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Help Wanted

The CALPIRG Annual Hunger Cleanup Day, a community walk-a-thon, is April 10 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Anisq' Oyo' Park in Isla Vista.

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Strike Up the Band

Yesterday the Jubilee Praise Band from Faculty Staff Christian Community was seen playing in Storke Plaza at noon. The band was part of the Resurrection Celebration on campus.

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Questions Arise Over New Housing Process

Officials Defend Results of the Online System

BY JASON GREEN
Staff Writer

Rumors of a possible computer glitch continue to circulate after Housing and Residential Services' new online housing application process prompted questions regarding the fairness of living-space placements.

The new system gave all continuing UCSB students the option to apply online for university-owned housing, and subsequently enter into a weighted lottery for housing spaces. According to Housing and Residential Services Assistant Director of Information Services George Gregg, preference was given to applicants based on class level and whether the student

already in residence was requesting the same community (either on campus or off campus), and priority was given to those requesting the same room or apartment.

A number of students have expressed dissatisfaction with the results of the lottery. Associated Students On-Campus Rep Mel Fabi believes the system is inherently flawed, and that it suffered from insufficient testing, which literally left many qualified students out in the cold.

"Something did happen and we are going to uncover it properly," he said. "I think the problem is that technology fails and this online application process was passed through awfully fast and wasn't

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Benefit Walk Helps Raise Funding for MS Research

BY SARAH GREENE
Reporter

Community members will have the opportunity to take a few positive steps toward funding research and treatment of a crippling disease this weekend.

Eight a.m. Saturday marks the start of the 10th annual MS Walk, sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The 6-mile circuit will begin and end at Ledbetter Beach in downtown Santa Barbara. According to Jeff Hobert, who helped organize the walk, MS is a very difficult disease to deal with for those who have it, as well as for their friends and families.

"Multiple Sclerosis is a disease that affects the central nervous system. It affects the ability for the brain to transmit and receive messages," he said. "As of now, there is no cure for MS, and in the tri-county area alone, over 2,500 people have MS."

Hobert, who expects as many as 500 participants to raise over \$100,000, emphasized the significance of "how much each individual can help to improve the quality of life of people with MS by

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Yogic Flyers Plan Pacification of Kosovo Via Meditation

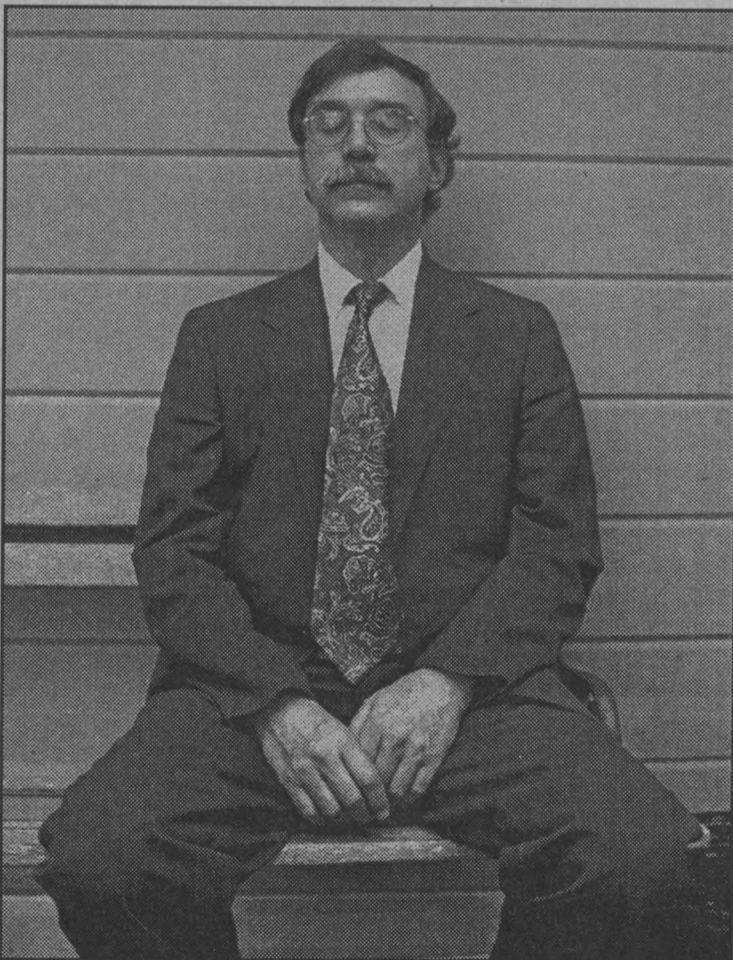
BY SARAH KENT
Staff Writer

Some people are looking for a new solution to the problems in the Balkans, and Thursday a new idea was presented in downtown Santa Barbara.

Local members of the Maharishi Global Administration Through Natural Law held a conference at the McVey House of the Natural History Museum to explain their technique of transcendental meditation, called Yogic Flying, and its applicability to world crises such as the ongoing NATO bombings in Yugoslavia. Maharishi Global Administration members Richard Bialosky, Stephen Hospodar, Ron Whitehurst and Eric Dahl explained one of their ideas at the conference.

"It's not just a bunch of wishful thinking," Whitehurst said. "When large groups of people get together and meditate there are positive influences created in the community. So we propose we set up these groups of Yogic Flyers and provide this harmonizing influence. Also, by extension, we influence the world to support peace and harmony and tranquility."

When questioned by a skeptical audience member about the "new-age" nature of these techniques, Dahl, who has been meditating for 30 years, attempted to explain in more concrete terms. Dahl likened the methodology of meditation to that of a magnetic field.



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Flying right into his project, Ron Whitehurst settles down to practice some of the transcendental meditation about which he has just spoken.

"Is consciousness just a by-product of a single human brain, or, like so many other phenomena we see in nature, is it the expression of a field?" he asked. "Consciousness is also a field, in that an indivi-

This influence, Bialosky added, is what will end the violence in Kosovo, as well as promote peace throughout the rest of the world.

"We have something that is the only scientifically proven solution to the dilemma that the world finds itself in today," he said. "There is no history of negotiation solving problems. There are no proven solutions outside of what we offer."

Whitehurst cited studies that he says demonstrate the effectiveness of meditation in lowering crime rates, even if only 1 percent of the population meditates.

"All these negative factors in society decrease with the increase of these meditators," he said.

Whitehurst stood by his convictions, despite criticisms of the idea of using meditation — which tends to be rather passive — to end war, which is aggressive.

"On the surface level it seems rather fantastic, that we propose that small groups of people sit in one place and do this special meditation, and that that will have an influence at a distance without individuals interfering violently with the people," he said. "[But], if you look at what causes war, it's stress, tension, anxiety, on the individual level, that builds up in society, in nations and between nations. [Meditation] is a very simple way of defusing this tension, one that's not as complex as violence, which causes more violence, and so on."

Top of the News

Milosevic Offers Refugees Peaceful Return



BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Yugoslavia urged refugees to return home Thursday, declaring "peace has prevailed in Kosovo," and saying its 14-month war against ethnic Albanian separatists was over. However, Western officials feared those same refugees would be used as human shields against NATO attacks.

NATO pressed ahead with the bombing campaign against Yugoslavia, even though a former Cypriot president arrived in Belgrade to try to win freedom for three captured U.S. soldiers. His task could prove difficult: A hard-line Serbian vice premier ruled out any release as long as the NATO bombardment continued.

On the 16th day of the U.S.-led air assault, hopes for the prisoners' release were mixed with concern over thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees whose fate was unknown a day after Yugoslavia sealed off its borders and stopped the flight out of Kosovo.

The Yugoslav government, which says it is observing a unilateral cease-fire in Kosovo since Tuesday for Orthodox Easter, claimed the refugees were voluntarily heading back to their homes in the province.

Shortly after 10 p.m., air-raid sirens sounded in Belgrade, as well as Novi Sad, Nis, Kragujevac and Cacak, heralding yet another night of attacks.

Jets set an oil storage depot ablaze early Friday in Smederevo, about 18 miles east of Belgrade, and at least

seven missiles exploded in Kragujevac, an industrial town 55 miles south of Belgrade, according to the government-run Tanjug news agency.

In addition, Studio B TV said NATO planes were "active" early Friday over the Belgrade area and around two towns, Uzice and Pozega, about 60 miles to the south.

Earlier in the evening, thousands chanting "Yugoslavia! Yugoslavia!" gathered on two major bridges in Belgrade and one in Novi Sad to

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— Tony Blair
British prime minister

serve as volunteer "human shields" against attacks.

