

## Family Legacy

There will be a lecture on the impacts of being raised in a family with problems today at 4 p.m. in the Student Health Services Conference Room. The lecture will feature Judy Hearsom, M.S.

## Inside ...

### Outrage in Albania

Duped by an investment firm and facing a weak economy, Albanians took to protest Wednesday despite heavy police intervention.

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### Keepin' It Clean

When it comes to environmental policy, the Dutch know how it's done. Find out more!



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### Here We Go Again

It's time once again for our post-O.J. verdict editorial. Juicy.



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### Doubleheader

Both the UCSB baseball and men's basketball teams compete today. Baseball takes on Westmont at 2 p.m. while basketball faces Idaho at 7:30 p.m.



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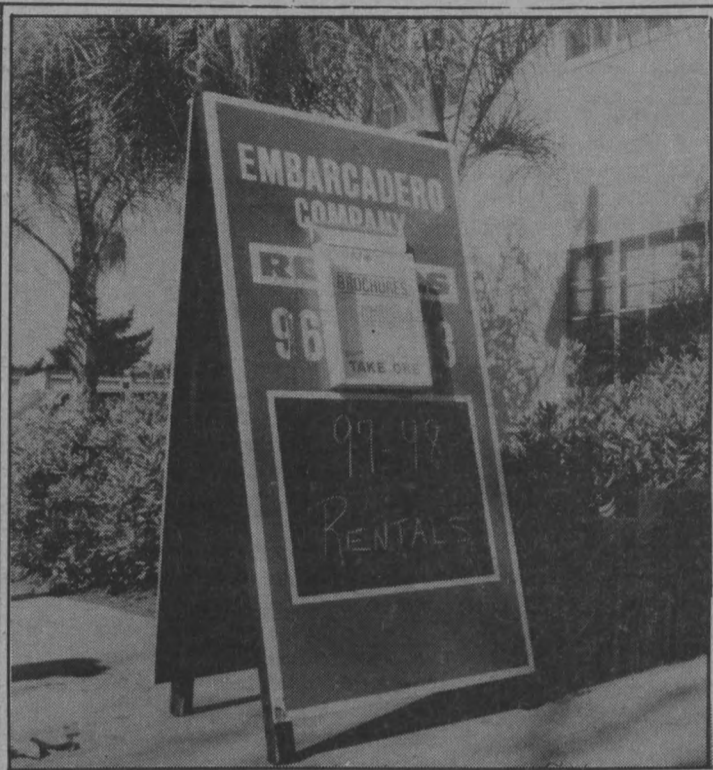
### ARTSWEEK Promises

This is the last time the Spice Girls will get fresh with you.



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The Women's Center will be hosting a confidential drop-in group discussion for all women affirming or exploring a lesbian or bisexual identity tonight at 7.



PAYAM RAHIMIN/Daily Nexus

The ever-prospering Isla Vista real-estate market is enjoying an early boom this year as students scramble to locate local lodgings.

## The Rush to Find Housing Adds to Student Worries

By Em Wengel  
Reporter

With Spring Quarter around the corner and next fall on the horizon, the impending stress associated with finding housing is only adding to many students' existing concerns over midterms, finances and social lives.

A profusion of mailers from rental agencies and constant "roommate needed" fliers serve as daily reminders for students trying to secure homes in the coming school year.

Approximately 50 people a day come into the Embarcadero Company office looking for listings, said broker Norma Geyer, who added that students really shouldn't be securing housing until March.

"We're about as busy as we were last year. In August you'll have to look hard but apartments will be available," she said.

There will be also be about 175 units available from Ron Wolfe and Associates in June, said RWA I.V. and Ellwood portfolio property supervisor Steve Houser.

"Generally every year Del Playa, ocean-view and ocean-side, are the hottest properties. They are sought out eagerly by freshmen. There are also a few

single-family homes that are being looked at because they are newer than most of the places in I.V.," he said.

The 1997 Housing Survival Guide, which lists apartments and gives rental advice, is now available at the Community Housing Office, said CHO Assistant Manager Amy Van Meter. The CHO is trying to inform potential renters about their options before they sign any papers, she said.

"Our goal is to make sure people get themselves educated first," she said.

While there are currently apartments available, some students worry this year's larger freshman class may affect rental availability in the coming weeks.

"The freshmen are ruining it for everyone. They're looking for houses far too much in advance," said junior communications major Dan Pucillo.

Sophomore political science major Amy Wittenberg agreed, adding that finding an apartment this year might be more difficult due to the number of freshmen.

"Last year I didn't find out where I was going to live until a week before I moved here," she said.

However, returning stu-

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## Students Offered New Improved I.D. Cards

By Rebecca Prather  
Reporter

The Access Card Center is currently encouraging students to exchange their old forms of student identification for new, more durable and professional-looking cards.

The center, which is located on the second floor of the UCen, is selling upgrades and replacing poorly printed cards free of charge, as well as IDs with the clear border around the edges, according to access desk employee Sara Stewart.

Upgrades cost \$5 and require the exchange of the old card, while new cards can be purchased for \$17. The access desk will remove current registration stickers and adhere them to the new cards so that new stickers do not have to be purchased, Stewart said.

"Some students are excited to get the new card because it looks better and it's new," she said. "Some people want to be the first to get it before all their friends do."

One student chose to wait in line for a new card in order to upgrade her freshman-year photo.

"I only use this card to write checks and get on the bus," said junior communications major Sarah Rodriguez. "My freshman picture looks like a spastic freak, so I just want to get a new picture."

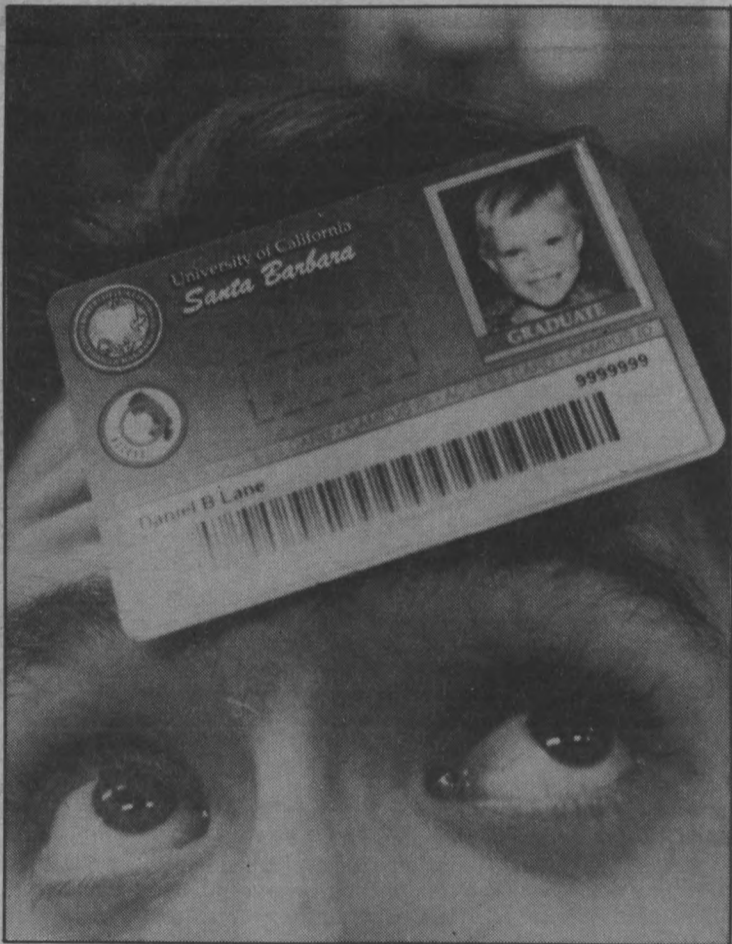
The old cards are still valid and serve essentially all the same functions as the new cards, however the access desk is encouraging students to get the new cards because the new production system is better, Stewart said.

