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#### RBT Alert!

Finally got that add code? Today is your last chance to add a class without a petition. Enjoy yet another chat with Roberta.

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## Controversial Conduct Leads to A.S. Hearing

■ Allegations Stem From Meeting Cancellation

BY TONY BIASOTTI  
Staff Writer

Associated Students Legislative Council is facing accusations that it betrayed its constituents by neglecting its duty to hold weekly meetings.

A.S. Attorney General Liz Sansom, representing the undergraduate student body, filed a Judicial Council Petition for Hearing against Leg Council on Friday. The petition charges Leg Council with violating Article III, Section 5B of the A.S. Constitution, which stipulates that the council meet once a week during periods of regular instruction.

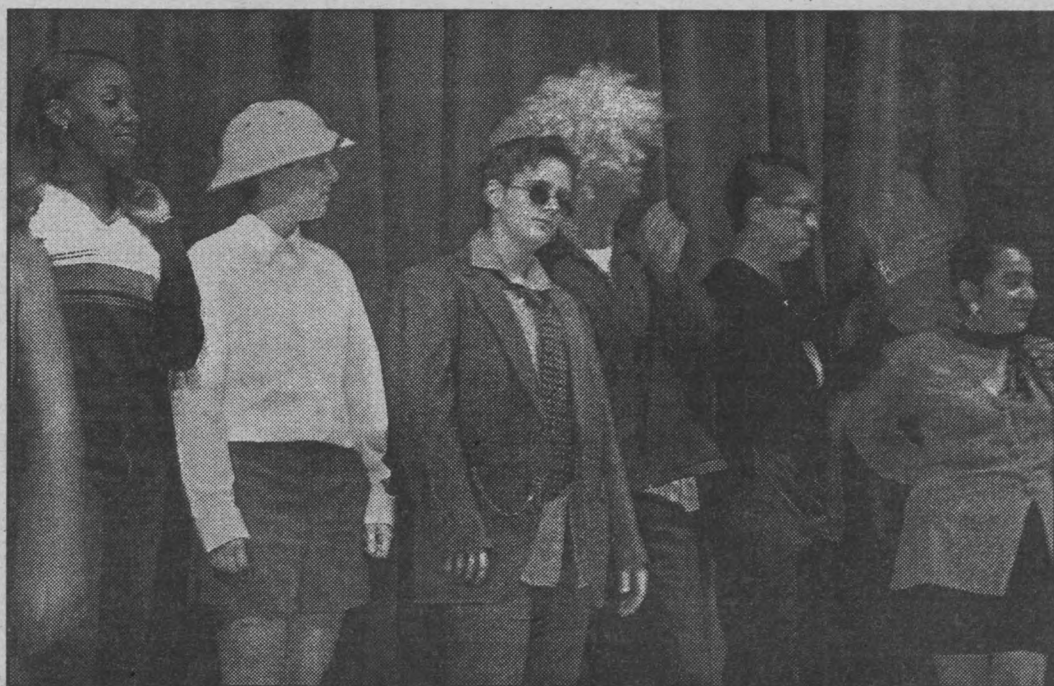
According to Sansom, Leg Council's failure to hold a meeting

last week because of the lack of a posted agenda was in direct contradiction to the council's own goals, as well as to the A.S. Legal Code.

"I felt that they released a mission statement stating visibility and accountability as two of their main focuses, and the article that's in question is one of the responsibilities of the council as a whole," she said.

Sansom said that although Internal Vice President Danny Costa was justified in canceling the meeting — to not do so would have violated the Brown Act, a California law mandating published agendas for public meetings — Leg Council should have organized a make-

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### Ready To Be A-Wear

The Alternative Fashion Show models the latest in awareness. Students coordinated the event to explain what happens in the garment industry.



TENNILLE TRACY / DAILY NEXUS

An electric bus rests next to its batteries at the MTD station on Cota Street. New technology has made the recharge time and driving range more efficient for these vehicles.

## Electric Buses May Soon Add a Spark to Public Transportation

BY JOSH BUZIN  
Reporter

A breakthrough in electric transportation technology could mean cleaner air in the future for Santa Barbara residents.

The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District, in coalition with several corporate sponsors, announced that it has overcome two major obstacles in putting electric buses on local streets in the near future. Through "fast-charge" technology, the recharge time and driving range have been brought to acceptable levels of efficiency for bus use, according to MTD General Manager Gary Gleason.

"Normally, we use 20 kilowatts of power to charge [a battery]," he

said. "We are now able to use 300 kilowatts of power to charge it, allowing us to replace all of the energy in six minutes as opposed to nine hours."

In a road test, an MTD electric bus was able to travel eight hours and 90 miles with periodic several-minute stops, an ideal performance for an urban city route, according to Gleason. It logged an average route speed of 11.3 mph, in comparison with the national average of 12.5 mph in diesel buses, he added.

MTD is now waiting to see if funding for buses with this technology will be made a priority, Gleason said.

"We now have the capabilities to

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## I.V. Police Officers Receive Commendation

BY ORLY ZELTA  
Reporter

Seven Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers have received kudos from the top brass in the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. for their outstanding work in the region.

Two separate groups of officers were recognized with the Deputies of the Quarter award for the summer and winter quarters.

Deputies Rob Castro and Dwayne Ford and CHP Officer Todd Johnson were honored for the winter quarter after rescuing a family of four from an Abrego Road townhouse that caught fire Dec. 21. IVFP Lt. Butch Arnoldi said the awards were given in honor and recognition of the recipients' bravery and teamwork.

"We base everything on teamwork," he said. "They won their awards based on their ability to work together towards a similar cause."

Deputy Mark Vellakamp, Senior Deputy Alex Tipton, CHP Officer Kevin Coomer and UCPD Officer Win Smith received the same award last summer for their role in ending a string of daytime residential burglaries in I.V. in July, August and September. The officers responded to a witness phone call and, due to their efficient response and effective actions, were able to take the perpetrator into custody, IVFP Sgt. Mike Harling said.

Coomer, who has been with the IVFP for 10 months, said this award, along with added positive reinforcement from I.V. residents, shows that his contributions to the community have been appreciated.

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## Reps Will Review Accountability, Sexual Harassment

BY JILL ST. JOHN  
Staff Writer

After canceling last week's scheduled meeting due to a run-in with California law, Associated Students Legislative Council will try to pick up the slack tonight.

A potential violation of the Brown Act — a state law that requires public bodies to post an agenda in public view 72 hours before a meeting — forced last week's bills onto this week's agenda. Despite the complications, Internal Vice President Danny Costa said tonight's meeting will not be impacted.

"There's two new pieces of legislation that will be introduced," he

said. "As far as the timing of the meeting and the number of bills to be discussed, it's not going to be that much different."

"Accountability During Budget Allocations," authored by Off-Campus Rep Mariah Hoskins, is a piece of old business Leg Council will address at the meeting. If passed, the bill would open up Finance Board budget hearings to the public, but not allow audience input. According to Hoskins, the bylaw change coincides with A.S.'s mission statement of visibility and accountability to the students.

"Basically, it's just a bill that would allow students to sit in on the budget meeting and see how A.S. works," she said.

