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## Explosion '98!

Gospel Choir will be performing a live concert tomorrow evening at 7 at the Living Faith Center, 4597 Hollister Ave., Goleta. Riverside and Cerritos community colleges and BIOLA will also be participating.

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### Au Naturel

Everybody's favorite cloned sheep, Dolly, has recently given birth to a healthy baby lamb through natural processes. This and more ...

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### Never Forget, Never Again

Today is Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day, the anniversary the Turkish government doesn't want you to know about.

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### Grumble, Grumble

Does your stomach sound like this? If it does, or even if it doesn't and you're just in the mood for some weekend fun, let the *Weekend Connection* show you the way.

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### SLO Time

The UCSB baseball team squares off against Cal Poly SLO today and all weekend in a series that could prove pivotal in each team's playoff hopes.



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Tom Hayden will deliver a speech titled "California's Economic Conversion: Charting the Future" today at 4 p.m. in Corwin Pavilion.

## Local Groups Initiate Effort to Save Oaks

### Environmentalists Work for Legislation To Decrease Tree Loss

By ALISON FINLEY  
Reporter

A controversy has arisen in Santa Barbara County that pits grapevines against oak trees.

The dispute between wineries and environmentalists began with the removal of over 800 mature oak trees by the Kendall Jackson Winery last fall. This sparked many environmental groups, including the Environmental Defense Center, UCSB's Environmental Affairs Board, Increase the Peace and CALPIRG to band together to form the Alliance to Conserve Oak Resources Now. The collaborative group's current goal is to get an oak initiative on the November ballot, according to UCSB/Isla Vista area ACORN coordinator Eric Cardenas.

"You don't have a lot of groups working together like this all the

time," he said. "This shows how important this issue really is."

ACORN is in the process of collecting signatures for a petition to place the oak initiative on the ballot. According to Cardenas, the initiative hopes to protect native oaks from agricultural and urban development by limiting the number of oaks per acre that property owners can remove for development, as well as preventing unchecked oak cutting by requiring that for every oak removed, a set number of new oaks must be planted to maintain a "no net-loss" policy.

"It doesn't solve the problem, but it's a step in the right direction," Cardenas said. "There are no county policies on this issue, and this starts to address the issue."

In order for the ACORN initiative to be on the November ballot, ACORN must gather approximately 18,000 signatures by June 1. Of the total signatures, 13,000 need to be from registered voters. ACORN has already received 1,800 signatures from the

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### Their Names Live On

Freshman Jennifer Craig reads the names of those who perished in the Holocaust. As part of Holocaust Remembrance Week, the names of Holocaust victims are being read for 24 hours straight, from 2 p.m. Thursday until 2 p.m. today.

## Civil Rights Groups To Host Talent Show To Raise Funds

By KERRI WEBB  
Staff Writer

Those students who believe that they possess star potential will put their talents to the test as two campus organizations host a fund-raising event.

The university's chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated have joined forces in the production of a talent show that will take place Friday night at Girvetz Theater. The event will showcase competitions in dance, singing and lip-synching. Cash prizes will be awarded and a mystery guest featured, according to Alpha Phi Alpha President Drew Ahiakpor.

"There will be cash prizes of \$100 for first place and \$50 and \$25 for second and third, respectively. However, every participant will receive a consolation prize," he said. "There will also be a special surprise guest."

According to Dio Simmons, president of the UCSB chapter of the NAACP, the goal of the event is not only to entertain, but also to promote cultural awareness.

"The theme this year is 'Unity in Diversity,'" she said. "We want to acknowledge the fact that there is unity amongst our diversity. We not only have black acts, we have some Asian, some white acts [and] we even have a drag queen."

Simmons said that the role of the NAACP on this campus is to provide academic support and to improve the well-being for students of color on

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## Ceremony Honors Accomplishments of Fraternity, Sorority Members

By THANH DO  
Reporter

After a long year of partying, studying and charity events, UCSB's greek system honored itself last night for academics, philanthropy and leadership.

Held Thursday evening at Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort in downtown Santa Barbara, the annual Greek Awards Banquet drew representatives from most of UCSB's fraternities and sororities. Coordinated and presented by the Fraternity and Sorority Council, it was one of their largest and most successful awards ceremonies, according to Greek Advisor Mitch Joslin.

"FSC is a joint greek council, including all 36 panhellenic fraternities and sororities, 13 Interfraternity Conference, six local and regional chapters, and three historically black fraternities," he

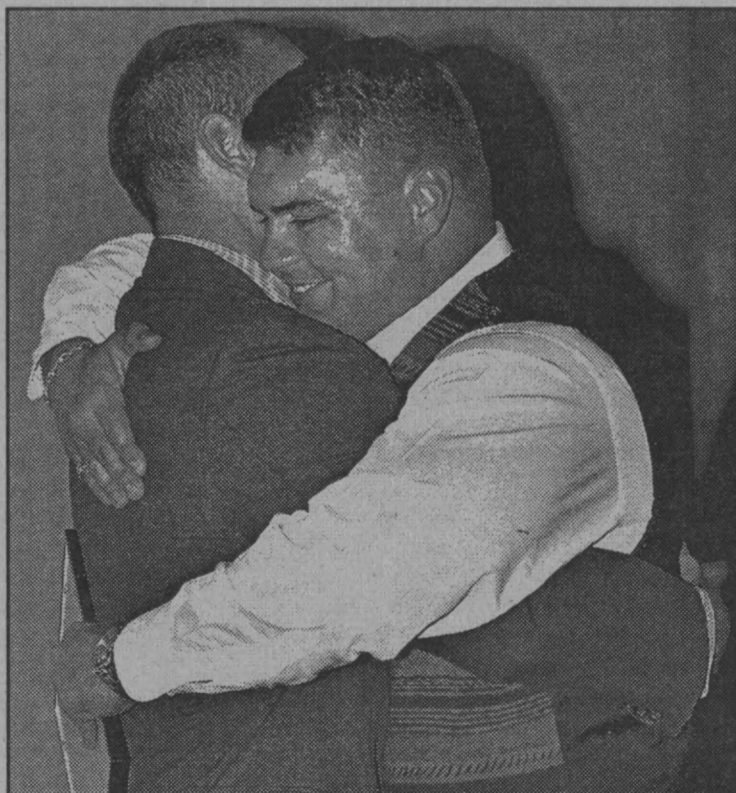
said. "FSC is in its third year, but this event was one of the best in five or six years. We've had a great year, a very productive year," he said.

Among the many winners were Woman of the Year Jodie Stout of Delta Delta Delta and Man of the Year Lex Pagan of Theta Chi. Winners were nominated in a variety of categories, according to Local/Regional President Melton Wong.

"Winners are nominated from their chapters and judged by staff, faculty and students involved with the greeks," he said. "They are awarded for academics, personal achievement, community service, and collective achievement."

