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Groucho Marx

Inspiring millions to grow a unibrow in his day and even now, Groucho Marx would have turned 99 years old today.

INSIDE:

Livin' Large

Learn more about the roles of the students that represent you. The final installment of the trilogy.

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Big as Life and Twice as ...

Back to our full two-page spread, Nexus Opinion looks around and spies ... nary a tram letter to be found. Today, at least.

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New World Order

Hip-hop represented at KCSB, Part II of Graham blur, "The Tempest" and the return of the clap, sort of.



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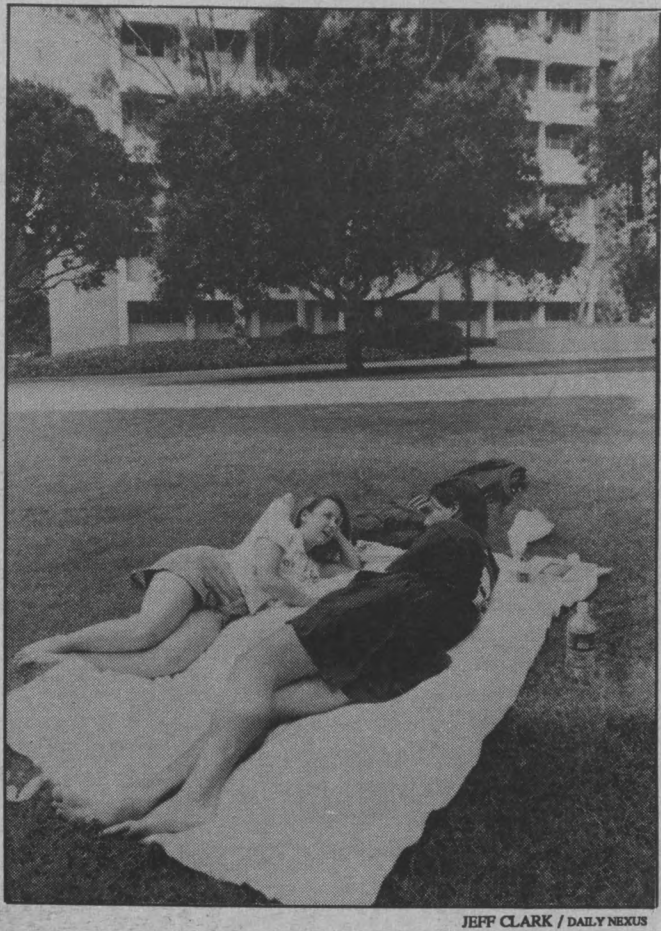
Victory!

The UCSB women's soccer team notched its second win of the year with a 1-0 shutout over St. Mary's College.

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Zen Sitting

A Zen sitting group meeting will be held tonight from 6:30-8:30 in Girvetz 2110.



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Lounge Lizards:

Two students take time from their busy schedules to relax and contemplate the deeper meaning of life outside Ellison Hall.

Final Stages Reached in Off-Coast Cleanup

By SARA ROMAIN
Staff Writer

Cleanup efforts in the Platform Irene oil spill are scheduled to conclude today.

Oil that leaked from the 120-foot deep pipeline spread over a 9-square-mile area from Surf Beach to Purisima Point, injuring and killing birds in the area, according to California Dept. of Fish and Game spokesperson Steve Martarano.

"[At] last update, 50 birds were affected. Twenty-three were found dead and 27 are still alive," he said. No injured mammals have been discovered.

Due to favorable weather patterns, the oil came ashore mostly on sandy beaches, where there are less living organisms and it is easier to clean, said Steven Gaines, UCSB associate professor of ecology, evolution and marine biology.

"It was really lucky because it was an incredibly calm day when it happened," he said. "[The spill] was centered around Surf Beach. There's a little estuary there and the oil has gotten into the estuary.

Depending on how much oil gets in there and [in] what form, that could be more of a problem."

A rupture in the line four miles off the coast dispersed between 200-500 barrels — equating to 8,400-21,000 gallons — of crude oil into the ocean at 11 p.m. Sunday. Authorities discovered the leak when the platform shut off at midnight due to a dramatic drop in pressure, according to Steve Burke, public information officer for Torch Operating Co.

"There was a separation of the pipeline where there was a flange that connects two lines," he said.

Offshore cleanup efforts concluded Wednesday morning when the Coast Guard, after collecting over 200 barrels, declared there to be no more recoverable oil, according to Art Boehn, public relations director for Torch Operating Co. Beach cleanup is expected to be completed today. Boehn said.

"In the ocean part they have boats that skim the heavy concentration of oil off the water and contain it in boons," he said. "When it

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Loud Music in Plaza May Be Restricted

By ETHAN CHILDRESS
Reporter

A proposed limitation on the number of campus events in Storke Plaza is being debated as a new campus regulation due to class and office disturbances.

Under the old regulations the plaza could be used for events such as concerts and speeches five days a week from 12-1 p.m. The proposed regulations would limit the number of all amplified and unamplified events to two days a week.

Carolyn Buford, acting director for the Campus Activities Center, explained that teachers and students alike wanted to see the change enacted.

"This idea came up after Rock the Vote last October. The area around Storke Plaza was constantly being subjected to very loud music. The Arts and Music buildings were most affected, as was the library."

According to Public Events manager Paul Bower, the noise was not only a nuisance, but also interfered with his tutelage.

"The problem is that most of the instruction in the Music Building at that time [is] music rehearsal and practice. With the extreme volume of the music from the plaza

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Campus Radio Station Recieves Facelift, Renovations

By MARC VALLES
Staff Writer

After a five-year wait and long days spent hacking apart old shelves, the campus radio station now has a lot more space to keep its music.

In August, prompted by a shortage of storage space, KCSB-FM completed a much-needed renovation of its music library. "We were getting all this new music and we didn't have enough space," said KCSB general manager Ilene Auerbach, a senior biopsychology major. KCSB staffers "tore everything out of the library," replacing makeshift storage racks with brand-new shelf assemblies.

