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**Drugs and Violence**

It's not like you have any real homework yet. "Go" plays tonight in I.V. Theater at 8 and 10:30.

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Ammunition against the online textbook advertising assault; one site helps balance book buying budgets.



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In For Your Health, Environmental Affairs Board representatives sing the praises of organic food.



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## University Extends Authority to I.V.

### 1st in a 2-Part Series

BY STEPHANIE LEWIS  
Reporter

After last year's Safety 2000 Bill was passed by the Associated Students Legislative Council last spring, questions arose about how expanded jurisdiction will affect

the students that live in university-associated structures off campus. Today we look at how this affects those who live in off-campus residence halls. Thursday we explore the effects on the greek system and its many members.

Out-of-line students in off-campus housing face double trouble thanks to expanded jurisdiction.

A newly passed initiative will give the university authority over students living in off-campus

residence halls. All such students in violation of any UCSB policies of procedure or California laws can be referred to the dean of students as well as to local law enforcement. Whether students will be reported to the dean of students is at the discretion of the resident assistant and the manager of the residence hall.

According to Associated Students President Jason Nazar,

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## Grants Support UCSB Scholars, Innovation

BY JERRY BEERS  
Staff Writer

Solidifying its reputation as a premier national research institution, UCSB broke the \$100-million mark in outside research funding for the past fiscal year.

Grants and contracts for UCSB's research facilities

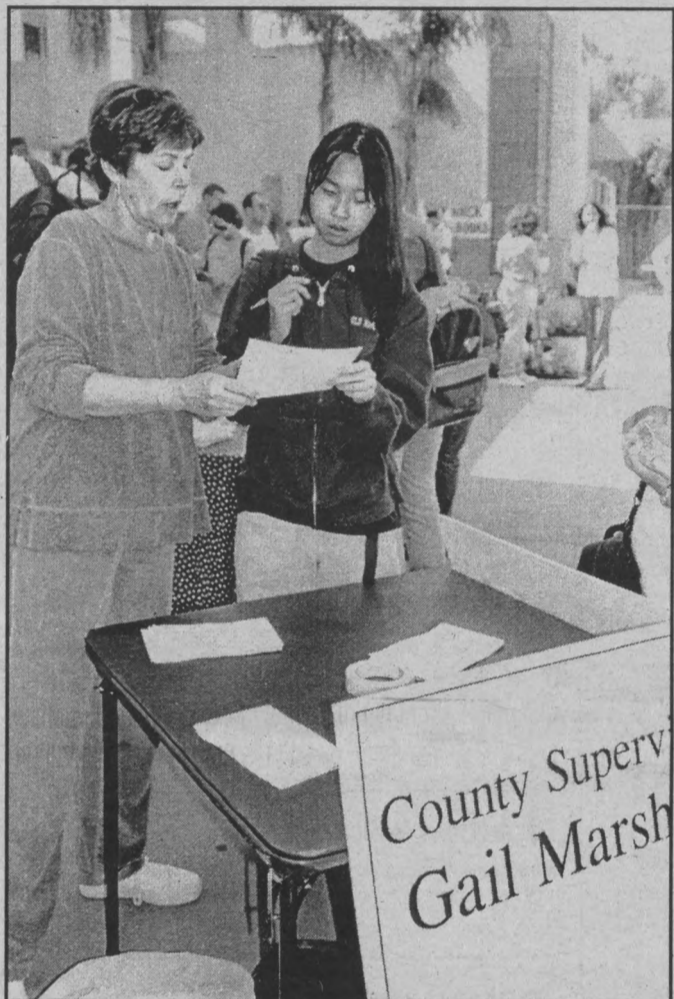
reached \$102.6 million over the 1998-1999 fiscal year, an increase of 12.9 percent over last year's figure. UCSB's research facilities have been growing at a rapid pace over the last 10 years, as its funding has almost doubled from \$53.9 million in 1988-1989, according to Chancellor Henry Yang.

"UCSB's extramural research

grants have grown steadily over the past two decades. We will continue to grow steadily," Yang stated. "If we compare UCSB with other top research universities, excluding awards to medical schools and using per capita figures, we would rank very high."

Eighty percent of UCSB's

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Just Sign on the Dotted Line

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Third District County Supervisor Gail Marshall coaxes hesitant freshman Irene Siu into filling out a voter registration form. Monday was the last day to register to vote for the next election.

## More Spacious Accommodations Unite Fraternity Under One Roof

BY MEGAN SOLOW  
Staff Writer

Beta Theta Pi members returned from summer vacation to a new home just in time for rush.

The fraternity's Aug. 15 move from their apartment-style complex on Embarcadero Del Norte into the former Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house is opening up new possibilities for their fraternity to expand, said Rush Chair Michael Saul.

"This house has a lot more rooms, so more people can live together, and it is more presentable," he said. "Beta has a very prestigious reputation in the rest of the country; this move helps our house look better."

Beta President Dave Hirschl said that he is hopeful about the advantages of the new house.

"It's more conducive to a fraternal atmosphere. We have 28 people in our house while we could only fit 16 in the old house, but now since we can all be together, we can be closer," he said. "The ties are coming closer

within the house; we all have a pretty optimistic view for the coming year."

Former SAE members scattered after the loss of their charter last year, but Gavin McConnelllogue said that ex-members are attempting to stay in contact even without organized events or an official fraternity house. McConnelllogue added that although SAE is no longer affiliated on the national or school level, they could have kept their house had they been able to keep enough tenants living in it.

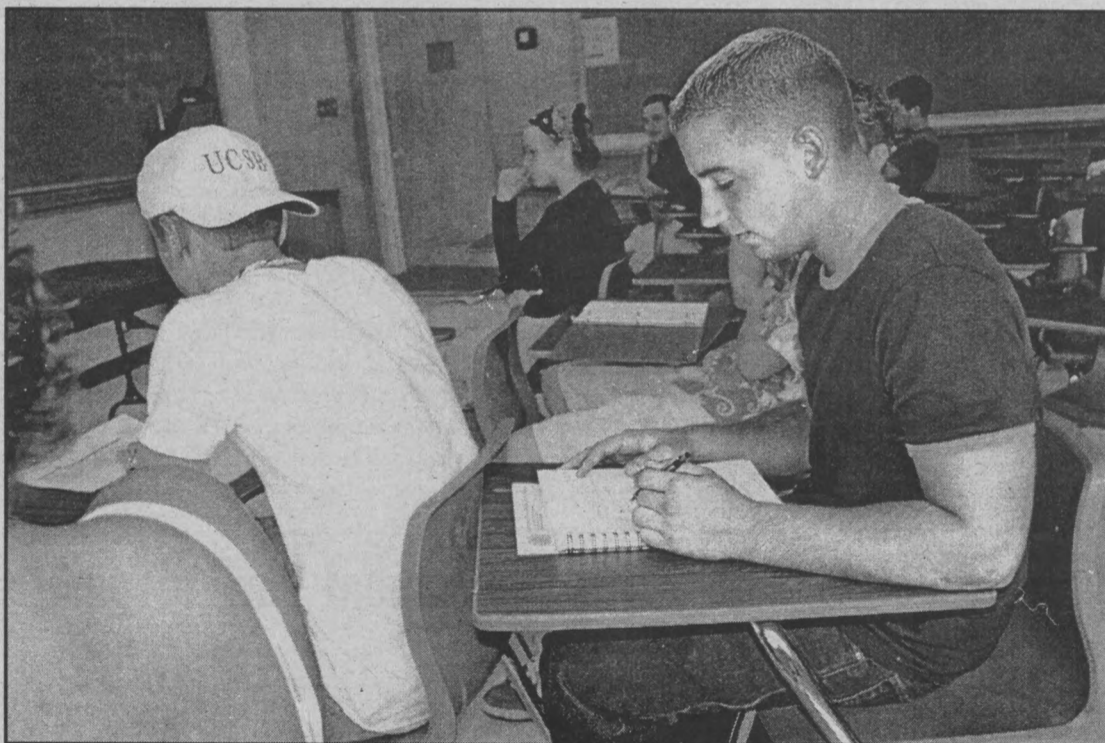
"The lease was through [the national SAE organization]," he said. "When we lost our national recognition we weren't going to be able to fill the house for the next year. We could have kept it if we could fill it."

