



A Time for Thanks

Take a moment this weekend from studying all that food on your dinner plate to think about what you really have to be thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving.

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Web Influence

Find out about a SB professor's study of politics on the Net and how the Net may or may not be affecting society.



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Tourney-Time!

Thanksgiving weekend won't include any leftovers for the UCSB women's basketball team. This year they'll be busy playing ball.



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Many Thanks

Count your blessings. The university community has much to be happy about this Thanksgiving, including campus water, a North Korean spy and Star Wars. Praise be.



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Save Up To 44%

OK, not really, but FCC action Tuesday could lower the cost of international calls.

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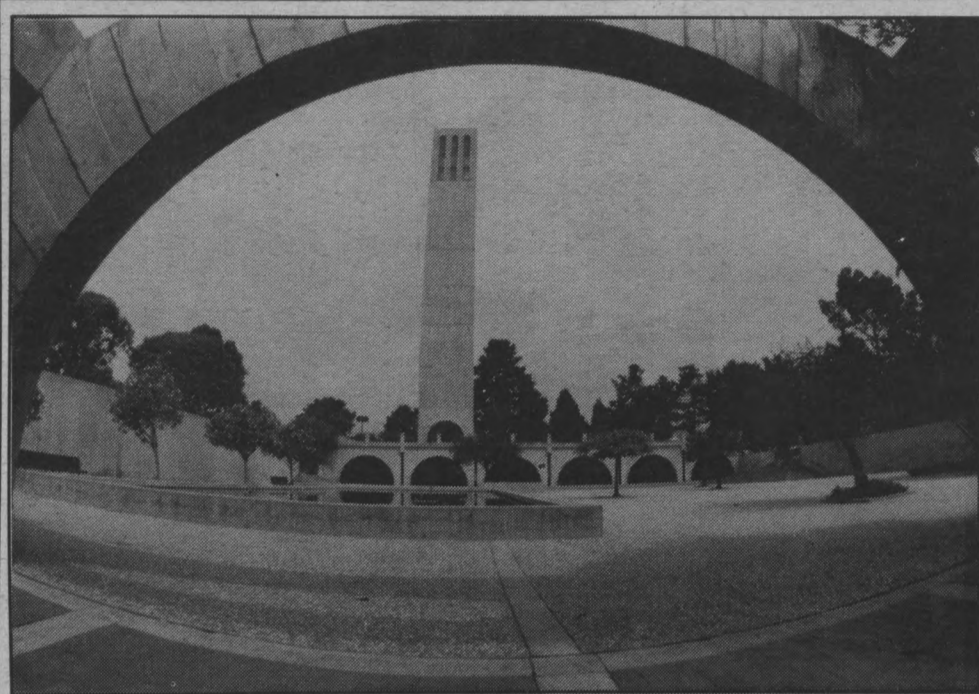
Local organizations are helping out the community this holiday season by performing a variety of charitable acts.

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Phone Call

Keep up to date on the activities of your UCSB friends via the Associated Students phone directory. Pick up your free copy today at A.S. Notetaking Services.

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Storke Sweet Storke

While traveling to various Thanksgiving destinations, no student can deny that life just isn't the same without Storke Tower looming in the distance. Don't worry, it will still be here when you return.

LARRY MILLS/Daily Nexus

Former Military Choppers Bought by Sheriff's Dept.

By Davia Gray
Staff Writer

In an effort to make Santa Barbara County a safer place, the Sheriff's Dept. will implement a high-tech helicopter patrol program early next year.

After several years of effort, the department has purchased four helicopters from the military for \$1 each to be used in law enforcement, Sheriff Jim Thomas said. One will be saddled with infrared equipment and a spotlight and will be used along with a second helicopter for patrol. The third will be used for backup and the fourth for spare parts.

"The primary helicopter will be used for law enforcement and patrol. ... It will respond to calls for service. The one primarily for the South Coast will be used for patrol. It will be primarily used in the evening time on Thursday through Saturday during the time of highest crime rates," he said.

Thomas believes the helicopters will enable the department to provide a higher level of protection and safety by broadening its resources.

"It gives you so much more ability to see and do things than on the ground," he said. "If somebody commits a rape in Santa Barbara and he goes and hides around Devereux ... and we can't see him, we can use the helicopters to find him."

The helicopters are hoped to be operational by late January or early February, but they need repairs and the special equipment still must be purchased at a cost of nearly \$134,000, Thomas said.

The yearly maintenance, service, hangar rental and pilots' salaries are expected to be high although no estimate has been made yet, Sheriff's Dept. Director of Financial Services Lia Zanesco said.

The money will come from funds accumulated through the seizure of property forfeited by criminals and donations from other organizations and the community, she said.

"The helicopter project is fully funded by

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New Water Proposal Process Examined by Board of Supes

By Michael Ball
Staff Writer

Preparing for an influx of new Goleta development applications, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors discussed options for implementation of a new water allocation system for project proposals at their meeting Tuesday.

The board is one step closer to changing the system after Tuesday's hearing examined a proposal that would allow developers to send projects through the county's permitting process prior to securing service from the Goleta Water District. The proposed system will return to the board for final ap-

proval next month.

Currently, project applicants must obtain a "can and will serve" letter from the GWD guaranteeing them water service prior to sending their proposal to the county.

The plan is one of four proposed changes to the application process the county has been considering for six months.

"Under this option, all development permit applications would be accepted for processing and approved without a firm commitment for water service," said county planner Dianne Meester. "Projects would be conditioned to receive a water allocation and can-and-will-serve letter prior to final ...

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International Mediator to Speak on Middle East Conflict

By Diane Reid
Reporter

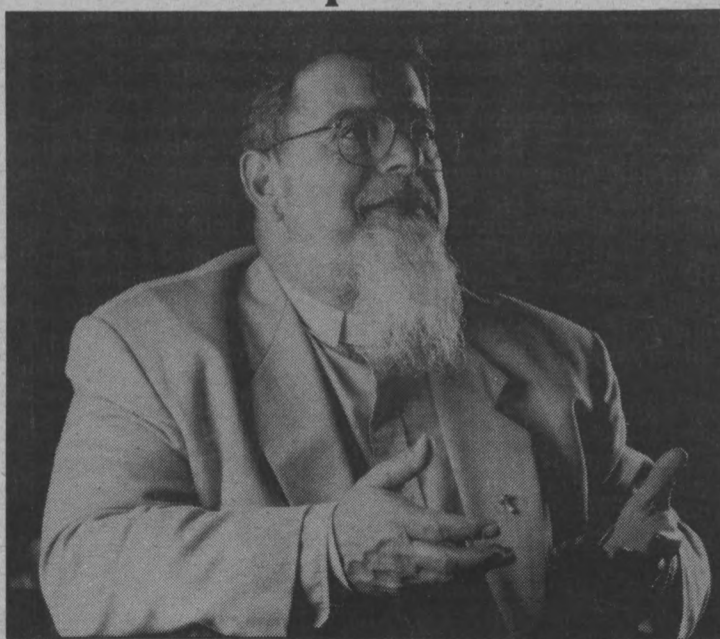
A message of Middle Eastern peace and prosperity will highlight the presentation of an influential speaker, writer, reformer and several-time Nobel prize nominee who will address the campus early next month.

Using his life's experiences as a springboard, the Rev. Dr. Elias Chacour will deliver a lecture titled, "Palestinians and Jews — The Rocky Road to Reconciliation," Dec. 3, offering vision and hope for everlasting peace between the cultures.

Chacour has received international attention for his efforts in mediating this conflict in the Middle East, said Bess LaBrie, who sits on the board of directors of the Pilgrims of Ibillin, an American-formed Middle Eastern peace organization.

"He's been nominated several times for the [Nobel] Peace Prize because he has been able to gather these different factions together to sit down and talk at a leadership level behind the scenes ... not in the press," LaBrie said.

Chacour was born and raised in Galilee in 1939, and was later forced to emigrate by the Israeli authorities.



Courtesy of Christianity Today

Nobel Peace Prize nominee Rev. Dr. Elias Chacour will address the campus community about Middle Eastern conflicts in early December.

"He became a displaced person in his own country," said chemistry Professor Emeritus John Kennedy, who has coordinated this event in conjunction with Westmont College. "Instead of trying to get even, he tried to get peace between the Jews and the Arabs. He's in a

position to try to bring about some form of reconciliation."

LaBrie explained Chacour's importance in working toward peace in the region.

"He plays a significant role [in the Middle East] because he is not only an Arab but he is a Christian minority and he

understands the Semitic mind," she said.

The Rev. Dr. Chacour has used the negative experience of being evicted from his home to bring about positive changes, Kennedy said.

"He led a peace march in Israel that brought about concessions for the Palestinians that is described in his book, *Blood Brothers*," Kennedy said. "His main effort right now is that he has established a college in Israel called the Prophet Elias College in Ibillin."

LaBrie believes Dr. Chacour's lecture will present new views of the situation in the holy land.

"It's not a history lesson on the Middle East," LaBrie said. "It's going to be a fresh perspective. They [the audience] are going to hear a lot of action and a lot of compassion. It's a new way of communicating."

