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# Editor's Note

With the turn of the tassels, thousands of students will consider themselves graduated from UC Berkeley. But what many graduates, including myself, will remember about their college years is not this one moment of glory and a day of celebration. Nor will it be about staying up late, cramming for exams and consuming an incredible amount of caffeine.

What we will remember are the friends we have made and the good and bad times we have shared with them.

I will remember the time when a friend was depressed and needed me to stay awake with her all night, and I could not study for the final exam I had to take the next day. Or the time when I accidentally cut my finger with a kitchen knife, and two friends stayed with me in the emergency room of a hospital for eight hours until the hospital staff finally attended me (turned out the injury was far less serious than I thought). Or the time when a group of us went camping at the Big Bear and got lost among the hiking trails, afterwhich we realized that we didn't bring enough water for everyone.

There is a Chinese proverb which says, "At home you depend on your parents; out of home you depend on your friends." College is truly where students depend heavily on their friends to pull them through hard times.

Yet many of us came to UC Berkeley without knowing anyone here at the beginning. Freshmen often dread the effort and process of making new friend, and phone bills would run high for new

students who make long-distance calls frequently to friends from high school.

In this issue, you will find a story about graduates who will face separation from their friends, with whom they have been through thick and thin. Classes, professors and living situations may change regularly for students, but friends often stay the same and provide the stability many of us need to stay sane.

So I would like to dedicate this issue to my closest friend and roommate, Chindy Lee, who is perceptive, generous and patient. She is my confidante and advisor. I am not adept at making friends, so I consider myself fortunate to have met Chindy four years ago. I am also luckier than many graduates because I will be able to visit her often next year when she works in Chicago while I attend Northwestern University.

And of course, this issue is for the graduating Class of 1995. The writers put in an enormous amount of time and effort to bring you the stories even though they also had to worry about their research papers and final exams.

I hope you will find the articles entertaining and thought provoking. Best wishes to all of you.

Ucilia Wang

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Benjamin Watkins remembers his
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hats he once wore



After getting ready to leave Berkeley, many graduates promise to continue their relationship with friends and loved ones

Graduation would not be complete without the graduates receiving bouquets. Students and florists debate the art of giving and receiving flowers

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Turn back the clock and look at the top news stories of 1994-95

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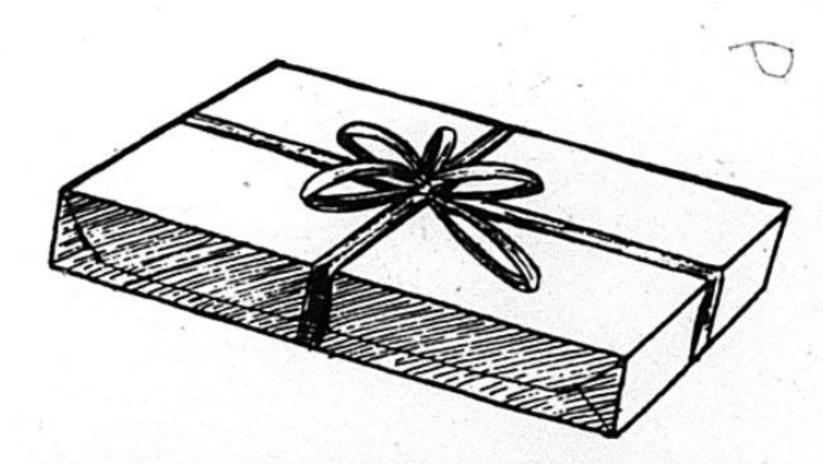
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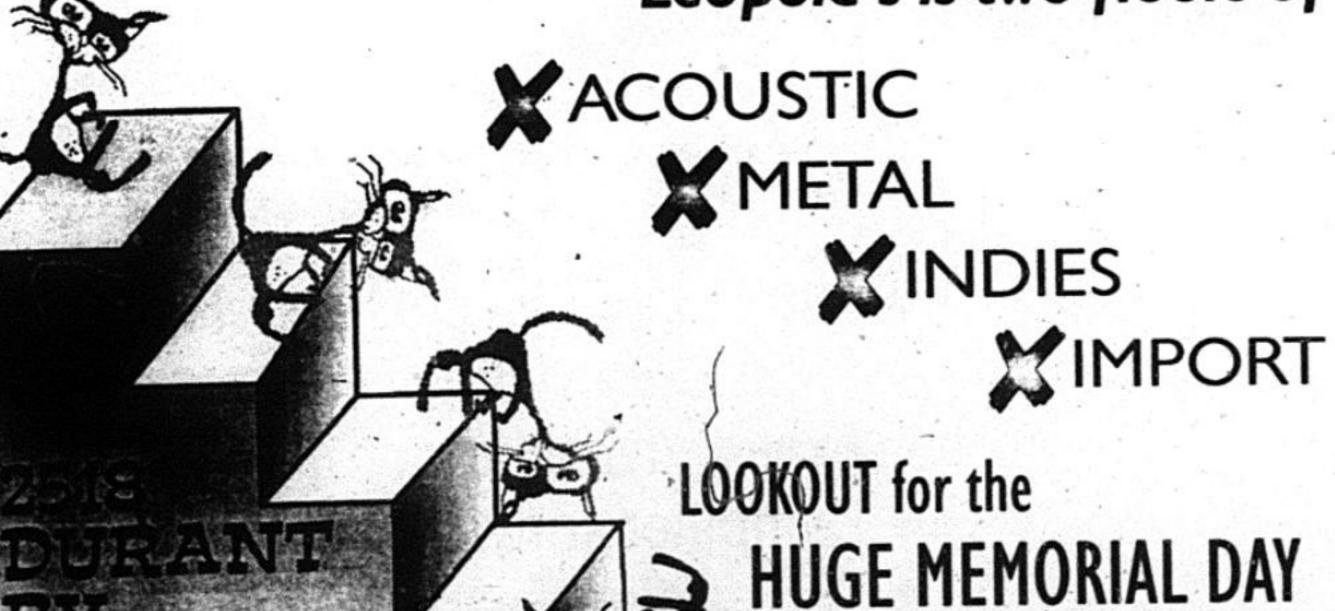
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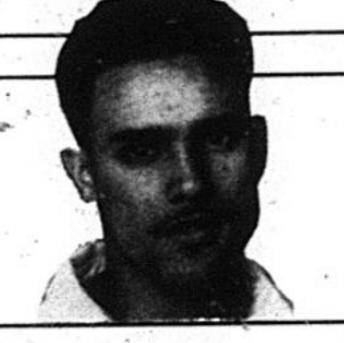
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## Benjamin Watkins



## A Tip of the Hat

hen I first got here, I was wearing the same hat as everyone else. That is to say, I wasn't wearing any hat at all. I was too busy trying to buy books and pretend I wasn't lost. But, before long, I began to look for my place at Cal. I figured the easiest way to feel like I belonged at Cal was to be a part of something that was already there. The problem was I couldn't decide what that way was. I spent a lot of time looking by going to parties, ball games and student group meetings. I spent so much time looking for a hat that when I took the time to look in the mirror, I noticed I was already wearing a dunce cap.

Yes, I was the one who went to my class in 155 Dwinelle because the seats were comfortable enough to catch a nice 50-minute nap. I was the one who walked around with a book bag that I never opened and knew only three words in my Spanish class, "Yo no se."

Thankfully, the spell of the dunce cap was abruptly broken by heated words of debate on the Sproul Plaza. Affirmative action was under fire back then like it is now and racial tension was high. I was taking classes like political and economic development of the third world countries. It was a time for getting introduced to the black history. While it was very empowering, it also made me very angry at the state of affairs in America. So what did I do? I went out and got a black beret. Yes, a black beret as in Black Panther so that it would go with my black shades, black leather jacket and black gloves. In my mind, it was time for a revolution, my brother.

The beret fit well and looked good for a while. There I was jumping into the fray over affirmative action on Sproul and storming the chancellor's office at California Hall. I was devouring the words of Franz Fanon, Malcolm X and Marcus Garvey and eagerly developing my own personal world view. In doing so, I soon decided to put away the beret in exchange for a hard hat. I thought the answer to the problems in the black community was to revitalize the neighborhoods, and I was the man to do it. For months I sat in classes and day dreamed about how I was going to build country clubs in the ghetto. The idea sounded so good, but I kept hitting one snag. Money.

Frustrated, I found myself looking for a less trying hat. How could I go wrong with a Cal baseball cap? So versatile. Could be collegiate, could be hip-hop, could be jock. First, I was strutting through campus saying, "This is Bear's territory." Throwing up a peace sign to people, it was just me: Joe College. Next, I got the cap turned backwards and I was ballin' in the gym telling anybody who would listen, "I could have played for Cal. I just didn't want to, you know?" Those were the days. Then they ended when the College of Letters and Sciences got wind of my lengthy relationship with a dunce cap and promptly handed my hat to me.

Unsure of my next step, I reached way back in my grandfather's closet, came up with an old Humphrey Bogart fedora and got on the down low list. Concealing my shame, I attended a local community college with a hat brim pulled way down to cover my eyes. For a year I walked with a slow, determined gait, whispering the words of Bob M. 's "Redemption Song."

I was a new and improved man when I made my triumphant return to the University of California. You've never seen someone so ha, py to wake up in the dark and rush off to a class at eight in the morning. And, of course, I had a brand new hat to match my brand new attitude. I was sporting a brand new thinking cap. And it worked.

Now, I can look back and laugh at all the hats I've tried on during my years in college. This list doesn't even hold half of them. There was a top hat I wore when I got married to my lovely inspiration; and there was a clown hat I put on for a while until that same inspiration brought me back to my senses. I've spent some time in a black knit cap, a Kangol sniper, a skull cap, a "Jim" hat and even a Rasta crown without the locks. I never did get an "X" hat. Any day now I could be wearing a surgeon's cap when my wife goes into labor. Some of these hats I have thrown away, but most I have put in the closet and still wear from time to time. I know I'll never be a one hat man.

I'm sure everyone graduating in 1995 has gone through their share of hats. And for just this month, we will be wearing the same hat at the same time. A graduation cap. That may not necessarily be symbolic of how much we have in common, but we certainly all have closets full of hats.

Benjamin Watkins is looking to sublet a sweet looking "Panama Cool" hat to wear in his first summer as a college graduate.

