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Freshman Applications Hit All-Time High

■ But Numbers of Some Minorities Drop in Applications to System

By Tim Molloy Staff Writer

The UC Office of the President released figures Tuesday showing a record total of freshman applications to the system but a drop in the number of students who belong to underrepresented minor-

ity groups.

The UC received 45,939 freshman applications this year, a 5.9 percent increase over last fall, according to UCOP. When freshman, transfer and out-of-state admissions are combined, the UC received 69,952 applications, for a 3.7 percent

"The data show that UC remains a popular choice for California high school seniors and transfer students," said UC President Richard C. Atkinson in a prepared statement. "We are pleased that these students continue to have confidence in the quality of the University.

While the figures show significant increases in the number of Asian-American, Filipino-American and white freshman applicants, they also reveal the number of applications from Chicano and American Indian students have fallen, while those of Latinos have remained the same. The number of African-American applicants in-

Students From

Foreign Lands

Absorb School,

American-Style

Language barriers, culture shock and taking midterms in

every class are a few of the obstacles foreign students face as they adapt to American college

Some of the principles that

seem basic to Americans take

some international students by

surprise, according to K.M.

Mathew, acting dean of international students and scholars.

of students coming from abroad are very different," he

said. "In American society, we are very open, a very direct soc-

iety. In other words, when you

are asked an opinion, you are

very candid, forthright, about

it. Very often, that kind of

forthrightness, openness, comes shocking to a person

from another culture because they will feel it's very rude. It's a very informal society."

This candidness was new for Mei Hsia Chuang, a 21-yearold business major from Hong

"The way you talk with peo-

ple, the way you treat people is so different," she said. "I'm

supposed to speak up all the

"The professors encourage

active class participation and

you share your own point with

the professor and other stu-dents," she added. "That's less

stressed in Hong Kong. We did

try to, but it's not to the same

"Very often the value system

By Colleen Valles Staff Writer

creased by only three students.

Atkinson expressed concern at the two drops and nominal increase from African-Americans.
"The future of diversity at UC depends on our

ability to attract qualified applicants from all

ethnic groups," he stated.

The possibility that the number of minority applicants could decrease has been a concern since the UC Board of Regents' July vote to roll back Affirmative Action policies, according to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Michael Young. But Young said it was impossible to say whether this year's drop was a result of the

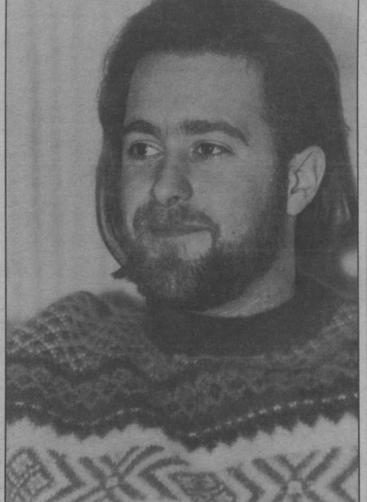
"I think that, first of all, there's no way to tell," he said. "[But] those of us who've been involved in this work have been worried all along that there could be a chilling effect on minority and women's applications." UCOP's figures do not break down

applications by gender.
Center for Chicano Studies Acting Director Denise Segura said the UC should interview students or use other means to find the reason for the declines. She believes there are several possible explanations for the 143-student drop in Chicano freshman applications.

These students could be opting for private or out-of-state schools that launched recruitment campaigns in the wake of the regents' decision, or for the California State University system, Segura

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Coming to America



Physics major Peter Pleuss is one of hundreds of international students on campus. Foreign students face many obstacles, such as cultural differences and language barriers.

But not all differences are so big. Peter Pleuss, a German physics major who came to UCSB in September, finds everyday life in the United States is different from that in his native country.

"One thing is music," he said. "I'm used to various bands from Germany. It's hard to find them here or people who listen to that kind of music. For example, techno is big in Europe, and you almost don't have it here. It's just the small things of life that are different. I'm not sure if it's such a

big cultural difference."
While outside the classroom cultural differences trouble

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Macaws for Action

Anita Jackson of the group Zoo to You brought "Cruiser" and "Capt. Hookbill" to campus to educate students about the importance of protecting animals' natural habitats.

Candidate Will Be Write-In Possibility on Both Ballots

By Michael Ball Staff Writer

winning a seat in the House of



Representatives, a local businessman announced Monday he will be eligible for write-in consideration on both party ballots in the spring primary

Independent candidate Steve Wheeler, a Santa Barbara accountant, will file petitions Fri-Hoping to double his odds of day with the Santa Barbara County Elections Office making himself a write-in candidate on both the Republican and Democratic primary ballots.

Both 22nd District Rep. Andrea Seastrand (R-San Luis Obispo) and her Democratic challenger, religious studies Professor Walter Capps, are unopposed in their parties' primaries.

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Freshmen Struggle to Keep Love Alive Across the Miles

By Sonya Hamasaki Reporter

While absence may make the heart grow fonder, students separated from their loved ones on Valentine's Day find it can also

be a bummer. For some students, Cupid's favorite day is a chance to see if their significant other truly means his or her declaration of

"He better send me some flowers and a long phone call,"

said undeclared freshman Brie Weinand of the boyfriend she left five hours away in Pacifica. "I'm just going to sit here and study. But we're planning to spend time together on

Thursday."

Like Weinand, some freshmen discover their first Valentine's Day away from home is an obstacle in a long-distance

Although the distance between Weinand and her boy-

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HEADLINERS

Klaas Case Jury Selection Starts Anew

SAN JOSE (AP) — To-day, one year to the day after the original start date of the trial of the man accused of killing Polly Klaas, the effort to select a jury of his peers begins

The timing is not lost on the family of the 12-year-

"This particular date is very significant to us," her grandmother, B.J. Klaas, said Tuesday.

In addition to the trial anniversary, "two years ago today, one day before Valentine's Day, we scattered Polly's ashes in Carmel Bay and threw valentines into the water with her ashes," she said.

Defendant Richard Allen Davis did not appear in court on Feb. 14 of last

The trial was postponed twice and jury selection did not begin until July. The process was postponed once more, to August, and then ground to a halt in September when the judge ruled it was going to be impossible to get a fair jury trial in Sonoma questioning.

County, where the crime took place.

The trial was moved to San Jose, about 100 miles south of the original site, and officially began Feb. 5. A series of preliminary matters followed as cameras were banned and evidentiary rulings from the previous judge — most of which have been sealed until a jury is picked —

Lawyers met with the judge Tuesday to work out details of a questionnaire they plan to have jurors fill out to get an idea of where they stand.

In Sonoma County, problems were evident from day one as many jurors demonstrated they were not only intimately familiar with the highprofile case, but had al-

shocked parents across the nation. A massive search was launched by thousands of volunteers in Polly's hometown of Petaluma, about 45 minutes north of San Francisco.