The President of the Year Award was one of the most anticipated of the evening. Winner Michele Manning of Alpha Phi Omega acknowledged all of the presidents' hard work.

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Lex Pagan, a member of the Theta Chi fraternity, received the Man of the Year Award for overall excellence at last night's Greek Awards.

# Top of the News

## Reno Aims To Eradicate Slave Labor



WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno set up a task force Thursday to attack growing instances of modern-day slavery in the United States.

"Slavery is one of history's worst moments, but it isn't just history when you look at some of these cases," Reno said in her weekly news conference. "We are not interested in containing modern-day slavery; we want to eradicate it in America."

Just last year, 60 deaf Mexicans were forced to peddle key chains on the streets of New York City, Reno noted.

In Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida, migrant farm workers were forced to work for little pay in cramped, unsanitary living conditions, and threatened with physical harm if they tried to escape. In Califor-

nia, Thai garment workers were forced by armed guards to work 20-hour shifts in sweatshop conditions.

In the last three years, the Justice Dept. has brought 10

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**— Janet Reno  
attorney general**

cases to trial, involving more than 150 victims.

"Most of the cases seem to involve undocumented workers from Mexico and other countries. But there are also cases involving migrant workers, which do involve United States citizens," said Acting Assistant Attorney General Bill Lann Lee, chief of Justice's civil rights division and co-chair of the task force. "No matter

what your legal status, it's emerging as a significant law enforcement problem."

The task force will be drawn from Justice and Labor department investigators who already work on such cases. Under the Fair Labor Standards Act, the

solicitor of labor brings civil cases to recover wages for underpaid workers and refers some cases to Justice for criminal prosecution. The solicitor will be the other co-chair of the task force.

"It certainly is our impression that the problem is getting worse," said Associate Solicitor Steve Mandel. "We certainly see a higher degree of abusive practices in the garment industry."

"We would like to see ... some of those cases develop into criminal cases ... to deter employers from engaging in these abusive practices," he said.

The task force will set up regular meetings where Labor Dept. investigators, FBI agents and immigration officers can exchange leads and compare techniques, Reno said. It also will establish a central database and draft "a blueprint for addressing the unique needs of victims of worker exploitation" so they "will be more willing to come forward and report these terrible crimes."

That would include medical care and protection for abused workers, Reno said.

Mandel said the garment industry in particular is very difficult to monitor in part because the exploited workers "tend to be undocumented, and they are often unwilling to come to us with complaints."

## Cloned Sheep Gives Birth to Natural Offspring



LONDON (AP) — Dolly, the cloned sheep, has a wee carbon copy of her own — but this one came into this world the natural way.

Scientists at the Roslin Institute announced Thursday that a little lamb named Bonnie was born April 13 in a normal delivery, and that mother and lamb were doing fine.

"We are delighted," said Graham Bulfield, director of the institute, which made history in February 1997 when it announced it had cloned Dolly from an adult sheep.

Late last year, Dolly, a Finn Dorset breed, was mated naturally with a Welsh mountain ram, so her offspring has a different genetic makeup, the institute said.

When Dolly was born at the Roslin Institute on July 5, 1996 — her arrival wasn't announced until seven months later — she was the first mammal cloned from the cell of another adult mammal.

News of her birth raised concerns about the possible cloning of humans and generated ongoing ethical debate in many countries.

Cloning also has opened fresh areas of medical research; led to new drugs for heart attacks, cystic fibrosis and strokes; and provided easier methods of scientific testing.

The institute already has proven that cloned animals can reproduce: Megan and Morag, sheep conceived through a different cloning process than Dolly, have lambs of their own.

Scientists were anxious to see whether Dolly's unique conception played any part in her ability to reproduce.

A healthy lamb would also help counter fears that Dolly might be prone to premature aging and other age-related disorders as a result of being cloned from the udder cell of a 6-year-old adult.

Griffin said the center is researching whether Dolly's genetic material is young or old.

"We haven't assembled all the data yet, but as far as anybody can tell ... she's just as you would expect an 18-month-old young mother," he said.

## Fire Overtakes Elevator Shaft Inside House Office Building



WASHINGTON (AP) — Ten members of the Capitol police force suffered smoke inhalation Thursday when fire shot through an elevator shaft of a House office building.

The seven-story building was evacuated.

Police spokesperson Dan Nichols said fire broke out in a basement construction site of the Longworth House Office Building.

He said 10 officers suffered from smoke inhalation and seven were taken to George Washington University Hospital for treatment.

Three others were treated

at the scene and released.

Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.), who has an office on the top floor of the building, said the fire apparently started when an acetylene torch heated up some material near the elevator. He said flames shot rapidly up the elevator shaft and filled the seventh floor with smoke.

Rep. Curt Weldon (R-Pa.), said the response by police and firefighters was quick and efficient, but he also noted that the alarm system on the seventh floor did not go off immediately. He said on the House floor: "There are some lessons to be learned from this."

## AP WIRE SHORTS

• **INNSBRUCK, Austria (AP)** — Doctors allowed Czech President Vaclav Havel to breathe on his own for limited periods Thursday and called his condition stable but still serious.

Havel remained in intensive care for nine days after he underwent emergency surgery for a ruptured colon while on vacation in the Austrian Alps.

Breathing problems have slowed his recovery, and Havel was put on a respirator Saturday after his windpipe was blocked by phlegm.

But his doctors were optimistic Thursday. Once a longtime chain smoker, Havel lost one-third of a lung to cancer in 1996.

• **PARIS (AP)** — France has passed a sweeping law that will lead to a complete ban on pit bulls and other attack dogs that have become a menace in many towns.

Agriculture Minister Louis Le Penec, who sponsored the bill, said the new measures would eliminate "dangerous animals" on French territory in seven or eight years. The law was passed unanimously Wednesday by the French Assembly.

It bans the importation, sale, breeding and purchasing of pit bulls in France. Owners of dogs deemed dangerous are required to sterilize those they already own.

In recent years, pit bulls have become status symbols in tough, suburban neighborhoods with high crime rates, with dog owners brandishing their pets like switchblades or handguns.

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## Weather

Theoretically, graduating seniors could really skew or control the elections and proposed measures if they wanted to.

Who knows what could happen? They could be evil agents of the Regents' Conspiracy Undercover Master Plan to raise fees for frivolous expenditures such as trams and Tuesday night Faculty Club kegers, or could be simply gesturing a spiteful last laugh as they venture off into the nebulous arena of post-college life where The Man makes all the important decisions for them.

When some of my assistants called the A.S. Elections headquarters to inquire as to why this system is so, the person who answered the phone simply explained seniors who pay their quarterly fees have the right to a voice on the campus, just as incoming freshpersons must wait until spring to voice any concern they may have.

Sounds kinda back(A.S.)wards to me, but I guess all politics are designed to be that way. Have an honest-to-goodness weekend, everyone!