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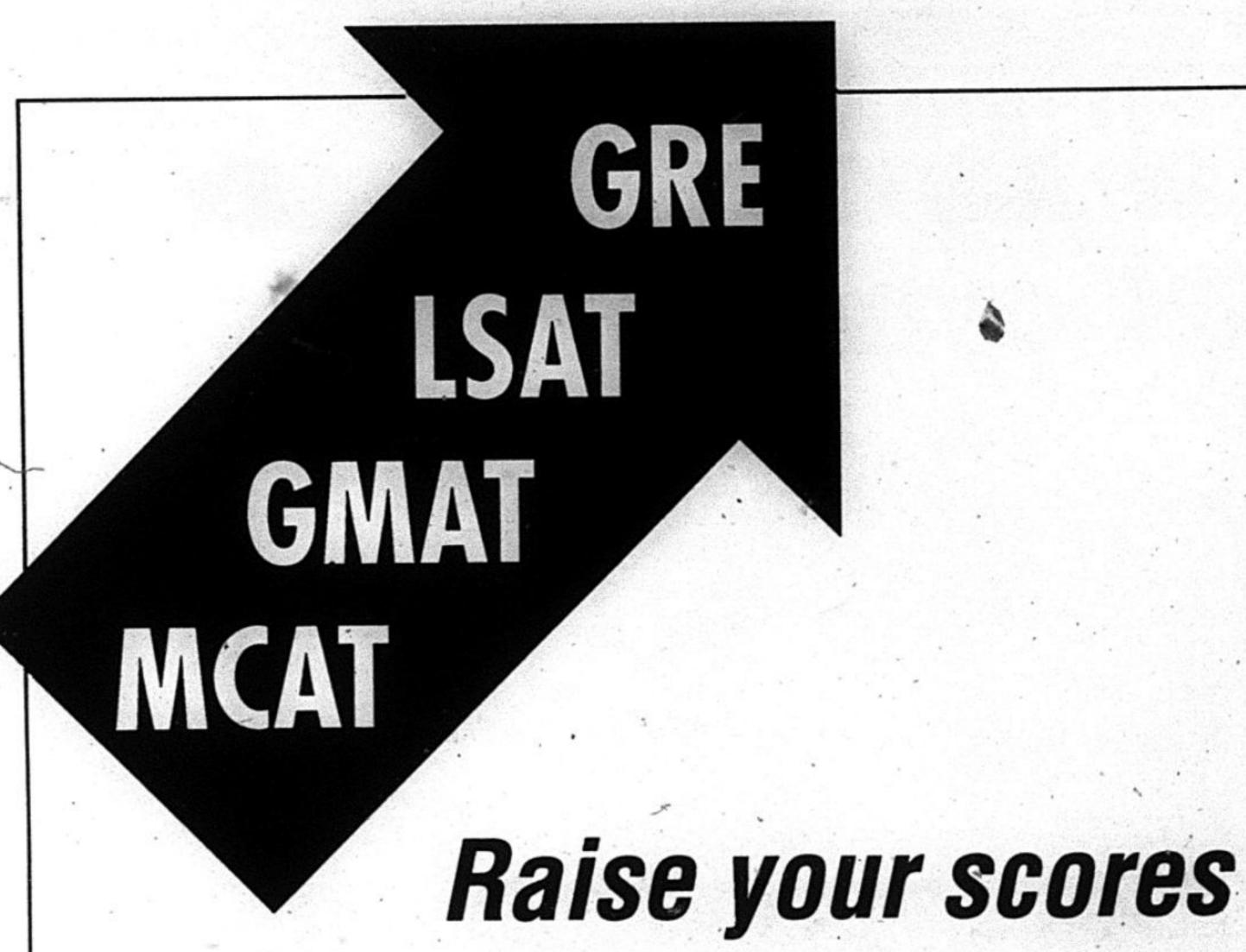


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# Parting With Sweet Sorrow

By Melinda Marks

ust when graduating seniors begin to congratulate each other on surviving through years of difficult exams and sleepless nights, many will have to face another obstacle: leaving their friends.

After graduation, members of the Acacia fraternity said they will miss their brother, Mike O'Sullivan. A member for four years, O'Sullivan said he will not forget the close friends he made at the fraternity when he moves out.

"Here at Acacia, we have 30 unique personalities and everyone has his own unique take on life. I'll miss all my friends. It'll be strange being on my own," he said.

According to his fraternity brothers, O'Sullivan has been an active member of the fraternity, participating in house activities and holding offices as house secretary and risk manager chair. His presence, said his brothers, will be remembered.

Trevor Oelschig, a junior who was O'Sullivan's roommate and has known him for three years, said he will be sad to see one of his best friends leave.

"He's the one who brought me through my freshman year. When I think of him I'll think of things he's done for me. It will seem strange and empty not having him around on a daily basis," he said.

Sophomore Nathan McMasters, also a member of Acacia, said people will remember O'Sullivan of his unique talent.

"No one can beat his dance moves and his ability to air-guitar," McMasters said.

O'Sullivan said he promises to return to visit the house and keep in touch by phone with his close friends. His former roommate wants O'Sullivan to do exactly that.

"Whenever someone leaves the house, we feel a loss. Hopefully he and others that graduate in the next couple SEE FRIENDS PAGE 20

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# Flowers Become Hot Items In Time of Commencement

By Matt Taylor

Giving flowers to graduates is a timeless tradition. And according to local florists, many seniors will receive bouquets that bear UC Berkeley's colors of blue and gold.

"Most people get mixed bouquets with lots of gold and blue, such as irises and chrysanthemums," said Marcy Simon, owner of Ashby Flowers and Rona Flowers.

Elaine Tarlian, manager of Durant Darling Florist, agreed.

"Irises, yellow roses and tulips are Florist. extremely popular," she said.

Even though customers have many choices in naturally blue and yellow flowers, Puneh Sohrabpour, a senior in sociology, said some people opt for artificially colored arrangements.

"One way people try to get the school colors in the flowers is they put blue or yellow dye into the water (that holds) a white carnation and let the dye shoots up the stem," said Sohrabpour, who works at Elmwood

"I think that's really tacky. It's better to get blue and gold the natural way," she added.

Gia Robinson, à senior double majoring in psychology and Spanish literature, said she was pleasantly suprised when she received flowers at graduation last year.

Although Robinson is still in school, she said she attended the ceremony a year earlier than she should so that she could be with her friends.

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Mei Dong made a sale of roses to Jerry Candelaria at Freedom Flowers on Bancroft Way.

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# News and Views of the Year

Another year has come and passed, but what do UC Berkeley students remember of the 1994-95 year? Some of this year's events are certainly worth remembering because they make history. Others are just plain bizarre. Arranged by dates, here are some of this year's top news stories:

By Bonnie Chen and Annie Yang

ACID REACTION Environmental concerns stirred up controversy over UC Berkeley choosing Strawberry Canyon as a radioactive waste site last August. The local community, students and environmental groups said the creek at the canyon would become a threat to surrounding neighborhoods because it is prone to natural disasters such as fires, earthquakes and landslides.

Now the university is planning to keep toxic wastes close to home - on campus at Callaghan Hall — and many of the critics, especially ones living near the canyon, lauded the university's plan. Very likely, students will be studying, dining and living near a hazardous waste facility which no neighbors want near their homes.

#### UNDERGROUND LIBRARY OPENED

After officials determined that the old main

stacks were seismically unsafe and began the retrofitting construction, the new main stacks connecting Moffitt and Doe libraries were finally opened to students in September. Since then, UC Berkeley students have enjoyed broad studying spaces of 143,000 square feet on four floors. New electrical outlets, data ports and stacks accommodating over 50 miles of books accessorize the library usual setup.

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Junior James Yeh says the new stacks "saves some space, so we will have more places to sunbathe."

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BIG GAME HAUTE COUTURE The Big Game rivalry took stage in the fashion world when some UC Berkeley students sported lewd t-shirts that featured anti-Stanford designs. One of these designs illustrated a bear

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raping a Stanford cheerleader against

These t-shirts are usually manufactured by members of fraternities. After we brought readers' attention to these t-shirts, a rumor started that the ASUC store was selling these obscene tops, too. A series of complaints led to an investigation by

the university's office of Trademarks and Licensing for copyright infringement because many of these shirts had UC Berkeley

insignia on them.

UC Berkeley won the Big Game and the university ordered the screenprinter to stop producing these artistically questionable and illegal t-shirts.



Measure O, which would prohibit begging within 10 feet of automated teller machines, or six feet of commercial buildings, or after dark, or "by coercing, threatening, hounding or intimidating behavior," elicited debate before the city election in November. It's full of restrictions, and violations of civil rights, and sound and fury. And it's now being contested in court. A recent ruling by a U.S. district court judge said panhandling ordinance is unconstitutional. It conflicts with laws that guarantee freedom of speech.

The measure would provide \$320,000 to fund services geared toward the homeless. However, having a law

restricting begging activities will not get rid of the panhandlers, or the homeless, or whatever street problems Berkeley may have.

career high 205 yards in the win. Poor Stanford.

UNWANTED AIDS HOUSING A plan to

build an AIDS house for six people on Rose Street drew criticism last October from neighbors near the proposed site. Some charged that the cost of the construction is too high. Others griped that the house would become a place for drugrelated activities. Then there are a few who actually approved of the plan.

The Berkeley City Council should have voted yesterday on this proposal. The Council's decision is not available at press time. But we do hope that Berkeley will follow the examples of many cities and build the first AIDS house in

Berkeley.



Affirmative action debate continues as students and the rest of the Californians remain divided in their takes on the issue. Concerned that UC's affirmative action policies alienate some of the UC students, UC Regent

Ward Connerly, an African American, suggested dropping the program entirely last year. He felt that affirmative action has already succeeded in reaching its goals.

The affirmative action controversy began last November, when it was reported that under-represented minority students had a better chance at getting into UC medical schools because of their ethnicities.

Affirmative action remains a hot-button issue, and the California Civil Rights initiative, which would abolish affirmative action employment policies in public agencies, is gaining popularity and will likely appear in this November's ballot.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS UNDER

ATTACK The passage of Proposition

187 may not have transformed the

campus into a military zone, with

representatives from the Immigration and

Naturalization Services patrolling

campuses and demanding visas from

students. But many students continue to

express concerns about the consequences



increase in fees for all UC students in the 1995-96 academic year. An average of 10 percent fee hikes will follow in each subsequent year for the next four years. State senators from all parts of California are trying to convince Wilson to stop the fee raises.

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Josefina Alvarado, co-chair of La Raza Law

RACIST MAIL AT BOALT Students this

year were horrified to hear that minority law

students at Boalt Hall School of Law received

racist hate mail. The Federal Bureau of

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unconstitutional. UC Berkeley has a similar

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Over the past four years, fees have increased almost exponentially, and many students wonder whether UC schools really are

cheaper than private institutions.

California is spending more money prisons than on education. U.S. Secre-

tary of Labor Robert Reich said in the convocation commencement last week, California will put more people behind bars than many European and Asian countries in the years to come.

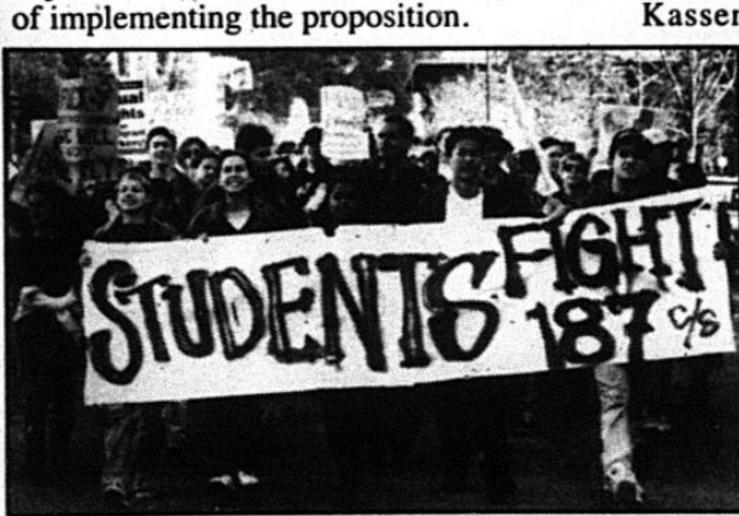
The question is, will California also makes sure that more people have the opportunities and resources to receive a good education?

LOOKS VS. TALENT A group of women filed an official complaint with Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien and Athletic Director John Kasser on the grounds that the 1995-96

cheerleading tryouts were biased. Some women who did not make the team claimed that the judges considered the candidates' race and physical appearance rather than talent alone. The university officials responded to the complaint by adding six cheerleaders to the squad, increasing the usual team of eight to

These tryouts controversy aroused concerns by past cheerleaders and judges, many of whom defended the selection process.