"The old access card printer kept breaking down and the old process for making access cards was all done manually," she said. "One day the entire system just shut down and we had to close the access desk, so it was decided that new equipment was needed."

Stewart feels the new cards will benefit users because they hold up better to wear and tear.

"The new ones look more like a credit card and are a lot stur-

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DIAMEL RAMOUL/Daily Nexus

Students are encouraged to exchange their access cards for new and improved versions, an option that is garnering mixed emotions from the university community.

## Foreign Minister Discusses Educational Issues on Campus

By Sara Romain  
Reporter

A government official from Fiji spoke to students and faculty Wednesday about the country's education system and its challenges.

Fijian Minister of Education Taufa Vakatale was invited to view Santa Barbara education facilities this week as part of an effort by U.S. ambassador to Fiji Don Gevirtz to increase relations between the university and the island nation.

A small island nation in the Southern Hemisphere, Fiji only recently gained its independence from Great Britain in 1970. The Fijian education system, a legacy of the British occupation, is an exam-based system divided into primary and secondary levels. It is owned mainly by the private sector, with government funding in the form of grants, scholarships and teachers.

Vakatale, who was the first woman to serve as acting prime minister of Fiji and a member of parliament, discussed the strong racial di-

visions between the native Fijians and Indofijians, or Indians. Fijians are mostly rural people, while the Indians are more urban, causing a segregated school system.

"Fijian schools are less well-equipped and don't attract better teachers, while the Indian schools are urban and more multiracial," she said. "We encourage integration but it takes time for integration to take place."

The traditional structure of Fijian society may also be an obstacle to student success, Vakatale said.

"Fijians belong to a communal society where we have extended families," she said. "That security that Fijian communities provide is ingrained in our minds and we don't feel threatened by lack of success."

The Fijian education system now faces challenges similar to its American counterpart, such as limited funds, resources and lack of job-placement assistance, Vakatale said.

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# HEADLINERS

## Duped Albanians Riot for Repayment



**VLORA, Albania (AP)** — Police fired water cannons and plastic bullets Wednesday at thousands of Albanian protesters infuriated by the failure of another investment scheme that swallowed up their savings.

Officers fired into the air from a police van as it cruised along a boulevard of this southern port city, and masked policemen beat up one demonstrator until he lay bloody and motionless on the ground. Police also picked up stones hurled by the protesters and threw them back at the crowd. Many people were hit.

The protest began after the Gjallica investment fund, based in Vlora, announced that it would not pay investors on Thursday as it had promised when it shut its doors several weeks ago. Three other get-rich-quick schemes also have failed or had their assets seized by the government.

Protesters hit the streets Wednesday at the news of the latest failure. About 10,000 people rallied in

Vlora, some shouting "Down with [Sali] Berisha!" — the Albanian president blamed for the worst social and economic crisis since the ouster of the communists in 1991-92.

About 4,000 people moved toward the port, but were cut off by riot police. When the crowd headed back downtown,

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police opened up with water cannons.

One demonstrator, Selaudin Aliaj, 28, had returned from Greece to try to reclaim money invested in the scheme. He was beaten by masked policemen, who kicked him bloody before taking him away in a van.

The beating enraged protesters, who accused police of killing Aliaj. The Interior Ministry hurriedly issued a statement denying

anyone was killed, and said three people were hurt.

Doctors said Aliaj was treated at the Vlora hospital and released.

Throughout Albania, people gathered Wednesday around bank offices hoping to get some money. The government began reimbursing money from some of the seized funds on Wednesday.

Hundreds of thousands of Albania's 3.2 million people, for decades the

poorest in Europe, have invested their life savings or money they earned working abroad in the funds, which the government outlawed as pyramid schemes.

The schemes offered extremely high interest rates, with the first investors paid from the deposits of later investors. They eventually failed when no new investors were brought in, and later investors lost their money.

The collapsing schemes have prompted weeks of riots and political turmoil throughout Albania, and many Albanians blame Berisha's government, believing he either profited from the schemes or should have warned people of their risks.

The level of anger toward the government was reflected in a Vlora coffee shop, where about 10 people watched Prime Minister Aleksander Meksi on television Wednesday.

The same people who are desperate now initially had rejoiced at the high interest rates, Meksi said. One bystander spat at the TV set, and the rest demanded it be shut off.

On Tuesday, paybacks began in the capital, Tirana, and some other towns for people who had invested in the Populli scheme. But reimbursement was limited to 60 percent.

On Wednesday, payout from two funds began nationwide after the government said Xhaferri investors would get only 52 percent of their money. But it was not clear how much cash there was.

## State Bill Would Fund Greater Class Shrinking



**SACRAMENTO (AP)** — State school Superintendent Delaine Eastin and a group of lawmakers on Wednesday urged passage of a bill which would direct even more of California's education dollars to class-size reduction efforts.

Gov. Pete Wilson's proposed \$66.6 billion budget for the next fiscal year would spend about \$666 per pupil to help reduce class sizes in kindergarten through the third grade.

Wilson's proposal would continue a program begun in the current fiscal year which has reduced average class sizes in participating schools from about 30 students per teacher to about 20 students per teacher.

The current program spends about \$650 per pupil on class-size reduction.

Eastin and the lawmakers said they were very much in favor of continuing the program but fear that some schools are taking money out of other programs to pay for it.

"The problem is, to fully implement class-size reduction, it costs about \$800 per student," said Assemblywoman Valerie Brown (D-Kenwood), sponsor of a bill to increase state funding to that level.

"School districts have been in the unfortunate position of having to backfill that money, to the tune of about 20 percent," she said. "That means they've pulled money from their emergency services or their reserves; they've pulled money from one-time expenditures; or — and

what I think is more detrimental to the future of our kids — they've had to pull money from grades four and up." Brown's bill would spend about \$300 million more on class-size reduction efforts than proposed in Wilson's budget.

Some of the proposed increase could be covered by increased tax revenues automatically diverted to schools by Proposition 98, supporters of Brown's bill said.

Prop 98 is a 1988 amendment to the state Constitution that guarantees schools a percentage of all new revenues. Because the state's economy is doing well, tax collections are up, and thus the amount of money available for schools has increased.

But backers of Brown's bill acknowledged under questioning that any increase in Prop 98 spending on class-size reduction represents money that can't be spent on other programs.

"Whenever we specify [how money must be spent], we take some flexibility away," Brown said. "The reality is ... normally the school boards association would be up here asking for maximum flexibility. But they support us doing this." Glee Johnson, a spokesperson for the Office of Child Development and Education, said it is up to the districts to manage class-size reduction as they see fit.