## Davis Endorses Education at Dinner

BY SEAN BLASCHKE  
Reporter

With the gubernatorial race beginning to pick up speed, Lt. Gov. Gray Davis came to Santa Barbara to seek public support in a private dinner held downtown.

Sponsored by the University Club, the \$75-per-plate dinner on Thursday brought in close to 75 members of the Santa Barbara community in an attempt to gather endorsements and assistance for the Democratic candidate. During his brief speech, Davis emphasized the importance of family involvement in education and his own commitment to the environment.

"I want to see children dream again, parents hope again. Schools need us to succeed," he said. "I want to empower every student on every level."

In order to accomplish this, Davis proposed a plan targeted at the high-school level, which includes optional Saturday classes, \$3 billion in increased funding of textbooks, a mandatory three years of math and science and another two years of foreign language. He also stressed the importance of a close relationship between parents and students.

"School is their opportunity, not their drudgery," he said.

Another issue Davis addressed was minority access to education in a post-Affirmative Action atmosphere. He advo-

cated a plan to guarantee admittance in the UC system to the top 4 percent of students from each high school in the state.

"This is the only thing we can do with [Prop] 209," Davis said. "I want this to send a positive signal to every serious student."

Davis pointed to his past record, claiming that he is the only Democratic candidate in this election that has been tested in the political arena.

"I believe I have the experience to take California to another level," he said.

Chris Campana, Davis' press secretary, said the gubernatorial race is a dead heat at the moment and expressed his opinion about Davis' qualifications.

"In the end, Gray Davis' experience and connections inside the government and his relationships with elected officials will be a key component in his governorship," he said. "He has experience money simply can't buy."

Oxnard Federation of Teachers Director John Harbour was on hand to hear Davis speak and was impressed with his stance on education.

"His emphasis on education and more positive thinking was important. The role of the family is the ultimate responsibility," he said.

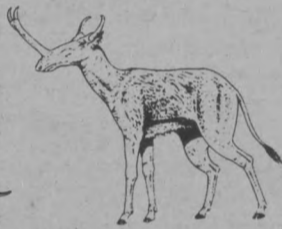
Along with his current round of promotional visits, Davis is escalating his statewide campaign for the June primary with a series of television advertisements that debuted April 20.



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## Reps Approve Bill, Drawing Contest

BY TED ANDERSEN  
 Staff Writer

The final passing of the Media Relations Bill and unanimous approval of an Associated Students-sponsored artistic contest marked Wednesday's A.S. Legislative Council meeting.

The Media Relations Bill, which passed with an 18-0-1 vote after being tabled twice from previous meetings, resulted in the technical end of the nonexistent Radio Council and the establishment of a Media Relations Council, according to bill author and On-Campus Representative Erin O'Donnell. With further amendments added to the bill at Wednesday's meeting, its effects now alter the status of both Campus Point and Communications Board, O'Donnell says.

"Campus Point has now become its own committee," she said. "Communications Board is basically Campus Point now."

Also passed and amended was the "Go Gauchos" position paper, authored by Off-Campus Rep Briah Tannler. The paper responds to a *Daily Nexus* editorial criticizing UCSB's mascot ("Suck on This," April 17). The paper was amended by Tannler in order to set up an artistic contest for the best portrayal of the Gauchito, she said.

"Let it be resolved that the 1997-98 A.S. Legislative Council will endorse a contest to find an adequate and spirited visual representation of our campus mascot," Tannler said.

Among the three tabled bills at the meeting, the Committee Appointments By-Law

change, also authored by Tannler, proposed to reduce the number of Leg Council members who attend large A.S. committee meetings in order to allow every A.S. committee to have a sitting Leg Council Representative, according to Tannler.

Off-Campus Rep Sam Dalesandro expressed his approval of the bill's effects on the meeting process.

"I don't see this bill as taking away from the meetings we go to — it just diversifies them," he said.

Rep-at-Large Josh Krom disagreed with the bill's intentions and added that forcing reps to attend meetings would be ineffective.

"By making a person [attend] a meeting that they have no interest in, I can guarantee that they will not go," he said.

The Committee Appointments Bill and the External Vice President Bill, both authored by Tannler, were also tabled. The EVP bill aims to remove unnecessary and outdated meetings from the external VP for local affairs' agenda, according to Tannler.

"[Leila Salazar] had all of these meetings she had to go to that didn't exist, so we just took them out and put in the right ones," she said.

Also introduced at the meeting was the Isla Vista Community Relations Committee Bill, authored by Tannler. The By-Law change would add to the responsibility of the IVCRC by adding the Gauchito Housing Guide as one of its functions.

"[The bill] adds the Gauchito Housing Guide to the committee's duties," she said. "Before, it was completely separate."



**Doonesbury**

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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campus by working with other organizations, such as Alpha Phi Alpha. She added that one of the civil rights movement's most influential people is a member of the fraternity.

"W.E.B. DuBois co-founded the NAACP and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha," Simmons said. "The fact that a civil rights organization and a fraternity are working together where the main focus [is] the interest of people of color and unity is unique."

DuBois wasn't the only civil rights leader that was a member of the fraternity. According to Ahiakpor, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was also a member, and the

fraternity's participation in organizing the talent show is related to his legacy.

"On November 12, 1996, Congress passed legislation that would allow the building of a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. memorial on federal lands," he said. "The fraternity is required to raise funds to contribute to the memorial. Part of the proceeds from the talent show will go into that fund."

The other half of the proceeds will be used for the Black Graduation Ceremony Committee, according to Simmons.

"The Black Grad Ceremony provides black students an opportunity to be recognized and celebrate their achievements," she said. "The students still attend the university gradua-

tion ceremony and go through the university program. It is not an inclusive ceremony."

One of the speakers and supporters of the Black Grad Ceremony is Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Young, who agrees that the ceremony is a celebratory event.

"It's a joyous time when graduates, friends and family celebrate their achievements," he said. "I love it ... it's a very happy affair with an undercurrent of responsibility."

The talent show will be held tonight at 8 p.m. in Girvetz Theater. Tickets are \$4 at the door. Alpha Phi Alpha will sponsor a dance directly after the show for \$5 at the MultiCultural Center.



