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A Verbal Slugfest "SlamNation: The Sport of Spoken Word" comes to Campbell Hall tonight at 7. Tickets cost \$5 for students and \$6 for the general public.

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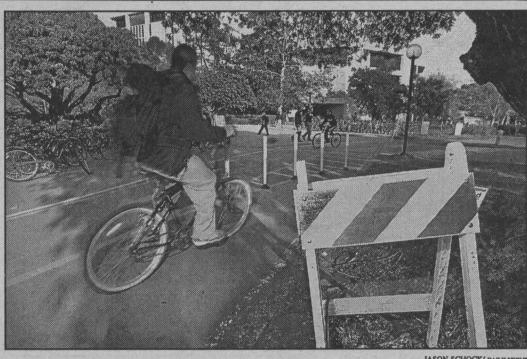
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The UCSB men's volleyball team opened its season with a 3-0 loss to #1 UCLA.

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This UCSB student is enjoying a smooth ride on the recently repaired bikepath by Davidson Library and Girvetz Hall. The university has spent over \$120,000 on bikepath maintenance this year.

New Year Greeted With Welcome Renovations

■ Eroding Bikepaths Finally Receive Attention

BY DAVID DOWNS * Reporter

Bicyclists returning from Winter Break may have noticed the recent face-lift given to some of the campus' bikepaths.

Over the course of the holiday season, repairs were made throughout campus and in the surrounding areas to several bikepaths in need of maintenance. According to Graduate Student Association Vice President Jim Dalton, the funds for the improvements have come from both internal and external sources.

"Over the past few years, the

university has spent somewhere between \$6,000 to \$9,000 on repairs, doing little patches and quick fixes," he said. "This year they've spent something close to \$120,000 \$150,000. A lot of that money came up from a one-time disbursement of the Department of Transportation budget. Also, funding came from Deferred Maintenance."

According to Dalton, the repairs, which included the leveling, repaving and painting of certain paths, were often continuations of previous projects.

"They paved the whole section

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Leg Council Considers Bill Allowing Public Presence at Budget Meetings

BY LISA BUTTERWORTH and JILL ST. JOHN Staff Writers

Associated Students Legislative Council opened Winter Quarter by dealing with legislation ranging from budget cuts to accountability at a near-record pace Wednes-

Campus Representative Mel Fabi supporting the end of a nine-year string of budget cuts made to Counseling & Career Services funds was a major point of discussion during to student life concerns," he said.

the meeting, which ended at 10 p.m., hours earlier than last quarter's standard. According to Fabi, continued funding reductions pose a risk to the resources provided by

"Everything could be in jeopardy because we are facing major budget cuts and have been for the past nine years," he said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Michael Young spoke regarding the importance A position paper authored by On- of C&CS and its relevance to the campus

> "With the kind of stresses and strains that students are under, we have to pay attention

The position paper was tabled to allow for further discussion next week.

In old business, the council approved the Women's Commission Restructuring Bill, which allows the commission to elect its own officers. Off-Campus Rep Jill Burdick explained the purpose of the change.

"It's important for Women's Commission to be able to elect their own people, to elect themselves," she said. "The way it is in the By-Laws now, the president appoints people to be in Women's Commission, and the way Women's Commission wants it is so that open to the entire student body." anyone who wants to be involved in Women's Commission can be there."

Accountability During Budget Allocations, another bill tabled by Leg Council, would open to the public budget meetings that are currently held in closed session, though still excluding public comment. According to Finance Board Chair Christina Costley, the change would make it easier for students to hold their representatives responsible for budget decisions.

"I don't think it's something that we should be doing away from the public view," she said. "It's something I feel should be

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Programs Explore the Art of Movies to Cultivate Students' Imaginations

BY JASON GREEN Reporter

Aiming to offer an enriching cinematic experience, Arts & Lectures and the Film Makers Co-op are striving to bring unique and extraordinary films to UCSB.

Fourteen films, most of which are foreign, have been chosen based on their artistic and cultural quality for weekly Thursday and Sunday 7 p.m. screenings this quarter, according to A&L Films and Lectures manager Roman Baratiak. Among the films slated to be shown at Campbell Hall this winter are "Beloved," "Touch of Evil" and "Metropolis." Baratiak said these films offer a rewarding cultural experience.

"It's a great opportunity for students who are on campus to make a short walk or short bike ride over to Campbell Hall to see films from Japan or Egypt, France, and all

over the world right on campus," he said.

Baratiak, who chooses the films based on his own evaluations and community input, emphasized A&L's commitment to cinema producing films from genres such as documentaries, narratives and independent productions. Baratiak says the films selected for screening tend to be unique to the Santa Barbara area because of their content and rarity.

"Many of the foreign films we show don't even play in town, so it's the only time they're played in the entire community," he said. "Our perception is that [A&L is] a small film festival that happens throughout the quarter."

