



It's Groundhog Day!

No, not the movie, the holiday. So, keep your fingers crossed, and hope the little guy does not see his shadow: Spring will be right around the corner!

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UC Santa Barbara

Opinion

Have a cellular phone? Can't stand to cruise the bikepath without gabbing on it? David Downs will gladly tell you where to stuff it.



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Sports

The UCSB baseball team secured its bragging rights Tuesday, as it crushed cross-town rival Westmont 16-8.



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Sunset: 5:29 p.m.
Low Tide: 2:40 p.m.
High Tide: 9:14 p.m.



BRETT STOCKSTILL / DAILY NEXUS

Overcrowding at the RecCen spurred a measure on the A.S. ballot, which, if passed, will add new machines, a multi-activity center, larger locker rooms, a climbing wall and a Jacuzzi.

Measure To Enlarge RecCen Slated to Reappear on Ballot

BY PAUL RODDE
Reporter

Following the traditional fitness mantra, "If at first you don't succeed, try again," the RecCen will place its expansion in the hands of student voters for the second year in a row this April.

After being defeated by 40 votes last spring, a new RecCen Expansion Measure recently completed the mandatory signature-gathering phase, and awaits voter approval on April 25th and 26th, RecCen Governance Board Chair Lisa Lane said. According to Lane, the measure is an attempt to revitalize a facility that has been unable to meet the

needs of students.

"The weight room and cardio room are far too small. All facilities are overbooked, and there are no places to practice for sport club teams," she said.

Lane said the expansion would include a new multi-activity center, larger locker rooms, a climbing wall and a Jacuzzi. She added that the multi-activity center would house indoor soccer, roller hockey and inline skating, basketball and social functions, such as live music and dances.

According to Lane, the project would be funded through student fees, which will be determined on the ballot through

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Masquerading Protesters Arrested for Disrupting Downtown Conference

Two costumed UCSB students, protesting the three-day World Environmental Center conference at the Doubletree Hotel and Resort, were arrested Tuesday for sneaking into the hotel and refusing to leave.

According to Santa Barbara City Police Dept. Lt. Nick Katzenstein, Justin Regele and Alex Pasternak, both 19-year-old freshmen global studies majors, received citations for trespassing and were released to friends.

"The two of them positioned themselves in the doorway to the conference. One was dressed as Al Gore and

the other was costumed as an oil rig," he said. "Hotel security asked them to leave, and they refused. The Police Dept. was notified, and again, we asked them to leave. They refused and were willing to be arrested."

According to Regele, the two freshmen were doing street theater in their costumes when they found an opportunity to get into the conference area.

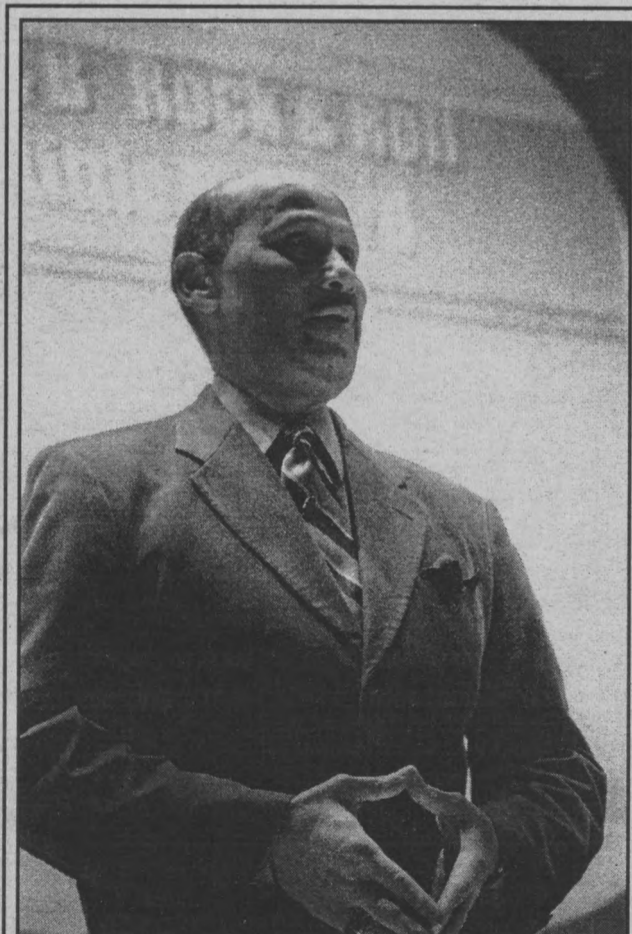
"We were able to just kind of walk in and start yelling at people attending the conference. We were saying stuff like, 'Occidental, get out of U'wa land.'"

The protest was held in response to the large corpo-

rate involvement in the conference titled "Global Environmental Harmonization in the Third Millennium." Regele said the high price of admission to the conference kept out needed voices.

