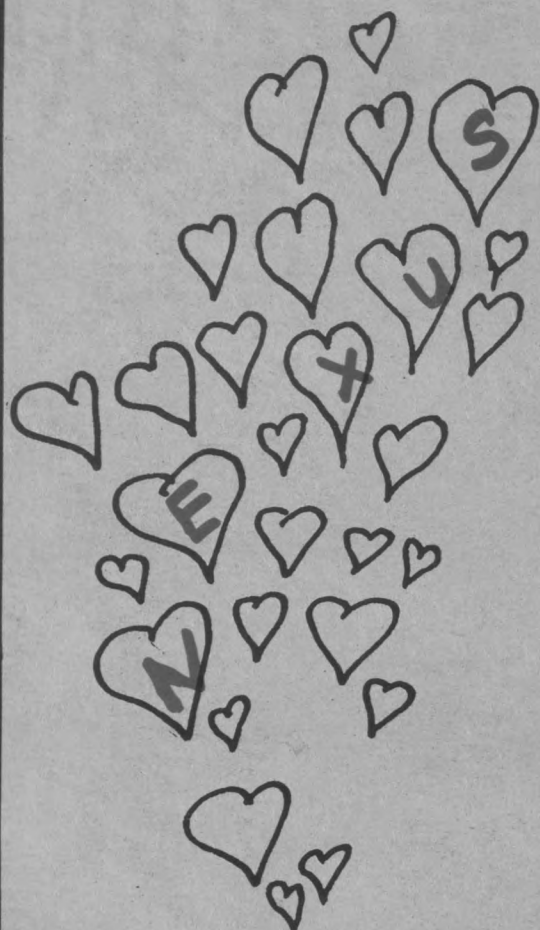


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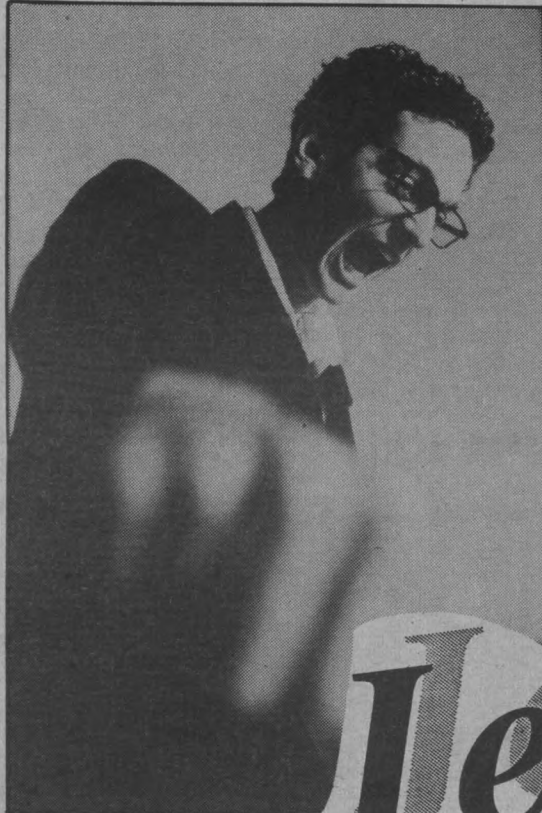
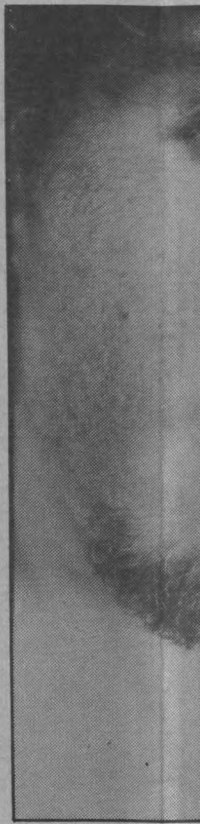
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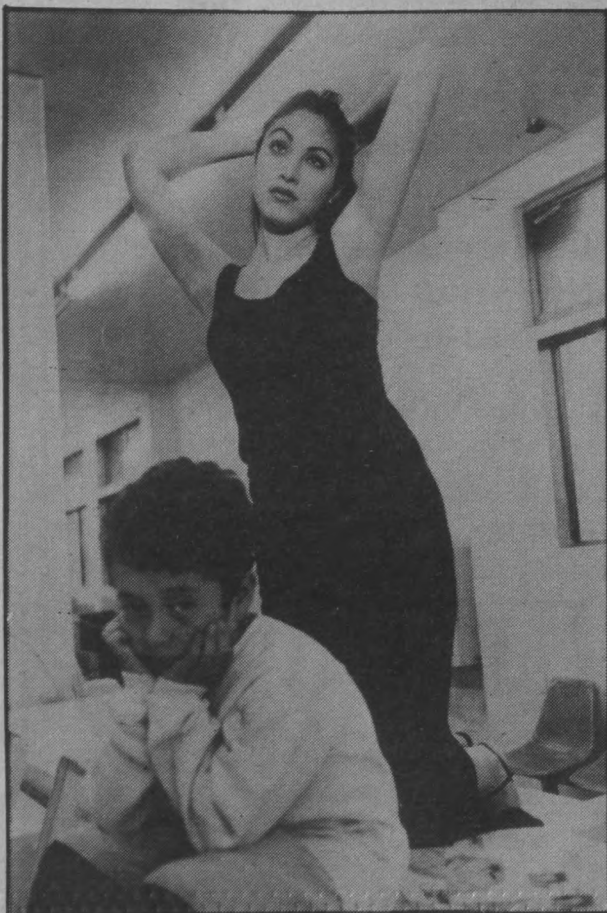
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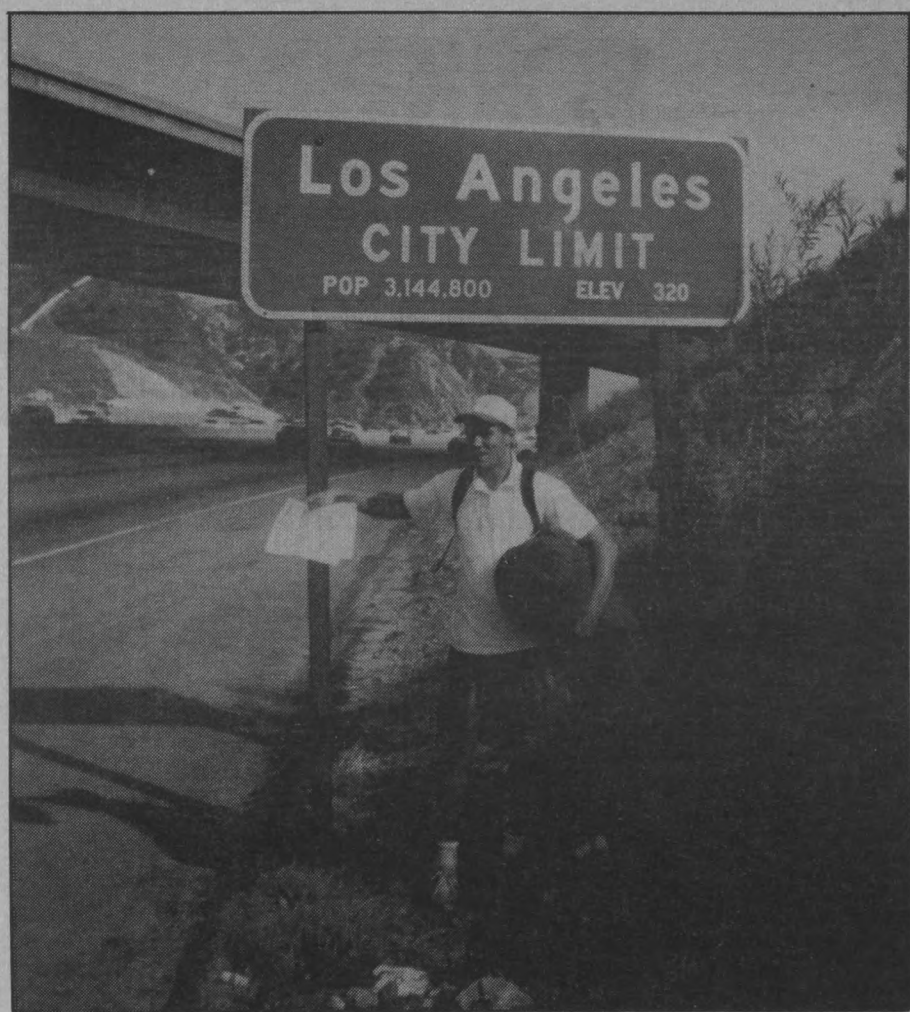
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Hitchhikin' USA

By Michael Bradford and Jeff Hobert

No money? No transportation? No clue what to do for Spring Break? Well, Mike's and Jeff's Do-It-Yourself Adventure Guide may have a good idea for you. As Spring Break approaches, we think back to a little bit of unfinished business that took place last year.

