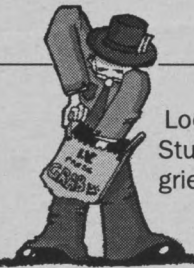


Graduation is Closer Than You Think

Counseling & Career Services is hosting a basic interview skills class this afternoon between 3 and 4 in Room 1109.



Sensationalism

Local media and Associated Students have mishandled student grief over the recent tragedy.

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Special Senior Night

The women's basketball team said goodbye to seniors Nicole Greathouse, Rachelle Rogers and Sheila Shilati on Saturday night and defeated LBSU.

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Fire Capt. Wes Herman stands in front of a one-year-old firetruck, which he calls "one of the best we've got." The department hopes the university will fund a new truck with a longer ladder.

SB Fire Chief Cites Inadequate Preparations on UCSB Campus

BY BRENDAN BUHLER
Staff Writer

The Santa Barbara County fire chief is worried he does not have enough people or equipment to contain a major fire at UCSB.

Fire Chief John Scherri said the university has expressed little interest in helping to pay \$1 million

for a new firetruck and another full-time firefighter — measures he said are necessary to potentially save student lives. UCSB's administration said the existing fire arrangement has been adequate to cope with all emergencies.

There is one firetruck on campus, with two or three more trucks that can arrive in five minutes, Capt. Eric

Peterson said. One of those trucks has a 50-ft. ladder mounted on it, while the others have 30-ft. hand ladders. Neither of those ladders can reach into high-rise residence halls or over obstacles. A 100-ft. ladder truck is stationed in downtown Santa Barbara; however, that truck could take 15

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Man Accidentally Falls to Death During Party at Del Playa Residence

■ Authorities Seek Assistance in Identifying Deceased

An unidentified male was pronounced dead on the scene Sunday morning after falling from a Del Playa Road balcony.

At 1:38 a.m. Sunday, March 4, Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers were dispatched to 6681 Del Playa Rd., the scene of a party where a male subject had fallen off a rear balcony onto the beach below. When deputies arrived on the scene, witnesses said the subject had been dancing on the balcony when he suddenly fell over the patio railing.

Deputies immediately found the subject face down in knee deep water below the residence, with obvious signs of head trauma from the fall, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Public Information Officer Lt. Mike Burrige said.

"The injuries were consistent with the fall," he said.

Deputies estimated the decedent fell 40 to 50 feet. Witnesses attending the party told deputies the subject was "jumping up and down" on

the rear balcony as he danced. When he neared the patio railing, he suddenly fell over the railing onto the beach below. The patio railing appeared to be in good condition, according to Burrige.

Lt. Burrige said suicide and foul play have been ruled out, and the cause of death was accidental. The deceased had no identification on his person, and nobody attending the party could identify him to authorities. He was described as a white male in his early 20s, approximately 6 feet tall and 190 pounds with short brown hair, hazel eyes and a small goatee. He was wearing brown pants, a dark-colored belt and black boot-type shoes and had no shirt on at the time of the fall.

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— IVFP report

The decedent has not been identified. The IVFP encourages anyone with information regarding the incident or the decedent to contact its office at 681-4148.

— Jennifer B. Siverts

Physicists Honor Director David Gross

BY ERIC SIMONS
Staff Writer

Over the weekend, David Gross, the director of UCSB's Institute for Theoretical Physics, celebrated his birthday with a few good friends.

Those friends include world-renowned theorists like Stephen Hawking, Edward Witten and Paul Steinhardt, and the party was a gathering of international physicists at the ITP.

The weekend meeting, called "Heterotopic Dreams and Asymptotic Visions: The 60th Birthday Celebration for David Gross," featured speakers on topics such as black holes, string theory, M-theory and inflation theory.

"It's custom when an important scientist turns 60 to have a conference in his honor," said physics Professor Joseph Polichinski, who introduced Gross, Hawking, Witten and Steinhardt at a press conference Friday. "David is a particularly important scientist, and so we have a remarkably important and creative group of scientists here."

The three-day conference was a chance for an international group of physicists to share ideas on the latest in research and the promise of string theory — a set of five theories that could provide a unified explanation for all the forces and matter in the universe.

String theory claims that tiny, one-dimensional strings make up everything in the universe, as opposed to the standard theory that says the universe is made up of tiny point particles like quarks and electrons. The strings in string theory vibrate at different levels, which results in different forces or states of matter.

Under the standard model, a great dilemma arises: Quantum mechanics and general relativity, two of the most fundamental theories in physics, cannot both be right. Because of the nature of strings, string theory would resolve this problem.

Gross said an experiment in early February could help solidify the theory of supersymmetry, which is an important part of string theory. The experiment at Brookhaven National Lab in New York showed a slight anomaly in

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David Gross (R), director of the Institute for Theoretical Physics at UCSB, answers questions at a press conference in honor of his 60th birthday Friday afternoon.

Top of the News

Companies Protest Generic Medication



JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Nearly every major pharmaceutical company in the world is suing the government of South Africa in a case viewed as a landmark in the battle to get cheap AIDS medication to many of the world's poorest countries.

More than three dozen companies argue that a 1997 South African law allowing the government to import or produce cheap, generic versions of patented drugs is too broad and unfairly targets drug manufacturers. They plan to ask the Pretoria High Court to invalidate the law in hearings beginning today.

The government, AIDS activists and international human rights groups say the drug companies are trying to wring profits out of a public health night-

mare that threatens to devastate South Africa and dozens of other impoverished countries.