"It's ridiculous that it costs almost \$800 to have a voice in this conference," he said. "We got arrested to prove a point. It wasn't that big of a wrench in the machine, but it was symbolic, us saying 'We aren't going to stand for this.'"

— David Downs



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Soul Man

Dan Porter, of the doo-wop group The Spaniels, speaks to an audience at the MCC on Tuesday as part of "Unity in the Community." He sang "Goodnight, Sweetheart, Goodnight."

NetStations To Connect Students to New Electronic Ballot

■ A.S. Board To Offer Computerized Voting in Addition to Traditional Scantron

BY DENISE BATONGBACAL
Reporter

The campuswide elections committee will switch to online voting for campus elections this April to expedite the process and receive quicker results.

Students will be able to enter their Perm and PIN numbers to vote on campus NetStation computers that will connect them to the elections website and an electronic ballot, according to Associated Students Elections Committee Chair Jennifer Beyer. Information about the elections process, A.S. officers and campus initiatives will also be available, she said. In previous elections, there have been six scantron poll stations on campus.

"The computerized system will make everything run more smoothly: The server will count the votes as they come in and send us a read-out," she said. "And the paper bal-

lots that we will also be using will be on scantron."

According to Beyer, the online system will be offered for four days, and a paper scantron system will also be available for two days. There will be two days between the end of online voting and paper ballots when the electronic system will send a list of students' names to the

participants in the elections, he said.

"The question is 'How do we provide a service that protects the I.D. numbers and the voting results?' The computerized system allows us to protect these procedures, and provides a wider opportunity for students to participate," he said. "Electronic balloting changes the possibility of student turnout to increase three-fold, since there will be four additional days of electronic balloting available to students."

The committee considered using electronic balloting last year, but decided to delay the possibility until this year, according to last year's A.S. Elections Committee Chair Judy Liao.

"James To was also the adviser last year, and he was trying to push the issue of using electronic balloting, but the committee was not ready to implement it last year," she said.

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— James To
A.S. Adviser

elections committee to ensure that students do not vote twice, she said.

According to A.S. Adviser James To, the elections committee's biggest concern is security. A protected voting process would encourage students to vote and par-



Top of the News

Stabilizer Pinpointed as Cause of Crash

PORT HUENEME, Calif. (AP) — The pilots of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 struggled with a sudden control problem for at least six minutes before the jetliner plummeted into the ocean with 88 people aboard, federal investigators said Tuesday.

The plane plunged from 17,000 feet and crashed nose-down in the Pacific after the pilot reported problems with the horizontal stabilizer, a wing-like structure on the tail that controls the pitch of the aircraft's nose.

Investigators at the crash site also said Tuesday they had heard a pinging from the ocean, apparently from the flight recorders, which could reveal exactly what went wrong with the stabilizer.

The search was concentrated on a debris field about 10-miles offshore and about 40-miles northwest of the Los Angeles airport. Coast Guard, Navy and private vessels were joined by military airplanes.

Nearly a day after the



accident, searchers had pulled four bodies — one man, two women and an infant — from the sea, which is 300 to 750 feet deep in the area. Hope dimmed that anyone aboard Flight 261 survived in the 58-degree water.

"This is still a search for

plane and give them a hug that you might not see them again. I just feel for the people who lost their loved ones, especially the young ones. I guess that's what really got me."

The flight had left Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for San Francisco and

You don't realize when you put someone on a plane and give them a hug that you might not see them again.

— Diane Adame passer-by

human life," Coast Guard Adm. Tom Collins said. "The challenge is time. As time ticks off, risks go up." On shore in Port Hueneme, passers-by paused to bow their heads in prayer.

"It just feels so good to stand out here and pray. It sort of cleanses you out," said Diane Adame, 39. "You don't realize when you put someone on a

Seattle with 83 passengers and five crew members. The passengers included three airline employees, four employees of its sister airline Horizon and 23 relatives or friends of the employees taking advantage of free standby flights.

NTSB member John Hammerschmidt released preliminary transcripts of air traffic control communications with the airliner.

The last routine transmission came at 3:55 p.m. PST, when the flight was cleared to continue to San Francisco.

At 4:10 p.m. the pilots said they had control difficulties and were descending below 26,000 feet. A few seconds later they advised they were at 23,700 feet, and there was "some discussion about their ability to control the aircraft," Hammerschmidt said.

Over the next few minutes, the pilots said they "were kind of stabilized and going to do some troubleshooting," but then said they had a jammed stabilizer. At 4:16 p.m. they were cleared for an emergency landing in Los Angeles.

The controllers cleared the plane to 17,000 feet. The crew acknowledged that in what was the last known transmission from Flight 261, Hammerschmidt said. At 4:21 p.m. the aircraft dropped from radar.