During Spring Quarter of 1996, we were at a party where we found ourselves sickly attracted to an unshaven spectacle emanating an English accent and wearing 17 weeks of South American dirt and adventures. This young Englishman of only 18 years of age had been hitchhiking for the last four months from the southern tip of South America with the goal of

"going north."

Frolicking in the idea of unpredictable adventure, we looked at each other and our eyes said, "Let's do it!"

After hearing of the

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traveler's tales of thumbing up toward the land of the free, we mentally began rolling up our sleeping bags and packing our bagels, deciding to hitchhike across America. Goal: to eat New England

clam chowder by Monday.

Before we could realize that finals were in a week, Operation Chowder began, and we found ourselves hitching a ride "as far east" as each driver would take us.

This idea, to hitchhike across the United States, or as far as you can go in a week, is the best adventure for a pair of college students during Spring Break. We suggest warming up by hitching a ride from a friend to the nearest on-ramp or gas station. Oh yeah, another good idea is to purchase a road map.

When you're at a gas station, talk to people and tell them your story. Often, people donate food — we received two complementary icicles at a gas station. We managed to get a ride

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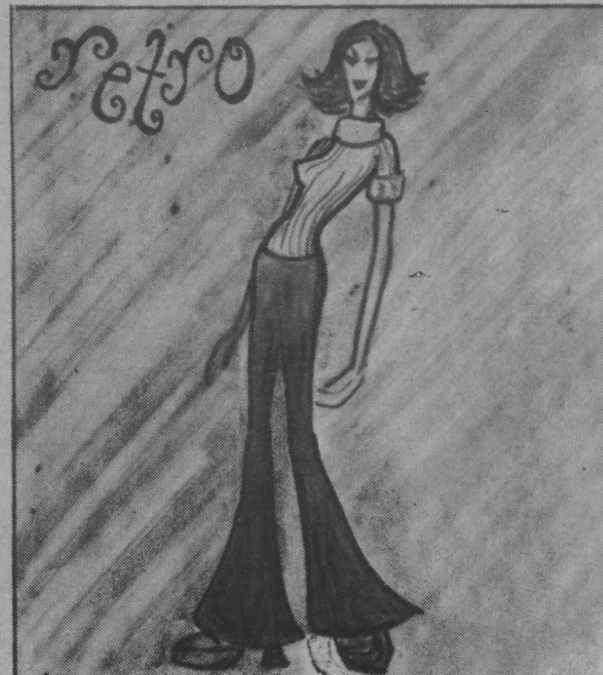
Not Just a Bowie Song

Fashion at UCSB — Yes, It Does Exist

By Alicia Marotto

Fashion. What defines it? More importantly, who defines it? Is it the fashion industry with its multimillion-dollar corporations that trap unsuspecting people in a web of what's "in" and what's "out," causing us to spend hundreds of dollars each year on unnecessary items just to keep up with trends that make clones of us in the name of individuality?

Maybe, just maybe, fashion is really that truly individual streak within us all that helps us define what we want our distinctly unique style to be, and not merely what is fashionable. Fashion may represent every body adornment from tattoo and body piercings to whether you dye your hair, the color you paint your nails and the type of glasses you embellish your



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dress better. There's no excuse for people not dressing better."

—Kir Bozorg, senior biology major

"The guys need more help than the girls. They have knappy hair, huge multicolored hair."

—Pardis Gonzales, freshman creative studies major

it's more professional there. I like it better here."

—Jessica Naponelli, freshman environmental studies major

"I wonder why everyone wears jeans? They're not very comfortable to me. [The fashion] is from any era, asexual and no individualization — uniform. It's interesting because clothing doesn't seem as if [it is] a way of artistic expression as it is for me. I'd like to know if students care what the faculty wear — would they prefer them to dress like them or professional?"