Apartment Manager Dennis Emory was hesitant to comment on the lease arrangement between SAE and himself.

"SAE is no longer there," he said. "People move in and out all the time. It was a mutual

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## Lecture Hall Improvements Provide Relief for Lefties



NASEEMA KHAN / DAILY NEXUS

Lefty student Nick Tiblier demonstrates the convenience of a left-handed desk as he takes notes in class. Left-handed desks are now provided in 70 percent of all classrooms and lecture halls on campus.

BY CHERYL CHENG  
Reporter

Leaning, awkward balancing of notebooks and general uncomfortable notetaking may be eased for some students by the installation of left-handed desks all across campus.

UCSB summer renovations have provided new hardware in approximately 70 percent of campus classrooms and lecture halls to make students more comfortable, according to the Office of the Registrar. Seven percent of the seating in each of those rooms will have left-handed desks, Assistant

Superintendent of Facilities Management Eric Ruse said.

Spearheaded by Associated Students Legislative Council Rep-at-Large Jessica Ehrlich, the project originated from student complaints, which she forwarded to Facilities Management regarding the lack of desks for left-handed students.

"[Left-handed desks were needed] because 10 percent of the human population is left-handed," she said. "There is a small percentage of students who would find that these desks make a big

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# Top of the News

## Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Goes to Senate



WASHINGTON (AP) — In 1958, deep in the Cold War, President Eisenhower proposed a global ban on all nuclear weapons test explosions. He said it would make the world safer.

He didn't have many takers.

More than four decades later, winning ratification of a treaty to ban nuclear testing — a top Clinton administration priority — is still a hard sell. Indeed, President Clinton conceded on Monday that he doesn't have the votes needed for Senate ratification.

"I hope we can get them," he told reporters.

Despite repeated efforts by the big nuclear powers to limit the nuclear arms race — set in motion by the U.S. bombing of Japan in World War II — the

issue hasn't been in the forefront of public attention during most of the 41 years since Eisenhower's proposal.

"When you ask people what's the most important

international pact intended to halt or at least slow the development of nuclear weapons by banning further testing.

To date, only the United States has used nuclear weapons — the two atomic bombs that ended World War II in

And it would make it easier to rein in smaller nuclear powers, such as India and Pakistan, and stop a dangerous regional arms race.

Such a ban could raise doubts 10 or 15 years from now about the condition of the U.S. nuclear stockpile, perhaps tempting a dictator or terrorist to challenge the United States, suggested Senate Armed Services Chair John Warner, R-Va.

**There can be no doubt about the credibility of [the U.S.'s] stockpile.**

— John Warner

**Senate Armed Services Chairman, R-Va.**

thing they worry about, the test ban treaty is not on the top of the list," said Mark Mellman, a Democratic pollster. Still, he said, "when you lay out the arguments to the public, the public overwhelmingly supports the treaty."

Later this week the Senate will take up a treaty that would carry out Eisenhower's vision — an

August 1945.

Supporters of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty say it is crucial to keep nuclear weapons from proliferating. They say it would keep large countries with advanced nuclear weapons already in their arsenals, including Russia and China, from manufacturing even more threatening weapons.

"There can be no doubt about the credibility of that stockpile," Warner said Monday. His panel will hold three days of hearings on the treaty, beginning Tuesday.

In the three years since the U.S.-led drive for the test-ban treaty began, 154 nations have signed it, but only 47, not including the United States, have ratified it.

## Court Tries Guards on Accusations of Abuse



HANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Four guards at one of the nation's toughest prisons went on trial Monday for allegedly setting up a prison-cell rape to punish an inmate.

The alleged incident took place at the notorious Corcoran State Prison, where eight other officers are accused of setting up gladiator-style battles among inmates for the guards' entertainment. They will be tried later.

"No one is above the law," prosecutor Vernon Pierson told the jury as the four guards sat expressionless.

The guards are accused of putting Eddie Dillard, a 118-pound, first-time offender, in the cell of Wayne Jerome Robertson, a 6-foot-3-inch, 230-pound sexual predator known as the "Booty Bandit," to punish Dillard for kicking a female guard.

Robertson, a lifer, admitted to a grand jury that he sodomized Dillard and threatened to kill him if he put up a fight during the three days in 1993 when guards left the smaller man in the cell.

Dillard, in prison for assault with a deadly weapon, had just been transferred from another prison, in part because he had kicked the female guard.

The prosecutor said the guards knew Robertson was Dillard's enemy — Dillard had said so, in prison paperwork, because of a fight the two had at another prison.

Prison policy forbids putting such inmates in the same cell.

"Dillard should have never been put in the cell with me, period," Robertson testified to a grand jury. "I mean, my background is no secret. ... The Corrections Department used me as a pawn to get inmate Dillard."

The criminal trial in state court is the first in nearly a decade for guards at Corcoran, a maximum-security prison in the San Joaquin Valley. The prison was the nation's most deadly from 1989 to 1995, when 43 inmates were wounded and seven shot to death by guards.

A special grand jury last year finally indicted the four guards — Sgts. Robert Decker, 41, and Dale Brakebill, 34, and Officers Anthony Sylva, 36, and Joe Sanchez, 38 — on charges of aiding and abetting the rape after a former prison guard broke ranks and supported Dillard's account.

The former guard, Roscoe "Bonecrusher" Pondexter, has admitted to brutalizing inmates. "It's never easy to break the code of silence. It took me five years," Pondexter told the *Los Angeles Times*.

All four guards, who face five to nine years in prison if convicted, are on administrative leave with pay. None of their superiors have been subjected to any disciplinary actions as a result of the Dillard case, said Curtis Sisk, the lawyer for Decker, who supervised the other guards as well as more than 400 inmates.

## State Legislature Approves Amusement Park Inspection Bill



SACRAMENTO (AP) — Beginning next year, those amusement park thrill rides that curdle your stomach will get a serious look from a state inspector once a year.

Gov. Gray Davis signed a state inspection bill Monday that was approved by the Legislature in the midst of several accidents at theme parks.

California currently requires inspections of rides at traveling carnivals, but not at the state's 72 permanent amusement parks.

There have been 16 fatal accidents in the past 28 years on rides in California, including 12 at permanent amusement parks.

Last December, one man was killed and two people injured on a sailing ship ride at Disneyland.

A 12-year-old boy was killed Aug. 22 after falling out of the Drop Zone Stunt Tower at Paramount's Great America in Santa Clara. Two days later, five people were injured at Knott's Berry Farm when a plank fell from a wooden roller coaster.

The same week, 28 passengers were trapped for nearly four hours on a roller coaster at Six Flags Marine World in Vallejo.

Under the new law, the rides will be inspected by

the Division of Occupational Safety and Health of the Dept. of Industrial Relations, which will charge the parks a fee.

A park owner or operator found to violate the new law, resulting in a death or serious injury, could be subject to a fine of \$25,000 to \$70,000.

The bill is by Assemblyman Tom Torlakson, D-Martinez, who had tried for several years to win an inspection bill.

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No matter what you smell today, maybe it ain't that bad.

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**BETA**

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# Feature

## New Site Offers "Smart" Way to Buy Books



ELIZABETH WERHANE  
Staff Writer

The ads read "More on beer, less on books," but junior communication major Jen Smithwick would use the money to "pay off some parking tickets." In fact, most students can probably think of ways to spend the money they could save by buying cheaper textbooks.

Now there's an easy way for students to locate their books at the lowest cost.

It turns out that Stanford is good for more than Chelsea Clinton jokes. The conversion of a class project into a business venture is making textbook shopping an easier and less expensive process. Two Stanford students, senior computer science major Thai Tran and electrical engineering doctoral candidate Amr Awadallah, turned Tran's senior project into a website that serves students by providing them with comparative price listings for 17 different textbook vendors.

site. UCSB is one of approximately 30 schools that VivaSmart currently serves with campus-specific information. The site has up-to-date information about textbook requirements, campus bookstore prices and availability.

