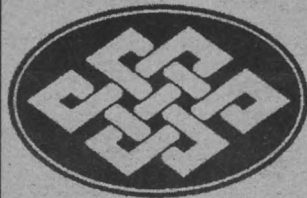


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## Dancing Frenzy

Tonight the Multicultural Drama club presents "Mad Jamboree of Sex and Death" from 8 to 9:30 in the MCC Theater.

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Film festival wrap-up and uniformity like you have never seen them before. Glam rock rules.

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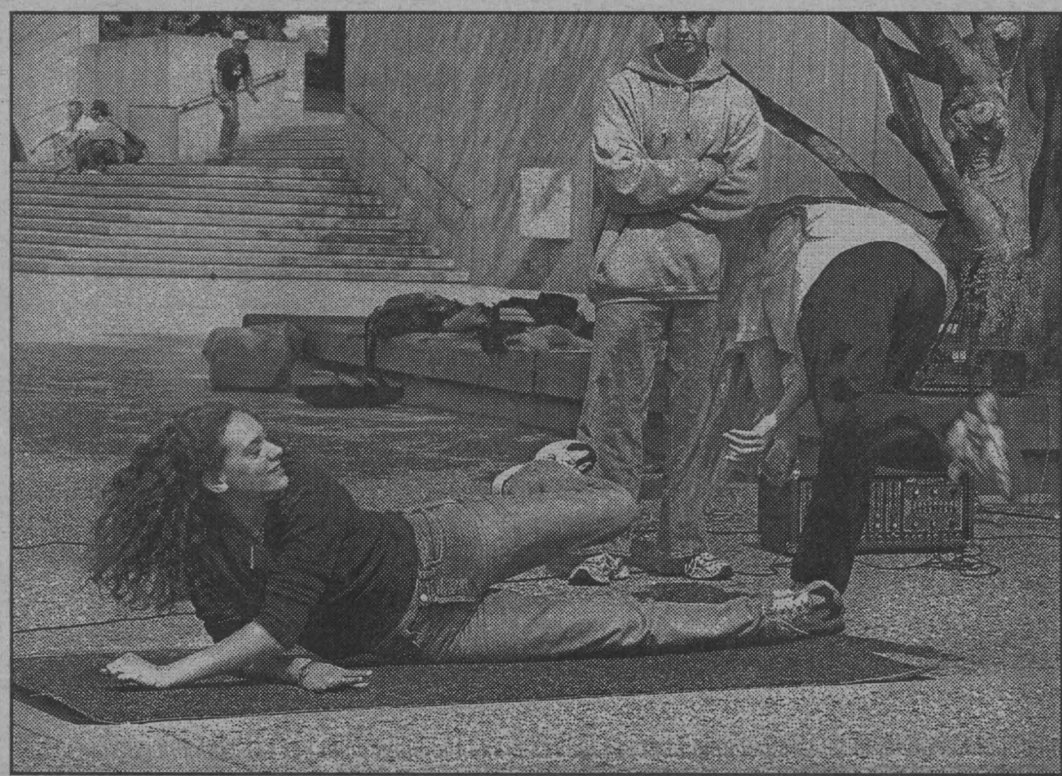
## Sports

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The UCSB baseball team defeated crosstown rivals Westmont for the second time this season.

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## Take That!

Cathy Salvaya (left) and Adrienne DeCuir show how to perform a self-defense maneuver in Storke Plaza on Wednesday afternoon. The lesson was part of a demonstration sponsored by Students Stopping Rape and the Rape Prevention Education Program.

## Funding for Computers Accessible to Students

By TED ANDERSEN  
Staff Writer

While the purchase of new technology can create a pressure cooker for student budgets, the federal government has stepped in, allowing students loan eligibility for new computers and upgrades.

The new legislation allows up to \$1,900 in Direct Loans for financial aid students who have bought new or used computers or made upgrades since Oct. 1, 1998. Funds for computers are recognized as an expense that not all students have, according to Financial Aid Director Veronica O'Dette. Computers are placed into the student-cost budget as an "add-on," she said.

"Anytime we do an add-on, it has to be for legitimate educational expenses that only some students use, and it is always with documentation," O'Dette said. "Before the recent legislation, the federal government would not allow for computers to be considered a legitimate educational expense."

In general, the maximum

federal-subsidized, or interest-free, loans stretch from \$2,625 for freshmen, \$3,500 for sophomores and \$5,500 for juniors and seniors, while the largest unsubsidized loan, at 7.2-percent interest, is set at \$4,000 for all students. According to O'Dette, loan eligibility is determined by need, which is calculated by gauging a financial aid recipient's difference between total academic/living costs and student and parent contributions. Students will be able to receive money for the computers equal to their remaining loan eligibility, she explained.

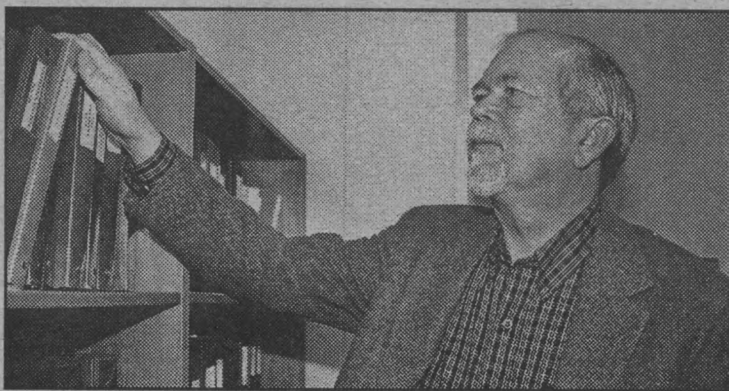
"First of all, students have to apply for financial aid, and they must have remaining eligibility in their loans because this is not grant money... these are loans," she said. "If they still have eligibility, they can come in and ask for a budget increase."

UCen Bookstore Computer Dept. Manager Chris Gerbing said that buying a new computer or upgrading a computer before

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## Zimmerman Appointed to Position of L&S Provost

By JENNIFER ATKINSON  
Staff Writer



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Dr. Everett Zimmerman, a professor of 18th-century British literature, was recently appointed to the prestigious position of provost of the College of Letters and Science.

For the 15,000 undergraduates in the College of Letters and Science, March 15 will mark a new period of academic vision and leadership when Dr. Everett Zimmerman takes control of the helm as their newly appointed provost.

Zimmerman, a distinguished scholar in 18th-century British literature, was the unanimous first choice of the search committee, which announced its selection of a new Letters and Science provost on March 4. As provost, Zimmerman will oversee the research, teaching, and service responsibilities of the College of Letters and Science, and undertake the responsibility for college-wide initiatives as well as staffing, budgeting, curriculum, student academic affairs, and space management, according to Chancellor Henry Yang.