—Sabina White, lecturer in sociology

"I just started working here and I think for the majority of people this is a relaxed atmosphere. I've seen staff and faculty come in dragging their feet, wearing slippers with shorts, T-shirts — and that's how they come to work. I wonder if it makes any difference. I believe a lot of people take it as a plus, that they can come here as they want to. I don't."

—Sara Kazeroni, administrative assistant at the Quantum Institute

"It's whatever you want, anything goes. You can go to class in a bathing suit or a suit. I wouldn't be surprised if someone came to class in a Halloween outfit — very diverse."

—Nicole Kops, freshman environmental studies major

face with. It's all up to you and it's your artistic expression.

Or it could be a combination of both — the conglomeration of trends from anywhere and everywhere that are put together to form your own personal artistic style. And then again, it could be local.

The environment that surrounds Isla Vista and the UCSB campus is definitely influenced by the relaxed beach atmosphere. Local fashion tends to reflect this casual mood, but there is a huge amount of variation in the way it is portrayed. In fact, UCSB runs the gamut. But don't take it from me — the wide variety of responses given when asked about the local UCSB fashion scene says it all:

"There's a lot of different fashions. Sorority girls with their little outfits, hippies with bell bottoms, and most people are kinda beach bum. A lot of variety."

—Bella Hoffman, sophomore English major

"Basically it's by the beach, so it's a lot of shorts and T-shirts and laid back. I have a friend at USC and

"I think it's pretty trendy. Baggy grunge shit!"

—Steve Thompson, sophomore art major

"It's all racing stripes and Arnet."

—Chris Hill, sophomore environmental studies major

"The girls should wear shoes to class instead of being barefoot. And they shouldn't dress like hippies. The girls need to



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downtown, where our first problem and feeling of homesickness hit us. What were we going to do about sleeping?

Time to get creative. Luckily, we were within walking distance of a friend's house who had two couches on her porch. We slept for two hours, woke up at sunrise, and hiked to the nearest on-ramp. One observation we made is that early in the morning there are many cars. Unfortunately, these

and gave us a ride to Ventura. In Ventura, we learned that a grassy park is the perfect place to catch up on a few hours of sleep. After a rejuvenating nap,

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go to the nearest on-ramp because, remember, you are on a mission. After getting dropped off by Magic Mountain, we learned another good idea: A hotel pool is a great bathtub.

After we were clean, we continued our journey and learned another lesson: Don't walk on the freeway. We were stopped by a highway patrolman and frisked. When in this position, it's a good idea to ask the officer for a ride. We got a ride to the nearest Denny's. Denny's is a great overnight hangout, especially since it offers all-you-can-drink soft drinks.