Spyros Kyprianou, currently the speaker of the Cypriot parliament, said he planned to meet Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic on Friday, and that the Americans might be freed during the long Orthodox Easter weekend. He called on NATO to reciprocate with a cease-fire over the holiday — something the alliance has refused. NATO had arranged for safe passage for Kyprianou's flight.

Vice Premier Vojislav Seselj, leader of the influential Serbian Radical Party, told reporters Thursday that releasing the Americans was "out of the question."

U.S. State Dept. spokesperson James P. Rubin said only an unconditional re-

lease would be acceptable. "Any attempt to use this as a bargaining chip is both illegal and immoral," he said.

President Clinton insisted that NATO can still win in Kosovo without sending in ground troops, and expressed hope Thursday that the three servicemen would be freed.

"We would like to see the servicemen released because they never should have been detained in the first place," Clinton said during a news conference with Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji.

NATO leaders, meanwhile, reaffirmed that the bombing campaign would continue until Milosevic ac-

cepts Western terms for a Kosovo peace agreement. They also warned Milosevic he will be held accountable for alleged atrocities committed against ethnic Albanians.

"The damage that is being done will carry on day after day," British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Thursday in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp. "This is an action NATO can and will win."

Referring to Milosevic, Blair added: "He should be under no doubt at all. The crimes he has committed, he will be held responsible for."

In a statement Thursday, Milosevic's government claimed that "peace has prevailed in Kosovo," and said its security forces had "ended the offensive, anti-terrorist activities" against

the ethnic Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army, which has been fighting for independence.

"The Yugoslav government once again calls on all citizens of Kosovo not to leave their country, to live in harmony and cooperation, and in that way resist the bombs that kill regardless of nationality," the statement said.

Nearly a half million ethnic Albanians have fled or were driven out of Kosovo since the NATO bombing campaign began March 24, unleashing Europe's greatest mass displacement in half a century.

NATO allies have dismissed Yugoslavia's claims of a unilateral cease-fire, saying the bombing campaign will continue until Milosevic allows the return of all refugees, withdraws all troops and accepts a peace plan for Kosovo.

It has been impossible to confirm whether the cease-fire has taken effect on the ground.

NATO air strikes on roads and bridges in Kosovo are hampering the ability of Serb forces to move around, according to accounts Thursday by French journalists who entered western Kosovo with KLA fighters.

"We have attacked the nervous system, we have attacked the central system as well, that is to say a part of the brain that is conducting the operations," French Army Chief of Staff Gen. Jean-Pierre Kelche said Thursday.

NATO, meanwhile, claimed it was not responsible for the widespread damage in Kosovo's capital of Pristina and blamed Serb forces for gutting the city.

Federal Government Drafts Embryonic Research Laws



BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Government advisers drew up proposed rules Thursday to control federal financing of research on "master cells" obtained from human embryos — a promising area of science that has raised serious ethical questions.

A 13-member committee drafted a proposal that would permit the National Institutes of Health to pay for master-cell studies only if researchers adhered to strict guidelines that would control how the cells were obtained.

The cells, called pluripotent stem cells, are the building blocks for nearly all of the tissues in the body. They are capable of growing virtually any human tissue. Researchers believe they can learn how to use the cells to make body parts or to correct some disorders, such as Parkinson's disease or diabetes.

However, the cells only can be obtained from human embryos or from very early fetuses. A federal law bans government funding of embryo research and severely restricts fetal research. At least 75 members of Congress have said stem cells taken from human embryos are covered by the ban. Some religious organizations also are opposed to the research.

Two privately funded researchers recently isolated pluripotent stem cells. NIH director Harold Varmus has proposed that these existing stem cell cultures are not covered by the ban because federal funds were not used to create them.

Varmus selected the committee of advisers to draw up

rules to guide NIH, should the agency decide to fund pluripotent stem cell research.

Under the proposed guidelines, federal grants would be forbidden to researchers who propose, as part of their research, to create or destroy a human embryo. Since removing stem cells kills an embryo, this would prohibit federal funding for creating new cultures of embryonic stem cells.

The proposed rules also would forbid federal funding of research into the cloning of humans, or research that would create an embryo using stem cells.

The rules, however, would permit federal support of research using existing stem cell cultures created by privately funded scientists, such as the two stem cell lines created recently.

New embryonic stem cell cultures could be used in federal research, the rules state, only if privately funded scientists obtained the cells from embryos that had been created for infertility treatment and were "in excess of clinical need."

Stem cells from fetuses can be used, the rules say, if they are obtained "after a spontaneous abortion or induced abortion or after a stillbirth."

The committee of advisers also recommended a strict process of informed consent requiring that donors of fetal tissue or embryos be told about the potential use of the specimens.

Under the proposed system, a stem-cell research grant application would be considered first by an NIH science committee. If that group approves, then an oversight committee would determine if the proposal complies with the guidelines. Only then could the grant be considered for final approval.

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Weather

Yesterday I described how to mess around with freshmen.

Today, however, we'll take a look at a similar group: ants. Ants, like their lovable freshman cousins, are extremely abundant, move in long caravans, and when they find something they want — be it a picnic, a lump of dog poo or an unattended keg — will swarm about until the bones (or keg) are picked dry.

Thanks to Hollywood, many of you see ants as these cute, human-like, Woody Allen-talkin' creatures. No, no, no. Make no mistake about it, ants would kill you in a second if they had a chance. Why, I was watching the Discovery Channel (yeah, I'm kinda nerdy) and I saw an army of ants rip apart an innocent banana slug (go UCSC!). Now I'm gonna tell you how to get revenge:

Mix a bunch of Nutrasweet in some water and place the glass on top of the fridge. Since Nutrasweet is about 3,000 times sweeter than sugar, the ants will smell it and go absolutely ape. They'll abandon all other food sources and expend lots of effort to get to the top of the fridge. But guess what? Nutrasweet is calorie-free and has no energy value — suckers! Hahahahahahaha. If this doesn't get rid of them just go out and get some Raid.

Today's weather: It'll be partly cloudy ... but the weekend should be oh so sweet.

Man Suffers From Multiple Beatings

A case of chivalry turned violent over Spring Break when an argument at a party prompted a larger altercation that left a visitor to Isla Vista with serious injuries.

On Sunday, March 28, at approximately 1 a.m., I.V. Foot Patrol deputies responded to a report of a fight on the 6500 block of Sabado Tarde Road, which ended with a victim's hospitalization for severe head injuries. According to the Foot Patrol report, 18-year-old Canoga Park resident Kyle Anderson was hit repeatedly over the head and body by approximately 20 people, with items including a cinder block and a claw hammer.

According to the report, the fight stemmed from an earlier verbal altercation that occurred when a female friend of the victim was spat upon by someone at a neighboring party.

The owner of the apartment where Anderson was partying was able to control the argument and prevent a fight at the time, according to the report. However, as Anderson and a friend left the party, a full beer can hit Anderson on the back of his head, and a hostile conversation took place, the report states. Anderson and his friend moved into the street while a white male suspect followed with approximately 20 friends.

"A fight ensued and Anderson was beaten

with cinder blocks, sticks and barbecue lids," the report states. "Anderson clearly remembers a separate male subject picking up a claw hammer and hitting him in the head with it at least twice."

Anderson said he saw that he was outnumbered and attempted to leave the scene.

"It wasn't a fair fight at all. It was basically 15 on one, and when I saw them coming I tried to run," he said. "They were throwing beer bottles and bricks and all kinds of stuff."

When deputies responded to the fight, several male subjects began to flee from the middle of the street, according to the report.

"One subject ran eastbound on Sabado Tarde. His hands were covered in blood, and his shorts and T-shirt were spotted throughout with blood," the report states.

The suspect ran into an apartment at 6559 Sabado Tarde and attempted to hide in a closet. There officers found and arrested 18-year-old Santa Barbara resident David Groom on charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

Paramedics transported Anderson to Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital where he was treated for his head injuries and released; he intends to press charges.

—David Downs

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with marital problems who seems to be playing only to pick up a paycheck (how many offensive boards has Dennis gotten?), a budding superstar who often forgets he has teammates, a center who shoots free throws like he's chucking cinder blocks, and a coach who's taking advice from a certain bleached-hair psychopath.

All the while Rick Fox

and Robert Horry, last year's starting forwards who have proven to be about little else than winning, wait on the bench. What the Lakers have become is a group of individuals who wouldn't recognize a team if one bit them in the nose (for proof check Tuesday's loss to Utah).