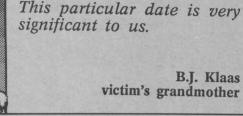
Davis, a parolee with a violent record, was arrested Nov. 30, 1993. Police said he confessed four days later and led them to Polly's body.

If convicted, Davis faces a possible death penalty.

News coverage of the search only intensified after Davis was arrested and the extent of his record was discovered. A number of get-tough crime measures followed, most notably California's "three strikes" law, which mandates life imprisonment for repeat felons.

Davis' defense attorney, Assistant Public Defender Barry Collins, has already made one attempt to get the trial moved again.

Hastings denied the



were adopted.

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Now, jury selection is set to begin with the calling of about 80 prospective panelists today.

Santa Clara Superior Court Judge Thomas C. Hastings has estimated about eight groups of jurors will be needed to create a pool (after hardship cases have been culled) to begin

ready made up their minds that Davis was guilty and should be executed. Davis, 41, is charged

with kidnapping Polly from a slumber party in her bedroom, strangling her and dumping her body beside a highway.

The Oct. 1, 1993 kid-napping, which took place while the girl's mother slept in a room nearby,

"There were many who were happy there were no trials," Friedman said. "There were many who would be happy if there were no trials today. But there were also a couple of

conscientious ones. Streim said most Nazi war crimes were committed in 1942 and 1943, when perpetrators averaged 35 years old. Since then, they have become "old and senile," and more the concern of doctors than the courts.

Now he expects future trials will take place outside Germany.

For example, Erich Priebke, 82, a former captain in the army wing of the Nazi special security for-ces, was extradited from Argentina to Italy last November on charges he took part in killing more than 300 Italians in 1944.

Streim, the chief prosecu-

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The last Nazi war crimes trial in Germany has probably already taken place because remaining suspects may be too old or sick to face trial,



a top Germany prosecutor said Tuesday.

A Jewish leader disputed that contention, however, saying many German authorities did not want any more trials and had dragged their feet in pursuing investigations.

Four elderly Germans have been charged with Nazi war crimes, but have not been brought to trial in local courts, said Alfred

tor who heads the Ludwigsburg-based Documentation Center on Nazi Crimes.

He said the charges were filed "some time ago" but the dates for trial have not been set.

"Presumably the suspects are too old, and [prosecutors] are waiting to see if their health condition improves or not," Streim said in a telephone interview.

He would not identify the four, but said they all are around 80 years old.

The charges include such crimes as mistreatment of concentrationcamp inmates resulting in

Michel Friedman, a leading member of Germany's Central Council of Jews, said the age of a suspect does not justify dropping prosecution.
"The fact that someone

is 80 is for me not grounds not to pursue the charges. When an 80-year-old today kills someone, he is charged," said Friedman, an attorney.

A trial must "be carried out according to legal principles," he said. "That means that if someone is sick, then a court should decide if he is unable to stand trial."

Friedman also blamed justice authorities for being slow to pursue investigations in Germany.

"It took decades. The German justice system is at fault that it took so long. Many cases were not correctly investigated," Friedman said.

But he said all officials did not feel the same about pursuit of justice against

Free Phone Line Provides **Answers for Sexual Queries**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For anyone who has ever had a question about sex or sexuality, the San Francisco Sex Information service offers the answers - free of charge,



to anyone with a telephone.

Believed to be the only independently operated phone service dedicated to education on sexuality issues, SFSI provides callers with anonymous, accurate and judgment-free answers to questions about

"It's a place people of any age can come to and get a straight answer on sexuality," said Stephanie Wright, a training coordinator for the service. "We have helped people from 5

years old to 70 years old with subjects on sex from A to Z."

Operators will answer any question relating to sex, from kissing and different sexual practices to sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases.

Started in 1972 by three health professionals, the service has grown to about 50 operators, all volunteers. They answer the phones Monday through Friday, from 3 to 9 p.m.

"This is a service that's invaluable for people," said Alan Blackman, president of SFSI. "Nothing like this was available when I was growing up, and it would have saved agony in my life if it had been there.

SFSI encourages bilingual speakers to apply as operators, but the nonprofit group accepts any volunteer "secure in answering questions accurately," Blackman said.

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Look, if love (or romance or whatever) didn't involve risk, there would only be comfort and no reason to live. The prospect of being a living being with vibrant emotions, a feeling (and thus open) heart and the capacity for unlimited joy scares the living piss out of most people. In order to entertain the possibility of passionate rapture one has to be mature enough to battle butterflies and face the possibility of pain.

If it doesn't turn out, you'll get over it. No, getting over it" doesn't mean you shrug it off like it didn't matter. It means dealing with the onrush of hurt and surviving to hope anew. It's easy in this emotionally perilous world of lost souls to clutch the legitimate fears above hope and rush for comfort, or even bitterness. The saddest part of it all is that passion too long quelled does indeed die.

Maybe you're not strong enough to deal with intensity. That's OK, you're still young. Don't be pressured into situations you're not equipped to handle. Don't expect others to be up to the challenges either. Someday, however, you'll be

ready and you'll meet someone else who is as well. Don't be in any hurry to get there, but don't linger in the lobby of love when it happens. Then you'll know what it's like to be a lampligh-

ter in heaven.

Delusional 'General' Given Jail Time for Impersonation

SANTA ANA (AP) - Adelusional 60-year-old man who posed as America's most decorated Army general was sentenced to 30 days on work release and told to leave



his phony Medal of Honor at home.

"He was living out his military fantasies," the prosecutor said after sentencing.

Guadalupe Gonzales wore a gray business suit for the hearing in U.S. District Court on Monday. He repeatedly apologized for claiming to be the most decorated general living and using the honors to win a \$1.8-million contract from Taco Bell.

"I have changed," Gonzales told Judge Linda H.

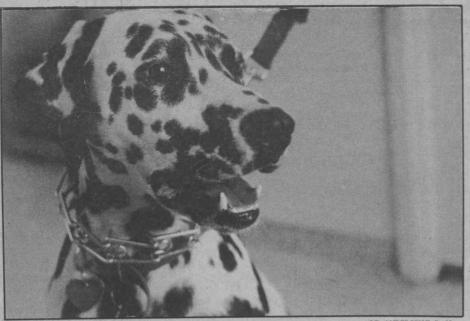
McLaughlin. He said counseling helped him understand that low selfesteem led him to impersonate a winner of the highest U.S. award for valor.

McLaughlin called it a case of "blatant impersonation."

She ordered Gonzales to pay a \$2,700 fine, perform 750 hours of community service and serve 30 days in a correctional facility. He also got three years probation.

Gonzales wasn't accused of stealing. Nor did anyone complain about his work retrofitting fastfood restaurants for handicapped people. His attorney, in fact, said the work was so good that he continues to get contracts from PepsiCo, Taco Bell's parent company.

However, by impersonating someone, a federal crime, Gonzales faced up to six years in prison and a \$500,000 fine.