Art Battson, member of the Faculty/Staff Christian Community and director of Instructional Resources, believes attending Chacour's lecture will be beneficial for anyone, even those who have no stake in the issues.

"I frankly hope it just leads to greater dialogue whether it be among the people in this parti-

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HEADLINERS

FCC Seeks to Lower Foreign Call Costs



WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators say Americans are paying too much for overseas phone calls — the average charge is about a dollar a minute — and they took a first step Tuesday toward getting U.S. phone companies a better deal from foreign carriers.

But don't expect the action by the Federal Communications Commission to bring a quick or widespread drop in international rates.

The commission's order will give U.S. companies much more flexibility to negotiate rates closer to actual costs but only in foreign markets that are open to competition.

For now, Canada, Chile, the United Kingdom and Sweden are among the few countries that would fall into that competitive category.

Still, the order, paired with international trade

negotiations and another FCC proposal in the works, offers the potential for policy changes that eventually could save U.S. callers billions of dollars, telephone executives and regulators say.

There's no guarantee that any reduction in fees would be passed on to consumers.

Specifically, the order gives U.S. companies more leeway to negotiate fees with carriers in competitive foreign countries to complete calls in each other's markets. It would free them from U.S. rules that require companies to offer the same termination fees to all carriers and that limit their share of international traffic to and from a given foreign carrier.

The order is expected to take effect in two months. U.S. regulators say the present system causes U.S. callers to pay more than they should for international service.

AT&T, MCI and other U.S. telephone companies, while welcoming the action, don't think the order by itself will have an

poly markets to competition and ensuring that international calls are competitively priced," said MCI's chief policy counsel, Jonathan Sallet.

The FCC says the reason U.S. consumers pay more than they should for international calls is because foreign telephone companies, on average, charge U.S. phone companies fees at least 50 percent above cost.

The high charges, the FCC says, reflect the monopoly market conditions in most foreign countries.

The FCC estimates that U.S. consumers on average pay 99 cents a minute for international calls. They would be paying 49.5 cents a minute or less if the fees to complete international calls were lowered to costs, the FCC says.

There's no guarantee that any reduction in fees would be passed on to consumers. Still, the FCC is optimistic that over time U.S. callers will see savings if the fees are cut.

immediate or dramatic effect for U.S. callers.

"I think there will be very little initial benefit from this action alone" because there are so few competitive countries, said Gerry Salemme, AT&T's vice president of federal and government affairs.

"We view this as one important part of the process of opening foreign mono-

Paint, Plaster New Weapons in Hebron Fight



HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — The clink of hammers and rumble of cement mixers signals the opening of a new front in the Palestinians' battle for Hebron.

Encouraged by Yasser Arafat's government, they are renovating dozens of crumbling and abandoned stone buildings in the heart of Hebron, especially those surrounding the tiny Jewish settler community.

"We want to prove that the old city is Palestinian and not Jewish," said Khaled Qawasmeh, chief engineer of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee.

The committee was formed three months ago, just as it seemed Israel's long-delayed troop withdrawal from most of the city was about to happen. The pullout is still on hold, but the renovation effort is well under way.

Many of the buildings were abandoned during the Palestinian uprising of 1987-1993. Today, with an Israeli government sympathetic to settlement expansion, Palestinians say leaving the buildings empty is inviting trouble.

"If these homes stay empty, then it will be easy for the settlers to come here and move in," said Wisam Muhatab, a Palestinian resident of the old city. "The Palestinians have to return back to live in their houses."

Hebron's old city spreads out from the 2,000-year-old Tomb of the Patriarchs, a holy site for both Muslims and Jews. These days, construction dust clogs the air and workers crowd the narrow streets, lugging stacks of tiles and pushing wheelbarrows heaped with crushed stone.

The committee, with money donated primarily by Saudi Arabia, is renovating more than 30 homes and stores in the city's center. Priority goes to buildings near the compounds where Hebron's 500 Jewish settlers and *yeshiva* students live.

The committee's leader, Palestinian Authority Transportation Minister Ali Qawasmeh, says he hopes as many as 4,000 to 5,000 Hebronites will come back to live in the city center — even though it will remain under Israeli control for the time being because of the settlers' presence.

The construction has infuriated settlers, who are still waiting for authorization from the government to expand their own enclaves.

New Drug Approved by FDA Slows Alzheimer's Symptoms



WASHINGTON (AP) — Alzheimer's patients are getting a second drug that fights the memory-robbing symptoms of the fatal brain disease — and may be taken by many more patients because it causes fewer side effects.

The drug Aricept, created by Japan's Eisai Co., won Food and Drug Administration approval late Monday. Pfizer Inc., which will sell the drug here, said it will be on pharmacy shelves in several weeks.

Aricept "provides another choice" for patients who cannot take Cognex, the only other Alzheimer's medication sold, said Dr. Zhaven Khachaturian of the Alzheimer's Association's Reagan Research Institute.

"In terms of being radically different, no it's not," he said. "But it has less nuisance."

Some 4 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's disease, which has no known cause or cure. It afflicts mainly the elderly, robbing them of their memories and ability to care for themselves, and eventually kills them.

Aricept, known chemically as donepezil, works essentially the same as Cognex, also called tacrine.

Neither drug slows Alzheimer's progression. But they ease mild to moderate symptoms by inhibiting the breakdown of acetylcholine, a brain chemical vital for nerve cells to communicate with each other.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP)** — Scores of residents of an apartment complex were evacuated Tuesday when an explosive device was found in a parked station wagon, deputies said.

Julio Cesar Gularte, 28, of Santa Cruz, was being held on \$1 million bail after the early morning incident at the Villa San Carlos Garden Apartments where his girlfriend had barricaded herself, the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Dept. said in a news release.

"Technicians report that the device, if detonated properly, would have destroyed several of the large apartment buildings, subjecting more than 100 of the residents to serious injury or death," it said.

The vehicle contained tanks of acetylene gas and oxygen, coupled with an electrical ignition system.

• **SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A makeup manufacturer specializing in hues called "soot," "asphyxia" and "mildew" will stop its anti-Barbie advertising campaign, a spokesperson said Tuesday.

The company, San Francisco-based Urban Decay, had taken out ads in periodicals, including *Rolling Stone* and *Spin*, calling on readers to express their individuality by rejecting the Barbie doll image.

"Burn, Barbie, burn," the ad's headline read. Mattel, which makes the popular Barbie doll line, was not amused. The company wrote Urban Decay telling them to desist.

The post-grunge makeup manufacturer has agreed, said spokesperson Wende Zomnir, who was wearing soot mascara, asphyxia eye shadow and UVB lipstick, with a dash of plague on her toenails.

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Weather

On Saturday night I met a Canadian student who was unclear as to the origins of Thanksgiving. At first the answer seemed simple; it was to celebrate the survival of the Mayflower pilgrims who, with the help of the friendly Native Americans, gathered together enough food to feast during the beginnings of winter.

But after thinking about it awhile, the answer seemed not so clear. That may be what our second grade history books told us, but more likely the pilgrims were hungry, and so they went to slaughter a few "savages" and stole all of their food and resources, and gave thanks that they had enough ammunition to do so. If the new Americans didn't do it then, the later Americans sure as hell did.

So while this upcoming holiday may be based on the imperialistic uprisings of our trans-Atlantic forbears, we might as well enjoy the plethora of food that comes along with it. Go on. Eat a lotta turkey and some damn cranberries too. It's the best meal most of you have eaten in a year.

Today will be clear, but somewhat cloudy from the high levels of exhaust emitted from the many cars blocking the many freeways. You'll have time to burn on the roads, and hopefully something else...

Correction

Monday's *Daily Nexus* story, "Labor Battle Spreads With Campus Protest," misquoted graduate student Andy Cuk. The quote should have read, "When we can't give... we feel bad." The Nexus sorely regrets this error.

University Professor Continues Look at Influence of Web Political Sites

By Deirdre Rojas
Reporter

The political use of the Internet and its influence on the masses has been the subject of research for one UCSB professor for the past two years.

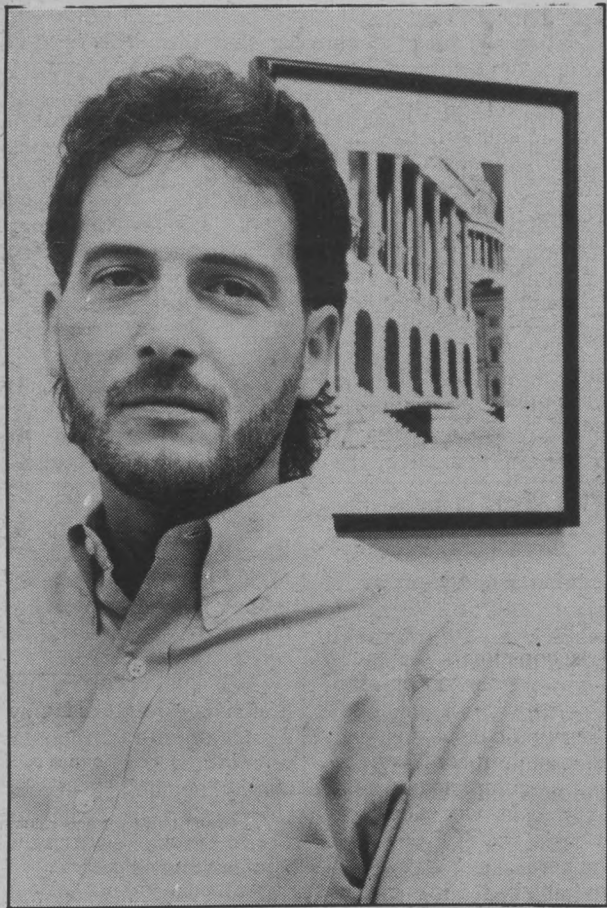
In an effort to dispel popular misconceptions that the Internet represents a simplistic political cure-all for the ills of an increasingly technological society, political science Professor Bruce Bimber's ongoing three-year study hopes to expose the advantages and limitations of this growing electronic medium.