"It's an incentive, not a mandate, and if districts are unhappy with the rate [of reimbursement] they don't have to implement it," Johnson said.

The administration believes the funding questions are premature, she said.

"A lot of districts haven't implemented the program yet, and those that have have only been at it six months or so," Johnson said.

## DNA, Prints Catch Oklahoma Murder-Rapist in California



**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)** — A convicted rapist wanted for murder in the deaths of five women whose bound, gagged and stabbed bodies were found in a drug house in 1992 has been arrested in California, police said Wednesday.

Police and FBI agents in San Jose, Calif., arrested Danny Keith Hooks, 38,

shortly before midnight Tuesday in a hotel lobby.

The five women were found in one room of an Oklahoma City drug house that one of the women was renting. Hooks was mentioned once in the many reports on the investigation but was never a suspect, police Chief Sam Gonzales said.

Police got a break in the

case last week when California authorities called to say that a DNA sample found at the crime scene matched one that Hooks gave in California. Police then linked a bloody palm print found at the scene with a print taken from Hooks in a drunken driving arrest in Oklahoma.

Last week, Hooks was charged with five counts of murder in the slayings of Sandra Thompson, 35, Phyllis Adams, 47, Lashawn Evans, 30, Caro-

lyn Watson, 37, all of Spencer, and Fransill Roberts, 34, of Midwest City.

Hooks was booked into the Santa Clara County jail and Oklahoma officials will seek to have him brought back to the state to face the murder charges.

Hooks, a transient with relatives in Oklahoma, went to prison in California in 1988 for rape, kidnapping and assault with a deadly weapon. He was released in 1991.

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## Weather

Many times in the course of daily happenings, the going-ons of daily life can get convoluted, misinterpreted, altered, doctored and sometimes even presented as truthful.

Though it may be hard for the audience to truly separate fact from fictional fact, it is essential to weave through the elusive and masturbatory politician-style vernacular to get to the real deal. So today and in the following days, I offer some clues to look for when dissecting a farcical message.

Tip #1: The definitions of words change to fit the situation. For example, "tagging" is a way to leave your calling card of sorts where you want people to see it. The Greeks "tag" each other's houses as a part of a standing tradition within their system.

It must be noted that it is *their* tradition and for an outsider to partake in it would diminish its sacredness and trivialize its purpose. Perpetrators simply justify their unwanted graffiti as "tagging," as if they were part of this tradition. What an insult!

More tomorrow.





# Lecturer Discusses Pollution in U.S. and Europe

By Rabia Shirazi  
Reporter

Students and faculty gathered to hear a lecture on new approaches to environmental policy in the IHC Conference Room Wednesday.

Resource Renewal Institute president and former California Secretary of Resources Huey D. Johnson explained to the audience the environmental issues raised in his book *Green Plans*.

Johnson began his lecture with a brief overview of the critical issues in his book, inspired by the Netherlands' National Environmental Policy Plan, which he feels the United States should also adopt.

"Humanity knows enough to solve environmental problems. It is within our grasp, but the problem has a complex solution and that's what *Green Plans* is about," he said.

The NEPP regulates environmental laws through government enforcement so that no business or individual can add to the expansive resource depletion in the nation, according to Johnson.

The Dutch government has a system which holds the public accountable for contamination, Johnson said.

"They know where all their pollution is coming from through [information in a] central database. A very powerful tool that [the United States is] missing and needs," he said.

The Dutch government's strict enforcement of pollution laws also contributes to its low contamination rate, Johnson said.

"The Netherlands has the most restricted environmental policy in the world," he said. "The Dutch use enforcements including heavy fines and jail sentences if a company is found guilty of polluting."

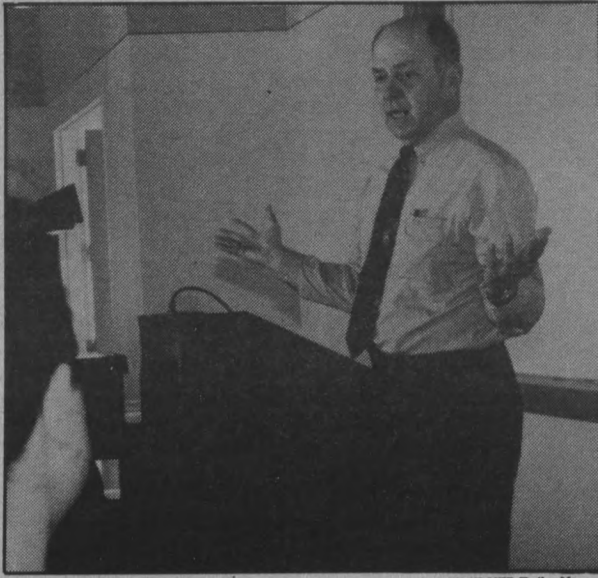
Johnson feels these strict laws contribute to the success of the Netherlands' environmental policy.

"They have had a reduction in SO2 emissions by 70 percent, in NOx emissions by 30 percent, an increase in recycling from 50 percent to 70 percent and a return of 10 percent of prime agriculture lands back to wetlands," Johnson said.

Although more industrialized than the Netherlands, the U.S. will be able to achieve its policies if it imitates the Dutch environmental plan, Johnson said.

"For 35 years, every policy to improve environmental laws has been opposed, but the problem is real. We must be like [the Dutch] and reverse our policies," he said. "We are just as capable of managing our resources as the Dutch. Maybe even more."

Improvements toward environmental policies have already begun in the U.S. and Johnson is hopeful the



BRYAN SILVER/Daily Nexus

A former California secretary of Resources discussed contamination policies at a lecture Wednesday.

trend will continue.

"Businesses like Hewlett-Packard are so clean — it's phenomenal. This is a remarkable time of change," he said, "We can expect more improvement."

Johnson believes the best way to encourage future improvement is to reach out to the public, especially the younger generations.

"To succeed, you have to have the public behind you, and if you get the young people aroused it's done," he said.

Johnson ended his lecture by asserting his conviction that the U.S. will change its policies and model them after the NEPP.

"I absolutely believe [that] the U.S. will follow the example of the Dutch because it has clearly improved the quality of the environment. We look to Holland and we can see the future," he said.

Students in the audience were impressed by Johnson's lecture and found his optimism to be contagious.

"I thought [the lecture] was great. Johnson offers a lot of optimism toward his goals," said Cal Poly San Luis Obispo environmental planning graduate student Shari Wilbarger.

The lecture also had senior environmental studies major Jenny Mailhot feeling hopeful about the future.

"I was surprised at what was said because [the policies] can relate so quickly into U.S. policy," she said. "Hopefully, within the next few years, it will happen."

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# Unlocking the M

> A Candid Interview by Erin Vosti and Sha

## Shannon Dorgan and Erin Vosti

In our capacity as Nexus columnists, we feel compelled to bridge the gender gap and expose the pervasive stereotypes existing between men and women for what they are: falsehoods.

Last week, we were struck by a brilliant idea: We would gather a group of men together in a neutral environment (Erin's house) and uncover the softer, more sensitive side of men that we know in our hearts exists. This, we thought, would let our female readers know that men are not all bastard pigs.