Calvin the Dalmatian got neutered because his mummy-wummy and daddy-waddy don't want any wittow baby Calvins unexpectedwy! No, no, no!

Month to Muzzle Pooch Population

By Davia Gray Staff Writer

To prevent the needless euthanasia of thousands of dogs and cats, the Santa Barbara Humane Society and local veterinarians have teamed up to spay and neuter animals at a reduced rate during

February One of the main goals of the project is to curb the exponential growth of the pet population, according to Ingrid Brown, SBHS community service director. One dog and her offspring can reproduce 67,000 pups in six years, and in seven years one cat and offspring can produce 420,000 felines, she added.

"There are over 60 pet

animals for every person in the country, that is why we have this problem with animal overpopulation. As responsible pet owners, we need to have animals spayed and neutered," Brown said.

Last year, Santa Barbara County picked up 4,984 canines and 4,632 cats. Although many were returned to their owners or adopted, 1,514 dogs and 2,012 felines were put to sleep, said John Elmore, county Dept. of Animal Health and Regulation director of operations.

The spay/neuter program has helped to lessen the numbers of unwanted animals picked up by the county, according to

"I have seen a decrease over the years in the num-

ber of unwanted animals. It's improving because there are fewer animals who can reproduce, much of this is because of the spay/neuter program," Elmore said.

Euthanizing 12 million to 15 million animals a year is not a permanent solution to the problem of overpopulation, so the spay/neuter program is designed to combat the problem by preventing more animals from being born, said Brown.

"We can stop the countless puppies and kittens from being born into a world that doesn't want them, that can't take care of them," she said. "If you spay or neuter your pet, then we at least stop them

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Don't miss these opportunities!

The largest volunteer organization on campus would like to invite you to make a difference in the community. Below are brief descriptions of great opportunities that the Associated Students Community Affairs Board can offer you. By getting involved, you'll discover a secret: not only do you give the world a lift through service, but you get one too!

Community Affairs Board has something for everyone!

Homeless Dinners

Here's your chance to make a difference! CAB organizes dinners where campus groups as well as fraternities and sororities provide food to needy individuals and families in Isla Vista. You can help by getting a group that you are involved with to host a meal. As an individual, you can help serve at upcoming meals for the homeless. Contact Chip McCormick at 893-4296 for more information. We would like to thank A.S. Mortar Board, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority for providing and serving meals.

Highway Project

Interested in marketing, business, or communications? Well, this is for you! The Federal Department of Transportation has given 10 Universities, of which UCSB is one, a \$5,000 grant to create publicity on campus about the Highway Safety Hotline. The goal is to increase the number of calls to this hotline, where consumers can register complaints, or find out about a car they would like to buy, etc. Meetings are on Thursdays at 5-6pm in the A.S. Conference Room. For more information, please contact Monica Millard at 893-4296.

Public Relations/Outreach

Interested in learning valuable computer and communication skills? Are you creative? The Community Affairs Board is now recruiting for its Public Relations and Outreach committees. It is a great way to learn valuable skills and stay on top of current events. Both are limited to 10 members, so contact Trinity Eyre, Kristen Parisi, or Christina Piranio at 893-4296 as soon as possible.

CAB Foundation

Interested in helping student groups fund community service projects? Call Jen York at 893-4296 to inquire.

Isla Vista Youth Projects

If you love children, then volunteering at IVYP would be perfect for you. The program consists of UCSB students becoming big buddies and tutors for children in Isla Vista between the ages of 6 and 12. Come by the CAB office and fill out an application. For more information contact Liora Sponko or Farnoosh Lashkari at 893-4296.

Friendship Manor

Become a friend to senior citizens at Friendship Manor. Come, sing, and have fun. Every Wednesday night at 6:30pm there are sing-a-longs or you can volunteer to escort a senior citizen to the Santa Barbara Symphony. Here's your chance to meet and greet some great people and brighten their day with your smile! For more information call 893-4296 and ask for Jennifer Torres.

Special Olympics

Always wanted to be a coach or help someone who needed it? Now, here's your chance! Help participants train while offering support and friendship. Every Saturday there are community practices for the events: basketball, bowling, equestrian, golf, long distance, power lifting, swimming, skiing, softball, track & field, and volleyball. There is always something for you to do whether it is coaching or cheering on the althetes. The UCSB Event Center will host the Special Olympics Basketball Game on March 10th from 9am-4pm. Come and check it out! If you are interested in the Special Olympics, please call Miriam Margolis at 893-

Community Affairs Board

Do you care about humanity? Are you a member of a student group on campus? Join CAB and make a difference. Weekly meetings are held on Tuesdays from 5-6:30pm at the CAB office, UCEN 2523. Contact Charity Bracy or Ray Aragon at 893-4296 for more information. Everyone is welcome!!!!





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Continued from p.1 friend can strain the partnership, occasional weekend visits and frequent phone conversations ease some potential problems, and the two have found that holding on brings rewards.

"Going back and forth causes stress, but the arrangement works out pretty well," she said. "It makes the time we do spend together seem happier.'

Dread over the Day of Love sends students to Counseling and Career Services in increased numbers, according to Jane Carlisle, associate director of counseling.

"I think that Winter Ouarter and the holidays are often difficult for peo-ple," she said. "Winter, in general, with the overcast, stormy weather makes the time go by slow. With Valentine's Day, it is the same issue. Things aren't quite the way people hope they could be."

Limited budgets pose still more challenges to long-distance relationships. But Kelly Aja, a freshman psychology major, believes such hurdles have only solidified her relationship with her boyfriend six hours away in Modesto.

"We're both students and our budgets are slim, so we're sending mail and I'll call him," Aja said. "We'll do some little things apart has made us

Visiting one's partner can help the relationship, but time constraints and money sometimes conspire to fetter lovers' hearts.

"I see my boyfriend every time I go home, which is about once a month. But Winter Quarter has been different, since we don't have any really long vacations," Aja said.

Carlisle believes staying in touch is essential for those flying solo on Valentine's Day.

"The key way is to communicate," she said. "People find very creative ways for maintaining communi-

that mean a lot. ... Being sending tapes, phone calls and e-mail are very popular. It's just a matter of feeling the sense of ability to spend time with one another."

> But separation can force some students to choose between visiting their boyfriends and girlfriends or living out the full college experience.

"Lately, we've been see-ing each other more, but we've tried to work it out so he comes up once a month and I go home once a month," said Laurel Redenbaugh, a freshman environmental studies major whose boyfriend lives in San Diego. "I really want to see him more often, but I don't want to miss out on cation. Mailing letters, the activities up here."

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Aries (March 21-April 19). Make time for playing today, and getting a little exercise. Later tonight, you could give your brain cells a workout too. And you might as well include a little romance while you're at it. Don't forget to take along the chocolates!