The blend of films, which are \$5 for students and \$6 for the general public, is noted in A&L's mission statement of providing a cocurricular, culturally enriching

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Women To Share Views of Life in Israel

BY JEFF LUPO Reporter

A touring trio of Israeli women will present students and faculty alike with a rare opportunity to converse about current world affairs this evening.

Corwin Pavilion will be a stop for the touring Jerusalem Women Speak" lecture from 8-10 p.m. According to Robin Davis, administrative assistant to the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, the lecturers will also be touring Los Angeles, New York City and Washington D.C., addressing several issues involving life in Israel.

"The women will be speaking about large-scale events such as the recent peace talks, as well as more personal issues such as their everyday lives in Jerusalem," she said.

Davis went on to explain the different backgrounds of the Israeli trio, highlighting their distinct religious separations.

"The three women are all from Jerusalem, and they each represent a different faith: one Christian, one Jewish and one Muslim. They also each represent a different generation," she said.

According to Davis, the three women - Fatin Muhawi, Irus Braveman and Nahla Asali — are all

scholars and political activists.

"Fatin Muhawi is the Christian speaker and is the coordinator of democracy and human rights at the Jerusalem Center for Women project. Irus Braveman is the Jewish speaker and is a former attorney for the Association of Civil Rights in Jerusalem, Davis said. "Nahla Asali is the Muslim speaker and is a lecturer at Birzeit University in the Dept. of Language and Literature."

According to Middle Eastern history Professor Nancy Gallagher, students who attend will get the rare opportunity to hear a first-person account of pertinent global issues transpiring in Israel.

"The dialogue that these women present will help to humanize one of the most intractable conflicts of our time. By hearing about Jerusalem in the voices of ordinary people who have experienced it firsthand, students will gain insight to a city that has a shared heritage ... an international city that is available for all peoples of the world," she said. "The lecture will also give students an understanding of the Middle Eastern conflict through gender-sensitive lenses. Women are very seldom heard from when it comes to the conflict."

The lecture will begin with each woman giving a

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U.S. Voices Disapproval of Chinese Policy



WASHINGTON (AP) — In the first U.S.-China human rights dialogue since 1995, the Clinton administration criticized a "disturbing and counterproductive" crackdown by China on pro-democracy activists.

Harold Koh, an assistant secretary of state who briefed reporters Wednesday on two days of talks with a Chinese delegation, said U.S. officials stated their firm conviction that China must end repression and improve its people's human rights situation.

"We forcefully raised our concerns about the current human rights situation in China, including the recent arrests, trials and sentencing of democratic activists for peaceful expression of their political beliefs," said Koh, newly installed assistant secretary for democracy, human rights and labor.

assistant secretary for human rights, acknowledged that China's human rights record isn't perfect, but he said the U.S. record isn't

censure China at this year's meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva. The administration decided against such a move last year, drawing powerful rebukes from both houses of Congress.

The main targets of the

We forcefully raised our concerns about the current human rights situation in China ... sentencing of democratic activists for peaceful expression of their political beliefs.

> **Harold Koh** China's assistant secretary of state

prove its human rights record. China needs to do so, and so does America," he told reporters at the Chinese Embassy.

Wang said the differences between the two countries on human rights are "natural, given the different cultures, histories and economic and political situations."

Koh raised the possibility Wang Guangya, China's of proposing a resolution to

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"Every country must im- Chinese crackdown have been organizers of an attempt to create a democratic political party.

At least six members have been imprisoned, and another five are in police custody or under house arrest. The group's most influential activists - Xu Wenli, Qin Yongmin and Wang Youcai - were sentenced to at least 11 years in jail for subversion.

In several recent speeches,

Chinese President Jiang Zemin pledged to eliminate challenges to the Communist Party-led system.

Renewal of the U.S.-China human rights dialogue was agreed to during President Clinton's trip to China last year and was considered a significant achievement of that visit.

Koh said he and his delegation outlined U.S. concerns in the context of China's decision last October to sign the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The treaty, which remains unratified, states that all people have the right of self-determination. It prohibits torture and cruel or degrading punishment and provides for freedom of movement, thought, religion and expression, among

other things.

The U.S. team urged the Chinese to ratify the covenant quickly, then to apply its principles "consistently and universally," Koh said.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Al Abramowitz was told the potion called Blue Nitro would boost his sex drive, so he downed two capfuls. The next thing he knew, he was throwing up on himself after having passed out in his car.

"If I had been in a deeper sleep, I would have choked to death on my own vomit," Abramowitz, an epidemiologist, said Wednesday.

The aqua-colored elixir has made its way to San Francisco from Florida, and has already been linked to numerous overdoses in the past month, police said Wednesday. They planned to ask shop owners to stop selling the potion.

Popular in the gay community and at all-night rave parties where drugs are taken, Blue Nitro is being blamed for sending users to the emergency room, some of them comatose, police said.