What did we learn? The symposium members were traumatized by the activities of the evening — their repressed animosity toward women manifested itself in our forum via their refusal to speak. Our conclusion: They are socially inept, destined to spend the rest of their lives sad and alone. Burn in hell, boys.

Actually, the evening was very enlightening, and we were proud of the participants: They were eloquent, engaging and candid. They altered our perspective and cleared up a lot of misconceptions that society some-

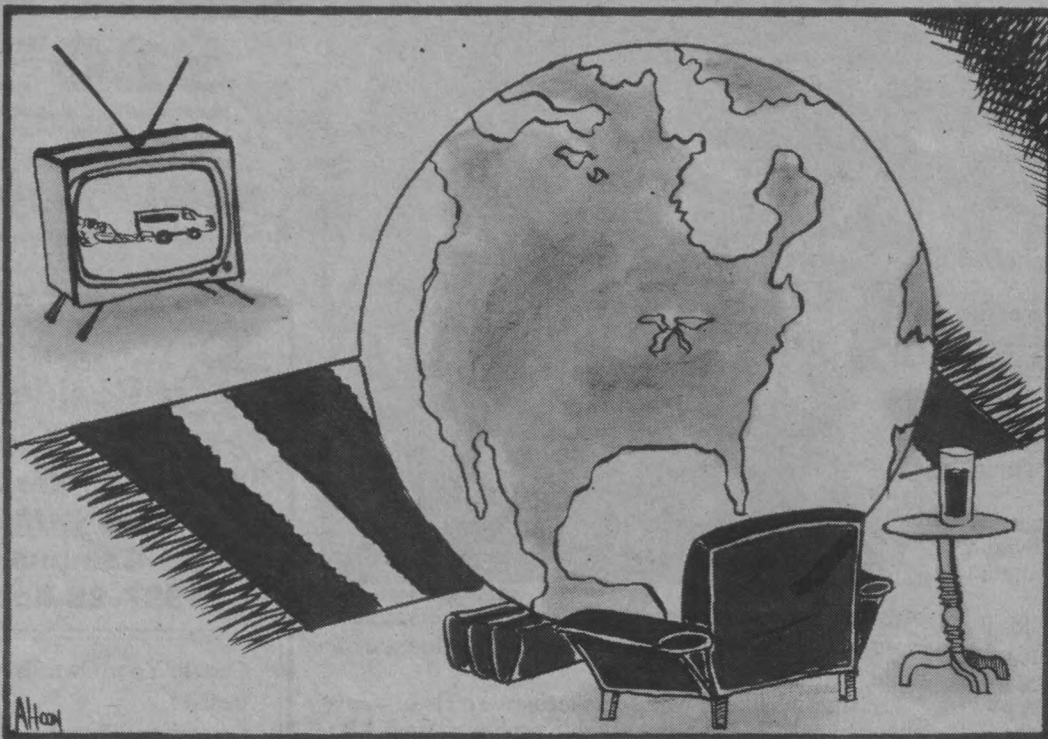
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# Pulp (Non)Fiction

## Simpson Saga Exposes the Sordid Side of America

It took more than three years, but that twisted car wreck on the highway of American consciousness — the O.J. Simpson affair — has at long last been cleared away.

In one final burst of chutzpah, amid rumors that the leader of the free world was reduced to waiting in the wings until the verdict was read, the president's annual State of the Union speech lurched forward on schedule, only to be preempted by a 12-member chorus of "Guilty." And so a nation of rubberneckers can now pry their eyes from the grisly mess of celebrity, murder and the media and get moving again. The Simpson trials are over — at least, for a year or two.

But meanwhile, as we pause now for intermission and the lawyers prepare to file the inevitable appeal, let's reflect on what the whole sick show has given us so far:

1. *O.J. killed the news.* Three years ago, there used to be a thing called quality news coverage. Granted, some said it had fallen ill. Today, thanks to O.J., it's dead, dead, dead.

Today, we have seen the Bronco chase as it happened, then on tape, then on *Seinfeld*. Today we have seen in-depth analyses of Marcia Clark's hair and wardrobe, and reenactments of the civil trial on "E!" And Kato — don't forget about Kato.

Three years and more of the media spoonfeeding the public minutiae and tripe until nobody could tell whether we were addicted to swallowing it or they were addicted to dishing it out. Three years and more of the line between the news and entertainment being blurred beyond recognition. *Entertainment Tonight* scooping the nightly news. Gerardo's career revived.

Thank you, O.J.

2. *O.J. killed justice.* Now we have two

trials, two verdicts, two camps of true believers bitterly divided, two victims that are just as dead as ever and no sense of closure. Is there anyone, after being exposed to all this, that believes in lawyers? In the police? In equal justice under the law?

Thank you, O.J.

3. *O.J. killed politics.* Granted, the American people's interest in politics has been limping along for years, but what happened last night cut that interest off at the knees.

Does anyone know what the president said last night? What's ahead in the next four years? What, if you are an ally of Clinton, to fight for, or, if an opponent, to root against? Does anyone care about education or the drug war or foreign policy or the deficit or social security or a thousand other things in the face of O.J.?

Thank you, O.J.

4. *O.J. killed the '90s.* Our parents have important things like assassinations of crucial leaders, moon landings and wars as touchstones for their generation. In 20 years, what will we most likely remember as the defining moment of our generation — the fall of communism, the Challenger explosion, or a white Bronco?

Thank you, O.J., thank you, O.J., and again, thank you O.J.

Perhaps we are too rough on the Juice. If so, it's because we've been so awash in the sordid tide of his story — a story that encompasses all the dents and the dross in the shining orb of the American dream, all the racism, the sexism, the brutality and boorishness, the gilded sheen of celebrity — that "O.J." has come to signify not only the man himself, guilty or innocent, but everyone and everything around us.

Sadly, tragically, truly, our society is all about O.J. And we can't stop watching ourselves.

## The Reader's Voice

### IT'S ALL ABOUT CAMPAIGN REFORM

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I read with great amusement the fabricated "debate" between the two sides of our political system's coin.

Here's what the two articles established: Newt broke ethics laws and hardly got punished for it. But our president hasn't played politics by the rules either, and arguably committed more egregious violations. Therefore, Newt isn't as ethically bankrupt as most of America thinks he is. With all that banter said, let's move on to the larger issues that these two articles expose.

The overarching take-home message from the antics of Bill and Newt is that politics is currently fairly corrupt, and vulnerable to public scrutiny. Money has played a large role in both leaders' recent public-relations debacles, and it doesn't surprise me one bit. Cash flows into these men's war chests like Niagara Falls, and the political system is flooded with big-money fat cats looking to buy some influence. Regular folks' concerns like the environment, higher education or consumer rights are a rickety barrel taking the plunge over the cascade of cash.

Some flimsy rules exist at the federal level to limit huge contributions, but because we've grown into a system that emphasizes money in elections (96 percent of the time the candidate with the

most money wins), our leaders are forced into finding creative ways to skirt the regulations. It just happens that both Bill and Newt got caught.

It doesn't really matter who violated the public trust and spirit of democracy more as long as we realize that every politician is at the mercy of special interests who will give or withhold contributions depending on a candidate's willingness to compromise his or her principles (and their constituents' concerns). Everybody in office is courting big money donors to win their election, and that invariably leads to votes spinning away from the wishes of the general electorate.

