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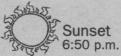
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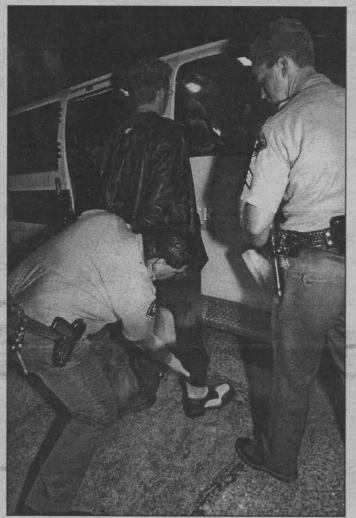
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A Santa Barbara sheriff frisks a suspect on the 6600 block of DP on Sept. 16 before arresting him on drug and weapons charges.

IVFP Increases Staff, Citations During 'Fall Education Period'

Friday, Saturday Night Reveling Ends With 174 Tickets, 57 Incarcerations

By Marisa Lagos Staff Writer

Party-goers flooding the streets of Isla Vista led to an overflow of arrests for the I.V. Foot Patrol on the first weekend before the start see people out and having a good of the UCSB school year.

This past weekend proved busy for the IVFP, even with 35 officers on duty Friday night and 32 on duty Saturday night. During a weekend that IVFP Lt. Butch Arnoldi called "the busiest Del Playa has

been in many years on a non-Halloween night," the station issued 174 criminal citations and made 57 bookings. In the next few weekends, Arnoldi said he intends to double the number of officers that have been on duty the past three weekends.

"From now on, on Friday and

Saturday night we want to have an excess of 50 officers out here. My commanding officer, Deb Lyndon, was in I.V. last weekend, and she wants more officers here on Friday and Saturday nights," he said. "It's been great — we like to

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time, and for the most part they're to be commended."

who are nonstudents.

Since the "Fall Education Period" began three weeks ago, the IVFP has increased staffing levels 43 percent and made 106 percent more arrests since the same time period in 1999.

"We are not by any means out

there to increase our statistics. There has been an influx of outof-town [guests] and people who are nonstudents," Arnoldi said.

One incident that occurred this weekend was an apartment fire on the 6600 block of Del Playa Drive on Friday morning, which caused

> an estimated \$5,000 worth of damage.

"There was an apartment fire, a practical joke. There was a wetsuit in the bathroom someone torched the wetsuit, which of course burned the

bathroom. There's a big difference between practical jokes and ... stupidity," Arnoldi said.

The previous weekend, IVFP responded to a call Sept. 15 on the 6700 block of Pasado Road and "contacted an unresponsive

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Housing Office Extends Aid on Website

Housing Office (CHO), which offers multiple housing services to ings, information regarding the apartment before and after you UCSB students and staff, is now legal rights of the tenant and landavailable online, according to acting manager of CHO Beth Ford.

"The most exciting addition this year is that we are now online," she said. "Anyone can access our services from home. Whether they are looking for a place to live or a roommate, they can do an apart-

Community ment search."

lord as well as documentation of a property's condition for later security deposit disputes.

"We advise on tenant and landlord laws and provide a mediation service whether it is a conflict between roommates or between a tenant and a landlord," Ford said.

"We also have a video-taping ser-The CHO provides rental list- vice in which we can come to your move in, to document its condition in order to settle disputes regarding security deposits. The service costs \$10, and the CHO provides the video camera and tape.'

> In an attempt to alleviate the problem of new Isla Vista residents

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CSOs Promote Registration as Bike Protection

BY SARAH HEALY Staff Writer

Campus officials recommend two deterrents for students who want to keep their bicycles from becoming a thief's possession: a lock and a small silver sticker.

Community Service Organization officers registered approximately 1,500 bikes this past week in front of Storke Tower, Francisco Torres and Santa Rosa Hall, according to CSO Coordinator Tara Perez. There are anywhere between 14,000 and 17,000 bikes at UCSB, and about 3,500 bikes are registered every year, she

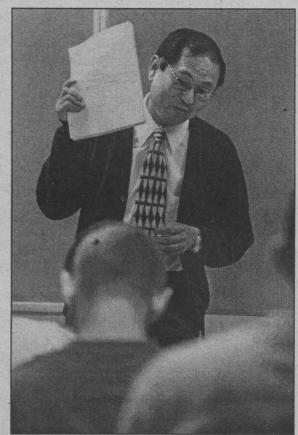
Once a student registers a bike, the number goes into a computer record and a sticker is affixed to the frame, which could provide the police and CSO officers with the identification needed to retrieve the bike if stolen. The numbers help the police find a specific stolen bike or give it back to a student, CSO Public Relations Area Coordinator Shaylene Mata said.

"Registration is really the only proof [the police has] if someone tries to claim their bike as theirs," she said. "If the bike is stolen, we never know who to give it back

CSO officers can sometimes determine if a bike is stolen from its appearance or if the bike has been sitting in the same spot for more than two weeks, Mata said.

"Usually if a bike has been painted over, it looks somewhat suspicious," she said. "Paint is the most

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Don't Bother Appealing Your Grade

Chancellor Henry T. Yang introduces Structural Analysis, Mechanical and Environmental Engineering 167, to his students. This is the only class Yang is teaching this Fall.

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Leaders Work to Stabilize World Economy



PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — World finance leaders savored fragile victories Monday in their efforts to cut oil prices and boost the shaky European currency while pledging to double the number of poor countries getting debt relief by year's end.

