the 200 butterfly, topping all Gauchos with a time of 1:55.31, good for a third-place finish. Senior Mike Scarcelli also turned in a strong performance, winning the 100 freestyle with a time of 46.44. However, the meet for the most part was dominated by the Golden Bears, who defeated the Gauchos, 124-76.

On Jan. 7, both teams took to the road for the first time since Dec. 4, and traveled to Los Angeles to face USC. Despite an improved effort from both sides after the Gauchos resumed their training regimen, the strength of the Trojan program proved to be too much for Santa Barbara. At the end of the day, USC had defeated UCSB's men 193-69, and the women 197-64. But despite what the scoreboard may have read, Wilson believed it was nonetheless a positive meet for UCSB.

"We had some significant swims at USC even though the score was lopsided," Wilson said. "Unfortunately, all these kids swam good times, and they came in third or fourth. It's a testament to how good USC really is."

One Gaucho who swam well enough to please Wilson was sophomore Kevin Herlihy. The Oakland native finished third in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:42.21, and also third in the 500 freestyle, clocking in with a finishing time of 4:37.02. Another



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I SEE PENNIES AT THE BOTTOM! The UCSB men's and women's swim teams were both beaten handily by USC, but will look to rebound this Saturday as the teams take to the road for a meet with University of the Pacific.

positive of the meet was the progress of the UCSB breaststrokes, led by freshman Evan Ray. In the 100 breaststroke, Ray topped all Gauchos with a time of 0:59.84 and again in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:09.29.

"We've been waiting for our breaststrokes to come through," Wilson said. "And Evan did that against USC."

The best performance from the men's side was the effort of Scarcelli, who won the 100 freestyle for the only UCSB victory of the meet for either side. Scarcelli finished with a winning time of 0:45.96 in what Wilson called "a great meet" for the senior.

On the women's side, freshman Danielle Steadman came closer than any other Gaucho to a victory with a 0:51.86 in the 100 freestyle, finishing in second by just over half a second. Steadman came even closer to a first-place finish in the 100 but-

terfly, losing by 0:00.03 with a time of 0:58.30. In the same event, sophomore Karen Snyder finished with a time of 0:59.19 and sophomore Suzy Bagg with a time of 0:59.79, marking one of the few times in recent years UCSB has had three swimmers finish in under a minute.

"USC's a really good team," Bagg said of the meet. "For us to even compete with them, we had to step it up a level, and get ourselves back in a competitive mindset."

Perhaps the most encouraging event for UCSB's women was the 400 individual medley. It was an event won by Jenny Parmenter of the Trojans, but places two through five were occupied by Gaucho swimmers. Leading the charge was freshman Tammy Pratummas, who finished with a time of 4:35.56, close to her lifetime best.

UCSB continues its rigorous stretch of competition this Saturday in Stockton, as both



