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**Opinion** 

Some perspectives on illegal drugs and the persecution of chicken-choking addicts ... all discussed in gruesome, intimate detail, just for you!



Sports

The UCSB baseball team returned victorious from New Mexico, winning two of three contests, and the UCSB softball team swept Utah State.



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## **Cultural Clubs Organize Week** of Celebration

Asian/Pacific Islander Events To Focus on Artistic Expressions

> BY JAMIE FRANCISCO Staff Writer

With every beat of the drums, move of the hands and sway of the hips, a story is told. Yet while members of the Polynesian Dance Club Ia Ora Na Te O'Tea were busy expressing tales of love and loss, much of their audience tended to focus on something else — the coconuts.

"A lot of people don't respect the dance because they don't see past the costumes," dance club President Karin Rushforth said. "It is a really sexual, provocative dance and it's meant to be that way. It's supposed to be that way, but in Western culture it's misunderstood."

This week, groups such as Ia Ora Na Te O'Tea have the opportunity to educate the campus community about their cultural traditions during Asian/Pacific Islander Culture Week. The week, which is sponsored by Asian Student Union, the MultiCultural Center and Arts & Lectures, will feature performances and workshops relating to the Asian American community.

Organizers of this year's culture week chose the theme ROAR, which stands for Reflecting On our Asian/Pacific Islander Roots, to combat stereotypes that Asians are a passive model minority, ASU Member Daniel Magpali said.

part of the community," he said. "Putting on events shows our social, political and cultural facets to this campus by roaring



Senior communication and Asian American studies major Sum Sum Chan, a member of the Martial Arts Club, sprays a Storke Plaza audience with water Monday during an M.A.C. performance of the Chinese Lion Dance. The event kicked off Asian Culture Week.

with our voices."

Expo Coordinator Judy Liao said this make our presentations and take owneryear's participants hope to not only showcase their work, but convey the cultural messages behind their art.

"How often do Asian American artists

th our voices." get a venue to show their work?" she said.
Asian/Pacific Islander Student Art "This is a week specifically so we can ship of our culture, art and dances.

According to culture week Adviser

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### **Elevator Inferno Means Early Rise** for I.V. Residents

Tenants of the Garden Court Apartments in Isla Vista received a rude awakening Monday morning when a three-alarm structure fire required the evacuation of more than 200 occupants.

According to Santa Barbara County Fire Dept. Capt. Charlie Johnson, firefighters responded to the four-story complex at 6689 El Colegio Road at 2:36 a.m. after receiving reports of smoke billowing from the roof. Officers from the UC Police Dept., the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. and the California Highway Patrol had begun evacuation prior to arrival of the fire department — students were held across the street for more than two hours as a total of 12 units responded to the blaze.

Battalion Chief Dave Bianchi said the fire was contained in the southwest elevator shaft, as the completely wooden elevator car provided the fuel for the fire. "The large response is necessary whenever there's a life hazard," he said.

Three law enforcement officers suffered minor smoke inhalation while evacuating residents and were taken to Cottage Hospital for observation. The majority of evacuated students headed to Freebirds while the fire was being extinguished. Garden Court resident and senior sociology major Erin Campbell lamented the timing of the fire.

'This sucks because I have a midterm in the morning. It's too cold and we've been out here too long," she said.

Smoke damage occurred in two apartments that were left open during the evacuation. Johnson said the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

—Scott Kemp

### **Campus Organizations Find Inadequate Funds From A.S.**

BY ERIC SIMONS Staff Writer

Associated Students Finance Board emptied its pockets and found only spare change Monday afternoon, leaving several student groups without their full budget requests.

The board started with \$2,611 remaining for the year, and allocated all of it in the hour-long meeting. A large chunk of that change went to Los Ingenieros, which received \$1,646 to put on an outreach event for local junior high and high school students interested

in science and technology careers.

"[The event] is designed to get them motivated to pursue higher education, in particular in science and engineering," Los Ingenieros member Ignacio Andrade said. "We want to present [students] with a little of what UCSB has to offer them."