There are also others who think that cheer-



The proposition intended to authorize the state to withhold health care, education and other social services from illegal immigrants.

> But the constitutionality of the proposition is in question, and some provisions of the proposition are being contested in both state and federal courts. A temporary injunction in put on the implementation of the propo-

Many angry UC Berkeley students have held multiple rallies,

sition.

leading is a subservient activity anyway because it involves wearing skimpy outfits and cheering on male athletes. But in any case, the judging process needs an objective criterion, and that is talent, not looks.

#### DAVID IRVING CAME TO TOWN

Accusing him of being a "Nazi in a suit," group of over 200 students

stormed the YWCA in Berkeley when Holocaust revisionist David Irving spoke in October. The police clubbed some demonstrators, many of whom belonged to student socialist organizations, for tearing up copies of Irving's biography and assaulting audience members.

Many debates followed on the First Amendment right of Irv-

ing to speak his mind. Irving seemed frazzled by the protest. But.

he came to Berkeley again. This time, he was due to speak on campus at Latimer Hall. But the talk was cancelled for

security reasons, according to the UC police and the event's organizer, the Berkeley Free Speech Coalition.

#### California Nurses Association filed a class

NURSES FIGHT FOR JOBS The

of the excavation, said, "This species is the

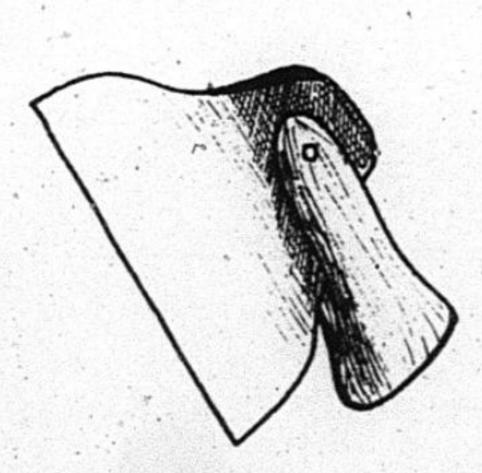
oldest known link in the evolutionary chain."

action lawsuit against the Berkeley Alta Bates Medical Center in September, charging that the administration intended to reduce the quality of patient care in order to save money. But the hospital officials said they planned to increase the time a registered nurse would spend with a patient by employing licensed vocational nurses, who are less skilled and lower paid, to do work that does not require them to have specialized medical knowledge.

Similar restructuring plans are being considered by many health care providers in the nation to keep the operation cost down while maintainng the quality of service o they claimed:

#### THE AXE STAYS HOME

UC Berkeley rightfully kept The Axe again this year as the Bears beat the Cardinal 24-23. Tailback Tyrone Edwards, one of 16 senior Cal gridders who bid farewell in the annual battle, ran for a game and



# Signs of Graduation

By John Wise

s graduates round the corner to commencement, their future may be uncertain. Without major requirements to guide their daily lives, graduating seniors must find something to do, whether it be travelling, graduate school or work. A hint of what is in store for a UC Berkeley 1995 graduate may be scripted in the stars.

ARIES: For Aries, graduation is part of a process, and like all endings, is the beginning of something new. On the look out for either knights in shining armor, damsels in distress, or damsels in shining armor, and knights in distress. It's time to do what you do best, move on.

TAURUS: Earthy Taurus is not a sign into change, unless it's in their pocket! Graduation is stressful, for the Taurus search for guarantees leads you to want to know what's next, and there's no way of knowing!

GEMINI: Graduation is defined as an alchemical process of tempering the composition of a person to a required degree. Now that you have the required degree, it's time for your natural curiosity to lead you on. Graduation is a time for celebrating the unknown that's here.

CANCER: Graduation for cancer is part alchemy, a process of concentration by evaporation. Watery Cancer feels strongly the ties of school and finds graduation stressful, as they must leave the home they have had for the past years.

LEO: Always dramatic, Leo is looking forward with anticipation to another world. Looking back with fondness, Leo is sentimental yet knows at heart the future is still to be made.

VIRGO: Seeing graduation as an elevation into a higher condition, Virgo is ready to digest the past years of work. Sensing many things to be done, graduation is a time to relax and set priorities.

LIBRA: The diplomat of the zodiac, Libra needs to connect mentally and graduation is a time when an entire new world opens up. Having been tempered by the past years at school, Libra looks forward and backward with anticipation.

SCORPIO: The alchemist of the Zodiac, Scorpio has been tempered and refined in the past setting, with an urgent quietness, ready to spring into action. After passing all the tests, wait for the feeling to move you.

SAGITTARIUS: The archer, forever aiming at something, now has its sights on the future. Have faith, for indeed it is a time to shoot your arrow into the air, and where it lands no one knows. Graduation is all so exciting, and the future opens up.

CAPRICORN: The gardener of the Zodiac, graduation is a time to tend to your needs and goals. Having learned some of the rules of the game over the past couple years, Capricorn looks forward to playing the game. The change however is difficult, so give yourself time.

AQUARIUS: The humanitarian of the zodiac, knows we are all the same, yet also knows that cream rises to the top, and being the cream of the crop, knows that it's a matter of time before they make the connections they need.

PISCES: The end of the Zodiac, the end your stay at Cal Berkeley, all brings up the fact that Pisces is the sign of courage. Graduation calls for the courage to face the end of one part of your life, turn around, and look forward to a new beginning.

John Wiser is an astrologer who works in the Bay Area. He can be reached at (415)826-5299. Heather McCabe contributed to the report.