"The College [of L&S] needs visionary and stable leadership to consolidate and continue its advances," he said. "We need someone who will provide sustained planning and knowledgeable advice about the college to the admi-

nistration and the public, as well as leadership for the faculty. We believe that Dr. Zimmerman will provide these essentials in a sustained period as provost."

Zimmerman has served as the acting provost of the College of L&S since Dr. Gretchen Bataille left the position in 1997. This college is the largest academic unit within UCSB; it has approximately 600 faculty, over 1,600 graduate students, and more than 15,000 undergraduates in 80 majors.

"Perhaps the key element in this whole position is that the provost must work to ensure cooperation among diverse groups and interests if the college is to be successful," Zimmerman announced in a statement on March 10. "Broadly, [my goals are] to increase UCSB's effectiveness in teaching and research. I will work with faculty and deans to facilitate the development of new programs or the improvement of existing ones."

Two specific areas that Zimmerman plans to focus on are the college's growing Honors Program and the approval of a Masters of Arts in Technology Program, the first such program in the UC system.

"We'll have to make changes in the [Honors] Program to make it work effectively with a much larger body of students... and be working with a faculty committee to redesign some aspects of the program," Zimmerman stated. "[The Masters of Arts in Technology Program] will be a cooperative venture with engineering and will include components of computer science, music, and art. I look forward to the establishment of this new program."

Zimmerman has also worked on the provost's Honor Council, a body of primarily junior and senior honors students who advise him on affairs concerning the quality of their education at the university,

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## Local Heroines Are Honored With Awards for Community Involvement

By ORLY ZELTA  
Reporter

Women who make an impact on the Santa Barbara area with their dedication to the community are being honored for their achievements.

The Santa Barbara Commission for Women named the winners of the 20th annual "Woman of the Year" awards and the recently established "Young Teen Woman of the Year" awards. In honor of March's designation as Women's History month, 10 individuals — two women in each of the county's five supervisorial districts — were honored for their community activities.

This year's "Left Their Stamp on America" theme led people throughout the county to nominate 50 women and 40 teenage girls for consideration in their districts. The 3rd District awards went to Maruja Estay as "Woman of the Year" and Caitlin Wiesen as "Young Teen Woman of the Year."

Estay, a 55-year-old caregiver, has worked on local political and educational issues affecting children in the area. She has also assisted Red Cross, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and many public schools. According to Estay, school improvement is fundamental in promoting the well-being of the community.

"Hopefully this award will get everyone to realize the importance of helping children," she said. "They are the base of everything, especially being Latino. This is recognition of a dark corner."

Wiesen, 13, is an 8th grader at Goleta Valley Junior High School who has been very active in community service. Wiesen is now training for an international project.

"I'm going with my church to the Philippines to help build houses for the poor and help needy kids," she said. "I really enjoy the feeling of giving, and seeing people smile makes me feel good."

The "Young Teen Woman" award was first given four years ago, with

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# Top of the News

## Kosovo Peace Talks at Standstill



**BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)** — A top U.S. negotiator failed to persuade Yugoslavia's president to sign onto a new Kosovo peace deal Wednesday. Along the border, Yugoslav forces backed by tanks torched the homes of ethnic Albanians and sent hundreds fleeing.

Three bodies were found — at least two of them men who had been shot in the back in Ivaja, a hamlet near the Macedonia border where homes that had been burned still smoldered. Residents said neither was a rebel in the separatist Kosovo Liberation Army.

Fighting on the day that Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic met with U.S. peace envoy Richard Holbrooke also broke out near Vucitrn, 18 miles from Pristina, the provincial capital of Kosovo.

Holbrooke pressed Milosevic to accept a peace plan or risk NATO strikes during more than four hours of face-to-face meetings Wednesday, but instead the hardline Yugoslav leader declared afterward: "Foreign troops have no business in our country."

**Foreign troops have no business in our country.**

**— Slobodan Milosevic president of Yugoslavia**

Milosevic said the U.S.-sponsored peace plan is "a good basis" for a political settlement of the Kosovo crisis. But he continued to reject the key provision — the deployment of NATO troops to police it.

More than 2,000 people have died and 300,000 have been displaced in a year of fighting between Yugoslav troops and ethnic Albanian

rebels in Kosovo.

Milosevic believes stationing NATO forces is tantamount to Western intervention in Yugoslavia, made up of Serbia and the much-smaller Montenegro. Kosovo is a Serbian province, but 90 percent of its 2

million people are ethnic Albanian.

The U.S.-sponsored deal calls for wide autonomy for Kosovo Albanians, but not the independence that they seek and for 28,000 NATO troops — including 4,000 Americans — to police a settlement.

Holbrooke had been instrumental in forging a Bosnia peace deal with Milosevic in 1995 and a shaky cease-fire in Kosovo last October that has unraveled with new fighting this year.

But this plan was even in trouble with Kosovo Albanians, who were apparently backsliding on their pledge to sign the deal. A KLA representative in London, Pleurat Sejdiu, said the rebels would "not sign up while the war is going on in Kosovo." The plan also requires the rebels to disarm, a serious obstacle for the secessionist-minded guerrillas.

With the Kosovo talks resuming Monday in Paris, diplomatic efforts for an agreement intensified. Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov of Russia, a Serb ally, was expected Thursday in Belgrade.

Reflecting the difficulties following the first round of talks in Rambouillet, France, an ethnic Albanian official who is part of their negotiating team said his delegation would return to France only to sign the agreement — not negotiate.

## Elizabeth Dole Announces Committee for Presidency



**DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)** — Elizabeth Dole moved a step closer to a full-fledged campaign for president Wednesday, announcing the formation of an exploratory committee and saying she sees "a great American yearning" that she is ready to fulfill.

Highlighting her qualifications in the race for the 2000 Republican nomination, Dole said she had worked for five presidents — and had held two Cabinet posts — but she also sought to separate herself from other political candidates.

"What does a woman like me have to offer the country?" she asked. "I'm not a politician and, frankly, today I think that may be a plus." She pointed to her experience as secretary of labor and secretary of transportation as well as her eight years heading the American Red Cross.

"That's experience and that's what counts," said Dole. "I'm not a seat-warmer. I want to get in there and make a difference." Her speech, announcing an exploratory committee looking toward a campaign, was heavy on themes and light on specifics.

"I want to hear from you; this is a people-to-people effort on my part," Dole told more than 400 backers who jammed a rally.