"Many people believe that the Internet will improve culture and the state of society," Bimber said. "I just hope the research will provide a real sense of what the Internet can and cannot do and cut through the speculation and hype."

"I'm not a critic of the Internet, just a critic of the speculations about the Internet," he said.

Bimber's research has revealed that one in four adults have access to the Internet, with the number of users doubling in recent years. But if this rate of speculated growth is correct, the current figure of 26 percent should be higher, he said, indicating a possible slowing in the Internet's growth.

Bimber's study addresses the fear that the pri-



DJAMEL E. RAMOUL/Daily Nexus

Political science Professor Bruce Bimber is heading a three-year study of the Internet and its political influence.

ileged 26 percent of people with online access will have greater access to political information than those without.

"Some people believe [the Internet] will bring politics closer to the people. It is also believed that it will help diminish in-

sider politics and help the so-called little guy," he said.

Senior art studio major and MicroComputer Lab consultant George Avellino thinks getting information provided by televi-

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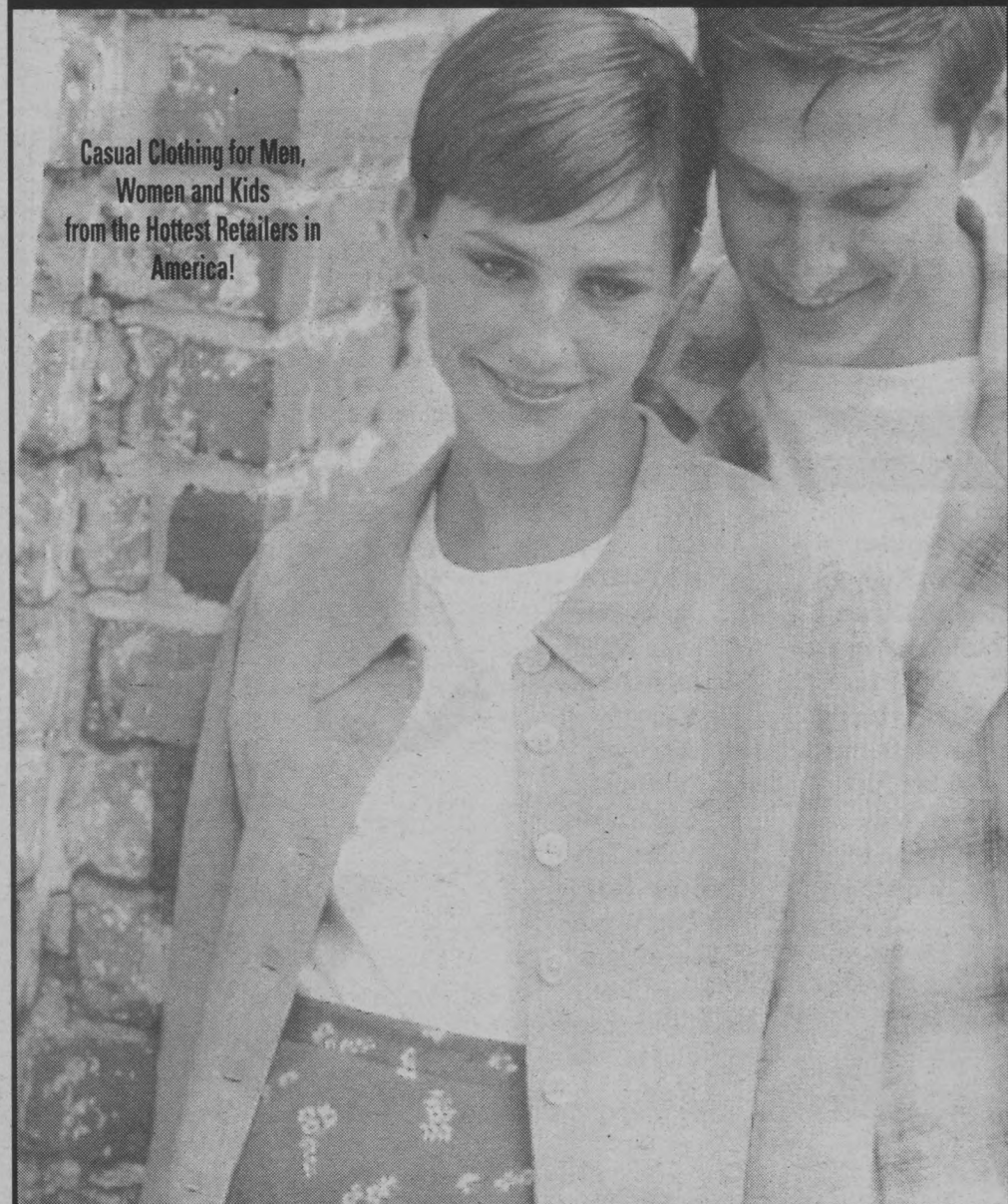
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Author of "Blood Brothers" and "We Belong to the Land"

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"PALESTINIANS AND JEWS - THE ROCKY ROAD TO RECONCILIATION"

Reverend Doctor Elias Chacour, nominated several times for the Nobel Peace Prize and recipient of the prestigious World Methodist Peace Award in 1994, has spent his life working for reconciliation between Palestinians and Jews and brings a personal perspective to a global concern.

Born in 1939 to a Palestinian Christian family in Upper Galilee, Palestine, Chacour became a deportee and refugee in his own country when his entire village was evicted by the Israeli authorities. Choosing to remain, Chacour was granted citizenship in Israel when the State of Israel was created in 1948. After receiving a degree in Theology and Bible Studies from the Sorbonne, he was ordained a Melkite Catholic Priest in 1965. Fr. Chacour then received his Masters Degree in Bible and Talmudic Studies from the Hebrew University where he was the first Arab student to study both the Bible and the Talmud.

Presently, Fr. Chacour is dedicating his time and efforts into developing the campus and curriculum of Prophet Elias College in Ibillin, Israel. With nearly 2500 students, it is the only campus in the history of Galilee where Jews, Christians, Moslems, and Druze can live and learn side by side, establishing a common future together.

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asset seizure proceedings, the state Citizens Option for Public Safety Initiative and donations from the Sheriff's Council," Zanesco said.

However, there is concern that this source of funding might dry up in the future, leading to a need to draw from the county's general fund, Mark Chaconas, aide to 3rd District Supervisor Bill Wallace, said.

"It's not that they'll always have the asset seizure money available," he said. "[Thomas is] relying on programs for the ongoing costs that if it were to dry up, [the county] would be getting into a whole lot of service expenditures. And they are going to have to compete with other programs like libraries and safety patrols."

While viewing the expenditures for the helicopters as unnecessary and costly, Chaconas recognized the need to provide

the safest environment possible.

"It's a pretty pricey program. ... I think people will sleep well at night knowing they are getting a higher level of service from the sheriff," he said. "The community seems to be satisfied and his department is doing a pretty good job."

While Thomas believes there will be little need for frequent helicopter patrols in I.V., they will be available on an as-needed basis and Isla Vista will be covered on the weekend.

"It's going to depend on the need. Like with the shooting there recently, we would be out there for that," he said.

Chaconas believes the money used for the helicopters could go toward more important issues instead of focusing on petty problems.

"With all of the money that has been spent on helicopters, do we have enough money for road repair? ... I think it is somewhat absurd. I can just see helicopters flying over Isla Vista with a spotlight over the I.V. Beer Company," he said.

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sion can be biased, whereas on the Internet it is not and one can surf to various World Wide Web sites and get many views.

"I've seen people come in just to find out about political candidates," he said.

However, the politically tinged websites are still in their infancy and it is too soon to tell what effects the Internet will have on the election process, Bimber said.

One organization is currently trying to test this process.

California Voter Foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, was one of the original Internet sites dedicated to providing resources and educating people on politics, said CVP Executive Director Kim Alexander, a

UCSB alumna.

"We are trying to make it easier and more convenient for the public to participate in politics by offering all the information in one place," she said.

CVP site coordinators are trying to find out why people are not voting and attempting to make it easier for the public to access information in order to make more informed choices, she said.

CVP was one of the three Internet sites Bimber chose for his survey, taking note of the types of people that were logging on.