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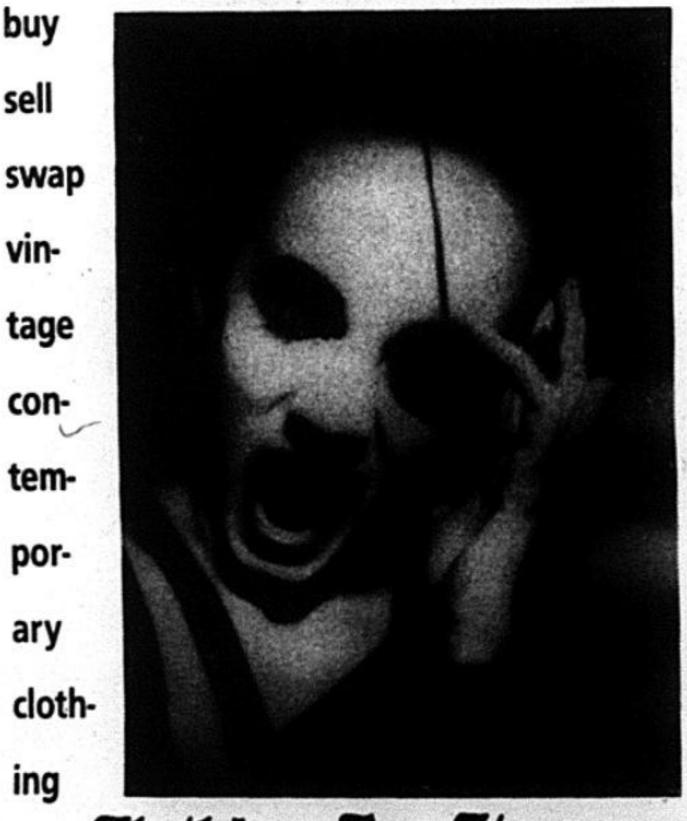
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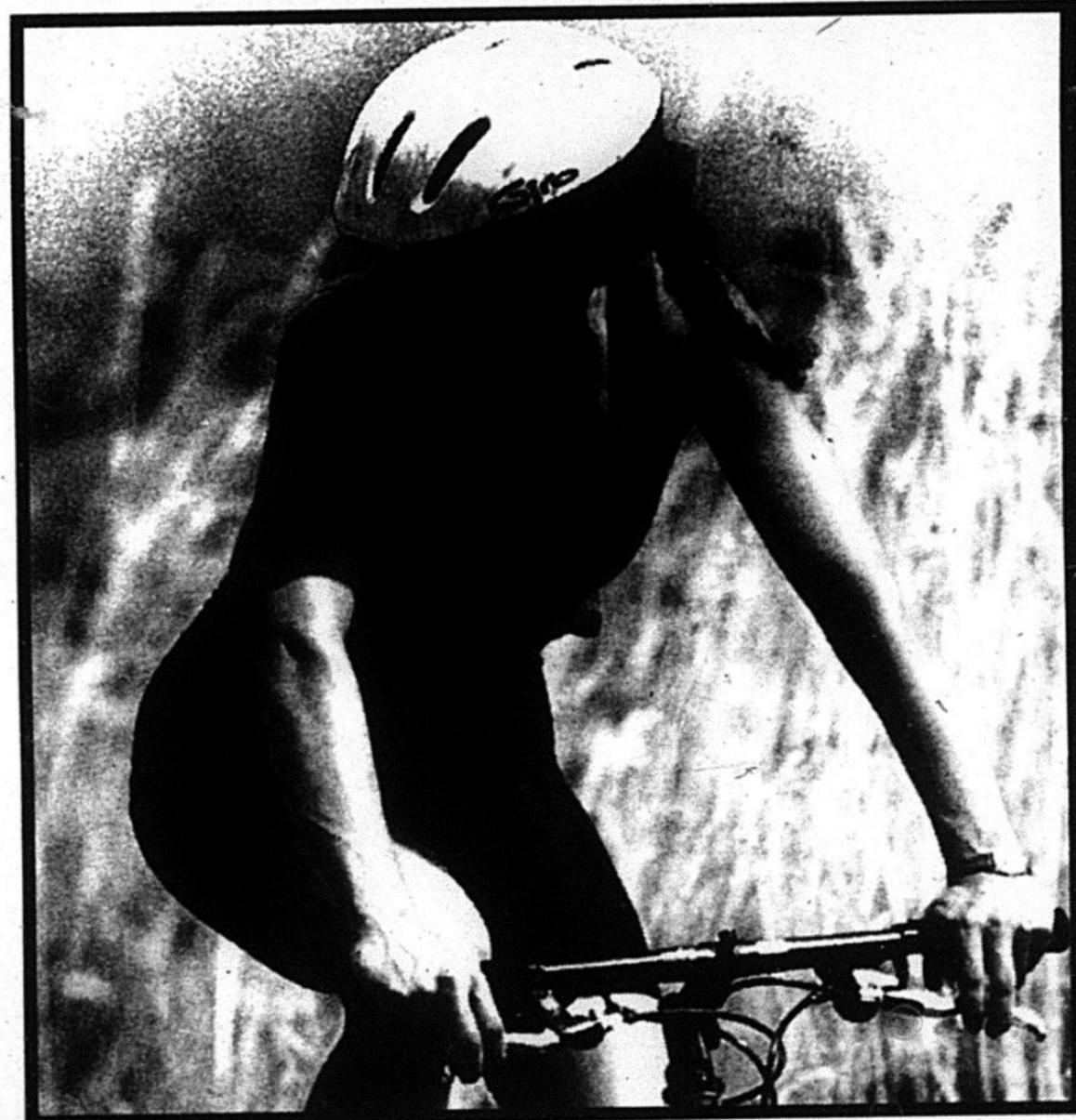
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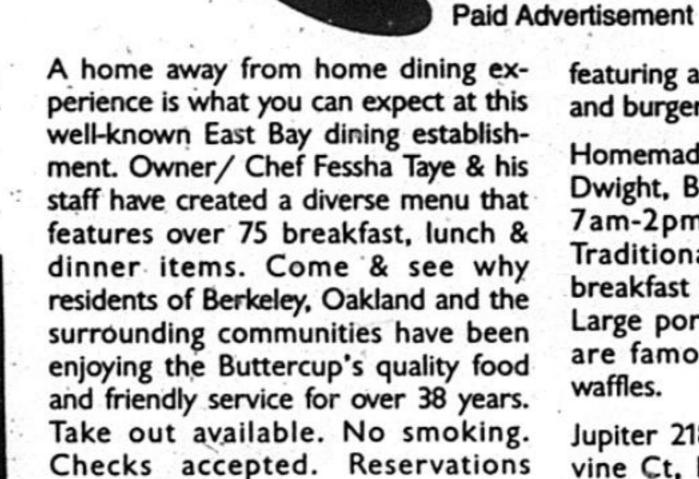
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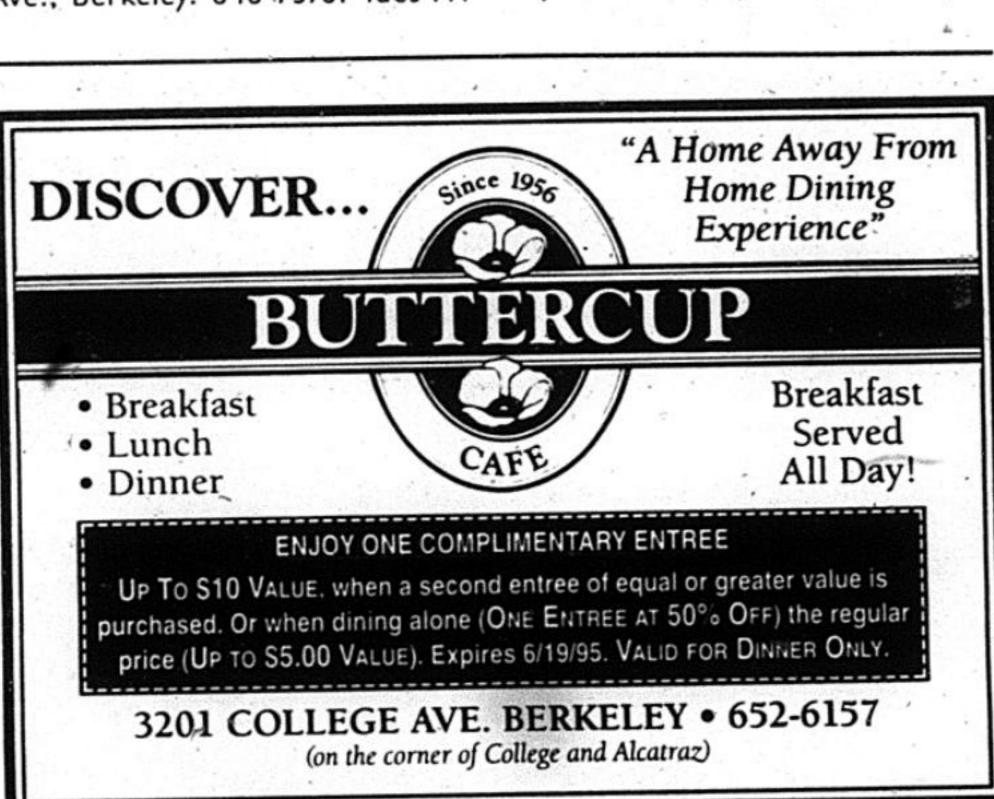
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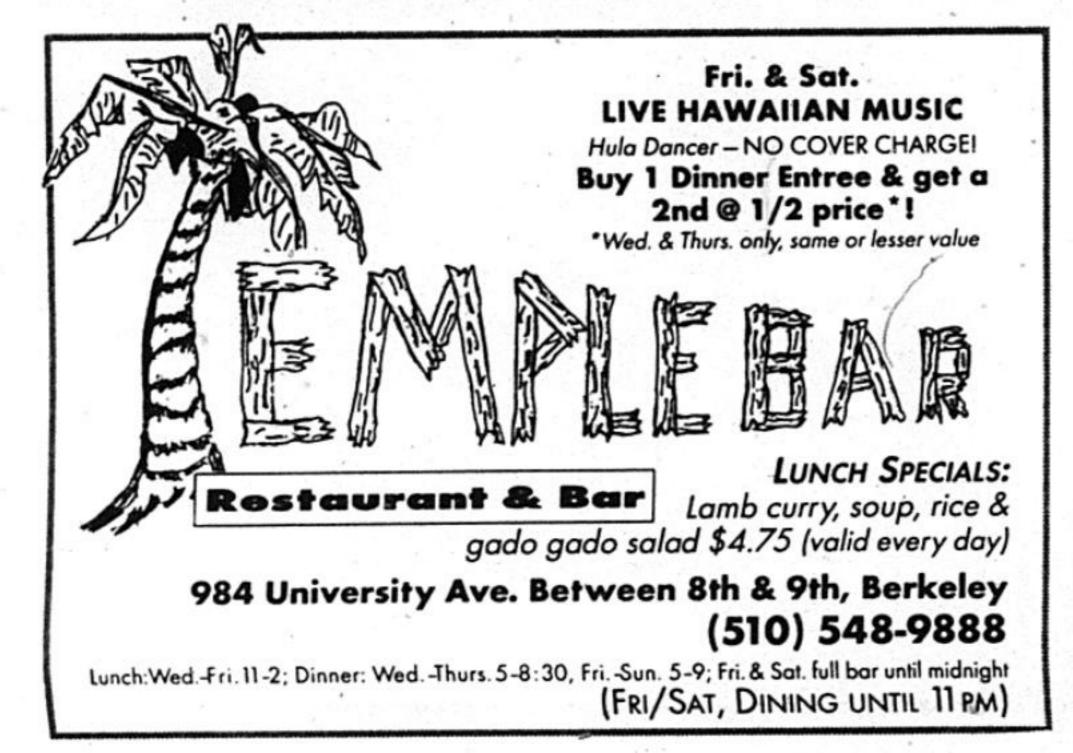
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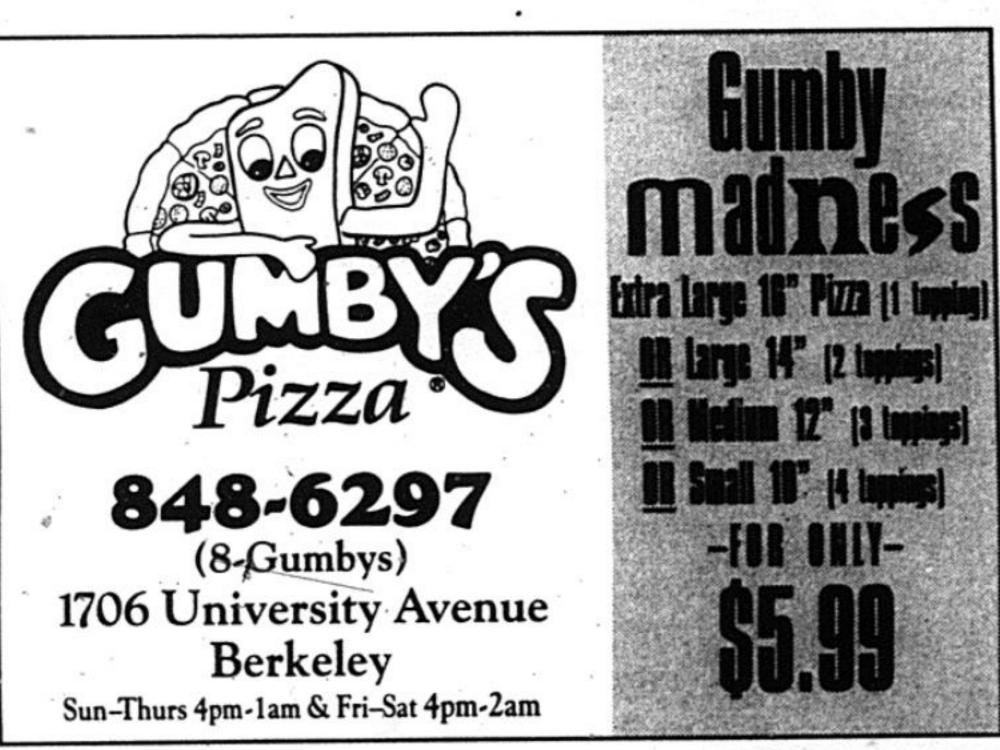
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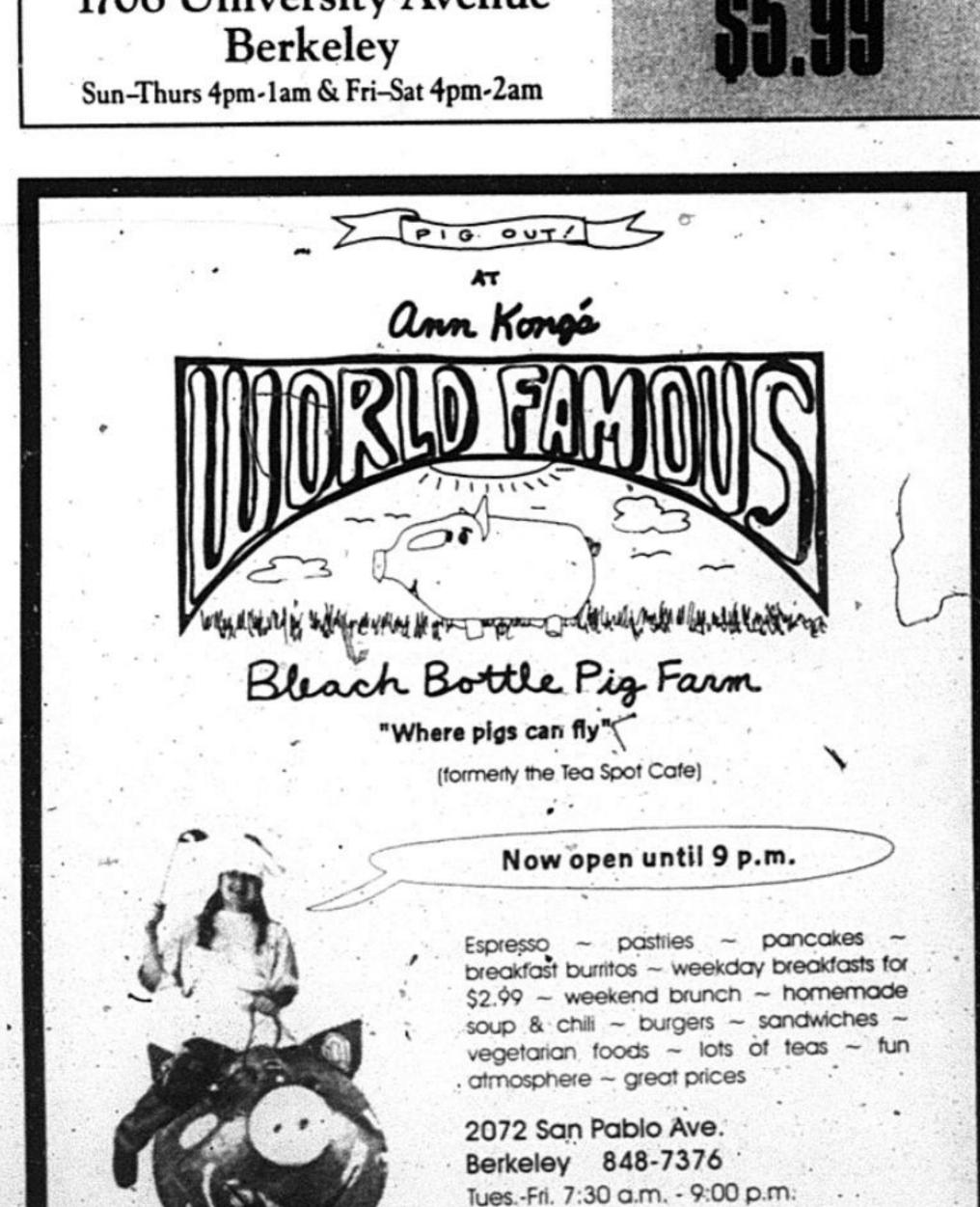
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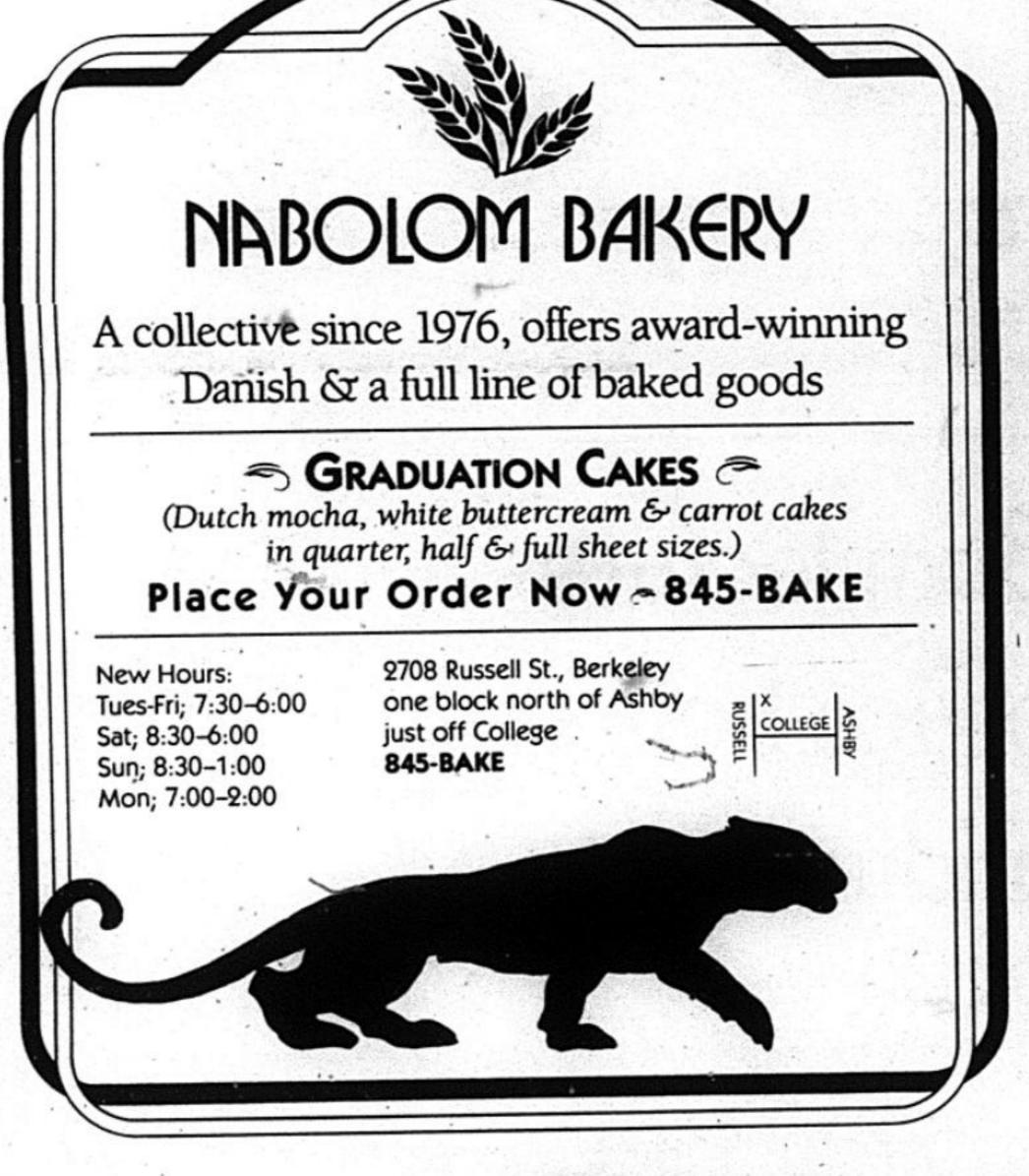