Worries about the euro and oil prices took over as top agenda items at discussions over the past three days of policy-setting committees of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, whose annual meetings, attended by delegates from 182 nations, will formally start today.

words over the weekend from Bank leaders about coordinated efforts to push oil prices lower, as well as the implied threat that rich nations might intervene to buy more euros on currency markets, were having the intended impact on oil prices and the euro's value.

Oil prices dropped \$1.35 per barrel early Monday on the London futures market, though they drifted higher as the session went on. North Sea Brent crude for November delivery was off by 42 cents, at \$30.83 per barrel, in late dealings.

The euro held firm, bringing 87.5 cents late in the day, compared to 87.8 cents late Friday, after the coordinated support effort was launched and pushed the euro about 2 cents

U.S. Treasury Secretary The news through the Lawrence Summers said finance meetings had welcomed President Clinton's decision to release 30 million barrels of oil from U.S. reserves in an effort to lower prices.

"What the impact will be, I don't know," Summers said in a Prague television interview.

Private analysts, however, stressed that they believed oil markets were still unsettled in advance of today's meeting of the Organization Exporting Petroleum Countries (OPEC) oil ministers. They also said the euro was likely to come under renewed selling pressures, forcing further intervention efforts.

Protesters are threatening to disrupt the summit, hoping to repeat the points they made through mass demonstrations last year at a World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle and

day was positive; the strong other countries at the in the spring at the IMF and World Bank meetings in Washington.

> While their numbers were smaller than predicted only a few hundred, compared with the 20,000 predicted by protest leaders the anti-globalization protesters had already had an impact on the meeting as officials refashioned the traditional agenda in an effort to show that the two agencies, who have been accused of having bloated, overpaid staffs, were heeding the call to do more to alleviate poverty in the world.

> In a statement issued Monday, the Development Committee — which sets policy for the World Bank - pledged to work toward a goal of having 20 nations approved for debt relief by the end of this year, double the 10 that have so far managed to get through what has proven to be a lengthy qualification process.

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L.A. Plagued With Higher Crime, Fewer Officers

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — A police shortage and increased scrutiny of officers has led to fewer arrests despite a hike in crime, and officials fear it will only get worse with the prospect of further monitoring under a proposed federal consent decree.

Between Jan. 1 and Sept. 16, violent crimes, burglary,

larceny and auto theft were up 11 percent, but there We are what you call a blade of grass in were 17 percent fewer arrests the lawn of life. Officers show up to work, made when compared to the same period last year, the Daily News of Los Angeles reported Monday.

Police commanders say a good economy and mass retirements have led to an exodus of officers and, in

turn, to a decline in arrests and cuts in some crime-fighting programs. Response times have also increased.

'If you have fewer officers, you can't make the same number of arrests," Deputy Chief Mike Bostic said.

But the officers themselves contend the department's strict discipline policy, fallout from the Rampart police corruption scandal and the proposed consent decree have encouraged officers to leave the force and led others to avoid making arrests.

Instead of doing proactive patrolling and pulling over suspicious people, many officers told the Daily News they are now only responding to routine radio calls.

"We are what you call a blade of grass in the lawn of life. Officers show up to work, eat their lunch and go home. And the ones who are doing their work are impulsive and haven't seen the reality of the situation — that they could be indicted or sued," one LAPD officer, assigned to the San Fernando Valley, told the newspaper.

Chief Bernard Parks, once a vocal opponent of having

a federal judge monitor the Los Angeles Police Dept., declared last week he would diligently support that and other reforms agreed to by who are doing their work are impulsive and the City Council.

> The Justice Dept. threatened a lawsuit accusing the LAPD of a "pattern and practice" of civil rights abuses, particularly against

minorities, if the city did not agree to a package of reforms. Final details of the agreement are being worked out between local and federal officials.

Since July 1, only 99 officers have been hired — not enough to replace the 140 who left during the same peri-

As of last week, the department had just 9,230 officers, down 820 from the 10,050 department goal, offi-

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AP Wire Shorts

WASHINGTON (AP) - More employers are offering health insurance coverage to the partners of homosexual employees, according to a report by a gay-rights

The study, by the Washington-based Human Rights Campaign, found that 3,572 companies, colleges and governments, both states and local, offered or have announced they would offer health insurance covering their employees' domestic partners. This was up 25 percent from a year ago, when 2,856 employers extended such benefits. The Census Bureau counted 6.9 million workplaces in the country in 1998.

The findings were included in the group's annual "State of the Workplace for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Americans.

"Domestic partner benefits are increasingly becoming a standard business practice in corporate America, said Kim I. Mills, education director of the Human Rights Campaign. "Employers have discovered that these benefits help attract and keep the best workers, a critical consideration in the current tight job market."

The report called a "landmark move" the announcement in June by Big Three domestic automakers -Daimler Chrysler, General Motors and Ford — and the United Auto Workers that domestic-partner benefits would be offered to their more than 400,000 employees.

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (AP) - Marguerite Richardson got a disturbing notice in the mail: The 78year-old's medical-insurance company said she was

Senior Action Care Network sent a letter to Richardson's address a few weeks ago expressing condolences about her death and cutting off her medical

"I was very upset," she said. "I called and told them I'm not dead. I'm very much alive."

The disabled woman said the mistake came from a clerical error made earlier this year when she spent a month near-death in a San Bernardino-area hospice.

Weather

Enjoy'em while you can, Gauchos. I went people watching yesterday to scope out the fresh meat, errr, freshmen. It was refreshing to see such energetic, physically fit young whippersnappers bounding around campus. However, my mood quickly turned somber as I thought about that evil monster known as The Freshman 15.