There is still hope for this young star-studded team. Kobe hasn't learned half of what he will down the road; the same can be said for

Rambis, if he lasts that long. Rice could soon prove to be the outside threat the team has lacked, and Rodman may start to pay attention when playoff time rolls around. But the Lakers had better get it together soon, because I can't bring myself to pull for the Warriors again.

Scott Hennessee is a former sports editor and thinks he has a chance with Carmen Electra since she has filed for divorce.

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Do you approve of an A.S. Lock-In fee increase of twenty-five cents (\$.25) for the Student Commission on Racial Equality to bring the total to fifty-one cents (\$.51) so they can continue to educate the UCSB community and promote the interests of socially underrepresented groups on campus.

Do you approve of an additional ten cents (\$.10) for the Community Affairs Board equaling one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) to fund ethnic groups, honor societies, the Greek system, culture weeks and other community service groups to enable the Community Affairs Board to continue to assist these groups.

Do you approve of an A.S. Lock-In of one dollar and no cents (\$1.00) to establish a Santa Barbara tenants' association to protect renters' rights and interests? The funds shall be used to hire a staff member to assist in administrative, organizational and grant writing auspices or for organizational expenses such as office space, supplies or legal services. Use of the funds shall be administered by the External Vice-President for Local Affairs, in consultation with the I.V. Community Relations Committee and other advisors.

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2. Provide counseling services for those in need of assistance with alcohol and drug abuse, eating disorders, learning disorders, or other related health problems through individual screening, assessment, and referral.
3. If this is approved by the student body, 50% matching funds will be provided by the Chancellor.

Do you approve of an A.S. lock-in to support Campus Point as a bimonthly publication committed to serving the students with a forum of Arts, Entertainment, and Student Life?

This lock-in would enable Campus Point to pay for their own printing contract, pay reporters, pay honoraria for the staff and any other miscellaneous expenses.

Shall the A.S. establish a \$0.75 Lock-In Fee to help fund the continuance of the U.C.S.B. A.S. Electric Shuttle Service?

Do you approve of a three dollar (\$3) increase of Associated Student fees that would support boards, committees, commissions, and student groups that request funding from Associated Students as well as eliminate automatically reclaimed service fee charges from specific groups including Program Board, KCSB, and A.S. Notetaking?

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Feature



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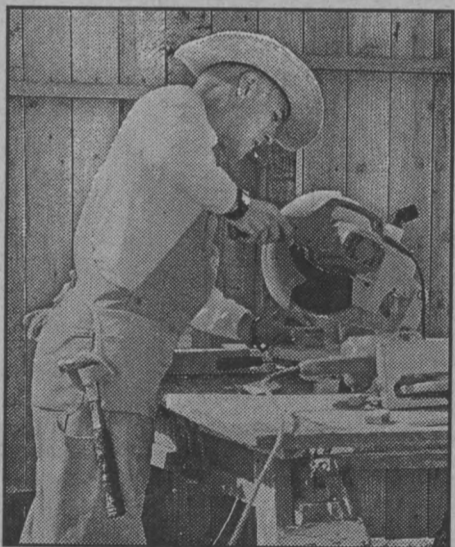
Feature by Elizabeth Werhane



While many students spent their Spring Breaks getting hammered (not that there's anything wrong with that), a small group of UCSB students spent it hammering. I packed some old jeans, kissed thoughts of Mexico goodbye and drove to Oakland to become a part of Habitat for Humanity by building homes.

The following includes journal entries from the trip and some additional research.

"The church smells funny, and the building is pretty dilapidated. There are spiders in the



ELIZABETH WERHANE / DAILY NEXUS

Using a chopsaw, Ray Yokoi cuts wood to size for a backyard fence.

bathroom and the showers are five blocks away at the YMCA. I'm not exactly sure what I've gotten myself into."

What I'd gotten myself into was Collegiate Challenge, a Habitat program directed at college students, especially those on Spring Break. Habitat provides participating students with "adequate" housing and a unique experience, and the students provide manual labor for four days at a work site.

This year there were 150 Collegiate Challenge sites in almost all 50 states and some foreign countries hosting students from over 300 colleges and universities. Student volunteers are welcome year round, but Collegiate Challenge provides a framework for students to come together and meet other people through a weeklong commitment to the program.

The work site the UCSB volunteers joined was East Bay Habitat for Humanity, a 40-home development off of 105th Avenue in Oakland that has been in the works since 1993. The project is divided into two cul-de-sacs, one with 18 homes that is now finished, and one with 22 homes scheduled to be completed by the spring of 2000.

"I was surprised when we drove into the cul-de-sac of Habitat homes. I was expecting small, simple homes, but saw instead elaborate, two-story houses that look professional. They're a collage of volunteerism, but you wouldn't know it to see their uniformity."

At our site, East Court, the 22 homes were in varying stages of completion.

Families had moved into three of the homes the weekend before our arrival. The remaining homes were each at a different point in the construction process.

Freshman Cameron Moss said, "It's neat to be able to look around and see each different stage of the house being built."

"I'm not a construction person, but by the end of the day I could have fooled some people into thinking I am."

Actually, that's an understatement; in all honesty, I knew *nothing* about how to build a house. Some of the tools listed under "suggested things to bring" were completely foreign to me. I showed up not knowing what a chalk line or speed square was, but left knowing how to use them to put siding on a house.

Although construction manager Paul Farrell recommends that volunteers have some building knowledge, experience is not necessary.

When volunteer coordinator Kell Delaney began working with Habitat through the Americorps program, construction was not his forte. In fact, when it came to construction experience, Delaney recalls having "absolutely none."

"They're very patient here. They'll teach you the why and the how," Delaney said of the Habitat staff.

That staff walked us through, step by step, a variety of tasks, including building wooden fences, framing windows, painting an iron fence, installing drywall and windows, assembling scaffolding, mixing cement and applying window trim and siding to a house. Although these were the stages of the process that our group was involved in, every step from foundation to dedication includes volunteer labor.

It was not easy work. Maybe I should have been warned by the fact that the to-bring list included "pain relievers."

"Considering that I began the week receiving tips on how to more effectively use a hammer, I was happily surprised to find that I ended it with full confidence operating power tools."

Some professionals volunteer time to do the electrical and plumbing work, but there are few parts of the process in which novice volunteers are not actively involved. When they're done, they have constructed "as good a home as you'll find anywhere," Farrell boasts.

Oakland's housing inspector was even on-site one day approving one of the recently finished homes. According to Farrell, the homes are as sound as professionally built houses, minus a few cosmetic flaws. Delaney attributes the quality of the homes to the constant checking conducted throughout the process.

"Because they're done by nonprofessionals, they're checked so much that they're probably better," he said.

"Seeing the families participate in the construction makes me

feel even better about the work I'm doing because I recognize that I'm working for people, not for an organization."

Habitat is not a handout program. Instead, the program sells homes to families at cost with a zero-interest mortgage.

Homeowners are required to provide 500 hours of "sweat equity" as part of their commitment to their new home. Other areas of qualification include housing need and income. Families meeting the Department of Housing and Urban Development's standards of "low" or "very low" income generally qualify in the income category.

In the East Bay development, families work not only on their own home, but on others' as well. Saturday is the biggest building day because many of the homeowners work during the week. The cooperative effort of the families is an important element of the East Bay program.

"For a neighborhood that's a little rough, it will be a nice little close community with all the habitat families living together, and will give them a chance to build a community that cares about each other," said UCSB Habitat President Matt Doty.

"Anything that ends with cake, ends well. We cleaned up the work site early to eat cake and say bye to new friends. I don't regret one bit having spent my Spring Break doing manual labor."

Anyone can help out through

Habitat. Volunteers are always welcome, as are financial donations. Although my experience was with the East Bay affiliate, there are



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Working with homeowner Parrish Newton, Christy Fellner paints the exterior fence.

Habitat sites all over the world.

"Every trip, every place you work is unique," Doty said. "Habitat is run by the community. It's a group in the community building for that community. So every affiliate, every place you work, has part of the local character in it."

Delaney encourages everyone to "at least give it a shot."

Anyone interested in becoming involved with Habitat locally should contact Doty at doty@physics.ucsb.edu. Currently efforts are being made to create homes in the Santa Barbara area. The UCSB chapter will be having a work day this Saturday in Santa Maria.

The international office can be reached at 800-422-4828, or found on the web at www.habitat.org.

HABITAT FACTS

- ☛ Over 70,000 homes have been built by Habitat.
- ☛ More than 350,000 people worldwide have been housed by Habitat.
- ☛ Sixty other countries have Habitat affiliates.
- ☛ Habitat was founded in 1976.