Around election time, over 30,000 people visited the site. Many were students curious about candidates and measures on both state and local ballots, Alexander said.

Undeclared freshman Jocelyn Hoffman does not own a computer and uses the MCL to go online. She

believes easier computer access might give her an incentive to venture into the political realm of the Web.

"If I had a computer at home, I probably would find out more about political sites but I don't," she said. "I wouldn't wait in line just to find out more about a certain candidate."

Bimber also found that the demographics of Net surfers are changing. The average income and education level of users is decreasing, he said. This may suggest a larger variety of people may be exposed to the Internet. Bimber also concluded that increasing numbers of women are logging onto the Net.

Sylvia Curtis, co-coordinator of Women on the Net, a campus introductory service for women interested in learning ab-

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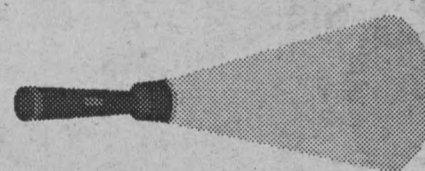
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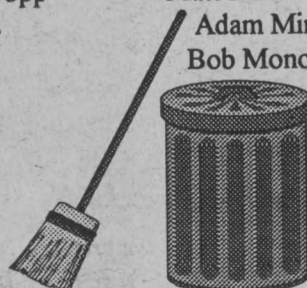
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Thanksgiving Spirit Alive as Groups Continue Efforts to Help the Needy

By Lori Harris
Reporter

The UCSB community is spreading goodwill throughout the local area as different clubs and organizations unite to assist the underprivileged this Thanksgiving season.

Recent weeks have seen numerous projects on campus and in Isla Vista

by various groups, including the Associated Students Community Affairs Board, the California Public Interest Research Group and the greek system, aiming to help relieve people's

burdens on Thanksgiving Day.

According to CAB volunteer Mary Fairchild, the group has been involved with several ongoing projects.

"A couple of weeks ago, we had a cookie drive for the brown bag program, which distributes groceries to senior citizens," she said.

CAB has also supported awareness activities as part of last week's Hunger and Homeless Awareness

Week, including a banquet and all-night vigil, Fairchild said.

CAB, CalPIRG and A.S. have also been working together on a community-wide project to gather turkey donations for needy families at Isla Vista Elementary, said Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week coordinator Geneva Berwith.

"The money raised so

disadvantaged families. ... We gave the turkeys to CAB," he said.

CalPIRG also worked with the greek system, Berwith said. This also proved a substantial part of the Thanksgiving contribution.

"We have done scavenger hunts with the greeks. They were given a list of canned foods and clothing items that the local chari-

ties were in need of, and this was distributed out," she said.

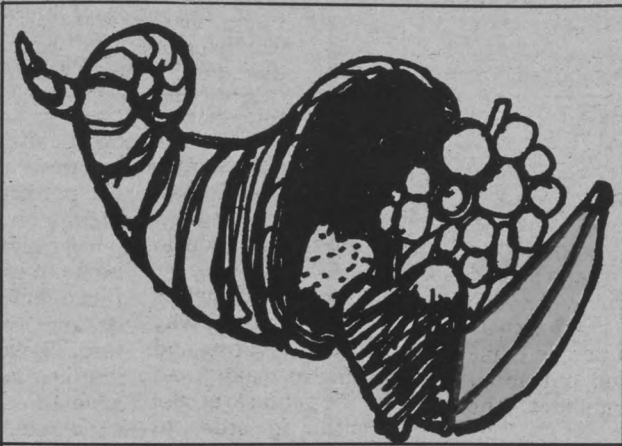
Fraternity and Sorority Council Scribe Susanne Park said local chapters also provided assistance with other

projects.

"Sigma Kappa has donated time, effort and money to the Goleta area and many, many of the chapters participated in the scavenger hunt," she said.

As a finale to the week, a large dinner was provided for the needy Tuesday night, Fairchild said.

"Tuesday night [we had] a big Thanksgiving dinner — we had everything [that was] donated served to the homeless and hungry," she said.



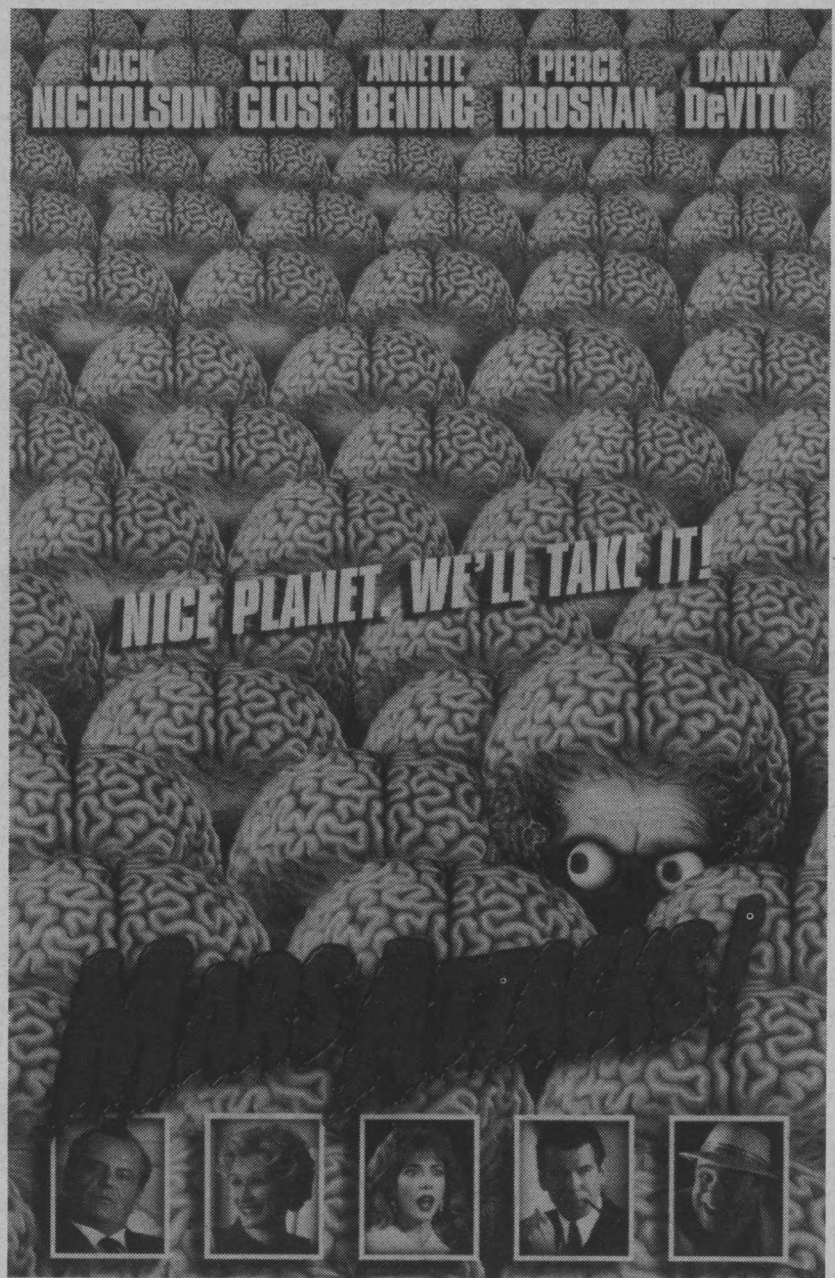
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far through the penny wars in the dorms is being used to buy turkeys for Thanksgiving for the I.V. Elementary School low-income families," she said.

A.S. External Vice-President for Local Affairs Jeff Provenzano worked with A.S. President Russell Bartholow to gather some of the turkeys for the effort.