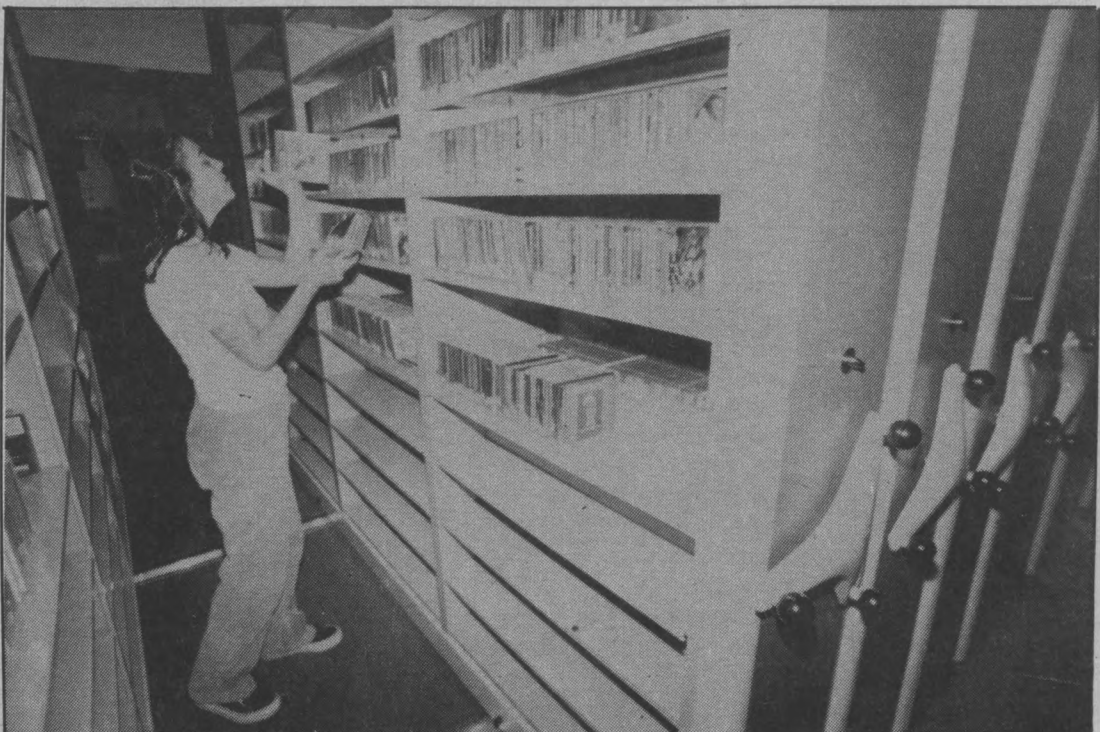
"It's been a long time coming," said KCSB adviser

Elizabeth Robinson. The station's library had been so space-impacted that there was very little room for new music.

The shelves — huge vertical metal cabinets that expand accordion-style by turning hand cranks — stretch from 7-12 feet high and house the entirety of KCSB's musical library, according to Auerbach.

The installation of the shelves, which had been in the works for five years, has done much to alleviate the lack of library space by increasing available CD storage by 250 percent and vinyl space by 40 percent, according to Robinson. The project was accomplished by KCSB staffers during the month of August.

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KCSB's Rachel Steinberg stocks music on one of the radio station's new collapsible racks.

Top of the News

Congress's Raise Awaits Prez Signature



WASHINGTON (AP) — Capping weeks of intense maneuvering, Congress approved legislation Wednesday that clears the way for a \$3,000 cost-of-living increase in lawmakers' \$133,600 pay.

The 55-45 Senate vote was the latest in a series of close calls for the bill, which leaders in both houses and both parties nursed toward passage over many weeks without permitting a direct roll call vote.

Even so, the political anxiety was evident in the Senate, where 19 of the 30 lawmakers seeking re-election next year voted against the bill, and only 11 voted in favor.

"We shouldn't be receiving a [cost-of-living adjustment] during that period of time when lawmakers are asking others to sacrifice,"

said Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.), who faces the voters in 13 months and was one of a small number of senators to speak out against the increase. "I cannot support the COLA at this point

Maybe it's the fat \$100 a month everybody gets out of this.

— Joe Scarborough (R-Florida)

in time." While partisan tensions inevitably surfaced, the issue exposed generational splits within the two houses. In the House, the younger, reform-minded Republicans were vocal in their opposition, while the older lawmakers of both parties provided the bulk of the support needed for passage.

"Maybe it's the fat \$100 a month that everybody gets out of this," second-term Rep Joe Scarborough (R-Fla.) said scathingly after an earlier House vote.

The 2.3 percent increase would amount to \$3,072 for most members of Congress.

In the House, Gingrich and Democratic Leader

Dick Gephardt — whose relationship is wary at best — met at least once with other senior lawmakers to plot strategy.

So distrustful were the Democrats that they demanded that Gingrich and the entire GOP leadership vote in favor of the bill, and that the Republicans produce at least a majority of

their rank-and-file for it. The GOP leadership complied on one occasion, but when the bill returned to the floor for a final vote on Tuesday, congressional sources said GOP Whip Tom DeLay of Texas informed Gephardt at the last moment he couldn't be certain of delivering half the Republican members.

The roll call went ahead anyway, and when it became obvious that a majority of Republicans would vote against the bill, Gephardt literally made a "thumbs down" gesture on the House floor and cast his own vote in opposition.

The measure cleared anyway, on a vote of 220-207, with a majority of Republicans opposed and Democrats providing the support needed for passage. Asked later whether his own vote was a reflection of the Republican turnout, Gephardt said that "may have been part of it."

Solutions for Polluted Resource To Be Discussed



LAS VEGAS (AP) — Water agencies in California and Nevada have turned to a Denver agency for help in finding ways to remove the rocket fuel ingredient perchlorate from drinking supplies.

Five agencies are meeting in Ontario, Calif., this week with representatives of the American Water Works Association Research Foundation.

The foundation expects to release a plan next month that will chart treatment technologies the group intends to pursue over the next two to five years.

The agencies hope to obtain \$2 million from Congress to finance the research effort.

Consuming perchlorate can interfere with the thyroid gland's ability to produce growth hormones.

Robert Martin, general manager of the East Valley Water

District in San Bernardino, said the biggest problem with perchlorate is that there is no known treatment.

"It's so new, no one has looked at removing it down to the levels we need — safe for drinking water purposes," Martin said Tuesday.

Kay Brothers, resources director for the Southern Nevada Water Authority, said the Nevada source of perchlorate contamination appears to be prior manufacturing of ammonium perchlorate at two facilities in the Henderson area. The analysis is based on measurements of the chemical in Lake Mead, the Las Vegas Wash and ground water upstream from the wash.

Ammonium perchlorate is produced at the Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp., in an industrial complex near Henderson. Perchlorate levels in one of some 47 wells near the plant have been detected this year at 3.7 million parts per billion.

California health officials have set 18 parts per billion as a temporary standard that triggers remedial action.

Flaws in Police Technique Lead to Decision's Reversal



SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An Arizona man was coerced into consenting to a search of his pickup by a policeman who had a hand on his revolver and held the man's driver's license, a federal appeals court ruled Wednesday.

In a 3-0 decision, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the conviction of Remigio Chan-Jimenez for possessing 245 pounds of marijuana that was found in the truck.

The officer's "request for permission to search the truck with one hand on his gun was implicitly coercive" and "would have been viewed by a reasonable person essentially as a command," said the opinion by Judge Stephen Reinhardt.

The case dates from October 1995, when Officer

Raymond Price of the Tohono O'odham tribal police department saw a truck that he suspected was carrying contraband. The court said Price had no concrete legal reason for stopping the truck.

He asked for Chan's license and registration, found everything in order, and then, with his hand on his gun, asked to search the truck bed. Without speaking, Chan went to the back of the truck and raised the tarp.

Price never asked if Chan was having trouble with the pickup, but asked for his papers and held them, effectively preventing Chan from leaving, Reinhardt said. In those circumstances, a driver's consent is not voluntary, Reinhardt said.

Distraught Youth Releases Frustration on Peers, Mom



PEARL, Miss. (AP) — A teenager stabbed his mother to death, then went to school Wednesday with a rifle under his trench coat and opened fire, killing his former girlfriend and another student and wounding six others, police said.