Successful Producer Returns to UCSB, Will Show New Film

BY ROBERTO SERRINI
Reporter

Aspiring film students will get a chance to view the work of an accomplished former Gacho Friday night, as he brings his latest work to Campbell Hall.

UCSB alumnus Morgan J. Freeman paves the way for future UCSB filmmakers with the preview of his latest film *Desert Blue* at 7 p.m. Freeman's writing and directing won him three Sundance awards for his previous film *Hurricane Streets*. His newest endeavor stars Brendan Sexton III, Christina Ricci and Casey Affleck. His talent as a filmmaker comes as no surprise to film studies Professor Dana Driskel, who taught Freeman production.

"He had vision beyond the normal student. Usually set locations consisted of a student's apartment, the alley behind the apartment, and if they had a girlfriend that worked at Rusty's Pizza they might shoot there," she said.

"Morgan was always pushing the envelope; going to Red Rock, Botanic Gardens, Ellwood Beach and up and down the coast. That sort of vision says something."

In his film studies career at UCSB, Freeman worked as an assistant editor for the *Daily Nexus* and on the radio at KCSB, exceeding the expectations placed on him by his peers and professors, said film studies Professor Chuck Wolfe.

"You would need a small pamphlet to describe Morgan. He had a vibrant hand in everything, from columnist, to KCSB radio, to student filmmaking," he said. "He was truly a lively, vital presence in any situation ... always exuding energy and exciting others about his bold ideas."

Working with the cast of *Desert Blue* has been a pleasure, Freeman said.

"When I created the film, I had the actors already in mind," he said. "I had worked with many of them before and tried to incorporate their personalities into the script. Casey [Affleck] is a real

funny guy and Christina [Ricci] is always a pleasure to work with," he said. "Of course I had Andrea Sperling who also went to UCSB by my side. Basically, it was like going to camp with your friends."

Freeman said his years as a film studies major at UCSB greatly impacted his award-winning style.

"Santa Barbara definitely planted the seed. My 'indie' approach to filmmaking is definitely a product of my experience there," he said. "My early film production showed me that filmmaking was not as mystical as it seemed and basically gave me the confidence to mobilize the talented people that were around me. It all comes down to meeting people and utilizing your resources."

The sneak preview of Freeman's *Desert Blue*, cosponsored by the Film Studies Dept. and KCSB Radio, rolls Friday at 7 p.m. in Campbell Hall. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$6 for the general public, and will go on sale at the door at 6 p.m.

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tested properly. I hope this doesn't happen next year."

Gregg said that although students may not have received their first choice in housing, all who currently live on campus and applied for on-campus housing received a contract. However, freshman sociology and Spanish major Monse De La Sierra said she applied for on-campus housing but received no contract at all, despite the fact that she now

lives on campus.

"I didn't receive an on-campus housing contract, when we're supposedly guaranteed housing," she said.

Gregg maintained that "there wasn't a problem with the computer system," a software program that was implemented for the first time last quarter to increase the efficiency of the application process. He added that the Residential Management System software, while new to the University of California, has been in practical

use at other colleges across the country.

Gregg explained that many students did not receive the housing assignments they wanted due to a shortage of highly coveted spaces such as single rooms, Santa Ynez Single Student Apartment Living and San Rafael Residence Hall. He described student dissatisfaction with the contract outcomes as no more prevalent than in years past. According to Gregg, many students designated all three of their housing options for

very limited living spaces, despite the Web page's suggestion to do otherwise.

"The students sometimes painted themselves into a corner regarding their housing choices," he said. "They were overly specific, even though it was recommended on the Web page that they make a general choice such as a double room on campus."

In spite of Gregg's explanation, several students have complained that the new

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Bureaucracy Rears Its Ugly Head

The UCen Irresponsibly Wasted Students' Money This Week; We Aren't Happy About It

Many students keep late hours, and for those of us who do, caffeine, computers and couches are the means. Hence, the necessity for the UCen to keep late hours as well. The UCen's popularity stems from its late hours and convenient services. For many nocturnal students (such as your friendly, neighborhood Nexites whom you love so much), it is a refuge of sorts. But why now, during one of the more demanding weeks of school, does the UCen lock its doors early?

Access to the pleasures of the UCen was extended by a student-approved increase of the UCen's funds last year. Students voted to increase the UCen lock-in fee by \$9, bringing the total UCen lock-in fee to a whopping \$87. Read that again: students pay \$87 per year to keep the UCen open.

So why, during one of the most hectic and busy weeks of the quarter, did the UCen maintain shorter hours? Normally open until 1 a.m. during week nights, the UCen was only open until 7:30 p.m. this week.

If you haven't noticed before, the first week of the quarter is often the busiest. At no other time are there greater numbers of students concentrated on campus; students trying to crash courses, find their classes or just make sense of their class schedules, swarm the campus. Many of these students eventually wind up in the UCen, where they buy books, get caffeine, or take much-needed naps. Obviously, the UCen needs to keep normal hours to accommodate these students.

The University Bookstore extended its hours to meet the heavy demands of first week, so why didn't the UCen? The Bookstore extended its closing time from 5:30 to 7 p.m. this week. If the University Bookstore understands that an increased demand equals a potential for in-

creased revenue, why can't the UCen?

The UCen operates more like a service industry than a normal business. Per their own bed-making, the UCen bureaucrats claimed last year that their institution was not a normal business. This is true: Students pay the lock-in fee whether the UCen is open for business or not. When considering the fact that students now pay an extra \$9 per year for its upkeep, the UCen needs to stick to its end of the bargain and remain open later.

The logic behind the UCen's shorter hours this week is unconvincing, at best. UCen management claims that it does not want their employees' work schedules interfering with their chances of crashing a night class. Why doesn't this logic apply to the library's hours during Finals Week? How does the *Daily Nexus* manage to publish a paper during the first week of classes? The UCen seems to be trying to curb their costs, but, in fact, there is an unrealized potential for revenue this week.

Incidentally, it is unfortunate that last year's increased lock-in fee was not enough to extend UCen hours on Sundays. Students would surely benefit from late hours on Sunday nights, considering the number of students trying to study at the library (or produce a newspaper) at that time, not to mention the fact that Sunday is a school night. Many students would agree that the couches at the UCen offer more comfort than the Dilbert-esque cubicles at the library.

No need to panic however, for the UCen and its couches, computers and caffeine will resume their normal hours next week ... well after all the hustle and bustle dies down. But perhaps, instead of criticizing the UCen for its disregard for policy this week, we should just remind the UCen of all the revenue lost by not meeting an obvious demand.

Pumping Iron Is Good

RecCen Afficionados Should Revise Their Opinions

DAVID DOWNS

Ahh, thank the lord almighty, spring is almost here. The entire campus becomes a giant eye-candy store and with dark enough sunglasses, everyone can snag as much as they want. Unfortunately, with spring comes the yearly ritual of standing in front of the mirror and realizing that the body you were born with isn't exactly the one you were looking at in the perfect-body brochure.

So, what to do? Phen-fen is off the market, liposuction is too expensive and a decent speed habit will make all your teeth fall out. There are those masochistic souls who will tell you all about our fabulous RecCen, but do not listen, they have gone crazy. The

Work usually meant physical labor, and no sane person would pay their hard-earned money to be a member of a gym.

black bile of narcissism has finally backed up into the brains, and such a person actually enjoys sweating profusely in tight clothes on repetitive machines designed by Dr. Mengala.

You see, the entire concept of modern "exercise" is something so grossly decadent, so shamefully lazy, it's no wonder the last half of this century has embraced it. Two hundred years ago, farmers, blacksmiths, carpenters and the like didn't spend all day working before heading off to the gym. They were tired after work. Work usually meant physical labor, and no sane person would pay their hard-earned money to be a member of a gym. There was always the lazy aristocracy, but even they went around at least *looking* busy.

But not today, we've advanced. I'm sure the world marvels at contemporary America — with our accountants, bankers, housewives, lazy columnists, Must See TV, 64 oz. soft drinks, and Del Taco "Over a Pound" menus. We have a culture so hellbent on sitting on the ass, Juan Valdez is beginning to feel inadequate. So goes without saying that, as a country, we need to get out and exercise. The problem is that somewhere along the yellow brick road to good health we veered horribly into the current state we're in. So it's time to put the smack down on the dumb way people exercise.