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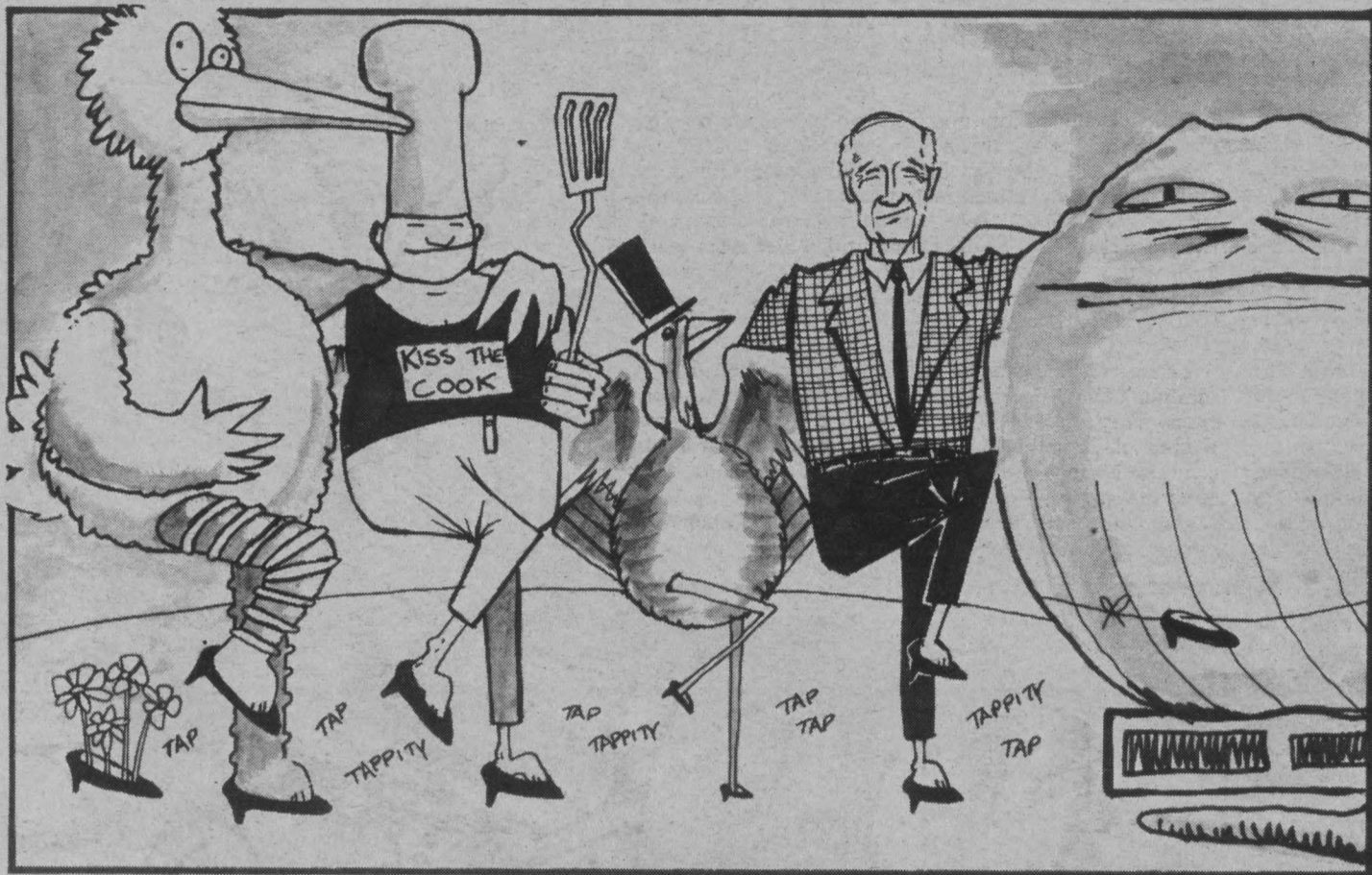
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"I was wild with resentment but too much under "self-control," that frozen virtue, that freezing vice."
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Count Your Blessings

The Campus Community May Rejoice in the Happy Happenings of Fall Quarter

Editorial

As the quarter winds down, the holidays roll in, and with them, a sorely needed respite from the 10-week brain implosion we call a college education. Yet, Thanksgiving is more than a quick breath in the race toward graduation, or a chance to eat something sans microwave or instructions to "just add water," or, for that matter, enjoying the feast with those special "annual relatives."

Lest we forget, Day o' the Turkey is a time to ponder the good stuff of the year that makes the sun seem brighter, the days more joyous and our step a little lighter. In case you might be scratching your head trying to summon up a fond remembrance of some sort, here's a convenient list of reasons for thanksgiving in the university community at large — and why we all can count our blessings on more than one hand.

Anyone on campus who has a hankering for musings upon water can enjoy the purity of the Reflecting Pool in Storke Plaza, which is now a lovely shade of blue instead of a sludgy, swampy mess. On that note, the Lagoon has been stinking up the place much less, due to heavenly cool weather. Hurrah for campus still-water!

Halloween '96 went smoothly and without incident this year. Moreover, the I.V. Park District's Halloween Festival was a success and is a harbinger of Halloween peace with the police in I.V.'s future.

We now have two buildings to show for the dust and mess of recent years' construction on campus. The new Humanities and Student Affairs buildings may not be the sweetest eye candy, but they're spacious, functional and, most importantly, finished.

What is eye candy are all of the art studio final projects arranged across campus. They add a visual kick to the monotony of established campus art,

and make us ponder whether life really imitates art, the significance of a Viking galley floating in the Lagoon, and other such intellectual inquiries.

On the political slant, the community has elected a new congressman who, having taught here for decades, certainly doesn't mind visiting the campus — unlike our former "representative." And not to be narcissistically congratulatory, but we can't hold back — Isla Vista's voter turnout kicks some turkey tush! We can all be grateful to our fellow voters for showing up and making the difference in key local races.

Thanks to the Storke family for donating \$3 million to the Biology Dept. Funding is always a nice thing around the holidays.

The force is with us — well, almost. The month of February holds a Jabba-size promise of excitement, due to the coming theatrical re-release of the *Star Wars* trilogy.

As you romantics already know, Isla Vista has not one but two flower stands. The blossoming buds are a pleasure to ride by on the cruise through I.V., and even better when given or received.

The lone North Korean spy who made it ashore after his submarine was grounded, and who is "untrained in guerilla warfare," probably still hasn't been caught yet, and even though he works for a totalitarian, evil and otherwise repugnant regime, hey, the guy should be given his due for initiative and resourcefulness.

Give thanks for *Sesame Street*. Many students grew up with Big Bird, Bert and Ernie, and all of their strange friends, and guess what? It's still on! What more could you want in life?

A vacation, you may ask? Ask, and ye shall receive.

Have a happy Thanksgiving. Celebrate and consume to your heart's content.

With the passage of both Propositions 187 and 209, issues of racism and perceived "equal rights" have been hot topics on the editorial pages of the *Daily Nexus*.

Many students have written letters accusing supporters of Prop 209 of being racist while those same supporters counter that the basic rationale of Affirmative Action is self racist. I remember being struck by an argument written a few weeks ago by the chair of El Congreso in which he stated that government and its laws have not done nearly enough to stop racism or to encourage "equal opportunity."

I would submit, after many months of pondering the subject, that it is not the purpose or responsibility of government to perform either one of those seemingly insurmountable yet honorable tasks. Rather, it is up to the individual, I believe, and the duty of the collective people of any race or nationality to put an end to racist beliefs, views, conceptions and misconceptions of those who hold them.

A few years ago, Jesse Jackson challenged young African-Americans to resist a life of crime and poverty. Another leader, Louis Farrakhan, whose honesty I have always admired and respected, organized the "Million Man March" after being frustrated by reports that there are more black males in prison in the United States than there are in America's colleges and universities. The main point that came from the march was that each individual is responsible for being the best, most moral, most outstanding individual he or she can be and that when the individual changes for the better, so does the collective body of people.

Farrakhan challenged each individual to take responsibility for how he or she represents their race by how they live, and that this was the *only* way to put an end to racism and to the disturbing trends regarding black males in crime. Nobody at the historic march discussed Affirmative Action, EOP, civil rights, or attacked "white males" that are allegedly responsible for all the evil in society.

The march changed the emphasis from government sponsored programs of quotas — which most citizens

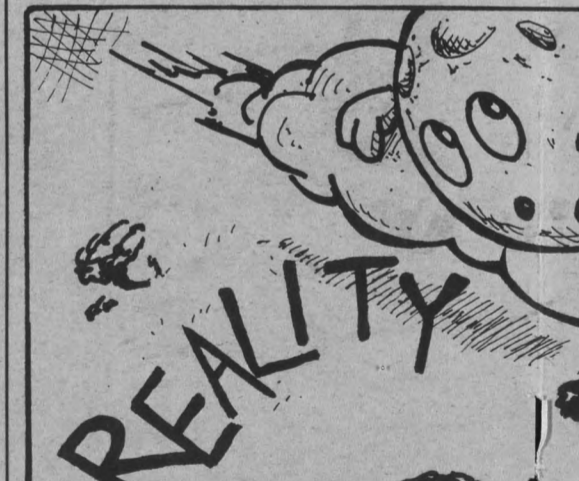
The Reader's Voice

How Do You Know?

Editor, Daily Nexus: This letter is in response to Travis Moon's article, "The Loneliness of Being Normal" (*Daily Nexus*, Nov. 20). Travis, I'm sorry you didn't enjoy *Sleepers*, but could it possibly be because you misconstrued the whole message of the film?

The message was not an endorsement of personal vindication and vigilantism. It was rather a message of loss. The young boys ("unlikeable adolescents") lost their youth and their innocence. The retribution acted upon the abusive prison guards by these same boys (now grown men) did not erase the loss that they had already suffered.

If you had stayed awake long enough through this film you would have seen that



the loss continued even after the "Walk Like a Man" sequence. The two "felonious losers" died meaningless deaths. The losses continued to mount. The message was one of futility.

If the film were truly about endorsing personal vengeance, I wouldn't have enjoyed it either. No one "won" in this film and no one was innocent. The astute viewer would recognize this.

Please do not mistake me as someone who endorses the actions of the Menendez brothers or as someone who is "unhealthy" because I found some measure of relevance in this film. I find the actions of the Menendez brothers as morally reprehensible as you do.

I am sorry that you were born into a family with "normal parents" — whatever that means. I wish you had explained exactly what constitutes "normal."