VivaSmart does not sell books. The site allows students to enter the book they want to buy (by title, ISBN number or course number), and then provides a spreadsheet including the book merchant, availability, whether the book is new or used, the price, any tax or shipping costs and the total price.

"No one is doing exactly what we're doing," Polish said. "We have the most comprehensive site."

One service unique to VivaSmart is "My Books." "With 'My Books' we can find the cheapest package for you if we know what classes you're taking. That includes shipping costs, taxes, rebates, availability of textbooks — any number of factors — to find you the best package for the lowest price. We also take into consideration your time constraints," Polish said.

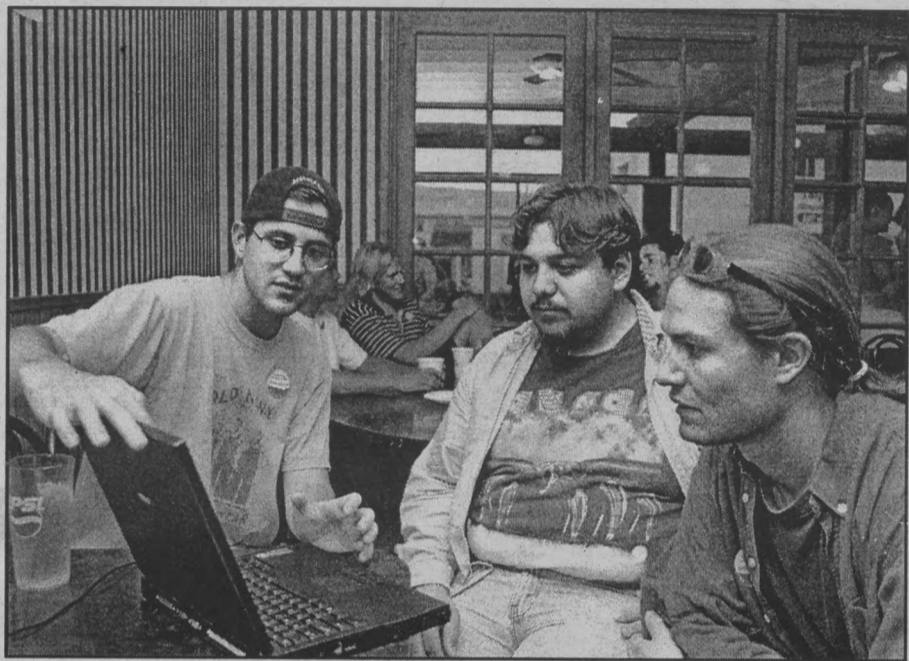
When senior political science major Shilen Patel tried out the site, he found instant results. "I think out of my four classes I saved around \$20-\$25," he said.

When asked if he would utilize the site next quarter, Shilen replied "definitely," and said, "I'll check it out first before ever going to the [UCSB Bookstore] or the I.V. Bookstore again."

Smithwick is impressed with the site

because it's "not trying to get you to buy anything."

Savvy students know that many companies try to take advantage of them, but after viewing the demo, junior biology major John Song said, "You don't feel as though you're getting scammed."



Although math graduate students Roger Roybal and Rasmus Mogelberg went to the VivaSmart demonstration for the free pizza, both plan to use the site this quarter.

"We don't do anything that would be detrimental to the students," Polish said. Since the entrepreneurs of VivaSmart are all recent graduates or current students, Polish asserts that the company is in tune with student needs and concerns.

"We don't advertise on our site, we don't [send junk e-mail to] students, we don't sell the list of students that register with our site. Everything we do is in the best interest of students," Polish said.

Mechanisms are in place to assure that students can use VivaSmart almost worry-free. The book merchants each go through a thorough process to verify that quality service will be provided for students.

VivaSmart teams placed orders through online booksellers to check on each vendor's services including shipping, availability, prices and customer service. "We don't have any dud vendors," Polish said.

Utilizing the site potentially saves time as well as money. Students do not have to wait in lines at bookstores (unless you find the cheapest books at one).

Time does not have to be spent searching the Web for the best deals. All the necessary information is in one place.

"I spent about two hours this afternoon

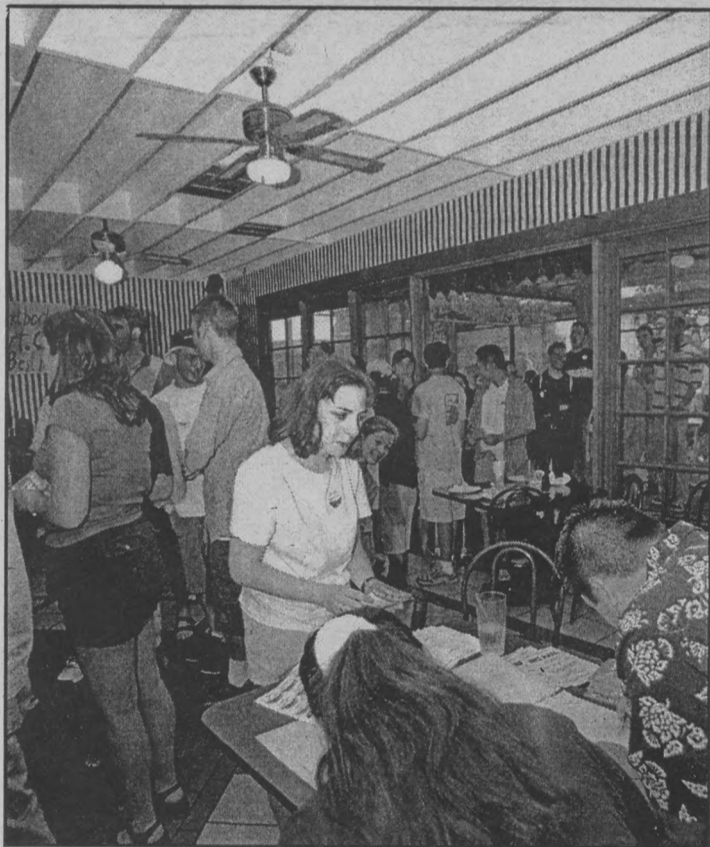
looking for books online, comparing them to the bookstore prices and the site does it all at once," first-year math graduate student Roger Roybal said.

He also said that the site has an "easy layout," which makes it "very friendly" and "pretty self-explanatory."

UCSB Bookstore Director Ken Bowers said that online book vendors currently have "no impact" on campus textbook sales, which actually increased almost 13 percent last year. He cites many reasons that "students are not opting to buy online," including the time frame, a more complicated return process and a lack of reliability. "There are lots of barriers, yet," he said.

For those students who have made the decision to utilize online resources, however, Bowers said that VivaSmart is "a particularly good site because it lists quite a bit of information about pricing and saves a lot of time."

"We're so far ahead of the pack on this," Polish said. "Come back next quarter if you're not sure this quarter — it will be even better."



Rachel Polish signs in two of over 500 students who lined up for free pizza at Giovanni's as part of an event to raise awareness about VivaSmart's online comparative pricing services last Thursday.

"Next thing you know, within a week or two, more than a third of the Stanford population was using the site to compare prices of their textbooks," VivaSmart Marketing Leader Rachel Polish said.

An alumna of UCSB, Polish spent last week on campus launching the young

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## DESKS

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difference in helping them take notes."

According to Ruse, the cost of the project was low because the renovation order forms were simply changed to include left-handed desks in addition to right-handed ones.

"The incorporation of left-handed desks worked out because we had just received money to renovate," he said. "For those classrooms being renovated, left-handed desks were taken into account."

Plans began Winter Quarter and the installa-

tion of left-handed desks was completed in time for fall, Ehrlich said. "From now on, left-handed seating [will] always be a consideration in renovations," she added.

The majority of left-handed seating will be located on the left side of the classrooms and lecture halls. The seats will also be color-coded in order for the students to easily distinguish between the left and right-handed desks, Ehrlich said.