Let's start with the people who drive to the RecCen

The Reader's Voice

BLOWING HOLES IN THE FROSH THEORY

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Once again, UCSB's finest have spoken, and this time it is a trio of freshman girls (Reader's Voice, "Do Not Forget That Freshman Are People, Too," April 6). On behalf of many students, we ask that you spare yourselves any further humiliation and stop while you're ahead ... please!

If you are so certain that you are not "fucking idiots" (as you so eloquently state), then write a letter that will back up your claims. First, "anyways" is grammatically incorrect (drop the "s," girls, in case you weren't sure). Second, 1980 minus 1978 equals 2. That is a two year age difference, not a four year difference (as you wrote).

Speaking of a two year difference, those of us born in 1978 wanted to be Madonna and Molly Ringwald, too. Does that mean that "we are the '80s" even though we were not privileged enough to be born in the year 1980?

But let's be realistic ... you turned 10 years

old in 1990! I'm guessing that most of the "memories" you have of the '80s were resurrected by the media and recent films. Now,



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you talk of those years as if you really lived them. I doubt that you heard of *The Smiths*

before "The Wedding Singer" soundtrack came out. I also believe that you cannot tell me which '80s band sang the song "Save It For Later" before *Harvey Danger* made a '90s hacked version on the "200 Cigarettes" soundtrack. Tell me about *Bauhaus* or *Berlin* (Hint: neither term relates to Germany in this context). Nevermind '80s pop culture, but can you tell me about Noriega or *perestroika*? I believe not. I'm sorry to say, but you have spoken too soon. You identify more with "grunge" than "new wave."

Do not fear. As a junior taking EEMB 20 (a popular class among freshmen), I sense the brilliance lacking from the room. Therefore, it is nice for you to know that there will be a group you three can identify with and you can travel in packs of 20 to the parties on DP.

SARA YOUNGERS

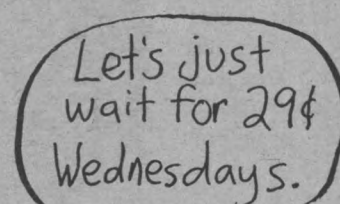
APOCALYPSE BEGINS

WITH THE WHOPPER

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Is it just me, or is the entire world going

insane? Maybe Earth's rotation has been reversed. Maybe the world is coming to an end



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in the year 2000. Who knows? If you haven't figured out what I'm talking about yet, why

don't you take a look at the

Nevermind, let you know I'm going for under a burger that sets money. Really, raise is necessary college student above water, a pulls a stunt I

It's bad enough at least 30 with the outrage all be living on time. If I want to go to Carl's Jr. (I'm recommending) wide boycott. King regains back down to and bring an

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... Going to Their Heads

... Revise Their Workout Regimens While They Can

... and then have the nerve to get on a treadmill. What are you afraid of? A mugging? Run to the gym, it's better for you. Better yet, don't run to the gym, run to the beach and back. We have miles and miles of pristine coastline and beach air, yet there are people spending 20 minutes a day, three days a week on a treadmill, trying to ignore the smell emanating from Mr. or Ms. Funk on the stairstepper next to them.

And speaking of you people on the stairmaster, what the hell are you thinking? That thing doesn't even remotely simulate the act of going up stairs, and it can ruin your ass. Most people using stairmasters are using them wrong, and bad form on a stairmaster actually makes an ass get bigger. Sweet irony, if you ask me. But even the idiocy of the stairmaster pales in comparison to what is going on right down the hall in the weight room.

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... t you take a stroll over to Burger King look at the price of a Whopper. evermind, I'll save you the trouble and ou know that what was once a great bur-for under a buck is now an evil vicious er that seizes \$1.29 of your hard-earned ey. Really, do you think that this price is necessary? C'mon, we're struggling ge students just trying to keep our heads e water, and then Burger King goes and a stunt like this.

... s bad enough that housing in I.V. went t least 30 percent for next year, but now the outrageously priced Whopper we'll e living out in the streets by summer- . If I wanted to eat a burger for \$1.29, I'd Carl's Jr. and get the much better tast-Western Bacon Cheeseburger (which I mment). I'd like to call for a school-boycott of Whoppers until Burger e regains its senses and brings the price down to under a buck. Unite Gauchos, bring an end to this tyranny.

SCOTT KLENBAUM
JOE HINOJOS

and the other half checking other people out. It's OK that you're narcissistic, just deal with it.

Weight rooms are one of the rare places where guys actually get away with checking out other guys; they even call it "spotting." It goes like this: "I have spotted that you cannot lift as much as you thought you could and I will now help the weight off you, because I am buffer."

The whole point of lifting weights is lost on me. Basically, you are inflating your muscles to a size they could never achieve during the normal rigor of everyday life, and it's just a matter of time before it backfires. All that muscle eventually turns to fat as you get older, and whatever doesn't is hidden under a beer belly and saggy jowls. Oh, that's right! You're going to stay skinny your whole life. Sorry, my bad.

Besides, the more muscle you have, the less you can move. Have you ever tried to scratch your balls wearing fifteen sweatshirts? It's tough, trust me. There are documented cases of guys with such a buffed-out upper body that they can no longer reach around and wipe their ass the normal way. They have to reach between their legs to get to their butt. I'm sorry, but the second you can't wipe your ass like a man, you might as well just start sitting down to pee.

We, as a culture, spend so much time cooped up in front of TVs, working in cubicles and driving around in our steel deathtraps that we now have to designate time to be active. I say "fuck that"; be inventive and you

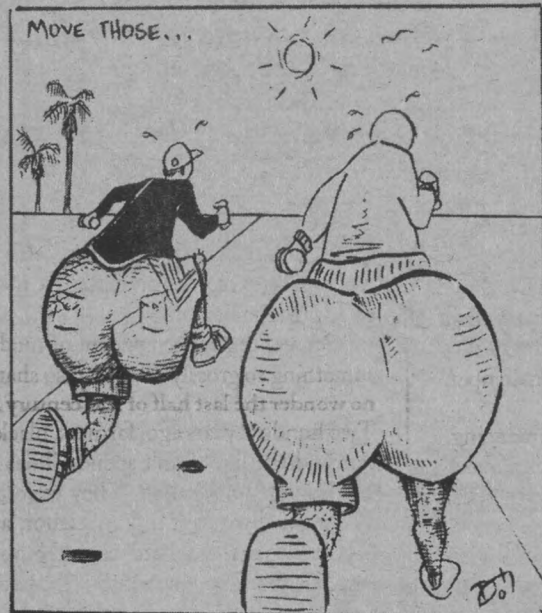
People spend half their time in a weight room checking themselves out, and the other half checking other people out.

never have to go to the gym.

An ideal life should be one giant workout, and if you plan it right, every night you can hit the bed exhausted. I will conclude with a few alternative workouts worth considering:

- 1) Dance more often. If you can't dance well, find other people who suck and no one will notice.
- 2) Leave the bike at home and walk. Walking is great exercise.
- 3) If you are in a hurry and have to ride your bike, make sure to tear ass through campus. The faster you go, the less chance any out-of-shape CSOs will be able to catch you.
- 4) Leave habitually late to class, and then run the whole way, so as to only miss the first few minutes of lecture.
- 5) Make nicotine a food group. Once the physiological dependency on nicotine kicks in, dessert is a thing of the past.
- 6) Lastly, have more sex. It is a great, low-impact aerobic workout, and there are extra points for doing it standing up in the shower.

David Downs is the *Daily Nexus* assistant county editor, a *Nexus* columnist and a *Thighmaster* enthusiast.



LISA DOTY / DAILY NEXUS

"Hey, I got an idea! Let's put a whole bunch of really heavy objects in a room and have people pay us to pick them up and put them down until it hurts! Sounds like fun, huh?" I have taken only two trips to the weight room, and the second was to get material for this column.

Let's start off with the floor to ceiling mirrors. Weight room regulars — identifiable by their lack of a neck — would argue, "I'm watching my form!" Don't lie, you are checking yourself out. People spend half their time in a weight room checking themselves out,

What the ...?

IVFP Cracks Down; I Don't Like it

JERRY BEERS

When I first came to visit Isla Vista, I was a sophomore in high school and had no idea what to expect. The only advice that my brother and his friends had to offer me about staying out of trouble in I.V. was, "Turn your cup upside down and be careful where you take a piss."

Pedestrians and bikers owned the town and watched out for, well, no one. Rules were different here. Traffic patterns? They were nonexistent, unless your parents were visiting. Stop signs? No, no, no, they meant yield. The rest of the country had it wrong. Well, let me tell you, times have changed.