Travis, my parents didn't sexually or physically abuse me. My parents gave me many skills and gifts for which I can never

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The Individual

clearly resent — to individual persons changing their neighbors' perceptions by being decent people. After all, while very rarely discussed because of their political incorrectness, there are legitimate reasons why people possess certain intolerant or racist beliefs.

Some recent conversations I have had reiterate this point. One of my friends recently pointed out, "Why is it that when one says, 'Black is beautiful' or 'Chicano power!' or 'gay pride,' those are seen as positive expressions, but when one says, 'White power!' or 'I'm proud to be white,' it is considered 'racist'?" I wasn't sure what to say to him. There is clearly a double standard at work.

A female student here at UCSB once confided in me that she never goes anywhere near an ATM machine if blacks or Latinos are nearby. "Does this mean I'm a racist?" she asked. "Well," I said, "you know how you feel inside. You tell me." She said, "I don't know. I read the newspaper and watch the news every day. It appears to me that most crime is being committed by blacks and Latinos."

When I mentioned the conversation to a black friend, he said, "Well, if you watch the news and watch *COPS*, *LAPD* and *Hard Copy*, you can certainly wind up with that misconception. The media is totally racist and they are responsible, to a great extent, for the racism that prevails today."

Always willing to play devil's advocate, I said, "What about the high percentage of minority prisoners in our correctional facilities? You can't deny that they are there."

He responded, "Two things: half of them have been 'set up' by racist cops and the other half were forced to commit crime because the white man won't let him prosper any other way."

In the end, I believe that it is important not to overuse the word "racist." Like inflated money, inflated words lose their value and power. Most importantly, whether one subscribes to the idea that a media conspiracy spreads racism, or to a different, noninclusive view, it is important to realize that *people have a right to be racist if they want to be racist and nothing that government and laws and education can do will change them or their views.*

Even if we assume that there is a conspiracy on the part of the media to propagate racism, one cannot dispute the logic that if individuals of any race or nationality cease to commit crimes or other questionable acts, the media has no story. They have no evil person or crime in which to make broad, sweeping generalizations and indictments about the rest of the people who share the same ethnic origin. History has shown that the average person acquires his or her so-called "racist" views by judging a people on the actions of a only a few.

People's conceptions and misconceptions can only be changed by having those misconceptions challenged. Questionable and unlawful acts of individuals in minority groups have harmed their races much more than have the KKK, David Duke, Pete Wilson, Mark Fuhrman or Lynyrd Skynyrd. If ethnic communities and races work from within to change their own people for the better, then and only then will racism in America ever have a chance of being stemmed.

Of course, Anglo people must be willing and able to conquer their long-held prejudices and intolerant attitudes. They, too, need to change. When this is accomplished, all people will look back incredulously and ask why our society ever needed laws and government to force integration and fraternity.

The Unawriter is the Nexus columnist formerly known as Travis Moon.



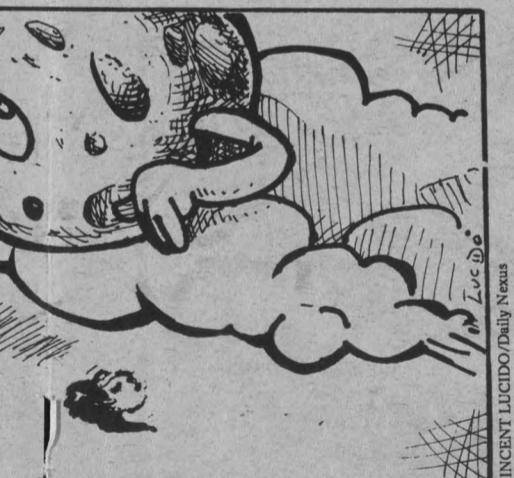
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repay them. This is not to say that my parents provided me with everything. I feel it is my responsibility to determine what it is that my parents neglected to instill in me and find out how to acquire it.

However, some people were not born into a family that provided skills and gifts. Some people were born into shit, Travis. Some people were sodomized and beaten by their father. Some people have probably suffered things that you and I cannot even begin to imagine. I assume that you were not sodomized or beaten as a child, as you led a "normal" childhood.

How do you know what it is like to be sodomized or beaten by your parents, Travis? How can you presume with your knowledge and experience growing up in a "stable, normal" environment what it is like to grow up



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in an "abnormal" environment? I think it is somewhat naive and presumptuous to assume that these experiences can be overcome merely by "pulling yourself up by your bootstraps," considering you have no knowledge of what it is like to live with these kinds of memories. Be thankful that the worst memory that keeps you awake at night are those horrendous Mentos commercials and not the image of your father's fist in your face.

Travis, you argue that people cannot blame society or environment for the way their life has turned out. Then, you proceed to attack therapists and "shrinks" whose primary concern is the empowerment of the individual.

This seems to undermine your entire thesis. If we can't blame society and the environment for the way in which our lives have turned out, we have to look at ourselves. But if we do this, we are "wallowing in guilt and shame."

Tell me Travis, what is the solution? You

obviously know very little about what the goals of therapy are. People go to therapy because they are unhappy. Who in their right mind pays several thousand dollars a year to "wallow in guilt and shame?" This is truly sick.

Seeing a therapist is about rising above the quagmire of guilt, shame and pain that plagues people. Therapists act as catalysts for people to recognize their problems, to become cognizant of their shortcomings and to "Get over it, damn it!"

This kind of "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" mentality presumes that racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination do not exist. Yes, it does matter what happens to people as children. Yes, it does matter what has happened to people in the past. Yes, it does matter who has hurt you in the past. The reality is that experience shapes who we are from a very young age.

I agree with some of what you had to say, Travis. But your column was extremely hostile and malicious. There are people out there who are truly suffering and you act as though their problems are nothing. To trivialize the plight of those who genuinely need help and understanding is truly insensitive.

People who are plagued by guilt and shame probably envy you for having a "normal and stable" childhood. For some people, just opening the door and stepping outside is a challenge that you cannot even begin to understand.

MATT FORSMAN

Mad Rantings

Editor, Daily Nexus:

If I had personally seen the homelessness vigil that Brian Langston described in his opinion article last Friday (Daily Nexus, "Homeless Vigil in Dire Need of a Reality Check," Nov. 22), I would have been so incredibly enraged that I hesitate to imagine what I would have done. Luckily, though, I wasn't at that vigil — I was at the real one.

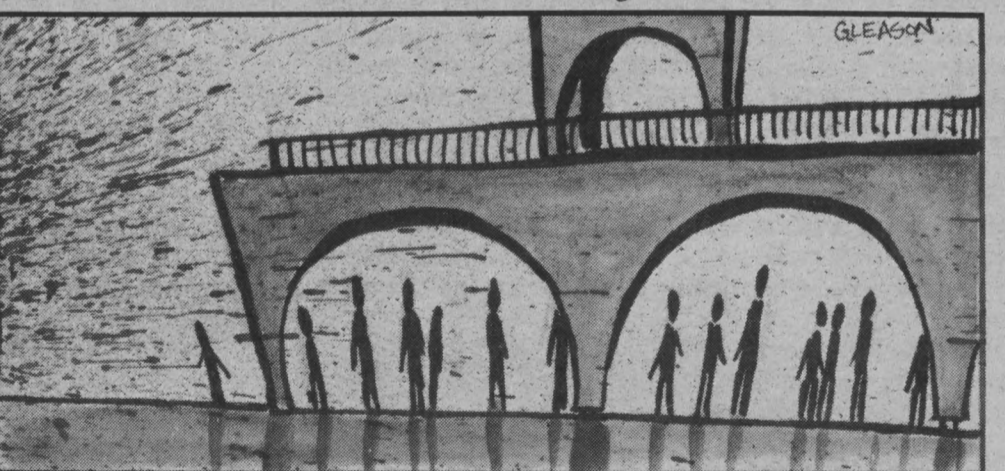
The real one was not a party, it was not a mockery of homelessness, and it was certainly not pointless. Perhaps Langston's misconception of the event has something to do with the fact that he was simply not there. In any case, as someone who actually did stay through the night, I'd like to offer my thoughts on the whole affair and set the record straight.

The purpose of the vigil was not to create some silly sense of virtual homelessness, nor was it an attempt by a few insensitive self-righteous snobs to seem pious. Quite to

the contrary, the organizers of the vigil were trying to increase the number of students who participate in activities aimed at helping the homeless and hungry. In this regard, the vigil was a moderate success, despite the low turnout (most of which seemed to be a result of the heavy rains).

In the week leading up to the vigil, an impressive amount of canned food, clothing and money was collected for local homeless shelters and transition houses. Although I'd like to tell you just how much was collected, we still haven't finished counting it all. It's quite a lot.

The donations raised throughout the week were supposed to be delivered in person by representatives from the residence halls, sororities and fraternities at the beginning of the vigil. Those representatives, then, would have heard the invited speakers, would have had a chance to learn what they as individuals could do to ease the plight of homeless Americans, and, we had



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hoped, would leave with a desire to become active in the fight against poverty.