A new piece of legislation that

will be discussed at the meeting is the "Sexual Harassment Pledge for I.V. Businesses," a position paper authored by Off-Campus Rep Alana Tillim. Tillim explained some of the research she did while drawing up the bill and discussed its effects on the community if passed.

"Sexual harassment is a big problem in I.V. I found out that businesses with one or more employees have to have a posted sexual harassment policy and procedures," she said. "[The bill's purpose] is to create community awareness about sexual harassment."

Tonight's Leg Council meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the UC Santa Barbara State Street Room.





# Top of the News

## Columbian Quake Leaves Over 1,000 Dead



**ARMENIA, Colombia (AP)**—The death toll from the worst earthquake to hit Colombia in more than a century surpassed 1,000 on Tuesday as survivors anxiously awaited relief supplies and prayed for signs of life under the rubble.

Those hopes were dashed again and again.

Monday's 6-magnitude earthquake devastated cities and villages across western Colombia, a vast Andean terrain where much of the world's coffee is grown. The trembler shook buildings as far away as the capital, Bogotá, 140 miles from the epicenter.

With hundreds of people believed still buried beneath the rubble, mayhem reigned Tuesday in the streets of Armenia, a city of 300,000.

Two-thirds of the city's buildings were rendered uninhabitable.

People wandered about desperately looking for rela-

tives. There was no electricity or running water in most of the city, and food was in dangerously short supply.

**We're going to have to bury them in plastic.**

**—Diego Ruiz  
Armenia resident**

An estimated 180,000 people were left homeless in Armenia alone.

Coffins were a coveted commodity.

"I've been looking for five coffins for relatives since 8 o'clock this morning and I couldn't find any, so we're going to have to bury them in plastic," said 34-year-old Diego Ruiz, who lost his grandmother, a sister and three nieces.

Rescue teams in Armenia had recovered about 650 bodies by noon, and relief workers estimated the death toll in western Colombia

would eventually total more than 2,000.

Rescue workers scrambled to evacuate the thousands of injured and to locate survivors. At the city's small airport, ambulances

arrived every 15 minutes with more victims, who were airlifted to hospitals in Bogotá, Medellín and Cali.

"There is a danger of epidemics, because we have more than 200 bodies and we have no refrigerated trucks," said Carlos Gilberto Giraldo, a top Colombian Red Cross official.

Authorities say they need help, tons of it: tents, food, forklifts, backhoes, antibiotics, generators — and body bags.

Colombians, eager to help, formed long lines at blood banks.

What was needed, though, was far more — maybe hundreds of millions of dollars.

"We're going to need a great deal of international aid because the government by itself does not have enough resources," said Piedad Correal Rubiano, the ombudsman of Quindío state, whose capital is Armenia.

Teams of earthquake specialists from the United States, including 64 from Florida's Dade County, and Japan traveled to Colombia to aid the search for survivors.

President Andres Pastrana declared western Colombia a disaster area Tuesday and surveyed the devastation. He canceled plans to visit Munich, Germany, to meet with World Bank officials.

Monday's quake was the deadliest in Colombia since 1875, when about 1,000 people died in a tremor near Cucuta, a border city with Venezuela.

## Two UC Santa Cruz Students Rob to Earn Extra Cash



**SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP)**—Two students accused of robbing local businesses so they didn't have to work while going to school may be expelled, University of California, Santa Cruz officials said Tuesday.

Senior philosophy major Anthony Louis Cristofani and freshman Emma Rose Freeman, a promising writer and a National Merit Scholarship winner, were arrested Friday. They are charged with robbing a hair salon Jan. 16 and a Costco store in Santa Cruz five days later.

"They cooked up this plan, and they decided they wanted to be students and not work," police Sgt. Steve Clark said Monday. "She said she wanted to concentrate on her art and she didn't have time to work."

In the first heist, police said a man walked into a hair salon, whistling, followed by a young woman who pointed a gun at a stylist.

"Tell her what you want, honey," the male suspect reportedly said to his female companion.

They fled with less than \$100.

In the second robbery, the pair were seen leaving the giant

warehouse store Costco with several electronic items, including a boom box.

Police said a third man, Craig Dickson of Santa Cruz, an elementary school teaching aide, drove the getaway car.

All three face two counts of armed robbery and conspiracy charges.

Dickson, 23, and Cristofani, 23, posted bail, but Freeman, 18, remained in custody Tuesday and was scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday. Her bail was set at \$25,000.

UC Santa Cruz officials said the two may not be welcomed back.

"The campus administration is deeply concerned about these allegations, and staff is reviewing the case to determine the disciplinary actions that are warranted against the students," said UC Santa Cruz spokesperson Jim Burns.

Officers searched Freeman's residence and found items linking her to the crimes, including a white Spice Girls T-shirt apparently worn by the female robber during the Costco heist, police said.

Authorities said a search of Dickson's apartment yielded a metal cash box, money and a .380-caliber semiautomatic gun allegedly used during the robberies.

## New Study on Parkinson's Shows Disease Is Not Entirely Genetic



**CHICAGO (AP)**—Despite the breakthrough discovery of a genetic defect that can cause Parkinson's disease, most cases are not inherited, according to a landmark study of more than 17,000 twins, researchers say.

"For the first time, today we can say that for people with Parkinson's disease diagnosed after age 50, it's most commonly caused by environmental factors," said Dr. Caroline M. Tanner of the Parkinson's Institute in Sunnyvale, Calif., who led the study published in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The environmental factors are unknown, but may include chemical exposures, diet and smoking — which paradoxically seems to lessen the risk of developing Parkinson's, she added in a teleconference call Tuesday.

In the approximately 10 percent of people with the disease who are diagnosed before age 50, a genetic cause is most common, she said.

At least 1 million Americans have Parkinson's, Tanner said, making it second only to Alzheimer's disease in frequency as a brain ailment.

Parkinson's — which causes slow deterioration of the nerves' ability to control the muscles — usually starts with small tremors, then progresses to a shuffling gait and increasing weakness. There is no cure, and current drug therapy tends to lose effectiveness over time.

In 1997, researchers identified a long-sought gene defect that can cause a form of Parkinson's, but the proportion of cases arising from the defect has been unknown.

Tanner said environmental factors most likely thought to play a role in typical Parkinson's include exposure to chemicals such as pesticides and herbicides, diet and tobacco smoking. The apparent protective effect of smoking was found in the twins and in previous research, Tanner said.

She and Dr. J. William Langston, president of the Parkinson's Institute and senior author, said the protection is probably real, perhaps caused by smoking's stimulation of the liver to produce enzymes that neutralize some toxin that would otherwise provoke Parkinson's.

"But there are about 2,000 chemicals in cigarette smoke, so we still have a big job ahead of us in finding what chemicals might actually be protective," Langston said. "And we don't recommend smoking to prevent Parkinson's disease."

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## Weather

Let me clear my throat.

You know, it's hard enough to keep a positive outlook these days, what with the sun always coming and going beneath dark clouds and rain falling like the future career opportunities of a certain portly intern, but I can't even seem to get a hot shower, and that just ain't right.

I realize this makes me sounds like a wuss, but paradise gets pretty damn cold in the early morning hours (trust me on this one, I'm the guest weatherhuman ... I know these things), and sometimes there's just nothing better than a long hot shower to start the day off right. Unfortunately, the water heater in my complex sucks.