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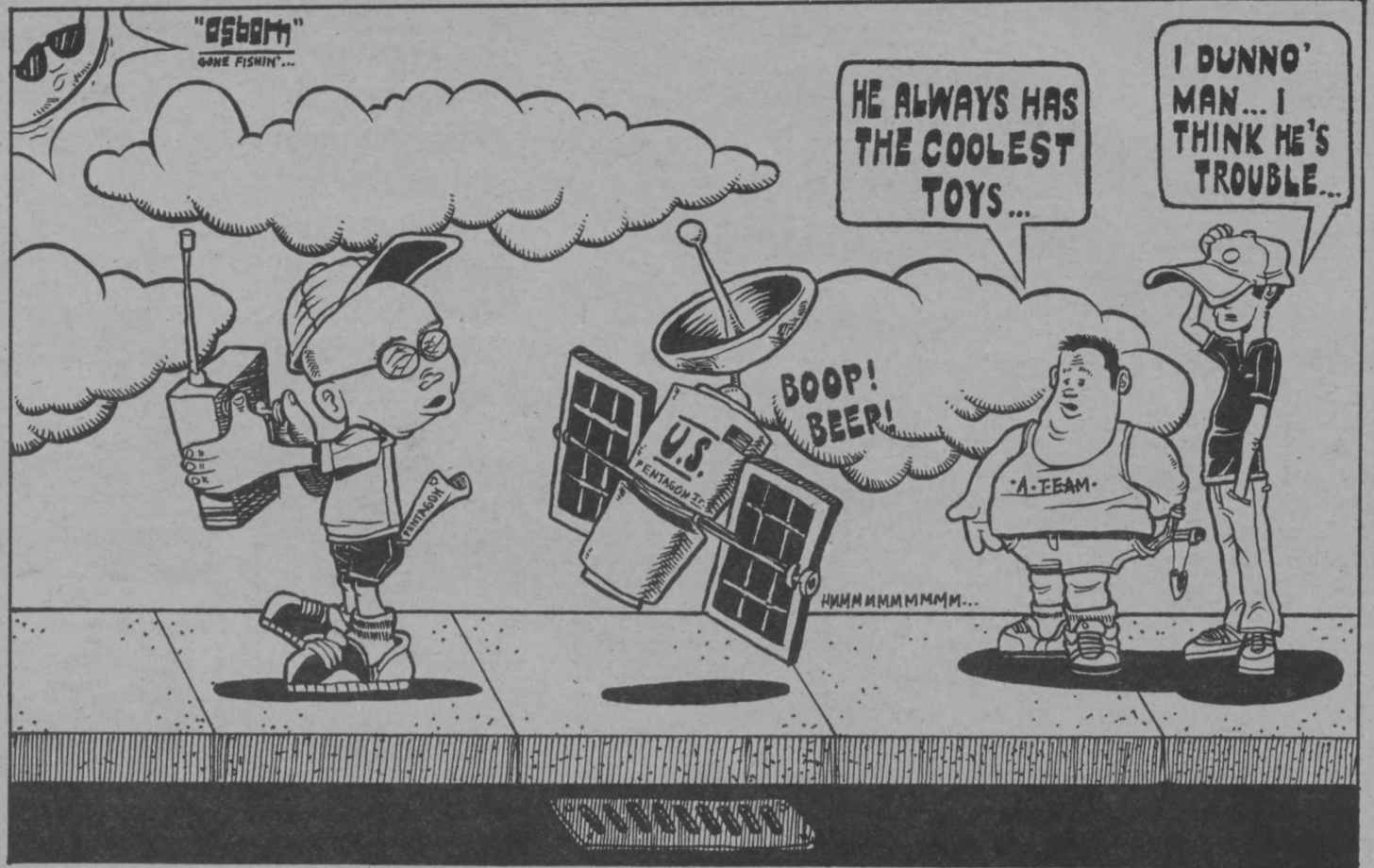
— George Santayana, *Dialogues in Limbo*

# Opinion

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## Staff Editorial



## Who Defends the Defenders?

### Pentagon Hacking Incident Raises Doubts About Security

Coming as it did just a few short days after the national tax deadline, the news that computer hackers had successfully broken into Pentagon computer systems last October and made off with Pentagon software really failed to brighten our day. Since a sizeable amount of our taxes go to the Dept. of Defense, and have been doing so for quite a few years now, it's less than reassuring to hear how effectively they're being spent and what a wonderfully effective and secure military machine is being paid for.

Added to the thought that no insane amount of money is enough to keep the supposedly most powerful military on Earth safe from a small group of private citizens (or, at least, we can assume them to be a lot smaller than the military) is the further irony that the Internet, formerly the Defense Dept.'s ARPANet, is making this sort of thing possible.

And, just to throw the most damning details possible into the mix, it must be noted that the hacker group only last week notified John Vranesevich, a "security expert," about the fact of the break-in. The report we read did not make it clear whether Vra-

nesevich works for the Pentagon, but it looks pretty bad either way. If he does, then it seems as if the Pentagon itself had no idea of the hack at the time it happened; if Vranesevich is an independent security expert, then it is obvious that the Pentagon has tried to keep their screw-up quiet.

Finally, we should point out that while a spokesperson for the Pentagon insisted that the stolen software did not contain classified information, it seems most likely that the laws of damage control would dictate downplaying the magnitude of the break-in. To be blunt, it is hard to trust the Pentagon's public word on this matter, and we can't help but suspect that the hack was a great deal worse than the Pentagon is making it out to be. So we are left wondering what's next, and how long it will be before the government is no longer the only group with The Button in its hands.

If we're going to allow so much of our tax money to be put into national defense concerns, we should also be concerned with national defense — and its integrity against attacks such as this. Here's hoping that this year's tax money is more wisely spent.

## The Reader's Voice

### ON APRIL 24, REMEMBER THE ARMENIANS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

On Wednesday night, after the Armenian Student Association meeting, I became angrier than I have ever been in my entire life. Susie Jarakian, the president of ASA, and I walked to Campus Point as I told her about my feelings of the Armenian Genocide and

**"This is to remind all of us what happened and what can happen again ... [if] history repeats itself."**

why I was so angry. I know why I was angry. It was because I was never taught about the Armenian Genocide in the public schools that I went to. I was also frustrated because I meet so many students who — when I tell them about the Armenian Genocide — blink at me in confusion.

Well, I am writing this to alert the UCSB student body of millions of unrecognized deaths that occurred from 1789-1919. It's called the Armenian Genocide, and it is com-

memorated on April 24. This is to remind all of us what happened and what can happen again, for history repeats itself if its lessons go unlearned.

"Who talks nowadays of the extermination of the Armenians?" — Adolf Hitler, 1915.  
DIANNA TER-VARDANYAN

### GREEKS' GOOD WORKS OFTEN OVERLOOKED

Editor, Daily Nexus:

As an audience member at Delta Delta Delta's first Poseidon Man Contest at I.V. Theater last Thursday night, I was once again reminded of the benefits of being a part of the greek community at UCSB. The women of Tri-Delta deserve recognition and congratulations for having a successful event, and raising money for children's cancer research in Santa Barbara. Congratulations also to Jeb Khoury from Sigma Phi Epsilon, the event's winner. A good time was had by all in attendance.