McCain, Gore Take Win in New Hampshire Primary

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Arizona Sen. John McCain scored a landslide victory over George W. Bush on Tuesday in New Hampshire's leadoff primary, puncturing the aura of inevitability that had buoyed his Republican presidential campaign. Vice President Al Gore survived a toe-to-toe challenge from Democratic challenger Bill Bradley.

"We have sent a powerful message to Washington that change is coming," McCain told cheering supporters. He watched the returns with his teary-eyed wife, Cindy, who put a trembling hand to her mouth, and said, "It really happened."

McCain rolled up 49 percent of the GOP vote, Bush just 30, a margin that recast the GOP race for the larger states ahead.

Gore was winning 52 percent of the vote, Bradley 47.

"We're going to march all the way down the field — state to state, all the way to victory in November," the vice president told supporters, as Democrats and Republicans alike looked to a five-week stretch of pri-



maries that could determine the nominees by mid-March.

The results damaged

Bradley's chances, but he vowed to keep up his challenge. The former New Jersey senator lost badly in Iowa last week and lost the lead he once held in New Hampshire polling.

Even so, he found solace in the narrower margin Tuesday night. "We're moving forward," Bradley told AP, and indeed he has enough money to remain competitive in an expensive sprint of followup primaries, a luxury McCain could not have afforded.

AP's delegate analysis showed Gore leading for 13 out of the 22 Democratic delegates at stake in New Hampshire, with Bradley winning 9.

After New Hampshire, Democrats turn their attention to an unprecedented mountain of primaries from New York to California on March 7. Republicans will compete in several states before March 7, including Delaware on Feb. 8, South Carolina on Feb. 19 and Arizona and Michigan on Feb. 22.

Concern Arises Over IRA's Failure to Deliver on Agreement

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic government was plunged into crisis Tuesday after a report by an independent commission confirmed that the Irish Republican Army has failed to begin turning over its weapons.

Amid doubts that the 8-week-old Northern Ireland administration could survive, the major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, accused the IRA-linked Sinn Fein of failing to deliver on its side of an American-brokered deal that led to their power-sharing Cabinet.

The disarmament commission delivered its report



—confirming that no specific acts of IRA disarmament had taken place — to the British and Irish governments late Monday. They declined to make the report public Tuesday.

In a statement, the IRA insisted its 1997 cease-fire should be sufficient grounds for Sinn Fein's continued place within the four-party administration, the central goal of the 1998 Good Friday peace accord.

The IRA said its representatives had met directly with Northern Ireland's disarmament commission

three times since the Cabinet's formation and spoke to its members by phone on Monday night.

The outlawed group said it had consistently stressed the message "that the IRA's guns are silent and that there is no threat to the peace process from the IRA."

But the IRA gave no hint it intended to hand over a single bullet, much less its many tons of weapons stockpiled in hidden caches. The accord anticipated the IRA's total disarmament by May.

Ulster Unionist leader

David Trimble said the British government now had a "regrettable but inevitable" choice: to suspend the Cabinet's powers in hopes fresh negotiations could produce a more ironclad agreement involving IRA disarmament, or watch the Cabinet collapse as the Ulster Unionists back out.

Referring to Sinn Fein and the IRA, Trimble said: "There was never any intention on our part to place permanently in government a party allied to a terrorist organization that was not prepared to put the means of terror out of reach, out of use on a permanent basis."

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Weather

It's a three-step plan.

- 1) Rent "Karate Kid."
- 2) Watch Mr. Miagi get loaded.
- 3) Laugh your ass off.

Police Report



Obviously a Math Major

At approximately 12:15 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers observed a 20-year-old male suspect standing in the street on the 6500 block of Del Playa Drive, holding an open bottle of Coors Light.

According to reports, when the suspect saw the officers he turned and attempted to walk into the driveway. Officers stopped the suspect and asked him for identification. The suspect said he did not have any on him, and stated that he was "21 years old."

Officers asked the suspect for his name and date of birth. The suspect gave a false name, and stated his date of birth was June 26, 1976.

IVFP officers then asked the subject why he had said that he was 21, when his date of birth would make him 23. The subject stated that he was used to telling the police that he was over 21.

The officers checked the DMV records, and no matches were made with the suspect's name and date of birth. The subject was then arrested for giving false information to the police, and was later charged with a minor in possession when his age was discovered to be 20.

The beer was poured out at the scene.

A Slow Learner

At approximately 12:50 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29, officers observed a male suspect staggering northbound on Camino Pescadero at the Sabado Tarde intersection.

According to reports, as the 20-year-old suspect passed the officers he stated, "He's the fucker who arrested me for drunk."

Officers approached the suspect to

inquire what he was talking about. Over the course of the conversation, officers determined the suspect to be drunk again.

The suspect was arrested for possession of a false I.D. and for public intoxication. The suspect was transported to the Santa Barbara County Jail, where he was housed pending sobriety.

Careful, Dogs Can Sense Stupidity

At approximately 1:50 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29, a K-9 unit contacted a male suspect on the 6600 block of DP.