Blue Nitro is made from gamma butyrolactone — a solvent added to paint thinners — along with potassium, ribof- to a year in prison for possession.

tabolizes into gamma hydroxybutyrate, or GHB, a powerful synthetic central nervous system depressant that is one of the so-called "date rape drugs."

Symptoms can be especially dangerous when taken with drugs or alcohol, health officials said. Among the side effects are vomiting, sweating, increased blood pressure, amnesia, seizures, delirium, loss of consciousness, coma and sometimes death.

Nationwide there have been 26 GHB overdose deaths

The makers of Blue Nitro have marketed the tonic with false claims, including a brochure that provides these boasts: "deep rejuvenating sleep," "prosexual" and "lose weight

Lt. Kitt Krenshaw, head of the city's Narcotics Division, said the product is illegal in California under the state's Controlled Substances Act of 1996. Selling a controlled substance is punishable by up to four years in state prison and up

gested that the White House may be involved in Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt's efforts to brand Georgia Rep. Bob Barr — one of the House impeachment mana-

gers — as a hypocrite for his past personal conduct.

"If that's the best he can do, the White House ought to get another agent," said Rep. John Linder (R-Ga.), a former chair of the National Republican Campaign

White House spokesperson Joe Lockhart said Republicans should produce evidence or "knock it off."

Neither Nicholson nor Linder offered any evidence to support their claim of White House involvement in Flynt's crusade, which started with a \$1 million offer last fall for evidence of sexual misconduct by top political leaders.

 LAWRENCE, Mass. (AP) — A certified nurse's assistant was arrested Tuesday in the rape of a comatose nursing home patient who gave birth to a girl in October.

Israel Moret, an employee at the Town Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, faces charges of rape and abuse of a patient in a long-term care facility.

Moret, 37, was taken into custody after authorities obtained DNA test results. Moret has a clean record and has never had a patient file

a complaint against him. The victim has been in a drug-induced coma since 1995. She was taken to Lawrence General Hospital from Town

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans have sug- Manor in October after she appeared to be in discomfort. Doctors found a fetus, estimated at 26 to 27 weeks old.

The victim was 24 at the time. Four days later the woman gave birth.

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The brother of Unabomber Ted Kaczynski said Tuesday he'll help out people hurt by paranoid schizophrenics by establishing a fund with the federal reward he got for turning in his brother.

David Kaczynski said he would have preferred the \$1 million reward go entirely to victims of the bomb attacks.

But since taxes would have eaten up about three-quarters of the reward, David Kaczynski is doing what he figures is the next best thing. He and his wife are giving about \$500,000 to the Albany branch of The Community Foundation, a charity.

The organization will distribute the cash to people who were victims of crimes committed by paranoid schizophrenics. Ted Kaczynski was diagnosed by a prison psychiatrist as a paranoid schizophrenic.

Ted Kaczynski was convicted last year and is serving a life prison sentence for 16 attacks that killed three and injured 29 people.

Only people victimized between 1978 and 1995 are eligible for the funds. Some \$215,000 is expected to cover taxes the Kaczynskis

will still have to pay and another \$250,000 is going to pay

the lawyer that worked with the family and federal officials.

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Weather

Today's topic is irresponsibility.

Here's the situation: I get paid a whopping \$2 for this column (I know, I should be paid more). Now, today I was feeling a little down, a little uncreative, and I thought, "Hey, I could recruit someone in the Nexus to fill this space." I'll just refer to this person as Ms. Tennille T. (no, that's too obvious, how about Ms. T. Tracy?)

Anyway, Ms. T assured me that she'd write this column in good faith. Naturally, if you want something done right (or at all, for that matter), you have to do it yourself. So I'm sorry I don't have anything to say ... I suppose it's partly my fault. After all, it was naïve of me to pass on my duty to someone who might not have the same refined and sophisticated wit.

Today's weather: low '60s in the morning and '70s in the afternoon. But don't always count on the weather forecast — I know I can't.

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from Francisco Torres up to Stadium Road. And at the same time they finished their Bus Loop project, as well as the traffic circle by the Bus Loop. They also finished expanding the bike racks near the Bus Loop," he

said. Dalton said he believes substandard and even dangerous conditions of certain stretches of the bikepaths could have been the instigating factor behind the

winter repairs.
"Myself and undergraduate Jeff Brags, and other interested members of the Bicycle Coalition, really expressed a need to maintain

the bikepaths. Some of them had gone too far; they were in a dangerous situation. There were gravelly surfaces; there were poorly marked directional indicators. It was coming to the point where there could be potential injuries."

According to Dalton, the university is considering a number of potential future bikepath renovations.

"There's nothing more scheduled until Summer Break," he said. "And at that time there are some ideas for the A.S. fund, and I know that people within the planning office have projects as

Freshman computer science major Danny Genable said he is concerned about

"The chief value in going to college is that it's the

only way to learn it really doesn't matter."

how one might negotiate the bikepaths with an injury.