The horror. The horror.

Tuesday's forecast: Mostly golden french fry sun with partly Stay-Puft clouds and a 15 percent chance of Natural Ice storms.

UC Briefs

Children of the Corn UC San Diego The Guardian

Sept. 25 — Researchers and lab workers are busy replanting after saboteurs raided a greenhouse at a UCSD biology field station last month, causing \$100,000 in damage.

An activist group from Mexico known as "Los Niños del Maize," or "Children of the Corn," took credit for the act on its website.

The vandals hopped a fence and broke into the campus facility on the night of Aug. 25, causing major damage to genetically modified maize, stalks of sorghum, oak seedlings and several other native plants.

Vandals overturned potted plants and pulled pollination bags from their proper locations in an effort to mix up test

They also spray-painted "Los Niños del Maize" on the window of the building and scrawled phrases such as "Te estamos vigilando," meaning "We are watching you," and the universal anarchist symbol — a circumscribed letter "A."

A night security guard has been hired to deter any further intruders with intentions to disrupt the facility's research.

Half Man, Half Dolphin — All Gold UC Berkeley

The Daily Californian

Sept. 25 — Cal sophomore Anthony Ervin proved himself the fastest thing in Sydney without fins on Friday morning when he captured Olympic gold in the Men's 50-meter Freestyle.

Ervin shared the gold with teammate and training partner Gary Hall Jr. The two swam a time of 21.98 seconds.

"We had a tie for the gold medal in the Olympics," Ervin told NBC. "That makes us the best in the world in no uncertain terms."

Both Ervin and Hall spent the summer training in Arizona under Cal Associate Head Coach Mike Bottom.

Free Love is Out, But Berkeley Still Has Free Music

UC Berkeley

The Daily Californian

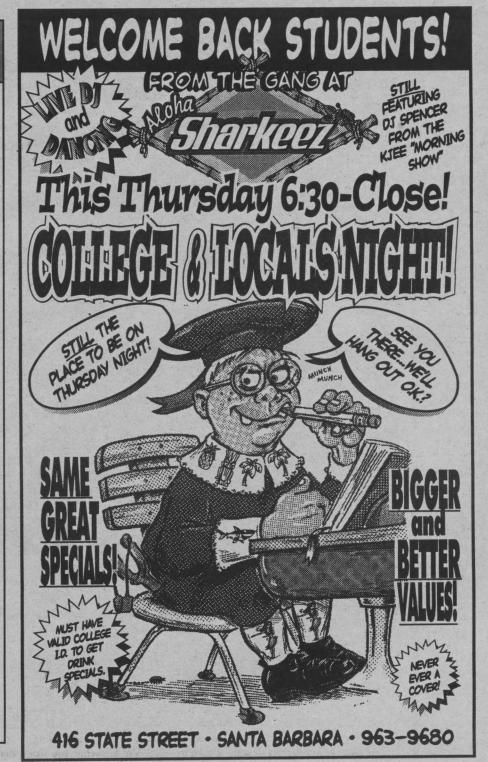
Sept. 25 — Rebuking the requests of music industry heavyweights, UC officials announced Friday they will not ban Napster from university servers.

"Given the fact that Napster technology may be used for legitimate purposes and that the university does not monitor the use of its electronic systems, we see no justification for a blanket block on access to Napster technology," UC General Counsel James Holst said in a statement.

The move came in response to a request by recording artists Metallica and Dr. Dre that 11 national universities ban Napster access because of potential copyright infringement.

But three days after lawyers asked for a response to their request, only Penn State University had banned Napster. Harvard, Stanford and Princeton Universities, along with the University of Michigan and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, declined to limit access to the server.

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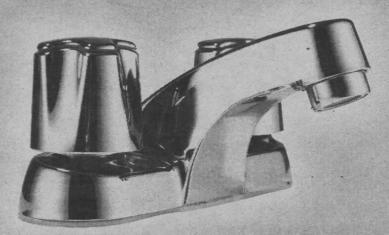
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subject, who was nude and covered with food, trash, etc.," according to an IVFP weekend-recap report. The victim, a 19-year-old UCSB student, had a .38 Blood Alcohol Content level and was transported to Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital for alcohol overdose poisoning.

"Visualize some people not seeing this kid passed out and coming and torching the couch. He could have died — a .40 [BAC] is death, and he was at a .38. They did it as a joke," Arnoldi said.

The influx of students returning to I.V. has not affected the downtown crime rates, according to Santa Barbara Police Dept. Public Information Officer Lt. Nick Katzenstein.

"We had a busy summer downtown. We don't increase [in the fall] because we're pretty consistent between the downtown crowd and the student population," he said. "It's not like I.V., which loses its population during the summer. The student population isn't usually drunk in public. ... The students are actually well-

An Unwritten Law concert at Fiji fraternity Saturday night went smoothly, Arnoldi added. "Fiji did an outstanding job again - we did not have any problems [at the concert],"

Freshman mechanical engineering major Nick Facciola said he felt unaffected by the strong police presence in I.V. "I did see police always arresting somebody, but it's pretty chill if your cup's upside down," he said.

IVFP CRIME STATS

Weekend #1

Date	Criminal Citations	Bookings	Officers on Duty
9/22	75	21	35
9/23	99	36	32

Totals for First Three Weekends "Fall Education Period"

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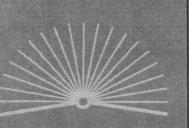
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Américan People Trying to Get Into 'American People'

History 17A Teaching Assistant Anne Peterson is mobbed by potential students in Campbell Hall, all of them hoping to crash her honors section. Many students scramble to add classes and switch sections during the first week of school.