Luke Woodham, 16, was distraught over a breakup with his girlfriend, Police Chief Bill Slade said, choking back tears as he talked about the rampage in this town of 22,000 people just outside Jackson.

"He gave us a statement, and his manifesto was that he felt he had been wronged," the chief said.

The shootings at Pearl High School began about 8:10 a.m. as buses arrived.

"He was shooting anybody he could find. He shot

at me and hit the staircase," said Mark Wilkerson, a freshman. Students ran screaming into classrooms and dived for cover.

"People were laying everywhere bleeding," said freshman Nathan Henry. "I didn't hear cries. Everybody looked dead." Casey King, a ninth-grader, said Woodham talked to at least one of the wounded. "He apologized, said he was sorry and was not shooting anybody in particular," King said.

Police later found the body of Mary T. Woodham, 50, at her home, about a mile from the school. She had been stabbed with a kitchen knife, police said.

Classes were canceled until Monday, but students were told to report on Friday for counseling.

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Damn I'm hungry. And up until a minute ago, I thought my persistent pangs of hunger, steadily eating away the lining of my stomach, were some of the most physically uncomfortable trials I have been through in the last few days. Then I heard her story about contact lenses.

I personally have worn spectacles since I was 12, (ooh, clue to my identity — I'm older than 12) and have only recently been introduced to the wonders of those thin films we put in our eyes. But now after her story, I'm a little sketchy.

I won't go into the gory details (yes, they are gory), but I do know that I never want my corneas scratched by glass or any other small, sharp particle. But don't worry, this probably wouldn't happen to you if you wear contacts.

Forecast: It looks like we may be going back to the traditional Santa Barbara fall weather patterns, with slightly overcast mornings burning off into gorgeously temperate afternoons. Highs in the mid-80s, lows in the mid-60s. Whether you've two eyes or four or six or three, you see what I'm saying.

Leg Council Reps Speak, Listen Up

BY TENNILLE TRACY
Reporter

Associated Students Representatives-at-Large are looking to serve the general student body by filling their terms with a variety of student concerns.

The five reps differ from other types of council members because their constituency is not separated by residency requirements, according to Rep-at-Large Matt Barrall.

"The job of the reps-at-large is to represent the interests of all students, not specifically the students on or off campus," he said. "[We] consider all views."

Due to such a wide representation, reps-at-large focus on projects which span across the board's concerns.

Improvements in campus lighting and Isla Vista Foot Patrol relations are some of the issues Rep-at-Large Josh Krom hopes to address

in the coming months. Although he believes his methods of reaching these goals will ultimately succeed, encounters with various departments at the university and county level may contribute to a rocky road.

"It is bureaucracy at it's finest. That is why it is so hard to get things done," he said.



Rep-at-Large Jessica Green plans to direct her energy toward promoting awareness about the council and its activities. Currently she is looking to reach out to the students via comment/opinion boxes that will be placed by newspaper racks.

"I think that because everyone goes to get a *Nexus* everyday that if we had a box placed next to the *Nexus* that

was checked at least once a week, then we could get a better relationship between A.S. and the students at large — as far as what they want to see on campus."

Additionally, Green hopes to promote Leg Council participation in the formation of a *Nexus* opinion column that would be managed by the political body.

"One thing that I'm gonna get started again this year is the 'A.S. It Is' column, which is a weekly column in the *Nexus* about what A.S. is working on and how we can get in touch with each other," she said. "I would obviously like to take the initiative [to get it started], but I'd like to see each week be handled by a different Leg Council member."

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KCSB

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"About 20 KCSB programmers did all the labor," Auerbach said. "We took out all the music, packed it all up and ripped [the old shelves] apart."

According to Robinson, although final costs have not yet been totaled, the shelves cost about \$28,000 and were financed largely through listener contributions. While the shelves were shipped in and assembled by outside contractors, KCSB employees were left with the trying task of keeping watch over the station's entire collection of recordings.

"We had most of our

music stored in Storke Library," Auerbach said. "Someone had to stay overnight and make sure that our music was still there in the morning."

Each night for three weeks, pairs of KCSB programmers took turns watching over the music from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., bringing along TVs and VCRs to help alleviate the boredom. "It got really rough around 4 a.m.," Auerbach said.

After the installation was complete, station personnel returned their entire library of recordings to the racks and began adjusting to the new system.

"The organization is much easier to maintain," said senior music composi-

tion major Bryan Brown, KCSB's student engineer. "It's actually faster to some degree. It's all been reorganized. There's some slowness in getting used to things, but other than that, it's much faster."

"It's a lot nicer now," agreed Auerbach. "I haven't seen any other college radio stations with stackable shelves."

In addition to the new shelves, the music library was provided with fresh carpeting and a paint job, Robinson said. Plans for further improvements include the installation of satellite downlink equipment later this month, which will allow for clearer signals for off-campus, independently produced programs such as Pacifica News Network that KCSB occasionally features.

"Presumably, in an emergency we might have a source of information other than the Public Information Office," she said.

Other plans include the replacement of worn tape decks, the purchase of new computers, recordable CDs and a new transmitter, all of which will likely be financed in large part by the station's listener donation drive Nov. 5-12.

"They're a supplemental source of income," Robinson said of the drives. "Listeners' donations make it all possible."

SOCCER

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Bassler said of her leading scorer.

The Gauchos will have their hands full as they host the University of Hawai'i on Friday night and conference foe Cal Poly San Luis Obispo on Sunday at Harder Stadium.

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hits the beach, because of the nature of the crude, it is very thick. ... The crews go along there with shovels and plastic bags and they shovel it all into the plastic bags."

The damage done by the spill is not eliminated after a thorough cleanup, according to Greg Helms, Environmental Defense Office community affairs coordinator.

"A complete oil spill cleanup only recovers 15 to 30 percent of spilled oil," he said. "The rest of it does one of three things: it dissolves, it flows onto the beach, or it goes to the sea floor."

The cause of the crack in

the 20-inch diameter pipeline has not been determined, but the platform was within legal limits, Burke said.

"We've tested the line twice in the past year and the line was well within specs for operation," he said. "We're going to do everything we can to figure it out and make sure it doesn't happen in the future."

Mineral Management Service, the federal agency responsible for mineral regulation off the California coast, is launching an investigation into the cause of the crack and is confident that all guidelines will be met before the platform is reopened, said John Romero, spokesperson for MMS.

"We're getting prepared for an interagency investigation into the break in the pipeline flange," he said. "Once the cause is identified we're going to make sure everything is up and running before we allow it to go back online."

The repair of the 11-year-old platform and possible future additions are now a concern for environmental agencies, Helms said.

"They have plans to do fairly significant expansion of their oil extraction off Platform Irene," he said.


This expansion may include slant drilling similar to that proposed by Mobil in the Clearview debate, said Hannah Eckber, president of Get Oil Out!

"The platform has the ability to do slant drilling," she said. "It would greatly increase their production ... but hopefully this will be a wake-up call."

Torch authorities refused to comment on expansion plans and said they are primarily concerned with repairing the rupture and returning Platform Irene to working condition.