Andrade said when he originally requested money two weeks ago, Finance Board told his group to come back later. The decision proved costly, as the board did not have nearly enough money left to consider Los Ingenieros' entire budget

The Kapatirang Pilipino Graduation was also denied the majority of its request. Finance Board was only able to offer \$500 of the \$1,000 originally requested by the group, enough to reserve Corwin Pavilion for the ceremony.

With only \$289 remaining in the unallocated account, the board turned its attention to Pi Kappa Alpha Fight Night, which received \$1,900 from Finance Board last year, drawing 2,500 spectators and raising \$7,300 for a local charity.

Pike representative Michael Galanter said the fraternity had struggled to find commercial sponsors this year, which was in part responsible for their \$4,000 request. Finance Board members K.C. Mmeje and Hagen Green offered the full amount

left in the A.S. account, and the board approved the \$289 alloca-

"I think this is an excellent event. A lot of people from campus attend. Not to mention the fact that they donate the money to charity," Mmeje said. "Being that we gave them \$1,900 last year, \$289, considering our financial circumstances, is ade-

member Shaina Board Walter added her support for the measure, comparing it to other Finance Board-funded events. "We're funding an event that 2,800 people attend ... that's a huge event," she said.

The board approved the allocation over the objection of member Tawnya Dinsmore, who said the fraternity would still be able to offer close to \$7,000 to the charity from the sale of tickets to the

"I know this event is going to sell out. I know they're going to make money," she said. "If we're going to give money I'd rather just give it to charity, because I honestly don't think guys beating each other up is the best way to raise money."

The board concluded the meeting by removing \$200 from its own account to give to Queer Commission Chair Rodney Clara, who was promised \$500 at last week's meeting.

Finance Board will check its pocket linings for more money this week and reconvene next Monday, May 15, at 4 p.m.

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# Police Arrest Suspects in 'Love Bug' Case



MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A bank employee was arrested and his girlfriend named a suspect today in the case of the "ILOVEYOU" computer virus after local police and FBI agents raided their apartment and found computer equipment. However, the man's relatives suggested that a third roommate — the woman's sister — was the culprit.

The girlfriend was contacted by investigators and promised to appear later at the investigation headquarters, where she was expected to be arrested, said Federico Opinion, chief of the National Bureau of Investigation.

But relatives of Reomel Ramones said they believed the one behind

the massive computer virus remain silent," an investimay have been the girlfriend's 23-year-old sister, who also lives in the apartment. The sister recently graduated in computer engineering from the Philippines' AMA Computer College school linked by one U.S. computer security firm to the virus.

The virus has caused a flood of e-mails with the gator said. But local radio reports quoted Ramones as saying he was innocent.

Attorney Washington, General Janet Reno would not specify whether the suspects were believed to have actually created the

"As I understand it," Reno replied, "They've presently been questioning

[We were led to the apartment because of confidential information given to us by confidential informants.

> - Federico Opinion National Bureau of Investigation chief

subject line "ILOVE-YOU" to course through computer systems in more than 20 countries, overwhelming computer networks. Several variations appeared soon after. When opened, the virus can destroy graphics and other saved files.

individuals in connection with the investigation. We continue to pursue all relevant leads.'

Ramones and the other residents of the apartment were gone at the time of the raid. He was arrested when he returned later.

Investigators, armed Ramones "opted to with a search warrant, cor-

doned off the street around the apartment in Manila's Pandacan district. They seized computer At a news conference in magazines, accessories, diskettes and other materials from the apartment, Opinion said.

> Two FBI accompanied the investigators, he said. Several FBI agents are in the Philippines cooperating in the search for the virus programmer.

Investigators were led to the apartment because of "confidential information given to us by confiinformants," dential Opinion said, without elaborating.

Although Ramones works in the computer department of Equitable Bank, he is an accounting graduate and his specialty is computer hardware, not software, his relatives said.

They said the computer in the apartment was almost always locked in the room of Ramones' girlfriend's sister.

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### AP Wire Short

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) - A man pleaded guilty attack. Manes pleaded guilty and received a six-year Monday to helping Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold get one of the guns they used in the Columbine High School massacre.

Philip Joseph Duran, 23, pleaded guilty to two of three felony charges against him and faces up to nine years in prison at his sentencing, scheduled for June 23.

Prosecutor Steve Jensen said in reaching a plea agreement with Duran, he dismissed a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He declined to discuss what kind of sentence he would recommend.