CHO

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— meaning an annual increase in need for housing — the CHO travels to the dorms distributing advice and handbooks.

"We also publish a survivor guide once a year, in January. The guide is free and it includes sections on tenant and landlord laws, a guide on how to set up

utilities and find roommates," she said. "We also put on a program for freshmen in the dorms during the year to advise them on what they need to know to find their first places."

Taqline Goorjian, a first-year religious studies graduate student, said the lack of expense was the CHO's deciding quality. "The best thing about the

CHO is that the service is free, and I will probably be able to live with another graduate student," she said.

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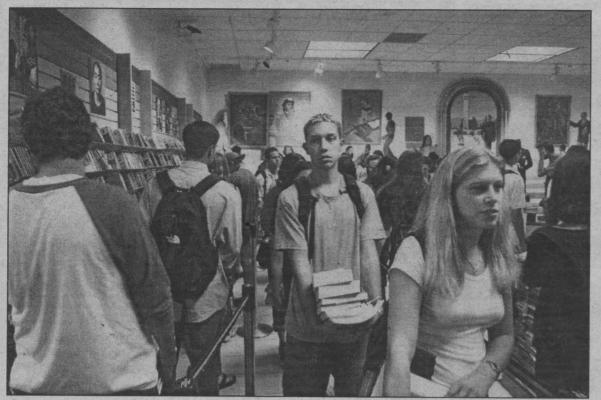
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The Ants Go Marching One by One

As classes begin, hundreds of UCSB students pour through the campus bookstore to purchase books and school supplies. While some students avoided the crowds altogether by buying books early or ordering them online, the majority winds up trooping through stores, dealing with book shortages, standing in long lines and enjoying the company of fellow Gauchos.

BIKE

common way people trick you that it's not your bike.'

A registered bike can also deter potential bike thieves from stealing a .bike, Perez said.

"I think people are less likely to steal a bike that is registered because then there's a victim," she said. "If

there's a victim, then charges can be pressed."

To retrieve a bike from the CSO, students must present proof of ownership, which can be a receipt for the bike, a paper slip from registration or a picture of the bike with the owner.

Perez said bike theft is one of the most predominant crimes on campus - building a reputation of which even incoming freshmen are weary.

"All my friends told me I should just get my bike registered just in case it gets stolen," undeclared freshman Matt Wallin said. "[My friends] say everyone steals bikes, so just get it registered."

Students can register their bikes for \$8 from 12-3 p.m. on weekdays at the CSO office behind the police station. Registration lasts for the duration of a student's college career.

"The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal bread." - Anatole France

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 9 — Time for you to fall in love again? It could happen in an academic setting. If you're already in love, then you and your sweetheart ought to take a class. Something both physically and mentally stimulating would be best.

Do it with friends, if possible. Dancing, anyone?

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — Although you're a per-

son of few words, those few words could be worth their weight in gold. It doesn't take many to get the meaning across if you choose the right ones. And, you sure can. Timing is everything, however. Wait for the right moment.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 9 — You should round out this month on a successful note. Celebrate by launching a new project. Something you start now could turn out well, especially if it

involves love. Going back to school's a good idea, too, and travel should be loads of fun. Enjoy!

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — It's nice to know what's going on, but you don't want to hear about it all day long. Tell a talkative friend you're interested, but only in the stuff that affects you. He or she can keep all the rest of it, with your blessing.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — This ought to be pretty

interesting. Things are happening quickly, but you can most likely keep up. If you start losing track of what's going on, ask a Libra or Gemini to help. They'll be glad to explain.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — Weave in and out and

stay out of other people's way. They're moving quickly, but are they being efficient? Maybe not, but be careful how you tell them. They're having so much fun, they may not care that the job's not getting done! And, if you make them notice, you may have to do it! Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 9 — Do you have a friend

away you can talk to about everything? That's a good person to talk to right now. Wait until after the rates go down if you need to, but sharing about a recent breakthrough will make it more likely to stick. Congratulations on your new point of view, by the way. Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — If you ask leading

questions, you'll find out all sorts of things. Keep most of what you learn to yourself. This is how you gather the information that gives 0 you the edge. Think of it as an Easter egg hunt, except instead of eggs, you're hunting aces to keep up your sleeve. Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Looks like an

excellent evening for a fascinating conversation. A favorite foreign \mathcal{S} restaurant would be a good destination. Your perfect date is a person who poses a bit of a challenge and can teach you a thing or two. Don't take your work with you, though. It would interfere.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Don't let the negotiations under way keep you from taking on another project. They are abundant right now. Ask a loved one to help you choose between them. Working together, you'll find it easier to tell the good deals

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — You and your sweetheart ought to take a little time to celebrate. The perfect reason is love. There are lots of different kinds of love, so you have lots of people you could celebrate with. Or, maybe you'll decide that three's a

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — There's a lot of activity at your house. What are you doing? Adding on another bath-room? Not a bad idea, actually. You seem to be in the tearing-down phase, getting ready for the building-beautiful part. Just keep at it;