"Right now we've been focusing our effort on cleanup," Burke said. "Although the pipe wasn't leaking, we put a fiberglass coating around the break. ... We'll be testing the entire pipeline before it is put back into service."

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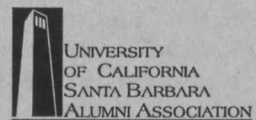
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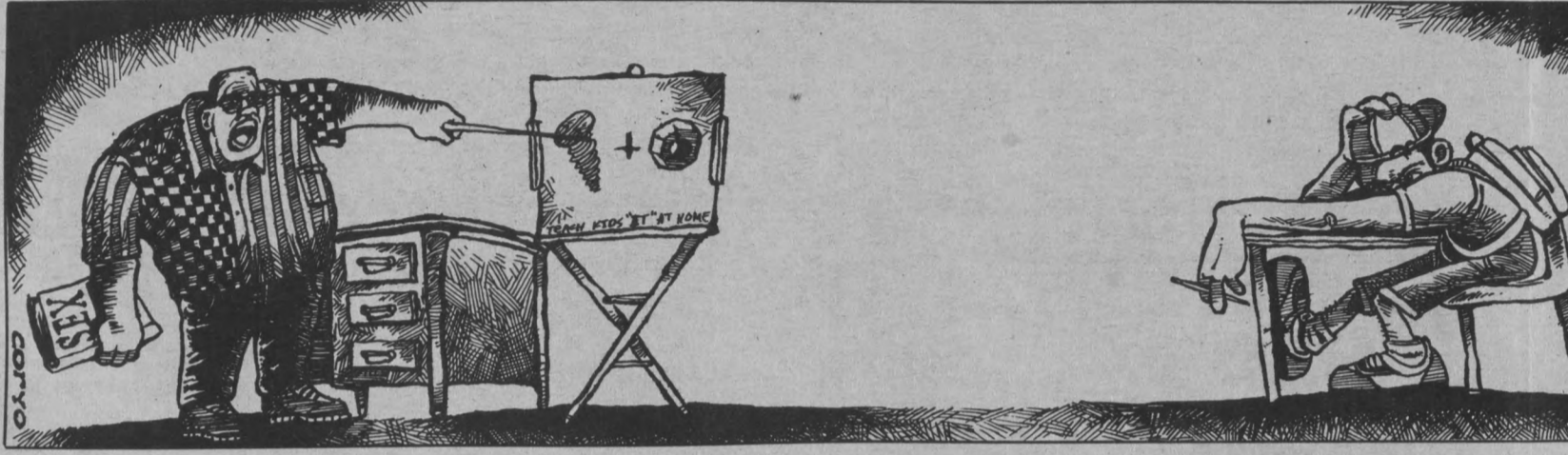
Do Talk About Sex!

Honest Communication Is Vital

SCOTT McCANN

October is not only AIDS, Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness Month, it is also National Family Sexuality Education Month. If parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and other family members took this last matter to heart, and talked openly with their younger relatives about the joys and challenges of human sexuality, there would be fewer problems associated with the previous issues.

AIDS, breast cancer and domestic violence are all leading killers of young adults in the



United States. Over 1 million Americans are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Over 180,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer every year. Over 4,000 women are killed by their partners or ex-partners every year.

Most people never learn to talk openly about sexuality, even with those closest to them. Privacy about sexuality has become secrecy. Only about 25 percent of young people say their parents talked openly with them about sex. Even fewer adults discussed the subject with their mothers or fathers. Some people learned so strongly that sex should never be discussed that they try to stop others from doing so in schools, the media and elsewhere, resulting in the small but vocal opposition to sexuality education, condom ads, etc.

Such lack of honest discussion leaves people ignorant, misinformed, confused, anxious and at greater risk of infection, undetected cancer, pregnancy and abuse. In the absence of honest communication about sexual issues with family members, distorted media presentations have become poor substitutes for real human interaction.

Misinformation and pressure from peers are little better, and frequently reinforce unhealthy myths, stereotypes and behavior. To many adults' surprise, teens consistently report that they would like their parents or guardians to be their primary source of information and guidance about sexuality. Unfortunately, parents continue to report fear and avoidance in meeting this challenge.

The following guidelines are offered to assist family members in communicating about sexuality and intimate relationships.

1. Start talking now. It's never too late (or too early) to talk to children about their bodies,

reproduction, relationships, health and intimacy. Don't worry about information. Research has shown that knowledge and comfort discussing promote sexual behavior. On the contrary, it can delay sexual activity, abuse, and promote healthier practices.

2. Use accurate terms for reproductive body parts and sexual actions. Avoid the dirty or unspeakable connotations of sex.

3. Treat the topic of sexuality like any other subject matter. Discuss other body systems, relationships, love and health will help normalize it. Openness often associated with sexuality can go a long way toward promoting actions.

4. Use "teachable moments." Situations that arise in daily living, like a man, allusions to sex on television, sexual jokes or a newspaper headline triggers.

5. Be an "askable parent." Stay calm and listen carefully to your child's question. Take all questions seriously. Ask for your child's opinion. Explaining your values non-judgmentally will promote further discussion. Avoid embarrassment, quick judgments and moralistic lectures as the gre-

child communication.

6. Make a special time to talk with each of your children, in private and daily distractions, at least once a week. Staying in touch with your children's activities will keep you informed of and make it easier to discuss them.

7. Reassure your children that sexual feelings and interest are normal. Children benefit tremendously from hearing caregivers' stories about their own experiences. Don't be afraid to share negative as well as positive learning experiences. Encourage children to avoid your mistakes, and emulate your successes, if they can.

8. Model the behaviors you want for your children. If you want to talk about their feelings or relationships, talk to them about yours.

9. Practice with your child how to handle challenging social situations. For example, role-playing how to refuse sexual overtures, or how to handle them when confronted with such circumstances in real life.

10. It's OK to say, "I don't know," or, "This is difficult for me." Seek help from Parenthood, local libraries and many schools and religious organizations. Use books, videos, pamphlets and counselors to help you convey the information you want for your child.

October is a wonderful time for parents, children and all people to talk about sexuality and sexual health. But let's make open communication a regular event. It could save a loved one's life.

Scott McCann, Ph.D., is the vice president of education for Santa Barbara County Office of Education.

The Reader's Voice

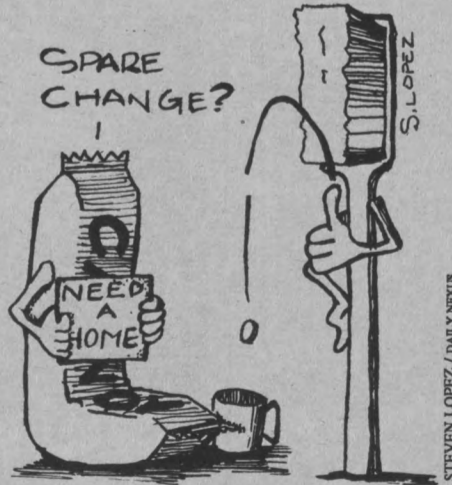
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HOMELESS NEED HELP

— NOT HOHOS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

HoHos for the homeless? What's next, M&Ms for the mentally ill and french fries for the disenfranchised? Although undoubtedly sincere, Sandy Wood's opinion piece on dealing with the homeless (*Daily Nexus*, "None So Blind As ...," Sept. 26) is woefully naive and myopic. The solution to homeless-



ness, hunger, and grinding poverty is not simply a question of giving the downtrodden scraps from our tables.