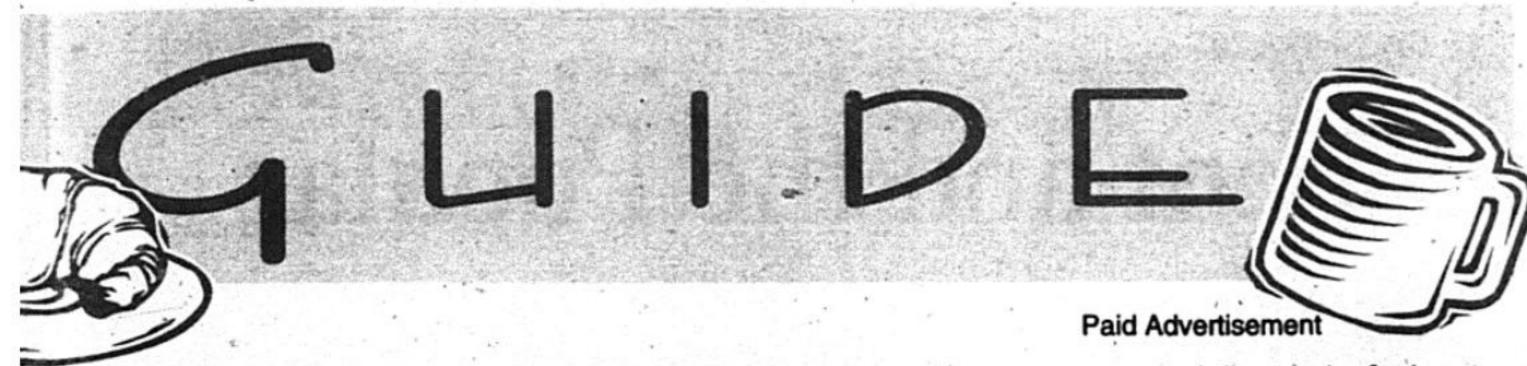
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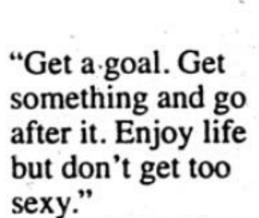
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During the week before finals, The Daily Californian sent reporter Matt Belloni out into Berkeles to find out what, if anything, some community leaders and personalities have to say to the class of 1995. Here are their parting words of wisdom:



"During your years here, you amassed vital information that will help you contribute to making our planet a better place. I feel confident about the future knowing minds like yours will assume the help of this . great country."

-Chang-Lin Tien UC Berkeley chancellor



-Rick Starr campus personality





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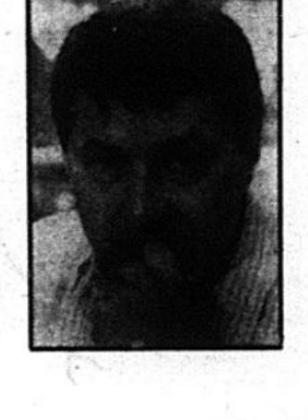
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-Bruce Cain

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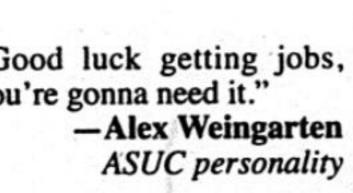




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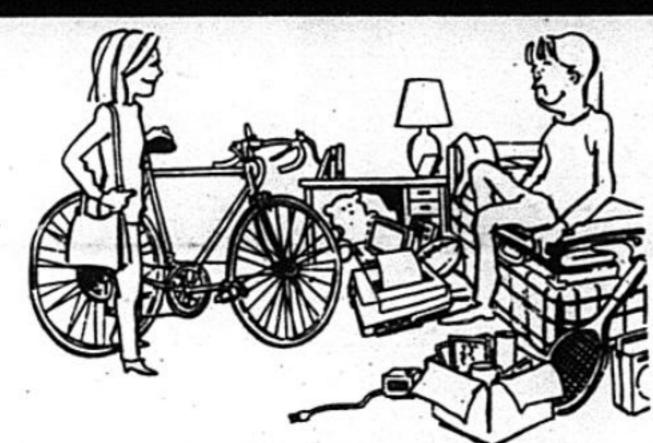
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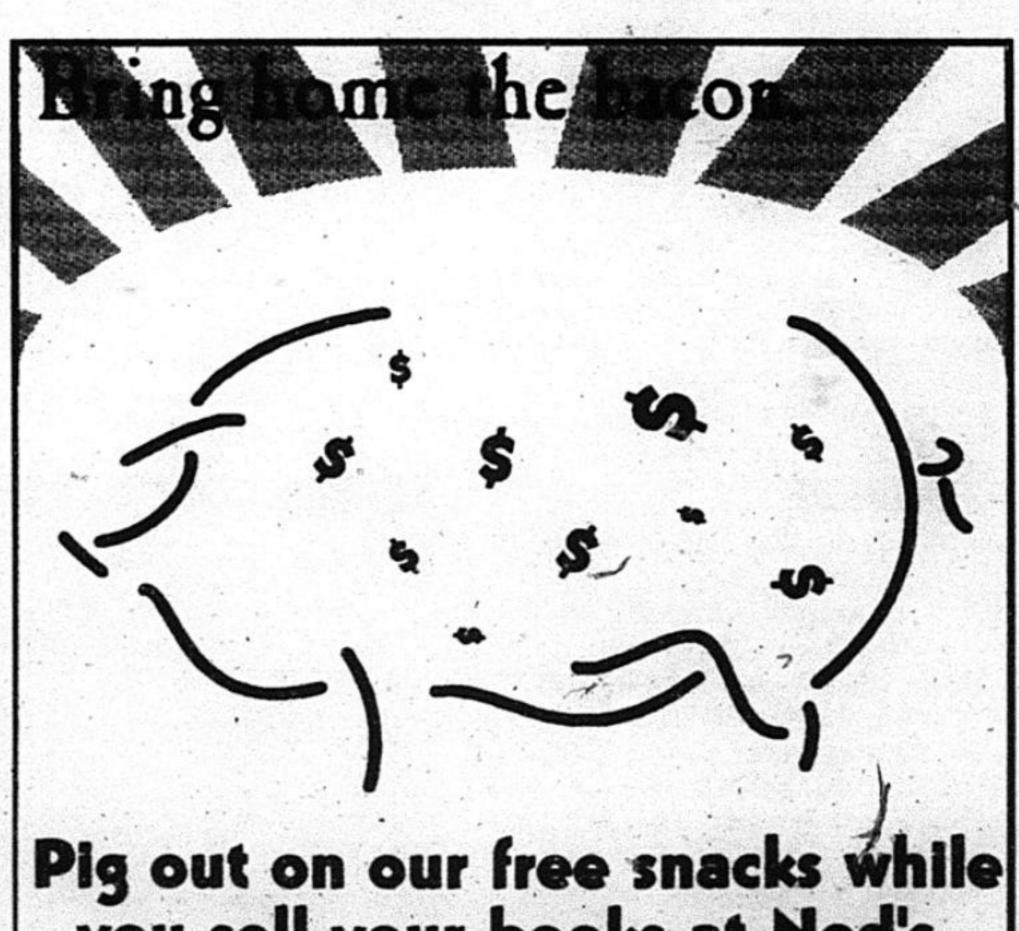
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# Finding Places to Go, Things to Do

#### Compiled by Monica Valencia

This is the reality: Your family and friends are flying, driving or walking to see you turn the tassel, and you are expected to host them through the weekend. You never worked as a travel agent and you need an entertainment plan fast.