Who broke what law, when and to what degree is not the matter that should concern us the most. We need to

explore at a more fundamental circumstances that lead to situations. If we look to the true will not be implicating Bill or rather big money.

To frame the "debate" as the right is artificial, for in they're both bedfellows at the day with big money. Neither strong advocate of higher funding. Neither the right on pushing for uncompromised of our environment, wildlife a resources.

Rest assured, however, "sides" take special interests' to heart. Enough about the right left. It's time we start discussing truth.

NELS BJO

# OPINION

"I'll play it first and tell you what is later."

—Miles Davis

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ST CALL

# The Mysteries of Man

and Shannon Dorgan With Five Guys. Prepare Yourself.

perpetuates unfairly. Who were these guys, anyway? Five guys were (names have been changed to protect their integrity): Maxx, age 22; Alan, age 25; Marlow, age 24; Ezra, age 28 — all students. And Rod, age 24, who has a girlfriend for 3½ years. Some were students, some professionals, but all had an interesting view of life. We want to tell you what was revealed. **Our Ideal Woman: Shannon or**

Hallelujah!

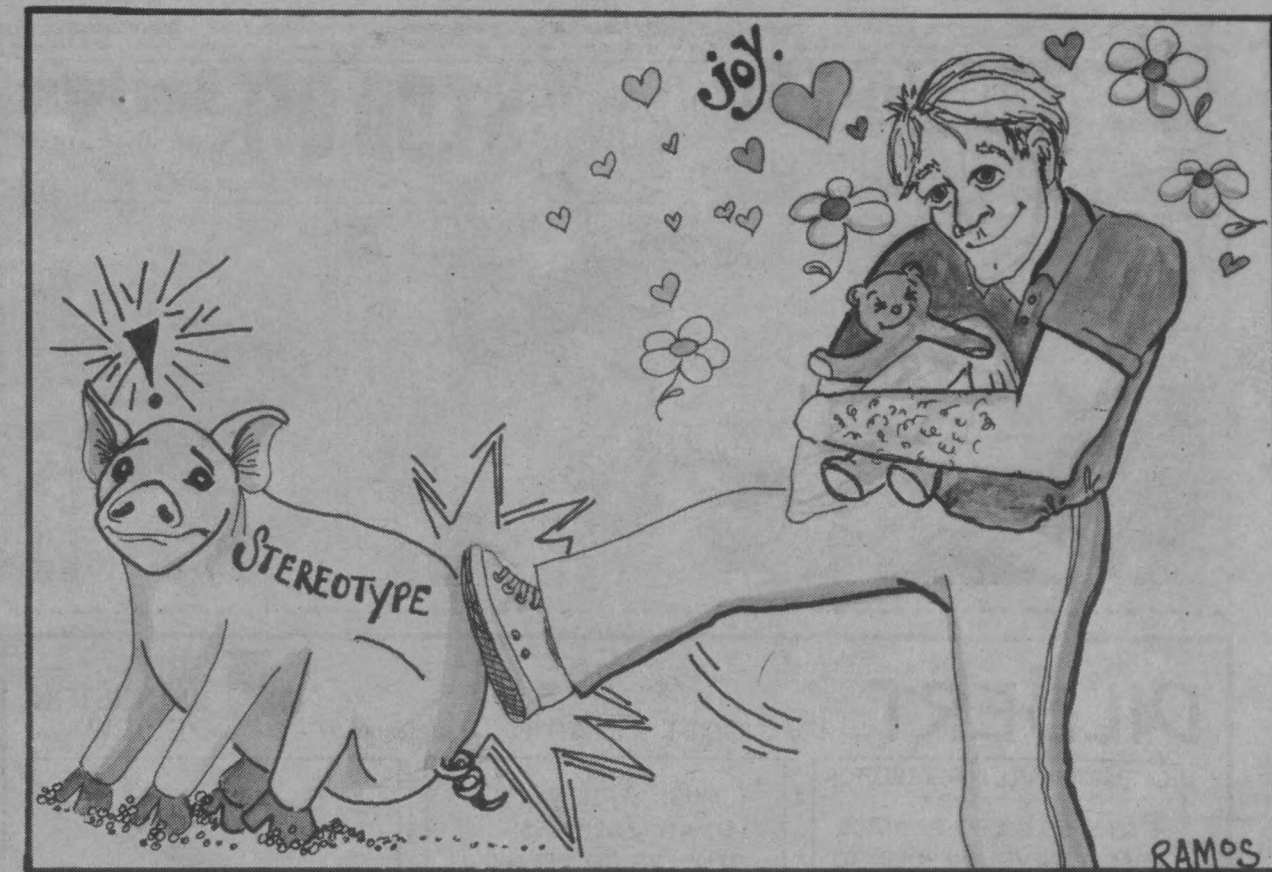
### The Big Pick-Up: Are Those Space Pants You're Wearing? Cause Your Butt Is Outta This World!

Perry said he never approaches women at bars. "I feel like I'm invading their space. They didn't go out to get picked up on," he claimed. "They went out to be social." Rod added that when men are too aggressive at bars it bothers him, saying, "Women obviously don't like it, but the guy has got these blinders on."

They all agreed that it's not appropriate to touch a girl in a suggestive way when you first meet them. Alan contended that it is easy for a guy to annoy a girl with his domineering behavior.

But sometimes it's hard to even approach a woman, let alone be aggressive with her. All the guys were in agreement about the difficulties of starting a conversation with a girl they are interested in — without coming on too strong.

Maxx recalled an especially harrowing moment at the supermarket, where a girl said hello in the check-out line. Looking in her basket to say something witty about her purchases, he noticed she was only buying batteries. "I said, 'So, you're buying



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batteries!' but I had nothing else to say, so I said, 'Alkaline is really good, but lithium will last forever,' ... and you go on and on, and now she thinks I'm a creep because I know so much about batteries."

### "I Live My Life Like Swingers"

We asked the group which stereotypes about men they hated most. They became very animated. Alan got

tense as he reiterated loudly that men don't just want "one thing," that thing being sex, of course.

Marlow also thought it was a misnomer that men can't understand certain things like menstruation — we just rolled our eyes. Perry said that not all guys look for big-breasted women. Ezra says that conversation doesn't automatically mean flirta-

tion. But how does Ezra feel about love? Does Alan believe in destiny? Do Perry and Marlow value looks over intelligence? Will Shannon and Erin change course and decide against the convent? Tune in next week when we delve deeper into the male psyche.

Shannon Dorgan and Erin Vosti are columnists for the Daily Nexus.

# Expected to Represent Everyone in My Ethnic/Gender Group?

Questions Why Her Opinion is Supposedly Indicative of Millions of People in an Underrepresented Group — Is A Double Standard At Work?

you think?" Funny, but they are not really asking me what I think. They are asking me to be the interpreter of the thoughts and ideas of millions of other people.

won't write papers on race or gender because that's what's expected of me.

I'll never forget a history class I took my freshman year. I was talking to this guy who was in my class about my paper topic. Before I

wouldn't have thought twice about this statement, except this was a person I considered to be a relatively enlightened and intelligent man.