"We're going to be laying out positions on all these issues, but we're going to be doing it in a thoughtful way." During

her speech, Dole moved about the room much as she had during a presentation that won her high marks at the 1996 Republican National Convention that gave the 1996 GOP nomination to her husband.

Bob Dole did not attend Wednesday's event, and she didn't refer to him directly.

After her speech, Dole left the room without answering reporters' questions.

Early polls have shown Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Dole far ahead of other potential GOP rivals. And Bush issued a statement welcoming her to the contest.

"I think Elizabeth Dole is a fine person and I'm glad she's in the race," Bush said. "I think it's instructive to America that the first viable female presidential candidate is a Republican." Dole also bought half-hour slots of television time in Iowa and New Hampshire to air commercials referring indirectly to President Clinton's problems.

"If I run, this will be why: I believe our people are looking for leaders who will call America to her better nature," Dole said. "Yes, we've been let down, and by people we should have been able to look up to."

A Gallup Poll released Wednesday showed Dole with 50 percent support compared to 45 percent for Vice President Al Gore in a one-on-one matchup. Bush had a 56 percent to 41 percent lead over Gore.

Four out of 10 poll respondents said that, all else being equal, a man would make a better president than a woman. Three out of 10 said a woman would be better.

## Man Deemed Competent to Stand Trial in Reno for Shootings



**RENO, Nev. (AP)** — A man who said he was plotting a cross-country killing spree was found competent to stand trial Wednesday and pleaded innocent to six counts of attempted murder in a shooting rampage on Interstate 80.

Christopher Merritt, 20, of Mankato, Minn., passed psychological exams by a pair of doctors and is scheduled to go to trial Nov. 22.

He is accused in the sniper attack that seriously injured one man and shut

down the interstate west of Reno for four hours on Jan. 4.

One man was shot in the chest and several other vehicles were hit by the gunfire on the outskirts of town.

Merritt, a part-time hog farmer and film buff from Missouri, who studied astronomy and philosophy at a college in Mankato, had rifles, a knife and 3,000 rounds of ammunition in a pickup truck when he was arrested later in the day near Las Vegas.

He told police he fired between a dozen and 20 shots at cars on I-80 near Reno.

He said in a series of jail-house interviews with news reporters the next day that the sniper attack on I-80 was intended to be the start of a cross-country killing spree. He said he planned to kill at least 10 people for his "own amusement."

Criminal investigators say they don't know whether Merritt is telling the truth about the planned murder spree or is just seeking publicity.

Merritt originally told detectives he shot at the cars on I-80 with the idea of making

them crash so he could rob the motorists.

But he told reporters the next day he was picking out Western sites for his shooting spree — including Reno, Las Vegas and Gallup, N.M. — to make some kind of "satirical" statement about America's fixation with violence in books and movies.

Merritt said it strikes him as a double standard to condemn an accused criminal like himself, while flocking to theaters to live vicariously through the lives of characters who murder on the big screen.

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## Weather

Well, the Weatherhuman has finally left the building. The last I heard s/he was out farming the sea. And since no one else wants to do this column, I elected to give it a crack. Now just to clear things up before we start: I am not funny. If you're looking for funny, you might want to start looking for something else. In fact, I sat through "There's Something About Mary" and didn't laugh once. Comedies are just lame.

Instead, as an English major, I'd like to dedicate this space in the paper to bringing more recognition to all the genres of literature ... starting with poetry. Listen to this haiku I picked up:

Sky meets Heaven, so ride it  
 Butterfly in the sky  
 I can fly twice as high.

All right now, you can pick your jaws up from the floor. It was amazing, wasn't it? If you liked that, get ready for a Spring Quarter brimming with prose. I'm going to start with the epics — like *The Iliad*, *Paradise Lost*, *Canterbury Tales* — and print them in daily installments.

Oh yeah, I'm not too good at predicting the weather, so there will be no more weather forecasts. See, the previous weatherhuman stole the *Nexus* barometer as s/he left. Sorry about that. But I'd guess that today's weather will be like yesterday's.

### Correction

An article in Wednesday's *Nexus* titled "Project Calls for Reducing Student Debts" should have said that United States Student Association is seeking a \$400-per-student increase in Pell grant eligibility. The *Daily Nexus* regrets the error.



# COMPUTER

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receiving the loan could pose a problem for many students.

"From what I understand it is a reimbursement — which can be difficult because usually you need the money up front," he said.

Though the add-on loan system requires documentation of purchases, O'Dette specified that proof is not limited to a receipt. An "estimated-cost receipt" can also be used for those who need the loan to buy their computers, she said.

"A lot of students say they don't have the money to buy their computer first and come in with receipts," O'Dette said. "For the students who can't afford it, we are going to change the receipt—

now they'll have to bring in a cost estimate."

It is possible this new process could affect the UCen Bookstore, according to O'Dette, who said that the possibility of putting computer purchases onto student BARC accounts has been discussed.

"If you buy the computer at the bookstore, then we could put it through on your BARC account, but meanwhile you would be paying that loan to the federal government," she said.

According to Gerbing, this new legislation is helpful for students because it gives them another fiscal avenue to explore to attain computer technology.

"I think it is definitely in their best interests to check out their options," he said. "We've had about five or six stu-

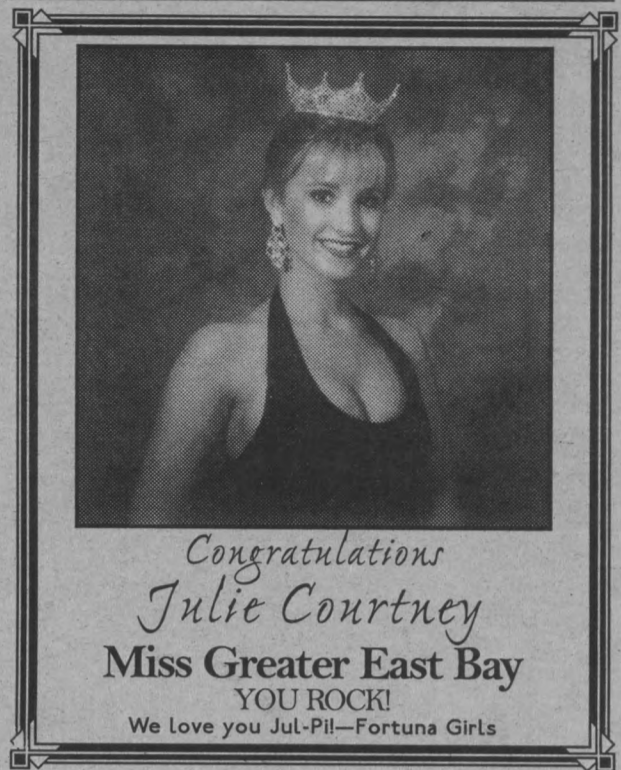
dents come in this last week asking about this."