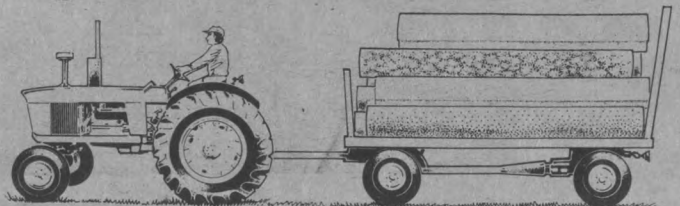
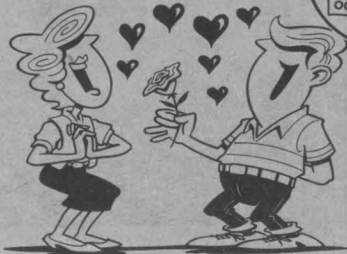
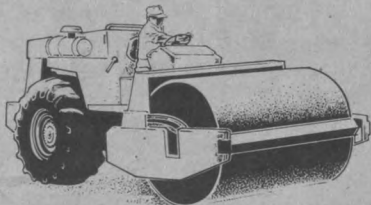
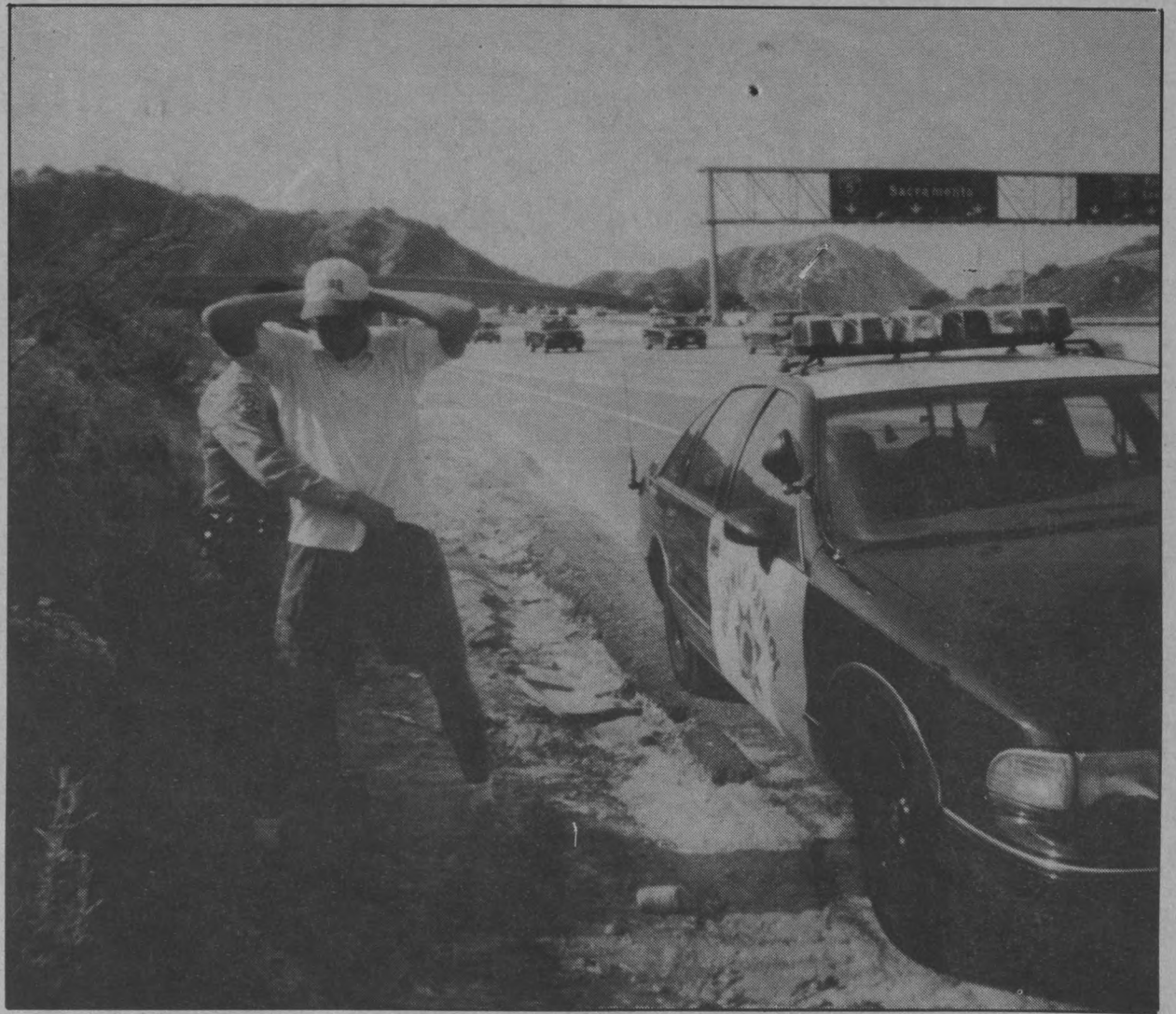
Unfortunately, we can't give any more tips besides

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cars are in a hurry because they're taking their owners to work, and they're in no mood to stop for a pair of college students on the side of the road.

Due to boredom and the inhalation of exhaust fumes, we got an idea to practice some gymnastics. A driver stopped for us



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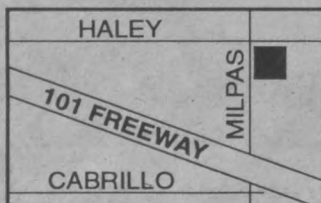


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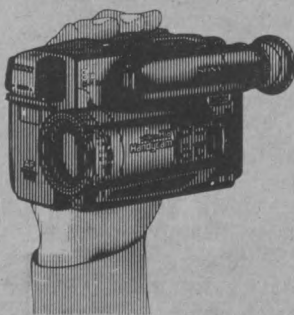