The incorporation of these desks will accommodate both left-handed and right-handed students, said sophomore Asian

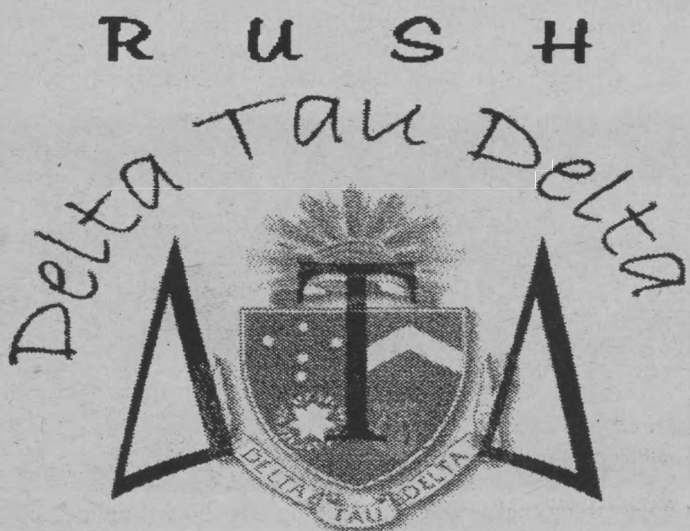
American studies major Loretta Tse.

"It seems like a good idea because left-handed students will be more comfortable," she said. "When I'm in a crowded lecture hall, sometimes left-handed students occupy two seats by using the desk to their left."

Lefty Loran Marsañ, a sophomore English and Women's Studies major, was less enthusiastic. "I guess it's a good idea," she said. "I don't think it matters that much. It's just a matter of writing one way as opposed to another."

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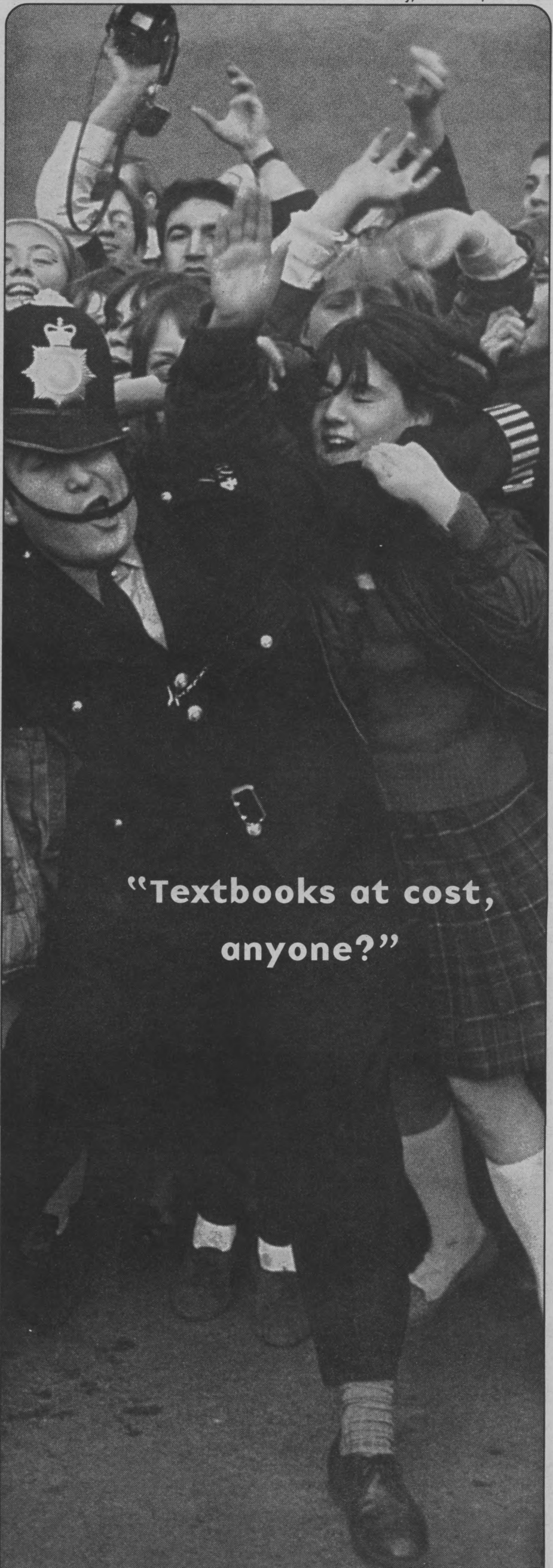
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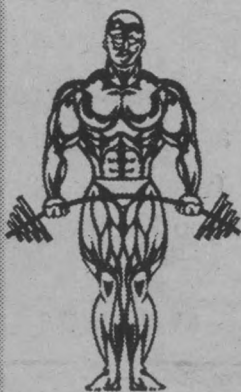
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According to an article by the University of California Office of the President, support from the Dept. of Defense totaled \$23.5 million last year - the largest share given to a UC school by the department. One of the projects at UCSB funded by the Defense Dept. is the study of fiber-optic strands, which transmit information over one million times faster than top quality PC modems.

UCSB's optoelectronics center is working on the strands, which have led to such developments as less expensive long distance telephone rates, faster Internet service and

improvements in "fly by light" airplane technology, according to a UCOP report.

Bren School of Environmental Science Dean Jeff Dozier said the increase in grants and contracts for research is a sign that members of UCSB's faculty are gaining recognition in their respective academic communities.

"It's good for our school and the university as a whole because research funding means that people at this university are being recognized by our own peers," he said.

According to Yang, increased funding not only reflects UCSB's academic excellence, but also the merit of its professors. Contracts and grants for research are usually awarded on the basis of individual achievements, he explained.

"Each research grant is the result of a competitive peer review process after the principal investigators have submitted a research proposal," Yang stated. "So

the money is awarded specifically to the principal investigators through the university."

Marine Science Institute Director Steven Gaines said increased funding has allowed the Marine Science Dept. to expand its resources and attract new scholars.

"We're one-third to one-fourth the size of Scripps [UC San Diego], but we're twice as big as all the other UC [Marine Science Depts.]," he said. "We've been growing dramatically. ... We're getting a bigger piece of the pie. We've got a whole variety of innovative centers bringing people together from different departments to study the ocean, and we've succeeded in bringing these people in."

According to Yang, increased university research extends its benefits beyond the UCSB community. "The products and discoveries of research benefit our society in so many ways and enhance our quality of life," he said.

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## SAFETY

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the extended jurisdiction could expose crimes that occur in off-campus housing.

"UCSB doesn't always take responsibility for what goes on in I.V., and what this does is take steps to recognize the relationship between the university and the surrounding," he said. "This also provides more insight to how much crime is going unnoted and unreported."

The Safety 2000 Bill also addressed more accurate statistics on rape and other forms of abuse within the community, as well as other concerns such as blue-light safety phones.

Associate Dean of Students Joe Navarro explained that expanded jurisdiction will be implemented through a series of phases.

"Organization is key to making this work," he said. "There are three phases to this setup before it can really begin. The first is giving the power to refer offenders to the dean of students. The second is to develop a student support group for incidences of abuse. And finally, to create a judicial board that includes students. All of these with the idea to open up opportunities to enforce rules and regulations."

Prior to this year, university regulation only applied to students living on campus, Navarro said.

"The plan is to have a consensus between all residence halls regardless of location, even though the jurisdiction of UCSB in the past, like all other UCs, has stopped at campus borders," he said.

According to junior psychology major Jennifer Price, the new expanded jurisdiction proposal would give the university too much control over stu-

dent life in the I.V. community.

"The residence halls are privately owned and should be able to operate as such. If you are paying for off-campus [housing] you deserve to be off campus, and out of the realm of academic repercussions. It should be home and free from university connections," she said. "Serious offenses should be taken seriously and reported to the Foot Patrol. I mean, that's what they are there for; the school cannot do it all."