As a member of a fraternity, I feel that I have opportunities to give to the community in ways that others don't. I realize that there are individuals who do donate their time, energies and enthusiasm to various charitable organizations, and I'm not downplaying their contributions in the slightest. However,

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fraternities and sororities at UCSB contribute thousands of worker hours and well over \$50,000 annually to various local and national charities. I think this is an often overlooked fact when looking at the greek community.

For the student at UCSB who feels that they have something to give to the world, I encourage you to do so. Your contributions

**"When individuals focus their collective energies toward common goals, dramatic results can be seen in short order."**

will be returned tenfold, and the satisfaction of making our community a better place is reward in itself. Organizations, whether greek or one of the various special interest clubs, provide a venue to give to the community we live in and have fun in the process. By affiliating with a group, one meets new people with similar interests and finds strength in numbers. Energy without direction is chaos. When individuals focus their collective energies toward common goals, dramatic results can be seen in short order.

DAVID RACHFORD

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# Bearing Witness, Finding a Cultural Connection

## History of Armenian Genocide Brings Shock, Pain — and a Sense of Identity, Belonging

COLLEEN KHACHATOURIANS

College has taught me one important lesson: It can't teach me everything, but it can expand thoughts. Somewhere in the process of questioning what I was being taught, I came to question myself. So I pulled from my parents' bookshelf an old, fragile volume that had caught my attention from the time I had recognized books and been in love with them. As a child, the book intrigued me also because the elaborate gold letters on its spine spelled *The Armenian Massacre*, the words blowing a chill through me from the book's shelf perch as I passed down the hall. Last year I finally took it down to read.

Printed in America in 1880, the book collected eyewitness reports of killings of Armenians by the Turkish government. Report after report kept my eyes glued to the pages in disbelief. I read of massacres, rapes, burnings, torture, and cold-blooded executions of my people. And for the first time I was referring to them as *my* people, because I realized that if these people were related to me culturally, they must have been related to me, too.

I felt fiercely upset looking at pictures of Armenians caught in the middle of the pre-Genocide, the faces of the girls and women and realizing that I looked no different from them. I realized that after that picture was taken they were herded into a church, locked inside for days until starving, and repeatedly raped by Turkish soldiers and killed along with the building. This is one of the many stories recorded and remembered from

1870-1890 to what we now call the Genocide, 1915-1916. Priests, fathers, children, mothers, everyone was made to suffer.

It wasn't just the Armenians, I realized, but every group of persecuted people. There is something very uniting about the experience of pain. How strange it was to feel so fiercely a part of my own culture, and meanwhile so completely one and the same with every other culture. I don't know the details to every nation's history, but I can

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share mine and hope that it will encourage understanding and compassion.

On April 24, 1915, 300 Armenian leaders, writers, artists, thinkers and professionals were gathered in Constantinople (now Istanbul), Turkey, and deported and killed. The Young Turk government thought them a "threat." On that day, too, 3,000 other Armenians were butchered in the streets and in their homes. It is the day most Armenians consider the beginning of the Genocide, though it was not the first time the Turkish government had killed Armenians. By

1918, 1.5 million Armenians had died in the Genocide.

What happened in Turkey and its surrounding areas of Armenia and Karabagh was called "racial and religious cleansing" by the Turkish government. The Young Turk Party Committee for Union and Progress' Special Organization — a group of violent criminals released from prison — was created for the task. They were the "soldiers," and they were let free to make miserable the lives of any Armenians whose paths they crossed. Those government officials who chose not to comply with their orders were dismissed, and those Turks who protected and hid Armenians were killed.

Most Armenians were told they were being relocated. They were forced from their homes and led to concentration camps in the desert between Jerablus and Dier ez-Lor, where they were left to starve and dehydrate. Sometimes their "guides" killed them along the way, loaded the bodies onto barges on the Black Sea and sank them.

Currently, the Turkish government denies the Genocide. They claim that Armenians were simply "removed" from the eastern "war zone." However, deportations and killings occurred everywhere, not only in Turkey but also in surrounding areas of Armenian population. Only the Turkish government of Damad Ferit Pasha recognized the Genocide, held war-crimes trials, and condemned to death the major leaders responsible. Their court concluded that the Young Turk government was guilty of wholesale massacre, drowning, burning, rape, pillaging and plundering. The current government, however, has gone out of its way to deny this.

My great-grandparents fled from their quiet family village of Garadagh sometime between 1915 and 1917, after the passing soldiers plundered and pillaged their land and homestead. Other families have more tragic stories of several family members being killed or lost. Of the 2.5 million Armenians living in Turkey and its envi-

"Currently, the Turkish government denies the Genocide. They claim that Armenians were simply 'removed' from the eastern 'war zone.'"

rons in 1915, only one million survived. I am an offspring of that one million, close enough in generation to the Genocide to still shudder in thought of it.

Armenia today is a small, struggling, newly independent country 11,490 square miles in size and 3.6 million in population. It is anticipating elections and trying to get its feet on the ground economically. I'm beginning to make its acquaintance, proud of the stubborn, persistent people I am descended from — survivors.

Colleen Khachatourians is a literature major in the College of Creative Studies.

# 'Find a Career Path — or Get the Hell Out!'

## UCSB's Degree System Can Be Highly Restricting for Students With Unrestricted Interests

TAD RAMSPOTT

I find myself in the awkward position, every once in a while, of explaining to my acquaintances that I am a double major.

Well, granted, many would say that I'm crazy for enjoying mathematics, but this article isn't about that. Were I to graduate in physics, art, black studies, basket weaving, I would run into the same difficulty. The simple fact is that none of my friends ever see me doing anything in the subject I am supposedly qualified in.

This is not because I don't enjoy math or because I do my homework behind locked doors. Nor do I use one of those little flashy things from "Men in Black" any time I'm caught doing math. But between my work here at the Nexus, my website maintenance, and my independent studies project in pathology, I'm just never around.

Which brings me to my point. You know someone like me — a person who just loves learning; someone with broad interests but little desire to pursue any single subject deeply. The majority of this group comes into college with the best of intentions, takes a number of broad survey courses, doesn't find anything strongly fulfilling, and eventually drops out, disillusioned.

Is there a place for them at this university? The UCSB administration doesn't seem to think so. "[Letters & Science] students who have not declared a major by the time they have completed 84 units may have their continued registration blocked," the General Catalog says. Translation: "Find a career path or get the hell out."

Ah, the clever administrator points out, "but if you don't like any of our majors, you can design your own." This is true ... to a degree. Let's examine your options:

**Double major.** Let's start with the obvious: This means significantly more work than a single degree. You must also specifically choose two areas of emphasis. This is also a problem with taking a minor — you have to select a major to make the minor relevant. So that's out, except in conjunction with one of your other options.

**Interdisciplinary studies major.** The UCSB general catalog: "Students wishing to enter [this] major must draw up a proposed program of study in three separate departments according to the requirements listed below." Among these requirements is that "some departments allow only a restricted number of their upper-division courses to be applied to this major." So you have to settle into exactly three areas of focus — which you have to pick in advance of your upper-division work — and even in those areas you're not guaranteed the classes you want. Some freedom.