The case is about whether "the commercial interests of the companies or the human rights of the people who are trying to stay alive" is more important, said Belinda Coote, regional director of the relief agency Oxfam.

More than 25 million of

try's standing.

"I don't think it's good for their image and I think that a lot of them will just eventually give these drugs away," said Henry Grabowski, professor of economics at Duke University.

But access to AIDS medication has proven an embarrassing issue for the government and the United States as well.

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— Henry Grabowski

Duke University professor of economics

the 36 million people infected with HIV live in sub-Saharan Africa, one of the world's most impoverished regions. In 2000, 2.4 million people in the region died from the effects of AIDS.

These statistics, coupled with a perception that some drug companies care more about stopping the spread of generic drugs than the spread of HIV, have damaged the indus-

Under former President Nelson Mandela, South Africa was criticized for spending millions of dollars of its precious health budget on a controversial AIDS awareness play and developing its own AIDS medication, Virodene, which was found to contain an industrial solvent.

The new government has yet to make a relatively inexpensive course of anti-retroviral medication wide-

ly available to pregnant women to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

When South Africa passed a law in 1997 giving the health minister a limited right to import generic versions of patented drugs or license their domestic production, the U.S. government put South Africa on a watch list for trade sanctions.

After AIDS activists repeatedly embarrassed Vice President Al Gore with the issue at the start of his presidential campaign, the government reversed itself, agreeing to support South Africa as long as the law was applied consistently with international trade regulations.

The law has never been applied, however, because of the lawsuit.

Under the law, the health minister would have the authority to essentially invalidate the patents of any medicine, she said, destroying the companies' profits and their efforts to recoup their costs for developing the drugs.

Heavy Rains Slow Recovery of Dead From Crash



heavy rain.

Officials were not sure how long the recovery would take because of deep mud in the area, which has had nearly 4 inches of rain over the weekend.

"It's a quagmire," said Lt. Col. Deborah Bertrand, a spokesperson at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins which tracked the plane.

Although the rain had stopped, winds were expected to force crash site crews to halt work overnight, said Faye Williams, a spokesperson at Robins Air Force Base. "You're trying to get big flat beds, heavy equipment in and out," she said. "You don't want to have a problem with stabilization."

Three Florida Army National Guard personnel and 18 Virginia Air National Guard members were killed

UNADILLA, Ga. (AP) — Military crews battled slick, muddy conditions Sunday as they tried to recover the remains of 21 National Guard members killed when their twin-engine C-23 Sherpa crashed in a field in

when the transport plane crashed Saturday morning south of Macon and burst into flames.

Officials said there were two debris fields, each a quarter-mile away from the other. On Sunday, skies were overcast and winds were strong as about 150 workers searched slowly through the wreckage.

"They're far more concerned with safety at this point, than speed," said Maj. Randy Noller, spokesperson for the National Guard Bureau in Washington. "Slippery mud makes it a relatively dangerous site."

The bodies will be taken to an Air Force casualty center in Dover, Del.

In-flight data and voice recorders have been found, but investigators do not know yet if they were working, said Col. Dan Woodward, an Air Force spokesperson.

The Army Safety Center's investigation team from Fort Rucker, Ala., "will require a significant amount of time" to investigate the crash and determine the possible cause, Noller said.

"Obviously there was bad weather when the crash happened, but at this point we don't know if it was a factor," he said. "It's an obvious criteria to look at."

British Officials Claim IRA to Blame for Bombing Near BBC



LONDON (AP) — Raising the specter of a campaign of attacks by opponents of the peace process in Northern Ireland, a powerful bomb blamed by police on IRA dissidents went off early Sunday outside the British Broadcasting Corp.'s television center. One man was hurt.

Britain was on high alert against new attacks following the blast, which

Prime Minister Tony Blair denounced as a "cowardly act." He said it would not deter peace efforts in Northern Ireland.

"There are those outside the peace process who are set on trying to turn the clock back to the days before the Good Friday Agreement," Blair said through a spokesperson, referring to the province's 1998 peace accord. "We will not allow them to take our focus from working with all parties to move the process on."

No group claimed responsibility for the bombing, but Scotland Yard blamed defectors from the Irish Republican

Army, which has observed a cease-fire since 1997. IRA splinter groups that want to keep up the fight to drive British troops out of Northern Ireland have been linked by police to a series of attacks in recent months in London.

"It is quite clear that we are dealing with ruthless terrorists who are quite prepared to use ruthless tactics without any care for the consequences," said Deputy Assistant Commissioner Alan Fry, head of the anti-terrorist branch of the Metropolitan Police. "I fear we will see more attacks in coming days or weeks."

The BBC blast, which

ripped through a quiet neighborhood in west London shortly after midnight and sent an orange fireball into the sky, was preceded by two telephoned warnings that used code words known to police.

Police said the bomb was made of 10 to 20 pounds of high explosive — they did not disclose the type — and planted in a red taxi that was left parked outside the BBC building, facing the wrong way with its lights turned on. The device, controlled by a timer, was detonated as police tried to disable it by remote control.

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Weather

Yesterday was laundry day. But that's not as important as *why* it was laundry day. You see, last week I broke down and chose the easy way out of cleaning clothes: the Weatherdungeon's shitty washer and drier. I'm sure Weatherfans remember the crap (pun intended) I uncovered in my previous attempt. But I was determined (read: lazy) to reclaim the appliances. Spin cycle was smooth, but something went terribly wrong in phase two. When I pulled my garments out of the drier, they seemed to have accumulated additional moisture. I shrugged. The moral: Don't put away wet clothes.

