

Friday

May 5, 2000



Up in the Air

Club Juggling will meet Saturday at 2:45 p.m. at Anisq' Oyo' Park. Drop by and check out cool tricks, like club passing and unicycling. Amateurs welcome.

Daily Nexus

UC Santa Barbara

Opinion

Creepy things are crawling on the Opinion page: cover-ups, cockroaches, corruption and crazy diets.



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Sports

The Athlete of the Week is profiled, plus a quick run-down of what's happening in the world of Gaucho sports.



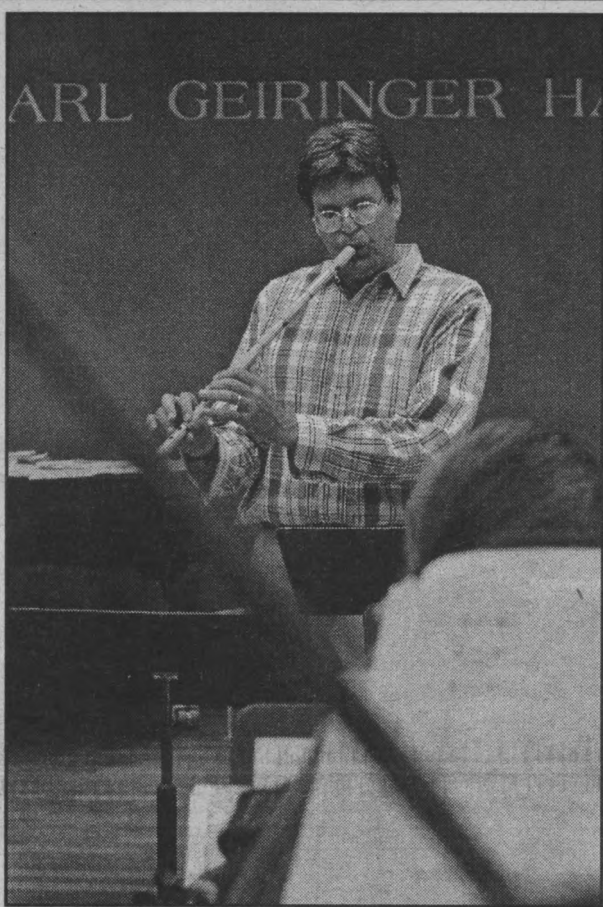
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Whistle While You Work

Ethnomusicology Professor Scott Marcus has been elected Distinguished Teacher of the Year. See BRIEFS, p.3.

EAOP Expands to Meet Needs of College-Bound

BY KRISTEN BRADFIELD
Staff Writer

Infused with over half a million dollars in state funds and reaping the rewards of some growing space, UCSB's Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP) aims to discover young Gauchos in the rough.

EAOP, which works with high-achieving, under-represented and low-income students, provides them and their families with academic advising and information about university eligibility and admissions. According

to EAOP Director Harold Kennedy, the California State legislature and the governor allocated \$600,000 to \$700,000 annually to each UC campus for increased outreach. The funding allowed EAOP to take up residence on Pardall Road and reach more potential students.

"This move was a chance to give the program the physical room to expand as the program itself expands. By June, we'll have hired seven on-site coordinators as a result of the money.

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I.V. Collisions Raise Concern for Safety

■ Signs, Education May Help to Reduce Danger

BY JASON GREEN
Staff Writer

A recent rash of vehicle-related bicycle accidents at the intersection of El Colegio and Stadium Road prompted university officials to investigate new preventative safety measures for the area.

The merge of El Colegio and Stadium Road at the west entrance to campus receives heavy motor and pedestrian traffic. The intersection has proved especially dangerous for southbound bicyclists using the crosswalk across El Colegio as a bikepath into Isla Vista.

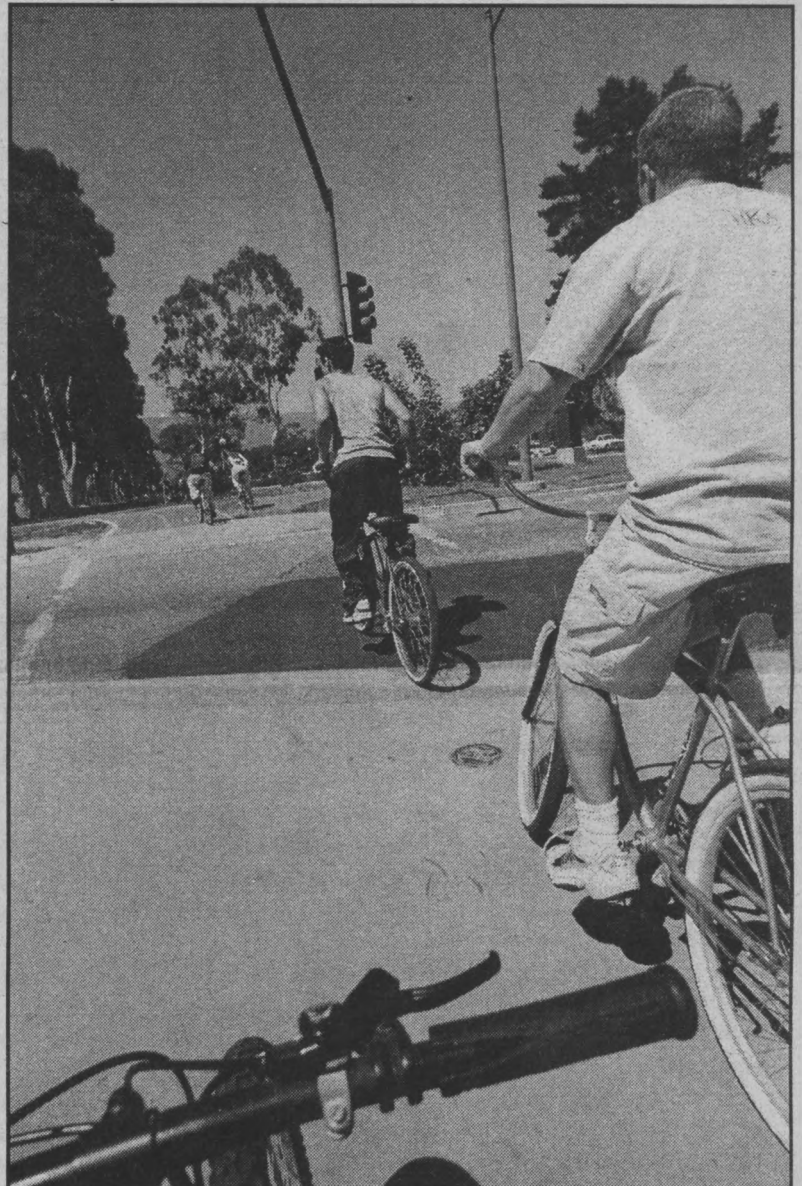
Occupational Manager of Environmental Health and Safety Larry Parsons said most collisions at the intersection occur when cars turning right on El Colegio from Stadium Road fail to see bicyclists. Motorists have less time to react to a bicyclist moving quickly across the intersection than to a pedestrian, he explained. Parson said three students have been hit in the El Colegio crosswalk this school year.