O'Dette cited two other types of loans — parent and supplemental loans — which non-financial aid students can obtain and possibly use for a new computer.

"The Plus Loan is a loan your parents can take out and have to start repaying at 60 days," she said. "The Supplemental Loan goes through a bank — students don't have to pay this loan until they graduate."

The 7.2-percent interest rate on the unsubsidized loans is much better for students than plastic alternatives, according to Student Advocate Rodney Clara.

"It's better to have a 7-percent interest rate than pay a 20-percent one from a credit card," he said.



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### Jeremy D. Friedman Memorial Award

This award is presented annually to one graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and superior scholarship, and who has—in a particularly innovative and creative way—contributed significantly to the quality of undergraduate life on campus. Nominees must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### Alyce Marita Whitted Memorial Award

This award is presented annually to one nontraditional graduating senior who has demonstrated endurance, persistence and courage in the face of extraordinary challenges while in pursuit of an academic degree.

### University Service Award

Service Awards, presented annually to graduating seniors and graduate students, acknowledge a depth of involvement in several different areas of campus life. GPA requirements are based on academic performance that is equal to or higher than 2.881, which is the scholastic average of the undergraduate student body as a whole.

### University Award of Distinction

These awards are presented annually to graduating seniors and graduate students who have made an outstanding contribution to a particular (perhaps fairly narrow) area of UCSB student life. The awards recognize in-depth or focused involvement and significant achievement in campus or community activities. As with the Service Awards, GPA requirements are based on academic performance that is equal to or higher than 2.881, which is the scholastic average of the undergraduate student body as a whole.

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- College of Engineering—Undergraduate Office
- College of Letters & Science
- Counseling and Career Services
- Davidson Library—East Entrance Information Desk
- EOP—Buildings 406 and 434
- Graduate Students Association—UCen 2502
- Isla Vista/UCSB Community Services Center
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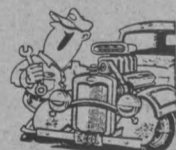
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## Getting Off Irresponsibly

*A Military Pilot Who Killed Civilians in Italy Was Acquitted of Involuntary Manslaughter*

The heat is on. The American Empire is under a little pressure these days since Italian Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema accused the United States of not taking responsibility for a military accident that claimed the lives of 20 people. D'Alema may have a point; that heat just may be warranted. The United States should reevaluate its position concerning four Marine pilots, 20 dead people and one country.

Last week, an eight-man, all-Marine jury acquitted Capt. Richard Ashby of all charges relating to the deaths that resulted when his four-man EA-6B Prowler sliced the cable of a gondola in the Italian Alps on Feb. 3, 1998. The cables of the gondola hung at 360 feet, and the aircraft was not supposed to fly below 1,000 feet. Is the United States acting responsibly in this situation, or is the United States merely demonstrating an attitude that is hegemonic and "above the law"?

Well, the U.S. is acting within the parameters of our law. The Marine pilot was brought to trial in front of his peers, just like any other American who is charged with a crime. One problem though: His peers, the judge, and the lawyers were all Marines, and some were even Marine pilots. The Marine Corps is like a brotherhood, and the chances of any of them implicating one of their own in a scandal are not great.

Ashby still faces a single charge of obstruction of justice. There are allegations that he and his navigator, Capt. Joseph P.

Schweitzer, hid and eventually destroyed a video tape made during the doomed training maneuver. The tape may have contained evidence that could have been directly applied to the charge for which Ashby was acquitted. The charge of involuntary manslaughter should probably have been put on deck while the charge of obstruction of justice went through the court. Then a more informed court decision could have been made.

How would this situation play out if the roles were reversed? Imagine: An Italian military pilot is on training maneuvers in Aspen, Colo. He is flying well below restricted altitude and above the ordered speed limit. His wing slices through a gondola cable, and 20 American citizens fall to their deaths. After the accident, the Italian pilot is whisked off to an Italian military court and eventually acquitted of all charges against him. It is difficult imagining our government accepting the outcome of this situation.

The acquittal is sending shock waves throughout the world, particularly in countries where the United States maintains military bases. We are giving these countries every reason to be distrustful of our military presence. If an accident of such magnitude were to happen again in another country, would the United States act in the same manner? In the future, our military presence overseas must take more responsibility for accidents that involve the host country's citizens.

## Actively Inactive

*The Remote-Control Generation*

*This Group of Sedentary Individuals*

DAVID DOWNS

College has always provided a healthy environment for activism. Students protested wars, had rallies, sit-ins, and were generally disgruntled at the fact that things in this world have a tendency to suck. College breeds this sort of behavior because adult life's grim realities begin to have a much more direct effect on lives. Students come to college and realize it isn't fun and games like the brochure, and disillusionment leads to discontent. Next thing you know, college students are burning banks and rioting in the streets, desperately attempting to make a modicum of difference in the depraved and irrational world we happen to inherit.

We know what we're capable of; we just don't give a damn. We're over-educated, under-motivated, and we like it that way.

And those activists are good. I don't give a rat's ass about them, but if it keeps them busy, that's nice. The column isn't about activists and their causes, it's about us — the silent, sneaky minority — the Inactivists.

In essence, an Inactivist is just a person who consciously chooses to ignore his/her own full potential. We know what we're capable of; we just don't give a damn. We're over-educated, under-motivated, and we like it that way. I'm sure you remember us: We were the ones coming to Advanced Placement Physics 10 minutes late and stoned to the gills on the weed bought with our lunch money.

When someone asks an Inactivist to sign a petition, we begin to talk gibberish, or fake having Tourette Syndrome. It's not that we are against your cause, it's just we don't give a damn either way. The Inactivist acknowledges that things are fucked up in this world, but we take a Yoda-like stance in saying, "I choose not to care."

Inactivists love to say, "They outta make a law!" and then change the channel back to the Cartoon Network.

## The Reader's Voice

### GIVE THE WEATHERHUMAN HIS DUE ACCOLADES

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Let's all of us Weatherhuman proponents give a big shout out for the great defense he provided in response to an unwarranted tirade by an ungrateful "patron" of the weather column who gave us his hopefully minority opinion about the degrading condition of the caliber of the column in recent weeks (Reader's Voice, "The Weatherhuman Is Not Funny; He Should Be," March 9). But I think further clarification might be needed for all of those other less-enlightened individuals about the nature of the column, which is the only source of humor in the Nexus (Have you ever tried to read those "Comix"?)