Unfortunately, there were heavy rains on the night of the vigil and the number of people who stayed for the speeches and throughout the night was smaller than we had hoped for. Still, those who did come were driven toward a fuller commitment to the problems of hunger and homelessness in America. So the critique that the vigil had no point is just not true.

Most of Langston's article and most of a similar commentary by Brent Baker (Daily Nexus, "The Reader's Voice," Nov. 25) consisted of personal attacks that sounded awfully informed, but which were in fact little more than mad ranting. The purpose of the vigil, as I have already pointed out, was not to simulate homelessness.

One night, two nights, a week spent on

the street will obviously not give people a realistic view of the agony that goes with being homeless so long as they know without a doubt that they will soon return to the safety of their beds and homes. It is the terror, the loneliness, the desperation that comes from being abandoned, abused and scorned that creates the suffering of homelessness. The dashed dreams, the abilities lost to depression and substance abuse — these are the pains of the homeless, and they are not pains that can be taught to anyone.

Sleeping outside on the concrete was not an attempt to make anyone feel desperately abandoned, but rather it was an attempt to subtly, quietly remind those at the vigil and those who only read about the vigil about the extreme suffering of others. If either Langston or Baker had talked to any of us who attended, they would have known this. Unfortunately, they didn't seem to feel the need to do so.

Mr. Langston and Mr. Baker also seem to

think that those who attended the vigil ("vigilettes") are shallow, superficial aristocratic do-gooders who live life in "pretty purple palaces." Again, how do they know?

I make it a point to avoid wearing my heart on my sleeve, but in this case it seems necessary to say that I have most certainly experienced suffering of a kind and degree that allow me to identify with the homeless with whom I speak. The exact specifics of that suffering are not things that need to be plastered all over a campus newspaper, but I have experienced them, as have others who organized the vigil.

Langston's hateful personal attacks do not reflect our lack of depth, but his. Baker's anger about the time in his life when society threw him away is understandable, but misdirected.

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CHACOUR

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cular conflict or among any other human conflict," he said.

Chacour's talk should prove to be very motivating for people, said Georgia Wiester, who visited Ibillin with Westmont College's annual Mayterm excursion.

"I love to hear him anytime he speaks because it's so uplifting in the world today, where there's so many troubles and unresolved conflicts," Wiester said. "He challenges you with getting in there and getting your hands dirty rather than just reading about it and feeling bad."

Chacour will appear in Corwin Pavilion Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.

STUDY

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out the Net, questions the validity of studies showing women as a small minority of Internet users.

The questions which sites are being looked at and raised the possibility that many women may be logging on under their husbands' names.

"That's why women out there are doing their own research. They doubt the validity of these statistics," she said.

Currently there are many sites dealing with women's issues such as family matters, support services for abused and molested women, counseling, and political sites like the National Organization for Women.

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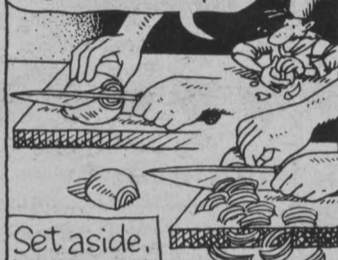


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Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You should be able to concentrate your attention wonderfully this morning.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 6 - If you're not getting any respect, maybe you need to instigate some changes.
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - Rely on advice from people who are older and more experienced.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - A domestic expense could bite into your entertainment budget.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - You may find yourself wanting to take a cruise right now, at the start of your busiest season.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5 - If you want to get your group's best ideas across to the establishment, you're going to have to do it carefully.
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permits."
The proposed change comes as a result of a recent GWD purchase of state water, resulting in the lifting of a 25-year-old moratorium on new water meters in Goleta.
"Our district is not supposed to be doing land-use planning," she said.
Many projects which have been stalled in their efforts to gain final approval would finally be allowed to move forward under a new system.
"It provides certainty. It's only after the project is completed [when] we know how much water will be needed," he said.

approval and know what kind of project I've got and wait for water."
But implementing such a change would conflict with current county policies governing water availability and land use in Goleta, said Linda Krop, a senior staff attorney at the Environmental Defense Center, which supports a previously considered option to allocate water at the time project applications are accepted.
"I don't believe the county has the authority to reinterpret [these policies]," she said.
The supervisors voted 5-0 to have county staff return to the board with a final proposal to officially implement the new system, incorporating conditions not included in the original plan, such as an application cap based on two years of projected water allocation.
"If we put a two-year cap on it initially to see what happens, I think we can avoid any legal challenge," said 3rd District Supervisor Bill Wallace.

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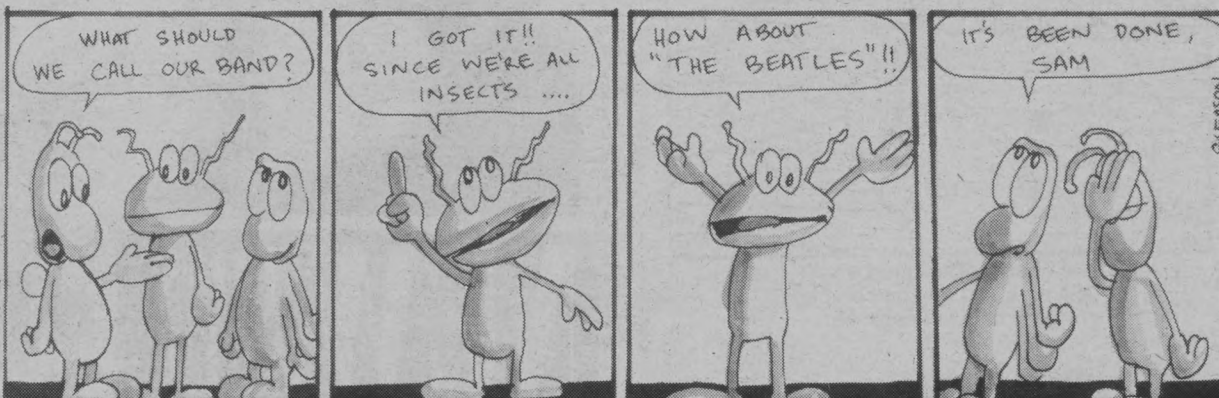
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Women's Basketball Hosts Three in Holiday Weekend Classic Shootout

■ Santa Barbara Seeks a Return to Win Column at Home

By Brian Berger
Staff Writer

Now that first-game jitters are gone and the team has returned home, the UCSB women's basketball team has an opportunity to prove how good it truly is.

The Gauchos (1-1) will host the GTE Santa Barbara Shootout this weekend in the Thunderdome beginning Friday at 5 p.m. The two-day tournament will attract UC Irvine, University of Delaware and University of Wisconsin.

Santa Barbara will face the Delaware Blue Hens in the first-round game Friday and then play the Wisconsin Badgers on Saturday to close out tournament play. Due to the cancellation of St. John's and the addition of UC Irvine to the tournament, the weekend's format changed in order to avoid having two teams from the same conference (UCSB and UCI) meet in the preseason.

Delaware, which completed last season with an 11-16 record and has never faced UCSB, is led by junior guard Keisha McFadgion and junior forward Shanda Piggott. The Blue Hens (1-1) defeated Delaware State 72-46 in their first and only game. In the game, McFadgion scored a game-high 23 points and collected five steals. Piggott struggled from the floor, shooting 3-12, but still finished with 12 points.

The Gauchos enter the tournament after splitting last weekend's games. The team picked up a win against the University of Missouri-Kansas City before falling to the University of Kansas.

Last season's leading scorer, guard Erin Alexander, has struggled in the first two games with 8-29 shooting. Despite the poor percentage, the senior is still averaging 12.5 points per



Kristi Rohr

game.

Senior forward Amy Smith has also been inconsistent in the early season. Smith fouled out against UMKC in only 11 minutes of playing time but responded against Kansas with 23 points and 13 rebounds.

"I was really frustrated with Friday night's game," Smith said. "I made some stupid mistakes but I was able to put them behind me. My first reaction was to make sure that I was careful against Kansas but I knew that I

had to be aggressive if we wanted to win."

One bright spot for Santa Barbara has been the play of freshman Kristi Rohr. The forward was forced to play 36 minutes in the victory over the Kangaroos and scored 16 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, both team-highs.