Monday's forecast: Unfinished business, green-spotted clothes and no help from Mother Nature.

TRUCK

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or more minutes to reach UCSB.

Nearby trucks each carry three firefighters. Legally, Scherri said, that is one firefighter too few for the first truck to send people into a building. Worker-safety regulations require two firefighters to stay outside and two to go inside.

"It is very critical that we get an apparatus that can reach and that we get enough people there to do some good," Scherri said. "We have to respond with enough equipment and people on just about every kind of alarm, because by the time we call for help, it's going to be too late."

UCSB's tallest dorms are 30 years old and do not have sprinklers, Scherri said. Many buildings are set away from the road, behind an obstacle course of lawns, paths and ramps.

"When the crew gets on the scene, there are a number of things they have to do," he said. "They find out what they have — are they going to ventilate, are they going to do some search and rescue, are they going to snake out a hose line? Three people cannot do any one of these things well, and they cannot do all of them."

Scherri said he wants a firetruck with a 100-ft. extension ladder and three firefighters to crew one spot on a 24-hour shift. The truck would cost roughly \$700,000, while the firefighters would cost \$285,000 a year. That kind of money is not available in the County Fire Dept.'s budget, Scherri said.

"We keep our rigs for 20 years. You don't look at a firetruck and say, 'We need to get a new one so we can have the new model,'" Scherri said.

UCSB Fire Marshal John Kennedy said the current arrangements have been sufficient. "We've probably had dorms on campus since 1955, 1960," Kennedy said. "If you look back, the type of fires we've had we have been successful at putting out."

Scherri said he worries about the fires we haven't had. "I've had sleepless nights," he said. "What has occurred here is the university sees no financial need to support fire services."

In the last 10 years, UCSB has spent \$75 million on fire safety in the residence halls, Chancellor Henry Yang wrote in a statement.

"Fire prevention and protection on campus have been the focus of our long-standing efforts," Yang

wrote.

Scherri said UCSB has not increased its fire coverage since the mid-'70s, while the on-campus population has tripled.

"Neither the county or the university has been able to keep up with the growth and now the pots are boiling over," he said. "I have 29, almost 30 years of professional firefighting experience and I'm telling you, this is very disconcerting to me."

Scherri said he has seen people die in high-rise fires.

"I have been to an apartment house fire, and the net result of that fire was several people were killed," he said. "They were killed in the hallways. ... Everybody thinks they're an Olympic athlete and they can run away

down the stairs. The problem is the smoke will take you out, and you won't be able to get down. The smoke will eventually take your life with carbon monoxide, and when one goes down, you have a traffic jam."

"It just takes one night, one 2 o'clock in the morning call, one cry for help and all of us will wear this for the rest of our lives," he said. "It will be attached to our university; it'll be attached to our county and to our state."

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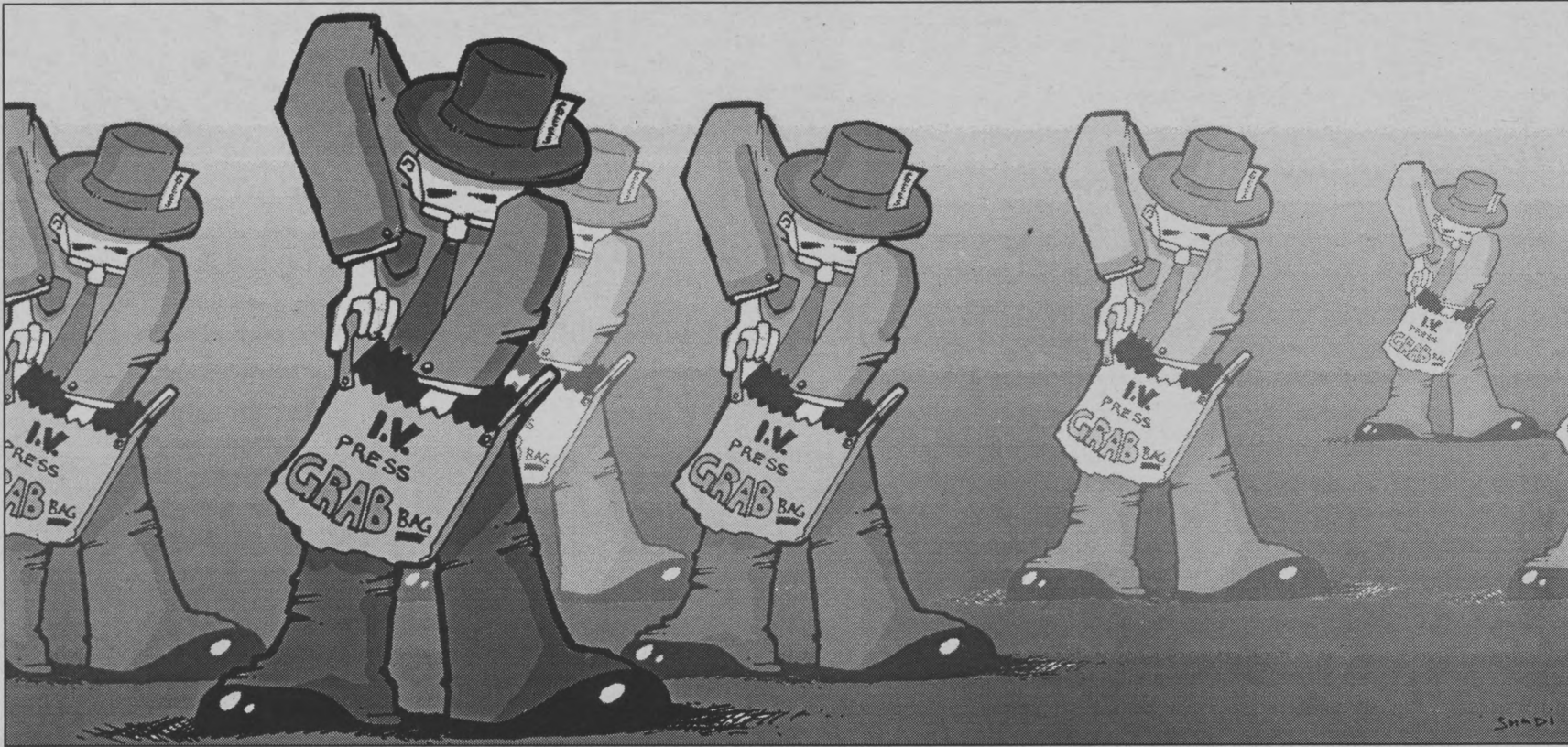
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In the Spotlight