According to reports, the suspect came into close proximity to the dog and began to agitate it. Officers asked the suspect to back away from the dog, but the suspect refused.

The dog began to bark violently and strain the chain toward the suspect. The suspect proceeded to smile and move back and forth in front of the dog.

The dog continued to bark and jump toward the suspect. The suspect was asked once again to move on. The suspect refused once more.

Officers determined that the suspect was unconcerned for his safety. The suspect was arrested for public intoxication and transported to Santa Barbara County Jail, where he was housed pending sobriety.

Too Many Nike Commercials

At approximately 11:50 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, officers observed a 19-year-old male suspect, who appeared to be drinking beer out of a plastic cup, while walking eastbound on the 6600 block of DP.

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Opinion

The Low Down Image Is Everything Cell Phones Have Become Ridiculous Props

DAVID DOWNS

So, yesterday I was walking in front of Storke Tower when this girl cycles by yapping on a cell phone. In a failed attempt at multi-tasking, she tried to chew gum, execute a right-hand turn and talk on the cell phone simultaneously. The results were disastrous.

After clipping a pedestrian she lost her balance and dumped her beach cruiser in a small bush. As she lay sprawled out on the blacktop, the first thing she did was make sure her cell phone was OK.

"Didi! It's Jenny! Oh my god! I just fell off my bike! Oh my god!"

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the global telecommunications revolution. Your friends can now know you ate shit on your bike before the spokes stop spinning.

If you own a cell phone, do yourself a favor and throw it into the ocean. You might just catch a sunset in the process.

There was a time when cell phones had this cool mystique about them. They were clumsy, expensive and unreliable, so naturally only really important, rich people were allowed to own one. When I first saw people talking on cell phones as a kid, I assumed they were U.N. hostage negotiators or Navy SEALs receiving top-secret orders.

On TV, only the really important people had cell phones: trial lawyers, drug dealers, acting agents, Inspector Gadget, rock stars. They all needed instantaneous contact with their associates, and it was something to aspire to. Urkel never need-

ed a cell phone.

TV presented cell phones as this faux status symbol for people whose lives were so amazingly complex that they simply couldn't afford the hassle of finding a phone booth. For a while, I kind of wanted one.

I dreamt about turning the boring minutes of the supermarket checkout line into pleasure time by dialing up 1-900-NAUGHTY from my pocket-sized love machine. How cool would I look driving around in my rich friend's car with the cell phone to my ear? I wouldn't even need to call anyone, just drive around with it against my ear as proof of how important I was. I could finally be in contact with my psychic adviser so as to avoid any possible danger.

Like the dream involving two girls, a pool of red Jell-O and a stuffed moose, my cell phone fantasies evaporated when I came to college. All of a sudden every goofy bastard with access to Mommy and Daddy's 200 free minutes a month was yapping their boring jaws about their inane, unimportant lives. Now, no one's important, and everyone just looks like an asshole.

Guys and girls can be seen walking on DP with cell phones to their ears, and I often have to resist the urge to yank them away and say, "What in Natty Light's name is so important that it can't wait

until Sunday morning?"

When I see a guy biking from class and talking on a cell, I know the conversation can't be more than, "Dude, my section ended early. Load the bowl, I'm on my way home."

I acknowledge the ease cell phones can provide during a crisis or a long-distance road trip, but the closest most students come to a crisis is when that bitch in the RBT phone system won't let you add the one class you need to graduate.

After seeing so many rampant on-campus cell-phone abuses, I truly hope

eyeballs growing out of it.

Call me old-school, but one of the many goals of college is to meet as many different people as you can, break down stereotypes and see different sides of things. How are you possibly supposed to meet new people when all you want to be is more firmly connected to those you know?

Deep down, most cell-phone junkies are grappling with a psychological phenomenon as old as monkeys — a fear of being alone. The cell phone is the monitor from the baby's crib to wherever Mommy is. Whenever baby cries, Mommy can be there to give comfort. Your friends and the self-identity they provide are now never more than a cell-phone call away; heaven forbid we should live a moment without them.

If you own a cell phone, do yourself a favor and throw it into the ocean. You might just catch a sunset in the process. Strike up a conversation with a stranger, meditate, do anything but give yourself brain tumors and waste your parents' money on vacuous unimportant conversation.

If you don't have a cell phone yet, do like I do: snicker and point at every sad, misguided soul who gets a charge out of

being seen with a piece of plastic to his or her ear. And make sure to snicker extra hard when they crash their beach cruisers in the process.

David Downs is the lone member of the Chief Quimby fan club. His column appears every other Wednesday in the Daily Nexus, and this one will self-destruct in five seconds.