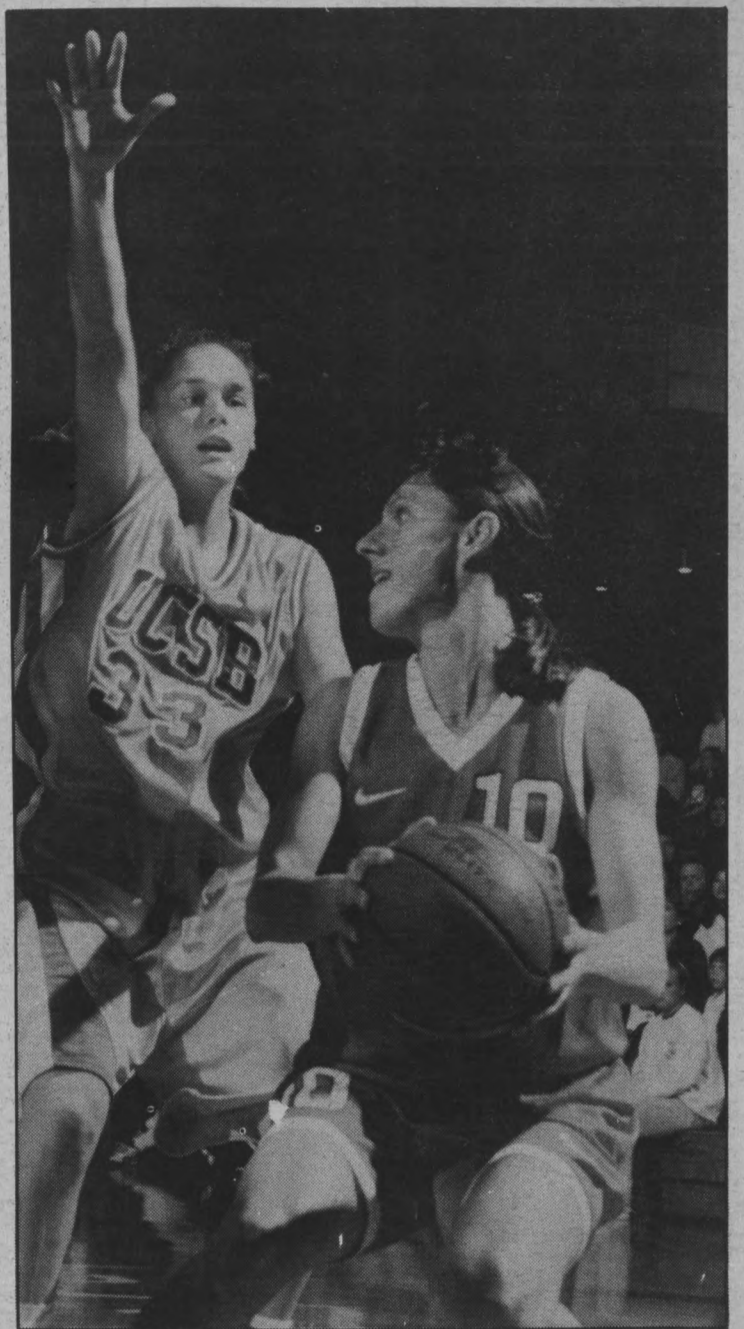
"I have tremendous respect for her," said UCSB Head Coach Mark French. "It is nearly unheard of to play 36 minutes in our style of offense. She was able to play big when we needed her to."

The #23 Badgers are heavy favorites to beat UCI in its first game. Wisconsin owns a perfect 2-0 record with wins over Drake University and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The Badgers return four starters from last season's 21-8 team that reached the NCAA Tournament. Senior Keisha Anderson and junior Ann Klapperich will guide the Wisconsin attack. Anderson is averaging 20.5 points in the first two games while Klapperich follows closely with 19.0.

For the second time this season, UCSB senior guard Michelle Duckworth will be given the chance to defend one of the top guards in the country as she matches up against Anderson.

"I like the competition," said Duckworth, who guarded Kansas' Tamecka Dixon. "It is a challenge guarding the best players."



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HANDS UP!: UCSB's Stephanie Shadwell and company will have their hands full over the holiday weekend.

Men's Tennis Update

UCSB Finishes Preseason in L.A.; Guy Makes Tourney Quarterfinals

By Ben Alkaly
Reporter

Looking to fine-tune its skills in preparation for the impending conference season, the UCSB men's tennis team played in its fourth and final preseason tournament last weekend in the Southern California Intercollegiate in Los Angeles.

The Gauchos qualified five singles players and two doubles teams for the main draws, which included West Coast tennis powerhouses UCLA and Pepperdine University.

However, only two Santa Barbarans, junior Ross Duncan and sophomore Cory Guy, advanced past the first round. Both saw their tournament hopes erased in heartbreak fashion in matches that could have easily gone either way.

After breezing through his first-round match with UCLA's Jordan Duboff 6-4, 6-1, Duncan faced stiff competition from the second-seeded Matt Breen, also a Bruin. After dropping the first set 4-6, the transfer from Pepperdine rallied to take the second set 6-4 before falling 2-6 in the third. The outcome definitely left Duncan disappointed.

"I feel I could have won the match," he said. "It would have been a breakthrough for me and opened up the draw for the later rounds."

Guy advanced one round further than his teammate, winning a tough match 6-2, 3-6, 6-0 against UC Irvine's David Chang and then upsetting the #4 seed Brad Scheney of Pepperdine 6-3, 6-2. In the quarterfinals Guy split the first two sets with Southern Methodist University's Ignacio Hirigoyen before coming up short 6-7 in the third. Hirigoyen went on to win the tournament with a victory over Breen in the finals.

"Cory lost a heartbreaker," Duncan said. "It was the breakthrough he needed to possibly win the tournament. However, we are still on the verge of making a good name for ourselves."

Due to NCAA stipulations, UCSB must now stop practicing until after the first of the year, when team competition gets underway. Senior Darren Potkey is pleased with the way the Gauchos have performed thus far.

"We worked hard on getting back into competitive shape," he said. "Dual matches start in January, so we have to be ready to play right away."



FROM US, TO YOU

Happy Thanksgiving

No Home Game, Home-Cooked Meals for Gauchos as Team Prepares for St. Mary's

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

While most UCSB students will enjoy a nice break from school during the Thanksgiving holiday, the UCSB men's basketball team will continue to practice for a game Sunday at St. Mary's College in Moraga.

"It doesn't really bother me that much not to go home," said junior transfer Dwayne Williams, who lives in Indianapolis, Ind. "I haven't really had a chance to go home for Thanksgiving in three years."

Instead, Santa Barbara (1-1) will try to use the break to decipher exactly what went wrong on Monday night against Pepperdine University when they were thumped 81-67 by the Waves.

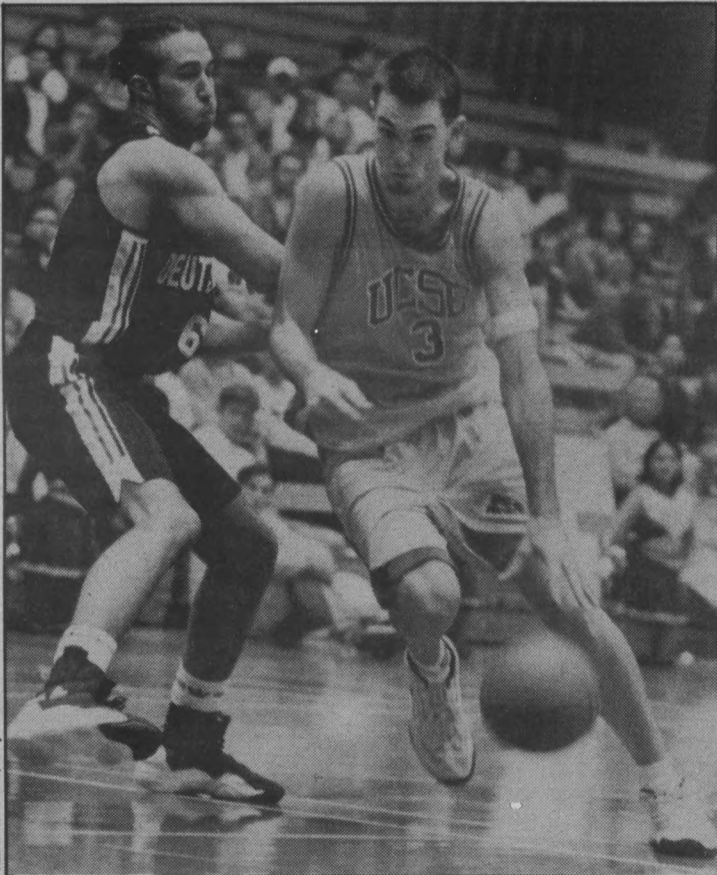
"Pepperdine exploited some of the things we are not doing early in the season," said UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm. "We need to continue to work on our offense and defense in order to avoid the same mistakes from happening again."

The task this weekend will not be much easier, as the Gauchos will take on a tough and physical Gaels squad (0-2).

St. Mary's starts four players over 6'5", including sophomore center Brad Millard at 7'3" and 345 pounds.

Their two losses have been a one-point defeat at the hands of Oklahoma State and a two-point loss to San Jose State, both NCAA tournament teams from last season.

"[Millard] is going to be much bigger and stronger than who-



GOING FOR A DRIVE?: The UCSB men's basketball team will be practicing layups for Thanksgiving.

ever we put on him," Pimm said. "What we need to do is keep him off the boards and not let him catch the ball too close to the basket. We need to attack him with the basketball and get some fouls on him."

In the Gaels' first two games Millard averaged 9.0 points and 8.5 rebounds per game. Leading the way for St. Mary's is junior guard David Sivulich, who comes off the bench and aver-

ages 18.0 points per contest.

Santa Barbara will counter-offensively with junior guard Raymond Tutt and sophomore forward B.J. Bunton.

Tutt leads the Gauchos with 19.0 points and 7.0 rebounds per game while Bunton has contributed 18.5 ppg on 87.5 percent shooting from the field.

The game is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.