According to Nazar, one of the main goals of the initiative is to increase the awareness of students living in off-campus residence halls as to what they can do if they are the victim of a crime.

"It's not that we don't have the facilities to help the students, we just need to put them out there more . . .," he said. "Extending jurisdiction is not meant to hinder or weigh down the students, but to ensure safety through action and support," he said.

According to UCSB Women's Center Director Deidre Acker, students can go to the Women's Center to learn more about how they can become actively involved in preventing and reporting crimes.

"They offer lectures, performances, workshops around gender issues, a rape-prevention education program, a sexual-harassment education program, reintegration for students older than 25, support for students with children, an art gallery, a library to study or get books and net stations."

Other University of California jurisdiction laws - including the power to suspend or expel students, as well as to keep a conduct record - extend as far as the boundaries of the campuses, to any school-owned property and to any University-affiliated events.

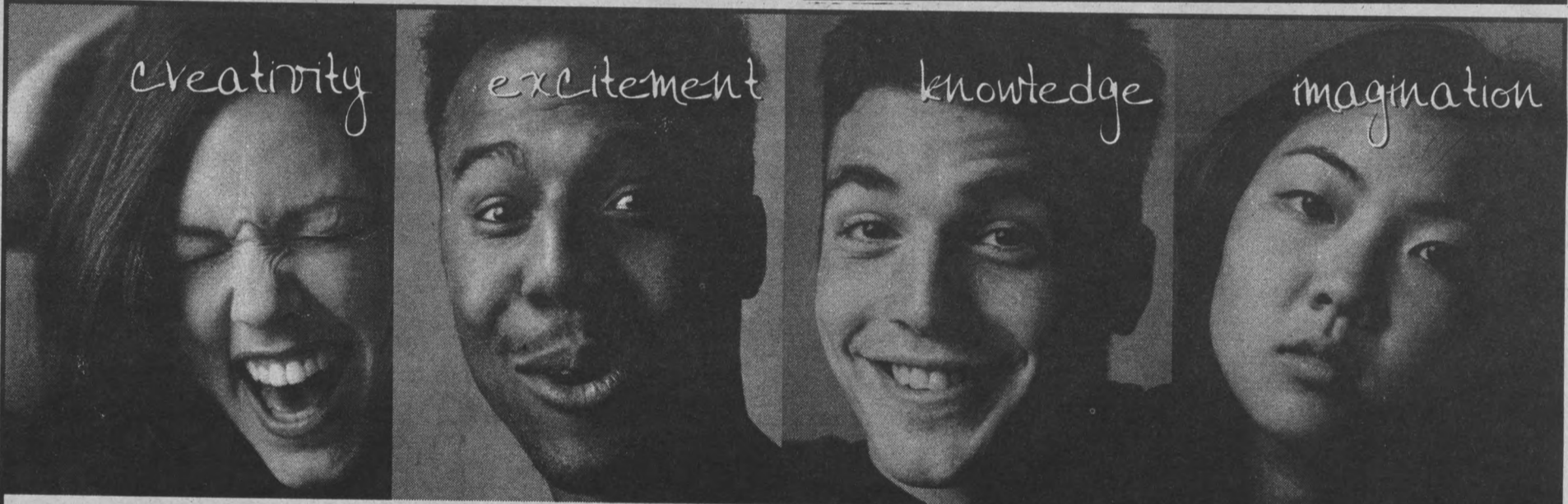
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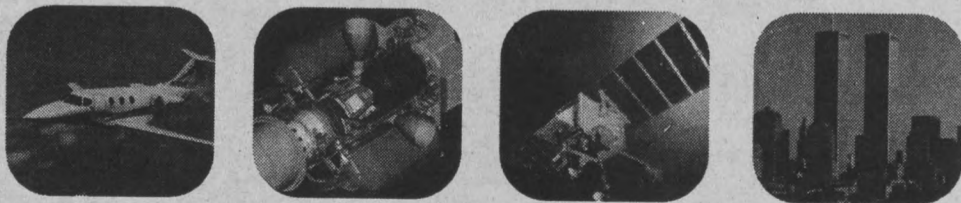
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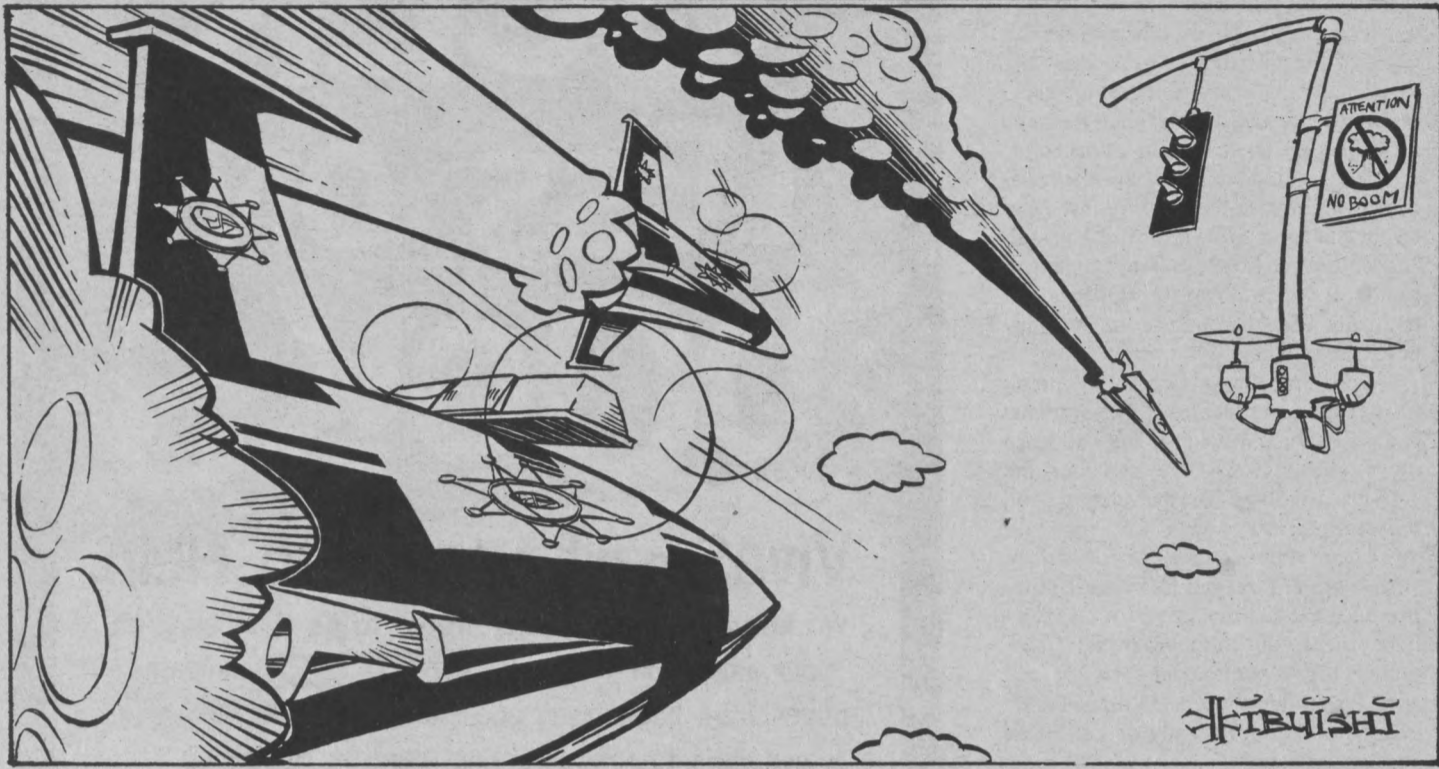
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## Exploding Missiles

*Strategic Defense Plans Provide Good Way to Reduce Risk of Conflict in Nuclear Age*

Was it a bird? A plane? No, it was a component of a new missile defense system being tested at Vandenberg Air Force base. The skies were ablaze Saturday evening after the testing of a new approach to defending our country against nuclear missile attack. This prototype missile defense system is designed to intercept and destroy incoming enemy warheads.