"The reaction time of a driver to a bicyclist is far shorter than their reaction time to a pedestrian, since a pedestrian is obviously slower," he said. "By the time a driver is able to react, the bicyclist is already in the intersection right in front of them."

Parsons added that it is illegal in the state of California to ride a bicycle through a crosswalk. "State law requires bicyclists to walk their bikes in crosswalks," he said.

Public Safety Committee Chair Courtney Ross-Tait said signs have already been put in place to warn drivers of bicycle and pedestrian traffic in the area. Ross-Tait believes that an educational campaign is also necessary to inform students about the danger and illegality of piloting a bicycle through an intersection.

"It's important to student safety," she said. "People don't know they aren't allowed to ride through that



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Many are unaware that it is illegal to bicycle on the crosswalks on El Colegio and Stadium Road. Drivers and cyclists often have close calls at crossings.

area."

Currently, the university has taken steps to implement further safety measures, according to Parsons. The university plans to add four upright signs by next week, warning bicyclists to walk their bikes, he said. He added that long-term solutions such as closing the south end of Stadium Road to public access are also being discussed. In this case, only emergency vehicles would be able to access the road, he said.

Environmental Health and

Safety Director David Coon said while no formal plan has been developed to change the physical layout of the intersection, he believes that adding more cautionary signs will improve the situation.

"I don't think the perfect solution has come forward yet, but adding signage is definitely one way to improve the situation," he said.

Meanwhile, the California Highway Patrol, Isla Vista Foot Patrol and UCSB Police Dept. are

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UCSB Festivities To Commemorate Historical Mexican Victory, Embrace Cultural Heritage

BY BEN EBYAM
Reporter

Chicano and Latino students will celebrate Cinco de Mayo in Storke Plaza today with a noon fiesta, traditional dancing and speakers.

The holiday commemorates a victory by the Mexican army over a larger French force in the late 19th century. El

Congreso Chair Luis Pinedo said the rally focuses mostly on entertainment and relaxation, and will be followed by a free barbecue at Goleta Beach.

"[The event is] a better time to relax and go ahead and have some fun," Pinedo said.

El Congreso Treasurer Alfredo Carlos asserted that the celebration is a chance to embrace being Chicano(a)/Latino(a). "It's all just to celebrate our heritage,

[and] at the same time, try to teach other people what it's about," he said.

Pinedo welcomed the opportunity to share his heritage with others of different cultural backgrounds on the final day of Chicano(a)/Latino(a) Culture Week. "I think cultural week is important to UCSB because it gives a glimpse of a culture here at UCSB, and back where [it] comes from," he said.

Many people have the misconception that Cinco de Mayo is Mexican Independence Day, according to El Congreso member Elizabeth Montano. She noted that the event would be an

opportunity to eliminate some of these common rumors about the holiday. "It marked the defeat of the French in one battle when the French were supposed to be better prepared, and they lost to a smaller amount of people," she said.

Montano added that awareness should not be limited to one week out of the year, but should be an ongoing part of everyday life.

Carlos said this year's celebration has been better than previous celebrations thanks to the involvement of groups such as HOLA, Hermanos Unidos and La Familia.

Top of the News

Protesters Clear Contested Bombing Site



VIEQUES ISLAND, Puerto Rico (AP) — The Navy wasted no time in announcing new bombing exercises at its prized Atlantic training ground Thursday, after federal agents ousted 213 protesters to end their defiant yearlong occupation.

Backed by helicopters and ships, 200 FBI agents and 100 U.S. Marshals swept across Vieques Island at dawn, detaining the activists, several lawmakers, a bishop and nuns.

Pentagon officials said the Navy intends to resume training within two weeks using dummy bombs, as President Clinton and Puerto Rican Gov. Pedro Rossello agreed in January. Vieques

residents, meanwhile, will vote on whether the Navy should leave the island in 2003. A date for the referendum has not been set.

The resumption of training is a prerequisite for the transfer of \$40 million in economic aid for Vieques, called for by the January agreement.

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sites were cleared and that there would be no charges against the demonstrators unless they assaulted federal officers or returned to range.

"All indications are that the protesters have handled themselves in a peaceful and dignified

manner," Reno said.

Some protesters tried to run away when agents arrived, but "that was a short-lived exercise," FBI agent Dave Miller said.

Justice Dept. spokesman Myron Marlin said that 213 people had been removed from the base, including 64 from the main gate area and the remainder from 12 camps inside. They were taken to

**— Janet Reno
U.S. attorney general**

Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, which administers the nearby Vieques range, for processing and release.

Marlin said there were no injuries to federal agents.

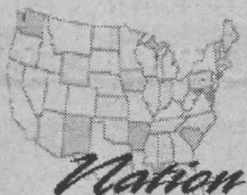
"Compatriots, compatriots! We are winning and Vieques is going to be free

of the Navy," veteran Independence Party leader Ruben Berrios — who had not left the range for a year — told cheering supporters after his release.

Demonstrators invaded the live-fire range — used by the Navy and U.S. allies to train for every major conflict since World War II — after two stray bombs killed civilian security guard David Sanes Rodríguez, 35, on April 19, 1999. The Navy said Sanes was the first fatality in 60 years of exercises on Vieques and that the range is vital to national security.

Opponents charge Navy exercises have damaged their health, coral reefs, fishing grounds and endangered species and have stunted development on the Vieques. The Navy employs only 100 local people and unemployment on the island is 18 percent, compared to Puerto Rico's average of 12 percent.

Legislators Reopen Debate on Embargo of Cuba



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The measure also would prohibit the president from including food and medicine in future embargoes of other countries without congressional approval. The measure was approved on a voice vote by a subcommittee of the Republican-controlled House Appropriations Committee.

The Senate overwhelmingly approved a similar Cuba measure last year, but it was later killed after Cuban Americans prevailed on House Republican leaders.

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Florida, which is considered a critical state for Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush to win this fall.

A leading defender of the embargo, Republican Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart of Florida circulated a letter to House colleagues Thursday asserting that President Fidel Castro "is oppressing the Cuban people more than ever."

Diaz-Balart said in an interview that he is counting on the Republican leadership to maintain its support for the embargo.

This year the legislation's chances could be complicated by the furor in Florida over Elian Gonzalez, the 6-year-old boy that the Clinton administration is seeking to return to his father in Cuba over the objections of his Florida relatives. Republicans have been harshly critical of the administration's handling of the case.