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the rumors are right. There would be no sweeter justice than to have every cell-phone junkie drop dead from the brain tumors that ate them from the inside out. Never mind cigarettes, the new public service announcement would say, "This is your brain." Cut to a shot of an egg. "This is your brain on a cell phone." Cut to a shot of a green, rotted egg with teeth and

A.S. It Is A.S. Wants to Tell Your Stories Student Participation Needed for a True Celebration of UCSB

JASON NAZAR

My freshmen year I was running very late for a History 4B section, which was taught by a TA that I'm pretty sure cannibalized small children in her spare time. While frantically searching for my bike, I realized I had left it on campus the night before. Uh-oh. Thankfully my friend Danny lent me his, with one precaution: "Jason, by the way, the brakes don't work *too* well." Those infamous last words have rung through my head ever since.

As I sped to campus from Tropicana Gardens, down the bike path, past Storke Field and across the tennis courts, I spotted a group of bikers heading to cross my path. Prematurely, I gave myself a mental pat on the back for having the foresight to avoid the accident. But when I pressed on the brakes ... nothing. They didn't work "too well," they didn't freaking work at all! So what did my dimwitted ass do? Well, instead of skidding off to the side or changing directions, I repeatedly continued to clamp on the brakes — wholeheartedly believing the gods of Oil, Lubrication and Chains would hear my prayer. Well, that group of bikers, which was more of a small caravan, couldn't see me because of the huge blind spot of trees.

At the last second I panicked; racing forward to outrun the other students, I screamed, "I can't stop, please get out of the way." To which the forerunner of the group, a very, petite female student, slammed on her brakes and screamed, "Oh, shit." I didn't have the courage to turn around. I heard the screeching, moaning, yelling and collision of unyielding perpetual motion with that

small girl. In unison, 15 students called out for my death. I wouldn't be surprised if they rounded up a posse to try and hunt me down that afternoon. Now, I'm not a very religious man, but all I could think as I frantically raced away was, "Don't look back, don't turn around, remember Sodom and Gomorra."

In the second week of Spring Quarter, Associated Students will co-sponsor an event that will bring together 600 UCSB students, high school students, professors and staff for a type of event this campus has never seen before. We will highlight various facets of UCSB by creating a night of entertainment, fantasy and motivation that will leave a lasting presence on our campus. This performance piece will expose the incredible accomplishments, endeavors and experiences that take place every day at UCSB.

To complete this task we need your stories. This play will include Dramatic Art students acting out the various experiences of UCSB students. Write and let me know about your most exciting and challenging anecdotes. The stories can be as inane as my screw-up, or

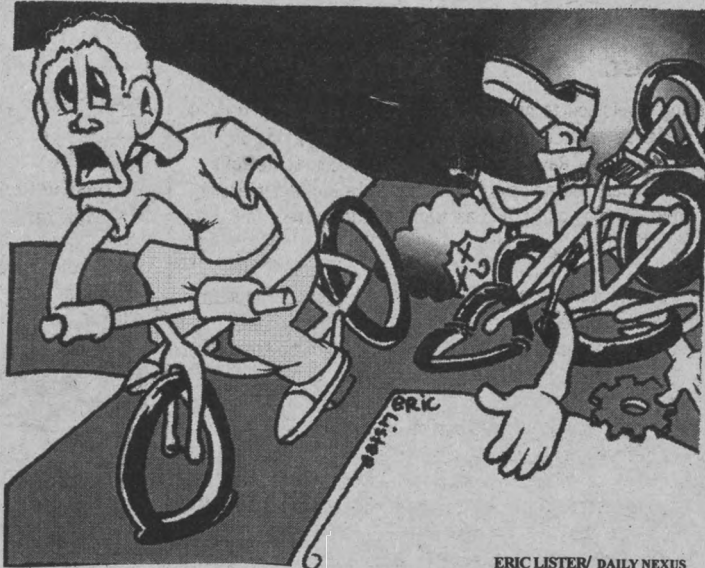
about your most profoundly painful or joyous experience. The point is to recreate our most amazing moments and to share these experiences with one another. You can choose to submit the stories anonymously or take full credit for them. The only criterion is that the stories must be real. However, try and make them as interesting as possible, because they're intended to capture and challenge the audience's attention.

The stories should be no more than 800 words and should be completed by the sixth week of Winter Quarter. They can be turned in to the A.S. main office (UCen, Room 1500) or e-mailed to <jasonn@as.ucsb.edu>.

Furthermore, if you are interested in helping with this piece, either creatively or organizationally, call the A.S. main office at 893-2566 to get involved. The performance will be taped and distributed throughout the campus. So if accepted, you and your stories would be immortalized at UCSB through continuing orientation programs and freshmen seminars.

The event itself will be in Corwin Pavilion on Wednesday, April 12. It will be free to all students. Our time at UCSB should not just be a stepping stone to our next stage of life, but rather a process that's valued, savored and tested. I anxiously look forward to sharing these experiences with you and the rest of our campus.

Jason Nazar is the Associated Students president.