"I thought, after recently having arthroscopic surgery on my knee, crossing the bikepath in front of the Davidson Library was going to be kind of scary," he said. "With the new addition, it's much nicer because I can't walk as fast."

Junior music major Graham Clarke said he thinks the repaired paths will benefit pedestrians as much as they do bicyclists.

"I think the bikepaths have turned out great," he said. "One, I'm not playing frogger with all the miscellaneous pedestrians. And two, my ass is not as sore."



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Rep-at-Large David Klein expressed opposition to the change, noting that opening the meetings to the public could create distractions.

"If the public can't even participate ... I don't see the necessity of having them out in the crowd making faces, snickering, giving

kari declared his resignation as vice chair of the University of California Student

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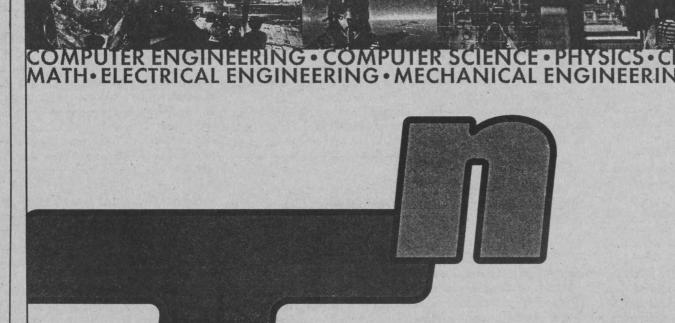
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physical gestures to the board," he said. In other business, Leg Council created an

ad hoc committee to look into the current

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Greek Conduct Board Acts on Double Standard

The Board Is Being Hypocritical by Scapegoating the SAE Fraternity for Hazing Pledges

NICK KAISER and MORGAN LUTES

This opinion is being written in response to the recent decision rendered by the UCSB administration to kick Sigma Alpha Epsilon off campus until the year 2002, as well as the opinion column "Greek Conduct Board Enforces Greek Constitution," printed on Oct. 28, 1998, in the Daily Nerve

We are giving fair warning that the opinions and comments to be expressed may be offensive to some readers. Reader's discretion is advised. We read the opinion written by the Greek Conduct Board (will be now referred to as the GCB) not once, not twice, but three times to try and figure out why it was written in the first place. It seems rather odd to me that the GCB would have to explain themselves to the rest of the greek system and student body.

On face value the letter seems sincere and well supported. We would have no problem with the letter if we truly felt that there were no ulterior motives by the author(s) of the article. Their main motive was to save their own asses.

We want to make it clear now that this opinion isn't solely directed at the members of the GCB that were true and sincere in wanting to keep SAE on campus. You know who you are. The apologetic theme of the letter does no justice to the injustice that was bestowed upon our fraternity when we had our hearing in front of them on Oct. 21, 1998.

As it was stated in the article, our chapter did have a hearing in front of the GCB in the fall of 1997 in which a member of our house, who was 22 at the time, drank an excessive amount of alcohol which put him in the hospital. What they fail to tell everyone is that the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Dept., in conjunction with the Isla Vista Foot Patrol, cleared our house of any foul play or wrongdoing.

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So what the GCB decided to do was to take over the job of the trained professionals (policemen) and conduct their own investigation. Their conclusion for SAE was guilty. Last time we checked, members of the GCB were not put through the police academy before being selected for the board. Their justification for their decision was that they had a "gut

feeling." When we start substituting "gut feelings" for "expertise knowledge" in rendering judicial decisions, you know we have a problem.

So may it be stated that SAE still believes that the decision made in the fall of 1997 by the GCB was unjustified, inconclusive and grossly excessive. The reason why we are raising this point to the GCB's oversight in our original case was that if they would not have made a misguided decision in the first place, then we wouldn't have received the death penalty for the second case. The point is that the punishment did not fit the crime.

In the second case, we openly admitted that three members of our house were caught hazing in the spring of 1998. It was not sanctioned by the chapter and the members involved were punished severely, one of

It was not sanctioned by the chapter and the members involved were punished severely, one of whom was expelled from the fraternity.

whom was expelled from the fraternity.

To say that the pledges involved were experiencing "hypothermia" is about as far from the truth as can be. If they were in such grave physical danger, why did the arresting officers not allow them to put on the jackets that they had brought with them? Why didn't the officers call an ambulance and have them rushed to the hospital since hypothermia is a threat to one's life?

The reason is because the pledges were in no physical danger, and that doing calisthenics at the beach in the morning is about one step above walking down Del Playa on a Friday night as far as danger is concerned. The point still remains that the punishment of kicking SAE off campus did not fit the actions in question.

We also want to comment on the GCB's claim of impartiality. They actually compared themselves to the Supreme Court. We think it is safe to say that every member on the GCB has a vested interest in the greek system.

If you are in a fraternity and are on the board, then you know that if another house is put on social probation, then sororities are more likely to participate in social events with your own house. If a house is on rush probation, then more rushees will come to your own house during rush.