What ever happened to political action? A more permanent and useful action might be letting the people in power know that we, as human beings and as citizens of one of the richest nations on Earth, deplore the neglect and abuse inflicted on the poor. However, if you are going to give a homeless person a nu-

tritionally deficient snack such as a candy bar (as suggested by Sandy), at least offer a toothbrush and toothpaste so that he/she doesn't have to suffer the additional indignity of rotten teeth.

EMMANUEL GABET

FOOT PATROL'S FOCUS

NOT WHERE IT'S NEEDED

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Having finished reading the "IVFP Chronicles" in Monday's *Nexus* ("Weekend's Festivities Keep IVFP On Its Toes," Sept. 29), I didn't know whether to smile, shrug or scoff. Glancing over the piece again, I decided to go with "scoff." Is it just me, or is anyone else appalled at this mockery of justice?

These people in uniforms have the nerve to proudly call themselves "peace officers," while walking around I.V. and hunting down kids who aren't doing anything wrong except for having a good time. I am not referring to those found urinating on city sidewalks, driving drunk or starting fights. What I am talking about are naive 19-year-olds who have just left their parents' house for the first time, only to be embraced by the cold, ignorant and long arm of the law.

I have lived in I.V. for three years, and now remain indifferent to such words as "keg" or "party." But I do remember freshman year, and thus I am speechless when I see: "... one male was cited for MIP ... three additional MIPs ... was arrested for MIP ..." as a refrain that seemed to sum up the entire night.

I think the question on everybody's mind is "Why won't the police stop to help when

you have a flat tire in the middle of the night?" or "What are they doing about pushers selling crack to I.V. kids?" or maybe, "What is the IVFP doing when rowdy party-goers attempt to flip a car over?"

Judging by the article, they are preying upon kids who aren't clever enough to hide



in the bushes as they pass by, dumping their beer onto I.V. sidewalks. This leads me to the suspicion that the IVFP has an agreement of some sort with the local liquor stores, since such activity only seems to boost sales when the freshly cited students go back to stores to refill their empty cups. Let's face it — citations will not make people stop drinking. Remember Prohibition?

So I plead with the local law enforcement to concentrate on finding the I.V. rapist, instead of ruining the records and reputations of otherwise hard-working students.

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➤ Or How Technology Trampled the Tête-à-Tête

HENRY SARRIA

I must admit right from the start that I'm a techno junkie to the highest degree. I love technology — from the toys I build for fun, to what I studied in college and what I do for a living — technology is the glue that binds it all together for me.

Don't get me wrong, I still love nature and I still enjoy the beauty it provides, but these have nothing to do with what I'm writing about (well, maybe not directly).

With this said, let me also point out that seeing technology misused or used in an inefficient manner can really chap my hide, because technology is supposed to introduce some sort of efficiency into our chaotic little surroundings; to bring about some form of order where there was none before.

I must warn you that if you're a Luddite or are anti-technological, STOP READING NOW AND GO TO THE NEXT ARTICLE! DON'T WASTE YOUR PRECIOUS TIME!

Anyway, as a proponent of technology, I also have an inclination toward efficiency. Can't help it; that's just the way it is. With this said, let me point out that one of my favorite technological advances is e-mail. There's nothing I love more in the mornings when I come into work than to find an e-mail message on my account from a friend somewhere far away or even friends here in town who work at other companies or attend UCSB.

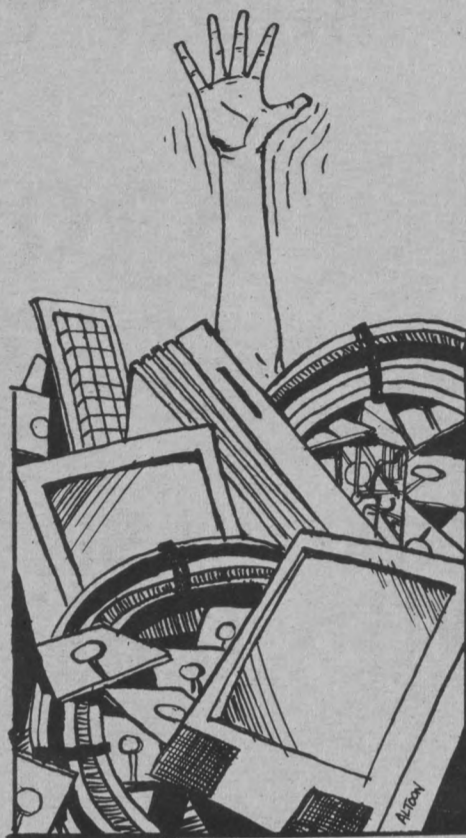
The content is usually a "What's up?" or a politically incorrect stab at humor, but in any case it's a form of communication to make those far away more capable of staying in touch, and since I have friends everywhere on this planet, e-mail is a godsend.

I mean, what's so hard about pointing the mouse at the account you want to get in touch with, typing the desired message and sending it off in cyberspace to the recipient at nearly the speed of light? Pretty convenient as well as simple.

It's this simplicity, though, that's making me wonder sometimes if I should just ignore my e-mail account, and here's why:

The other day at work I got an e-mail message from one of my fellow co-workers regarding some mundane details about something I was working on. So what's wrong with this, you may ask? Well, the person who e-mailed me was in the office right next to mine and this was done when we were both no farther than 20 feet from each other. Sure, there was a wall separating the two offices, but the wall I'm most concerned with here is the one created by the ease of sending an e-mail message to someone within speaking distance. What's next? E-mailing the person sitting right next to you?

This has to be one of the most inefficient practices I've ever witnessed, but I think the efficiency it lacks is in the human form. Sending an e-mail mes-



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sage, even across a room, takes a hell of a lot more effort than to just get up, walk over to the person and express your point of view in person.

There's a definite distinction between cyberspace and real space, and when it comes to dealing with people I opt for the latter, because it's more dynamic than e-mail. Now I'm sure some will have their reasons as to why they would e-mail someone in such close proximity, but it still doesn't convince me that this is efficient.

As I mentioned before, I love nature, and especially human nature because it's so random and unique. Maybe this is why some people choose to communicate through e-mail from right next door — they can't handle the random variability human nature has to offer, or maybe it's for fear of coming off as socially retarded due to their own nature and personality.

At any rate, I say bask in the technology, but use it in an efficient, useful manner. Remember that it's there to serve you, not the other way around. Use it wisely, but never turn down the opportunity to get your point across personally.

By the way, if you want to get in touch with me, my e-mail address is sarria@ferro.com, but please don't e-mail from the office next door, or in the same building for that matter. You're bound to catch a lecture similar to what I've just written — except that I'll make a point of delivering it in person.