The administration last year lifted sanctions on exports of food and medicine to three other countries listed as terrorist states — Iran, Libya and Sudan — but was barred by federal law from including Cuba.

Supporters of the Cuban embargo say Cuba can't afford to buy U.S. food unless it's subsidized by the Agriculture Dept., but farm groups insist that Cuba may save enough in shipping costs by buying American food to make up for the lack of federal aid.

AP Wire Shorts

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — On a sunny day along a tree-lined street in San Marcos, Ronda Reagan wore a pith helmet, brandished an open umbrella and watched for movement in the branches.

Reagan was armed and wary Wednesday because the trees are home to two red-shouldered hawks that have been defending their chicks by swooping down on people.

"All you see is this huge wingspan coming at you, with his beak wide open, and those beady eyes," she said. "He came straight at me. He didn't dodge me at all." Reagan managed to duck in time.

Clifford Shackelford, a state biologist, said all hawks defend their nests, but "the red-shouldered hawk is usually not that aggressive." The dive bombing will end in a few weeks when the two chicks leave the nest, he said.

The city has posted signs near the nest, warning: "Hawks nesting in area." The city plans to remove the nest with a firehose once the chicks fly away.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A 27-year-old college student allegedly told police that he killed his landlady, dismembered her body and discarded the parts throughout the city.

Vadim Mieseges was arrested at a San Francisco-area mall after he tried to hit security guards with a wooden dowel, police said. Later, he "suddenly blurted out" that he had killed the woman with whom he shared an apartment, police Deputy Chief Richard Holder said.

Mieseges, a computer science student at San Francisco State University, was booked for investigation of murder and is being held in the San Francisco County jail.

Police said he led investigators to at least three locations, including Golden Gate Park, where a human torso was found Wednesday.

Forensic tests will determine whether the torso belonged to Ella Wong, 47, from whom Mieseges sublet a room, police said. A family member of Wong's reported her missing April 30.

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Weather

I was talking live via satellite with the weatherman at USC last night, and I was told that it just took it's last final. At the beginning of May. I haven't even started my *midterms* yet. Fuck.

Friday's forecast: Screw the quarter system.

Local News Briefs

Profs and TAs Rewarded for Keeping Students Awake

The Academic Senate honored six professors and four teaching assistants for their commitment to keeping students attentive and entertained.

Mechanical and environmental engineering Assistant Professor Ted Bennett; anthropology Professor Brian Fagan; mathematics Professor Brian Huisgen-Zimmerman; ethnomusicology Associate Professor Scott Marcus; ecology, evolution and microbiology Professor Barry Tanowitz and religious studies Assistant Professor Christine Thomas were chosen by the Academic Senate committee. In addition, graduate students Kurt Burmeister (geology), Matthew Doty (physics), Wendy Quinton (psychology) and Michael Weiss (chemical engineering), were commemorated as outstanding teaching assistants.

Academic Senate Chair Richard Watts said the committee reviewed the files of the professors, including letters of support from faculty and students, as well as the comments from student evaluations. The annual awards honor professors who go beyond what is expected of them, Watts added.

"The committee looked for indications of motivational and inspirational factors, both of which are necessary for effective leadership," he said.

The official awards ceremony is scheduled for the Academic Senate meeting June 1, at 3:30 p.m. in Girvetz 1004.

Spring Cleaning Works

The eviction of longtime I.V. resident Richard "Leprechaun" Price was rescinded Monday when inspectors from Eckert Investment found his La

Loma apartment in clean condition.

Price, a 30-year I.V. local, received an eviction notice last month after numerous warnings for unauthorized occupants and unsanitary conditions that were drawing cockroaches to the complex on Camino Pescadero.

Members of the Isla Vista Tenants Union protested the evictions of Price and a Hispanic family, claiming unlawful eviction. Representatives of Eckert Investment met with Price after the protests to outline a cleaning regimen that, if followed, would mean Price could keep his apartment.

Entrada Gets No Love From Courts

The controversial plan to build 81 time-share condominiums and redesign the bottom of State Street has run into legal trouble regarding its impact on the environment.

On September 17, 1999, the Environmental Defense Center (EDC), on behalf of the Citizen's Planning Association of Santa Barbara and the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara, filed a lawsuit against the City of Santa Barbara challenging their approval of Bill Levy's Entrada de Santa Barbara project.

According to Tanya Gulesserian, staff attorney for the EDC, Santa Barbara courts overturned the city's approval of the Entrada project April 27, calling for an environmental impact report (EIR) to determine the potential affects to foothill and mountain views.

"Today, the court validated what we've been saying all along — that the Entrada project will negatively impact the environment," she said. "If the city had followed the law in the first place by

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Sunday, 5/7 • 12 noon • MultiCultural Center Lounge

Keynote Speaker - Helen Quan

Quan is a UCSB alumni and former member of the Asian Student Coalition. She will discuss Asian/Pacific Islander issues.
Wednesday, 5/10 • 7:30 pm • MultiCultural Center Theater

Noontime Performances

Performers will include Kapatirang Pilipino, Indus, Lion Dance/Martial Arts Club, Vietnamese Student Association, and Ia Ora Na Te O'tea Polynesian Dance Club.
Monday, 5/8 and Wednesday, 5/10 • 12 noon • Storke Plaza

Helen Zia

Award-winning Chinese-American author will read from her new book, *Asian American Dreams*.
Thursday, 5/11
11 am • Lecture, Girvetz 1004
12:30 pm • Book Signing & Reading, MultiCultural Center Lounge

ASIAN AMERICAN DREAMS



Performance Night: collabor-ASIAN

An entertaining collection of theater, music, spoken word, poetry, and dance. Performances by the MultiCultural Drama Club, Indus, and PCN. Presented by MCDC.
Monday, 5/8 • 7:30 pm • MultiCultural Center Theater

Pilipino Food

Enjoy Pilipino food prepared by the Pilipino Graduate Committee, for sale in the MCC Lounge.
Tuesday, 5/9 • 6-8 pm



Melody of China

Chinese classical, folk, and contemporary music.
Tuesday, 5/9 • 5:30 pm • MultiCultural Center Theater



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Tuesday, 5/9 • 8 pm • MultiCultural Center Theater
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Lantern Festival

This event provides students with the opportunity to network and learn more about the API student organizations on campus.
Thursday, 5/11
6 pm • Storke Plaza

Gabriela Network

The Gabriela Network will discuss Filipina Women's Struggles in the Philippines. Presented by RAIL.
Friday, 5/12 • 3 pm • MultiCultural Center

Charity Ball

This annual dance party raises funds for scholarships given to graduating seniors from local high schools.
Friday, 5/12 • 7 pm • UCen Hub
Tickets: \$5, pre-sale: \$7, at the door.
For tickets or more information, contact Amy @ 971-5900 or Joyce @ 971-1434.