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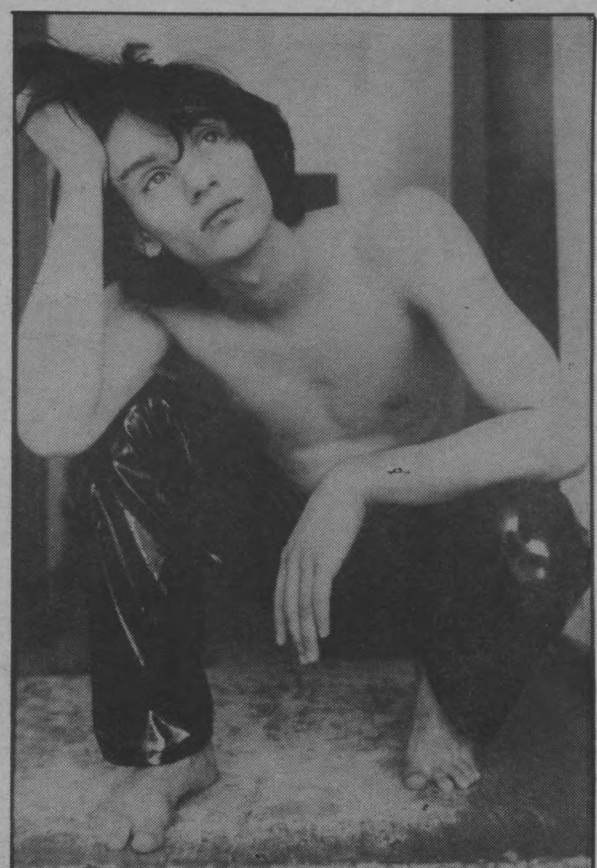
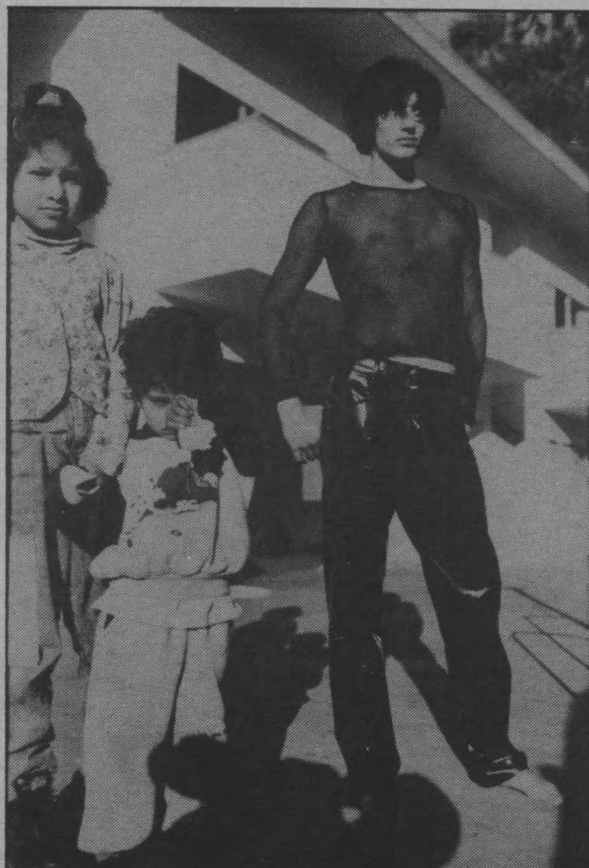
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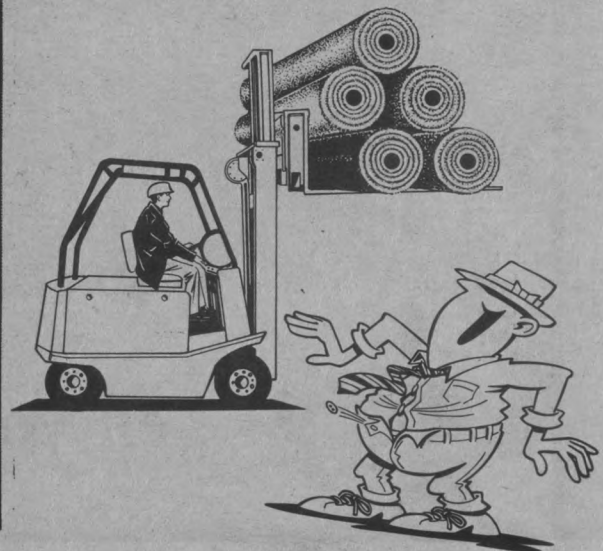
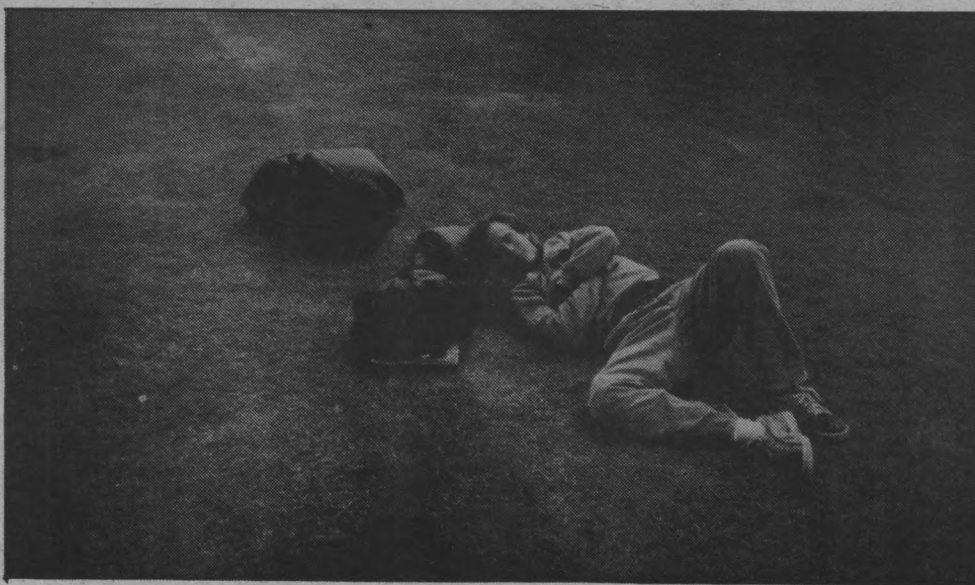