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UC 101

Regents Quickie

➤ A Brief Look at the Board

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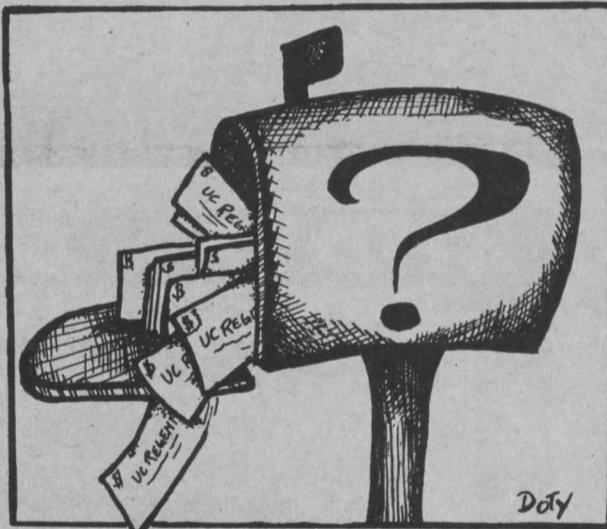
So you just made out your check to the UC Regents; wouldn't it be nice to know a little bit about them?

The University of California was founded in 1868. At that time, The Regents of the University of California was established as an independent corporation and charged with the University's governance. The board of regents consists of 26 members, seven of which are *ex officio* members. The *ex officio* regents, who hold their position by virtue of their office, include the president of the University (Richard Atkinson), the governor (Pete Wilson), the lieutenant governor (Gray Davis), the speaker of the assembly (Cruz Bustamante), the state superintendent of public instruction (Delaine Eastin), and the president (Judith Levin) and vice president (Charles Soderquist) of the Alumni Associations of the University of California. These regents' terms vary, depending on how long they hold their other positions.

In addition, 18 members of the board are appointed by the governor. The state constitution indicates that the regents should reflect the economic, cultural and social diversity of California, including minorities and women.

Each appointed regent serves a 12-year term and sits on several committees, determined in the spring of each year. There are seven standing committees: Audit, Educational Policy, Finance, Grounds and Buildings, Health Services, Investments, and Oversight of the Department of Energy Laboratories. In addition, there are always a number of subcommittees and special committees, including the Special Committee to Select a Student Regent.

In 1974, through an amendment to the state constitution, Californians voted to include a student regent. Since 1975



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the University has always had one student regent sitting on the board. My next column will describe the one-year student regent position in more detail, but I want to note that applications for the 1998-99 student regent position are available now through the chancellor's office. Any graduate, undergraduate or professional UC student in good standing is eligible for the position.

These 26 regents meet nine times a year — twice for one-day policy meetings and seven times for two-day business meetings. Since the University is a public institution, these meetings are open to the public, and each meeting includes public comment periods so that anyone can address the regents.

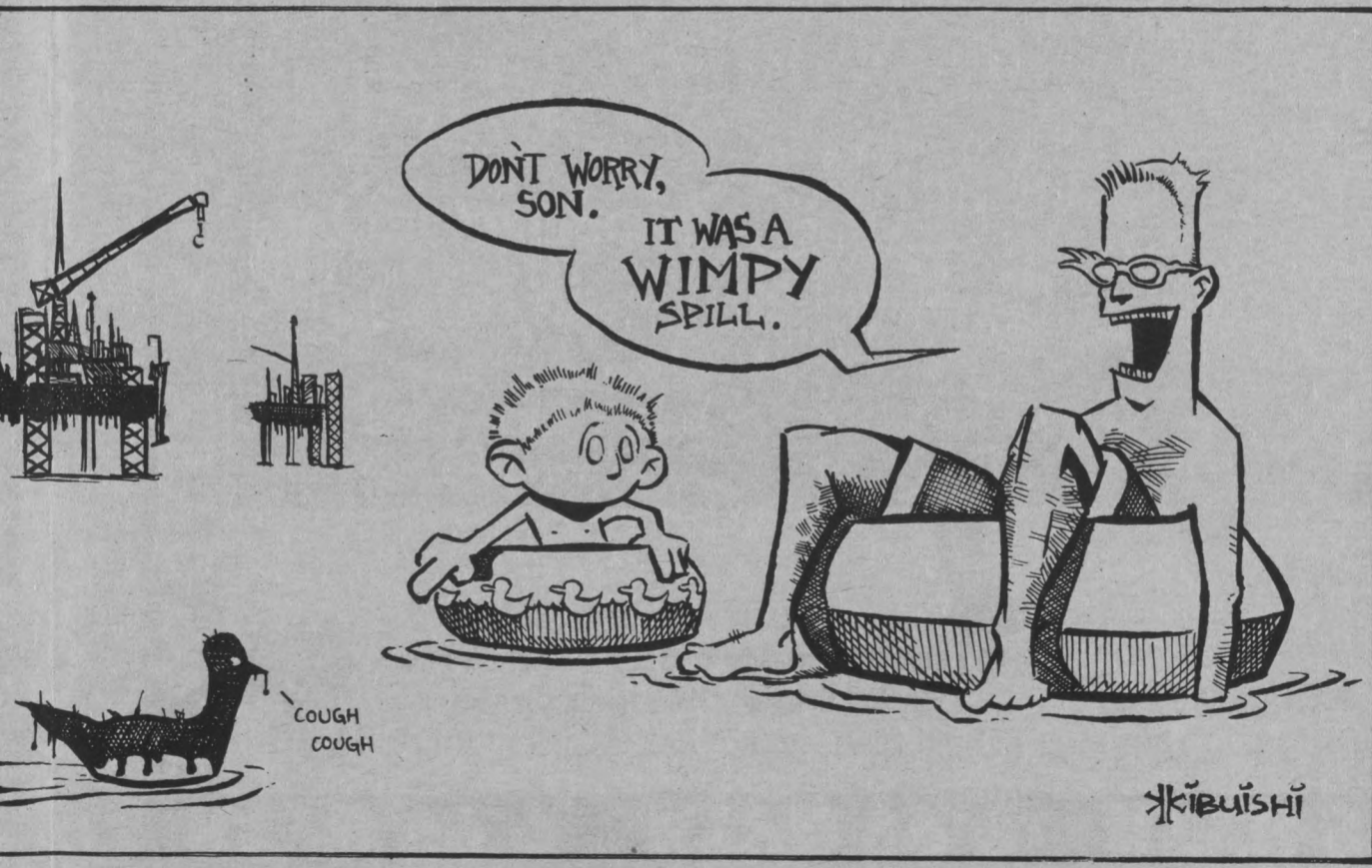
During a regular two-day meeting, the first day consists of sequential committee meetings, and most of the discussion is done in committee. The final day of a board meeting includes full-board votes on action items, presentation of the President's Report, and presentations to the full board. On this day, too, outgoing chancellors, laboratory directors, regents and other individuals are recognized and given an opportunity to give parting remarks.

The board of regents sets policy in virtually all areas of University life: student fees and financial aid, admissions policies, financial management and investments, and hiring of the president, chancellors, and laboratory directors. The board, however, has also delegated broad authority to the president. In a later column President Atkinson will discuss his role and his relationship with the board of regents.

In the coming year the board of regents will be addressing such issues as domestic-partnership benefits, a 10th campus, student fees and outreach to potential students across the state. I encourage you to attend a board meeting and watch your University's governance in action.