A.S. and Local Media Negligently Overshadowed Isla Vista's Tragedy In a Quest to Make Headlines

In the past 10 days, the UCSB campus and community has had to endure more than their fair share of loss. The numerous displays of compassion and sympathy provided hope for all. From the mountains of floral memorials, to the candlelight vigils to Thursday's open-mic event in Storke Plaza, this community showed what it is made of, and everybody ought to be proud of the support they generated. But a display of shameless, sensationalist journalism and attention-seeking student politics tainted the public outpouring.

The Saturday morning papers following the Sabado Tarde tragedy were plastered with blatant condemnation and self-righteous prejudgment of the Isla Vista "party scene." Immediately, the deaths of four were attributed to a drunken driver and minimized as an inevitable consequence of living in an alcohol-soaked community. As evidence emerged about David Attias' state of mind at the time of the incident, the media hounds let go of the alcohol angle and refocused on the "real life" soap opera unfolding in our community. Our grief became public domain.

There is no question that the tragedy needed to be addressed by national media; however, the way the story was reported and the manner in which the journalists conducted themselves during the candlelight vigils were both unprofessional and highly insensitive. More than a few news vans crowded the streets around the memorial site. A flock of reporters hovered, prying for comments from grieving attendees. If the constant drone of news van generators didn't disturb the silent reflection, the countless cameras and microphones shoved in the faces of students certainly did. Perhaps it may have been a little more respectful to wait until *after* the 15 minutes of silence before asking people to express their feelings. Amazingly, the general sentiment was sorrow.

There has been a tremendous and sincere outpouring of emotion by the local community. The strength and cohesiveness that Isla Vistians have demonstrated over the last week has surpassed all expectations. Unfortunately, there were a number of individuals among us who marred the situation by injecting an unnecessary amount of media spectacle into what was, on whole, a cathartic week of mourning. This brings us to Associated Students.

The accident shocked and deeply affected the UCSB community. As such, it was entirely appropriate for our student politicians to become involved. But less than 24 hours after the tragedy, Mel Fabi, chair of the I.V. Community Relations Committee, had fully outlined and distributed an agenda for the correct manner in which these victims should be remembered. It seems that an array of committee meetings is the appropriate way to grieve — refreshments provided, of course. But Fabi released his agenda before the identities of the victims were released, and there is simply no way that he could have consulted with

the friends and family before he decided to publicize his itinerary from coast to coast. A.S. took what should have been a very intimate and solemn week and turned it into a media circus, replete with public officials and broadcast grief.

The "Week of Remembrance and Reflection" was "equally [devoted] to the problem of alcohol and drug abuse in our community." It has not yet been determined whether alcohol was involved and as time goes on, such a scenario seems less and less likely. Premature insinuations only cast an unsubstantiated shadow over Isla Vista. But this fact didn't matter — A.S.'s anti-alcohol agenda was shoved down our throats anyway. Case in point: "Dry I.V." The IVCRC wanted us to abstain from alcohol and give the money to the families of the victims instead this past weekend — a nice gesture, but completely misguided. Will a bunch of college students' booze money assuage the pain? Probably not, but A.S. seemed determined to stand in the spotlight. Leg Council passed a position paper in order to take an official stand on the incident. For kicks, they forwarded the letter to every major media group in the country, from CNN to the *New York Times*, and read it aloud at what was otherwise a very touching memorial in Storke Plaza.

Pushing the anti-alcohol stance only fed the media's hunger for portraying I.V. as a ticking time bomb. An article printed in Sunday's *LA Times* stated, "[Students] listen to garage bands around kegs of beer, burn couches in the street and ride bikes as frenetically as the people of any city in China — all next to a venerable campus that houses world-class academics, including three Nobel laureates."

Apparently, I.V. is comprised of nothing more than student degenerates living near a renowned university. The media has chosen to completely ignore the diversity of I.V. beyond weekend revelry and failed to acknowledge the students who worked hard to get to a UC school, and more importantly, those who work even harder to stay. But, then again, that story wouldn't sell as many papers.

When the media believed Attias was drunk, they blamed the I.V. party scene for creating him. Now that his mental health is being questioned, we are blamed for not diagnosing him and preventing this tragedy (front page of Sunday's *Santa Barbara News-Press*). When will this end? The media spotlight seems uninhibited to shine such scrutiny before important facts are illuminated.