**Independent major.** Ah, now this looks promising. Design your own field of study, limited only by faculty guidance and the availability of relevant classes. But we run into two major flaws — one, that designing an individual major requires a fairly specific goal, and it's somewhat hard to propose an independent major for "learning whatever interests me"; and two, that the General Catalog sneaks in the following caveat: "Normally, [the process of individual-major review] takes at least three months." But ... um ... obviously they're really friendly about it so as not to discourage potential freethinkers. Yeah.

So what alternatives exist for those with broad learning interests?

Not many, not now, unfortunately. I am fortunate enough to enjoy the relative freedom of the College of Creative Studies, but even there one must choose one of their eight "emphases," and there is a strong push to focus on that chosen emphasis rather than wan-



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der through the cross-disciplinary morass. Students in Letters & Science or Engineering are in even more of a fix; between major requirements and GE's, they're guaranteed to have to take a number of classes they won't cotton to. And so I make the following suggestion.

The university should create and maintain, for the benefit of its students, a general studies major. No three-month delay and no forced "choice" of fields of focus, although of course you'd have to fulfill University-wide requirements. Just meet with a faculty adviser once per quarter to clear your schedule of study, and after a certain number of units you would have a college degree to show for your work.

Before you parents here with your teenagers on Spring Insight start frothing at the mouth, let me clear up the obvious question: What good would a degree in gen-ed be?

Graduating from college, no matter what discipline, shows drive, initiative, and a desire for self-improvement. It

demonstrates the perseverance required to stick out four years of a voluntary challenge. It proves you're a quick enough learner to master subjects at a university's accelerated pace. Considering that the largest beneficiaries of a general education program would be those who would otherwise end up dropouts, these advantages would make a stellar difference in the job market.

But in the long term, a general education diploma wouldn't be about better job prospects. Too many people see a college degree as a meal ticket — a road to earning a better salary in a more "intellectual" work environment. This is a major factor in the disillusionment of students like myself. A gen-ed program would put the learning back into the classroom, the edge back into college, the universe back into university. Finally, students would have a program to enter if they were here to learn. And this is why the university must act for the good of its students.

There will always be those who are

not satisfied with their college experience, but the plight of those with broad interests cannot be ignored — because a general education program would be a step forward for everyone. The day when one can major in "Renaissance man" instead of Renaissance studies, in polymathy rather than mathematics, in versatility rather than versewriting, is a day when UCSB will have made the choice to add education to your college opportunities.

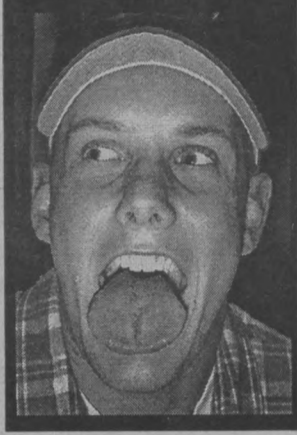
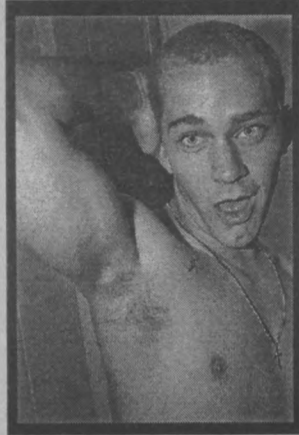
Tad Ramsrott, graduating in the improbable field of mathematics this quarter, is the Daily Nexus copy editor.

**Imagine**  
all the people, writing to the Nexus ...  
... You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us."  
— John Lennon, paraphrased.

# Campus Comment

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*If you were a Spice Girl, which one would you be?*



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Old Spice.

Mike Garguilo  
freshman  
biology

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Whichever one  
pinched Prince  
Charles' ass.

Maaike Godfrey  
junior  
environmental studies

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I'd be Ginger Spice  
so I could be served  
with sushi.

Allegra Stanley  
senior  
biology

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I'd be their pimp,  
'cause someone needs  
to be.

Eric Duff  
junior  
sociology

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I'd be Posh because  
no matter how I  
look in the photo,  
I'd look better than  
her.

Elena Spasov  
junior  
psychology

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I'd be Baby Spice so  
I could suck on  
nipples.

Amie Raskin  
senior  
art history

## AWARDS

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"I was very surprised and honored to be chosen among the presidents after rushing and stuff," she said. "They're all excellent presidents and I was very honored to be a representative of the greek system."

Other greek chapters were brought to the limelight as well. Marisol Alvarado of Lambda Sigma Gamma was honored as FSC Representative of the Year.

"I'm excited that FSC has recognized me as Representative of the Year because we were really strong this year," she said. "We've gotten really big with a stronger presence. With this award, we feel more, like, into the mainstream and represented."

Outstanding Alumni Relations winner Brian Campaign of Beta Theta Pi expressed his appreciation toward the event.

"It was a great honor to win an award," he said. "The greek system itself is a great thing. ... You know, we're all winners, so it was a great honor to be here."



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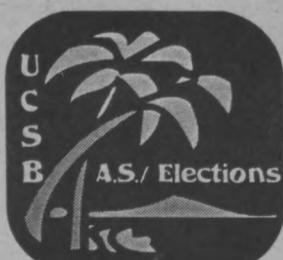
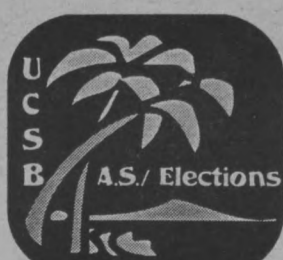
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**Aries** (March 21-April 19)—Today is an 8—You're more confident than usual. In fact, your attitude might border on cockiness. Don't follow your first impulse, especially when it comes to divulging information. You feel like you can speak freely, but that's not a good idea. Put your brain in gear before you start running at the mouth.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 7—You're under pressure, but that's OK. You're finishing up a lot of overdue items as a result. This is the perfect time of year for you to do exactly that. Clean out the garage and the attic while you're at it. You'll have room to start on a new project Saturday evening.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21)—Today is a 7—You and your team are feeling red-hot. You've gone through tough situations together, and there are more in the future. But for now, things are looking rosy. That's all the excuse you need to celebrate this evening. Gather with your favorite people and party hearty. That's an order.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 7—The person you most respect and perhaps even fear is watching you like a hawk. This may seem like criticism, but actually he or she just wants to teach you how to do the job exactly right. If you can handle that, you could get a raise in pay.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22)—Today is an 8—You're in a frisky mood today. That could cause a problem. An older person, possibly a boss or teacher, wants you to stick to the task at hand. You're interested in doing just about anything else. Have you got big plans for the weekend? If you haven't yet, you will by the time the day's over.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is a 7—This would be a good day to take out a loan. Talk to the people with the money and present your case. They'll ask questions, of course. You need to have the answers ready. Provide more answers than they even know they need. And hold out for a lower interest rate.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is a 7—Your attention will be drawn to a very attractive person—one who's on the wild side. That's OK. You probably believe you can tame this person. That's highly unlikely, but you could join forces for a thrilling ride. Get started on it first thing this morning.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 7—The workload is intense, but your energy level is high. The tension might be high also. See if you can get volunteers to help. You don't have money to pay, so you'll have to come up with some other incentive. No problem. You have a knack for talking people into doing what you want.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is an 8—Conditions continue to push you to the top in your education or career. You're getting a shove in the right direction from someone who cares about you. You think the world of this person, so his or her words will have a big impact. Today, go ahead and accept the compliment.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 7—You'd rather be home today than just about anyplace else. It looks like there's a lot of activity going on. You could be getting ready to take a trip, or maybe a long-lost loved one has shown up unexpectedly. Maybe both are happening. If not, consider yourself lucky.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is a 7—You're best with machines and probably worst at emotional issues. Today you might get to deal with both. Focus on fixing an item you know you can figure out. The other situation—probably a difference of opinion with a roommate—will take more patience. Listen instead of talking.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 7—There's money coming in and going out. It's up to you to make sure you wind up with a profit. You have to pay the bills, of course. But the money you spend on good causes is considerable. Check to make sure the people you're giving it to share your compassion.