I hope I am not misrepresenting the Weatherhuman when I say that most of the statements so sarcastically/hilariously made about the conditions of society today are to be taken with a grain of salt because it is, af-

ter all, a column of entertainment. And entertain us is what the Human has done fairly consistently day in and day out for the last six months.

So what causes the continued reading of a column by an individual who thinks the Weatherhuman is a petty, sick individual? Does the Weatherhuman owe us something? Has not his column provided us with a little sun on an otherwise normal day? I, for one, think so, and Idoh(n't) believe I could do any better. If I thought I could, then I would either not read the column or I would ask for a column myself so the world could be entertained by my obscene ravings.

So in conclusion, let's all hope that this "retirement" is just another well-timed joke from the Weatherhuman's phat sack of quips, and lettuce all have a little more love for our tireless souls in the media who put their proverbial asses on the line every day to bring us what the deep-pocketed tycoons who run this country think we should and shouldn't read. There, I got a goddamn swear word in my letter.

TYSON VOLKMANN

### RAISING UC TUITION WOULD SOLVE NOTHING

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I read an interesting column the other day, and felt that something had to be said: the column concerns itself with the idea that the UC experience is too inexpensive (Daily Nexus, "Increase Tuition for the Spoiled Brats," March 4).

Now wait, it seems strange that anyone would complain that they were paying too little for a quality product, but alas our most esteemed editorialist apparently has enough money to throw around that can't be used, and paying more makes sense. Though it supports increasing tuition in order to punish those rich brats that are obviously worthy of our jealousy, the argument unfortunately meets with several fatal flaws.

The first question that arises when we question the validity of this argument is simply, "Why?" Yes, we are getting a bargain education, and yes, other private universities are overpriced, but exactly where is the

injustice?

The UC system provides its students with a top-level education, and a beautiful learning environment for a reasonable price, and what is wrong with that? Is it a crime to offer a high quality product at a price that people can afford? No, that's ridiculous, no one asks to pay more for their cars or their shoes, so why pay more for their education?

Well, who cares why? We should all thank our good friend Woojac Lee, for "Sticking it to the man." Here's a good idea — let's make the rich pay more for their education, and give the poor more money so that they can still get the same education. In other words, let's level the playing field.

Is this some sort of noble Robin Hood crusade? What good does it do to charge the fortunate more money for the same education? The only good it does is for them to have less, and the only reason for this is as part of some personal vendetta. It's a good plan; if you're jealous of the rich, why not find a way to take some of their money away, if only as a way to feel better about yourself? Well, strictly as a vindictive plan, this plot

still has some surmount.

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Each year the entering freshmen were born a year later. No big shock ... however, the faculty have to keep on top of exactly what the freshman understand references to. For example, for the freshman class of this year, the compact disc was invented when they were one, they don't know why Jordache jeans were cool, and they do not know that the Titanic was ever lost. My, we get old so fast, don't we?

More Trivia Answers

While perhaps defining the meaning of the word, Ben Lucchese called up the Hot Line and told us that "facetiously" is the word which most correctly follows the rules. That is, all the vowels are in order with a "y" at the end and "y" is sometimes a vowel.

The Internet

This new media is a bastion of fruitful knowledge and ideas. But, why, oh why, are sites like the New York Times starting to charge money to look at articles? For example, to view an archive article from the Times, you have to pay \$2.50. Ridiculous!

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"Money often costs too much." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Inactive: The Inactivist

Generation Has Been Bred; Find Out How and Why Individuals Is Taking Things Sitting Down

work. Make no mistake though, we are not dumb. We just believe there are very few things that warrant missing "The Simpsons."

So you're thinking, "These people are useless, and they deserve to die." You couldn't be further from the truth. Many Inactivists do wonderful and marvelous

There are moments when we choose to live up to our full potential — especially if it means making enough money to never have to again. The Inactivist work ethic is, "Work hard, so you can stop as soon as humanly possible." Now some people would go so far as to call us lazy. We like to think that, as Inactivists, we are just resting before we actually get tired — a sort of preemptive strike on exhaustion. But you can call us lazy, we don't really mind.

Inactivists love to take stands on issues, but only for entertainment. In the form of human interaction, there's nothing better than argument for argument's sake. It's entertaining, free and you can do it sitting down, which is always preferable. We don't actually care about the issues, but it is fun to see what happens when we say, "Fuck the pope," for no apparent reason.

Bosnia, or if Marilyn Manson sacrificed and ate a small child. Chances are, most things in this world never really affect us personally, and by that rationale, we disregard them. Inactivists have a very short supply of envy, and therefore, never really become agitated when another moron succeeds in this world.

Inactivism is alive and well at UC Santa Barbara. Our ranks are fully aware that some of our sports teams kick ass, and we would watch them and cheer ... if the events were televised and there was nothing good on. We don't pay that much attention to world issues, we don't sign petitions, and we never let a lecture interrupt a good game of Goldeneye. If you want to Free Mumia, knock yourself out; we're interested in Free Narcotics.

As the bastard children of the '90s, coming of age at the end of an era fueled by decadence and maintained by a steady diet of denial, we have decided that we are

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no longer under any obligation to make this world a better place. They've tried to solve world hunger, and all we have to show for it is some damn good spray-on butter. All Generation X ever did was whine and make really bad romantic comedies, so we choose to shut up and float. There's a certain peace that comes with abandoning all hope, and we can afford it as long as the financial aid holds — then we'll probably have to find another gig to hump.

If you feel wronged, outraged, indignant, or generally pissed-off about something, that's nice, just please refrain from blocking my view of the TV. If you feel you have suffered a unique pain and injustice, the Inactivists will be there to point toward the rest of this planet and say in a condescending voice, "Well, why don't you cry about it?" If you knock on our door earlier than noon with a petition to save the whales, we will answer the door in our whaleskin underwear and harpoon you. And finally, if you don't like this column and feel the overwhelming need to write a nasty letter to the editor, go for it. I still get paid for what I write, and I could really care less what you like or dislike. ...

Inactivism: I was going to think of a slogan with which to end this, but my roommate just turned on the N64.

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things for the world. It was great Inactivists who invented things like the remote control, the Clapper, the drive-thru, cruise control, and room service.

Inactivists are vital to the balance of good and evil in the world. We never initiate fights or wars, or build weapons of mass destruction. Dictators have to get up early and work long hours; we like to sleep late. The act of violence seems like a terrible waste of time and energy to an Inactivist; we'll let you win. We know who's right, and we know how to flatten your car's tires.