No one is saying this story should not have found its way into papers, or that A.S. shouldn't have organized the open-mic memorial in Storke Plaza last Thursday. But the way the tragedy was handled was inappropriate and insulting. It is unfortunate that a desire to make headlines appears to overshadow a community that genuinely cares about the loss of four young people.

Bush's

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"The people of America and on their behalf, I a

In his address to the public, Bush gave the public what they needed in the past few weeks of Bill Clinton's presidency. What has come to be known as "Pardongate," skepticism has risen as our former president has fallen. This past week's 20-minute-long speech of reflection, and thus the American people, enough to give the citizens what they needed —

Now, I am not a Republican. I am simply a citizen. I must take what we have and move on. We

to is the idea of potential. The president comes the hope for a stronger. Yes, George W. Bush, our smartest president, has not only put Isla Vista's name in staying with our thoughts, but let us not focus on the past. Let us round him, especially those who are highly qualified. He has been elected twice to the state of Texas. Also, he was a man during the re-Administration.

His first 100 days have been a focal point for media. Willie has been stealing the show. It is decisive in nature, as seen in the recent bombing of Iraq. Saddam Hussein has been the building of weapons. He has pet names for the

Embrace

I am proud of the way we have united itself under the leadership of George W. Bush. I am assured that all resources will be used. Barbara were immediately involved. It is possible during this difficult time.

During the course of this tragedy, I have coordinated the efforts of the community. We have worked to ensure services are available. I felt it was best to not let this be a distraction or impeding the process while the community responds to its own response to the tragedy. I stand here today with no words to change the situation. Nothing can take away the sorrow. But there is hope. And we join together in effort.

To the families of Christopher, Nicholas, and the others, please accept my sincerest and heartfelt sympathies. Please know that I am praying for his continued life.

The events of the past few weeks have taught us much about ourselves over these last few weeks. I am proud of the

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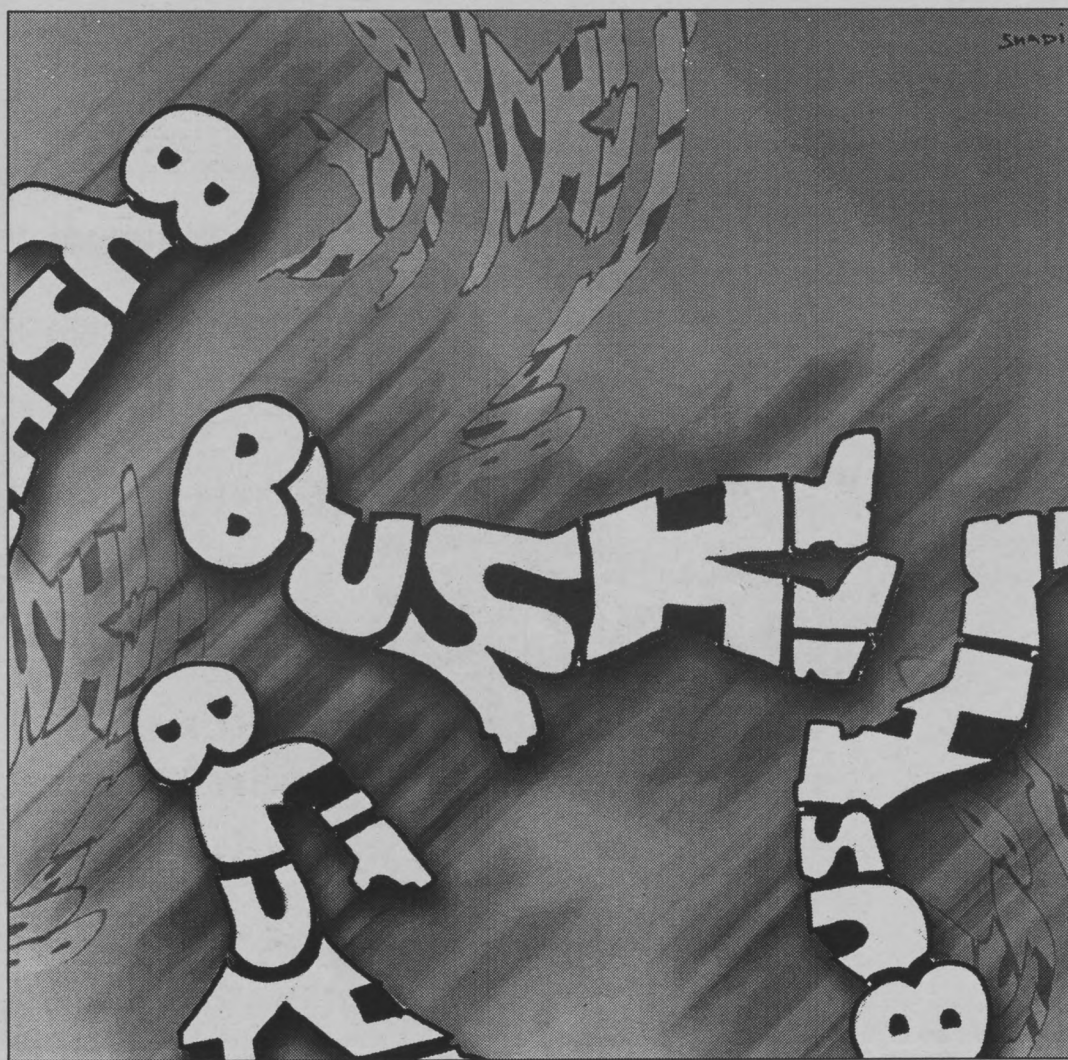
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...such as "stretch" and "Camerones" (Spanish for shrimp), which in turn will make him a media favorite and not as much a media target. He has already begun work to destroy over half of the U.S.'s nuclear arsenal — from 7,000 to 2,500 weapons. Originally the left ridiculed his tax plan, but once Greenspan called for the cut, the Democrats jumped on board. His main priorities consist of education and Medicare reform. These were all once Democratic issues that "W" has