I can't even count the times I have been

body else to be able to explain the opinions and experiences of other people. I can only speak for myself.

It all fits into this generalizing, pigeonholing trend that I don't like. The idea that all people are unique and hold varying and valuable opinions seems to have been squelched by society's need to categorize people, not only by their color or sex, but by their thoughts as well.

I don't want to be the representative of any culture — I can only express my own voice. When people take what I or anybody else says as a proclamation on behalf of other people like me, it negates my right to be an individual, to have my own opinion that is unique, and essentially robs some of the richness of life that comes from many perspectives.

I think what it ultimately comes down to is people in general want to know what other people think, and they want to be exposed to new ideas. The problem is just that they are too lazy to take the time to find out for themselves. They want it predigested and packaged into a neat little pill that they can swallow easily.

Well I don't want to be anybody's daily dose of soul, culture or whatever you want to call it. Life is not a clean package. If you need or want to know something, explore for yourself and experience the diversity that is around you. Expecting people to filter the perspectives of others only makes you miss out.

Davia Gray is features editor for the Daily Nexus.



VINCENT LUCIDO/Daily Nexus

It's like there is this pressure for me to accurately represent every minority, and that is obviously impossible. And what is even worse is that in some cases it's expected that all I can think or write about are issues of gender or color. It's gotten to the point that I

could say anything he said, "You're probably just going to write on that one question about the women."

Now what exactly was that supposed to mean? That the only thing I am capable of writing about are "women's issues"? Now I

asked by friends doing papers to represent the minority voice, the female voice, or whatever voice they happen to think I best embody. And while I appreciate and encourage others' attempts to gain a broader cultural perspective, it's not fair to expect me or any-

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## NEWT KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING

Editor, Daily Nexus:

While I commend Woody Clark (Daily Nexus, "Column Right," Feb. 4) on his knowledge and interest in the Newt Gingrich scandal, I'm sorry to say that he has completely missed the point.

The problem began when Woody assumed that Newt's betrayal of the American people began and ended with him simply "teaching a class." To make him out to be a mere teacher creates an inaccuracy, as he is also third in line to the presidency. As speaker of the House of Representatives, his job is to do just

that — REPRESENT. I hardly think that lying to a committee whose sole job is to judge the ethics of our leaders is representative of the American people.

To say that, "only after the fact did he find out that using the funds was an illegal act," is absurd. Thirty years in politics, in which he has served as minority whip and speaker, and he didn't know that using his political action committee, GOPAC, to fund a partisan activity was highly illegal?

Not coincidentally, his college course at the center of the controversy paralleled his goal to get Republican candidates elected to Congress. Considering the fact that the rest of us learned of the illegality of such activities in Political Science 12, I'm sure someone told him along the way.

If this strict judgement and regulation of his actions as speaker seem too harsh or nitpicky, talk to Newt himself. He was the one who placed the high standards on the speakership when, in 1989, he was the lead advocate in urging Speaker Jim Wright to step down in the wake of a less distinctive scandal.

Woody also brings up two more recent scandals, incidents involving Jim McDermott and Dick Morris. Yes, eavesdropping on cellular phone conversations and having a prostitute listen in on a phone call to the president are highly immoral and downright dirty activities. But the huge difference between these two disgraced politicians and the disgraced speaker is that Morris and McDermott were willing to step down

from their respective posts.

They recognized that the faith of the American people was more important than their own status in American politics. Newt felt it more important to lead his crusade as a self-defined "teacher of the rules of civilization" (Washington Post, Jan. 27). Will someone please remind Newt Gingrich that he was not divinely instituted as speaker of the House?

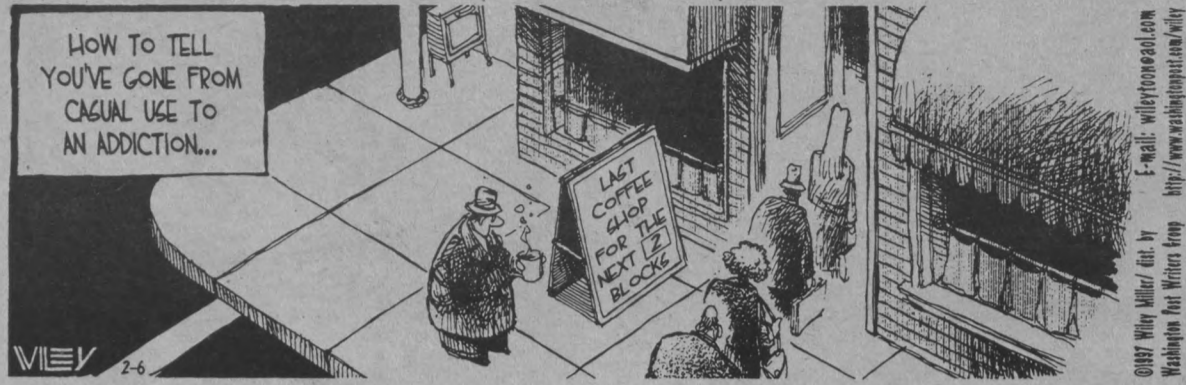
Again I applaud Woody's knowledge of the situation at hand, but unfortunately he has followed Newt's pointing finger and believed that everyone should be blamed but the speaker himself.

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dents have other options than living in I.V., said Residence Halls Association Treasurer Amber Willey. RHA offers a variety of dormitory arrangements that are guaranteed to returning students, as well as many other advantages over living off-campus.

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The Community Housing Office will be holding several informational programs in February and a rental fair on March 5, Van Meter said. The information sessions will be held Feb. 11 in the formal lounges of San Miguel Residence Hall at 7:30 p.m. and Anacapa Residence Hall at 8:30 p.m., Feb. 12 in San Nicolas at 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 18 in Santa Rosa at 7:30 p.m. and in San Rafael at 8:30 p.m.

## FIJI

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"An increasing challenge for the nation is to improve the alignment between the education system and the job market," she said.

Interested in the similar education problems faced by the two nations, UCSB Dean of Education Jules Zimmer wished to find what each could learn from the other.

"The main purpose was to really give a perspective on Fijian education, and what we can bring out of it is some of the issues that we struggle with in the

U.S., such as how to resolve the issues of educational equity and access," he said.

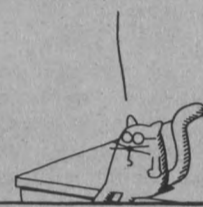
The talk offered a chance for education students to learn about education systems in another country, according to Graduate School of Education Assistant Professor Mary E. Brenner.

"I think as American educators we have a lot to learn from the way other countries deal with education issues," she said. "We could learn from the way they handle things and at the same time our education system is advanced in many ways and we can share that with them."

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dier," she said. "The old ones were laminated and kept falling apart."