On the Friday of Dead Week last quarter, I received a ticket for running a stop sign ... ON MY BIKE. In a year and a half of living here, I have never stopped for a stop sign on my bike. I seriously doubt that anyone has. Stop signs in I.V. for bicycles are like those missionaries outside of the UCen; the only people who pay attention to them are suckers.

How can the police suddenly decide to hand out citations for this pathetic waste of time? What's next, hand signal and reflector violations? They are lucky if Isla Vistans driving cars take the time to stop for stop signs, much less bikers. The duty of the police is to protect and to serve, and I feel that neither duty was being performed when I was issued a ticket at 10 a.m. on the day before Finals

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Week; I.V. was a ghost town at that moment and I wasn't exactly putting my own or anyone else's life in danger. I never thought that my first ticket would read "1990 Huffy" under "Year/Make of Vehicle".

The nice California Highway Patrol officer who issued the ticket explained to me that there had been some bike accidents recently in I.V. Has anyone noticed this becoming a problem? I certainly haven't. He told me that he had been nailing people for running the stop sign all morning. No shit; that's like giving breathalyzer tests to underage people walking down DP on a Friday night. What a badass; there is some hard-nosed police work right there.

The first thing people always say when they get a ticket is, "Don't they have some real criminals to catch or something?" Apparently, the police now have neither enough real criminals nor speeders to apprehend. I guess the fuzz finally decided to go after the true root of society's ills: those crazy bastards on Schwinn and Huffys. It's bad enough that the heat now patrols UCSB's campus to keep it "safe" from bikers straying from the bike path, but this is going to a whole new (and even more outrageous) level.

I'm not stupid; I know I broke the law, and under normal circumstances I would not complain. However, I think we all understand that I.V. is a place that marches to a slightly different beat than the "normal" world. Come on, the majority of our community is a bunch of unsupervised college kids living in paradise and consuming 1 percent of the nation's beer (or so I've heard). Things are bound to be a little different here.

I've seen the police reports and I know that they say that crime is down in I.V. over the last year compared to the past, but please, guys, can't you think of anything else to do? What I.V. needs is a good donut shop. That's what cops are supposed to do when there is down time on the job, not muster up trouble where it is not present. After all, can you imagine John and Ponch chasing after kids on bikes? They wouldn't have gotten quite the same respect from people, would they?

Jerry Beers is a junior economics major who is in need of some cash to pay a ticket.

HOT Line

The Word From the Streets

The Sheriff's Dept. says: Don't run by yourself! There have been several incidents near Devereux Point and many female students run alone in that area. Be aware and have somebody with you! The *Nexus* says: Don't say "Come in" when someone knocks on the door and you are doing something illegal (e.g. smoking weed, making counterfeit money), because it could be the police.

Cigarettes

OK, so smoking is maybe starting to go a little out of style with the older folks, but it still remains popular among college kids. Therefore, perhaps special rules need to be instituted on the college campus. For instance, sometimes sitting in lecture, listening to a prof ponder the universe, wouldn't it be great to light up a cigarette? It could only help the thought processes and thus stimulate more discussion. This is something worth considering ... maybe we should start a petition.

Smoking

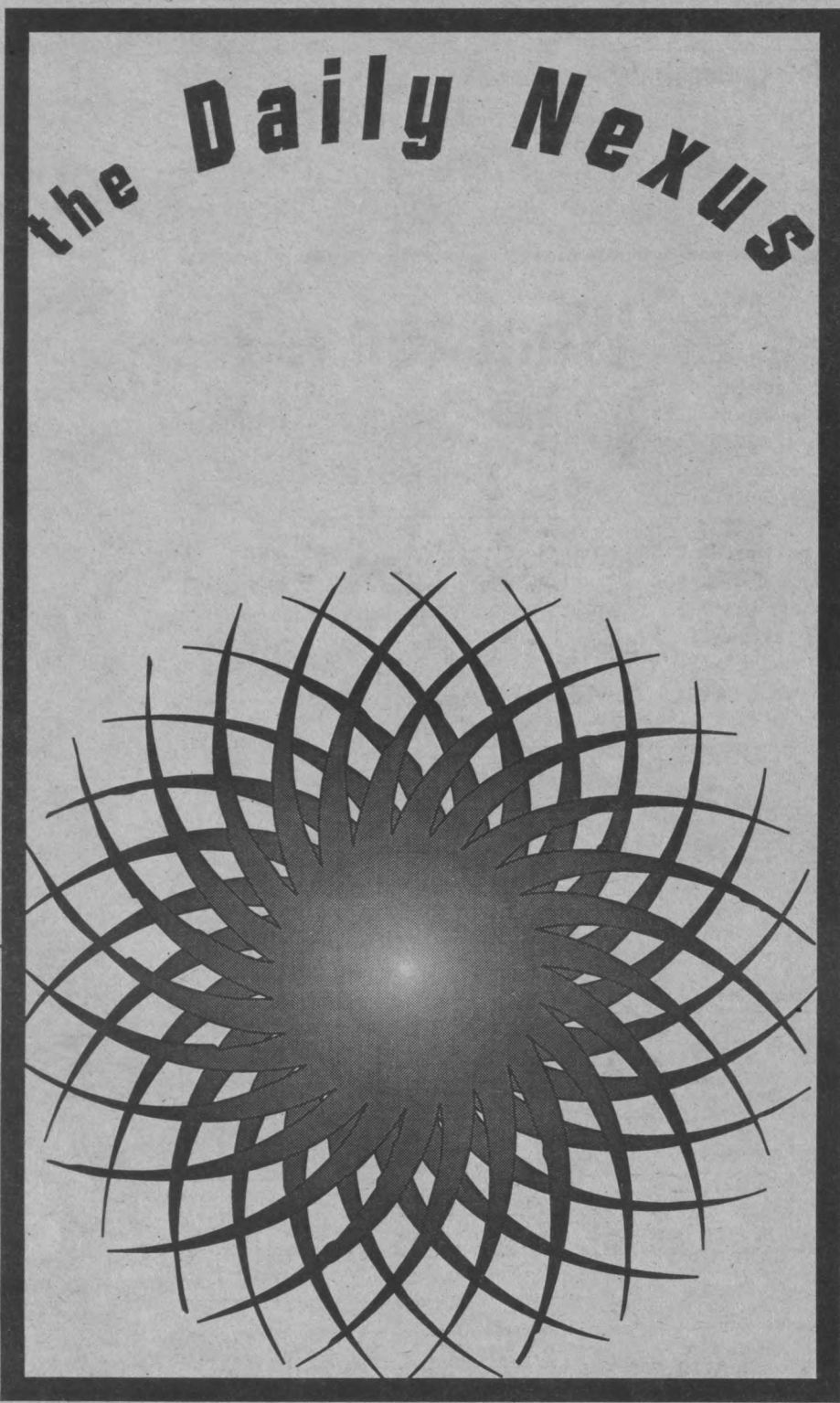
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system was unclear and unfair in its designation of next year's living assignments. Junior environmental studies major Phoenix Lawhon said she knew of freshmen who were placed in Santa Ynez over herself and other upperclassmen.

"It was not clear about how the system was supposed to work, and from my understanding upperclassmen were supposed to get in over freshmen," she said.

Freshman dramatic arts major Micah Henderson was one such applicant to receive an off-campus housing contract at El Dorado despite her class standing. Henderson asserted that she was told by the department that a minor computer error had occurred.

"I was told that there had been a small problem with the computer system and was asked if I would switch from El Dorado to San Rafael, which is what I originally asked for, so that juniors and seniors could live

there," she said. "It was like they wanted to compensate for their mistake on both sides."

Fabi said he has tentative plans to hold a townhall meeting next week for those with grievances related to the housing assignments.

"There's a big conflict with the online housing process; it's the first year they've done this," he said. "It's not foolproof and something needs to be done."

—Staff Writer Ted Andersen also contributed to this story

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helping to raise money."

The money raised Saturday will be allocated by the MS Society for research and treatment, according to Hobert.

"It will provide programs and services for MS [sufferers] within the tri-county, as well as national education and research," he said.

On top of the \$5 registration fee, participants are encouraged to seek out sponsors by writing letters or calling friends and relatives to ask for a financial contribu-

tion, Hobert said.

National Society for Multiple Sclerosis Public Relations Director Nicole Gardner said it is important to show support for the large number of people in the local area who battle MS on a daily basis.

"Most of the people diagnosed with MS are between the ages of 20 and 40, and most people either know someone with MS, or know of someone who knows someone with MS," she said.

According to Hobert, a number of UCSB sororities and other students have al-

ready offered to volunteer their time for the event.