...now made his. The point to all of this, my fellow Americans, is this: We now have a leader who campaigned on his own ability to reach across party lines and lead what has now become a partisan nation. His narrow margin of victory has made him, in some strange way, perfect for the job. Who better to lead a nation in such close divide than a man who promised to "change the tone in Washington," and end partisan behavior? We have already seen

him act calm and cool through the adversity of this past election, which as of this week has been put to rest with the final tally of the media's recount (though very lenient toward Gore) still proclaiming Bush the winner.

This brings me to my final point: "W's" address to the nation. The first half of the speech defined George W. Bush's agenda. He proposed to triple federal spending for education and double it for Medicare. He also proposed spending for Social Security and for the military as well. I thought that the Democratic Party was the party of federal spending? At the same time, Bush will give all Americans tax relief. He said in his address that his plan would pay off \$2 trillion of the \$3.2 in publicly held debt over the next 10 years. It would leave enough money, he said, for a \$1 trillion contingency fund "for unexpected needs." It is high time that Americans stop paying nearly 40 percent of their annual income to the federal government, which continues to mismanage our money.

I did not vote for George W. Bush, but after the election decision was made, Al Gore advised the American people to rally behind our new president, and that is what I am doing. After George W. Bush's address to the nation, media reports stated that members of the left were sited hissing at the president during his speech. It is time that all Americans reach across partisan lines and follow the lead of our president. America has been referred to as the world's "last best hope." I would have to agree. Every four years Americans rally behind a presidential candidate with the thought that their candidate will change the world for the better. Maybe it sounds naïve to some to believe in such a phenomenon, especially with all the current scandal in Washington, but for now, let us look forward into the future and hope for the best.

Ken Spain is a senior history major.

Tracing Friends, Family Can Help Heal Pain

GAIL MARSHALL

...nd of the way the community has pulled together and ...under these very unfortunate circumstances. Please be ...all resources available to the County of Santa ...immediately pledged to assist in any way ...ng this difficult time.

...e course of the last week, my office ...ted the necessary county depart- ...worked with the university to ...es are available. However, I ...st to not have my office be a ...impediment to the healing ...the community developed ...se to this tragedy. ...re today knowing there are ...change what happened; ...take away the pain and ...here is healing in mourn- ...join together today in that

...families and friends of ...Nicholas, Elie and Ruth, ...my sincerest condolences and ...pathies. And to the Levy family, ...that Albert is in my thoughts, and ...continuing recovery.

...s of the past week have touched us all. ...ned much about our community and our- ...ese last several days.

...d of the way our larger community has pulled together ... Gail Marshall is the 3rd district Santa Barbara county supervisor.

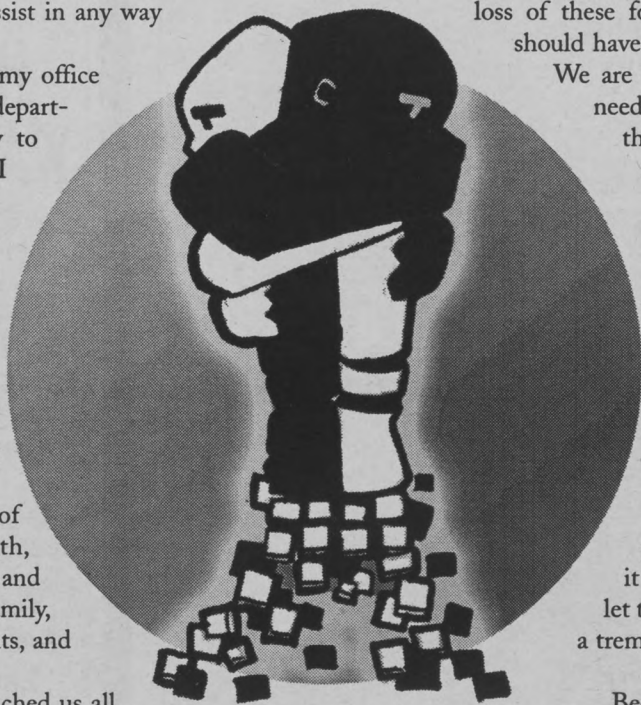
...and united in the sorrow of this tragedy. The support I have seen being given to each other and to the families is an example of how we can use our strengths to get beyond the shock and help each other work through personal grief.

Each of us is in some way forever changed by the loss of these four young people — individuals who should have had long and full lives ahead of them. We are left with questions and sadness and a need to make some sense out of something that seems so senseless ... or at least to make something good out of such pain.

I am reminded of a passage from author Leo Buscaglia that I'd like to read: "Death teaches that the time is now."

The time is now to pick up a telephone and call the person that you love. Death teaches the joy of the moment. It teaches us we don't have forever. It teaches us that nothing is permanent. It teaches us to let go. And it tells us to give up on expectations and let tomorrow tell its own story. To me that's a tremendous challenge.