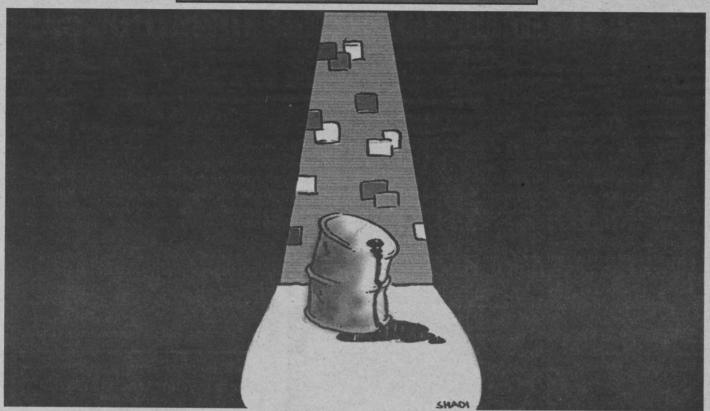
Today's Birthday (Sept. 26). Time to settle down again? Old love's best, be it friends or a mate. Long-distance phone bills may be high in October. Travel conflicts with studies in December. Old dreams are more apt to come true than new ones. Also, expect something bizarre February. Try not to get into savings in May. Keep travel costs down by sharing expenses in June. Keep jealousies down by careful scheduling in August. Make enough time for all.

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Black Gold

Our VP's Back-Door Tactics To Grab More Votes

he Clinton Administration announced Friday that the government will dip into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Thirty million barrels will be sold in an effort to lower the soaring price of crude oil, which had reached a decade high of \$37.80 per barrel. Just one day earlier, presidential candidate Al Gore called for such an action. Gore's move is questionable; the fact that he used Wall Street-style insider trading to scrape together a few more votes is downright disap-

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve was set up in the 1970s after the world's oil-producing countries formed a cartel that sent gas and heating costs through the roof. The reserve was designated as a safeguard to be used in the case of an "emergency."

The Clinton Administration cited concerns of exorbitant home heating costs, Gore's move is questionable; the fact that when he accepted the vice which might place Midwestern and he used Wall Street-style insider trading presidential candidate offer. Eastern low-income families in a per- to scrape together a few more votes is ilously cold situation during the upcoming winter. We have not reached downright disappointing. this "emergency" situation yet, but it is an

urgent and valid consideration that requires some foresight. However, one must consider not only the effectiveness of the oil sale, but possible economic repercussions.

The U.S. consumes approximately 19 million barrels of oil each day, meaning that the 30 million barrels sold will last about a day and half — a bit shy of the projected four-month winter. Nevertheless, the announcement has provoked an immediate reaction from Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, which has announced it will increase output by 800,000 barrels per day, starting Oct. 1. Oil prices have fallen by approximately \$2.50 per barrel since the announcement, vet both U.S. Federal Reserve Board Chair Alan Greenspan and Secretary of the Treasury Lawrence Summers remain skeptical about economic side effects. If the national petroleum reserves

are opened for nonemergency situations, the government risks setting a precedent that will bail out the oil industry when prices become uncomfortable. Oil is a large industry that affects consumer confidence throughout the market. If oil stock wagers go bad because of government interference, the aggregate markets could take a downturn. But Al Gore was not thinking long term when he made his announcement. He was thinking short term; he was thinking votes.

The Clinton Administration has been considering using surplus oil ever since OPEC cut back on production nearly a year ago. With prices climbing to new heights, one of the presidential candidates was bound to voice his opinion sooner or later. George W. was raised in oil; Cheney made his fortune there and

was working in the industry The GOP drew \$4.7 million from the oil and gas industry, compared to the Democrats' \$1.2 million. Yet good ol' Al

beat them all to the punch, a surprise considering his strong proenvironment stance. Gore used intimate knowledge of Clinton's plans and jumped on the bandwagon, sounding the call first in an effort to win over the voters. And low and behold, it's

There has been no mention, so far, of what the U.S. might do to assuage the effects of high oil prices in the Third World countries that may find themselves far worse off than the U.S. There is no doubt that an oil shortage poses threats for Americans; a severe freeze in the Midwest coupled with a lack of sufficient heating is a dangerous menace to public health. But in the early '70s the U.S. weathered the worst oil crisis in history much better than the rest of the world. If we ever reach that point, chances are we'll pull through again.

The U.S. Govern

TONY BIASOTTI

It always amuses me when politicians talk ab First Amendment as an obstacle they have around. This week, it was Al Gore's flunky V Daley, who said of Washington's latest tiff w entertainment industry, "It is a difficult situation l of the First Amendment, but that doesn't me should just throw up our hands and walk away."

Of course not, Bill. The fact that they wer never stopped Chicagoans from voting for your mayor, so why should a little thing like the Bill of stop you from whoring votes for Gore?

Daley was referring to a recently completed st the Federal Trade Commission, which conclude the entertainment industry markets adult movies

and video games to children. Part of the study's shaky evi- Pop culture dence: Movie studios advertise R-rated movies during "kids' shows" like "The Simpsons," "The X-Files" and "Dawson's children. Creek."

but the real dumber. Er

The Senate Commerce Committee held heari the matter last week, with the vague notion the should do something about violence in music, and video games. Of course, the government something" about artistic content is usually called sorship, so the hearings were ostensibly about ac

The FTC suffers from a fundamental ignora how advertising works. Its report doesn't alleg adult material is being pitched during Saturday m cartoons, just during shows like "Dawson's Cree attract both teens and adults. In order to advertise adults watching "Dawson's Creek" (and I'm sure are a few of you in I.V.), movie studios must adve everyone watching.