A complete calendar of events will be available at the Office of Student Life, Associated Students, the MultiCultural Center, the Women's Center and EOP.

Co-sponsors include Associated Students, the MultiCultural Center, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, the Residence Halls Association, and the Asian American Studies Department. Schedule may be subject to change. For more information and announcements about program schedules and venues, call the UCSB MultiCultural Center at 893-8411.

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gearing up to implement their own bicycle education and enforcement campaign. According to IVFP Lt. Butch Arnoldi, a 30-day warning period will go into effect Monday and become permanent policy after May. The three-agency program will target specific problem areas on campus and in I.V., he said. He explained that officers plan to use discretion when ticketing offenders.

"If no near-accidents are caused, the person will be warned," he said. "If a bicyclist blows a stop sign and causes a vehicle to take evasive action, then they will be stopped and cited."

Arnoldi said the program comes on the heels of a year fraught with many bicycle-related accidents. "I've been told that bicycle-involved accidents on campus and in Isla Vista have increased tremendously in the last year," he said.

your daily HOROSCOPE
by Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — Your life should get easier. You may have felt pressured about money. You only knew you should hold onto it. Now, it's time to learn how to manage it well. This should be fun. Remember, no squandering, OK? That's your first lesson.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 9 — You are still strong and lucky, but play by the rules. You're more confident now, and you may decide you're worth more money. If what you're making isn't satisfactory, maybe it's time for a change. See if you can make a better deal.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — You're interested in moving forward again. You should be able to see which way you want to go and what obstacles are in the way. Some you can kick aside, and some you can jump over. And, for some, you may have to learn to climb. You can do it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — You're strong, but you may be worried. Being the leader is fun until you have to make tough choices. Does somebody need to be cut from the team? Reassigned to a different position? Listen to the gossip, but don't believe everything. Trust your judgment.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Getting much to happen the past few days has been difficult. Things are changing, however. More people may be on your side than you realized. What you haven't accomplished alone, you may be able to do with a team's support.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Something you've learned recently will help you make a good impression. You look good to the people who make the decisions. Unfortunately, this fabulous career opportunity could interfere with domestic plans. Let your family know; they'll understand.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is an 8 — You may accomplish a lot now. You've been studying and working hard, without a clear goal in sight. The fog should start to clear. The prize is something you've always wanted. Keep going; you're almost there.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — You and your mate may still have a few disagreements. You want item A, and the other person wants item B. Well, a third item that neither of you knows about could be out there. This perfect thing could dissolve most of your considerations. Keep shopping.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — You may feel slightly confronted, especially if you've recently decided to include somebody else in your plans. Unfortunately, this other person may not want to do things exactly your way. Lighten up. This could be stimulating.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Have you played more than usual lately? If so, good. It'll keep you young. You may be up against a deadline again. Does this mean you'll have to take work home with you over the weekend? Oh well, it won't be the first time!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — You're probably feeling better. You might decide to have a few people over tonight. If you do, take care. Something could spill, or someone might get obnoxious. Keep the booze — and the good dishes — in the cupboard!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — This weekend is good for staying home, maybe having a few people over. You also have chores you'd like to get done. If an older person is nagging you to come by, compromise. Spend the extra money for a long phone call, instead.

Today's Birthday (May 5). You're already good at saving. This year learn to generate more income, too. In May offer to take on more responsibility for increased pay. By June you should have more in your pockets, but make sure your pockets don't have holes. Learn a new way to save in July. Don't keep waiting for true love in September. Speak to the one you want and make your honorable intentions known. A surprise could cost you in December. Prepare as much as possible. Generating more income around February could be easy, though.

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preparing an EIR, the environmental review would likely have been done by now."

As a result of the ruling, the city's approval of the Entrada project is nullified. The city must conduct a proper environmental review process, beginning with the preparation of an initial study to determine what should be included in the EIR.

The EDC is a nonprofit, public-

interest environmental law firm serving California's central coast. Since 1977, the EDC has provided public education, and organized advocacy and legal services to community groups dedicated to environmental quality and health.

The California Coastal Commission will hear an appeal from the EDC regarding the demolition of the Californian Hotel on State Street during its June meeting in Santa Barbara.

— Compiled by David Downs, Shaun P. McGrady and Richard Kim

EAOP

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They are University employees that are placed on-site in high schools to have more access to the community," he said. "UCSB is the only university that offers on-site support and representation."

The EAOP works with schools in Santa Barbara, Kern and Ventura Counties, as well as participating in systemwide activities with UCLA and UCR. According to Kennedy, the purpose of the program is to expose students and their parents to options beyond high school.

"We work with them as early as sixth grade, regarding how they study, and education in general," he said. "In middle school and high school, we promote higher education and the importance of university in life. A lot of these kids may be the first generation of the family to go to college."

According to Dolores Corral, on-site coordinator at Channel Islands High School, the school and the students have responded positively to EAOP on their campus.

"The faculty and the principal have been very responsive to the program, sending us students that they think could be encouraged by a UC admissions counselor. The students are excited we're on campus," she said. "They come in with a lot of questions. We keep telling them

that with focus and dedication they'll get where they need to go."

According to Partners with Parents coordinator Sonia Rosas, EAOP offers a Special Programs unit, an all-encompassing set of services that begins with sixth graders and continues through high school, introducing the concept and availability of college to students and parents. The parental component of the service will educate parents on the value of a university education and how to assist their children.

"Our program with schools is called Partners with Parents. I go out to junior high schools in Santa Barbara, Fillmore and Oxnard, working with the parents early enough to help the students learn about the systems of higher education and to start taking the right curriculum," she said. "We do presentations to the parents both in English and Spanish."

The high school aspect of the program is geared toward preparing under-represented high school students for college eligibility through information dissemination and test preparation, according to Test Preparation coordinator Davis Mertz.

"We provide services to about 20 high schools, doing SAT classes, workshops and presentations, and have also developed a curriculum that's implemented at the different schools for SAT preparation," he said.

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Take Care of Your Body

Saturday Is National No Diet Day, Time to Take a Closer Look at Your Eating Habits

Some days it seems as if scantily clad, unusually good-looking people make up the majority of UCSB and Isla Vista, especially as summer nears. This is obviously a health-conscious campus, and with nice weather almost year round, opportunities for exercise abound. But look behind closed doors in the dorm bathrooms; notice the people who come into the RecCen two, three, even four times a day; check out the statistics from the Eating Disorders Peer at Student Health. At UCSB, 23.4 percent of women and 7.9 percent of men have a diagnosable eating disorder — eight times the national average. This is not the picture of a healthy student body.