For those who have been too busy to get out much or too oblivious to what Berkeley and the greater Bay Area have to offer, here is a list of todos that will help you show-off (and discover) the charm of the cities by the Bay.

#### **Campus Attractions**

Sather Tower: For 50 cents you can take an elevator up the clock tower for a panoramic view of the Bay Area. The campus landmark, more known as the Campanile, was erected in 1914 and modeled after St. Mark's Campanile in Venice, Italy. The elevator takes you up to the observation platform where you can view the San Francisco skyline and the backdrop against the Berkeley Hills.

If you visit on the hours, you can hear the deafening sound of the bells. The carillon — a set of bells — is played by renowned carillonists three

times a day at 8 a.m., 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. Open 10-3:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Sunday 10-1:45 p.m. The admission is 50 cents for non-UC Berkeley students.

University Art Museum: This attraction concludes the campus tour with a walk through the galleries of the local museum followed by a capuccino at a nearby cafe. Exhibits include "Endspace: Hans Hoffman and Michael Bell" and "Jumping Lines: Maisin Art and Rainforest Conservation." Also Cal's own talents are featured in "MFA/UCB/1995" with works by 14 graduates from the Masters of Fine Arts program. University Art Museum, 2626 Bancroft Way, UC. Berkeley, 510/642-0808. Open Wednesday through Sunday 11 a.m. -5pm.

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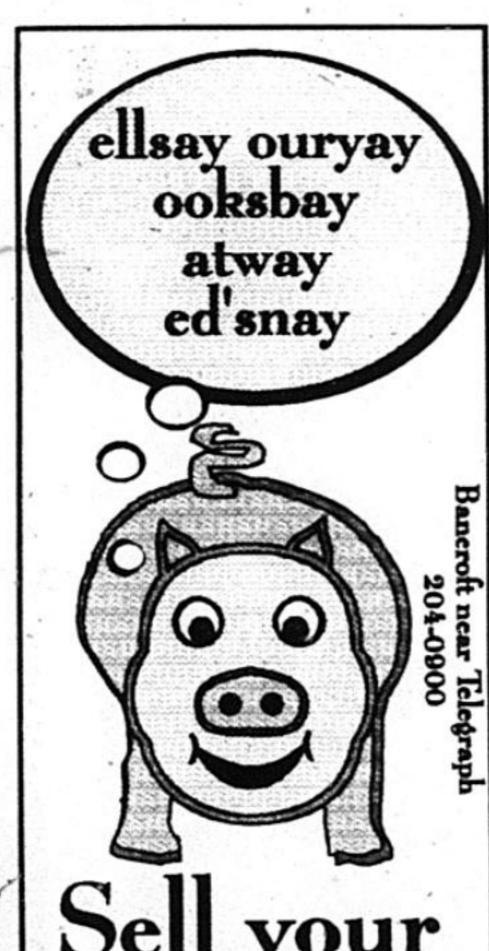
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On a clear Saturday evening take family and friends stargazing from 8-11 p.m. The science museum also features planetarium programs, hands-on experiments and films. Planetarium shows are at 1 p.m., 2:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Take LBL shuttle or the 8 bus to the top of Centennial Drive. Admission \$6 adults; \$4 seniors and students; \$2 children 3-6. Open Daily10-5 510/642-5132.

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# Popular Accolades for Graduates are Blue and Gold Bouquets

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"I got two bouquets, from my brother, and it was really great because 4-didn't expect to get them," she said. "They were very colorful, and (the bouquets had) a nice mixture of roses and carnations."

"I gave one of my bouquets to a friend who didn't have flowers



because I didn't want her to feel left out," she added.

#### War of Roses

Students and florists disagree on whether or not men receive these laurels of accomplishments as often as women do during the commencent.

According to several florists, gender bias is not a factor in determining who gives or gets flowers.

"[The graduation floral sales] go about half-and-half between men and women. A lot of people mention 'it's for a guy' and ask for specific advices," Sohrabpour said.

"For graduation, I think school

colors work for either a guy or girl. However, I think yellow roses are better for a girl whereas yellow sunflowers are good for guys. [Sunflowers] are masculine; they're big. Roses are dainty," she added.

Another florist disagreed with the percentages of purchases for male and female graduates.

"The majority are for girls. There are some for guys, but men don't get as many. Their mothers and fathers might get them balloons instead," Tarlian said.

"A lot of people don't realize guys like flowers, too. They may not like a lot of feminine things, and they may not want roses, but irises are fine for them," Tarlian added.

Some graduating men agreed with Tarlian and said they would be happy to receive flowers.

"Hey, I'd be psyched if I get flowers at graduation." said senior Ross Pythlik.

Other men, however, had a different perspective in the tradition of giving.

"Men get gypped on the whole graduation thing. Really, what should happen is that women should receive flowers and men should get a bottle of scotch or something. But that doesn't happen," said Marc Heng, a senior double majroing in philosophy and economics.

Even though giving flowers is a popular way to congratulate the graduates, some women said they prefer to receive something else in place of floral arrangements.

"I'm not really looking forward to getting flowers because I'm moving out and there's no place to put them," said Yvonne Chien, a senior majoring in applied mathematics. "I'd much rather get something that won't die, something more tangible, like a car."

Other graduating women disagreed.

"Flowers are such a sweet, sentimental expression," said sociology senior Jennifer Lin. "I'll probably get them from my parents because my brother did. It's just a tradition. I actually see a lot of guys getting them."

#### A Penny for Your Irises?

All florists agreed that business blooms around graduation time, and patrons will have better success finding exactly what they want if they order ahead of time.

"We try to bring in a lot of extra yellow and blue, but it's good to call a day in advance to beat the rush," Sohrabpour said.

Although the prices of flowers vary

by store, florists said that most people come in with a pre-fixed budget.

"We have both friends and family members buying flowers. As a rule parents spend an average of \$15 to \$20 on flowers. Students spend about \$6 to \$10," Simon said.

Simon added that flower prices have been affected this year by the unexpectedly high amount of rainfall.

"The weather caused all the irises to bloom early, so they're more expensive than usual this year," she said.

When asked for specific recommendations, Tarlian said, "I'd recommend a dozen long-stem pink roses in a showy bouquet, which is about \$40," she said.

Sohrabpour had a different suggestion.

"Roses are too romantic, and I don't think they're appropriate for graduation. I'd recommend two irises, two lilies and some bear grass, you know, like the Golden Bear. The bouquet would cost about \$5.50."