This program evolved out of Ronald Reagan's "Star Wars" plan of the 1980s, officially known as the Strategic Defense Initiative. Reagan wanted to have a network of orbiting satellites, which would destroy incoming missiles with a laser of some kind. While that plan may have been, and may still be, a little far-reaching and unrealistic, the new plan tested at Vandenberg provides a solid step down the path of military defense.

Since the inception of the "Star Wars" project, over \$120 billion has been spent on research and testing. Using these funds for actual defense, rather than offense, is a move in the right direction, especially now that the Pentagon has found a more viable alternative than "Star Wars." Rogue states may be deterred from attempting attack due to the knowledge that such defense systems are in place. Also, spending money on protecting people, rather than learning new ways to take out the enemy, is constructive in itself, and the proper function of the defense budget. Through this program, citizens may be able to rest a little easier at night.

Because this is a defense system, the potential to prevent the loss of innocent lives increases. Defense systems represent ways to keep the enemy out, thus decreasing the risk of civilian deaths. In theory, existing radar networks would detect incoming enemy warheads and send a signal to strategically placed ships, which would launch a defense missile to intercept the warhead and detonate it above the atmosphere.

The best thing about the new program is that it has a history

of success. While "Star Wars" was a science-fiction pipe dream of a "laser shield" protecting the country from nuclear attack, this defense system worked in practice Saturday night (with an unarmed warhead). The concept was also successful in the Gulf War, when American Patriot Missiles intercepted Iraqi Scud Missiles.

It is also responsive to the current dangers of nuclear attack. "Star Wars" was designed to protect against a massive attack from the Soviet Union, while this program will combat small-scale nuclear attacks by terrorists or rogue states. With the Soviet Union no longer in existence and nuclear weapons more widely distributed, the world is a much more unstable place, and a nuclear attack could come from anywhere.

During the Cold War, Mutual Assured Destruction was the name of the game. Governments sought to amass as many nuclear warheads as

possible, hoping the other side knew better than to launch first. Rather than continuing this trend, the U.S. is setting a good example by focusing on defense. Spending \$120 billion on defensive rather than offensive weapons could start a striking trend among the world powers. The threat of nuclear annihilation remains present, but by transferring the focus from building up nuclear weapons to learning how to defend against them, the threat may be lessened.

However, if this is not a move toward defense, eyebrows will be raised. Steps to ameliorate a threat are good, but this must be the reason for the testing. Also, the Pentagon must continue research. This weekend's test may have gone off without a hitch, but researchers knew the missile was coming and where it was coming from. Now is the time to verify that the system will be able to detect enemy missiles that have not been anticipated.

***The threat of nuclear annihilation remains present, but by transferring the focus from building up nuclear weapons to learning how to defend against them, the threat may be lessened.***

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We hope everyone had a wonderful and r... summer. As we start off the new year, we should r... ber that in order to successfully go to all of our... (most of them anyway), get involved in extracur... athletics/activities and manage to have a good tim... friends, we need to take care of our bodies. The or... to ensure that you will be able to do all the thin... want to do and feel great is by eating well, an... means eating ORGANIC! What is organic?

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Sometimes I meet people that want to tell m... that I'm doing is wrong. I can't tell you how ma... heard from some officious student, "What do y... didn't go to class today? Don't you know you're... every time you miss class? You wouldn't waste m... on groceries or books."

Having this question posed to me by various people over the years, I've thought of a few appropriate responses: 1) "Get a life." 2) "Well why don't you just go, and just go \$35 yourself" (not my wittiest repartee) 3.) "Oh my gosh, thank you so much for taking time out of *your* busy academic schedule to mathematically calculate the monetary value of my wastefulness and misappropriations of time."

I think what I really should say, though, is the following: UCSB shouldn't be about your ability to have a perfect attendance record or detailed and pristine your notes can be. There isn't reading all 500 pages of "assigned" material a wee...

Don't get me wrong, classes are very important more important is learning. We came to college, a particular, because we wanted to undergo an educ... experience. We could have just spent \$5 for a public lib... checked out all the text books that we pay too muc... every quarter.

As students, we need to take full advantage of a... offers. If that means sacrificing a day of lecture or... of reading, so be it. Ultimately, we will all decide h... our time, and have exciting experiences. Here are I've found:

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# Eat That, Unless You Know Where It's Been

*Potentially Harmful Pesticides and Look for Ecologically Sound, Organically Grown Foods*



LISA DOTY / DAILY NEXUS

In a regular meal you may eat a burrito filled with rice, beans, tomatoes, lettuce, avocado and onions, and all of those ingredients may have been treated with a different pesticide in their production. The scariest part is, although scientists have studied the effects of those chemicals individually on the human body, they have not studied their effects collectively — the synergistic results.

In other words, we do not know the compound reactions of several pesticides in our bodies. If one pesticide can be carcinogenic (DDT, methyl bromide), what about many pesticides in your system? You see the inherent and potentially disastrous dangers in this

method of "scientific" research. We do not like being guinea pigs — how about you?

Pesticides' negative effects do not harm just the intended consumer, i.e., grocery shoppers. Think of the field workers, who labor 40 hours a week in the presence of pesticide application. Headaches and nausea are common complaints. Brain damage and nervous system disorders are the long-term effects, but because these illnesses take possibly a decade to manifest themselves, the complaints are ignored.

Then there's the question of children whose schools and homes are in agricultural areas. Children's develop-

ing immune systems are far more vulnerable to chemical exposure than are those of adults. Schools in Santa Barbara County have been closed due to pesticide application. We as consumers need to realize that our shopping habits can (1) put children and adults in danger, and (2) support the corporate agriculturalists whose financial agenda requires the use of deadly pesticides.

Additional unintended consumers of pesticides are animals all across the food chain. For example, an L.A. County chemical plant spilled thousands of gallons of DDT (a toxic pesticide) in the ocean a number of years ago. Bald eagles' eggs are still laden with this chemical, which inhibits reproduction to this day. Numerous endangered bird species are endangered because of DDT.

We'll break it down: A farmer sprays his field with 500 gallons of pesticides. A rodent eats 50 sprayed insects and stores that in fat reserves. An eagle eats three of those rodents, and all of a sudden, stores 150 times the amount of chemical that was intended to kill a bug. Are we clear? Pesticides are neither an ecological nor a healthy solution for food production.

Ah, but there is a solution. Buy organic and support the organic market! Write Lucky and Vons and demand they supply organic food. Better yet, write companies like Driscolls and DuPont and tell them to grow organically for the assurance of our safe and healthy future.

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5. Don't be so rigid in your class schedules — yes, we all have GEs and requirements that we have to take for our majors, but the point is to learn. Go over the course catalog each quarter and look through every subject. Try taking new classes that seem captivating, even if they're not for your major or GE requirements. And trust me, those have all been the best classes I've taken here.