Senior political science major Gloria Zanich, who participated in last year's event, said, "It's an opportunity for students and community members to get together to help people with MS, and is definitely a day well spent."

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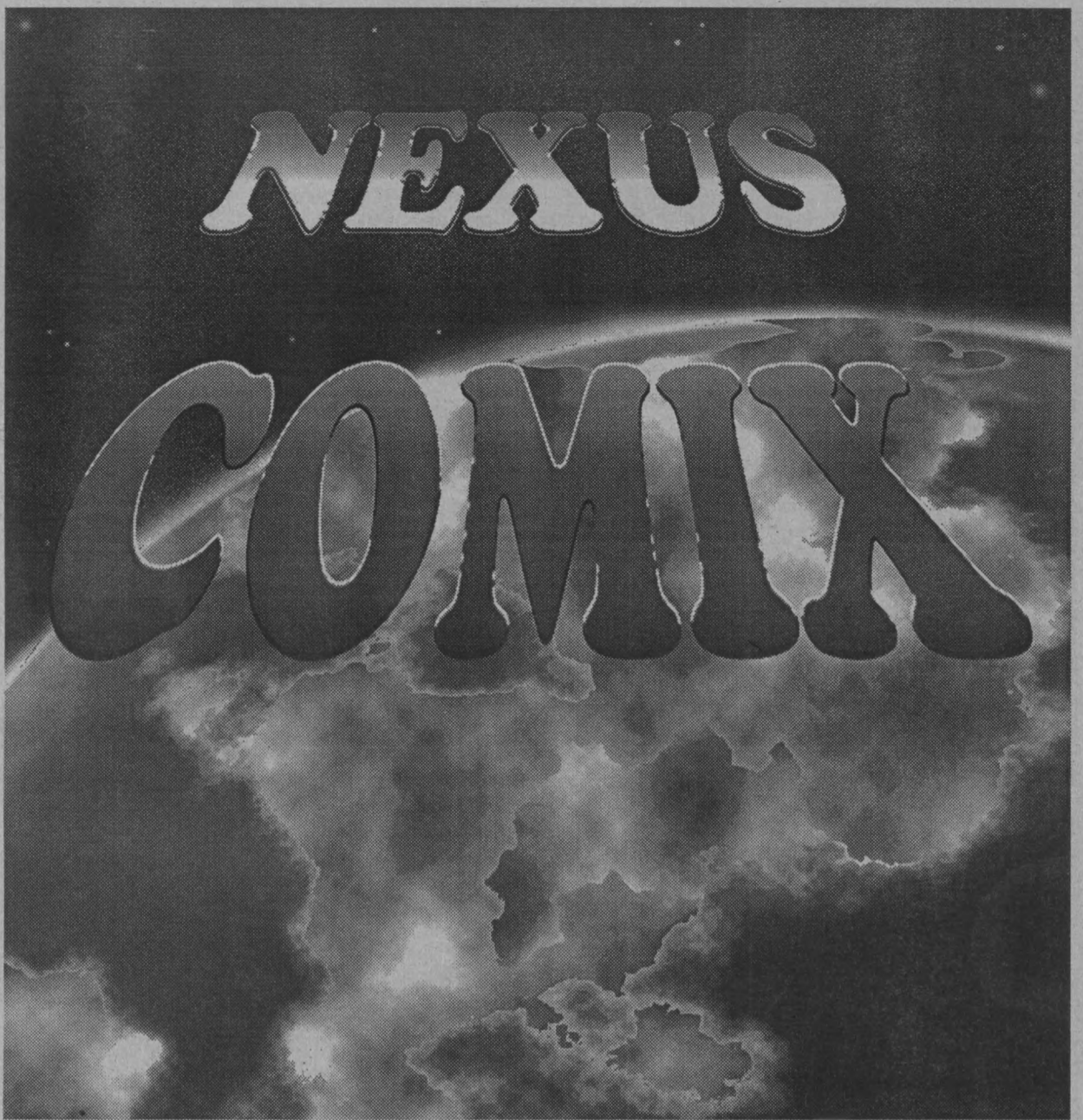
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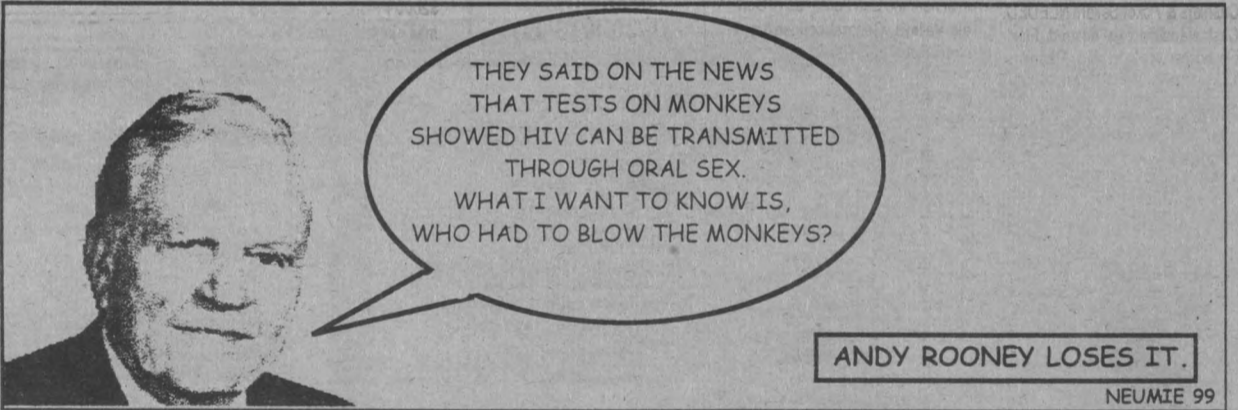
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★ **Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is a 6—If you're like most Libras, you're not exactly known for being practical. Today, however, if you use all the common sense you have, you can make a great deal. Nobody ever need know how little you paid for that long-cherished household item. With careful shopping and a little help from a friend, you could make the deal of the century. ★
★ **Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 7—Looks like there are some decisions to be made concerning a domestic matter. There's the practical side to look at, of course, but that's not necessarily the most important. What's going to be the best for your relationship, and for the people you love? If you're not quite sure, ask. Then listen, without interrupting. ★
★ **Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is a 6—Love is abundant today, but a job you've taken on may be more difficult than you expected. If your idea doesn't work right the first time, it's back to the drawing board for a new one. Take your time and do it right. ★
★ **Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 7—Looks like you'll have a pretty good time today, whether you're working or playing. In fact, the line between the two could kind of fade out, especially if you're working on a household project with somebody you love. If you're not, well, how about shifting that to a higher priority on your list of things to do? ★
★ **Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is a 6—Thank heaven it's Friday! You're under quite a bit of pressure now, but don't despair. Your life is going to get a lot easier, and soon. In the meantime, show that even though you're a nice guy, you're also tough as nails. ★
★ **Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 7—You're probably more right-brained than left-brained. That means you're more likely to be creative than retentive. But today, it's best to have the facts at your fingertips again. You'll need them to accomplish what you have in mind. In other words, don't trust your memory. Take a list. ★
★ Today's Birthday (April 9). You could be tested severely this year, but don't sweat it. You're going to do just fine. In April, pick out the job you want. It could be yours, even if somebody else has it now. The money starts coming in May, but don't spend it. The best things in life are all free in August, and a risk in November is not worth it. Invest in your own education in December, so by January you'll be ready. A change provides the opportunity you've been seeking. Your team is ready and waiting by February. By March, you should see from a new point of view. ★

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Sports

Not Quite Showtime for Lakers

SCOTT HENNESSEE

I knew I shouldn't have fallen in love with the Lakers again. I had hopes of the team I watched during my formative years knifing through opponents with a deadly fast break and unparalleled cohesiveness being reincarnated and making the Forum fabulous once again. I should have known better.

As a youth raised in Northern California, I didn't get to watch the Lakers every night on TV, but I did get to see them nearly every weekend on NBC's game of the week. I would watch in awe as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar would clean the defensive glass and quickly whip an outlet pass to Magic Johnson who would lead the Showtime charge down the court, flanked by James Worthy and A.C. Green, with Byron Scott fading out behind the arc for a three.

I miss those Sunday afternoons. I miss Kurt Rambis diving on the floor for a loose ball so that his Buddy Holly-like spectacles would slide off the bridge of his nose. I miss Kareem hitting a gorgeous sky hook while getting fouled, and making his free throws. I miss Michael Cooper coming off the bench with his knee-high socks to lock up the opposition's best player. I miss Magic driving the lane, drawing the defense, and passing off for an easy layup. I miss watching my team play ball.