Duran worked in a pizza shop with Klebold and Harris and introduced them to gun seller Mark Manes at a gun show three months before the April 20, 1999,

prison term in November for providing a TEC-DC9 handgun to Klebold and Harris.

Duran pleaded guilty to providing a handgun to a juvenile — the TEC-DC9 the gunmen obtained from Manes — and illegally possessing a sawed-off shotgun during target practice with Klebold and Harris. The two students later killed 12 students and a teacher before turning their guns on themselves at their high

Legal analyst Scott Robinson said he was surprised Duran accepted a plea agreement, which he said could result in a sentence of 18 years in prison if the judge finds aggravating circumstances.

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#### Weather

Have you ever tried to surf? I did the other day as part of some of the things I wanted to try when I came to school here. I got tar stuck all over my body and I didn't catch one goddamn wave. I sat there on my friend's board for three hours and now I have a terrible sunburn and I'm still trying to get the tar out of certain places. When I was done I went home and threw out all my Beach Boys CDs. Those guys are fucking liars. All they said was how good surfing was and everything. Now I know why they did so many drugs — it helped ease the pain of watching wave after wave go by and not doing anything but getting tired of paddling your damn arms to catch one.

Tuesday's forecast: Catch a wave and you're sitting on top of the world (and my hero list).



#### **RBT Prerequisite Checking**

We are phasing in RBT enforcement of prerequisites for all undergraduates courses in Letters and Science and Engineering. Some departments have already implemented prerequisites. For Fall 2000 all math and science undergraduate courses and many engineering courses will have course prerequisites enforced. For example,

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#### **Transfer Work**

If you think you have taken a course elsewhere that satisfies prerequisites, contact the department offering the course BEFORE YOUR PASS 1 RBT APPOINTMENT.

Bring along a copy of your transcript or grade record from that transfer institution. The department will make a determination as to whether a particular course will substitute for the listed prerequisite.

#### **WEEK**

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James To, UCSB is unique in that it is the only campus in the University of California system with a full-fledged Asian American department. While other schools create interdisciplinary grams, the department at UCSB provides a strong foundation for students to examine issues concerning Asian Americans.

make everyone Asian culture. Figueroa, who is American majors," To said, "but when they leave this institution to create a level of awareness and Asians are not homogehave cultural understanding; we hope they have that background when they leave here."

this week include noontime dance performances, an Asian/Pacific Islander Cooking/Eating Workshop and a performance by Filipina spokenword artist Faith Santilla.

Thursday's Lantern Festival — the largest event of the week - will light up Storke Plaza with a collaboration of 30 stu-Indus, Kapatirang Pilipino, the Chinese Lion Dance Team and the Korean drummers will all perform.

Junior pharmacology major Noel Figueroa said in the three years he has attended UCSB, culture weeks have been important in shaping his views "It's not our purpose to about Asian American one of the Lantern Festival emcees, said culture weeks have taught him that nous, and have differences as well as similarities.

"I hope people will Events scheduled for come and participate during [Asian/Pacific Islander Culture Week] and take something back with them," he said. "Maybe either become informed and educated and possibly challenged."

"The most savage controversies those about matters as to which there is good evidence either way."

- Bertrand Russell

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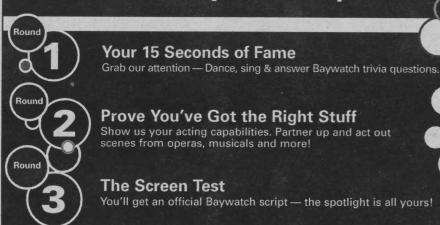








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# A.S. New York, New York

Start Spreadin' the News About UCNY

MEL FABI

Imagine, training your acting abilities with Tony award-winning musical directors, or operating a camera on the set of NBC's "Today" show or translating Italian to the Ambassador of Mexico at the United Nations. Imagine being immersed in the cultural, political and artistic world of New York while earning credit toward graduation as a student of the University of California.