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REC CEN

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one of two options. The first option would be \$37, and charges would begin upon the facility's projected opening in 2004-2005. In the second option, fees would be \$34, but collection would begin one year before the facility's opening in 2003-2004.

RecCen Governance Board Sports Rep. Shelly Waldman said the entire project may take approximately four years to complete, but some improvements may be seen sooner.

"Three to five months after it passes, we could get the Jacuzzi and have new cardio machines in the walkway," she said.

RecCen Facilities Manager Mike Lewis asserted that the \$14-million project is needed to ease a lack of space. "We've had major trouble volume-wise and space-wise. We can't keep up with the demand," he said.

Lewis added that the RecCen is comparatively smaller than other universities' facilities. "Cal Poly has a large gymnasium, larger pool, but has half the volume of students," he said. "UC San Diego has a 1,200-square-foot weight room that's double the size of our weight room."

Lewis also noted that when the current facility was first constructed, much of the funds went into the building's aesthetics.

"Money went into beautifying the facility. If we built an ugly facility, we could have three times the space," he said.

Environmental science graduate student Chris Gibson said the expansion is necessary to improve an already overcrowded facility. "It's ridiculous to have to take a number at 5 [p.m.] to get in. If they have money, I think they should spend it here," he said.

However, sophomore environmental studies major Joey Soto said expansion of the RecCen's walls could jeopardize surrounding green space. "If there was more equipment, like bikes, it would be worth it, but it [if] they had to go and build on the grass around it, I wouldn't like it at all ... the grass is key," she said. "I don't even really go to the RecCen; I run on the beach."

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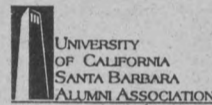
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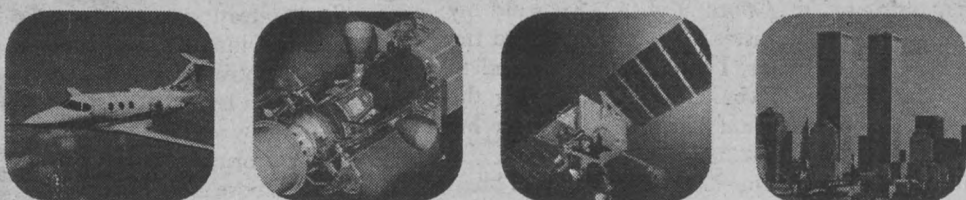
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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — If you do everything perfectly, you'll grow in favor with those who outrank you. If you goof up, you could snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. So, tell your friends you'll be glad to play with them another time. Right now, you're too busy.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — You're apt to be in an affectionate and generous mood this morning. You wish you could take the day off, but that's probably not a good idea. You'd like to spend all day playing, but you have an agenda you're trying to promote. Be efficient, and you can play, too.

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Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — Continue to heed the advice of a wise woman. This could be a relative of yours, but it could also be somebody you've hired. You're pretty good at taking coaching, and that shows you're pretty wise, too. Together, you're a hard team to beat.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Don't worry about the money now. That's not the most important thing. You should be more concerned about the contacts you're making. Show people you can be relied upon to do a good job, and the money will come. And, there'll be more of it when it does.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — You're practical, sensible and probably in love. There's a lot of work coming up, but you should be able to play just a little while longer. Some folks think that Virgos are shy. You know you're just interested in perfection. Today, you might find it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 7 — You're good at putting things into order. You can always find a compromise so that everything goes well together. You do it with colors, home decor and personalities. Today, those skills could get quite a workout. It's a challenge, but you can do it!

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Don't put anything off until tomorrow that you can manage to do now. You always like to be prepared, and this is your big chance. In other words, if you don't get it done ahead, you may not have time to get it done at all. A stitch in time saves nine.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Work, money and education are all important parts of your life, but not necessarily in the same skills. You could be studying something technical, for example, and working at something manual. It's all part of getting where you want to go. Keep at it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — You're lucky in love, and that's always nice. This could be the love you share with your close relatives, children or friends and neighbors. If you're like most Capricorns, you don't mind being alone. But, you can give that up for a while. Play with others, instead.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You have a lot of great ideas, and you're bubbling over with creativity. If you can stay practical, too, you'll make amazing things happen. It might be wise to get help. A Capricorn woman is the most obvious choice to teach you what you need to know.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — You and your buddies have got things under control. You're strong and confident, so you can ask for whatever you need. You do have a puzzle to solve, but don't let that get you down. Think of it as a game, and it'll be part of the fun.

Today's Birthday (Feb. 2). Some work is required, but most of it's already been done. Perseverance is all that's necessary now. Listen to the voices in your head in February and to what a real friend is telling you, too. Follow a hunch in March and a sure thing in April. Send your mate on a mission in August while you perfect the plan. Delay travel in September and give a private matter top priority instead. Discover a new friend in December and reconnect with an old one in January.