**Today's Birthday** (April 24). Finish old business this year. It'll be empowering. You'll know what to do by May, so don't wait any longer. Put money down to resolve a matter that's been on hold far too long. Loved ones give you encouragement, which culminates in success in September. From then to December the going is tough, but you can pass the test. You'll have more responsibility by February. A visit with friends in March brings good luck to all. A private conversation next April clears the air and renews a relationship.

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# TREES

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I.V./UCSB area, where they have a 9,000-signature goal, Cardenas said.

"We really need to get signatures from I.V. and UCSB," he said. "[The group is] relying on us."

Kendall Jackson Winery, which sparked this controversy through a large removal of trees in Los Alamos last fall, also stands by the regeneration efforts, according to the winery's vice president of public relations, Jim Caudill.

"We have cut trees to make vineyards, but trees are a renewable resource," he said. "We have put together meetings on how to regenerate them and why, and to encourage the process."

Sanford Winery owner Richard Sanford refuses to cut oaks on his property, and is supportive of the oak regeneration efforts of ACORN.

"We've never cut down an oak tree," he said. "I'm very concerned about oak tree regeneration and conservation. They are not just trees — they create an entire habitat for birds and animals."

Sanford added that although many vineyard owners will argue that they can't plant around the massive trees, it is possible to do so.

"I think we have a responsibility to the future in the protection of our natural resources," he said. "No matter how many trees you plant, you can't mitigate the removal of these old, old trees."

Firestone Winery President Adam Firestone said that Sanford's claim of never having removed an oak is inaccurate.

rate. According to Firestone, tree removal is a common practice on winery properties.

"It's so incredibly misleading. That's just one of the realities of vineyards. There's no getting around it," he said. "[There has been a] 30 percent increase in oak tree growth since we started, from what used to be a bean farm."

Firestone admitted that his winery has cut trees in order to create open land for vineyards. However, he is a proponent of the regeneration efforts and of the coexistence of vineyards and woodlands.

"You need zoning. To properly zone, you must designate the land for what its uses are supposed to be," he said. "We found it advantageous to have oak woodlands running alongside the vineyard, not only for aesthetic reasons, but also to provide a habitat for animals."

Firestone Winery has spent approximately \$21,000 in the last year on regeneration efforts, and the winery plants between 200 and 500 new trees each year, according to Firestone.

"If agriculture displaces oak trees, you need to regenerate them. The county has a great standard [of] 10 to one," he said.

The only effort to limit oak removal on private property currently in effect is a volunteer program that encourages the planting of 10 saplings per tree removed, according to 3rd District Executive Assistant Mark Chaconas. He added that oak removal is not illegal because of the rights of property owners.

"The majority on the board of supervisors refused to take a pro-active stand, which resulted in this collaborative effort," Chaconas said.

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# Sports

## Sport Clubs Update

The UCSB alpine racing team is all smiles after finishing first in the Southern California Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Conference. Santa Barbara placed ahead of UCLA and USC to capture the five-race series.

Senior Danielle Leon and Jay Griffin dominated the women's and men's ski divisions, respectively. Both placed first in slalom and giant slalom competition, and took home combined titles for having the highest cumulative scores in both disciplines.

"We're lucky to have [Danielle and Jay]," senior snowboarder Nicole Katzir said. "They pulled our team way up. Without them, we wouldn't have won first in league."

A number of other Gauchos placed among the SCCSC leaderboard, most notably senior Jessica Wolf, who captured the women's snowboarding combined and slalom crowns.

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Sacramento's Lake Natoma was the site for the California Collegiate Championships, an event attended by the UCSB rowing teams. The regatta proved to be a showcase for a number of Santa Barbara boats, which showed marked improvement over previous events.

"We get off to a slow start each year, so generally we can expect to catch up toward the end of the season," said men's Head Coach Patrick Kelly. "That's what we've been doing."

Top finishes were turned in by the novice women's lightweight eight team (first place), the varsity men's lightweight four squad (second) and novice men's open eight (third).

The latter result was the most encouraging to Kelly.

"We saw Stanford a few weeks ago and lost to them by 10 seconds," he said. "In the finals [in Sacramento], our guys beat them by close to 10 seconds. Over the past month we've really made some leaps and bounds."

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A 10th national title is well within reach for the Santa Barbara surfing team. The Gauchos recently ran away with the National Scholastic Surfing Association's Southwestern Conference championship and are poised to do the same at the national meet in June.

Senior team captain Chad LaBass cited fellow seniors Donald Day, Chris Keet, and Laura Marsasco as being instrumental in helping UCSB return to the elite of collegiate wave-riding.

"We've just gotten better and better," LaBass said. "Everyone else is just trying to catch us. We've got the best surfers here."

— Ben Alkaly

## Playoff Berth Looming in Series vs. Mustangs

BY STEVE WENDT  
Staff Writer

Come season's end, about 100 miles and three games may be the only thing separating the UCSB baseball team from its counterpart at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

The Gauchos and Mustangs will open a three-game series today at 2 p.m. to see which team will have the upper hand in the race for a wildcard bid in the Big West Conference playoffs. The two teams will also duke it out Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. in Caesar Uyesaka Stadium.

UCSB enters the set with a 13-22-2 overall record, but more importantly, the Gauchos have posted a 7-13 record in the Big West. Cal Poly comes in 16-32 overall, but close to Santa Barbara with a 7-12 conference mark.