Taurus (April 20-May 20). On one hand, you need to be responsible in order to make it in the world. On the other hand, you have to stay light about it or you'll get an ulcer, and they're expensive! Relax, and ask your best friend for a foot rub. That will dissolve your worries in a flash.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Fill your home today with brilliant conversationalists like yourself. Discuss the latest news and the myriad of possibilities it evokes. Focus on a cutie you'd like to convince to your way of thinking. Your chances of success are excellent!

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Since you'll get so much done next week, be rivolous today. For example, take a two-hour bubble bath and read a romance novel. Or find a way to trade the novel for the real thing! You have permission to get wild and crazy, in the privacy of your own home.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Today, hold your responsibilities lightly. If you're looking for a workable plan, trust the advice of an honest friend. And if you're looking for true love, go where athletes congregate. You'll get along very well with another good sport like yourself.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you transcend your nervousness and learn to enjoy that tickly feeling, you'll be able to do just about anything. Or you could turn down all invitations in favor of peace and quiet. Ask a gentle friend to share it, and don't forget the carob kisses!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've had some major problems to deal with lately. You've probably been so busy you didn't have time to keep score. Well, you won. Actually, with your attitude, you can't lose! Set up a private meeting with your favorite guru for very late tonight.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You might be happiest curled up with a good book today, or going fishing. Or maybe you can find somebody cuddly to take with you on the fishing trip, and leave the book at home. There's no need to rehash an old issue a thousand times. Start over.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This evening, you need to have an extensive intellectual dialogue, in which you discover 18 new ways to describe the meaning of life. Plan ahead so you can do this with somebody who excites you, both physically and mentally.

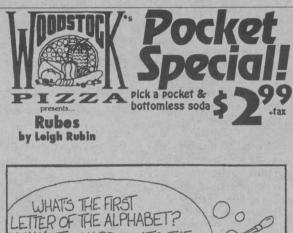
* Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a great sense of humor, but you're subtle. Tonight, take action. You've held back your true feelings long enough. Your own home is the best place for an intimate conversa-★ tion. You may have to cook dinner, too. Include something sinfully delicious.

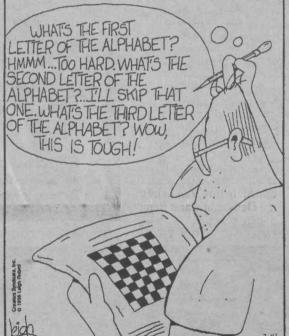
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is a great day for a party. To add spice, invite people who don't agree. Feed your need for new ideas by including some who don't fit any known category! Your luck in love is excellent right now, but don't make any major commitments after dark.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You always have an interesting opinion. Sometimes, however, you prefer to keep it to yourself. If that's the mood you're in today, you don't have to get together with the whole gang. If you want company, call a person who brings out your cuddly side.

Today's Birthday (Feb. 14). If you want to work or study overseas, apply now. In March, shop carefully for a good investment. June's excellent for love. Review an agreement in August. Make a change in Decem-* ber you can live with for a while. You should see your dreams materialize then without much further effort on your part. Stay on course through January or you may louse it up! Stick with what works, even if it's unusual.

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"What probably is more likely than that is that ... they're going to community colleges because of the very high fees of UC," she said.

Segura said she believes there are also two possible worst-case explanations.

"What I suggest is one of two very bad scenarios ... that there's a higher dropout rate than average of the 12th-grade classes, or else that they've just opted

not to go to any of the colleges, which would be of grave concern," she said.

While the systemwide number of Chicano freshman applications decreased by 2.8 percent, Latino applicants remained at last year's figure, 1,973.

This campus' numbers were in many cases the reverse of the rest of the system. UCSB had five more applications from Chicano students than last year and six fewer Latino

UCSB and UCLA were the only two UC campuses

to record increases in American Indian freshman applications, which fell 8.4 percent across the system. Likewise, African-American freshman applications increased only 0.1 percent across the UC but jumped 7.3 percent on this campus, from 534 to 573.

The number of freshmen in the group "white or other" went up by 9.2 percent at UCSB compared to 7 percent systemwide, while Asian-American applicants fell by 142 students, despite a 5.5 percent rise systemwide.

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help the campaign's fundraising efforts, according to Wheeler. Finance laws would limit his fund raising to the November general election if he did not qualify as a March write-in

candidate, he said.
"Even though they're running unopposed, they can raise money for both the primary and general elections," Wheeler said. "When you're running as an independent, you're only running in a general election.

"But getting on both ballots ... was really so I didn't look like I was aligning with either party," he added.

Wheeler has also challenged Capps and Sea-strand to primary election debates, hoping to raise awareness of his campaign

and the issues, he said.
"I'm doing this to get people like UCSB students out there to get some political awareness," he

said. "I have no intention of going in there and attacking the candidates, I

want to deal with the issues."

But both major party campaigns said they don't consider Wheeler a serious contender and will not debate him before the March 26 vote.

"When he becomes a legitimate candidate, we will consider debating him," said Matt Higbee, Seastrand campaign coordinator. "It's not proper for them to engage in a public debate forum until he becomes a serious candidate."

Wheeler has made it clear that he is a candidate of neither party, therefore he should not be debated until later in the race, according to Bryant Wieneke, Capps' cam-

paign coordinator.
"It makes no sense for Walter Capps to debate him because he's not in the Democratic primary," he said. "Later on during the general election, with Seastrand and Walter on stage it might make sense for Steve Wheeler to be up

But Wheeler said Capps has unclear stances on some issues, and would fear losing support in a

"If Walter and I got in a debate it would cost him a lot of votes," he said.

Though the mainstream candidates are unlikely to take him up on the debate offer, Wheeler believes a primary forum would be beneficial to interested

"I think this would be a productive event. ... The public would definitely prosper from this," he

To qualify as a write-in candidate, Wheeler needs only to turn in 40 signatures for each ballot, according to Bob Smith of the county Elections Office. Wheeler will be the first independent candidate to run in each primary, and only the second hopeful on both ballots.

"[State Sen.] Jack O'Connell is the only one to our knowledge that has done it before, run in both the Democratic and Republican primary," he said.



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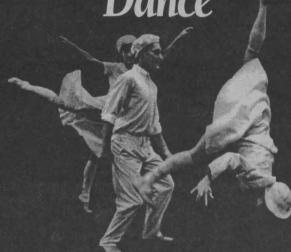
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Frugal Affection

Ways to Satisfy Your Lover Without Blowing Your Dough

Editorial

Once again, birds are singing, bees are buzzing, the sun is shining and couples young and old are strolling hand in hand. Valentine's Day is here.

This observance is supposed to be a celebration of the giving spirit — it is supposed to be about people in love showing affection through gifts of sweets, flowers and cards. But in recent years, the celebration d'amour seems to have grown into more of a devious conspiracy concocted by the owners of candy conglomerations, greeting card giants and florist factories to coax cash out of the lovestruck's

In order to thwart the unbridled joy that such cigar-smoking fat cats revel in every Valentine's Day, the Daily Nexus editorial staff has put together the following list of ways to impress your loved one without draining your dollars.