There is also a tremendous amount of "bad blood" between houses from past events like fights, relational breakups and date rapes. So to say that this board is by any means impartial is an absolute joke.

People simply can't put aside their personal differences and self-

serving ideologies to do what is right for the greek system stead members want to take advantage of the here and could care less that future students are going to be subjeiorating and shrinking greek system.

It just really upsets us when we read the opinion of the Nexus, and they sugarcoat the entire thing to save their seems to us that those who feel the need to justify them over have the guilty conscience. Those of us that known right decision don't need to explain anything to anyoknow deep down inside that we made the right decision. We don't think GCB members are sleeping well at

We don't think GCB members are sleeping well at members on this board honestly say, with God as their with or members of their respective chapter have never hazed. We would bet our lives that no member on the board can that question. Talk about double standards being set.

People simply can't put aside their personal di and self-serving ideologies to do what is right f system as a whole.

The CAPITAL LETTERS used in the opinion artic certain points were POINTLESS and UNNECESSA

To add insult to injury, the GCB wished us the best of appeal. That is just too much for us. Do they really wis luck? If they really thought we had a chance with the wouldn't have made the decision in the first place. It someone luck before he fries on the electric chair. We charity, your apologies, or your frivolous rationalized decision.

Let's face it, the GCB, which is made up of students, of 70 other students. Our lives will be forever changed decision. While they get to go back to their normal live pick up the pieces and pretend to forget about what co

We hope everyone is aware that all members of the green be affected by the loss of SAE in one way or another, just be affected if your chapter got kicked off campus. So to the Greek Conduct Board that played God with our livid ber, we, as members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon frater forget what you did to us.

I guess it wouldn't be fair to only scrutinize the GCB ministration, which is even more incompetent and out of student body. Let's take a look at our greek adviser for st he was never even a member of a fraternity when he which makes it pretty difficult for him to relate to the prise for a greek letter organization. Second, he spends about his time dealing with the greek system and the other 70 padministrative affairs. The greek adviser of any promishould be spending 100 percent of his time on what our paying him to do, which is to advise the greek system. To adviser should try and remain as impartial as possible, and rites or target enemies. Our greek adviser has not only crites, who continue to receive preferential treatment selected his enemies, whose lives he attempts to make possible.

He manipulates the other administrators who don't he deal with the greek system, so instead they just go along the greek adviser says. This, in return, forces the UCSB to remain uninformed, out of touch, and grossly ignorated the statement of the control of the

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of the greek system. Hopefully someday we will rid of administrators mentioned, who have made it their life we lives of those that pay their salary.

We just want to thank all those who have supported very trying time; we couldn't have made it without you. but is not restricted to, Alpha Delta Pi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Theta Chi, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Chi, thour Housing Corporation (Bob Carty and Ken Kahn), and Lynn Reitnouer.

Nick Kaiser is an SAE member, and Morgan Lutes is SA dent.

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Drinking Is Not a Requirement

UCSB Students Can Have Fun at a Party School Without Debauchery

CHRISTY SPLITT

We all can agree that I.V. is a crazy place to live and chill ... from the constant partying and the rampant sex to the random homeless people who live all over our town (and even on our outside couches) to the insane population density, there is no denying that our campus community is both unique and wild. I love it, for all its good and all its bad. I really do ...

David Downs, our favorite freshman know-itall, loves to talk about his weekend adventures and hungover states. In fact, he makes me laugh and reminds me of the good old days. I am a jaded junior now, and in two short years David will look back and laugh at some of his social

commentaries.

For now, I am the one who is laughing. David and I can agree that UCSB is most certainly a party school, especially when paired with our good friends at City College. The fact that our university tries to deny it (via RAs, RDs, orientation—whatever) and prevent it (via the I.V. Foot Patrol) is both frustrating and comical.

I am proud of our two-tiered reputation as a party school and a good school ... I just wish David Downs would give some more thought to the ramifications of our wild and crazy antics. I was forced to face those consequences and change my

Someday David or one of his friends may have to adjust their lifestyles and still survive life at this party school and live in this party town. Maybe I can offer some insight into what it's like.

Ahhh sobriety ... it is the *truly* wild and crazy way to be in this community. People just don't get it ... "I don't drink" is like French to some of you all, I swear. I am curious where the hell the 23 percent of UCSB students that don't drink are hiding, because I feel like I am the only one.

Maybe, as I personally am prone to think, they don't come out and kick it with the drinkers. Maybe they have removed themselves from our community ... it would be the easy thing to do.



For my first two years here, I partied like a rock star. I drank almost every day and to excess ... I didn't feel like that was a bad thing. How many of you drink every day or close to it? How many of you black out? Get sick? Regret the night before? A shitload ... I know this because I know you.