After listening to UCSB students'

Students can take their experiences from New York and apply them to their choice of study in their professional and private lives.

interests in the Film Studies, Music, History of Art and Architecture, Dance, Dramatic Art and Art Studio departments, I envisioned the creation of a study and internship program in New York City. I am modeling the project proposal, titled the University of California at New York program (UCNY), after the University of California's study and internship program in Washington, D.C., known as the UCDC program.

The UCNY program is geared toward the performing, critical studies and visual arts majors for students across the UC system, but will encompass all majors, including law and society, business economics, global studies and ethnic studies. Similar to the UCDC program, the UCNY program will be one quarter (10-12 weeks), offered to all majors during

Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer quarters. Students will be selected to the program through an application and interview process.

I am currently in the process of creating a UCNY project team to create a website and obtain student, faculty and administrative support on the local, state and national levels. The goal of the UCNY project team is to present a formalized proposal to the UC Board of Regents by Spring Quarter of the 2000-2001 school year for implementation. The project team will compile research in the following areas:

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Partnerships with businesses and art/cultural insti-

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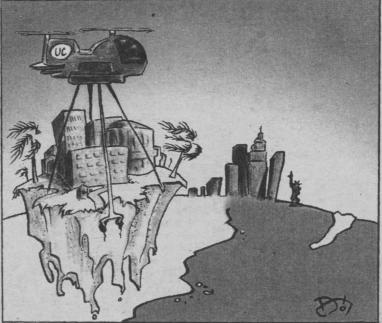
Selection criteria and application

Internship and field placements

Access to support and counseling

Estimated costs for attending

The UCNY project is a vision that I share with many other students. It is a project that will increase opportunities and access for students of all majors, not just arts-related majors. The development and research of this project will continue throughout summer and through the 2000-2001 academic year. I plan to work closely with Student Regent-Designate Justin Fong in formalizing the presentation of the UCNY project proposal to the Board of Regents.



Establishing UCNY would be a critical success for the students because it goes beyond the classroom experience and into the minds and hearts of their social, professional and academic experience in New York. UCNY has the potential to reach out to students that might not have the access or privilege to academic opportunities near them, and will provide opportunities for gaining new knowledge and experiences. Students can take their experiences from New York and apply them to their choice of study in their professional and private lives.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining the UCNY project team, please come by the Associated Students Office, e-mail me <melf@as.ucsb.edu> or call 805-893-2566 to get more information. The project team, made up of student representatives,

is working to gain support by sending e-mails, making phone calls and researching on the World Wide Web.

I am seeking your assistance, guidance and advice because the more student effort placed into this project, the better chance we have of implementation. I have received support and interest already from A.S. Program Board, A.S. Academic Affairs Board, Student Regent Michele Pannor, Regent Sheryl Lansing, President Richard Atkinson and Gov. Gray Davis. Now, I ask you for your support in helping see this project come alive. UCNY will promote student public service LISA DOTY / DAILY NEXUS through social interactions, strengthen the educational

experience through learning from internship mentors and change the lives of many students in their pursuit of a higher education. I hope that you may be involved in that change.

Mel Fabi is the Associated Students Legislative Council University-Owned Housing and Family Student Apartment representative.

### The Reader's Voice

#### SOCIETY'S PERSECUTION OF SELF-PLEASURING

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Reading Wednesday's editorial regarding the tulip for National Masturbation Month, (Daily Nexus, "What's That Smell?" May 3) reminded me of some interesting facts I came across while doing research for a paper. I was doing a paper on the economy of the United States, so don't ask me how an article regarding the history of masturbation got placed in an economic journal.

According to this article by Thomas Szasz, masturbation used to be regarded as a MENTAL ILLNESS



CATIA CHIEN

because it is a form of behavior, that is, something people choose to do, and not something that happens to them. So, in the olden days — the 1700s — it was medical dogma that masturbation caused blindness, epilepsy, gonorrhea, acne, painful menstruation ... you get the picture. Now imagine if that belief held true today - that guy in your sociology lecture whose face is bubbling with zits and pimples would have been regarded as seriously mentally ill due to his so-called perversion of masturbating frequently.