That's where ratings come in. Though Holly rating system is deeply flawed, it at least serves to parents that certain films may be unsuitable fo children. It's up to the parents to decide whether teenagers are mature enough to see R-rated movie last time I checked, ads always mention a movie's



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ernment's Push to Make Us See No Evil

so the FTC's cries of "false advertising" are utter bullshit. Probably because the senators realized they didn't have a leg to stand on regarding advertising, the hearings soon degenerated into a bitch session about dirty words in pop music and violence in movies and video games. The scene on Capitol Hill is eerily similar to the situa-

tion in the mid-'80s, when Tipper Gore (wife of then-Senator Albert Gore II) led a group known as the "Washington Wives" in an unholy war against mildly suggestive rock lyrics by Twisted Sister, Prince and Motley Crüe, among others.

The Washington Wives gave us warning labels on album covers, but rock 'n' roll survived. Incidentally, one of the victims of that censorship craze was our own KCSB, which was fined by the Federal Communications Commission for playing a song called "Makin' Bacon." KCSB is a college radio station, they played the song at

night, and, worst of all ulture may be becoming coarser, for smut aficionados like myself, it's not even that

> Tipper has been mercifully quiet this time, but her husband

ld hearings on has made a "make my day" promise to Hollywood: clean up your act in six months, or the federal government will do it for you. Gore later said he wasn't threatening censorship, but advocating self-regulation. But is it "selfregulation" when backed by the threat of censorship?

Once again, Gore is leaving the real dirty work to a Washington wife. This time, Lynne Cheney (wife of GOP vice presidential candidate Dick) has appointed herself national moral guardian. Cheney's presence at the congressional hearings is certainly good for a laugh; hearing her recite Eminem lyrics in her outraged voice is funnier than Charlton Heston's Moses-inflected dramatic reading of Ice-T's "Cop Killer" at a press conference in 1991.

It should come as no surprise that Washington is jumping all over this one. It targets a group -Hollywood executives — that's perceived as even slimier than politicians. And while talk of censorship scares some people, nothing riles up God-fearing middle Americans like a threat to "the children." In their quest to childproof the world, politicians have demonized

smoking and porn, and violent movies are next.

Never mind that movie ratings are often arbitrary anyway. Never mind that the FTC study did not even address whether violent entertainment is harmful to kids (the research shows that it may affect young children, though it's fairly certain that teenagers aren't harmed). Never mind that parents are supposed to tell their kids they can't have everything they see advertised on TV. The real problem here is the assumption that all entertainment should be safe for children.

Pop culture may be becoming coarser, but the real

problem is that it's becoming dumber. Entertainment is too safe for children. It's incredibly difficult to make movies

music suitable for thinking adults, because lowbrow twelve-yearare America's most sought-after demographic. If Lynne Cheney and the rest have their way, it will be

even harder to make movies for adults, because the government

won't allow studios to advertise them. We'll get more "safe" movies — more \$100 million action blockbusters, with the violence toned down and the stupidity left intact.

The pressure has already gotten to the spineless executives at Disney. The day after the FTC report came out, they announced that ABC won't air ads for R-rated movies before 9 p.m.

This is sheer idiocy. Movies with mature themes are already handicapped by the American public's madefor-MTV attention span and insatiable appetite for crap. Now they'll face an additional hurdle because Disney -

one of our leading purveyors of cultural tripe -

stand up to Al Gore. Disney also has enough power in the movie industry to keép its Rrated films from advertising

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doesn't have the balls to

Attacking the music industry is even more counterproductive. Though Tipper won her battle for warning labels, threats of censorship galvanized the rock world behind courageous artists such as Frank Zappa. In the years following Tipper's hissy fit, there was a backlash of sorts - 2 Live Crew became popular and Ice-T released a song about what he'd like to do to the Gore daughters (who were then barely teenagers).

If rock 'n' roll and hip hop didn't offend Lynne Cheney, something would be wrong. Because that's what rock 'n' roll and hip hop are for — to piss off the Lynne Cheneys of the world. They deserve it; they've pissed me off enough for a lifetime.

Tony Biasotti is a former Daily Nexus opinion editor and a very, very senior political science major. He'll be all right; he's pissed off a lot.

CALPIRG United We Stand, Help Fight for Your Rights

JENNETTE GAYER

The group has been blessed with a woefully unfortunate acronym — CalPIRG — nonthreatening and nonsensical. The California Public Interest Research Group is too often known as the group that comes to my door at home or adds an extra \$5 to my tuition. It is time people know a little more.

CalPIRG is a statewide group linked to PIRG groups all over the country. CalPIRG has a powerful voice in California alone, with chapters at seven UC campuses. In the past couple of years, this statewide network has allowed us to pass the toughest clean water act in the country, ensuring that repeat polluters of our waterways are fined. CalPIRG recently led efforts to pass measures banning excess ATM fees, worked with a coalition of action groups to convince the L.A. Unified and San Francisco school districts to restrict spraying of the most harmful pesticides in schools and helped pass an improved "Lemon Law," which places greater responsibility on manufacturers for faulty cars.

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solutions to society's problems while you study. With EAB, we will be teaching elementary school children posals in Congress to cut over \$30 billion in student aid. However, we cannot leave it up to the lobbyists, lawyers and researchers to get things done. Student activism in this country has always been a force to be reckoned with.

This year will be no exception; we will be fighting for our forests. CalPIRG and other PIRG chapters will be working on one of the most momentous environmental campaigns in several decades. Our aim is to save over 60 million acres of national forest. These forests are not as protected as one might think. Logging roads are paid for with tax dollars. Our national forests have over 340,000 miles of roads in them, enough to circle the earth 17 times! Tax dollars also help give loggers a discount for logging, increasing their profit and their incentive to log what should rightfully be protected.