In addition, you can learn more about individual regents, the organization of the regents and the Office of the President by visiting the University's website: www.ucop.edu. And don't forget to look for "UC 101" next time, when we look at the position of student regent in more detail. Kathryn McClymond is the UC student regent.

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the music students start to get overpowered," he said. "Tones change and beats are thrown off. You just can't have two pieces of music being played at once."

While the proposed plan cuts back on events in Storke Plaza, it does not limit the total number of concerts and speakers on campus. One of the more popular ideas that was put forth was a change of venue for future events. The UCen's back lawn, the new Student Affairs and Administration Services Building or the UCen are some possibilities.

Switching locations would allow the campus to continue having high-decibel performances while distributing the sound more widely across campus, said Mark Meadow, assistant professor of history of art and architecture.

"It's not that we are against music being played inasmuch as we don't want it to interfere with our classes all the time. The change of venue helps relieve this problem by not

concentrating all the disturbances in one area all the time," he said.

Associated Students Program Board Commissioner David Barrett doesn't see the planned change of venue as a satisfactory compromise.

"College is about being social and being exposed to new things. Storke Plaza is such a central location that it is great for all the different events that go on. People go there to eat and study and they get to be exposed to all sorts of new things," he said. "This problem is going to be felt in the spring when all the clubs have their various weeks."

The change is temporarily in effect while the proposals are reviewed by the chancellor and vice chancellor for final approval, Buford said.

"The change is still going through the process of getting enacted," he said. "There have been open discussions on the proposal, after which the vice chancellor will look at it. Then it goes to the legal department to be examined, and then it is sent to Chancellor Yang."



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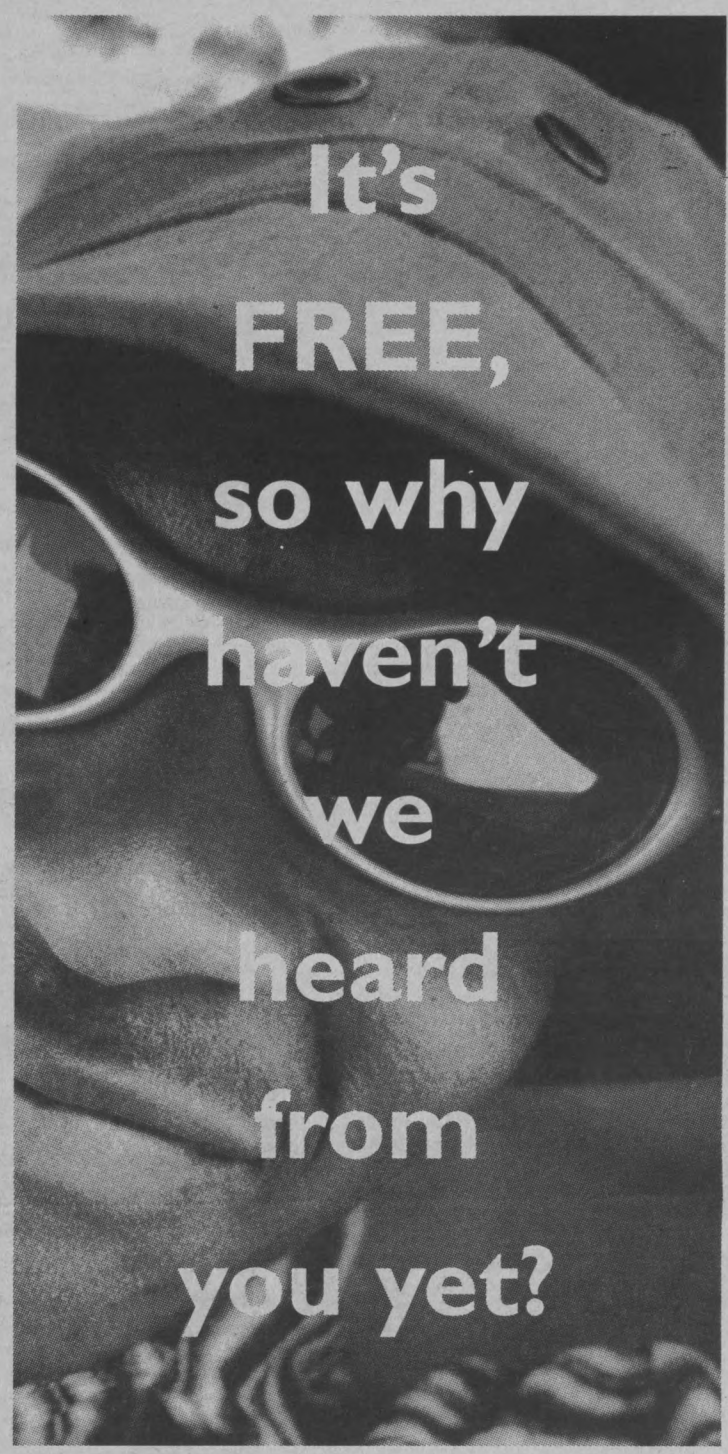
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Sports

Gaicho Offense Picks Up Against St. Mary's

■ Squad Defeats Gaels 1-0

BY STEVE WENDT
Reporter

It was well worth the six and a half hour journey to Saint Mary's College for the UCSB women's soccer team.

The Gauchos defeated the Gaels yesterday 1-0 on a direct kick from midfielder Alison Lott in the 83rd minute. The lone score was all Santa Barbara needed to raise its record to 2-6-1. The Gaels fell to 3-6.

Lott, a junior, was playing in her first game in more than a week after sustaining a concussion against the University of San Diego.

On paper, the game stats made it look like a rout for the Gaels. Santa Barbara was outshot 22-13, with 16 of those shots coming from inside the 18-yard line.

Fortunately for the Gauchos, soccer games are played on the

field and not paper. Despite the discrepancy in shots, the Gaels never had a good look at the goal. Strong play from defenders Chelsea Cleland, Leslie Platz and April Loveland, along with seven saves for senior goalkeeper Ilsa Bertolini shut out the St. Mary's squad.

Head Coach Kris Bassler was proud of her team's accomplishment.

"They did well. They played a lot tighter, more organized," Bassler said. "[There was] a lot more talk there, a lot more help. The team as a whole played very well."

Lott had a very busy afternoon. The midfielder showed no ill effects of her concussion, as she led the team in goals and shots, tallying one and three, respectively.