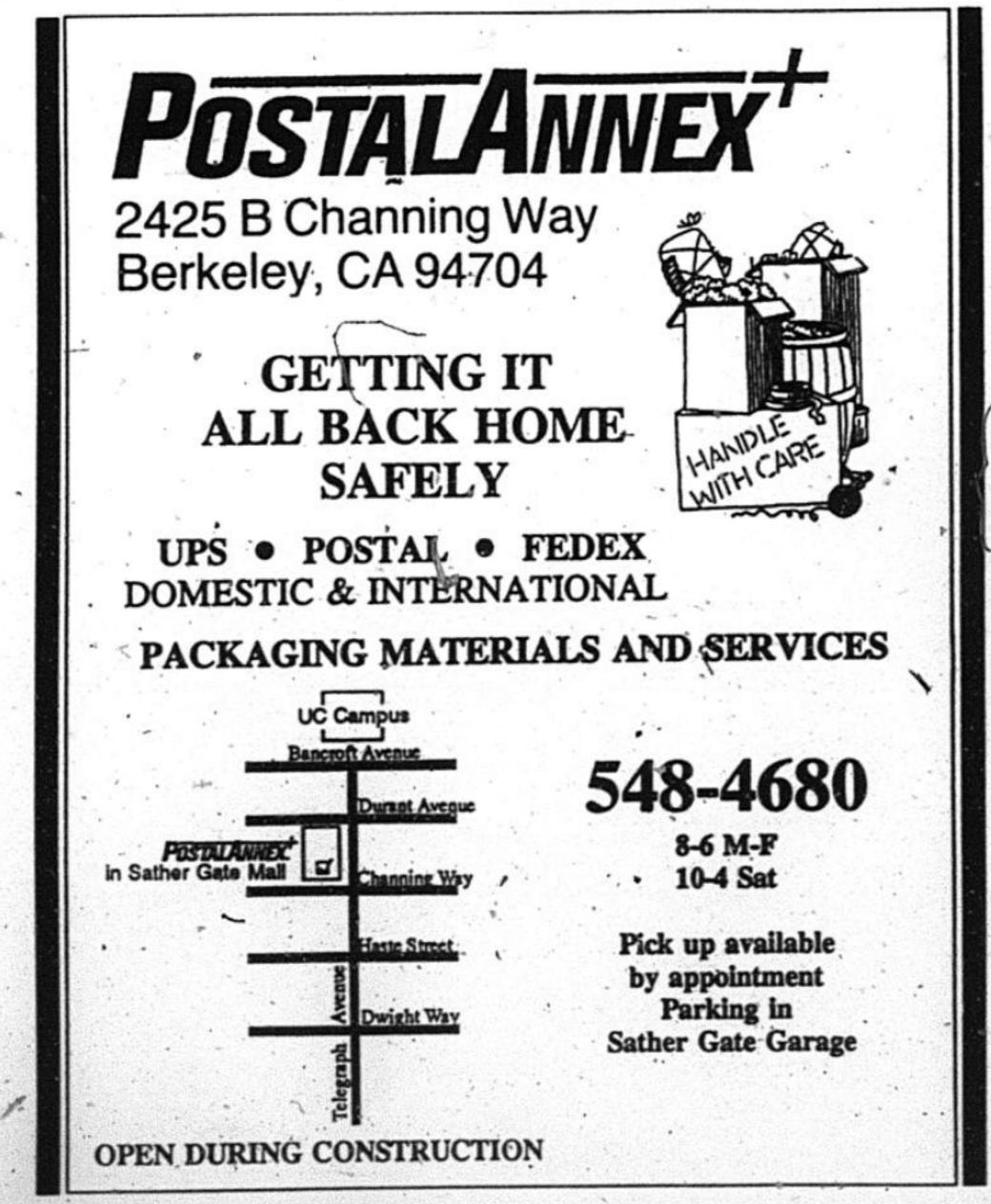


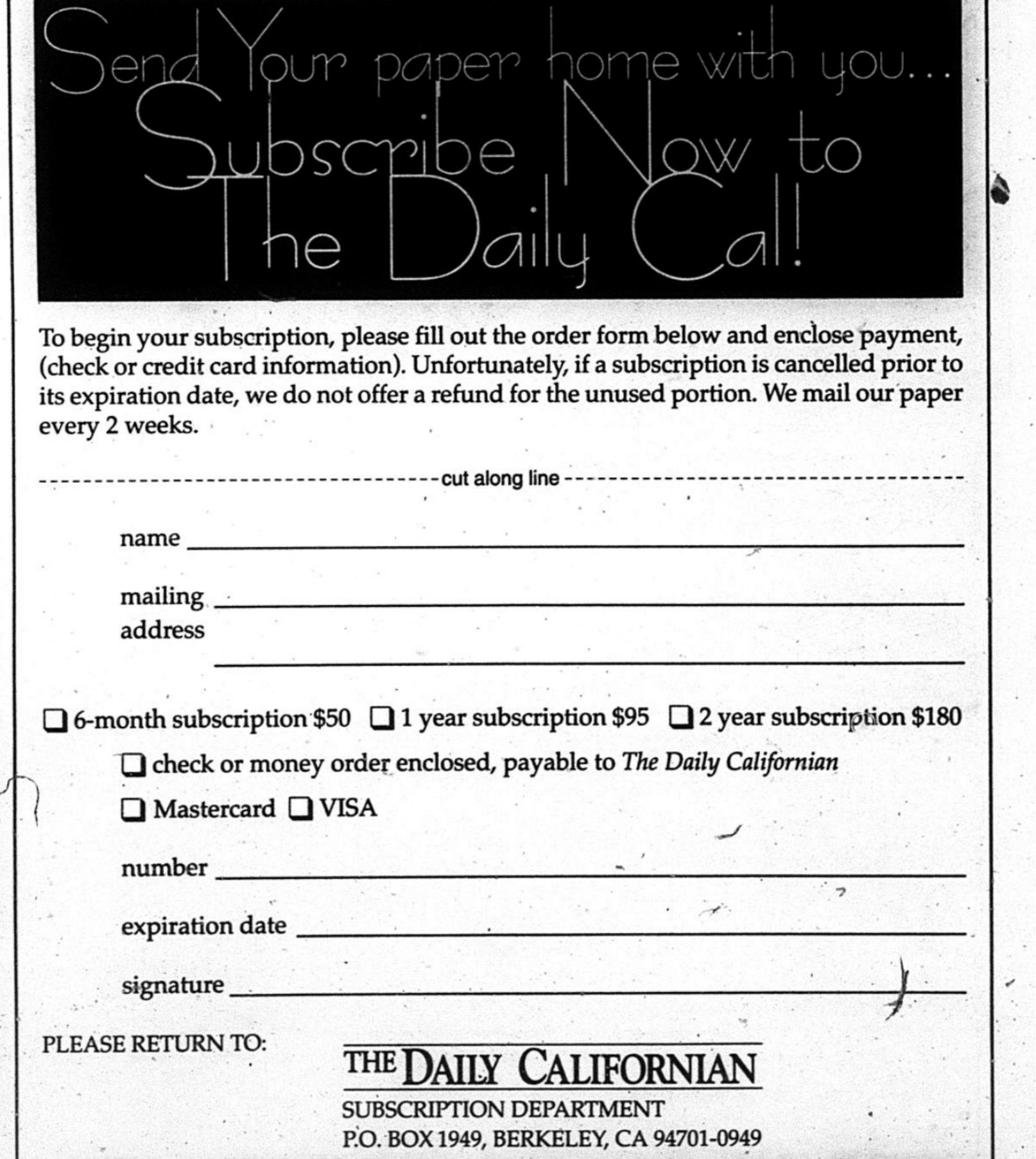


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# Bay Area Offers Scenic Spots for Getaways

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nic and sit on the lush green grass of Tilden Park in the Berkeley Hills. The park features a public golf course, more than 30 miles of hiking and horse trails; picnicking sites and the distinguished merry-go-around crafted by Herschel Spillman in 1906. Bring your swimsuits and take a dip in Lake Anza. Kids can also enjoy pony rides, the Little Farm (petting zoo) and a steam train ride. Grizzly Park Boulevard, 510/562-PARK.

Oakland Museum: The regional museum offers exhibits which exclusively embrace the California theme. Exhibits include "Pacific Dreams: Currents of Surrealism and Fantasy in California Art, 1934-1957." The museum also houses permanent collections of works by Ansel Adams, Imogen Cunningham, Dorothea Lange, Edward Weston and several others. 10th and Oak Streets, Oakland. 510/238-3401. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m Wednesday through Saturday; Sunday 12 -7 p.m.

Solano Avenue: The old Key Line train used to run along the present day strip of shops and restaurants. Located in North Berkeley, the street features a "miracle mile" of clothing and gift stores, antique shops, boutiques, a variety of restaurants and cafes.

Berkeley Marina At the foot of University Avenue is a photographic view of the San Francisco skyline from the Berkeley Marina. A perfect place for kite-flying, bike rides and frisbee throwing, it has a pier which stretches 3,000 feet into the Bay.

Enjoy dinner at Skates-on-the-Bay while watching the boats glide across the shimmering waters against the backdrop of the Golden Gate bridge. Walk off the dinner with a brisk stroll along the pier and watch the sun set. 510/644-8623.

Jack London Square: Distinguished and prolific writer Jack London embraced the lively Oakland waterfront of street vendors, eateries and produce purveyors in his literary works at the turn of the century. The charm of the inspirational bay village is still preserved today with its variety of restaurants, museums and boutiques. Jack London Museum Information, 510/451-8218.

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The San Francisco Experience: One can't leave the Bay Area without hanging from a trolley car as it rides pass winding streets and old Victorian homes. Hop on the trolley from Union Square and ride past Chinatown, Nob Hill and Lombard Street, the most crooked street. Get off at one of these points or take the cable car to the end of the line at Fisherman's Wharf and enjoy some fresh crab and shrimp cocktail. Take some sourdough bread from Boudin's Bakery, established in 1849, back home with you, too.

Continuing west on Jefferson, a stroll along the bay will take you past more fish peddlers and street performers to a cluster of shops at Pier 39. Chocolate aficionados may choose to walk in the other direction toward North Point and indulge in a hot fudge sundae at Ghiradelli Square, a woolen mill during the Civil War before it became a great chocolate factory. Fort Mason and The Cannery are also nearby. An easy 12-mile car trip or take the BART train, exit Powell Street.

Napa Valley: A drive up Highway 29N will take you through the vast beauty of rolling hills and bountiful valley dotted with over 70 wineries. Visit the peaceful vineyards of Charles Krug, St. Supery or Merry-

The more interesting wineries are the small ones neatly tucked into the network of backroads which branch from the main strip. If you didn't pack a picnic basket, stop by a nearby market for some apples and cheese to enjoy with a glass of cellared Chardonnay. Take the 1-80 East to Highway 29 North.

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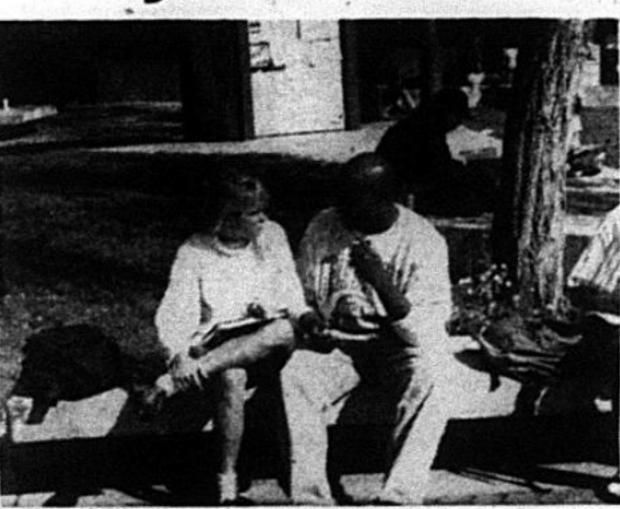
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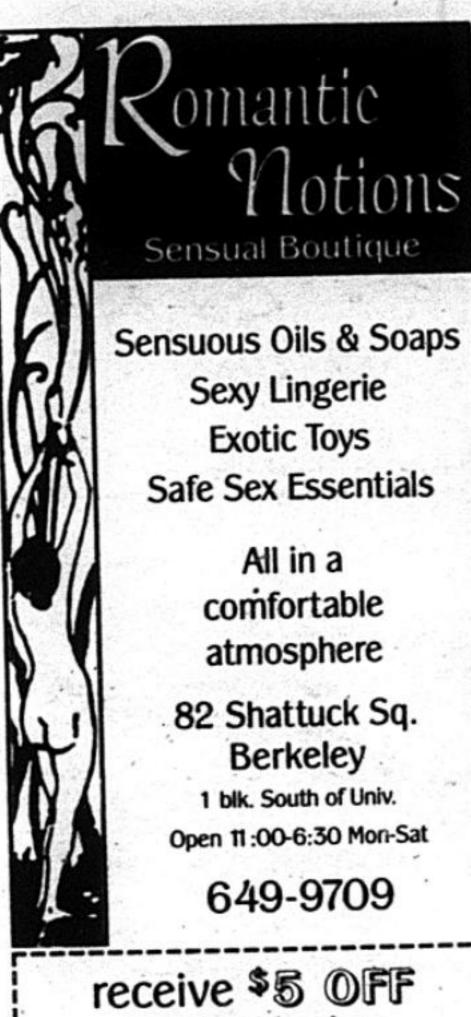
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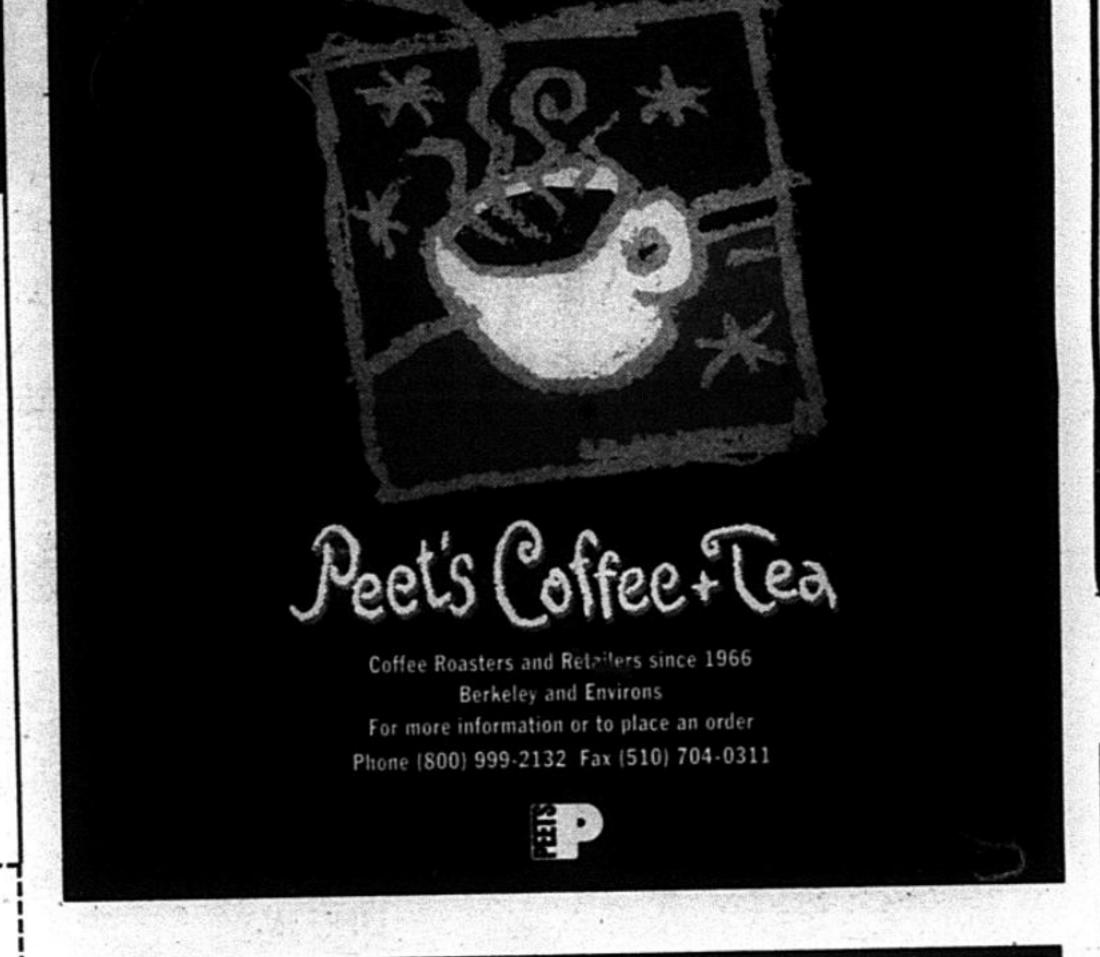


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# Home

# Home Sweet Home

## After four years away at college comes the time to re-evaluate the concept of home

By Nichole M. Campbell

lot of things are supposed to happen to you in the four (or six) years you're in college. You're supposed to learn a lot and challenge yourself, blah blah blah. You're supposed to experiment with various substances. And various people. You're expected to change your mind on a million topics and form new opinions on a million others. You're supposed to travel everywhere and do everything.