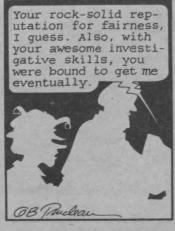
- Go backyard hopping for garden-fresh flowers in Isla Vista's R-1 residential zone on the west end of town. Chancellor Yang's yard next to the lagoon also features a beautiful selection. Watch for thorns!
- Give them your own candy sampler. Load up a box with the free after-dinner mints from Sizzler and whatever leftover Mary Janes and Smarties you still have from Halloween.
- Show your love how much you really care. Send them an e-mail valentine.
- Iewelry is always a good gift. Try one of those gumball machines at Vons, but don't bother with Cracker Jack boxes. They seem to only have commercialized video game tattoos these days.

- Wait until tomorrow and buy flowers and candy on sale. When you give them to your significant other, act shocked when they say you're too late and swear you thought Valentine's Day was the 15th.
- For a truly forgettable date, take your loved one to tonight's Associated Students Leg Council meeting. Your sweetie will soon appreciate the decent person you are when compared to your résumébuilding peers.
- ♥ Profess your love in chalk markings all over campus. Warning: This is only a good idea if your honey's name isn't Pete Regent.
- Take your heartthrob for a romantic picnic in Storke Plaza followed by a leisurely rowboat excursion complete with parasol and banjo in the reflecting pool. Don't touch the water.
- Use this Nexus to create an origami flower
- Serenade your main squeeze through their shower window.
- For the extra thrill that will spice up any sagging relationship, consummate your love on the UCen couches or in the library. But please, for the love of God, don't do it in the RecCen pool.
- Create a new aphrodisiac in chemistry class.
- Get your steady really drunk tonight on cheap Mad Dog 20/20 wine, and tomorrow morning claim to the death you took them out for a great dinner and night on the town. Act disappointed when they don't remember.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Offer Respe

James DeVoe

Hello, my name is James DeVoe and I am a senior. The reason I am writing is so that you can understand something about that guy you see and stare at every once in a while who is walking really weird.

I am a manic depressive and I have had to take a medication that has caused a movement disorder called

tardive dyskinesia.

Tardive dyskinesia is very common but I have a very, very rare case of the disorder and I have had to live with it for six years. Last fall, I took a medical leave of absence because it was so bad. The doctors here in Santa Barbara could not identify it, and when it got to the point that I shook all day long and could barely walk at all, I went to UCLA to see a specialist in movement disorders. He saw me sitting there and instantly knew that it was tardive dyskinesia which affects the lower ex-tremities, instead of the most common form which affects the mouth or arms.

The disorder was caused by my taking a tranquilizer, Loxitane, which gave me brain damage that in 90 percent of the cases of my severity is incurable. I know I will have a full recovery because I can't believe anything else and because once before, I was taken off the medication and it disappeared.

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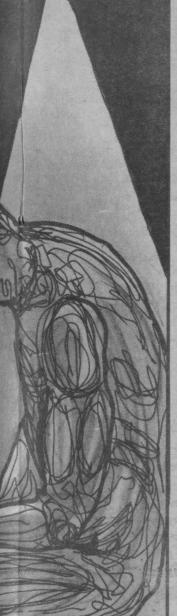
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perience with people with this severe disorder, people cannot believe that you're really not doing it yourself. But I am not, and the reason I want to explain this to you now is that there is proper behavior people should follow that I was taught when I was at orientation.

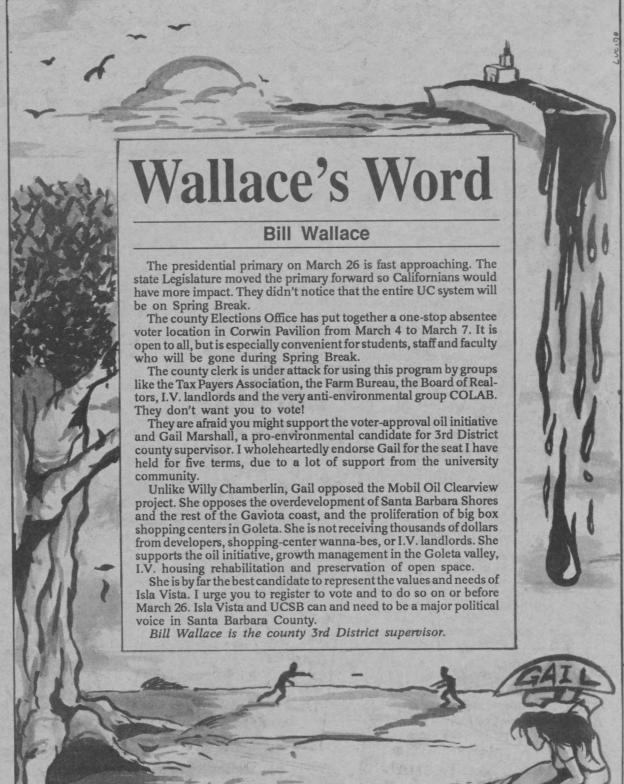
If I remember correctly, they, the administration, felt that it would be a good idea that students know that there are a lot of different people in our small community of learning, and if you find yourself in a situation with a person of different color, size or whatever, show respect and understanding and not act as though you were back in high school and you or your friends made fun of someone who was different. We are all adults now and we should act like it.

Don't be scared if I am walking strangely because I don't need any help, and for those of you who have asked, thank you. If you have an uncontrollable urge to ask me why I walk that way I will gladly tell you, but I AM NOT A FREAK and I am just as normal as the rest of you, whatever that means. I am here to learn and get a degree just like all of us are, but it is a little different for me because I can't just walk across campus or climb Storke Tower.

We should look at diversity and say to ourselves, "I am glad to experience this," and if there is a misunderstanding or immaturity, be an adult and ask instead of staring or avoiding the issue. This university is like a little world and even though there may be no guns or weapons, a nasty comment or a dirty look can do the same damage to a person that was once normal but whose brain has been malfunctioning.

In the future, since I will be here next year, I bet you when my legs get better this summer you won't even notice me. It really doesn't bother me if you take a quick stare, but don't be rude, and if you have to ask, ask. Thank you.

James DeVoe is a senior history major.



he Reader's Voice

Condom Conversation

itor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing this article as a thoughtful and hopefully enhtening response to the article written by William Yelles rerding the distribution of free condoms as a method of promng safer sex behavior (Daily Nexus, "The Right Idea," Feb.

I am head grader for Sociology 152A, a peer educator inved in AIDS and sexuality, and have been accepted as a aduate student in human sexuality at NYU. Clearly, I am alified to present the issue of condom distribution from the respective of a sex educator.