The offense, which Lott described as "struggling" earlier in the week, mustered 13 shots against SMC goalie Daisy Re-



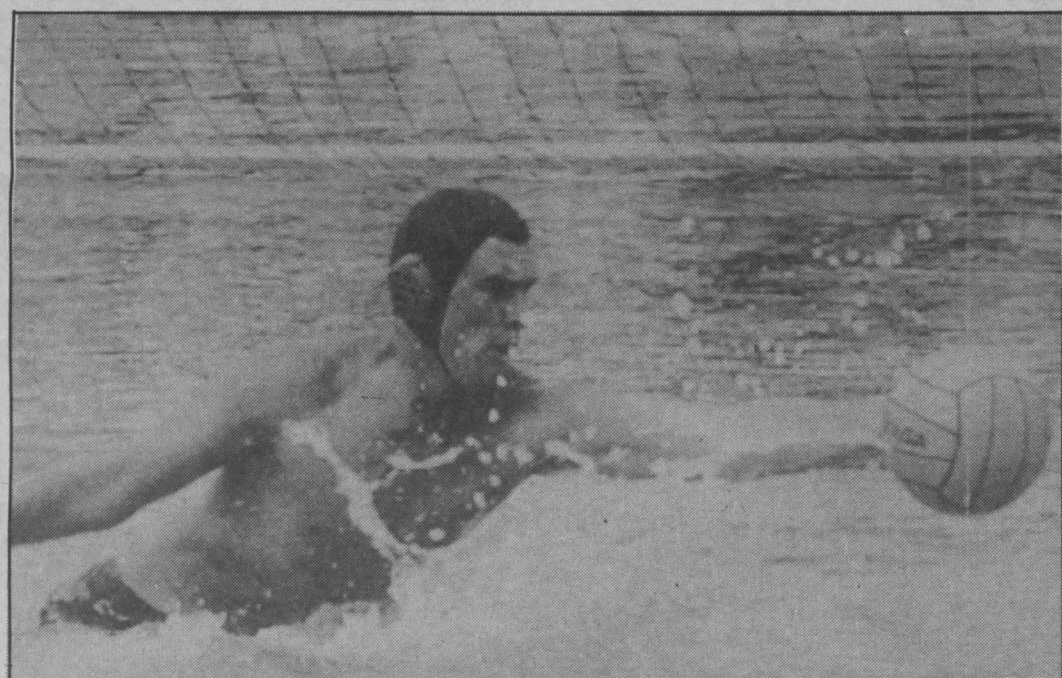
FANCY FOOTWORK: The UCSB women's soccer team was much more active offensively on Wednesday compared to previous matches, tallying 13 shots against St. Mary's College.

nazco. Renazco, a midfielder, was a late fill-in for the Gaels, whose first- and second-string goalies sustained injuries in previous

games. The Gauchos definitely made her sweat. While she came up with seven stops, the one that got away was crucial.

"That's Alison's shot. She's done [penalty kicks] for us all year,"

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DE-NIED: UCSB junior goalie Lance Wahlert, who has been solid in the cage thus far in 1997, will need to come up big this weekend in matches against Claremont and Pepperdine.

Stags, Waves Loom on Horizon for UCSB

BY SHANE CULBERTSON
Reporter

Any coach will tell you that bouncing back and winning after a tough loss is the mark of a good team. The UCSB men's water polo team will have a chance to do just that this weekend.

After losing a close 11-10 decision Sunday at Long Beach State, the Gauchos return home to face Claremont College at 4 p.m. Friday at Campus Pool. The team hopes for a large crowd to help it avenge last year's loss to the 14th-ranked Stags.

"It fires up the whole team when the stands are full," senior Ryan Peddycord said. "We had huge crowds last year and it was awesome. We'd like to see the same thing happen again this year."

Head Coach Joe O'Brien seems to think it may take more than just fan support to pull out a victory.

"There are no garbage teams on our schedule this season, so we've got to play our best game every time out," he said. "Claremont's team is very similar to ours. It should be a good matchup."

Peddycord's assessment of Friday's game is not quite as reserved as that of O'Brien, but the Gauchos' leading scorer has learned through experience not to look past anybody.

"We are going to spank them," Peddycord said.

"Actually, I said that last year and we lost. I guess we better be a little more careful this time."

After Friday's game Santa Barbara will go on the road to face Pepperdine on Saturday. In Malibu it will be a formidable task for the eighth-ranked Gauchos to avoid being spanked themselves, as the Waves greatly outsize UCSB and are ranked #1 nationally.

"We can't go in and try to play Pepperdine's game," O'Brien said. "If we do that we will get smashed. They are a much bigger team than we are. There is no way we'll be able to muscle the ball up and down the pool against them."

Although this weekend's games are not absolutely crucial for the Gauchos' postseason chances, a win would certainly help to stop the bleeding from a two-game losing streak.

O'Brien insists that the team's morale is where it needs to be at this point, despite being a bit low earlier in the week.

"The team's attitude right now is fine," O'Brien said. "We talked earlier in the week and everyone agreed that we broke down in the last two games. But we figured out where we are as a team and decided that now it's time to improve. We have two opportunities this weekend to show that we are a better team than we were last week."

Lezak Has Golden Summer

BY BEN ALKALY
Staff Writer

Like many other college students, UCSB senior Jason Lezak traveled to Europe this past summer.

However, instead of using his vacation time to sit on beaches or visit art museums, Lezak represented both his country and school by throwing himself into intense athletic competition.

Lezak's European odyssey led him to Messina, Sicily, where he competed as a member of the United States' 4x100-meter freestyle relay team in the World University Games. On August 29, his personal-best time of 50.04 seconds while swimming the third leg of the championship heat helped the U.S. team to an overall time of 3:21.17 and a gold medal.

For the two-time Big West Conference Swimmer of the Year, the challenges of competing on the world stage were unlike anything he had experienced in intercollegiate races.

"I felt a little more pressure swimming for my country," Lezak said. "Also, the relay team I swam with has never lost in international competition."

UCSB Head Coach Gregg Wilson, Lezak's mentor since 1994, attributes his swimmer's success to mental toughness.

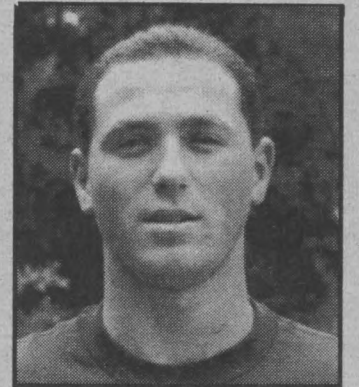
"What he needed to do and what he did do was focus all his marbles on one race," Wilson said. "I see this as a significant accomplishment for Jason. It was his first international competition."

And it was Lezak's ability to focus that allowed him to qualify for the World University Games. Amid power outages and a broken bulkhead at the U.S. Senior Nationals in Nashville, Tenn., the Irvine native posted a first-place time of 50.49 in the 100 free to earn an invitation to Sicily.

Adverse conditions were also present in Messina. The American team, which also consisted of Ryan Esway and Brian Jones of the University of Texas and Brock Newman of Auburn, had to deal with colder-than-normal water and long commutes to the aquatics facility.

The squad's ability to concentrate on the task at hand was evident by its destruction of the competition. The relay team's time was more than 2.5 seconds faster than runner-up Australia.

But for Lezak, the overall experience of the Games was as valuable as his gold-medal performance.



Jason Lezak

"I learned a lot from a lot of different people," he said. "I'd love to do something like this again."

That opportunity may present itself in the near future. After competing this year with defending Big West champion Santa Barbara, Lezak will concentrate on national and international meets.

He plans to return to the World University Games, next held in Spain in 1999. The 2000 Olympics remain the ultimate goal.

"[Jason's] already one of the fastest in America," he said. "Now is the opportunity to put a lot of what he's learned to use."