Saturday is National No Diet Day, a time to eat healthy, instead of eating less. The line between healthy living and problematic habits is thin, but once it is crossed, it can be devastating. Fifty percent of American women and 25 percent of men are dieting on any given day. Striving to live up to ridiculous ideals, dealing with stress or being dissatisfied with other aspects of life can all lead to eating disorders. No Diet Day doesn't mean sit on the couch and eat chips — it's a day to focus on your body's health instead of your body's image by eating right and exercising in moderation.

Americans in general are overweight in terms of health, not aesthetic appeal. But becoming healthier definitely does not mean swinging the pendulum the other direction and fad dieting

or not eating. Moderation is the key to healthiness, and a beach town is a great place to work toward both mental and physical balance.

Go for a relaxing walk on the beach instead of working out four times, or share a healthy meal with a friend. Most importantly, take this day to become more comfortable with your own body and more aware of the problems associated with eating disorders. When food consumes every thought, or every day is planned around when and what to eat, it's time to take a step back. No Diet Day can be a first step toward becoming healthier and more in tune with yourself.

Food, in proper proportions and combinations, is necessary to survive. The Food Guide Pyramid suggests 55-65 percent carbohydrates, less than 20 percent fats and 15 percent protein in a day's intake.

The recent no-carb diet and other fad diets may appear to contribute to quick weight loss, but they cause more harm than good.

If you have questions about eating disorders, the peer health educators can be reached at 893-2630, and registered dietician Mary Eiger and clinical psychologist Louise Ousley can be reached at 893-3371. Take the time in honor of National No Diet Day to learn more about nutritious eating and living a healthier lifestyle.

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Americans Are

Taxpayer-Funded Tragedies Are

JOHN BENNETT

General Augusto Pinochet. Archbishop Oscar Romero. The two names should cause Americans to shudder with injustice. Instead, their significance is distorted or ignored by our so-called liberal media, along with part of our history.

Even Americans who follow the news learn nothing more about Pinochet than the fact that he was a dictator in some far-away place that we don't have to think about. The historical reality is much different. In 1973, with the help of the CIA, multinational corporations overthrew the democratically elected "Marxist" government of Chile. Pinochet was proud about being a savior of "Western and Christian traditions under siege by atheistic communism." He began a reign of terror that lasted for two decades, backed every second by

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the U.S. Over 3,000 people were killed or disappeared.

In Pinochet's Chile, the only thing that flowed faster than profits was blood. Investors loved it. A Citibank official said of Pinochet's leadership style: "We believe that matters are being handled very efficiently and with a great sense of responsibility." This sickening affair has made it into basic political science textbooks. My innocent intro to political science text from community college even mentioned it. Recently, Spain, Britain and other European countries wanted to put Pinochet on trial for crimes against humanity, including genocide and torture. Yet through all of this, the media remains completely silent about the U.S. role.

The capitalist PR media is failing to make the simple point that U.S. taxpayers unknowingly supported Pinochet's brutal dictatorship. It's not a very subtle point, so only a well-controlled media would

The Reader's Voice

SOUTHWESTERN COMPANY IS FULL OF OPPORUNITIES

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This letter is in response to "The Merchants of Nashville, Tennessee," (Daily Nexus, April 27) by Brendan Buhler:

I am graduating this quarter and I have never written a letter to the newspaper, but I was personally offended by your article. I actually sold books for the Southwestern Company for three summers and a fall. My total gross sales were \$45,000 for about 10 months of hard work. It allowed me to pay my way through school by working only three months in the summer and concentrating on school, sports and fun while school was in session.

That guy Eric is a good friend of mine. He averages \$40,000 (at least) per summer, and he's going on his fifth or sixth one. It's not an easy job. It requires you to work 75-80 hours a week, six days a week for 12 weeks. You get to travel across country and visit places you would normally not get to experience, like Virginia, Minnesota and Mississippi.

But most important, the experience sets me apart from people like you in the job-hunting game. Going door-to-door selling educational books is one of the toughest jobs around and at every interview I've been to, the main topic of interest was my years with Southwestern. The companies out there, from engineering to sales, want someone who is willing to

work hard, put in the hours and get results. Brendan, what do you have on your resumé that could set you apart from the regular Joe Blow college student? Think about it. Southwestern would be a good wake-up call for you so that you can see what you are really made of. On second thought, you couldn't handle it. You would quit the first day. But anyway, good luck to you out there in the real world.

EMESE JUHASZ

HEARTY CREATURES ARE NOT INDICATION OF SLOVENLINESS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

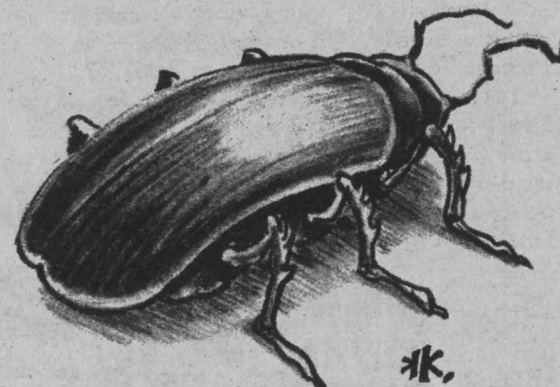
About those cockroaches ...

I was amused at Charles Eckert's attempt (Daily Nexus, "Landlord Puts Eviction of Longtime Tenant on Hold," April 26) to explain away the eviction of Richard Price and Terry Howard by blaming them for the cockroaches in La Loma Apartments. Also the junior political science major who claimed Price "infested the whole place with cockroaches" should check with his freshman biology professor about the nature of the little bug.

It is not surprising that cockroaches gain a foothold in Isla Vista apartment buildings. Since the insect hates light, the female lays her eggs in the dark, and what better place to give birth than in a cardboard box? Since most people who move use boxes to pack, the roaches spread from place to place every

time people move.

I once bought a brand new townhouse and within a few weeks was surprised to find roaches. The exterminator cleared my place, but it wasn't long before my next-door neighbor complained of the same problem. The survivors of my extermination simply moved next door. When I first moved to Isla Vista, there were roaches in my apartment. The manager



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quickly exterminated not only my place but the whole area. Cockroaches do not always indicate a dirty place any more than, say, the tiny ants who often visit us during wet weather. As a matter of fact, a mashed roach can be used as an anti-septic on a bee sting.

Roaches are nature's greatest survivors (they found them

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The Misinformed Are Ignored by the Media

neglect to bring it up. Our corporate representatives in government (and their media) assume that the American public is so detached that they can get anything past us.

Speaking in 1998 about continued troubles in Chile, Amnesty International reported: "Following the arrest of former General Pinochet in October, scores of human rights defenders and relatives of victims of past human rights violations were subjected to death threats and harassment."

