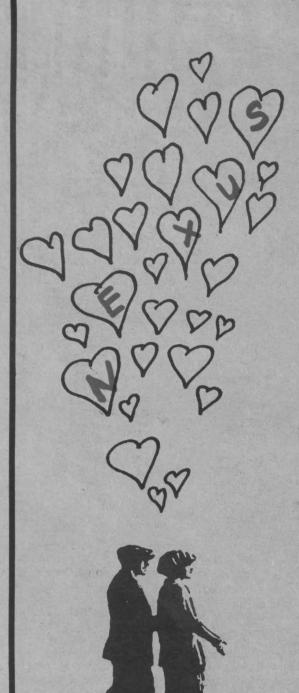
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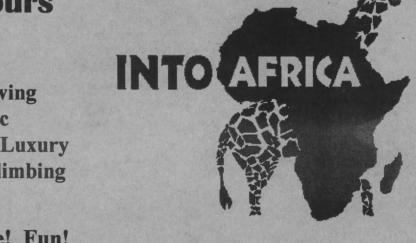
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Break the Law — Visit Cuba Before CNN Does

Give Helms the Finger and Visit This Bitchin' Island

By Henry Sarria

Cuba is a wonderful place to visit. There are beautiful beaches; warm, clean ocean waters to swim in; mountainous tropical regions; and plenty of historical sites and monuments to see. It would be a nice place to take a vacation - however, there's only one little problem: getting there legally!

"A Wonderful Place to Visit"

Because of the current political standoff between the U.S. and Cuba, travel to this lush tropical island is restricted in an effort to prevent the spending of American dollars in a country that still holds on to an outdated communist ideology. Cuba is kind of like Berkeley, but with a tropical ambience and Spanish as the official language. Sen. Jesse Helms would rather you not go there, but for the brave at heart, there are ways of getting there - all illegal, of course!

While travel from the U.S. to Cuba is forbidden, travel from other countries (i.e. Mexico) is perfectly legal. But there's still the issue of that pesky little stamp on your passport showing where you've been. No problem! The "gift" (read: bribe) of a box of Cuban cigars to the customs agent in whatever country you're returning to (note: this won't work here) will make that little stamp disappear, thus eli-minating a call from the State Dept. upon arrival back in the U.S.

Once in Cuba, what's there to do? Casinos don't exist anymore since Castro did away with them, but there's still plenty of nightclubs that feature the old Batista-era cabaret acts. Historical monuments are everywhere. In fact, Havana is one big historical monument. It's a place where it seems as if time has stood still since the late 1950s or early 1960s. Vintage cars are everywhere and some fashions haven't changed much.

On a fashion note for you guys, the cool buy when in Cuba is a shirt known as a "guyavera." This is a traditional shirt worn by all the men and is

made to keep you comfortable in the hot and humid weather. Get one and you'll fit right in with all the old guys playing dominoes in the park.

Downtown Havana doesn't offer much in consumer goods, but it's still nice to visit. Currency is exchanged the moment you arrive, but hang on to some of those Yankee dollars, as they may get you some hard-to-get goods and services that Cuban

currency won't buy. What can you expect from currency that resembles Monopoly money?

The beaches along the "Malecon" are beautiful and at night become the romantic spot for many. There are other places to visit than Havana, though. The mountains on the eastern end of Cuba known as "El Oriente" can offer even the most experienced hiker quite a challenge. When or if you get

tired you can always kick der. I was born there and back with the local "huajiros" (Cuban hillbillies) and have a glass of "guarapo" (a popular drink made from sugar cane

extract).

In all, it's a wonderful place to visit considering the current circumstances. For those of you mischievous, adventurous types who want to pull the wool over the State Dept.'s eyes, I believe a trip to my native homeland of Cuba is in or-

someday I will return.

If you do go there and you're in the Havana area, look up Jose Luis. That's my dad, and I'm sure he'll be happy to show you around. He's a retired engineer, so he may be a bit ec-centric, but he's pretty cool. So take a chance and drop in for a visit. It's a beautiful place with friendly people — and the coffee rules! You won't ever regret it!



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Hitchhikin' USA

By Michael Brad-ford 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

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 vear 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 dis-tinctly unique style to be, and not merely what is fashionable. Fashion may represent every body represent every body "The guys need more "I wonder why every-adornment from tattoo help than the girls. They one wears jeans? They're and body piercings to whether you dye your hair, the color you paint your nails and the type of glas-ses you embellish your



dress better. There's no ex- it's more professional cuse for people not dress- there. I like it better here."

ogy major

have knappy hair, huge multicolored hair.' -Pardis Gonzales, freshman creative studies ma-

"There's a lot of diffe-

rent fashions. Sorority girls with their little out-

fits, hippies with bell bottoms, and most people are

-Bella Hoffman, sopho-

beach, so it's a lot of shorts

I have a friend at USC and

more English major

'Basically it's by the

ing better."

—Jessica Naponeiii,

—Kir Bozorg, senior biolfreshman environmental studies major

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



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 kinda beach bum. A lot of anywhere and everywhere that are put together to form your own personal artistic style. And then

again, it could be local. The environment that and T-shirts and laid back. 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:

"I think it's pretty trendy. Baggy grunge

-Steve Thompson, sophomore art major "It's all racing stripes and Arnet."

-Chris Hill, sophomore environmental studies

"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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Continued from p.5B 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 onramp. One observation we made is that early in the morning there are many cars. Unfortunately, these

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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

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

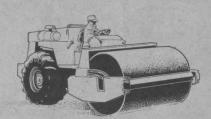
continued our journey and learned another lesson: Don't walk on the freeway. We were stopped by a highway patrolman and frisked. When in this position, it's a good idea to ask the officer for a ride. We got a ride to the nearest Denny's. Denny's is a great overnight hangout, espe-cially since it offers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

Unfortunately, we can't give any more tips besides

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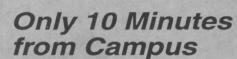


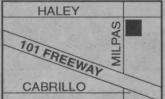
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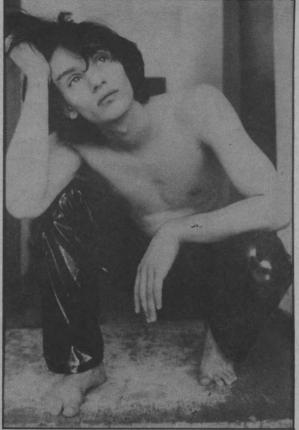
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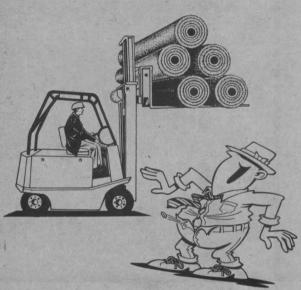
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Continued from p.6B being creative and having an open mind when hitchhiking across the country. We had to cut our trip short because we felt the psychological effects of Storke Tower's blinking lights saying to us in morse code: Come back to school, idiots, come back to school....

Nevertheless, good luck and maybe we'll run into you on a random on-ramp in a random city. Thumbs-





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