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*Jason Nazar is Associated Students president.*

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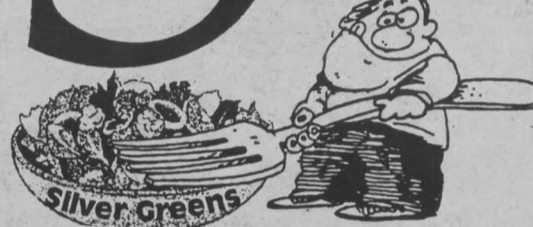


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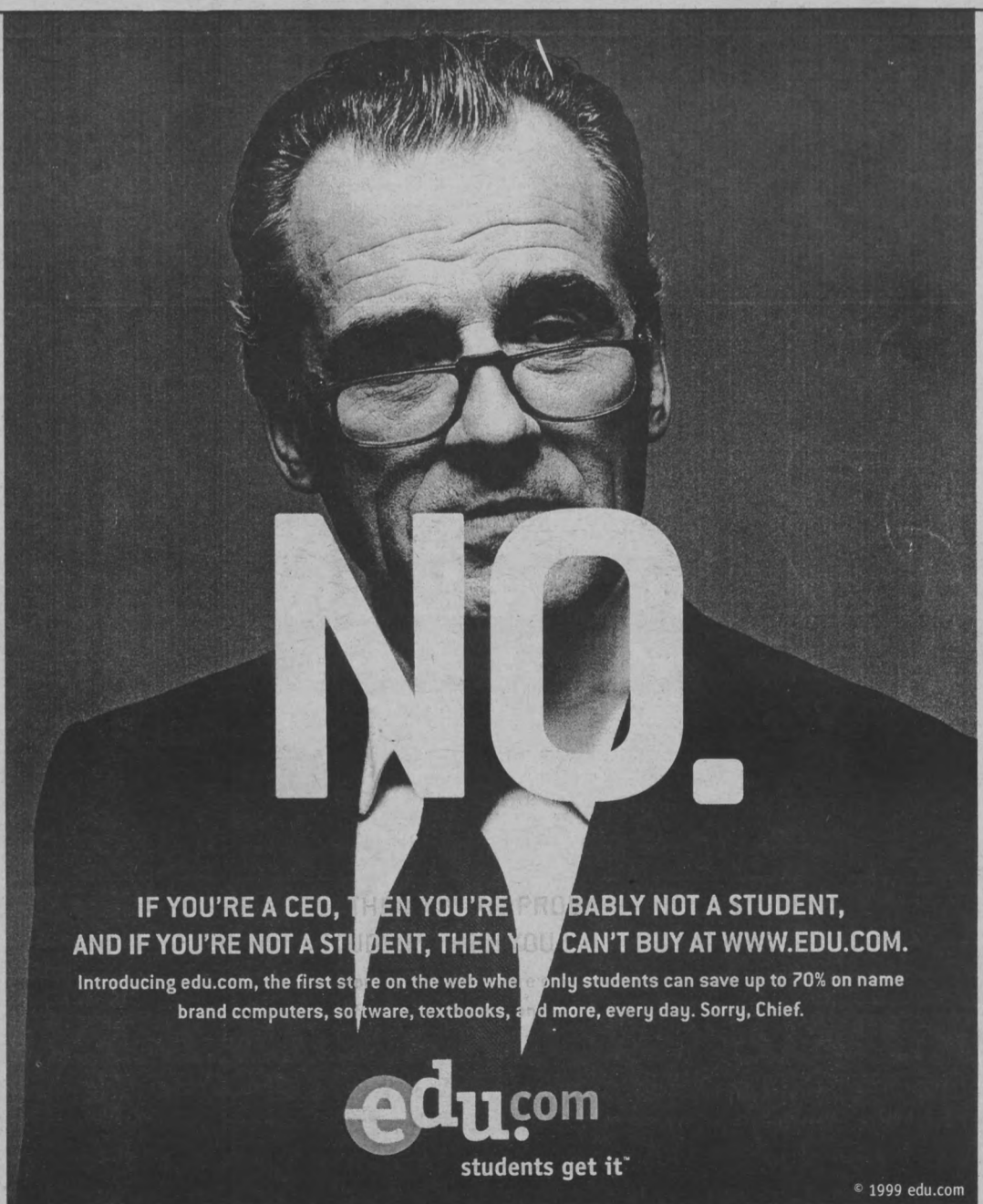
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Check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.  
**Aries** (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Enjoy this marvelous day while you can. Don't procrastinate. Watch for opportunities to advance your agenda. Make as much progress as you can now. The wind blows you in the direction you want to go. Don't forget to steer, however.  
**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Congratulations. You're through the worst. There's still more to be done, but you should be able to arrange a break. Something you've dreamed about is still out of reach, but it's starting to look possible. That's a big improvement!  
**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — You're an outspoken person, most of the time. Today, it might be wise to put a lid on that. You can express your concern by listening, rather than by trying to solve a friend's problem, for example. He or she will be more content if you let that happen.  
**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Conditions change in your favor, slightly. A recent worry may resolve itself without more effort on your part. Hold off on making changes until you've thought about them a little longer. Tomorrow or the next day should be soon enough.  
**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Hopes and dreams are one thing, and reality is quite often something else. You hate that, especially with your own hopes and dreams. You want them to happen immediately. Sometimes you get that kind of response to your requests, but probably not today.  
**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You're getting stronger and more decisive. You could decide you're not going to be pushed around any more, too. That decision will be more effective with your coworkers than with the general public. Don't try to argue with traffic.  
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Wouldn't it be great if they made athletes like they used to?

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I always hear about the good ol' days of sports, like when the Celtics' injured center Bill Russell hobbled onto the court to play in — and win — the NBA Finals. Today, Deion Sanders is sidelined by 'turf toe.' Listen, "Prime Time," get a shot of Novocaine, get your ass out there and try to actually tackle someone!

I remember when former L.A. Raiders quarterback Jay Schroeder had two sprained ankles. Do you know what he did? He got shot full of painkillers and — get this — kept on playing. When a flu-ridden Jerome Bettis was at Notre Dame, he still ran all over USC's defense, throwing up between offensive sets while making the Trojan defense look like puke.

Now, players sit out because their hair hurts. Or because of a money holdout. I mean, really, what's the difference between eight and 10 million dollars? If you make eight mil per year, you ain't starving. Quit complaining.

If you walked into your job and said you were holding out for more money, your ass would get fired. Then what? You're broke and begging me for change.

And what about the drug abusers like, well, um, the entire Dallas Cowboys team? These guys have gotten more chances than Steve Howe and Darryl Strawberry combined. If you get caught doing drugs at your job, you don't get a second chance — you get handcuffed. But, pro athletes are still rolling in the dough, as long as they have the game.

If Joe Citizen gets caught smoking dope, he gets a hefty fine and community service. If athletes get caught smoking the green, they sign an autograph, take a picture with the judge and then are free to go.

The bottom line is this: score goals, hit bombs, get more money than the entire country of Rwanda. I don't get it.

Athletes seem to have it easy, don't they? You play your season, sit on your butt in the off-season — which is, like, half the year — then get off the couch, kiss your kids, your wife, then your mistress goodbye, and report to training camp.

But, maybe we put too much pressure on the athletes. Maybe we don't pay them enough.

—Matt Hurst is the Daily Nexus editor in chief and held out for a signing bonus when he started writing here.

## Gauchos Hold Steady With Conference Split

By ZACK O'NEILL  
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's soccer team has come a long way. Before the year began, Santa Barbara was ranked next to last in a Big West preseason poll, ahead of only lowly Boise State. Before they took to the road this weekend, the Gauchos were tied for first in an updated version of the same poll. Talk about progress.

"It's obviously been more fun," UCSB Head Coach Paul Stumpf said of the team's success in the first half of the '99 season. "The girls are having more fun because we've made so much progress from last year. We're dominating games we didn't last year."

The surging Gauchos were on the road this past weekend, traveling east then south to take on league opponents Utah State and North Texas. The games were the first away from home in almost three weeks for the Gauchos, who enjoyed a four-game homestand that included their first three league games of the year.

"It was weird being on the road," sophomore midfielder Tiffany Dawson said. "The traveling kind of killed us. It made us kind of sluggish on Sunday."