The funny thing is, this recent deprivation of mine has given birth to paranoia, and I have a sinking suspicion that my neighbors are secretly huddling together every morning, waiting for me to get the shampoo into a full lather in my hair before partaking in a wild orgy of toilet flushing and obscene water usage.

Forecast: It's gonna be cold, kids, so don't forget to wear your coat. And don't eat the yellow snow.



## Police Report



### A Dancing Fool

On Saturday, Jan. 23, at approximately 10:45 p.m., Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers contacted an 18-year-old male suspect on the 6600 block of Del Playa Drive, according to IVFP reports.

"[The suspect] was in the middle of the street dancing in front of a vehicle attempting to drive westbound on Del Playa," reports state. "The driver honked the horn of her vehicle and attempted to drive forward; [the suspect] continued to dance in the middle of the street and in front of the vehicle. [The suspect] then laid down in front of the vehicle."

The officer, concerned for the safety of the suspect, placed him under arrest for public intoxication, according to reports.

"Because of [the suspect's] objective signs of intoxication and his behavior, [the officer] felt that [the suspect] was a danger to himself and would eventually be struck by a moving vehicle," reports state.

The suspect was taken to Santa Barbara County Jail to be housed pending sobriety.

### Adventures in Babysitting

An 18-year-old male suspect was contacted on Sunday, Jan. 23, at approximately 2:30 a.m., following a report of possible public intoxication, according to reports.

"[The suspect] was walking northbound on Embarcadero del Mar with two friends," reports state. "[The suspect] walked into the middle of the street and pulled his pants down. [The suspect] did this twice."

The officer contacted the suspect, who denied both the incident and consuming any alcohol that evening, although he admitted his friends had been drinking, according to reports.

cording to reports.

"[The suspect's] clothes were soiled and he told [the officer] he had fallen down earlier," reports state. "[The suspect's] friends had also been drinking."

The officer felt that the suspect posed a danger to himself and arrested him for public intoxication.

"Due to [the suspect's] friends also having been drinking and their inability to keep [the suspect] out of the middle of the street, [the officer] did not believe [the suspect's] friends could safely supervise [the suspect]."

### Alcohol Is a Diuretic

On Saturday, Jan. 23, a 21-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication on Del Playa, according to reports.

"[The suspect] was involved in a large fight," reports state. "[The officer] contacted [the suspect], who was unsteady on his feet, swaying from side to side. [The suspect] had also urinated on himself," reports state.

The officer determined that the suspect was unable to care for his own safety or the safety of others. The suspect was taken into custody to be housed pending sobriety.

### Learn to Drive if You Drive Mom's Car

On Friday, Jan. 22, a 20-year-old female reported suspicious white scratches on her car to the IVFP. According to reports, the woman normally keeps her car parked in her driveway at home or in a UCSB parking lot.

"Thursday ... [the car owner] parked her vehicle in the driveway of her residence for the evening," reports state. "Her driveway is narrow and allows for only one vehicle to be parked in it. [The car owner] said that there is no way

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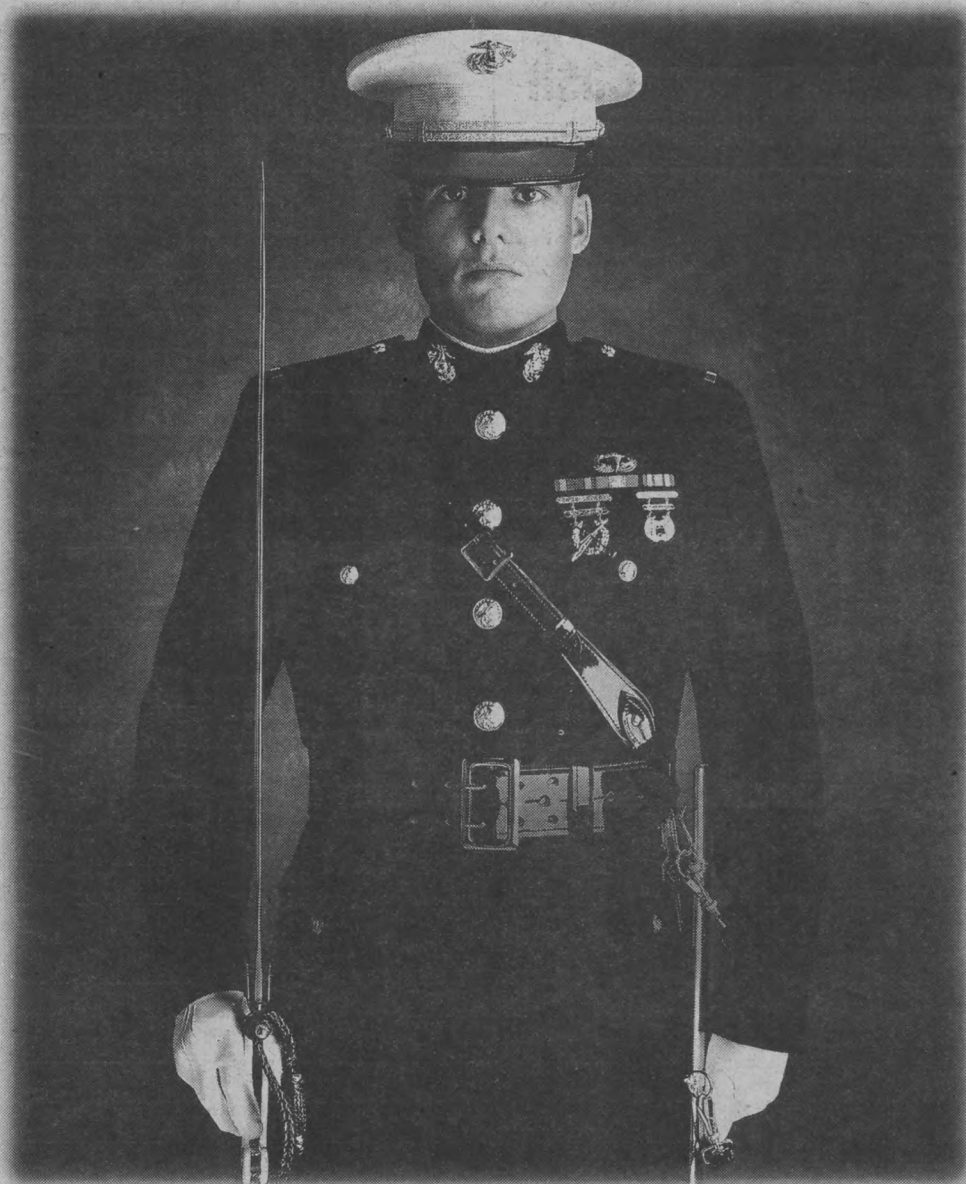
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## HEARING

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up meeting to compensate. "I am not questioning [Costa's] decision to [cancel]," she said. "[But] four people can petition Danny to call a special meeting. They could have put out an agenda Tuesday and had their meeting on Friday, and still follow the Brown Act."

Off-Campus Rep Jessica Naponelli said Sansom's petition is an extreme reaction.

"I think it's kind of ridiculous to have a judicial re-

view on this because I don't think the student body really cares about us missing one meeting," she said.