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being creative and having
an open mind when hitch-
hiking across the country.
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short because we felt the
psychological effects of
Storke Tower's blinking
lights saying to us in morse
code: Come back to
school, idiots, come back
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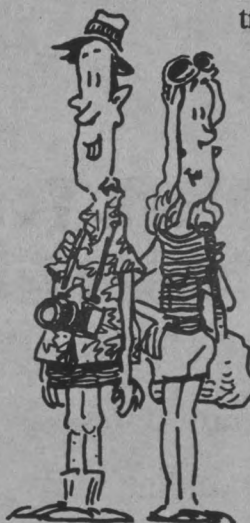
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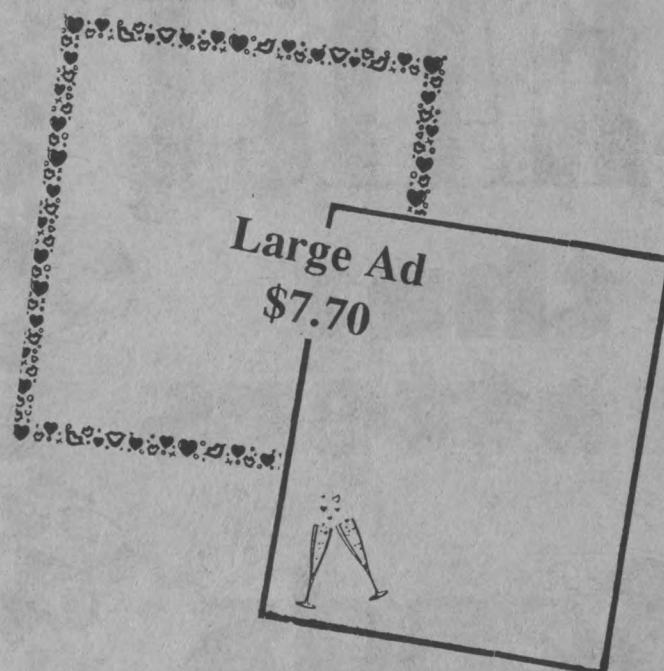
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