Currently, we have a unique opportunity. President Clinton has expressed some interest in protecting roadless areas from logging; we intend to make sure he follows through. By way of signatures and a phone-in day to the White House, UCSB will express how important it is that these areas are protected for future generations.

We will also be working to clean up local waterways and beaches in a Water Watch program, which has removed over 100 tons of trash and debris, and replanted tens of thousands of native plants. With

our professional staff and the help of student govern- about the importance of safeguarding water quality. ments all over the country, we were able to block pro- Another goal is to raise money for local and national poverty relief efforts. During this year's hunger week, Nov. 12-18, CalPIRG volunteers will sponsor a chili cook-off to raise awareness and money for the hungry.

> Statewide, we will battle for clean air, searching for a solution in alternative energy vehicles. Last year our Clean Air Clean Cars campaign sent 50,000 postcards to Gov. Gray Davis and California's Air Quality Board asking them to pressure auto manufacturers to increase the number of Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs). The board is holding manufacturers to this commitment and we intend to continue our cam-

> Finally, we will work with Associated Students and other campus groups to make this an election in which the student voice is heard. It's time politicians heard and addressed student concerns. To do this we must have strong turnout at the polls in November.

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UC BRIEFS

Continued from p.3 Beamed Up in Berkeley **UC** Berkeley

The Daily Californian Sept. 25 — For several hours Sunday, Berkeley made sure its wacky image was not taken lightly.

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came out in. fun at their annual How

Berkeley-Can You Be? Parade. And judging by its participants, the parade definame.

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their children's eyes.

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UC Davis The California Aggie Sept. 25 — UC President Richard Atkinson announced a new proposal Thursday that will open UC campus doors for an additional 8.5 percent of California's high school graduates.

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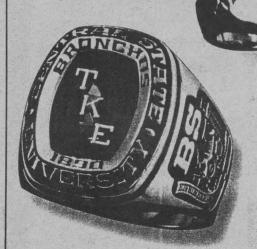
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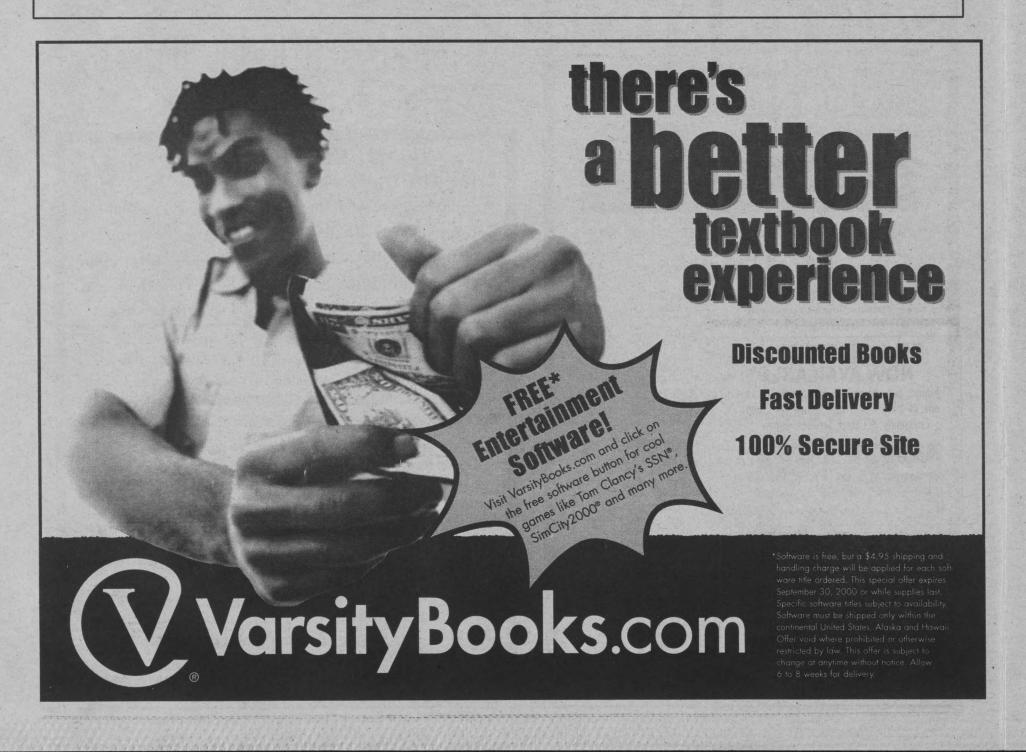
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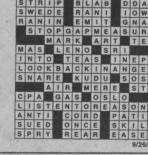
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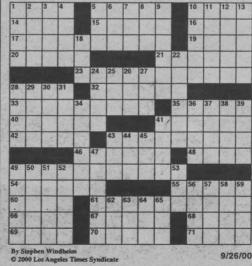
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Sports

UCSB Upsets Tigers, Falls to Bruins

BY BRIAN CHONG Staff Writer

After several nonconference matchups, the UCSB men's water polo team was busy last weekend, kicking off its play in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

The Gauchos (3-6 overall, 1-1 in the MPSF), who finished #7 in the nation last season with a record of 12-15 overall, traveled to Stockton for their MPSF opener against University of the Pacific, then to Stanford to challenge the Cardinals.