Judicial Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to hear Sansom's case. If Leg Council is found guilty, its punishment should ensure that the problem is corrected and will not happen again, according to Sansom.

"The remedy that I'm asking for is that they schedule a mandatory makeup meeting in the seventh, eighth or ninth week of the quarter, and that they also issue a formal public apol-

ogy," she said.

The case will go before the Sub-Judicial Council, which includes three of Judicial Council's five members, on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m. in the A.S. Conference Room. According to Judicial Council Chair Ross Trindle, having the sub-council hear the case leaves the parties the opportunity to appeal the decision to the full council.

"The council felt there was a basis for [the petition], and we wanted to hear what both sides have to say," he said.

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BY LINDA C. BLACK

Check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.  
**Aries** (March 21-April 19)—Today is a 7—Every place you look, another question pops to mind. With Mars, your ruling planet, now in Scorpio, you're probing more deeply than usual. You want to find out what's beneath the surface. What you're learning could increase your wealth as well as your area of influence. Don't worry where this quest will lead you. Live in the inquiry.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 6—You could get an unexpected legacy today from an unusual source. It looks like this income is generated by words rather than deeds. You're a natural editor. In fact, you could make your living with words, especially right now. The words you say could greatly impact the amount of money you make, so choose them carefully.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21)—Today is an 8—Did you know it's possible to get a job overseas, teaching people how to speak English? There are also places to study the native language. There are people to meet, who will lead to other people and other adventures. You don't have to know how. That's the least of your worries. You can figure that out as you go along. Get started.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 6—Your friends know how warm and loving you are. You're someone they can go to when they need to talk. You can be trusted to keep secrets, but don't let them weigh you down. Let them float right out of your mind. This could take a little practice, but it's a habit worth acquiring. Don't do it by telling anybody, however.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22)—Today is a 7—There are a lot of ideas being tossed around today, but something's lacking. It'll be obvious to you. The others are just too much in their heads. You're more practical and pragmatic. Even if the others have more degrees than you do, it looks like you're the one with the common sense. Speak up before they do something ridiculous.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is a 5—You can see the change that needs to be made, but can't do it all by yourself. It'll take teamwork, and effort on your part to whip this ragtag group into a team. Confusion reigns because nobody has a plan. That's where you come in. If you do nothing more than set priorities, you could make the difference between success and failure.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is an 8—You always have a way with words, but today you're absolutely astounding. You'll come up with the winning answer. You're glib and polished, chic and debonair—but watch out. Know what you're getting into before you agree to anything, and don't say something thoughtlessly that damages another person. Errors like that are hard to erase.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 6—Mars, one of your ruling planets, has just gone into your sign. Mars symbolizes the warrior, and Scorpio is the strategist. That instinct should serve you well today in a business deal. Someone has the very thing you need, but don't you let on right away. Offer a price that's more in your favor, and see what happens.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is a 7—You're a fierce competitor when you feel like it, and you just might feel like it today. Other people will be surprised to see you out there on the court, waiting to smash your opponent's best shot right back. You've got what it takes, and more. You've got a surprise move nobody will expect. Get out there and wow 'em.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 6—You may believe that the harder you work, the richer you'll get, but today it's more important how smart you work. Reading the paperwork could be absolutely pivotal. You need to know what's going on. What's the competition doing? How's the market look? What's opening up? What's shutting down? Do the homework.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is an 8—Don't spend time day dreaming about something attractive while you're on the clock. You have a conflict today between love and money, so don't play at love when you're supposed to be making the money. If you're working together, the dilemma becomes even more intense, and more potentially scandalous. Watch out.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 5—Your fantasy life is always rich, and today it's almost like having four helpings of pecan pie in a row. It's wonderful at first, but after a while you might be a little sick to your stomach. In other words, cool it or you could make yourself into a nervous wreck. Just wait. It'll be much easier to tell fact from fiction tomorrow.

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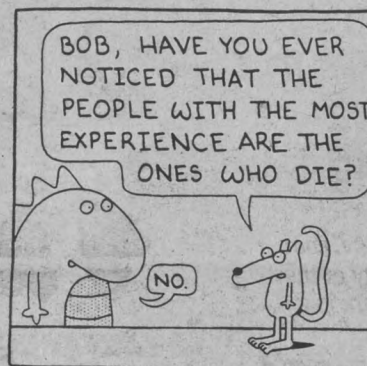
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REPORT

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that another vehicle could have scraped up against hers while it was parked there."

The next day the woman drove the vehicle to campus, but said she was not sure if the scratches were there at that time, according to reports. She parked next to a black car, and no other cars were in the lot.

"[When the car owner] returned to her vehicle at [1 p.m.] ... she saw that there were no other cars in the lot," reports state. "She saw that there were white scratches along the passenger side of her vehicle."

The woman indicated that the marks may not have been caused by another driver, according to reports.

"[The car owner] told [the officer] that she is a poor driver and she might have caused the scratch marks by hitting something," reports state. "[The car own-

er] also told [the officer] that her parents were coming up to visit her ... and she did not want them to know about the marks."

After receiving a body shop estimate of \$900 for repairs, the woman attempted to fix the damage herself, according to reports.

"[The car owner] also purchased some blue paint that she had applied to some of the marks," reports state. "The blue paint did not match her vehicle's paint and was very noticeable."

The officer reported the situation, but did not pursue any further investigation, according to reports.

"Based on statements from [the car owner] and the appearance of the scratch marks, it appears that [the car owner] may have brushed up against a white-in-color pole or a white-in-color vehicle," reports state.

— Compiled by Alexis Filippini from Isla Vista Foot Patrol reports.

AWARD

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"The public is telling me that they recognize what we are doing," he said. "This seldom happens."

There are roughly 100 deputies eligible for the award in the South Coast region, which consists of I.V., Goleta and Carpinteria, according to Harling.

"Supervisors write letters commending an officer and these letters are reviewed by the staff," he said. "The staff determines the awards. These men who have been recognized enhance the ability of the Foot Patrol in day-to-day interactions with the public, community and the university."

According to Arnoldi, the awards help the Foot Patrol's image.

"This is a great reflection on our force," he said.



Officers Rob Castro and Todd Johnson of the I.V. Foot Patrol pose proudly after winning the Deputy of the Quarter Award for their bravery and teamwork in rescuing a family from a fire.