... In September, marches in Santiago to mark the 25th anniversary of the military coup led by General Pinochet were met with large-scale repression. ... Several demonstrators were injured and two people were killed in disputed circumstances." When a country has mass protests on the 25th anniversary of a U.S.-imposed dictatorship, what does that say about our foreign policy?

Sadly, March 24 marked the 20th anniversary of Romero's death. For his tireless support of the poor in El Salvador and his legendary greatness as a Christian, he was the first man proposed for sainthood in over 800 years.

Romero was murdered by U.S.-trained forces while celebrating Mass. He was killed for being an outspoken critic of the U.S.-backed violence in his country. Romero had begun to plead that further U.S. instigation "will surely increase injustice here [in El Salvador] and sharpen the repression that has been unleashed against the people's organizations fighting to defend their most fundamental human rights," in a letter to President Carter written shortly before his murder. He and the

stifled voices he spoke for were ignored by Carter, then silenced by Reagan: A billion dollars of worth of U.S. aid allowed the Salvadoran military to murder over 70,000 innocent civilians in that country's need-less civil war.

The United Nations has investigated the U.S.-supported atrocities in El Salvador during that period. A 1993 U.N. commission cited over 60 Salvadoran officers responsible for the worst atrocities, and most graduated from the U.S. Army's School of the Americas (SOA). Two of the three involved in the archbishop's assassination graduated from the SOA. Romero is one of the best-known victims of U.S. intervention in Latin America during the '80s. These are methods that President

cent of the human rights violations" in Colombia. Human Rights Watch has also linked half of Colombia's army, which will be getting the "aid," to the paramilitaries responsible for most of the violence there.

The situation is already being compared to our involvement in El Salvador, and is being called "America's next Vietnam." The U.S. is getting involved in a 40-year-old civil war and arming the country with the worst human rights record in the Western Hemisphere.

And we've already done more harm than good. Democratic Congressman Maxine Waters said, "This bill gives money to drug traffickers who kill other drug traffickers and murder innocent civilians." Unfortunately, our congressman, Democrat Lois Capps, supported the bill. The bill had strong support from oil companies and arms manufacturers.

Colombia has the largest supply of unexploited oil in the Western Hemisphere. A 1997 White House report on national security policy mentioned that "...Venezuela and Colombia are each undertaking new oil production ventures," and that access to these supplies is of "vital interest" to the U.S.

Incidentally, an oil company Al Gore owns stock in is being criticized for exploiting Colombian Indians. Occidental Oil has caused the U'Wa Indians to threaten mass suicide if they're forced



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Bush's Secretary of State and longtime corporate lawyer James Baker found "absolutely appropriate." And it looks like these methods are "absolutely appropriate" for Colombia today.

On March 30, Congress approved a \$1.7 billion "aid" package to Colombia's armed forces. Former U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador and Paraguay Robert E. White warned months ago that the aid package "puts us in league with a Colombian military that has long-standing ties to the drug-dealing, barbaric paramilitaries that commit more than 75 per-

cent from their land.

The vice-president, who owns between \$250,000 and \$500,000 in Occidental stock inherited from his father, was on Occidental's board of directors. And with the weapons shipments to Colombia, Gore will be making right-wing Republicans proud. This is one of the reasons why there will be massive protests outside of the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles this summer.

John Bennett is a Daily Nexus columnist.

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alive and kicking in the Hiroshima blast area) and possibly the most prolific. Once the female roach is impregnated, she can remain pregnant the rest of her life, giving birth over and over.

Anyway, it is the landlord's responsibility to continually exterminate when there are complaints. Even a political science major should know this.

As I read the news about the eviction, I also read about how thousands of roaches invaded a conservatory — a glass-enclosed structure full of green plants — in San Francisco. Richard, Terry, where were you on April 27?

Let me leave you with one final note. Several years ago, following hospitalization for a serious illness, I asked a friend, an army veteran, to stay with me and clean the house while I recuperated. My living quarters have never been as clean before or since. The friend's name was Terry Howard, who knows how to pass inspection.

BRYAN HARRISON

POLL WORKER'S CAMPAIGNING INAPPROPRIATE AND RUDE

Editor, Daily Nexus:

So, goody, elections are over. I do enjoy the spirit of the race and the enthusiasm shared by candidates and advocates of fee initiatives. But there is one definite thing that bothers me: the seemingly illegal nature of a poll worker's actions. As

I stood in line at the polling place, I felt confident and educated in my decisions and eager to cast a vote.

The guy in front of me was proudly wearing a glaringly yellow "Build It" shirt. I didn't care, but the poll worker seemed to. She looked up at him and said that he couldn't wear that. He basically ignored her and went off to fill out his ballot. I thought that was kind of strange — what if it really was against the rules to wear that shirt at a polling place?

The answer was clear when she commented on the guy waiting in line behind me, who was proudly wearing a black "Super Size It" shirt. I looked at him, and wondered if the poll worker would say the same to him, but she said, "Now that shirt is OK." I was quite surprised, and even more taken aback when she handed me my voting materials, smiled, and said, "Vote yes on RecCen expansion."

How I was about to vote is completely irrelevant. The fact that a poll worker, of all people, was clearly trying to influence my vote seems a bit illegal. What happened to all of the rules that said candidate's posters had to be a certain distance from the polling booths? Or the idea that fliers, posters or anything supporting or opposing initiatives had to be a certain distance away as well? One would think that a poll worker should only hand out voting material, not influence every single voter she came in contact with. I only hope that the voters at the bus loop that day had the sense to ignore her. Voting is supposed to be about who YOU think is best for the job, or what YOU think is good for the school or not.

JEN HALL

A Day to Let Go of Unhealthy Diets

ADINA MCGARR

Saturday is No Diet Day, which means that dieters get to do themselves a favor and take a day off, absolutely guilt-free. At any given time, over 50 percent of women are on a diet, and I would bet that that statistic is even higher on our lovely campus. Dieting is unsuccessful anyway, with a 90-99 percent failure rate for permanent weight loss.

Those of you into the latest diet craze (Atkins Diet, etc.), please realize that a quick fix is all it offers. Once normal eating habits are reintroduced, the weight will come back more rapidly, with a few more unwanted pounds. This develops into a cycle of yo-yo dieting.

When one goes on a diet, his or her body slows down the rate at which it burns calories, in an attempt to conserve energy because it thinks it is starving. There comes a time when the dieter cannot sustain the diet (no one can for his or her whole life) and resumes normal eating. That same person is then shocked and horrified to see those loathed pounds start to pack back on. They deem the original diet a miserable failure and quickly seek out the next latest craze (this is easily done since we are pummeled with them).

What needs to be realized is that quick-fix diets rely on a loss of water weight, which can happen quickly. In fact, on any given day a person's weight can fluctuate between 3 and 5 pounds, and this is purely water. The Atkins diet (and many others) rely on cutting carbohydrates, which conveniently are stored with water. One will see a dramatic

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weight loss initially, but it is only water loss, not fat loss, and the latter is what really holds weight.