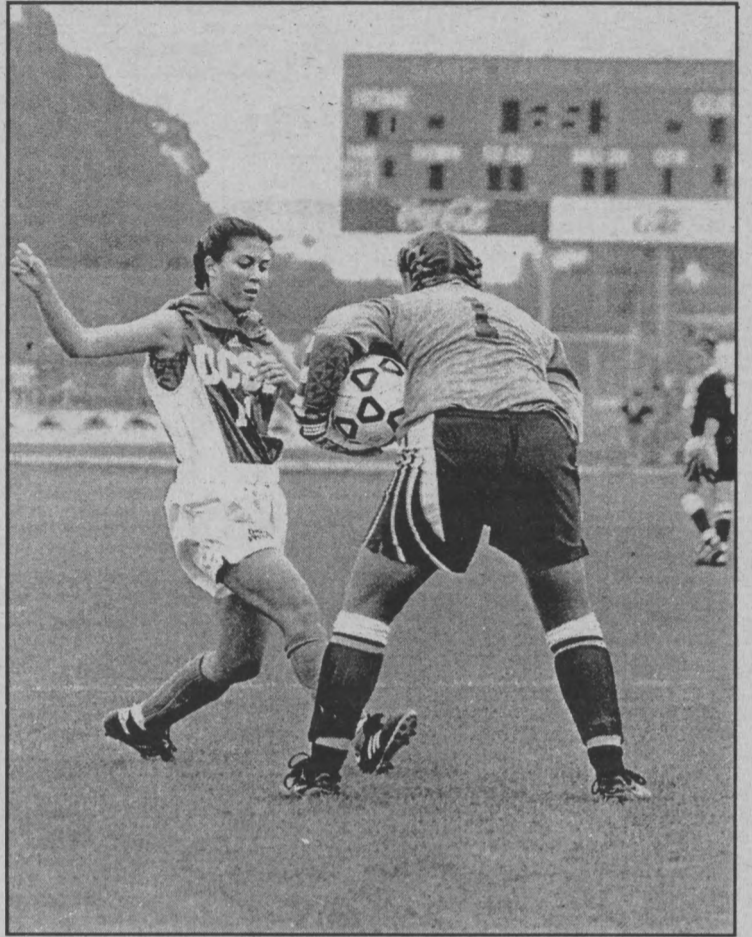
UCSB took on the Aggies of Utah State last Friday, in an afternoon contest at Aggie Field in Logan, Utah. For much of the first half there was little action, as the game between the two teams was very evenly matched. But with 16:47 remaining in the half, UCSB drew first blood. Sophomore midfielder Brianna Preis put in a deflection on her only shot of the game to give the Gauchos a 1-0 lead that they would take into halftime.

In the game's second half, Utah State drew even after five minutes of play when Aggie forward Brigid Turner leveled the score at 1-1 with a goal. However, it was UCSB that would ultimately take the game. With less than 15 minutes left in the contest, midfielder Erica Perrotta scored from the left side to give UCSB a 2-1 lead it would not relinquish. Santa Barbara won the game with that score, and enjoyed a 3-1 Big West league record on their way to Denton, Texas, home of the North Texas Eagles.

"It was a good one to win, because they stole one from us last year," senior midfielder Cindy Goebel said. "It was good to shove it back in their face."

When the Gauchos took the field at 1 p.m. last Sunday, they knew they were squaring off against a tough North Texas team that was ranked #1 in the Big West preseason poll. At 2-1-1 in the Big West, the Eagles had a chance to pass 3-1 UCSB in the standings with a win. After almost two hours of scoreless soccer, North Texas got what it wanted.

The contest this time was not as balanced as the one on Friday, as



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**SLY AS A FOX:** Sophomore midfielder Kathryn Fox and the UCSB women's soccer team split two games against Utah State and North Texas over the weekend.

UCSB took less shots and committed more fouls than its opponents. Nevertheless, a solid Gaucho defense and six saves by sophomore goalkeeper Mary Gleason kept Santa Barbara in the game for 110 minutes. But in the next minute, at the end of the second overtime, Eagle midfielder Michelle Uselton scored her first goal of the season to end the game — and UCSB's hopes for an undefeated road trip.

"I really don't think we lost because they were better than us," junior defender Nicole Busch said. "It was just unlucky. We worked hard, but they stuck in there. We just need to work on getting more shots offensively."

Now at 3-2 in the league after splitting their roadie, the Gauchos return home for another lengthy four-game homestand. The competition will begin on Friday, Oct. 8, as their Big West schedule resumes with a game against UC Irvine.

"We're really looking forward to playing [UC Irvine]," Dawson said. "We had a lot of frustration the past weekend, and we're really looking to take out our frustrations on them."

## Poloists Drown La Verne, Float Past Long Beach State

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A win is a win. Be it a 14-point blowout or a nail-biting, one-point edging, victory is just as sweet either way. This past weekend, the #5 UCSB men's water polo team pulled out two very different, yet equally impressive wins over La Verne

and Long Beach State to raise its record to 5-4 overall and 1-1 in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the Gauchos hosted La Verne at Campus Pool and drowned the Leopards in a 15-1 bloodletting. The Leopards were no match for the Gauchos, who had eight players find the back of the net. Sophomore two-meter player

Patrick Treman led Santa Barbara with four goals.

"We just played really good that game," said sophomore driver Scott Miller, who scored twice. "We took advantage of our opportunities and they didn't. The whole team just played phenomenal."

The following day, Santa Barbara traveled to Long Beach State to play a team that is tied with the Gauchos at the #5 seed, and that beat the Gauchos 12-7 the previous week. However, UCSB proved to be the superior team this time around, avenging its previous loss to the 49ers in a close, down-to-the-wire 9-8 victory.

The MPSF contest at the 49er Campus Pool seemed to be another win for The Beach (5-5, 1-1) at the outset, as the 49ers jumped to a 4-1 lead in the first half. However, Santa Barbara was able to fight its way back into the contest as it managed to tie the game at four apiece before the half. After scoring three goals in the second period to tie the game, UCSB had its momentum going into the third quarter of action.

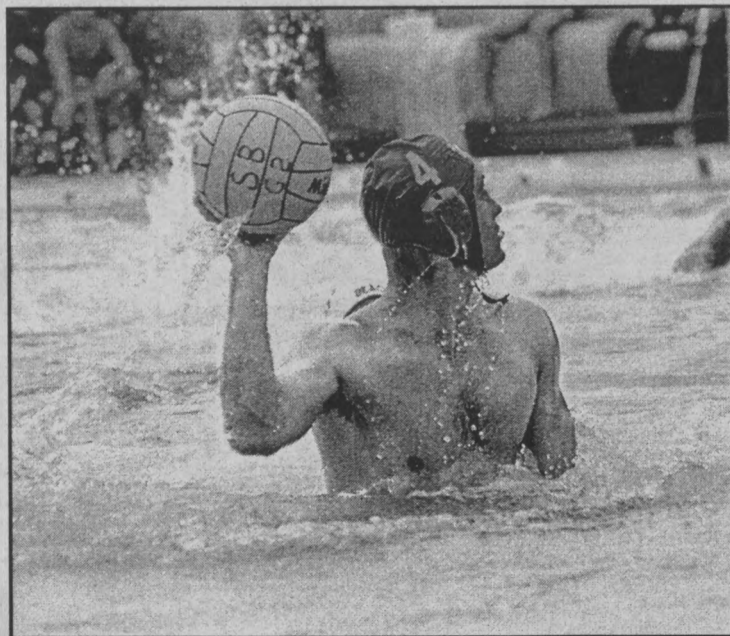
"It was a team effort," said senior driver Kevin Ricks, who led UCSB with three goals. "[Senior two-meter player] Chris Driscoll didn't score, but as

our captain he stayed positive and kept the team positive. He fired us up."

The Gauchos pounded away at the 49ers as they scored five consecutive goals to take a 6-4 lead going into the final period of play. With little over a minute left in the game, Santa Barbara held on to a 9-6 lead when Long Beach's Patrick Cochran scored on a two-pointer to bring the 49ers to within one point with 58 seconds left to play. Long Beach was not done with its assault, as it had the final possession of the game with 16 ticks left on the clock. Fortunately for the Gauchos, Cochran's final shot was blocked, ensuring the one-point victory for Santa Barbara.

Along with Ricks, Santa Barbara was paced by junior driver Joey Pacelli and junior two-meter player Tom Coughlan, who had two goals each. Treman and junior driver Paul Rave scored one goal apiece as well. Junior goalkeeper Trevor Spence was good for nine saves in goal.

"It was good that we got the win, but we can't rest on it," UCSB Head Coach Joe O'Brien said. "We have to continue our goal of improving each time we go out there."



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**HEAT SEKER:** Sophomore playmaker Amit Seker locks on to his target as the Gauchos defeated both La Verne and Long Beach State this past weekend.