While we would dismiss the notion of masturbationas-a-disease, it was regarded with serious concern back then. In fact, there were so called "cures" set up to help the masturbators ... such as castration and CLI-TORIDECTOMY. If you think I am making this all up, look it up in the facsimile catalogue of the 1898 American Armamentarium Chirurgicum, which contains pictures and prices of many anti-masturbation devices. So, this month, as you celebrate National Masturbation Month, think of the many men and women who had to undergo torture for you to be freely enjoying your right to masturbate.

SORA CHUNG

Editor, Daily Nexus:

#### CURING ALCOHOLISM WITH POT DOESN'T FIX PROBLEM

David Pryor is chemically dependent. Pryor is quoted in the May 3, 2000 edition of the Nexus ("Local Man Hopes to Make Cannabis Available to Sick") as saying that marijuana "...treats my alcoholism..." This is not unlike the heroin addict who takes methadone. They are still chemically dependent; they are still addicted. The difference is that they have adopted a new drug.

It is interesting how Mr. Pryor and other drug legalization proponents attempt to promote marijuana for medical use, or perhaps the manufacture of clothing, when their obvious interest appears to be getting high. The real question is, would marijuana proponents be as likely to go to such lengths to legalize marijuana if it didn't make you high? I doubt that they would, which is not to say that I would not support some legitimate uses for

I don't much care whether or not someone uses marijuana or not, but when they begin to promote the legalization of drugs, that concerns me. There is a great deal of propaganda floating about regarding marijuana. Marijuana is not the harmless drug that proponents would like you to believe it is. To begin with, marijuana is several times stronger than it was in the 1960s. A mar-

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ijuana cigarette contains approximately 16 times the tar of a regular cigarette. It is also more carcinogenic than

Most people are probably not aware that the real specialty of Dr. Drew, of "Love Line" fame, is treatment of drug dependency. According to Dr. Drew, there are far more people seeking treatment for marijuana abuse than ever before. They are experiencing effects heretofore thought only to be associated with the use of stronger drugs. Marijuana is a powerful, chemically complex substance. Don't let the propagandists fool you.

As for marijuana's addictive qualities, need we go farther than David Pryor? I wonder how many readers know personally of someone who is addicted to marijua-

My nephew Nick is addicted to marijuana. He is unable to stop using it. He has no ambition and possibly no future as a result. Two of my nephews are heroin addicts. Would it surprise you to know that they started out smoking marijuana? Marijuana and the culture of drug use helped erase any inhibition toward drug use that they might have had.

In my opinion, Nick is every bit as addicted to marijuana as his cousins are to heroin. You can call it "mental addiction" if it makes you feel any better. All I know is that when Nick contracted leukemia recently and his doctors asked him to quit smoking, he could not do it. Even though his life was endangered by this frightening illness, he was unable to stop using marijuana, and yes, he did try. For all we know, the cancer was caused by marijuana use, and that is the point: we don't know what effect marijuana use may have had with regard to his ill-

In my opinion, marijuana affects the brain. Chronic marijuana users that I have known over the years are not the same people that they once were. Some will come right out and tell you that they simply cannot remember anything anymore.

Anyone who tells you that drugs are good for you is either a liar or a fool. Don't be taken in by the marijuana

NATHAN POST

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 5 — You need to watch your money. A good deal could become available. You can get more for less if you're willing to shop for bargains. Are you going to spend more, just to look good? If so, guess again. You won't look better by spending more.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 10 — You have been so strong lately, you may have convinced yourself you know it all. Even if you do, thinking that way is a mistake. Instead, let a friend teach you something. Having as wide a perspective as possible is wise, you know.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — You may feel stuck between a rock and a hard place. The rules and regulations may be driving you berserk. Luckily for you, you're about to come up with a brilliant idea. This could help you make a fortune, so watch for it and write it down!