Furthermore, high-protein diets make no sense since the average American consumes two to three times the recommended amount of protein. Like anything extra in the body it will be stored as fat. Plus, in an attempt to rid the body of excessive amounts of protein, the kidneys are put through tremendous stress that could cause serious problems later on — for instance, kidney failure.

Also, many people do not realize that the Atkins diet and others like it were popular in the '70s — that is, until people started dying from heart attacks as a result of the saturated fat in all the protein they were consuming. If you are interested in a diet that promises a loss of five pounds or more a week, run, don't walk, to the nearest trashcan to throw it away, so it can't pollute someone else's mind.

Greater problems with dieting are when it is taken to the next level and becomes an eating disorder. Think about those who view you as their role model. Why else would 80 percent of 10-year-old girls and 50 percent of 9-year-old girls have tried dieting? Furthermore, young girls are more afraid of getting fat than they are of nuclear war, cancer or losing their parents. Still not convinced? Well, here is a little more food for thought.

The diet industry takes in over \$40 billion each year and is still growing. Diet programs also have the highest consumer dissatisfaction of any service industry and quick weight-loss programs are common consumer frauds. That's no shocker. Two-thirds of dieters regain their lost weight within one year and virtually all regain within five years.

A diet is exactly that: only a diet (translation — a quick, temporary, unsuccessful fix to a much greater problem). Commit to a lifestyle change starting this Friday by eating a variety of foods in moderation and engaging in some form of physical activity three to five times a week, for 20-30 minutes each session.

Adina McGarr is a nutrition and eating disorder peer.

Campus Comment

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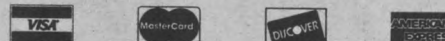
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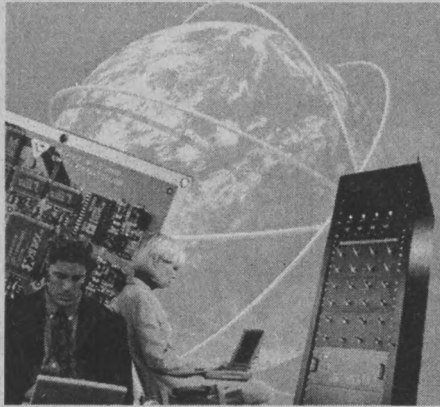
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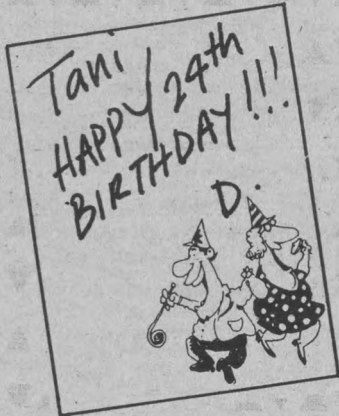


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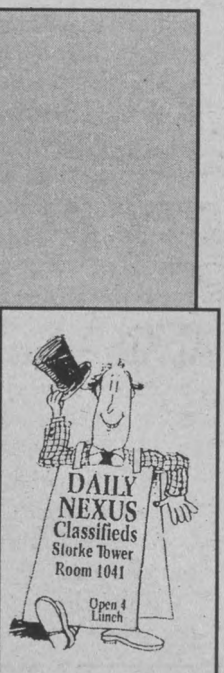
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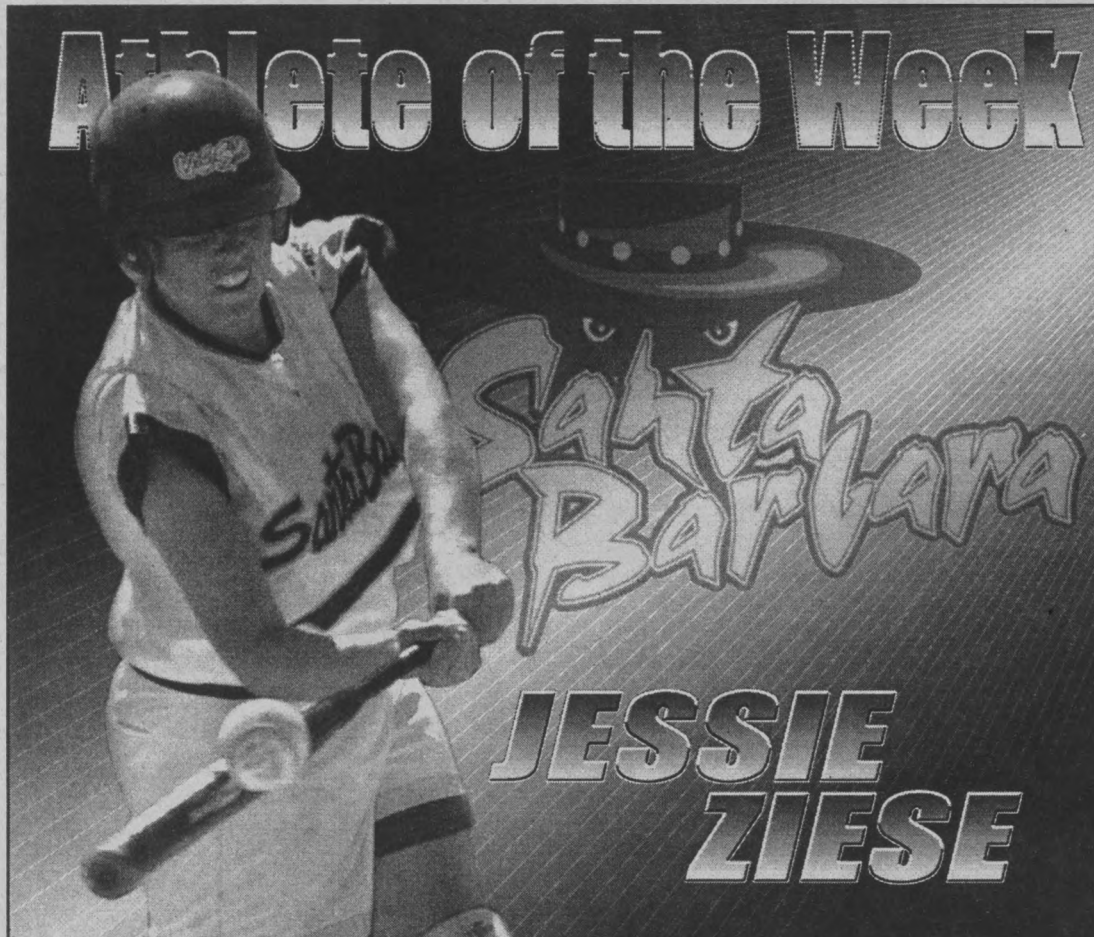
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Staff Writer

The UCSB softball team can thank the weather.