As Showtime came to a close and the national broadcasts waned, so did my avid interest in the Lakers. My hometown Warriors briefly became my team, but how many all-stars can you give up before you want to strangle them? Oops.

Now becoming a full-time Central Coast/Southern California resident, my allegiance has found its way back to L.A. Their graciousness in granting interviews to the local media and their willingness to sign autographs for, and chat with, local fans during training camp won me over. I was primed for a return to the glory days.

It seems like all of the pieces of the puzzle are there. Rodman was going to be the modern day Kurt Rambis, albeit with a few more tattoos, and more baggage than Princess Vespa from the Planet Druidia. Veteran Derek Harper was supposed to be the one taking the outlet pass from the Worm and charging downcourt with Kobe Bryant on one wing and Glen Rice on the other, with Shaq trailing behind to clean up just in case. I had visions of Kobe shaking defenders like a dog would a tick, drawing the defense and dishing to a teammate for an easy deuce. In the immortal words of Han Solo, I had "delusions of grandeur."

What I got is a power forward

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Gauchos' Perfect Season Overshadowed by Loss

BY STEVE WENDT
Staff Writer

Expectations were great this season for the UCSB women's basketball team, and the Gauchos fulfilled these high hopes until the bitter end, when Santa Barbara was narrowly ousted in the first round of the NCAA Tournament by Southwest Missouri State.

The Gaucho program, which finished the season ranked #23 in the ESPN/USA Today Coach's Poll, soared to new heights this year by winning its third straight Big West Conference championship in perfect fashion, achieving a ranking as high as #17 and placing a player on the All-American Team.

UCSB ended its stellar regular season with a 26-4 overall record and an impressive undefeated mark in conference play. Counting the Big West Tournament, the Gauchos were 18-0 in conference for the first time in team history.

Despite the accolades, some of the players couldn't keep the loss to the Bears in Colorado from salting wounds.



Erin Buescher

"After we lost in the playoffs, the regular season didn't really matter," sophomore Nicole Greathouse commented. "It was nice because no Gaucho team had ever done it, but we should have beaten all those Big West teams. The competition was subpar."

"The tears are still fresh," junior Kristi Rohr said. "We're going to use the end of this year as motivation for next. We didn't live up to our potential and I'm so disappointed about that, especially for the seniors."

Led by super-sophomore Erin Buescher, the Gauchos ran past

teams with an average margin of victory of 18.6 points per game. Buescher, who was named an All-American by two organizations, led the team in rebounding (9.1 rpg), scoring (19.9 ppg), steals (2.8 spg), and second in assists (3.4 apg), and third in blocks (0.5 bpg).

The Rohnert Park, Calif., native also set the school record for scoring (597 points), and became the first player to reach 1,000 career points prior to her junior campaign.

"She is awesome," Rohr said of Buescher, who was named Big West Player of the Year for the second straight season. "She can do almost anything she wants offensively. She makes moves in the games that are so instinctive that I don't think she could do them again if you asked her to do them; she just reads the defender and the rest follows."

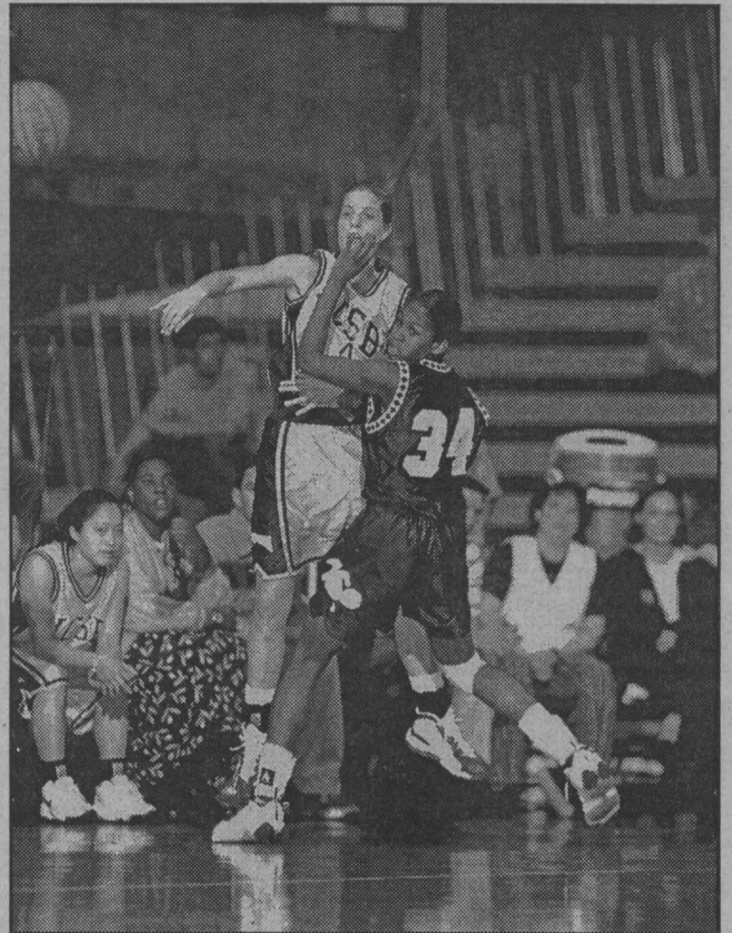
Buescher was merely one star in a bright constellation. Rohr (14.7 ppg) and fellow junior Stacy Clinesmith (11.5 ppg) were named First Team All-Big West for the second straight year, and junior Tawneé Cooper (12.3 ppg) was most likely on her way to postseason honors as well before her season was cut short by a knee injury.

Additionally, freshman Kayte Christensen was named to the All-Freshman Team for her rookie numbers (8.0 ppg and 5.6 rpg).

The loss of Cooper and senior Stephanie Shadwell (back injury) thinned the wing position dangerously low for the Gauchos, but sophomore stalwart Rachele Rogers assumed the heavy burden of that role alone, being named to the All-Big West Tournament Team by the end of the season. Despite the opening-round loss to the Bears, Rogers held the nation's leading scorer Jackie Stiles to six points under her season average.

"It was nice that I was able to come in and help the team," Rogers said. "We were so strong at the wing with three players that when the others got hurt I was able to come in and do the job."

The Gaucho nucleus will be returning, but the team will lose a pair of guards in seniors Sheila Frial and Melissa Corpus, who Rohr described as "inspirational" and "passionate," respectively. UCSB still awaits the decision of Shadwell, who received a redshirt



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THE CAT'S MEOW, THE LION'S ROHR: Junior Kristi Rohr and the Gauchos finished #23 in the nation after a 24-6 season.

and is eligible to return if she wishes.

While most teams in the nation would envy the Gauchos' position of having every starter and most key reserves returning, the players feel a sense of urgency regarding their situation.

"We have the potential, we just have to live up to it," Rohr said.

"We need to work our butts off ... we better. We learned that it just won't come to us, we have to go out and get it."

"We are all getting a year older and are running out of time to prove how good we keep saying we are," Greathouse added. "It's time to walk the walk."

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Sat. 2 p.m.

Hot and Cold Poloists Hope to Catch Fire in Tournament

BY BROOKE ROBERTS
Reporter

While most UCSB students are treading through long lines to buy books and crash courses, the women's water polo team will be treading water at UCLA this weekend.

The Gauchos have had a roller-coaster ride of a season to say the least. They had back-to-back wins against the University of Massachusetts and the University of the Pacific by scores of 6-4 and 10-5, respectively. Unfortunately, the March 21, 7-2 loss to UC Berkeley started a losing streak for the Gauchos who were then defeated by UCLA, 11-2, San Jose State, 4-2, and Stanford, 7-5.

After a close-scoring game against Stanford, UCSB turned the streak around with two big wins. A 7-3 thumping of Long Beach State, and a

nail-biting 6-5 win vs. San Diego State.

"Throughout the course of the season, we've learned to play better as a team," freshman driver Maureen Rabe said. "The last two games were really big wins for us. Everybody has worked really hard this year. If we just go out there and play hard, I know that we will play well."

This weekend UCSB is competing in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Tournament at UCLA. In its first match, Santa Barbara is pitted against Stanford, meaning the Gauchos get another chance to defeat the Cardinal.

"We shut down Stanford's counterattack last time," freshman two-meter player Kelly Tiffany said. "I think that we have a pretty good chance of beating them."

"The last three games have been really close, so we are excited going into this one," sophomore Cathy Holmberg added.