Each person, including Yelles, has his or her own opinion to what the ideal sexual relationship should be. Some peochoose to respect these differing opinions and some dot. The reality is that many people on this campus engage in for recreational purposes.

Whether or not we believe that sex should be for procream, to facilitate bonding between lovers or for recreation is elevant to our work. If we want to curb the spread of disse, then we must use tactics which are the most efficient; is requires not being blind to the behaviors our population engaged in

The fact is that condom distribution increases the likeliod that condoms will be used, which decreases infection d pregnancy rates. In addition, there is absolutely no evince hat access to condoms promotes sexual behavior.

Yelles argues that promoting condom use interferes with a promotion of a larger, more important message — that the oblem lies in having sex "without a commitment." I could gue that sex without a commitment is not necessarily bad, wever, I think it will suffice to say that love has never been equate protection against pregnancy or disease. Instead, it is been used repeatedly as an excuse not to protect oneself a partner which, ironically, leads to more unwanted preancies and disease.

In addition, commitment is not adequate protection either, the fact is that 36 percent of men and 21 percent of women at CSB have been sexually unfaithful. The reality is, if your other is not using a condom with you, it is very likely that they have not used (or are not using) a condom with their partners.

As for the assertion that we are not providing the campus the adequate information about STDs other than AIDS, ease try to understand that we are focusing on AIDS because this is AIDS Awareness Week. If you bother to come two to the Safer Sex Paire, or attend any of our presentations, you will find information on all of the diseases preva-

lent at UCSB and others as well. Do not be offended that this information attempts to be relevant to all cultural, moral and lifestyle choices.

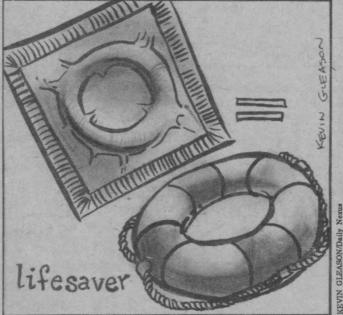
LISA D. WADE

The Fatal Date

Editor, Daily Nexus:

"The infamous Tuesday Valentine's Day with John! It was wonderful, it was perfect! It was more than I could have hoped for!

"I was picked up at 6:15 p.m. — greeted with half a dozen long-stemmed red roses. Taken to Maxi's for a very fancy dinner with champagne. Full of romance, laughter, intense and intelligent conversation. I was told that I was a 'vision,' that I



was absolutely beautiful. He said that he had fallen in love with me and has been thinking about things he never thought would enter his mind. ... We went back to his place, exchanged gifts. ... He gave me a gold and amethyst ring. ... We talked for several hours, sipping champagne, knowing that this had been the night we planned on making love for the first time."

This is an excerpt from the diary of Stephanie Nelson, written in February 1989. That night may have been the night that "John" gave her the most serious "gift" of all, the HIV virus. A year and a half later, "John" was dead and Stephanie received her test results. In September 1994 at the age of 28, Stephanie

Nelson died of AIDS.

This week is AIDS Awareness Week at UCSB, a week to be aware of how we can protect ourselves from becoming infected with HIV and a week to remember those who suffer from and have died from AIDS.

It is also Valentine's Day, when we express our love for other people. As you celebrate, remember to love each other and yourself enough to use protection.

NICOLE SINGER

Thanks, Friends

Editor, Daily Nexus:

In her column (Daily Nexus, "High School Nostalgics Are Misled Losers," Feb. 7), Peggy Semingson thoughtlessly expressed her distaste toward freshmen (the ones that dine in lower-division dining commons, or ride the bus to and from Francisco Torres) and all the high school nostalgia that they seem to spew forth.

Semingson even went so far as to ask, "Who really cares?" regarding the collages of pictures that these freshmen put up on their wall. Well, Peggy, has it ever occurred to you that maybe they themselves cared?

High school was full of "barbarism" and "vicious adolescent cruelty," and it was for these reasons that friendships were formed. There was no way of escaping those years of teenage misery, so you had to find a support group—people to tell you that no matter what, it was OK, and that yes, you did have a place in this world, even if it was with a bunch of hosers that hung in a parking lot. For those years, you had your friends.

And then you went to college, most likely being separated from your group. Freshman year introduced an array of new ideas and concepts, and a lot of growing up and compromising of personal beliefs were made. Many times you found yourself wondering if anyone could understand you the way those high school buddies understood you, but the group of people you knew so well wasn't here, so to accommodate for that loss, those extravagant collages of high school pics were pinned up just to remind you that there were once people who understood you.

A few more comments to Ms. Semingson: As for that "closet full of clothes from Wet Seal" high school mentality that freshmen supposedly have, your high heels that made you "feel like a real sophisticated woman" reeks of the same stepped.

And as for those people who "snorted and sneered" at you in high school for using "big words," maybe it wasn't the words, but your attitude.

DEBBIE YIP

Continued from p.1 many students, inside, language difficulties abound. For Chuang, lectures provide a challenge in understanding.

"They have slang and they speak fast," she said. "I'm afraid that I miss some important points."

Pleuss, on the other hand, does not have too hard a time comprehending his professors. "I'm a physics major and it's not very hard to understand physics as a language, because all formulas are the same everywhere," he said.

Pleuss does not remain unaffected, however. "I think the language, of course, is a big thing because I'm living together with six native English speakers, some from England," he said. "It's hard to get adjusted to all the different accents because the

English accents are very different from the American. I really had problems to get along with that."
Getting used to UCSB's

quarter system was also a big step for the two international students. "The system here is completely

different," Pleuss said.
"I think principally the system here in America is you come from high school, and I have the impression that freshman and sophomore year are more of a transition between high school and studying," he said. "You have to declare a major when you go to a university, and you don't have this general education stuff anymore, you just have classes for your major and some related topics.

"Germany has just one grade," he added. "There's not a distinction between bachelor's and master's."

Pleuss was also surprised by the number of tests in his American classes. Without the timeline that multiple tests provide, students need to be especially careful to keep up with their studies, he said.

"For every class here you have to take finals and midterms," he said. "While you're in Germany, that is an incentive for some, indefinitely not the case. ...

Kong, so once we got in, we relaxed ourselves a little bit because we studied so much [before]."

While having to make so many adjustments may seem to be a deterrent for students, they actually are cluding Chuang. "Actu-

At the beginning, no one really knew me, so I could do whatever I wanted.

> Mei Hsia Chuang business major Hong Kong

By the system of less finals and midterms, you study more on your own responsibility."

Chuang finds the study load requires greater ef-fort. "I study much more than I did in Hong Kong because it's difficult to get into a university in Hong

ally, I'm looking for a challenge for me because I got used to my life in Hong Kong," she said.

Chuang also found the change of scenery conducive to letting her wild side show. "At the beginning, no one really knew me, so I could do whatever I

wanted," she said.