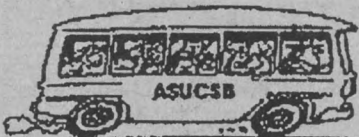
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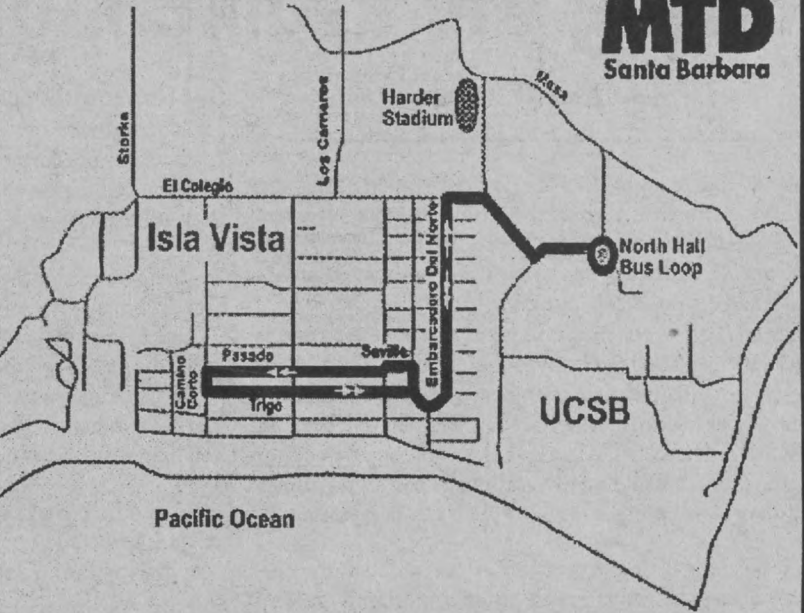



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## Support the Locals

*I.V. Has Many Worthwhile Spots to Frequent ... Subway? Are You Kidding? Try the Hero House*

As you drive into I.V. you may notice a refreshing and rare phenomenon — the local businesses are crowded with customers, while the chain stores, few in number, seem to be second-choice establishments.

Now it's not to say that corporations suck — it's really a subjective matter — but because small businesses usually have more interaction with their clientele, the better service and overall experience will often come from the hometown shop.

The wonderful thing about capitalism is that although the small-town businesses are often cut down by the bigger businesses, we all have the option to support the small guy. I.V. is great because its full range of independently owned shops and eateries provides an alternative to anything offered from Starbucks, Subway or Burger King. Chain stores may offer regularity, but places like Java Jones and Javan's cater to students and give ambience that cannot be replicated in any establishment with uniforms and nametags.

It's wonderful that college students often frequent their local watering holes and restaurants rather than slightly less expensive, greatly less-original places. Our patronage is often the only fuel keeping these entrepreneurs ahead of their big-budget, mass-produced competition.

A community feeling is created by the people and the businesses that make up a town. Small businesses define a town and give it its personality. By utilizing the Co-op, I.V. Market, Mac's and the many other service-oriented shops in I.V. you may spend a smidgen more, but locally owned stores have a vested interest in the community and often recirculate more of their profits back into the local economy. And a big part of that recirculation

comes in the form of sponsorships of charity events and straight-up philanthropy.

After graduation, when you get a pang of nostalgia for your alma mater, chances are you won't be remembering all the good times you had hanging out at your local Starbucks. The value of independent shops — which you can only hope will still be around when your kids are college hunting — lies in their unique personalities, personalities that cannot be imitated by any chain store. Granted, there is always turnover in any town with a constantly changing market, but this makes for all the more reason to wholeheartedly support any locally owned business that you feel provides good service.

And this is the real heart of the matter: We all want to go to the place that will give us the best experience. And, usually, the combination of service and atmosphere will simply be better at a locally owned establishment. The monotone, personality-deficient chain store is lacking that *something*, that independent quality which personalizes the mom-and-pop place.

Big business has every bit as much of a right to be in town as the next guy. Obviously, the choice is yours. But people often forget there is a choice — like Kleenex and Jacuzzi, social conditioning can make our minds automatically associate brand names with products. Got to make copies? Kinko's pops into mind. Hungry for a burger? Burger King makes those. But there's more — and better — out there. Go out on a limb and try the funky little shop in town and get the more personal, less uniform atmosphere of the local life — who knows what you may find?

Damn The Man! Support small business!

## Steer Clear of A

*Industry and Government Are W*

JEFF

I would like to alert *Nexus* readers of the deceptive days regarding its specious and seemingly benign R. People, don't be fooled! The Adventure Pass is a leg.

Los Padres Forest officials and their superiors in Washington, D.C., are desperately trying to convince result of deficit-reducing congressional budget cuts.

Pass was thus created to remedy a backlog of work.

THIS IS A SMOKE SCREEN AND FAR FROM THE TRUTH. What's really happening? A cabal of anti-environmentalists and acting in concert with the USDA Forest Service benefit big business and big government.

The Forest Service, having signed an agreement with Disney, REI, KOA and Honda Corp., to promote its new business: recreation and tourism on public lands.

So now, in addition to extracting commodities FROM THE LAND, SELF is being commodified by the U.S. Forest Service.

And those congressional budget cuts? They are NOT being led to believe. The budget cuts are part of a campaign by Larry Craig, and Reps. Don Young and Helen Chenoweth to strip public lands by the recreation industry.

You may ask, why wouldn't the recreation business be inflicted on our public lands by the logging, mining and agriculture? The answer is simple: a walk in the woods or a reflection on one meant a simple walk in the woods or a reflection on now being promoted is industrialized, commercialized.

It is Big Business coming to our national forests, people.

## Let's Break Down the Racial Barriers

*Why All Races Should Unite*

KEENAN LAMPKIN

This weekend I found myself submerged in a mixture of fun, danger and analytical thought, which has again caused yet another outpour of light social commentary from yours truly. I went with my good friend Hicham to some random party, where we met up with our folks. Now, immediately this party stood out in my eyes because I'd never seen before so many blacks and white people at an I.V. party interacting in such a positive manner. The acts themselves weren't so shocking; it was just the sheer number of each race in the same setting.

But instead of calling it an event of positive interaction, let's call it a gathering of positive coexisting. Because when the whites interacted with the blacks, it wasn't all that positive. With the current tension between the two races, though, I'm pleased to say that a race war didn't break out that Saturday night, although a few mini squabbles did.

Hicham and I knew there'd be trouble when the

## Solving the Problem of Assault

ALANA TILLIM

I would like to go back to the first day of school this year. On that day, the front page of the *Nexus* contained three pieces that summed up the dark side of our seaside town, Isla Vista. A couch burning, a stabbing and a rape kicked off this year and had many people feeling deeply disturbed.

Over and over again, the words rape, sexual assault and violence have captured the front page since then. These stories have sparked concern, debate and even fear. As more people see the reality of sexual assault in I.V., people have been discussing it. The recent dialogue that has occurred in editorials, classrooms and even conversations at parties has offered few potential solutions to the problem of sexual assault.

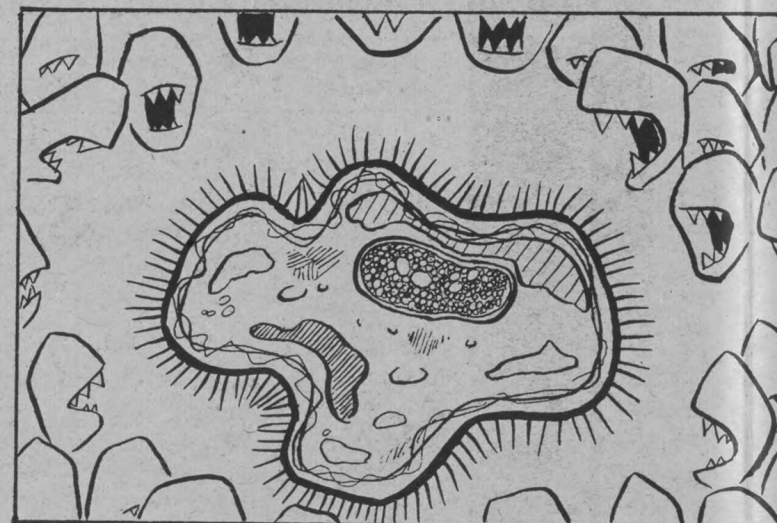
In reality, the dialogue over this problem has always been there. These publicized — and, more importantly, reported — accounts of rape have raised awareness of a problem that

has been a part of our community for a long time. The idea that a heightened awareness has brought discussion on sexual assault out of Women's Studies classes and into the mainstream can help us address this problem seriously as we look toward a solution.