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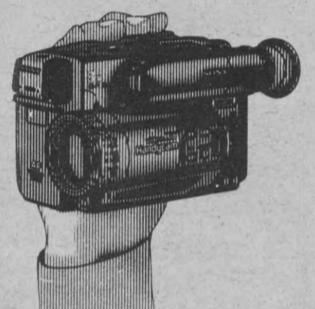
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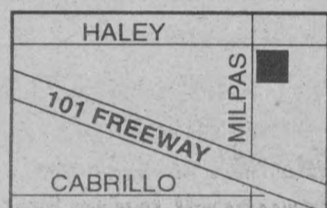


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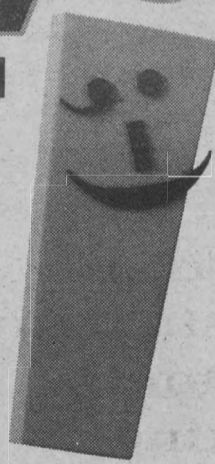
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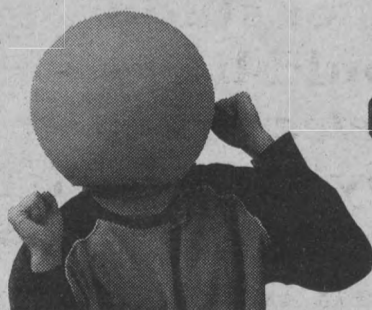
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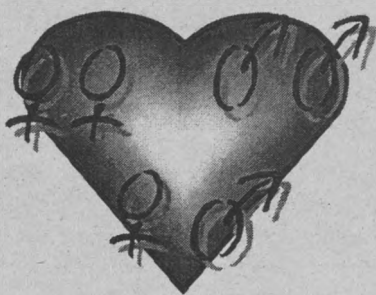
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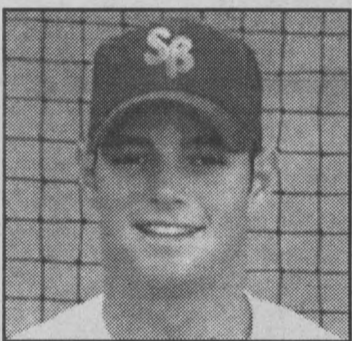
Warriors Get Shelled in Gauchos' Home-Opener

BY BRIAN CHONG
Reporter

The UCSB baseball team was looking to bring the quick bats and soft hands that produced the outburst of offense and strong defense in its towering victory over Centenary College at the Cal Poly Classic this past weekend. The Gauchos did just that, crushing cross-town rival Westmont 16-8 on Tuesday afternoon at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium.

The offensive stint of the Gauchos (2-1 overall) early in the game warned the Warriors (3-1 overall) of a long defensive outing ahead. Junior second baseman Chad Peshke and junior first baseman Mike Kolbach started off the first inning with walks. However, they were not on base for long, since the very next batter, junior third baseman Dave Molidor, connected on the first of his two home runs to put the Gauchos in front 3-0.

"It was nice to see the ball



Dan Kemper

well today," said Molidor, who went 3 for 3 on the day. "I was just looking to protect, but I got barrel, and it felt good."

The bats were not the only weapons active in the victory. The arm of junior pitcher Bing Cain held the Westmont offense to a mere two runs. Cain, who started the game for the Gauchos, recorded four strikeouts, did not walk a batter and ended up giving six hits before being pulled from the game due to fatigue.

"I was pleased with my performance today," said Cain. "As long as we get the win, any win is a good win for the team."

UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema was pleased with the first outing of the season for his starting pitcher.

"He was real good, and I thought he was tough," Brontsema said. "He threw strikes, and the game is to throw strikes and put the ball into play. Our defense is good, and it helped him out."

Brontsema also added that Cain's toughness was a key to the Gauchos' win.

"What I liked most about Bing is that he got tired in the fifth and sixth innings, but he stepped up and stayed with it and didn't let anything get out of control," he said. "I thought his effort was real good."

The Warriors were not looking to go down easy as they chipped away at the Gaucho lead. The first batter of the second inning, right fielder Mike



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TWO-TIMER: Junior third baseman Dave Molidor came home twice for the UCSB baseball team, as he hit two homers and finished the day with a perfect 3-3 from the plate in the Gauchos' 16-8 victory over Westmont.

LaRue, slapped a pitch off Cain over the left-field wall for one of the only runs given up by Cain. Three innings later, the Warriors cut the Gaucho lead in half at 4-2 with designated hitter Scott Reeves, reaching base on a single to right field. Reeves advanced to third on a base hit by catcher Matt Ainley and was finally driven home on a sacrifice fly to center by third baseman Jadon Lavik.