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 10 — You've got your team's support, and that's marvelous. You're not alone in trying to carry out your scheme. A lot of people do like you! And, that's

about as good as it gets.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — You may want to make a move that will increase your security. Ask a friend to put in a good word for you. Having somebody else vouch for you could tip the scales in your favor. Don't toot your own horn; that would have the opposite effect.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 10 — You may be getting strange urges. Your status quo may seem too confining. You're getting ready to grow again. This is good, so don't fight it. Stretch your legs and mind by taking on a new challenge

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 5 — Your Cancer friend can be insightful, if somewhat confronting. If one gives you unsolicited advice today, listen carefully. This may not be pleasant, but it early decreased. but it could save you money. Be nice even if you don't feel like it. **Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Your intuition is working well again. If you have been negotiating an agreement with someone, ask for an older person's advice. The compromise you've both sought is nearby, but an objective person

might have to see it. Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — You're attracting a lot of attention. This might inspire you to make a few changes, too. Your work environment is most likely where this transformation will happen. You could get some nice compliments, too. You earned them, so let them in!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 – day to discuss a delicate subject. You may have tried to keep this secret, but don't bother. Once you bring it into the open, you may discover that your partner knew all along. This confession won't be as hard as you thought. sion won't be as hard as you thought.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — The people you work with will be eager to follow your lead, especially if it's for a good cause. Need more helping hands? More money in the account? Both of those are available. All you have to do is ask.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 10 — You've been working hard and studying. You may have qualified for a promotion, without even knowing about it. That's the best way to get it, of course. You have an advantage when they ask you!

Today's Birthday (May 9). You're smart, lucky and thrifty this year, but your love will take you the furthest. Use it to make a wise choice in May. Move quickly to get the best deal in June. A neighbor teaches you a valuable lesson in July. Rest in August and play in September. Use your wits instead of money for the perfect December surprise. Be respectful in February and win



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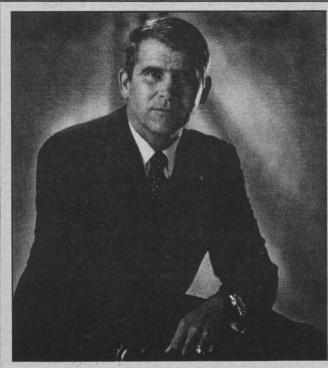
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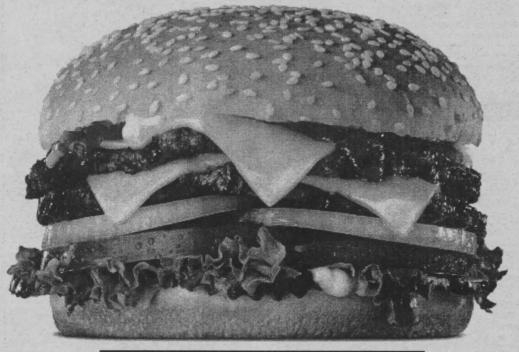
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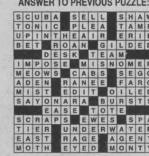
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# **UCSB's Bats on Display Against NMSU Aggies**

■ Baseball: Santa Barbara Takes Two of Three From New Mexico State in Big West Series

By BRIAN CHONG Staff Writer

The UCSB baseball team was in New Mexico this past weekend, taking on the Aggies of New Mexico State in a threegame conference duel. The Gauchos (24-22 overall, 14-10 Big West) were hoping to sweep the Aggies (18-31 overall, 3-21 Big West), who have had a tough time dealing with Big West teams, and are currently in last place in the conference.

Santa Barbara bookended NMSU in the series, winning the first and third contests 12-6 and 16-4, respectively. However, game two was very uncharacteristic for both schools, as the Aggies' offense exploded and New Mexico pounded UCSB, 20-5

In the first game of the series, the starting assignment was handed to senior ace Gabe Neboyia. In the past few weeks, Neboyia has pitched well into the late innings of games, and his outing against New Mexico was no different as he lasted for 8.1 innings, giving up 11 hits and fanning seven.

UCSB's offense was silent for most of the first seven innings. In the top of the third, junior catcher Jimmy Walker stepped up to the plate and lifted a pitch over the fence for his third home run of the year, but that was all UCSB could muster until the eighth inning. That all changed, however, as the Gaucho bats gave the Aggies a rude awakening in the eighth, coming through with 11 runs.

UCSB managed to bat around in the eighth, scoring 11 runs on six singles, a double and a triple. The outburst of offense seemed to put NMSU behind for good, and Santa Barbara rolled to a suddenly commanding 12-6 win.

"I think I'm throwing more strikes early in the count," Neboyia said. "And I think I have greater control over my pitches than I did earlier in the season."