Unfortunately, the real solution to problems of rape and sexual assault go much deeper than dialogue and debate. These crimes will only stop when society stops perpetuating the culture of rape that continually objectifies women ... the sort of culture that gives certain men the idea that it is OK to rape a woman if her skirt is short enough, if he is drunk enough or if she is already known as a "slut."

According to a 1996 study, 38 percent of college men said that they would rape a woman if they knew that they would get away with it. In this sort of society, rape will never stop.

A real solution brings women together in solidarity with



men as their allies to resist this horrendous and life-altering crime. At UCSB, Take Back the Night has become one of the many ways of working toward that goal. Take Back the Night is a week of events during Spring Quarter (April

19-24) for education about violence against women.

Take Back



l submissions, but please include your name and phone number. For columns, is three pages, typed and double-spaced; for letters, one page. All submissions of the *Daily Nexus* upon being turned in and are edited for length and clarity.

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# f Adventure Pass

## re Working Together Against Nature

JEFFREY PINE

ceptive propaganda coming out of local Forest Service offices these nigh Recreation Fee Demonstration Program.

ss is about as benign as a coiled viper near an unsuspecting hiker's

riors back at U.S. Department of Agriculture headquarters in nvince the American public that the Fee Program came about as a t cuts. They are also feeding the public the line that the Adventure f work on forest land here in Southern California.

AR FROM THE ACTUAL FACTS!

vironmental congressmen, sympathetic to the recreation industry Service, has once again sold out our priceless natural heritage to

ment with its newfound partners in the American Recreation Cop- p., to name just a few — is presently engaged in setting itself up in ublic lands!

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are NOT being made to reduce the federal deficit, as the public is f a carefully orchestrated strategy by Sens. Frank Murkowski and en Chenoweth, among others, to effect a corporate rescue of our

business be a better alternative to the devastation currently being ining and grazing industries? Well, it might have been, if by recre- a reflective enjoyment of nature. However, the kind of recreation ercialized and heavily motorized.

rests, promoting extensive development and equipment-intensive

play where nature is little more than a scenic backdrop and proving ground for the latest and priciest motorcycle, snowmobile, 4-wheel drive, off-road vehicle, etc. (See the American Recreation Coalition membership roster and legislative agenda on the Internet).

The Recreation Fee Demo Program allows these corporations to gain access to and take control of our natural resources and our heritage. (They're calling it "custodial management.")

Not only is this morally and ethically WRONG, it is a colossal mistake! Much like the Forest Service, these corporations can never be trusted to protect and preserve our wild and fragile wilderness. And like the Forest Service, these corporations' main concern will be generating revenue, profits — and the bottom line.

More and more the quality of the environment will be compromised as it is exploited. There will be fees on top of fees. And those fees will go up. (Look at the Paradise Road area above Santa Barbara, for example).

The Adventure Pass is NOT here to clean up our forests and it has NOTHING to do with stewardship of our public lands. The Recreation Fee Demo Program is, in fact, a scam of unparalleled proportions. It is here to get people accustomed to paying to access our public land. It is here to "demonstrate" to our government to what degree we will or will not accept this scam. It is here to cover up the fiscal mismanagement of the misguided, corrupt Forest Service. It is here to provide business opportunities to the big corporations in Derrick Crandall's nefarious American Recreation Coalition.

Another deception that is being foisted on the public is the claim by the Forest Service, that 80 percent of the revenue generated by the Fee Demo Program goes back into the forest where it was collected. Absolutely not true. In fiscal year '97 a full 53 percent went instead to administration, implementation and enforcement of the program!

Everyone who's been to the forest these past two years knows (and I can personally attest) that Forest Rangers are keen to ticket and intimidate anyone they encounter on the forest without an Adventure Pass. The public is being FORCED TO COMPLY with this fee under threat of an extortive \$100 fine. So far, at least 40,500 Southern Californians have been harassed and ticketed for failing to vote "yes" for this insidious program. Fortunately, a great many of these people are refusing to comply. Good for them!

There are many sources that anyone can check out to back up the information that I've disclosed in this letter: the February issue of *Climbing* magazine, *Backcountry* magazine, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Santa Barbara News Press*, Sierra Club literature, Congresswoman Lois Capps' office, Keep the Sespe Wild Committee of Ojai, Free Our Forests, the Forest Preservation Society of Southern California. But of all these, see Scott Silver's web-site: <http://www.wildwilderness.org>. What you will find here will shock and outrage any tax-paying, environmentally conscious American.

What can you do to stop the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program? DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, BUY AN ADVENTURE PASS. In fact, tell *everyone* that you know to boycott the program. Write Sens. Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein and ask them to support the Capps/Bono bill to end forest fees.

*Jeffrey Pine is a resident of Summerland and an advocate for removing the Adventure Pass.*

white guys started a mediocre moshing session. OK, picture this: you have a bunch of black folk (some are extremely ghetto, which isn't to say that ghetto is a bad thing, but they tend to be more short-tempered), a bunch of white folks (some stupid, and some were frontin', which strangely enough provided both frustrations and comedy to this commentator), and both groups have drunk and/or high soldiers in their camps, violently running around, pushing and shoving. All it takes is a misplaced elbow by either camp, and BABOOM!! You've got "Braveheart" on DP (minus Mel).

And guess what happened next? You betcha, one elbow connected, then all of a sudden everybody's pissed off, with all the men (and some women) spitting out

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testosterone, and seeing who's got the biggest dick. Thankfully though, folks stuffed their shit back in their pants and didn't compare. Even more thankfully so, no one was packing any dildos either. (If you're wondering, the dildo reference symbolizes a gun, since I see guns as metallic dicks anyway. Men with little

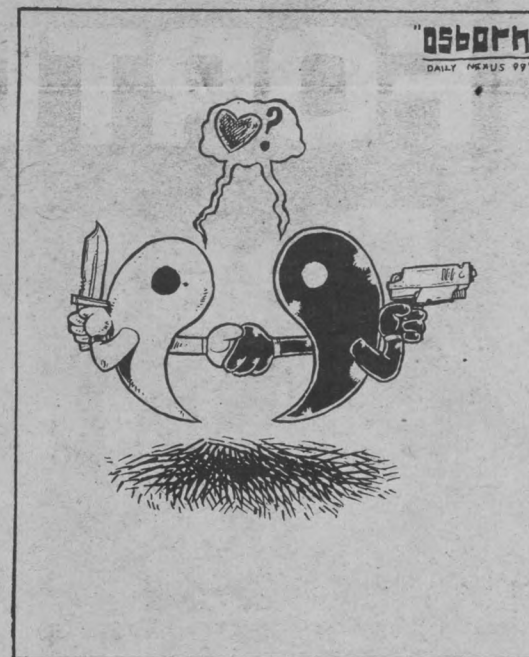
courage, aka dicks, usually go run off and obtain these manifestations of psuedo-bravery ... but back to the story.)