I know people who are proud they didn't get loaded between Saturday night and Thursday night, who laugh at their stories of unconsciousness. You are my friends, and most of you are all right. Alcoholism has a different definition here than anywhere else ... what is alcoholism to others is just being social here, just fitting in.

Anyway, most likely your habits are acceptable to yourself and those around you. Mine, on the other hand, were not acceptable to anyone around me. I embarrassed myself and didn't even know it until the next day or even the next week ... I embarrassed my friends, but didn't respect their feelings or fears.

On July 11, six whole months ago, my best friend sent me home because I was out of my mind, and she couldn't stand being around me anymore in that familiar state. The next day she sat me down and told me the brutal truth. I was an embarrassment, I had a problem, and I needed to start protecting myself and stop relying on her to be there. So, I took her words to heart. I have not been drunk since that day, and I couldn't be prouder of myself or of all the friends who have stood by me.

Sometimes, David Downs is right. For example, he says that the nondrinkers are nice to have

around ... when we are not hiding out wherever sober people seem to be hiding out, we are helpful to all of you partiers.

When it is 11:52 p.m. and you want another keg, people like me are there to drive you to International. When you want to go downtown, some of us are down to join in the festivities but will still be able to drive you home.

I definitely still party. I am out there with all of you doing the things you do and helping you do them. Just don't assume that I am benefiting from your drunken presence because it makes me feel "self-righteous," as David seems to think. I am just hanging out with my friends like the rest of you.

The point of all this is to inform you that it is possible to live and to party in I.V. without drinking. If I can do it, then any one of you can do it, too.

If you or a friend have a problem, do something. If your friend does something, support them. That is my very simple advice.

Some of us aren't made to drink like we do. It is nothing to be ashamed of unless you ignore it. Some of our friends have problems ... we can help them by offering our love and support.

My friends have cheered me on from day one, and I am so grateful to them. Without their words and inclusions, I would either still be fucking up my life or I would be in hiding. Instead, I am just chillin' with my old drinking buddies and having the time of my life.

Christy Splitt is a junior history major.

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The Reader's Voice

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Editor, Daily Nexus:

I'm writing in regards to an article in the Wednesday, Jan. 6, edition of the Daily Nexus. The article I'm referring to (FedEx: Price Without Service) was written by a girl who claims to have been ripped off by a local business.

There are a number of things about this article that disturb me greatly. The first thing that caught my attention was the fact that she was mad because this place was making money off her by offering her a service that she admits she could have gotten cheaper at the post office; but this place was more convenient.

I've got two words for you: FREE ENTER-PRISE! No one forced her to spend her money there. If she was so concerned with price, why didn't she call around? They offer a service at a price they feel is either competitive or what the market will allow for. Whether their prices are a "rip off" is up to debate.

The second thing she mentions is that she was upset because the contents of her box and the box itself had been damaged. Well, unless I'm extremely mistaken, I don't think the lady that

owns UPS and Copies personally delivers each box. Last time I checked she didn't have a sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.

Obviously they use a shipping agent such as UPS or FedEx. Who knows, who cares. The fact is it wasn't their fault the box was damaged. That's why you pay for insurance on your package.

And last but not least I'd like to address the staff at the *Nexus* who published this extremely one-sided article. Who was this girl and why is her opinion so great as to take up over a quarter page of your paper?

What's next week? The guy who's mad because Woodstock's charges \$10 for a pizza when he could have gone to Lucky and paid \$5? But of course, he might have to cook it!

Give me a break, there's a lot of hard-working small business owners in town who occasionally screw something up. But why slander them. You might want to talk to the accounting office to see who's footing the bill for your little publication. It's businesses like UPS and Copies who support the student body and who day in and day out run ads in your paper. You should give a little credit where credit is due.

With all that's happening in the world today

from the global to the local level you started the year off on such a bright note. Unfortunately the damage is done. The paper was published, and nothing short of a sincere apology might keep

you out of court on slander charges.

All in the name of free speech. Where's your accountability for your actions? This is someone else's life you're messing with. It's what they have worked so hard for! Get your facts straight then publish something worth a damn.

Beware, o' local business owners! You're next!!

BRYAN RAY

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experience to UCSB students and the community at large, Baratiak said.

"The film series fits in with the goal of the Arts & Lectures program, which is to extend the academic and cultural life of the classroom, and we compliment what students would learn in class," he said. "It's another offering that makes the university a rich place for the students to be, and for students it's not just about going to class, it's about what you can learn outside of class."

According to Baratiak, A&L produces its films with no budget allocations set aside for that purpose.

"The film program has no budget, so it's all income dependent. At the end of the year, whatever the ticket income was, we try to make sure our expenses don't exceed our income," he said. "We just want to break even with our film series."

The Film Makers Co-op presents student films through the venue of Reel Loud every Spring Quarter. According to undergraduate film studies adviser Joe Palladino, who also serves an adviser to the Co-op, Reel Loud offers film studies majors a chance to get real production experience.