However, that was as close as Westmont would come to the Gauchos, as UCSB came up with another high-powered offensive inning. The first three batters: Molidor, sophomore DH Tyler Von Schell and junior shortstop Jeff Bannon led off the sixth inning with singles to left field. With the bases loaded, freshman catcher Donovan Warrecker grounded to third,

where the Warrior third baseman tagged third and threw home, recording a double play. Junior right fielder Ryan Spilborghs kept the inning alive by blooming the ball over second base. Junior Dan Kemper, who stepped in to pinch hit for junior left fielder Chris Crawley, then came to the plate with the bases loaded, and belted a 2-2 change-up over the right-field wall for a grand slam, giving the Gauchos an 8-2 lead.

"It's going well so far when I'm pinch hitting," Kemper said. "Every time I get the opportunity, I just try to get it done, and it was good to put us up a bit."

The shaky defense of Westmont allowed the Gauchos to take advantage as they posted another high-run inning — scoring eight in the bottom of the seventh to put them up for

good at 16-3. Kolbach reached base with a walk, and the very next batter, Molidor, blasted his second home run of the game into the right-field stands. Junior left fielder Jeff Carter, Von Schell, Spilborghs, Kemper, Peshke and sophomore left fielder Andy Campanella all scored to cap the Gauchos' offense.

Despite the merciless lead, the Warriors continued to nip at the heels of the Gauchos, and displayed their perseverance, to say the least. However, their drive fell short as they ended up scoring only five more runs. Senior Peter Dyball closed out the game to cap UCSB's second win of the year.

UCSB will prepare for action this Friday when it opens up a three-game series against San Jose State at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium.

Junior Gymnast Vaults to School Record

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Sometimes amid adversity a team can become stronger, and the UCSB men's gymnastics team did just that in this weekend's losses to California and Stanford.

The Gauchos, ranked 20th in the nation, lost to the Bears by a score of 224.925-203.20, and to Stanford by 16.85 points at the Stanford Invitational. Despite the meet's outcome, it still held many highlights for individuals, and in the long run, the team.

Junior Cody Casey tied a school record in the vault with a score of 9.700 to win the competition in that event, and also tied for fourth place in the floor exercise with a 9.300.

"Cody is on a very good track," UCSB Head Coach Mircea Badulescu said. "Last year he came in out of shape because he transferred here from junior college, and he hadn't been training, but this year he worked out with us, though not that much because of school, and he started out well. If he did the same vault at the National Championships, he would win."

As a team, UCSB landed in second place in the floor exercise with the help of Casey and freshman Kenny Dechakaisaya, who stepped up to score an 8.9. The Gauchos' overall score was a 36.300.

Junior Dushan Mikichi also made strides for the Gauchos on the parallel bars by scoring a 9.000. In the vault, Casey was not the only individual to score high, as sophomore Michael Kelley tried a new vault and succeeded in landing a 9.15.

"We did much better this week compared to our last meets," Casey said. "We had a really rough pommel horse judge, and our coaches were down on us about the score, but we improved, and overall, we've established a jumping-off point to develop more respect for ourselves."

An increased amount of team unity was the cause of this major breakthrough, UCSB fought to stay positive and keep their heads up. The team dealt with substandard conditions in the 5-hour-long meet, and the mats were not in good shape, according to Badulescu.

"It was a poor-quality meet," he said. "The mats weren't proper, and [the meet] wasn't even finished until 11 [p.m.], so we didn't get into bed until 1 [a.m.]."

UCSB will look to capitalize on the improvements it made this past weekend to aid it in its next meet against Air Force.

"We're leaving to go to Air Force on Thursday," Kelley said. "And they are our big rivals."

"Air Force is a good team," Casey added. "But if we do what we set out to do, then this will be the meet that's going to really start us out on the right note."



Cody Casey

UCSB Picks Up Another Loss in Close Meet Against UCD

The UCSB women's gymnastics team was in action at Rob Gym last Saturday night, playing host to the visiting Aggies of UC Davis. Despite strong performances in the balance beam and the uneven bars, the Gauchos (0-4 overall) were edged out by Davis 187.175-185.025, and remain winless in the season.

UCSB was at its strongest when competing in the balance beam. Tops among the Gauchos were the efforts of senior Alanna Trimble, who scored a 9.500 on the beam, good enough for second place in the event. Finishing third was sophomore Sonia Mondkar, who notched a 9.375.

Another strong event for Santa Barbara was the uneven bars. Although UCSB did not win the event, the Gauchos finished in second and third, just as in the balance beam. Freshman Talia Gamm was best for UCSB, earning a second-place finish with a score of 9.425. Behind Gamm was freshman Whitney Chandler, who placed third with a 9.350.

Another bright spot for UCSB was the performance of Fairouz Azzam in the vault. With a final score of 9.500, Azzam finished

third in the event, UCSB's only other top-three showing in the meet. Despite the result of the meet, Head Coach Megan Fenton still feels as if there are positives to be drawn from the Gauchos' performance.

Santa Barbara will face the Air Force Academy in Colorado on Friday. The meet begins at 7 p.m.



Alanna Trimble

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