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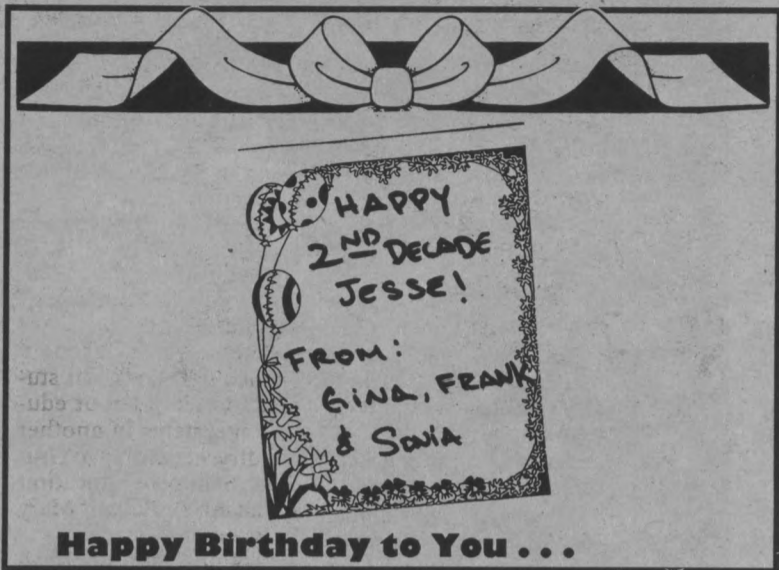
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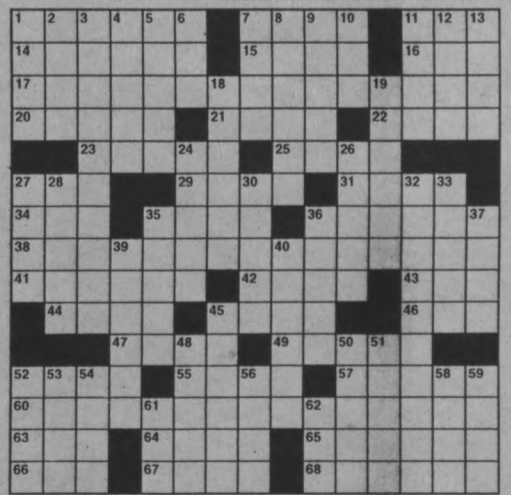


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## Vandals Invade T-Dome on a Tear; UCSB Looks to End Losing Streak

By Yier Shi  
Staff Writer

After a grueling road sequence in which it went 0-4, the UCSB men's basketball team will finally be able to regroup at home today against the University of Idaho at 7:30 p.m.

The contest will mark the first of four consecutive home dates at the Thunderdome for the squad, culminating in an eagerly anticipated, ESPN-televized game vs. division-leading University of the Pacific Feb. 13.

"It's nice to be at home," said Santa Barbara Head Coach Jerry Pimm. "The road is tough in this conference because everyone is pretty even in strength. Teams tend to play better at home."

The Gauchos (7-11, 2-6 in the Big West) can certainly use the home cooking as they are 0-9 this year away from the Thunderdome.

With the exception of junior guard Raymond Tutt, most of the UCSB players have struggled in recent games. Tutt, who is aver-

aging 22.6 points per game, has been the lone player to score in double figures three of the last six games.

"We enter all the games with the intention of moving the basketball," Pimm said. "We want to get to an open man and get the best shot we can. I'm hoping we can step up and do that as a team."

Santa Barbara, however, might have to accomplish that feat without its co-captains tonight. Both senior guard Bakir Allen and junior forward Kealon Wallace are questionable for the game against the Vandals (10-11, 3-5).

Allen, who was hit twice in the head during games last week, was knocked in the nose again at practice this week. X-rays show that he has a fractured bone in his nose and will likely miss tonight's game. Wallace is still nursing a hamstring pull that has plagued him the last few weeks.

Neither player practiced Wednesday and Pimm said he will determine their playing status prior to tip-off tonight.

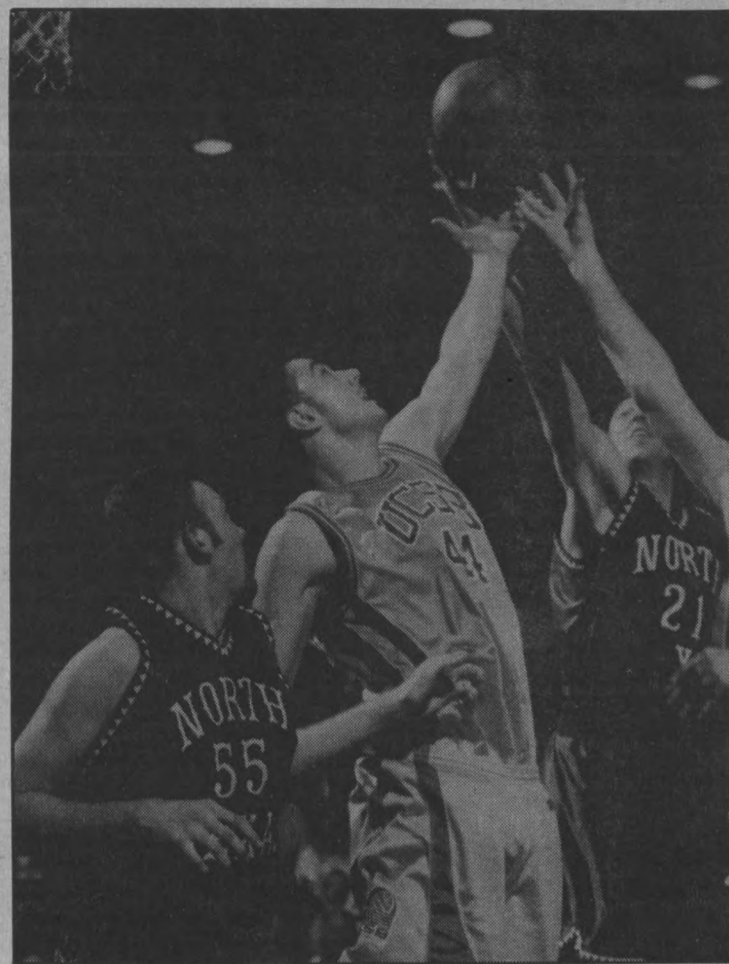
"I think I'm going to play," Wallace said. "It's just been aggravating me a little. I feel I needed to get it treated."

Possibly being without the services of Allen and Wallace will make the task against Idaho even tougher for the Gauchos. The Vandals come to the Thunderdome on a tear, winning three straight conference games.

Much like the Santa Barbara offense, one player clearly leads Idaho. Senior Jason Jackman has led his team in scoring six of its last eight contests. He is averaging 17.9 ppg, six points more than the next highest scorer on the team.

"Jackman is a very skilled post player," Pimm said. "He can shoot facing the basket and drive to the basket. He is also an excellent rebounder."

The Vandals also feature one of the best three-point shooters in the Big West in junior guard Kris Baumann. Baumann is averaging 9.5 ppg, while hitting .363 percent from downtown.



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**ROAD KILL:** After losing four road games, the UCSB basketball team will welcome Idaho to the Thunderdome tonight.

## Westmont Meets Ex-Coach for First Time

By Yier Shi  
Staff Writer

On the surface, the UCSB baseball game against nearby Westmont College today appears to be just another typical affair. However, this is far from the truth.

For one, the game will be a reunion of sorts for first-year Santa Barbara Assistant Coach John Kirkgard, who was the head coach of the Westmont Warriors for the past eight seasons.