Two teams from each of the Big West's two divisions will automatically qualify for the tournament held at Titan Field in Fullerton. Two more teams, from either division, will be granted wildcard berths. The Southern Division, to which both Cal Poly and Santa

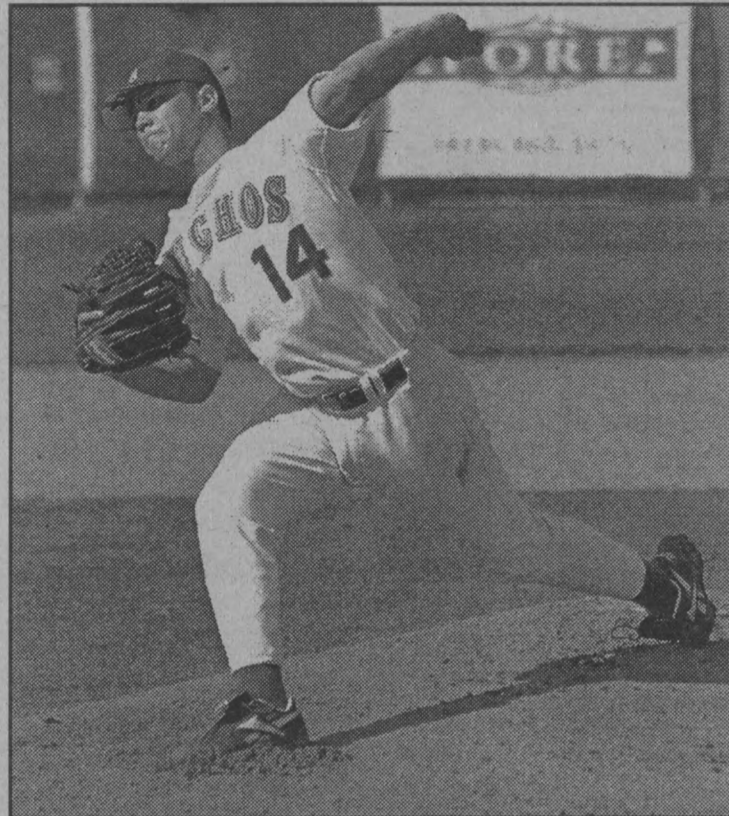
Barbara belong, already has its automatic bids sewn up with NCAA powerhouses Long Beach State and Cal State Fullerton boasting identical 17-4 Big West marks. Thus, the race for Poly and Santa Barbara begins.

UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema doesn't see this as a do-or-die situation, but he looks at this weekend's series winner having some breathing room because both teams face Fullerton and Long Beach in the next two weeks.

"Realistically, it takes the pressure off whoever wins," Brontsema said. "With both teams facing who they're facing next week, it will definitely take some pressure off."

The Gauchos are slated to start freshman right-hander Bing Cain today. The Mustangs are expected to counter with senior Jason Porto (2-5, 6.87 ERA). Troy Kinto will battle last season's ace for Cal Poly, junior lefty Mike Zirelli (3-9, 5.33), on Saturday with Gauchos righty David Uris, back from injury, squaring off with Stan Acres (3-3, 7.93) in the series' finale.

Kinto has been a pleasant surprise for Santa Barbara this year.



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**K IS FOR KINTO:** Troy Kinto and the rest of the baseball bunch hope to pull a Don Corleone on the horses from the north.

The sophomore southpaw has made the most of the opportunity given to him since the unexpected departures of Seth Bean and Barry Zito before the season began. Kinto is 3-2, and second in the Big West with 9.44 strikeouts per nine innings.

Kinto and the rest of the staff's main challenge will be to contain the Mustangs' batting tandem of

sophomore Steve Wood and junior Matt Brady. Wood is currently batting .313 with 10 home runs and 41 RBIs. Brady leads the team with a .331 average.

"[Cal Poly's] three and four guys are pretty good," Kinto said. "But they're vulnerable to the outside part of the plate. We just have to make sure we don't make mistakes."



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**GUNNING FOR NATIONALS:** The UCSB women's water polo team will take the first steps toward a title this weekend at Stanford. The sixth-seeded Gauchos open with #3 Cal.

## UCSB Water Polo Battles To Win the West

BY DAMON DAMELE  
Staff Writer

It's crunch time for the UCSB women's water polo team.

The Gauchos head to Stanford on Friday for the western qualifications with hopes of making it to the national tournament. Only seven of the 13 teams in the western quals will make it to nationals, so Santa Barbara is expecting some tough competition.

"Qualifications for nationals is the top teams in the nation competing for spots ... it is the biggest deal in women's polo," said senior co-captain Kristen Slater. "UCSB does have its foot in the door, but we have to play the best water polo we've played all year."

Santa Barbara is currently ranked sixth in the field, but the squad feels that the talent level — after top teams UCLA and Stanford — is so close that those who want it the most will be the teams that make it to nationals. The Gauchos can expect tough competition

from the other teams, especially rivals USC and San Diego State.

"San Diego State will probably be the biggest game, because they beat us at the last tournament but we beat them the three times before that," said sophomore Katie Hill, the team's other co-captain and leading scorer. "But there is a lot of competition this year — us, Davis, Hawai'i, San Diego State and USC will all be fighting to get in."

Santa Barbara knows that this is what it has been working for all year, but the road won't be easy. UCSB's first game is against UC Berkeley, who goes into the tournament ranked third. The Gauchos know that the Bears will give them a tough match, but if they can perform well against Berkeley, they have an excellent chance of advancing to nationals, with likely matchups against Davis and San Diego State.

"We have a really good chance," Hill said. "If we play to our potential we will make it ... it comes down to who is ready to play."

## Recruits Usher In Williams' Reign

UCSB men's basketball Head Coach Bob Williams has announced the signing of another recruit to National Letters of Intent.

The Gauchos have signed 6'1" point guard Larry Bell from state champion Compton Community College, the coach announced earlier this week. Bell joins Glendale's Mark Hull, a 6'6" forward from Hoover High School, as the first two recruits to commit to Santa Barbara under Williams.

"Larry [Bell] is a hard-nosed, tough competitor," Williams said. "He was a starting guard and top defender on the #1 team in the state, and I feel he will be a great addition to this program."

Bell averaged 11.5 points, 5.8 assists and 3.0 rebounds per game for a Compton College team that went 27-3. He was an All-Western States Conference selection and was considered his team's best defensive player.

Hull finished his prep career as his school's second-leading scorer ever, averaging 27.9 points and 13.9 rebounds per game his senior season.

The addition of Bell and Hull brings the Gauchos' total number of recruits for next season to five. In the early signing period, UCSB inked three players: forward Eric Hare (McKinney High School in McKinney, Texas) and guards Erick Ashe (Fullerton Junior College) and Derrick Allen (Porterville Junior College).

— Scott Hennessee