The adventure of living in a new country is also an attraction, according to Pleuss. "I wanted to get to know the culture, different people, the language," he said. "I thought it would be interesting. I heard California would be nice. I wanted to see something different."

Seeing something different came for Chuang in the form of learning to play drinking games. "I didn't drink much when I was in Hong Kong," she said.
"But here people are so excited to drink. I'm bad at drinking; I'm easy to get drunk.

The widespread use of drugs as well as alcohol is another circumstance new to Chuang. "I find it interesting that many people take drugs here and drink a lot," she said. "It seems that they're not happy."

While their interests in new people and places can help students through

many of the tough spots of adjusting to living in the United States and attending UCSB, sometimes they need campus services to aid in easing the transition.

Many of these services help introduce students to American culture and peo-

ple, according to Mathew.
"We have in the beginning an orientation program basically talking about various aspects of what it is to be a student," he said.

"We have cross-cultural communication workshops during the year to provide an opportunity for the students to get to know the American culture, the American value system and some of the concerns, the cultural shocks, some of the things they need to be aware of," he added.

For those students living in the dorms, hall activities can help to make

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veterinarians who provide their services at such a low cost. They make the program a success — without the vets we couldn't do it on our own," she said.

The lower price is augmented by a subsidy from the SBHS and also by the vet performing the opera-tions, said Dr. Peggy Larned, a veterinarian at Artemis Animal Clinic.

"I think it encourages some people who wouldn't be able to do it otherwise. We take a little bit of a loss, but it's worth it for us. It is also good for my clinic because we are new to this area and it brings people here so they can get to know us," she

The health benefits of

having pets fixed extend to the human population as

"Because we have a

euthanized," Brown said.

try, according to Mathew.

"Once they're admitted, anything to do with their existence here in terms of retention, and their support service to the extent we are capable of doing, we provide," he said.

Despite the difficulties of adjusting to American life at UCSB, the international students have found their experiences to be positive so far. "What I like most is that I got to know so many nice people here from all over the world," Pleuss said.

Chuang believes her few months in the United States have been facilitated by people she lives and plays with.

"I'm lucky," she said. "I got a good roommate and I got good friends, so I

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Continued from p.8 them feel more at home with American culture and people, according to Bar-bie Kaufmann, resident assistant for the international floor of San Rafael Residence Hall.

"I'm just doing the typical American things so they can see what American culture is like," she

The transition period does not start in the United States, according to Education Abroad Program Director Apostolos Athanassakis.

"Actually the work that we do to prepare them coming to the U.S. is mostly done through our study centers abroad," he said. "That's where the

well, said Elmore.

problem with rabies in this county, it is needed to control the population of unwanted pets, otherwise we would be overrun with animals and disease," Elmore said.

Brown believes that students planning to get a pet while still in school should seriously consider the lifelong commitment involved and treat their pet responsibly.

"We are the ones who actually deal with these animals. We are heartbroken by animals who don't have homes, who nobody wants and are going to be

foreign students go for information, for counseling, for financial matters, practically for everything they need. It's their job to prepare them to come to the

After going through a strict selection process, the students who do come to the United States are expected to do well, according to Mathew.

"When they are here. they have a great deal of expectation to complete [their term]," he said.
"They are under great academic pressure because it's sort of unthinkable for them to come here, spend all this money and go back home."

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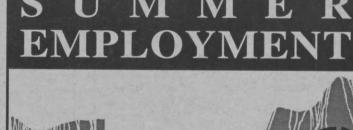


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Continued from p.12 Coach Liz Kelly.

"In the first game we were right in there — I thought we had it - but they got lucky on that call. It was so fair, I thought for sure it was fair," added junior catcher Johnna Mike.

UCLA went on to win the first game 1-0 thanks to Adams, who had the only run of the game off a homer to center field in the fifth.

Santa Barbara junior pitcher Kacie Ontiveros (1-2) started the game and threw strongly for over five innings before junior Megan O'Brien came on to relieve her in the top of that crucial sixth inning after the Bruins began to get to

"In the first game Kacie Ontiveros pitched a great game. She had their hitters

off-balance and she pitched a very smart game," said Kelly of Ontiveros, who scattered six hits and two walks. "Then they started hitting her hard, bases were loaded and their batters had seen her three times already. Megan is a totally different-style pitcher, so I wanted to let them see an up-ball pitcher instead of a drop-ball pitcher."

O'Brien started the second game, but Santa Barbara ran into trouble right away, giving up five runs in the first inning. Senior Stacy Atwood came in to relieve O'Brien (0-1) but fared no better as UCSB gave up 12 runs on 12 Bruin hits in five innings (eight-run rule), including three round-trippers.

UCLA designated hitter Kim Wuest belted two of those home runs, which means on the season she has five homers in just 16 at-bats.

"I'm seeing the ball a lot better this year," Wuest said. "I'm able to pick it up twice. So I'm able see it come out of her hand and then I'm able to pick it up about halfway down. That's helping me a lot more to see the ball as a

The loss was a bittersweet one for Mike, as her sister and ex-Gaucho Ginny Mike-Mitchell helped beat UCSB, going 4 for 7 on the day.

"It's kind of hard losing 12-0, but not to my sister because I like it when she does well, but I didn't want their team to do that well," Mike said. "It's hard to hang in there when they keep getting hits and scoring and scoring. At 12-0

it's hard to stay up."

The weak point for Santa Barbara was hitting - the team could only muster six hits and was held scoreless in both games.

Continued from p.12 UCSB junior reliever John Minton (perfect in four innings this season)

entered the game to pitch a scoreless ninth inning and record the save.

Pepperdine's ranking, however, wasn't in the back of Minton's mind as he went out to close the

"I don't pay attention to how good a team is sup-posed to be," he said. "All I try to do is make my pitches, and if I play my game, usually I'll come out on top."

TRACK

Continued from p.12 for first in the two-mile run with a time of 11:09.04. Eli Gladden and Andy Richen took one-two in the high jump with their 6'8" leaps. Erika Bornhorst also had a good day of jumping, taking first with a jump of 5'6" on the women's side.

Another Gaucho that took a first-place finish feel that this year's squads

we's Brian Lubocki, with his 15' pole vault attempt. Tracy Hayden had a productive day, not only taking first in the women's long jump (18'6"), but also taking second place in the triple jump (36'7"). Both the men and women took first in the 4x100 relay races, with the men scoring a time of 44.91, and the women running a 51.27.

The Gaucho athletes

have a better makeup than the 1995 team, which should get them better results at the conference finals in May.

"We're definitely going to do better this season because we really didn't lose anybody except for a cou-ple redshirts. We're also more well-rounded," said co-captain Gladden. "We have a chance at taking first or second in the Big West [Championships]."



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SPORTS

Gauchos Ride Past #11 Waves Using Late-Inning Comeback on the Road

By Curtis Kaiser Staff Writer

Off to its best start since 1990, the UCSB baseball team rode the Waves to another victory Tues-

The Gauchos (7-1) used a late-inning comeback at Pepperdine University's Eddy D. Field to take a 6-3 victory over the Waves (4-5), who are ranked #11 in Collegiate Baseball's latest poll.