... I look forward to the next event where I can see blacks, whites, Mexicans, Asians, Arabians, Native Americans and just everybody in the mix, moshing and crip walkin' in harmony.

As the night progressed, a few more dick contests tried to spring out, but flaccidness prevailed, and good times were had by all. One of the funny things I noticed was how some of the white guys were ever so eager to "get down" with the blacks, but never vice versa. And these guys had no idea that they were being made fun of by most of the blacks witnessing their attempts at "crip walkin'" (a style of dance for those not knowing). Or if they did know, they didn't care.

Another funny occurrence was when I noticed how, of the brothas that were dissin' white people, the fiercest were usually found hugged up on some white girl, seven out of 10 times, but will try their damndest to hide it. Later, I saw this white guy who had earlier called somebody a nigga, trying to get all up on sistas (black women) for the rest of the night.

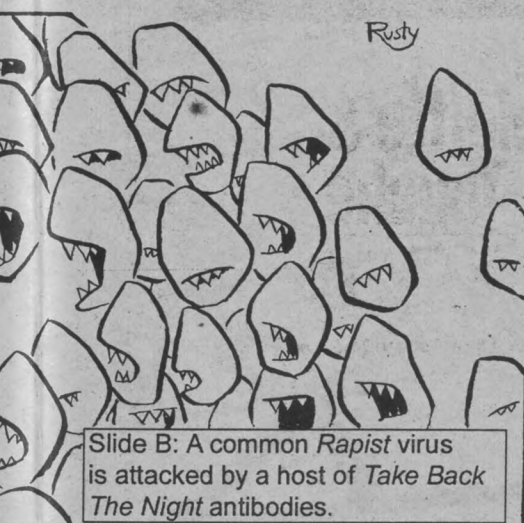
Come on my people, both black and white, either hate or love, but don't be one way, then front the other.



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Overall though, it was a good event where the majority had a good time. And I look forward to the next event where I can see blacks, whites, Mexicans, Asians, Arabians, Native Americans and just everybody in the mix, moshing and crip walkin' in harmony.

*Keenan Lampkin is a third-year psychology major.*



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for education, awareness and empowerment about e against women.

Back the Night has become a place to discuss this

problem on a global, national and local level. It has become a forum for transforming victims into survivors as they begin to heal. It has become a place to resist as hundreds of women march the streets of I.V. screaming "WOMEN UNITE! TAKE BACK THE NIGHT!" It has become a place to learn where men and friends of survivors can begin to understand how to listen and how to help.

However, it is hard to sum up the importance of Take Back the Night into a "mission statement" or simple definition. These explanations about education, awareness and empowerment are sterile definitions that do not do Take Back the Night justice. Take Back the Night is not only a series of performances, workshops and speakers ... it is the only large-scale joining of women in our community.

This becomes the only night of the year that women can walk down DP in solidarity and resistance to the harassment they put up with on a daily basis. Take Back the Night also becomes a place for women to share their experiences during testimonials that allow a safe space for women to recount their struggle with sexual assault. Last year's Take Back the Night also spawned the group Men Against Rape, which has begun to confront the issues of male responsibility.

If you speak to any one of the thousands of women who have attended one of our own campus celebrations, or even one who has attended one of the many international celebrations of Take Back the Night, it becomes clear that it leaves an indelible mark on those who have experienced it. I suppose it mirrors the indelible mark that is left on those who have been impacted by sexual assault, violence, or abuse throughout their life.

This problem plagues society as a whole, but has intimately affected our community as well. This heightened awareness should not be temporary. Events such as Take Back the Night will keep reminding people that rape is real and that it is a problem; this cannot be forgotten after Take Back the Night is over. There are other groups that work on this cause all year long.

If you want to help, go to the Women's Center and find out about the Rape Prevention Education Program and many other support groups. Take Back the Night meets at 6 p.m. on Mondays at the Women's Center ... come and help us resist sexual assault as we work toward a solution.

*Alana Tillim is an A.S. off-campus representative.*

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## BUSES

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expand our fleet by 30 to 40 buses, but it's up to the Santa Barbara County Association Government to provide the funding," he said. "They choose between roads, bike-paths and buses for the entire county. If they choose buses, you'll see 40 new ones within three years."

According to Environmental Affairs Board Chair Meghan Conklin, transportation technology is a step toward alleviating environ-

mental problems.

"Any effort to reduce the amount of cars and unhealthy emissions into the air is very good," she said. "At certain times, the level of Santa Barbara air reaches unhealthy levels, and by reducing carbon monoxide emissions it is healthier for everyone."

The new technology also signals progress in the effort to find a happy medium between economic interests and saving the environment, according to California Public Interest Research

Group representative Brent Schoradt.

"Big business has so much influence on politics and economics," he said. "Economics is what everyone's interested in, and we're trying to raise awareness on the environmental side of the issue."

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# Sports

## Different Strokes

**After a change from the 200-yard breaststroke to the 1,650-yard free, Carl Larsen has been making waves at UCSB.**

By MATT HURST  
Staff Writer

Who knew a trip to the doctor would turn out so well for UCSB senior swimmer Carl Larsen?

When he was 8 years old, Larsen went to see his doctor and was diagnosed with asthma. The doctor recommended swimming to help Larsen strengthen his lungs, but never knew that he opened a child to an Olympic dream.

Larsen began swimming regularly in elementary school, and, as he says, "It turned into something that I learned to love." He still has asthma and still must take his inhaler with him when he swims, but when Larsen gets out of the pool, it's the other swimmers that are gasping for air from trying to keep up with the speedster.



JASON SCHOCK / DAILY NEXUS

Not having anyone on UCSB's swim team that can keep up with the communication major is hard on him — without a body in the next lane pushing him to go faster, Larsen has to rely on his own motivation. Actually, there is only a handful of people in the entire country that can push Larsen during races, and that is something he thrives on.

"He's at the level now where there will be very few, if any, people that will be able to challenge him," UCSB Head Coach Gregg Wilson said. "I hope that he gets challenged. I hope that Carl will get pushed because he'll respond to the challenge. He loves it."

Larsen first came to Santa Barbara specializing in the 200 breaststroke and the 500 freestyle. However, after a lot of decision-making and recommendations

from his coaches, he switched over to long-distance swimming during his sophomore year. Larsen has now become the team's best mile swimmer, as well as the best mile swimmer in the Big West, and is ranked fifth in the nation in the event.