After a 1998 season in which the Gauchos finished 9-20 in the Big West Conference, it was apparent that Santa Barbara was screaming for some offensive support. Looking far and wide for batters to fill the holes in UCSB's lineup, Head Coach Liz Kelly found an answer in ... Utah?

"We were looking for a first baseman and a power hitter," Kelly said. "We knew Jessie Ziese was transferring out of Utah and coming back to Camarillo to be with her family. So we recruited her."

As a sophomore at Utah, Ziese hit .360 for the Utes, improving on an outstanding freshman year in which she batted .326 with five home runs and 32 runs batted in. But the slugger from Camarillo was a fish out of water in Utah; a southern Californian at odds with the state's cold climate.

"It was cold and snowy," Ziese said. "I wasn't used to it. It's kind of interesting when you walk outside and can't find your car."

Ziese came back to California, and started looking for another program to join. After narrowing her options down to UCSB and Fresno State, she decided to become a Gaucho.

"This is a way better school [than Fresno State]," she said. "And it's only 40 minutes from my home in Camarillo, so I'm not too far away from my family."

Good call. In her first year at Santa Barbara, Ziese played first base for the Gauchos, hit .295, knocked in 24 runs, and her fielding percentage of .987 was the highest on the team. For her efforts, Ziese was named an Honorable Mention All-Big West.

"Defensively, she's just a great player," says Kelly of her first baseman. "She makes a lot of nice plays. Jessie plays with such intensity, and she came to the program when we needed a first

baseman."

In the 2000 season, Ziese has been even better for the Gauchos. Against Loyola Marymount on April 20, she helped end a four-game skid for Santa Barbara by knocking in two runs on two hits in a 3-1 victory. Four days later on April 24, UCSB was playing game two of a Big West Conference series with Pacific, who currently sits one place ahead of the Gauchos in the Western Regional rankings. After winning the first game 9-2, UCSB needed at least one of the remaining two contests to ensure a series victory and climb ahead of UOP in the rankings.

Tied 2-2, Ziese came up to bat in the bottom of the eighth with two outs and a runner on second. She promptly banged the game-winning hit into the left-center gap, giving Santa Barbara its fourth straight win.

"That was really nice," Ziese said of the series-clinching win over the Tigers. "I felt like I needed to redeem myself [after popping out with runners in scoring position earlier in the game]. Right now, we all think we definitely have a chance to go to regionals."

If UCSB does indeed make the playoffs, Ziese will be a large reason why. The senior is currently batting .318, with 11 runs scored, seven doubles, four homers and 24 RBIs.

Coming into the final stretch of the season, Ziese feels confident that both she and the rest of the Gauchos have what it takes to make the playoffs.

"Emotionally and mentally, I know everyone wants to be out there and win as much as me," she said. "There's no distractions on this team, and I know everything I give to the team, I'm going to get back from my teammates."

The UCSB softball team plays this weekend, when it hosts Utah State for a three-game Big West Conference series at Campus Diamond. Ziese, along with shortstop Mandy Edwards, center fielder Tonya Dias and catcher Kendra Wood will be honored on Sunday, Senior Day for UCSB.

UCSB Sports Update

Baseball

UCSB is on the road this weekend for a three-game series with New Mexico State in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Santa Barbara is currently in fourth place in the Big West, tied with Sacramento State. The Gauchos are three games behind front-running Cal State Fullerton, who took two of three from UCSB in a conference series at Fullerton last weekend.

The Gauchos' next home game is Tuesday, May 9, against Loyola Marymount, a makeup of a game cancelled in early February due to rain. UCSB will host Sacramento State on May 12-14, its final home series of the year. All home games will be held at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium.

Golf

The Gauchos are in Palo Alto from Friday to Sunday, competing in the U.S. Intercollegiate Tournament at Stanford. The tournament is UCSB's last of the year.

Softball

Santa Barbara hosts Big West opponent Utah State this Sunday and Monday at Campus Diamond, in UCSB's last home series of the 2000 season. Sunday is Senior Day for the Gauchos' four seniors, Tonya Dias, Mandy Edwards, Kendra Wood and Jessie Ziese. UCSB is trying to move up in the Western Region, where it is currently ranked eighth.

"We have a little revenge factor [against Utah State]," said UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly, who won a National Championship as a member of the Aggies in 1981. "They swept us last year in Utah. Hopefully, we'll be motivated to go out and beat them."

Sunday's game begins at 4:30 p.m. On Monday, the two teams will meet again at 2 p.m. for a doubleheader.

Men's Tennis

UCSB was eliminated in the first round of the Big West Championships on April 28, when the Gauchos lost 4-3 to Pacific. However, senior Simon Shen will represent Santa Barbara in the NCAA Championships in Athens, Ga., on May 24-28.

Shen, recently named the Big West Player of the Year, received an at-large bid in Region VIII of the NCAA's Individual Championships. The field will contain 64 players, who will compete in a single-elimination format. Players will be seeded on May 23. As UCSB's #1 singles player, Shen compiled a record of 20-0, the first player in school history to go through a season undefeated. Shen is currently ranked #42 in the nation by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Women's Tennis

Gaucha Cindy Ammann was named to the First Team All-Big West in singles for the second consecutive year. The sophomore was also named to the Second Team All-Big West in doubles, along with her partner, junior Shannon Wilkins. The UCSB women's tennis team lost to New Mexico State, 5-2, in the second round of the Big West Championships on April 27, ending its season.

Track and Field

The Gauchos will compete in two separate meets this weekend, the Cardinal Qualifier at Stanford, and the UC Irvine Invitational in Irvine. The Cardinal Qualifier is today at 3 p.m., and the UC Irvine Invitational will be held on Sunday at 9 a.m. After this weekend, Santa Barbara has only one remaining meet, the Occidental Invitational in Los Angeles on May 13, before the Big West Championships in Moscow, Idaho, on May 19-20.

Women's Water Polo

UCSB is playing in the NCAA National Championships this weekend at Indiana University. The Gauchos received an at-large bid into the 16-team tournament after placing sixth at the Western Regionals in Los Angeles on April 23. Santa Barbara faces San Diego State today at 11:45 a.m. in the first round.

— Zack O'Neill

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| Baseball @ New Mexico State 7 p.m. Women's Water Polo @ NCAA Tournament in Indiana (Fri-Sun) Golf @ US Intercollegiates in Palo Alto (Fri-Sun) | NoCal MLB San Francisco 7, New York 2 | SoCal MLB Anaheim 8, Baltimore 5 <i>"There ain't much to being a ballplayer, if you're a ballplayer."</i> —Honus Wagner |