Because time is fleeting, let's seize this moment to begin the healing process.



SHADI MUKLASHY / DAILY NEXUS

The Reader's Voice

[RE]I.V. PROJECT MUST BALANCE LOCAL POPULATION

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

Transform a seaside community/college town into a college town/seaside community, and what do you get? More drunken fights and rudeness, loss of neighborhood quiet zones, more apartment fires and more traffic accidents. Isla Vista went from 40 percent students/60 percent locals in 1980, to 50/50 in 1990, to 60/40 in 2000. I hope the redevelopers and U.C. officials take note that 50/50 works best, was the most fair and should be permanently restored, if possible. I am a nonstudent, longtime I.V. resident, and this is my first public opinion on the Isla Vista redevelopment project, although I'm the local activist who first exposed the problem of mass evictions (in a letter to the *News-Press*), which led to the whole process and to the Tenants Union as well. I am disgusted that the county has not given us the sidewalks and streetlights long overdue, before starting a gigantic process that further delays these basics. Thus, I have chosen to abstain from the process, except for this letter.

BRENT BAKER

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GROSS

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the value of the magnetic moment of a muon — a particle similar to an electron, but much heavier — a value which physicists had calculated to the 10-billionth place.

"I think there's a very good chance they've discovered an anomaly," Gross said. "If that's the case, it's one of the most remarkable discoveries of the last two decades."

Results like these have given string theorists hope

that their theory will emerge as the unifying theory of the universe. There are, however, five string theories, each subtly different from the other. Gross, along with a group of researchers at Princeton, discovered one of these, called heterotic string theory, in 1984. To unify these five theories, physicists have come up with another theory, called M-theory.

"String theory has heavy merits, but we have come to realize it can't be the whole picture,"

Hawking said. "Instead, there seems to be a network of theories that look very different but are related by what are called dualities, so they describe the same physics. We know that supergravity and the five string theories are physically equivalent under different approximations of the fundamental theory, which we call M-theory. So, in a sense, we have found the ultimate theory."

M-theory is still in its infant stages, however, and Hawking said he does not

see resolution in the near future. The weekend conference, which drew together most of the originators of string theory, sought to give researchers a chance to work toward that end, as well as an opportunity to present new information about the fundamental principles of the universe.

"One had the feeling that somewhere in those talks there was the answer," Polchinski said, "if one just knew which sentence to pick out from all the rest."

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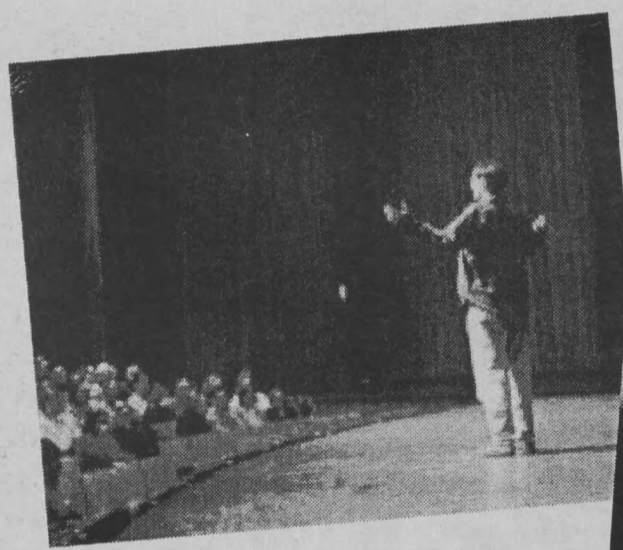
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Steve faced death with great hope and courage. How? He had come to know "the greatest love in the universe" (his favorite way to describe God). In place of battling AIDS with fear, anger and denial, Steve found his life characterized by peace. Because of his relationship with God, Steve said, "My life took on a whole new perspective." And he knew that if he had reason to be hopeful and cheerful, anyone could experience that.

So, at only 19 years old, in spite of his imminent death, Steve chose to travel to hundreds of college campuses to speak to fellow students. With humor, humility and warmth, he shared with them how they could live with hope, no matter what life might throw at them. Thousands of students who heard Steve would tell you that his message changed their lives forever.

If you would like to hear Steve's talk, you can request a free audio tape or free printed article of it by calling **403-8184** or **403-8344**

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Mar. 7

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All Week

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UCSB Organization Directory is on-line: <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/campusorgs/>
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University Service Award Applications Now Available at the Office of Student Life. Web site <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/osl/awards>

Focus Film and Media Journal: Submit your film and media related essays to Ellison 1723 by March 16th. From 12noon - 4pm You might be published!! Questions? email us at focusjournal@yahoo.com

Monday, March 5

Mortar Board 9 am. Clothing and Toiletries Drive by Mortar Board, box available UCen upstairs
EOP Student Staff 1-2 pm. Asian Unity Leadership Committee Meeting, EOP Student Activities Center
Counseling and Career Services 3-4 pm. Basic interview skills, C&CServ 1109 <http://www.career.ucsb.edu>
Amnesty International 6-7 pm. Meeting, MCC <http://www.math.ucsb.edu/~maher/amnesty/amesty.shtml>
Hillel 8-9 pm. Hillel's New Building, Grand Opening Planning meeting, URC
Swing and Ballroom Dance Club 8:30-10:30 pm. Practice meeting, come dance! <http://orgs.sa.ucsb.edu/sbdc>