I will warn you though, there is no real way to win an argument with an Inactivist. In order to win an argument, one must affect one's opponent; you will be lucky if we acknowledge your existence. We thoroughly enjoy competing, but when an inactivist fights, "He fights in the manner of a gentleman fighting a duel, not in that of a longshoreman cleaning out a waterfront saloon."

Those of us subscribing to Inactivism do not care about how much money some tycoon made, how popular the "Jerry Springer Show" is, what happens in

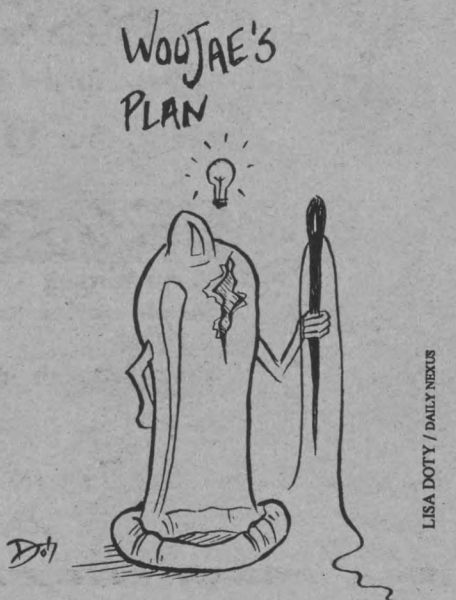
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has some very practical issues, to count.

The first issue seems to be the only issue, that is money. Again, according to our friend Lee, the poor don't care how college costs, they get to go for free \$1,000-per month bonus of spending; on the other hand, the rich who do qualify for financial aid are getting a ride they don't deserve (because they're not) by having such a reasonably priced education, but who really has the free ride? The argument, in part which subsidizes the ride so they can keep tuition low and have money to aid those who, unfortunately cannot afford such an "artificially" inexpensive education.

where does the money come from? we all pay for it, at least those of us who have to work, and strange as it may seem, the rich brats have more money that is taxed and, though unwillingly, contribute more to the low costs of our education. This again is not a bad thing. So why do we let the rich who finance our education reap the benefits as well?

But enough of this mindless drivel, imagine that we realize what a genuinely brilliant plot this is, and we implement our good



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friend Lee's plan. In this event the cost of a good college education rises to \$20,000. OK, well the rich who have the money suck

in their gut, pull out their wallets, and foot the bill; then the poor get their much-increased check paying for now more expensive schooling. All of this is fine, but there are some problems.

First, where does this extra financial aid money come from? Well, the Financial Aid Office will cut a check, backed by a greater supply of school funds dedicated to grants, which is funded by the same money that once subsidized the generally low cost of the UC experience. Now there is more money that the school can offer to those who need it. Here comes the problem ... ready? That pesky middle class, who have too much money to be considered poor, but not enough to comfortably pay for tuition. What do we do for these people? So, what now has to be done is the poverty level must rise.

The standard by which we judge who is poor enough to warrant aid must cover a larger number of people. In order to decide who is deserving and distribute the monies, a bigger bureaucracy will have to be created to handle the now vastly increased amount of paper work involved. In other words, we

screw the entire system, but at least we get to screw the rich as well, who will still be paying their share in taxes that fund financial aid, and have to pay more money for their education. Ha ha ha, aren't we crafty?

Well, dear Woojac, I'm afraid your plan to get back at your rich oppressors is just not going to work. Besides, what's the problem? Your tuition is paid for. Some of us, on the other hand, only receive \$2,600 in LOANS per year; that doesn't quite cut it. Besides, why bother changing tuition, isn't "any money spent on education" too much anyway? Funny, your senior status contradicts that idea.

I have a plan: Since college costs too much no matter what, why don't you stop letting someone else foot the bill for you? Hell, you've been wasting humanity's resources for the last four years or so, and for what? Have you benefited from your college education? Perhaps you have (though the manifestation of that benefit eludes me), in that case you are a "very rare" individual, but still you're "probably statistically insignificant."

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**PROVOST**

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 according to Honors Program Coordinator Regina Fletcher.  
 "I see someone interested in student well-being and faculty welfare, and someone very interested in teaching and research," Fletcher said about Zimmerman.

Dr. Zimmerman was an assistant professor of English at Rutgers University from 1966 to 1969 before coming to UCSB. Besides serving as the acting provost of L&S since 1997, Zimmerman was chair of the English Dept. and dean for the Undergraduate Academic Affairs of the College of L&S.