On Saturday, Santa Barbara's pitching, which had held the Aggies to a mere six runs on Friday, became batting practice for New Mexico, which recorded 20 runs on 15 hits.

The Gauchos, who recorded 12 runs in game one, could only



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**OFFENSIVE MACHINE:** The UCSB baseball team has scored 44 runs in its last four games. After taking two of three from New Mexico State, the Gauchos are in fourth place in the Big West, three games behind CS Fullerton.

produce five in game two against the strong pitching of New Mexico's starter Todd Uzzell, who went seven innings. The Gauchos scored one run in the second and another run in the fourth, but found themselves behind by 12 going into the fifth. UCSB could not find its offense and was crushed, 20-5.

In game three Sunday, the Gauchos returned the favor to the Aggies with strong pitching and impressive hitting once again.

Junior Bing Cain was given the starting assignment, and contained the Aggies for the three innings he pitched, giving up only three hits, and striking out one. Seniors Joe Issacson and Peter Dyball and sophomore Jim Bullard relieved for Cain and teamed up to allow only four

"It's a credit to the guys who haven't given up on each other," Pitching Coach Tom Myers said. "Guys that have come off the bench have done the job."

With the pitching keeping the Aggies silent, the Gauchos' offense came in and did the rest. They jumped out to a 3-0 lead in

the third and never looked back, winning 16-4.

The offense was led by sophomore Tyler Von Schell, who went 5 for 6 on Sunday and 10 for 14 with two doubles, a homer and nine RBIs in the series.

"I must say that New Mexico is a nice offensive ballpark," Von Schell said. "In order to win there, good pitching is a must, and for the two games our pitching staff did really well. They contained the offense and so I just tried to do my part, and I had a good weekend."

# Gauchos Sweep Final Homestand of Year Softball: UCSB Stays in Playoff Hunt by Defeating Utah State Three Times By Zack O'Neill Staff Writer Barbara hit a bump in the road, spotting Utah four runs and the lead. The Gauchos went through three pitchers in that inning, from junior starter

Staff Writer

On to Las Cruces.

The UCSB softball team closed out its home schedule in sweeping fashion Monday, taking both ends of a doubleheader with Utah State's Aggies at Campus Diamond. The Gauchos, on the bubble for a spot in the NCAA playoffs, did what they needed to do to remain in contention heading into this weekend's series with New Mexico State.

"Our M.O. is to go out and play as hard as we can [against NMSU]," UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly said. "After sweeping Utah a little pressure is off of us, and we can relax and play our game. We just need to go out and play well, and whatever happens, happens."

Santa Barbara (29-19 overall, 13-8 Big West) took game one from the Aggies (18-36 overall, 5-16) relatively easily. The Gauchos put together a two-run fifth inning on the strength of two errors by Utah second baseman Eva DeJarnette, and a sixth inning home run from the bat of senior first baseman Jessie Ziese put UCSB up 4-0.

The Gauchos won by that score after freshman Loren Thornburg shut the Aggies out on one hit, improving her record to 14-6. However, the second game was a bit more difficult for UCSB to pull out.

Barbara hit a bump in the road, spotting Utah four runs and the lead. The Gauchos went through three pitchers in that inning, from junior starter Abigail Murphy to freshman Sylvia Santos to Thornburg. By the time the inning ended, the Aggies were leading 4-2, behind a three-run homer from Aggie shortstop Heather Curtis.

But UCSB came right back. The Gauchos rallied to tie the game at four apiece, after freshman right fielder E.J. Lauchland singled to right and scored junior third baseman Teresa Tolson. Tied 4-4, Ziese came to the plate and blasted her sixth homer of the year over the centerfield wall, putting Santa Barbara up 7-4. Thornburg took it from there, holding the Aggies scoreless and earning her 15th win of the season.

"I can't really imagine a better ending to my career here," Ziese said. "It was exactly how I wanted it to end, leaving it all on the field with no regrets."

Should the Gauchos make the playoffs, the team will play at either Fresno State or UCLA in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Either way, at the end of Monday's doubleheader, UCSB's seniors knew they were playing in the last home games of their careers.

"I'm definitely sad," senior shortstop Mandy Edwards said. "I have a lot of memories here. After [Monday's] games, we only have three more practices on this field. And then we're done."



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