"From the very beginning, we set out that we were

not a production school; we're not trying to repeat UCLA," he said. "We realized that if you're studying the aesthetics of an art form, you should get involved with it, and we want to provide an opportunity for people to take theory and put it into practice."

Palladino drew a connection between A&L and student-made films in what they can offer to the community in terms of viewer

"A&L offers Santa Barbara a chance to see nationally produced films that don't get screened in town, and student films offer a chance to see people taking those first chances, experimenting away to see what they can do on a grassroots level," he said.

Senior film studies major Jesse Baldwin stressed the importance in seizing the chance to produce films for venues such as Reel Loud.

"If you're a prospective artist, you can paint and paint and paint until your heart's content, and if you aspire to be a writer, you can write and write and write. If you aspire to be a filmmaker, you usually don't get many, many chances to make a film, you don't get any realworld preparation," he said. "The nice thing about things like Reel Loud and the university here, particularly, is that if you want it, you can

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speech of approximately 15 minutes, followed by an openended question-and-answer period. According to Gal-

"This gives students the chance to enter into dialogue with these women of experience," she said.
Senior art history major Kathey Fraser is among the stu-

dents looking forward to the event.

"It sounds very exciting. I never really paid much attention to women and their struggle in the Middle East. Hopefully the women in this lecture will help me to understand a little bit more about what it's like to be a Middle Eastern woman,"

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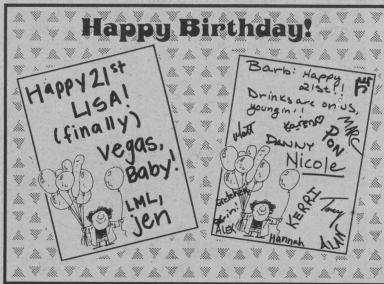
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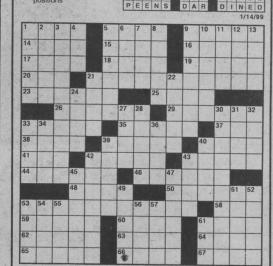
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His Royal Airness

BY STEVE WENDT Staff Writer

The Dark Ages, the Renaissance, the Cold War ... the Jordan Era.

That may be placing a little too much emphasis on the impact of Michael Jordan, but not by much.

The 13-year epic of His Airness started with a skinny kid out of the University of North Carolina who wasn't supposed to be quite the talent Sam Bowie was. It ended with him being the greatest basketball player ever and a citizen of the world

The story of Michael's journey from a guy who was cut by his high school coach to media mogul has become so mythical that all it's missing is a log cabin and a cherry tree. Jordan is a 6'6" slice of apple pie and every buzzer beater was a scoop-shot a la mode.

Who has been such a transcendental figure from the world of sports? Ali, Pelé and the Babe all can lay claim to the type of appeal that the third-leading scorer of all time had, but with the mass dissemination of entertainment in the world today we have got to give the nod to Jordan.

This isn't an attempt to martyr the man; he has his faults. Who doesn't? But the class and dignity that he brought to the floor and the multinational conglomerate that is Jordan Inc. was truly special. The word grace is the most applicable term in the English language.

Jordan's style and poise have always made me think of a legend of another era and from a game that Jordan loves. Joe DiMaggio was a champion on par with basketball's messiah, and Jordan exemplified something that the Yankee Clipper held dear.

When asked by a younger player why he played so hard after all these years, DiMaggio replied, "There may be someone in the crowd that has never seen me play before."

Jordan was the same type of player and was equally successful. Only once in his career did Air Jordan fail to reach double digits in scoring in a regular season game. Michael Jordan never mailed in a game; he could have and still been great, but he didn't and he became the greatest.

If we as a nation had a noble class, DiMaggio was the one person who always struck me as being an American royal. I think we can safely say that Michael Jordan has moved from one court to another also.

— Steve Wendt is a Daily Nexus sports editor and believes that the Dark Ages have now returned and they have a name ... the NBA.

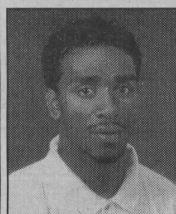
UCSB Will Try Not to Get Fed to Wolf Pack

By MATT HURST Staff Writer

After splitting its conference openers last week, the UCSB men's basketball team will look to rebound tonight when it takes on the Nevada Wolf Pack (4-8 overall, 0-2 in the Big West) at Reno's Lawlor Events Center.

Taking its first Big West opener in four years, 74-62 over Idaho last Thursday, the Gauchos (3-9,1-1) followed that with a loss to Boise State, 77-64, last Saturday. In the defeat to the Broncos, senior forward B.J. Bunton was completely out of his game, as he only attempted eight shots the entire time. He finished with 11 points, his lowest output of the year.