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**AWARDS**

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 the goal of promoting self-esteem through community identification, according to Selections Committee Co-Chair Rosalie Marquez.  
 "These awards signify a lot," she said. "It is based on rewarding positive outlooks. Teenage recognition was started in order to respond to the concern of teen pregnancies. These girls expressed leadership, community and academic strengths."  
 A ceremony honoring all of the county's recipients will be held March 16 at the County Administration Building. There, the women will receive their awards from the state legislature.  
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**YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE**  
 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 5—Try not to lose your temper with an older person today, especially the one who hands out the grades or paychecks. You might think this person doesn't like you, but the opposite is more likely true. You've been making a very good impression lately, when you weren't wising off. Control that tendency and you might even earn a bonus.  
**Taurus** (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 5—If you can start your weekend early, you really ought to do it. This is a fabulous day to travel, with a couple of minor annoyances. You can get by those relatively easily, if you watch where you're going. You also need to watch what you're saying. Don't let the cat out of the bag.  
**Gemini** (May 21-June 21)—Today is a 5—There's an argument brewing today, but it doesn't concern you personally, so you'd be wise to stay out of it. The people who are hassling with each other can reach a compromise more quickly if they don't get nervous. Just focus on the job you're supposed to be doing, and let them work it out among themselves.  
**Cancer** (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 5—You may have to shout today to be heard over all the noise and confusion. If you can make sure your ideas get across through subtler ways, by all means, go ahead. You're a master at innuendo, but today it might take something a little bolder than that. Don't be afraid to speak up.  
**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22)—Today is a 5—The work you've been putting off all week is finally going to catch up with you. Don't let it take you by surprise. Be prepared, and be willing to work overtime if necessary, but don't complain. You've had so much fun lately, this extra bit of work will seem like nothing.  
**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is a 6—The work you've been doing lately should be starting to show results. You can stop trying to convince your friends that it's all been worthwhile. They'll be able to see that with their own eyes when you invite them over, which may not be tonight. Tonight you should save for a more private celebration.  
**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is a 5—Looks like somebody's pushing you to make a decision, but you're not quite ready yet. Don't let yourself get pressured into acting hastily. Decisions are not easy for Libras under the best of circumstances, and when you get rattled, you'll probably choose badly. Just explain that you're still collecting data.  
**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 6—If you're running into a bunch of new problems today, congratulations. That means you've solved all the old ones. It's always a sign of growth when you don't know what you're doing anymore, and that's the territory you may find yourself in now. Not to worry. You learn quickly under pressure.  
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is a 5—Today there are some things you'll no longer put up with. That means you can't just sit there and ignore them any longer. Something that's been bothering you is going to have to be straightened out, and you're probably the one who's going to do it. Be bold.  
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 6—Watch out for breakdowns today. Something you thought was going to be there, isn't. Somebody you expected to call you, won't. You might miss a phone call yourself. Communications are garbled; the computers might even go down. Make sure you back up everything. It's a good habit in general; today it's a requirement.  
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is a 5—Be careful today to express yourself clearly. You won't be the only one having trouble getting the point across. You should be more successful at it than most people, since you do tend to be careful with your words. Advise caution to a friend who hasn't yet acquired that habit.  
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 6—You might notice today you're a little short of cash. You may have to postpone something you'd like to do, but don't despair. You'll find a way around this dilemma by going a little farther out of your way. In other words, don't pay top dollar if you can get a bargain elsewhere. The time you spend looking could equal quite a lot of money.  
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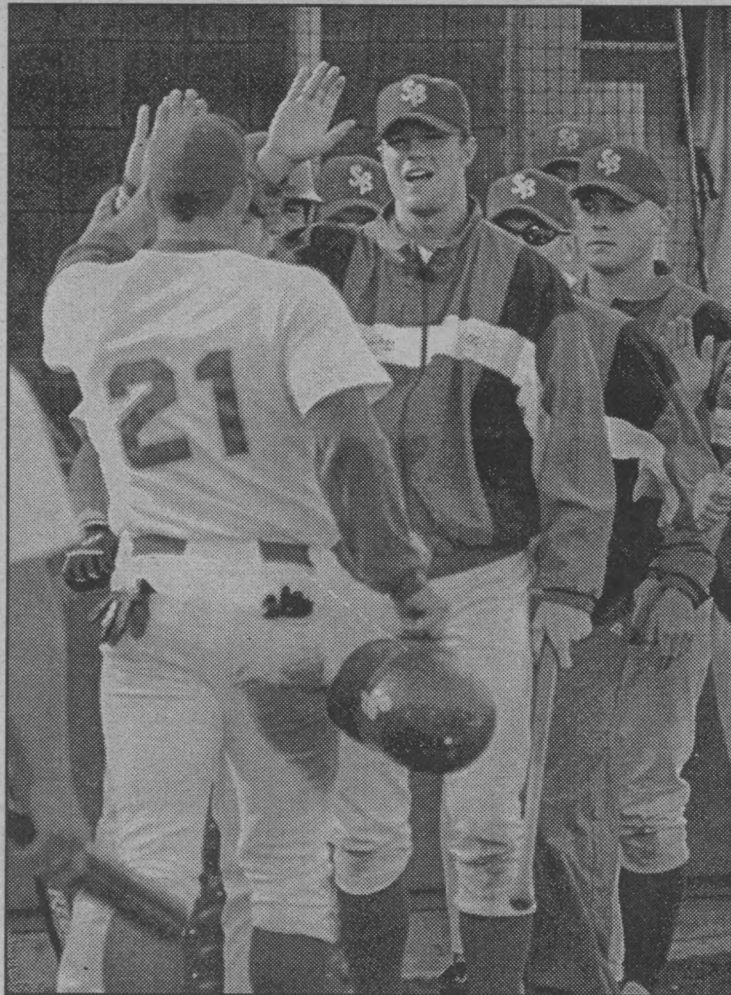
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# Sports



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**COMING HOME:** Senior first baseman Bryan LaCour was greeted by teammates after a two-run dinger in a 6-4 Gaucho victory.

## Golfers Not Quite Up to Par

By **MARVIN GAPULTOS**  
Staff Writer

After placing second in last week's "Bite" Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Golf Championship, the UCSB golf team couldn't hit the long ball on the larger 7,088-yard course of the Aldila Collegiate Classic this past Monday and Tuesday.

The Gauchos finished with rounds of 290, 300 and 313 — good enough to tie them with Colorado State University in sixth



Naoya Takemoto

place at 39 over par. Northwestern took first place at 10 over par, and Brigham Young and San Diego finished out the top three at 20 and 24 above par, respectively.

UCSB Head Coach Steve Lass contributed Santa Barbara's performance to the size of the Carlton Oaks Country Club course and to Mother Nature.

"It was a longer golf course than ['Bite,']" the fifth-year coach said. "It was also just a very windy day on the final day, and that had some effect on us."

In individual action, Gaucho senior Garrett Wagner finished at

two over par with rounds of 72, 74 and 72, tying him for fifth place with San Diego State's Kurt Cassidy, who shot rounds of 72, 71 and 75.

Sophomore Greg Snider shot rounds of 71, 76 and 80 for an 11-over performance. Snider finished in a seven-player tie to place 28th overall. Among those seven swingers was junior Naoya Takemoto, who finished in second place in the "Bite" tourney. After his impressive showing in last week's tournament, Takemoto stressed his distaste with Aldila.

"It was a course I just didn't like," Takemoto said. "I just didn't play good at all on this course."

In addition, Takemoto wasn't necessarily disappointed in Santa Barbara's sixth-place finish, but he was disappointed with who finished ahead of the Gauchos. The University of Pacific shot a three-round total of 900, topping Santa Barbara's total score of 903.

"[Sixth place] is fine with us," the Palm Springs native said. "But the bad thing is that we lost to Pacific. That's the team we wanted to beat, and they only beat us by three strokes."

Also placing for UCSB was junior Gavin Owen, who shot 74, 76 and 81 at 15 over par and tied for 49th. Senior Joey Pearl finished at 100th with rounds of 83, 85 and 88 to go 40 over par.

"Garrett Wagner had a great round for us the last day," Lass said. "But everyone else had a disappointing last round. Naoya, Greg Snider, Gavin Owen and Joey Pearl, they all contributed, but overall it was a disappointing final day."

## Gauchos: True Warriors of the City

By **MATT HURST**  
Staff Writer

In a battle for bragging rights as to who is the top college baseball team in Santa Barbara, UCSB has the right to boast after defeating cross-town rival Westmont for the second time this season.

The Gauchos (13-10 overall, 1-2 in the Big West), used a clutch double from junior Jim Alderete to take the game and sweep the short, two-game series over the Warriors 6-4 Wednesday afternoon at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium.

"These are tough games to win," UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema said. "We got good pitching from all our guys, and that's what we've got to build on."