Tuesday, March 6

Counseling and Career Services 1-2 pm. Resume writing, when you know what job/internship you're seeking, C&CServ 1109 <http://www.career.ucsb.edu>
Zen Sitting Group @ UCSB 6:15-8 pm. Come join us on Tuesdays in Girvetz 1108 and Thursdays in HSSB 2202 from 6:15pm (sitting begins at 6:30pm) until 8pm for sitting and walking meditation, reading and discussion. Everyone is welcome regardless of (if any) religious affiliation and no meditation experience is necessary.
EOP Student Staff 7-10 pm. Imap Study Hall, all welcome. EOP 434 conf room
Anime Club at UCSB 8-10 pm. Last weekly meeting, HSSB 1174
Arts & Lectures 8-10 pm. Performance: Taraf de Haidouks, Campbell Hall. General \$19/22/25; students \$13/16/19 <http://www.artsandlectures.ucsb.edu/perform/haidouks.htm>

Wednesday, March 7

St. Mark's Catholic Student Organization 12-12:30 pm. Mass in the UCen, everyone welcome. Please contact St. Mark's for more info. <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/orgs/stmarks/10>
Comic Artist's Co-op 7:30-9:30 pm. Student Produced Comic Books. Come Check us out! UCen Chumash
Sun Lotus — Nichiren Buddhists at UCSB 7:30-8:30 pm. A Night To Remember: Breakthrough Theatre presents this powerful play addressing the topic of date rape. Followed by Sun Lotus presentation regarding the Buddhist view of human dignity MCC Theater Hillel 9:30-11:45 pm. Jews who Booze...Hillel goes to the Mercury Lounge, meet at Hillel at 9:30 if you want to carpool, or meet us there

Thursday, March 8

Swing and Ballroom Dance Club 12-1 pm.

Lunchtime Swing Dance at Storke Plaza, DJ provided. <http://orgs.sa.ucsb.edu/sbdc>
EOP Student Staff 4-6 pm. African Diaspora Film Series, this week's film: "Pain, Passion, Profit" (The self-employed African Woman) Bldg. 434.

Women's Center 5-7 pm. Women in Afghanistan: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow Shroud of Silence, award-winning documentary. MCC Theater. Reception follows discussion. <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/women'scenter>
Hillel 6-9 pm. Wild Purim Celebration: Hillel and Chabad are teaming up for this ruckus filled evening of costumes, live music, dancing, megillah reading, hamentashen cookies, festive drinks and food. Meet at Hillel at 6:00pm to ride a group bus over to Chabad, or meet at Chabad at 6:30pm.

Zen Sitting Group @ UCSB 6:15-8 pm. Come join us on Tuesdays in Girvetz 1108 and Thursdays in HSSB 2202 from 6:15pm (sitting begins at 6:30pm) until 8pm for sitting and walking meditation, reading and discussion. Everyone is welcome regardless of (if any) religious affiliation and no meditation experience is necessary.

Hillel 6:30-7:30 pm Purim Pre-Party: Learn about and create beautiful groggers (noise-makers) to be used for Purim. Meet at the Anacapa Formal Lounge

EOP Student Staff 7-10 pm. Imap Study Hall, Eop 434 Conf rm
Arts & Lectures 7:30-8:30 pm. Film: Safety Last with Never Weaken with live piano accompaniment b Michael Mortilla. Campbell Hall, students \$5, general \$6. <http://www.artsandlectures.ucsb.edu/films.htm>

Friday, March 9

Hillel 6-8 pm. Shabbat Join us for either liberal or conservative services and a delicious, free, kosher chicken (or vegetarian - your choice!) dinner. URC

Saturday, March 10

Club Juggling @UCSB 2:45-4:30 pm. Open juggling: club passing, unicycling, plenty of other props and tricks. Beginners welcome. Anisq'Oyo Park www.sa.ucsb.edu/orgs/juggling/

Sunday, March 11

Arts & Lectures 7:30-10:30 pm. Film: Jazz '34. Campbell Hall, students \$5, general \$6. <http://www.artsandlectures.ucsb.edu/films.htm>

Wednesday, March 14

St. Mark's Catholic Student Organization 12-12:30 pm. Mass in the UCen, contact St. Mark's for more info. <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/orgs/stmarks/10>

Friday, March 16

Hillel 6-8 pm Shabbat: Everyone is welcome to share the last Friday of the quarter with Hillel. Services begin at 6:00pm and are followed by a free, kosher chicken/or vegetarian dinner. URC

Saturday, March 17

Club Juggling @UCSB 2:45-4:30 pm. Open juggling: club passing, unicycling, plenty of other props and tricks. Beginners welcome. Anisq'Oyo Park www.sa.ucsb.edu/orgs/juggling/

Wednesday, March 21

St. Mark's Catholic Student Organization 12-12:30 pm. Mass in the UCen, contact St. Mark's for more info. <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/orgs/stmarks/10>

Friday, March 23

Kapatirang Pilipino 4:30 PM Come join KP on Friday March 23 as we go down to LA for a MAD TV taping! It starts at 4:30, and proceeds go to the PCN fund. Contact Lea for more info. <http://orgs.sa.ucsb.edu/kp/>

Saturday, March 23

Club Juggling @UCSB 2:45-4:30 pm. Open juggling: club passing, unicycling, plenty of other props and tricks. Beginners welcome. Anisq'Oyo Park www.sa.ucsb.edu/orgs/juggling/

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