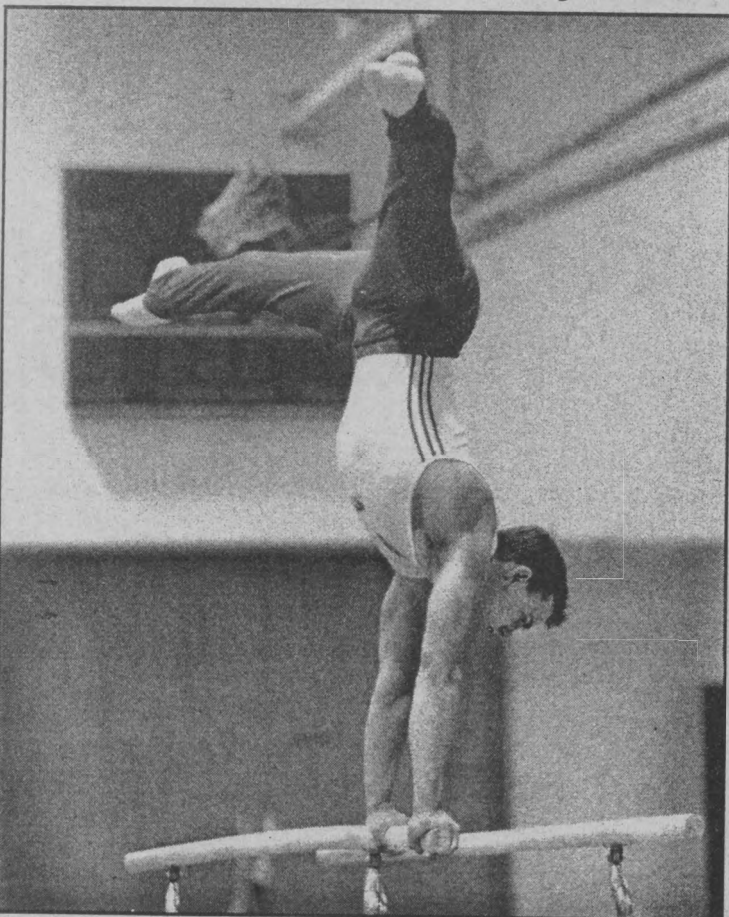
Suzy Bagg

teams travel to Pacific for an all-day meet. Wilson is stressing to his swimmers the importance of continuing to train hard and focus in preparation for the Big West championships, which are only a month away.

"In swimming, you can lose every dual meet and still win your conference championship," Wilson said. "This week we go to U of P, and I told them, you've got to be on, you've got to be ready to race. We have some challenge before us and also some good opportunities."

Gauchos Edged out by Cal in Year's First Gymnastics Meet at Rob Gym

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I PRACTICE ON KEGS: The Cal men's gymnastics team got the best of the Gauchos Sunday, but they will meet again in Berkeley this Friday.

The UCSB men's gymnastics team squared off against Cal in its first match of the year last Sunday, and despite competing with only half of a team the Gauchos still gave the Bears a good fight but ultimately lost the meet, 216.90 to 197.60.

Against Cal, which won the NCAA Championship in 1998, UCSB Head Coach Mircea Badulescu was only able to dress six of the 11 team members, seven of whom are freshmen. Despite the shortened lineup, Badulescu was still happy with his team's performance under the adverse circumstances, and was relieved that the team suffered no injuries.

"I'm always happy when everyone is healthy," Badulescu said. "We came out with everyone healthy, and we'll have a better lineup with more people for our next meet. We have time to improve."

Leading the way for the Gauchos on Sunday was freshman Donald Mahr, who had an all-around score of 49.9 and also led the team in three events: rings, vault and floor exercise. Other individual leaders were sophomore Michael Kelley (8.7 on the pommel horse), freshman Danny Levine (8.550 on the parallel bars) and sophomore Dushan Mikichi (8.2 on the high bar).

"It's good to start on a positive note," Mahr said of Sunday's meet. "But you don't want to be per-

fect, there's always room for improvement."

Of the five members that were not able to compete on Saturday, three were the team's top gymnasts, including junior Gidon Moshkovitz - who has not been heard from since he left for Israel over Christmas break - junior Cody Casey and freshman Marshall Higa. The others were ineligible because of logistical reasons with the NCAA Clearinghouse, but none were out with injuries and will look to return as soon as next weekend.

"We did well for the guys we had," Kelley said. "Some of the guys had to compete in events that they're not strong in, but we pulled it out."

The Gauchos will get another shot at the Bears when they travel to Berkeley to compete on Jan. 14, and the team is adamant that with a full roster they can compete with the Bears.

"We should be able to hang with them," Higa said. "If we are all able to compete."

Badulescu thought that his team's youth and inexperience in collegiate competition was also a reason that it wasn't performing up to its full potential on Sunday. He is looking for an improvement in practice this week, and a more positive result in this weekend's rematch with the Bears.

"Competition is a reflection of workouts," the 15-year coach said. "The freshmen have some nerves and emotions and we recognize this, and it's okay. This is the first time ever we have had a team with seven freshmen. We also have no seniors and only two juniors, so it's a very young team. They're all very good, but they're not ready."

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