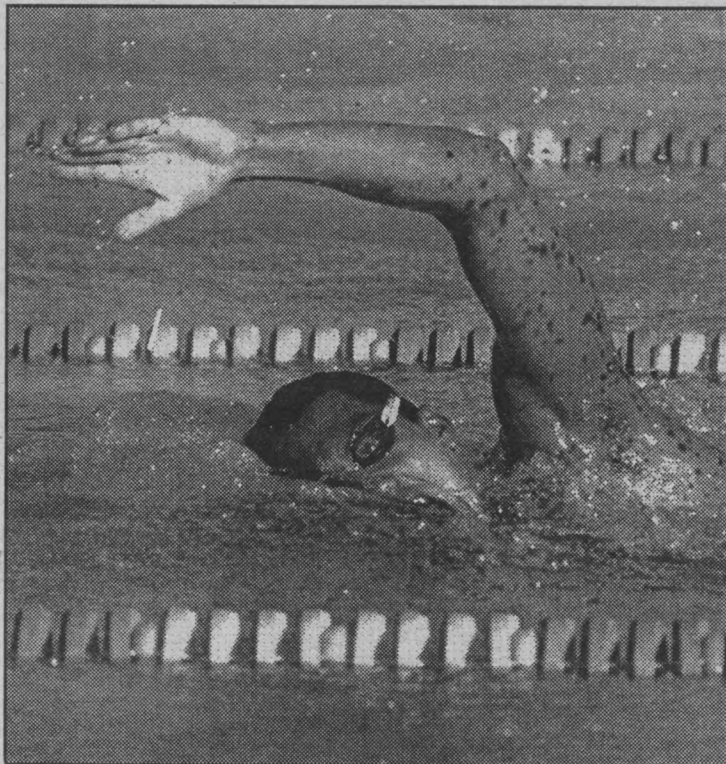
"You look at the four guys that are ranked ahead of him in the mile this year, those same four guys were ranked in the same four places with the same times [last year]," said UCSB distance swim coach Mani Zarrehparvar. "They're not getting any faster, he's getting a lot faster. I think he's just going to keep getting better and better and if he keeps going the way he is, I think he has a real shot at being on the Olympic team in 2000. I won't be surprised if he finishes in the top three this year in the NCAA [Championships]."

Larsen's time in the mile has earned him a berth in the NCAA Championships, and has qualified him for the Olympic team trials August 9-15 in 2000. Representing the United States in Sydney in September of next year would be a dream come true for Larsen.

"I had no idea coming to this university that I was going to make it this far," the Honolulu, Hawai'i, native said. "I'm just as surprised as you guys are. Just to be [at the Olympics] is any athlete's dream. I just want to get there. I don't care if I get last place or if I get first place, just competing at the Olympic Games is [a dream]."

After Larsen graduated from Punahou School in Hawai'i, he chose UCSB because it was on the West Coast, somewhat close to home. He first joined the Gaucho swim squad competing in the 200 breaststroke, but during his sophomore year, he made a decision that turned his swimming career around.

"My high school team trained very intensely," Larsen said. "I did have some distance background. So I made the switch and it was not that hard. It was a gamble because I had spent so many years training as a breaststroker and stuff like that. All of a sudden this was the distance and college years and you're a



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**GOING THE DISTANCE:** Senior swimmer Carl Larsen has made the NCAA Championships and qualified for Olympic time trials this year.

college athlete, so you're thinking 'This is probably going to be the last few years of being an athlete.' And it was scary."

But the switch was not quite as obvious to the UCSB coaching staff.

"I think it took awhile for us to figure out that he's a distance swimmer," Zarrehparvar said. "He's not a sprinter, he's not a middle-distance swimmer. During that [first] year, he was having so much success in the 200 breast, we just said 'We'll leave him at 200 breast.' The next year he came over, he swam in the [distance] group, and we tried to balance and it just didn't work. He had a tough year. Then we said 'He's going to train for the mile — he's going to be a miler.' And, sure enough, that's where he's had his success."

Wilson elaborated about Larsen's switch. "I always knew Carl's distance freestyle was pretty good. But I didn't know whether or not he was committed to training that hard."

Yet it turned out that Larsen's training is above reproach.

"Carl's capacity for training is enormous," Wilson said. "Physio-

logically he is superb. There are very few people in the country, maybe a dozen, that can train as hard and as long as he can."

How long exactly does Larsen spend training in UCSB's Campus Pool?

"Let's put it this way: I'm usually here before the sun rises and after the sun sets," Larsen said. "Once in a while I do break down and ask 'Why am I doing this?'"

Larsen's rigorous training schedule and seniority on the team have rubbed off on a few of the freshmen, making him a leader by example.

"I might not show it verbally, but I look to show leadership in the pool by being competitive," Larsen said.

Wilson jumped in, adding to Larsen's perspective, "We want all of our seniors to be leaders," the 23-year coach said. "Some do it better than others. Carl does it extremely well, especially in the pool. But how he conducts himself away from the pool is also important. ... It's been a real pleasure to have him with the team."



## Matt & Marv's Super Bowl Predictions

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Denver vs. Atlanta. Super Bowl XXXIII. Miami. It's all set up, ready to go, and Title-town will be in Denver once again.

See, this is the Falcons' first trip to the Big Dance, and the Broncos have been there and lost before ... many times. Atlanta will not win the game for many reasons, and here they are:

— John Elway has to win his last game ever, he needs to ride out on a high horse, er, Bronco;

— Terrell Davis is better than Jamal Anderson. Even though the Dirty Bird dance kicks the crap out of the Mile-High Salute, Davis will be saluting (unfortunately) more than Anderson will be dancing;

— The Denver defense is very good and will shut down Atlanta's offense. All the defense has to do is focus on the run and it will be fine. Put Chris "Concussion" Chandler on his back a few times and it will be a long day for Atlanta.

— Last time Dan Reeves faced Elway, it was when they were bitching at each other in Denver and look who won. Here's a hint: El-

way is still in Denver.

Miami may be Will Smith's type of town, but on Sunday, Miami will be Denver's town as they will be holding the Lombardi Trophy above their heads for a second straight year.

Don't count out Atlanta though. Remember last year? The Broncos were underdogs and they won. Both teams went 14-2 in the regular season, but the Falcons took a harder road to Miami going past San Francisco and Minnesota, so they will be bruised going into the game. Besides, Denver has too much going for it to let this game slip through its hands. If Denver loses, it means one more year Elway has to torture Raider fans with his big teeth and game-winning drives. So for the sake of Oakland, here's a message to the Broncos: Just Win Baby.

**Matt's prediction: Denver 31, Atlanta 24.**

— Matt Hurst

Denver or Atlanta? AFC or NFC? Terrell Berg. What a shame.

Falcons power running back Jamal Anderson has been exploding through the opposition's defenses like they were defective prophylactics. Expect him to do the same to Denver and to get his groove on in the end zone. The Broncos also have a weapon in their running back, Terrell Davis, but come this Sunday, the Atlanta defense will make sure T.D. stands for turf dung.

Adding to the Super Bowl hype is the aired dirty laundry between Elway, Broncos Head Coach Mike Shanahan, and Falcons Head Coach Dan Reeves. These three guys just plain don't like each other. Reeves, Elway's former coach and Shanahan's former boss, would like nothing better than to put the Broncos in their place.

But that's all beside the point. Denver had its time to party last year, and quarterback John Elway should have retired while he had the chance to end his career on a high and respectable note. Now he's going to lose to a bunch of guys who call themselves the "Dirty Birds." He's going to lose to a team that has not one, but two balding quarterbacks in Chris Chandler and back-up QB Steve De-

Berg. What a shame.

Marv's prediction: Atlanta 35, Denver 28.

— Marvin Gapultos