"It's a big game for us and it was a good test for

our club against a nationally ranked team," said junior left-hander Steve Cain, who got the starting nod and allowed two earned runs in five innings of work. "Our team showed a lot of poise."

UCSB started off slowly against Pepperdine starter Andrew Shibilo, who retired the first 13 Santa Barbara hitters he faced and did not allow a base hit until the sixth inning, when junior right fielder Collin Weitzman led off with a single.
"We came out flat and their pitcher was domi-

nating," said UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema. "We could have easily rolled over, but our pitchers showed great poise and kept us in it. They gave us the opportunity to get back into the game."

Pepperdine got on the board first in the second inning when catcher Dennis Twombley blasted a two-run homer. The Waves added another run in the fifth on first baseman Rob Reid's RBI single.

After five innings of work, Cain gave way to freshman David Uris, who pitched brilliantly for

2½ innings before getting himself into a bit of a jam in the bottom of the eighth inning. With two outs, Uris walked three consecutive Pepperdine batters. Brontsema went to the bullpen for another freshman, Darren Murphy (1-0), who proceeded to strike out pinch hitter J.T. Harrison on three pitches to end the inning, earning the first win of his collegiate career.

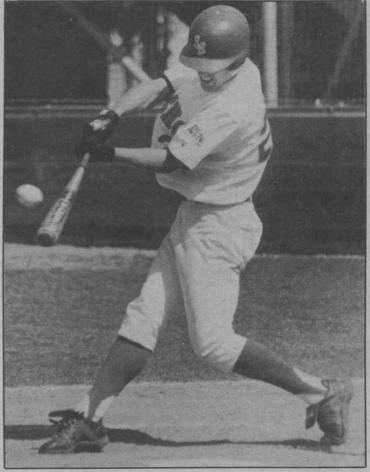
"The freshmen stepped up big today," Cain said.
"You can see the difference between the confidence of our staff this year than last year."
In the top of the eighth UCSB finally got to Shi-

bilo, when Gaucho senior Ryan Kritscher (who played both second base and left field) and junior first baseman Brooks Morris singled. Junior outfielder Brett Hardy then reached on a throwing error by Pepperdine second baseman Justin Hodgdon, which allowed Kritscher to score. Junior designated hitter Dave Willis knocked a double to

score Morris and Hardy.

In the top of the ninth, with the score tied 3-3,
UCSB went to work on Waves reliever Chime
Serra (0-1). Morris led off the inning with a infield single and Hardy followed with a walk. After an unsuccessful sacrifice bunt by Willis, senior outfielder Wynter Phoenix connected for an RBI single. Senior third baseman Louis Tapia followed with a sacrifice fly and the third run of the inning scored due to an error by Pepperdine shortstop Dennis Konrady.

See VICTORY, p.10



ROAD WARRIORS: The Gauchos defeated the #11 Waves of Pepperdine, 6-3, to raise their record to 7-1 on the season.



FAMILY FEUD: Gaucho catcher Johnna Mike (right) watches her sister Ginny Mike-Mitchell of #1 UCLA hit a triple in the fifth inning of game one, which the Bruins won, 1-0.

UCSB Loses Game by One Inch to #1 UCLA at Home

By Michael Cadilli Staff Writer

Even though football is known as the game of inches, an inch was the difference between tying a game against #1 UCLA and losing for the UCSB softball squad, which hosted the Bruins in a doubleheader

The Gauchos (1-5 overall re-cord) were able to hold the Bruins (7-1) in game one to just one run through six innings, when Santa Barbara started to make some noise. Senior third baseman Maria Costa started off the sixth frame with a double down the left-field line that appeared foul but actually grazed off UCLA third base-man Julie Adams' glove.

Senior J.J. Cannon came in to pinch run for Costa and was moved to third on a single to center by senior utility player Michelle Ray. Then, senior right fielder Jennifer Merlo hit what was thought to have been a run-scoring bloop single to left field, but the umpire ruled it was foul and Cannon was eventually thrown out at home two pitches later.

"We paint our lines. If it was chalk, I think then the chalk would have blown — it was that close," said UCSB Head

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Track Season Has Begun

Track Squads Take Two Victories as Men & Women Both Triumph

By Brian Arbour

Both UCSB's men's and women's track and field teams, in their first meet of the season, were able to defeat Azusa Pacific University and neighboring rivals Westmont College last Saturday in what was one of only three home meets to be held on campus all season.

The Gaucho men's team tot-aled up 129 points to Westmont's 122 and Azusa's mere 62, while Santa Barbara's women's team won easily, scoring 140 points compared to Westmont's 103 and Azusa's 83.

"It's always good to win at home in the opener. We went up against some really tough distance competition, so that was a little disappointing more from the scoring possibilities because I know we're a good distance team," said UCSB Head Coach Pete Dolan.

"I saw a lot of good things to-day in all areas, but the biggest thing that stands out today — the throws crew. In all the throwing events they've hit another level,"

he added. "We're filling out all the events and we're good in all those events, not just filling in, but we fill them out with good people. That's a real step in the right direction for this program."

According to Mary Wilson, who took first in the javelin with a 133'11" toss, it is the amount of fresh faces that adds quality to the squad, which has been the major difference for the hurlers.

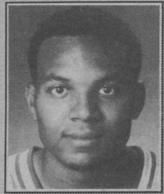
"We have more people throwing than we have in the past. We have depth this year," she said. "With the newcomers and the experienced people, we're more well-rounded."

Others on the throwing teams who took first in their events were junior college transfer Charlie Gardner (hammer throw, 144'), Jason Bader (discus, 145'7") and Jenna Endres (hammer throw, 135'5"), who now holds the school record in the event because this was the first time the women's team has ever competed in the event.

Santa Barbara also performed well in other areas. Eliza Alexander and Gabriela Rodriguez tied

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hlete of the Week



Lelan McDougal

SPORT: Men's Basketball

POSITION: Guard HEIGHT: 6-3

YEAR: Senior

ACCOMPLISHMENT: Helped UCSB beat UNLV Saturday in front of 5,372 Thunderdome fans, while setting career highs in scoring and rebounding against NMSU on Thursday.

QUOTABLE: "My shot has been falling, but I wouldn't have been able to do it without all the other guys. I've been getting some wide-open shots thanks to them setting some good picks and Phil [Turner] distributing the ball."

STATS:

vs. New Mexico State Set new career-high marks by scoring a game-high 28 points on 11-of-24 shooting and by pulling down 10 rebounds to tie the game-high with Mark Flick, who also had 10 boards.

vs. UNLV Also had a game-high 24 points and 6 rebounds on 8-of-14 shooting, including 8-9 from the charity stripe.