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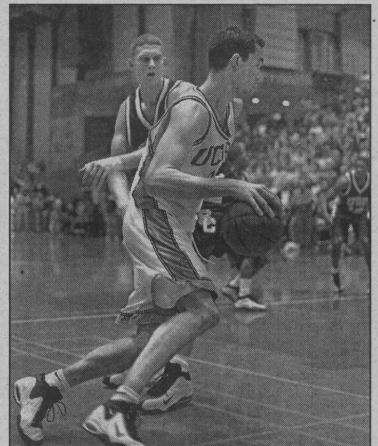
ball inside to B.J.," said sophomore Chris Lynch, who had a careerhigh 18 points against Boise State. "We are improving on that and we are trying to get him more touches."

That's not the only thing the Gauchos have been focusing on lately. Their sights are set on stopping UN's colossus, 6'9" junior center Dimitrios Marmarinos. The Athens, Greece, native is averaging 9.6 points and 5.8 rebounds per game.

"We've been working on trapping the big men as soon as they get the ball," junior Larry Bell said. "If our guards are aggressive and our big men are aggressive, we can get the ball out of the paint and get them to turn it over."

Nevada is on a four-game losing streak, getting blown out in its last game to last year's Big West runner-up, Pacific. The Tigers ran the Pack into the floor 84-62 in front of a national audience on ESPN last Saturday night.

UCSB junior point guard Derrick Allen and junior swingman Erick Ashe will have their hands full defending Nevada's potent backcourt tandem of juniors John Burrell and Derrick Anderson. Burrell is the Wolf Pack's leading scorer with 15.7 ppg and Anderson has been the only other player whose scoring average is in double digits (with 12.3 ppg and 4.3



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MERRILLY MERRILLY: Senior Josh Merrill and the 3-9 Gauchos face 4-8 Nevada tonight in a Big West matchup.

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This is the first of a four-game road stretch for Santa Barbara, which will take them to Utah State Saturday night, central coast rival Cal Poly next Wednesday and New Mexico State the following Saturday. The UCSB players hope this trip will get them some wins under their belt in the Big West.

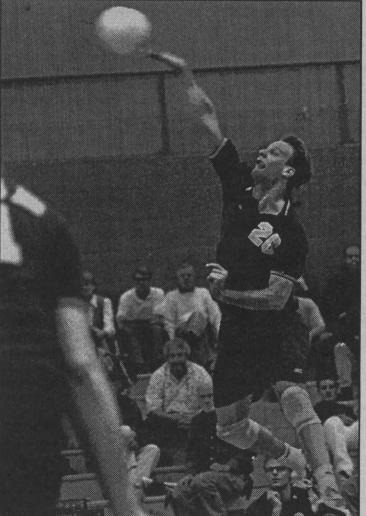
"We look at this as a chance to take a stride in the right direction,"

Lynch said. "It's going to be a tough road trip, but I think we can be successful."

The Gauchos know that despite Nevada's lackluster record, the key to Santa Barbara's success will be its dependence on themselves and not a particular opponent.

"I hope we can come out with the same intensity. ... When we do that, we can play with anyone," Bell said.

Bruins Take Bite out of Gaucho Offense in 3-Game Win



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SMACK MY BALL UP: The UCSB men's volleyball team could have used junior Kevin Collins (pictured) in Wednesday's loss.

By Justin Mauch
Reporter

Last night the UCSB men's volleyball team ventured into Bruin territory hoping to begin the season with a victory over #1-ranked UCLA.

Unfortunately, the Gauchos (0-1) were not able to win a game and subsequently lost their first Mountain Pacific Sports Federation match, 2-15, 6-15, 11-15. Junior outside hitter Rick Rauth led the Gauchos with a hitting percentage of .294, in addition to nine kills, but as a team they hit an abysmal .064.

"Rauth played well for us tonight," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "He struggled in the first game, but for the most part it was a group thing. We are still trying to figure things out."

The UCLA Bruins (1-0) returned four starters from last year's 28-4 MPSF champion squad and received solid performances from senior quick hitter Danny Farmer (eight kills, .375 hitting percentage, nine digs) and All-American junior quick hitter Adam Naeve (seven kills, .385 hitting percentage). As a team, the Bruins recorded a hitting percentage of .283.

"We had the deer-in-the-headlight syndrome tonight," Preston said.
"We had nine hitting errors in the first game. A lot of balls were hit out."

The Gauchos hitting errors in the first game contributed to a hitting percentage of -.240. The team hitting percentage steadily increased as the match went on, rising to .103 in the second game and .196 in the third. In the end, UCLA proved to have too much experience for the Gauchos to mount a comeback.

"I like the way we played in the third game," Preston said. "We were up most of the game. We need to address some things before the tournament this weekend. We need to make sure we are on the same page."

The Bruins continued their dominance over UCSB, adding to a 92-24 games record. UCLA will be back in action along with UCSB and 18 other western colleges this weekend at Rob Gym to defend its championship in the 35th Annual UCSB/Elephant Bar & Restaurant Collegiate Invitational.

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