In the sixth inning with the score tied at four apiece, Alderete stepped to the plate with seniors Gene Lenzi and Ryan Baderian on base. Alderete hit a two-out double to the left-center-field gap, scoring both Gauchos to take the 6-4 lead.

"I was just looking to hit the ball hard," said Alderete, who went 2-3 with two RBIs. "I haven't been hitting the ball too hard lately. I looked for my pitch, and luckily I got a good pitch to hit and I hit it."

Emerging closer freshman Chris Quiroz came in the following inning and shut the door on the Warriors (7-13), who could only muster two hits against him. Quiroz picked up his sixth save on the year while striking out two.

"The fact that he has six saves by now has been a pleasant surprise," Brontsema said about Quiroz. "He

is coming in and throwing strikes with three pitches and challenging hitters and being aggressive."

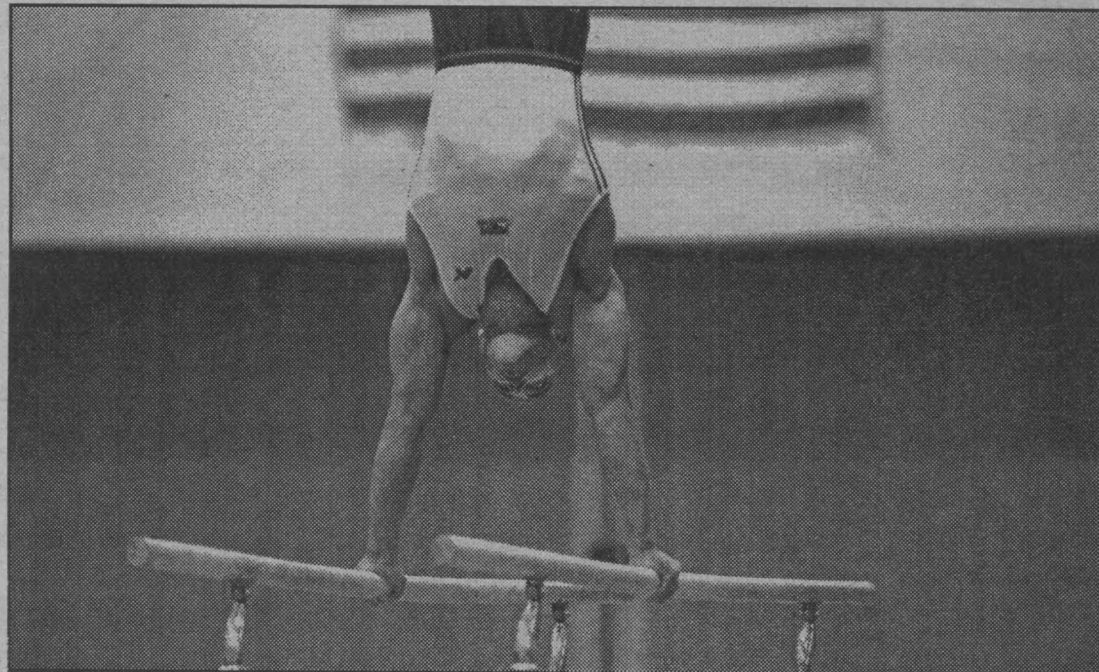
Senior David Uris started the game for Santa Barbara and pitched three innings, giving up two hits and no earned runs. He was aided by a two-run home run by senior Bryan LaCour — his fourth — in the third inning, and the Gauchos jumped to a 4-1 lead through the first three innings. LaCour's two ribbies on the day give him a team-high 28 while he is tied for tops on the team for round-trippers.

"I've been swinging the bat well the last couple of days," LaCour said. "I was looking for a fastball, and he gave me a fastball. It was one of my best swings of the year, and I hit it well."

In the fourth, junior southpaw Troy Kinto came in to relieve Uris and get some pitches under his belt. The Upland, Calif., native gave up three runs — two earned on one hit — and two walks in his inning of work to enable Westmont to tie the game after the fourth. However, sophomore Bryan Bear came in to relieve Kinto in the fifth and threw for two innings, yielding one hit. Bear picked up the victory and is now 1-0 on the year.

"We needed this win," Alderete said. "It's a win we're supposed to get, but sometimes we don't play as hard as we should, or we're not into it as much, but we came back, stayed in and we're lucky enough to get the win."

The Gauchos travel to Reno, Nev., this weekend to take on the University of Nevada in a three-game set. UCSB will return home next week to face Pacific next Friday at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium.



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**UNPARALLELED:** Senior Josh Nelson and UCSB placed fourth in the UCSB/Gold's Gym Invite.

## UCSB Gymnasts Vault Into Fourth Place

By **MATT HURST**  
Staff Writer

There was a surprise in the Thunderdome this past weekend: The #1 Penn State men's gymnastics team was knocked off. Unfortunately, it wasn't the Gauchos who defeated the Nittany Lions, it was #4 Michigan in the UCSB/Gold's Gym Invitational last weekend.

The #19 UCSB men's gymnastics team finished fourth in its own tournament with an overall score of 214.825. The Wolverines took the event with 226.4, Penn State finished second with a total of 223.95, and #13 Cal placed third at 223.4.

"My goal every year is to provide very hard, quality gymnastics to the program," UCSB Head Coach Mircea Badulescu said. "So, I am very proud of the quality we exposed in the [Thunderdome]. We didn't follow what we wanted to do, and we should have done better. Our potential on paper is a

223, and that would put ourselves as a top team."

Santa Barbara was led by sophomore Gidon Moshkovitz, who finished sixth in the all-around competition with a 54.25 score. Finishing right behind Moshkovitz was senior Josh Nelson with a 53.8.



Cody Casey

Nelson injured his ankle in warm-ups earlier this week and is doubtful for the this weekend's meet at San Jose.

"We did pretty good even though I messed up a couple times on the parallel bars and the vault,"

Moshkovitz said. "In gymnastics you want to reach perfection — it's what you work for — and I was kind of disappointed."

UCSB sophomore Cody Casey finished fourth overall in the floor exercise with a 9.675. Casey tied a school record in the event two weeks ago when he scored a 9.8.

"Cody is a national contender and might contend for the national title on floor," Badulescu said. "Cody has a very strong, very powerful floor routine. He is very gifted. I have never had such a gymnast in my life, even in Romania when I coached the Romanian National Team. If he hits, there is no difference between the national champion and him."

Santa Barbara had no other gymnast finish in the top five in any other event, but Nelson, senior Troy Harsh and Moshkovitz finished eighth, ninth and 10th, respectively, in the high bar. Santa Barbara junior Ramon Moore finished sixth in the floor exercise with a score of 9.6.

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