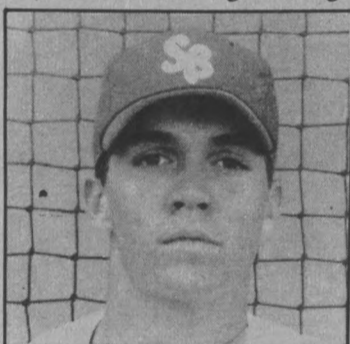
"It's a big game for them," said UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema. "With Coach Kirkgard being here, I'm sure they will play extra hard. Their numbers are almost godlike."

Westmont enters today's game at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium with a record of 2-0. The Warriors have scored 33 runs in two games while allowing the opposition only three.

The game will also be important for the future of the Gauchos (4-3), as it will mark the first collegiate start for fresh-

man pitcher Barry Zito.

The left-handed Zito has been impressive in eight innings of work spanning three games — giving up only seven hits and three runs. But perhaps more impressively, Zito has struck out 16 batters in those eight innings



Barry Zito

— including a stretch of nine consecutive outs by strikeouts.

"It's the same mindset for me to start," Zito said. "I'll just put the ball on the right spots. I never go look for strikeouts."

The coaching staff is also hoping that Zito will not let the momentous occasion interfere with his pitching.

"We're hoping that he can get over his butterflies," Brontsema said. "There's going to be some excitement for him, but we hope it's in our favor."

Zito's nervousness could be alleviated with the improvement of the Santa Barbara defense and high output on the offensive end.

Although UCSB has committed 21 errors in its first seven games, that number is steadily decreasing. The Gauchos made a season-low one miscue on Tuesday against Cal State Northridge.

"It's a situation where we've had more practice," Brontsema said. "There shouldn't be any five-error games — at least, I hope we won't have them anymore."

The offense is led by senior first baseman David Willis, who had eight hits in the last two games. Junior Justin Baler is leading the regulars with a .455 batting average.

The game will be at 2 p.m., with a live broadcast on 91.9 KCSB-FM.

## UCSB Women's Water Polo Preview

By Morgan G. Williams  
Reporter

Coming off its inaugural season when it finished eighth in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, the UCSB women's water polo team will open its 1997 season on Saturday against USC.

After struggling through the opening half of last season, the Gauchos closed out the year on a positive note, placing fifth in the conference tournament. Despite losing three players to graduation, the team looks strong with a number of veterans returning.

Junior driver Carly Jones and senior utility player Keri Santos enter the season after competing on the National "B" Team over the summer. Jones had nothing but good things to say about her time with the "B" Team.

"Playing on the team was a really good experience," Jones said. "It was brutal and very physical but it makes you very excited to come back and play with your team."

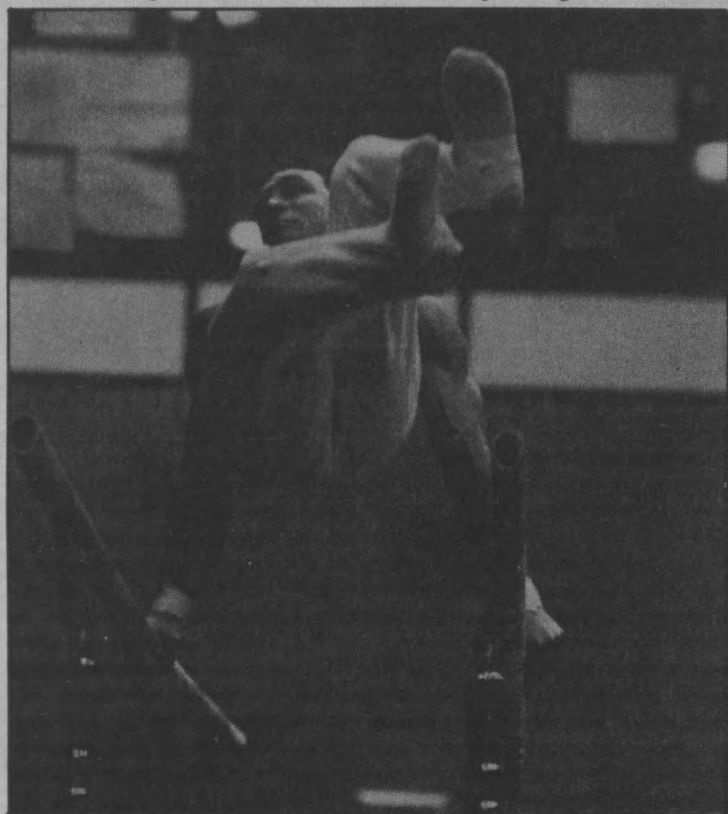
Adding to the attack is a talented group of newcomers who are expected to contribute this season. "They're fiery and quick. They add spark to the team," Jones said.

While the offense should improve, Santa Barbara's main strength will be defense. The Gauchos are capable of running a variety of defenses, but Coach Joe O'Brien feels that the press will be the most effective against the other teams in the league.

"We'll press until we've seen the other team's personnel," O'Brien said. "Then we'll make adjustments."

As is the case with most teams at the beginning of the season, the women are anxious to start playing games. "We're all excited," said sophomore driver Juli Monahan.

O'Brien knows that the first few games of the season will be a test for his team. "Our strengths and weaknesses will be exposed, but we will adjust as the season progresses," he said. "We want to be playing our best at the end of the year."



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**SWING LOW:** A UCSB gymnast completes his parallel-bar routine in the recent meet against UCLA and San Jose State.

## Gymnasts' Season Off to Hot Start; Santa Barbara Stuns UCLA in Tie

By Ramon Moore  
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The UCSB men's gymnastics team made the most of its recent home meet on Saturday as the Gauchos managed a tie with perennial power UCLA.

With only four returning gymnasts and six newcomers, Santa Barbara had a lot of questions entering the season. However, after a fourth-place finish at the Spartan Invitational in San Jose two weeks ago, things began to look up for the squad.

Leading the way for UCSB in San Jose was junior co-captain Thomas Hyland, who placed third on the rings during the individual finals.

On Saturday, Santa Barbara hosted its first of two home

meets this season and stunned many with a first-place tie with the Bruins while San Jose State finished third. The Gauchos relied on junior Paul Mendoza and Hyland to lead the team to 207.7 points while UCLA looked to Steve McCain to tie the score. SJSU was a close third with 201.1 points.

Following the meet UCSB Head Coach Mircea Badulescu was pleased with his team's performance.

"It's better to share a win than have a loss," Badulescu said.

In the individual events, Mendoza claimed first place on the parallel bars and placed second in the all-around (51.55) and vault (9.20). Hyland once again succeeded on the rings as he took the top spot with a 9.25.

Other top Gaucho gymnasts included junior Gray Wetzler, who finished third in the all-

around (51.30), and sophomore Josh Nelson, who placed second in the floor exercise (9.50) and parallel bars (8.85).

The star of the meet, however, was McCain, who finished first in the all-around with 54.40 points. McCain also captured top scores in the floor (9.50), pommel horse (9.25) and vault (9.70) events.

This weekend Santa Barbara travels to Tempe, Ariz. for a meet against the Air Force Academy on Friday and the Southwest Cup on Saturday.

UCSB returns home March 1 for its final home meet of the season when it hosts the Gold's Gym Challenge in the Events Center.

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