The first two MPSF matches of the season were not an easy task with both the Tigers and Cardinals ranked in the top 10. Although the Gauchos were unable to steal two victories from

Joe O' Brien

their opponents, #10 UCSB upset #9 UOP in the MPSF debut for both teams Saturday.

Santa Barbara jumped out to an early lead against the Tigers (3-5 overall, 0-1 in the MPSF) and coasted during the first half, but UOP came out firing in the second half to give the Gauchos a scare. Despite the brief run, UOP fell short and was defeated by one goal, 9-8.

"It was the story of two halves," UCSB Head Coach Joe O'Brien said. "In the first half, our defensive intensity was flawless. In the second half, our offense didn't move and that allowed them to extend out. [UOP] got a lot of fast breaks."

UCSB's pressing offense and UOP's shaky defense allowed the Gauchos to put eight goals on the board quickly, while UCSB's intense defense in the first half limited the Tiger offense to three goals.

Sophomore Patrick Treman led the Gauchos with four goals. Treman's final goal, which came with 1:20 left in the game, increased the lead to 9-7. UOP's Sash Maese had a chance to tie the game with two seconds remaining, but junior goalkeeper Trevor Spence, who was selected

as a 1999 American Water Polo Coaches Association All-American, tipped away the last shot attempt to seal the victory.

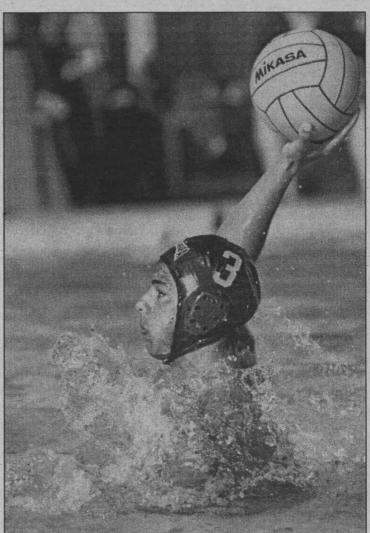
"Basically, we regained our composure," O'Brien said. "I think we played a solid last three minutes to win this game."

After stealing a victory from #9 UOP, Santa Barbara headed to Stanford and looked to steal one from the #2 Cardinals.

Despite the scoring of five Gauchos, Santa Barbara found itself in the position UOP was in during the first half of Saturday's matchup. UCSB was down 7-1 at the half.

The deficit was too much for the Gauchos to overcome, and Stanford drowned the men, 15-5. Junior Amit Seker scored the team's only goal during the first half while the Cardinals, led by Peter Hudnut and Todd Snider, pounded in seven goals.

Santa Barbara faired better in the second half with junior Reid Particelli, sophomore Anthony Borasi and freshmen John Purcell and Doug Arthur contributing four goals. However, five goals were not enough against the strong offensive attack of the Cardinals.



The #10 UCSB water polo team opened up play in MPSF last weekend upsetting the #9 UOP Tigers and losing to the #2 UCLA Bruins.

water for their home opener, Friday at Campus Pool.

The Gauchos will be back in the hosting the UCLA Bruins on

X-Country Paces UCI Out of Santa Barbara

BY BRIAN CHONG Staff Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams held a running clinic for their Irvine opponents at Campus Lagoon this Saturday.

Both teams started their season back in early September. The women's team placed second in its

first two tournaments against schools such as Cal Poly San Luis

Obispo, Westmont and Fresno. The men's team, which placed third in the Big West Conference Championships last year, is looking to match, if not surpass, its previous record. The Gauchos have several returning runners from last year as well as some new

The women's team humbled the Anteaters, outrunning them, 24-33.

Finishing UCSB's 5-K Lagoon course in 18:37, freshman Jaclyn Shaughnéssy was the top runner. She led the pack of six UCSB runners who finished in the top nine.

19:03, junior Karin Wise finished fifth, followed by sophomores Elizabeth Mallon and Tiffany DeJesus, and freshman Katie Lindell.

The freshmen are leading the pack this year with such a positive attitude," UCSB Head Coach Pete Dolan said.

In addition to UC Irvine, a group of UCSB alumni participated in the meet to challenge the fresher legs of Santa Barbara. Despite some of the top runners from each school being out of action, the Gaucho men, former and present, set the pace

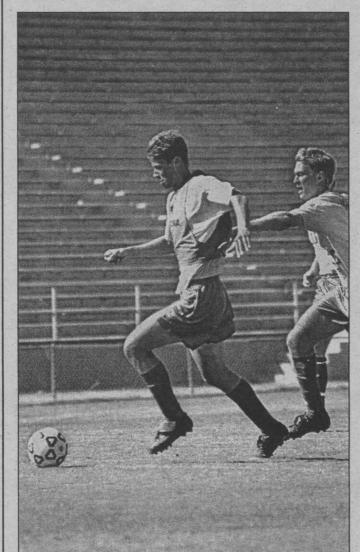
for the race as they took up eight of the top 10 finishes. UCSB placed first with a score of 32, followed by the alumni in second with 33, and the Anteaters in last place with a score of 60.

UCSB alumnus Jeff Jacobs, the current assistant coach for the men's team, placed first with time of 26:01. However, the men's team took first in the meet

with the final effort of sophomore Darren Salmi at the finish. Salmi finished strong, beating out Santa Barbara alumnus Liam Jones to place fifth and edge out the alumni.

"[The alumni challenge race] is a tradition," Senior Ali Pearson finished third with a time of Jacobs said. "I've been wanting to start this for years now that Pete [Dolan] is producing so many quality athletes. This was a great event.'

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