With these criteria in mind, I can safely say I've done it all. (If my parents are reading this, then I've done most of it all.) But as I stand on the precipice of graduation, there is one thing which stands out in my mind as having changed the most. It is my concept of home.

Applying to college, I had no burning desire to get as far away from home as possible, but I also knew if anyone could leave home for school for four years, it would be me. I equated the ability to leave home with the term "ultra-confidence." That's where my geographic elitism began. I thought I was better than my other friends who chose to go to schools nearby.

I certainly thought I was better because I was going to Berkeley.

But my undergraduate career started on a rather bumpy note. I got into a car accident the night before I was to drive up north, and I spent

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nine hours on the I-5 the next day with my bumper dragging behind me. To top it all off, there was a horrible thunderstorm when I pulled into the driveway of my apartment, the likes of which I've not seen in Berkeley since.

My first hours in Berkeley were baptism by fire, and I figured if I could make it through that, the first semester would be a breeze in terms of homesickness.

But it wasn't. I flew home to Los Angeles two weeks after school started, and acted like a big important college student with all my friends, most of whom were going to other UCs and hadn't yet started school. I came home three out of four weekends in October.

My mom and brother visited me in November, and I counted the seconds until I could drive home for Christmas vacation. That morning in December was like the time when you get up before your alarm clock goes off because you're so excited you can't sleep. I remember the sky getting dark as I drove by Magic Mountain. I honked the horn as soon as I turned on my street. I was never

so happy to be home in all my life.

My keen desire to go home wasn't at all related to the love of my city, or even my high school friends. I thought it was rather silly to hang on to that scene once you left it. The only reason I ever loved cominghome was because of my family. It's small, but it's close-knit, and I missed seeing them every day.

If someone had told me freshman year I would spend a whole year somewhere else, I would have told them they were crazy.

Corny, but true.

wasn't as lonely in second semester of the freshman year, but I still went home quite a bit. I was proud when I held out from the end of

spring break to the start of summer

vacation without coming home, although my parents came up for Easter. I was thrilled to go home for the summer. A friend of mine who was staying in Berkeley for the summer encouraged me to do the same, and I said not on your life. You would have had to pay me big money to stay in Berkeley for three months when I didn't have to.

Summer of 1992 proved rejuvenating, and by the beginning of fall semester of my sophomore year, I made a conscious effort not to go home as often. My plan was thwarted when my parents sent me airline tickets home as a surprise in September. My mom and brother insisted on coming to visit in October. The pattern continued all year, with my going home for my birthday in February, spring break in March and summer vacation. I felt I was repeating freshman year all over again.

Although this time, I wanted nothing more than to stay in Berkeley for the summer. I had made good friends in the dorm my second year, and it seemed everyone I knew was staying in town during vacation. I

cried on my drive home, thinking of all the people I would miss. The only reason I was going home was because I had an internship. You have to make tough choices in life, and that summer I didn't feel like jeopardizing a career advancement for the sake of hanging out with my friends.

marveled at how my love for Los Angeles waned while my love for Berkeley increased ten-fold that summer. I talked about the Bay Area constantly with people at my job, telling them how great it was, and how I was going to move there permanently one day. I only received three days of vacation, and I spent it in Berkeley. Driving back to Berkeley, I made a mental note of how happy I was to see an AC Transit bus again. I was homesick ... for Berkeley.

I knew I loved the city because I was going to leave it for a whole year. I left for England in September 1993. Guess where I spent a week beforehand?

Once overseas, I raved to my flatmates about the city by the bay, and

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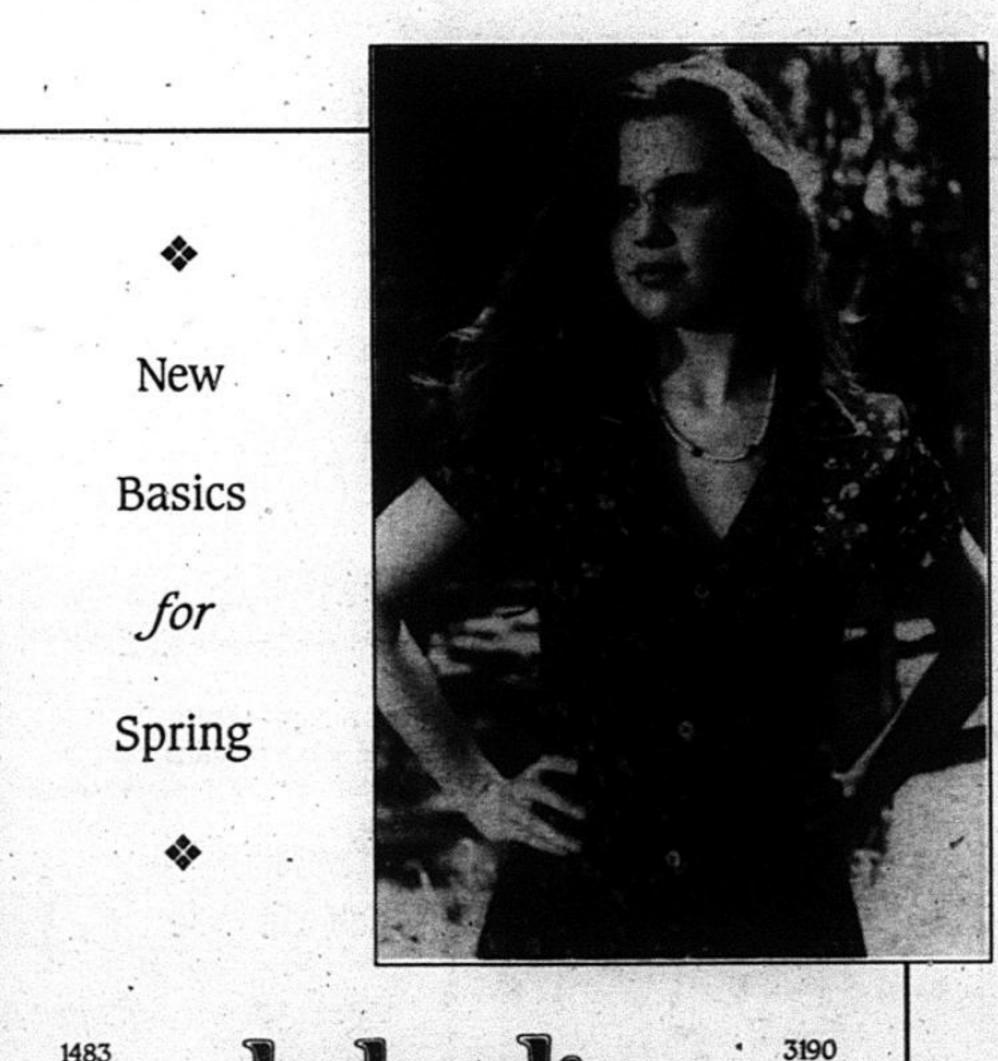
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'd always heard the stories, but I never thought it could happen to me. I'm sure you've heard them, too, the ones about some wildly successful actor or author that mention "he dropped out of college just two credits shy of earning his diploma."

How could that be possible? I'd wonder. Why not stick around for the extra six weeks or whatever, earn your degree, and then run off to New York and try to make it big? A month or two couldn't possibly make much of a difference, and we're talking about the distinction between being a college graduate and, well, not.

But now my own graduation looms near. A recent trip to my guidance counselor confirmed that I'm in need of two more classes to officially obtain that degree. This weekend's ceremony will be a charade of sorts, and until I successfully fulfill the foreign language and lowerdivision math requirement, I, too, am in that "just-a-few-credits-shy" limbo.

And suddenly I see those People articles in a whole new light.

now understand that urge to just chuck it all and run away. I wouldn't have to finish (or, for that matter, start) my senior thesis,

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which is due in approximately one week and has been hanging over me like an ominous raincloud for the last five months.

I wouldn't have to search for "suitable" employment, the kind of low-wage, mindless work that, while it outwardly appears to be indistinguishable from the jobs I've held throughout school, for some inexplicable reason requires a college degree.

I also wouldn't have to think so much about the future, because certain decisions would be made

for me. For instance, no diploma, no graduate school. The equation is

really quite simple.

While I'd hate to miss the pride and glory of having a degree, I think I could adjust. There will be other things to take pride in later in life. But if I drop out now, I'll never get the real reward: Cash gifts at graduation.

I was panic-stricken when I realized I'd nearly missed the deadline for ordering announcements. I had so many people to send them to, people I knew would love to know that I'd almost completed my foray into higher education. People I knew would send me money.

y mother's been keeping a mental list for the last 10 years of whose kids she's mailed checks to as graduation gifts. She presented me with the addresses of their parents and instructed me to send an announcement to each of them. In Mom's mind, it's payback time. And when the pre-printed announcements failed to arrive, I placed

a frantic call to UPS and had a trace put on the package. "You don't understand," I told the representative. "It's my com-

mencement announcements."

"Oh," she said wisely. "You can't get your money without 'em, huh?"

Something like that. I'm sure that someday the full impact of this event will wash over me, and I'll swell with thankfulness and joy. I'll be proud to call myself a college graduate, and that diploma will no doubt unlock doors or at the very least get me a job that doesn't require wearing a name tag.

But until then, I'm hoping that pile of grad loot will make things a little more comfortable. There is one question, however, that might

nag me for a while longer.

If I don't go back and finish those two pesky classes, do I have to give the presents back?

Dee Dee Drake is a sort of graduating senior majoring in English.



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## Homeward Bound for Los Angeles

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my homesickness became even worse. But that year, I was forced to recognize where I truly came from. Being in a foreign country, one inevitably deals with issues of nationality and locality. When people asked me where I was from, I noticed I would say L.A. instead of Berkeley. I was drawn closer to the events which happened in my hometown, from the fires to the earthquake.

When I finally came home after being abroad for nine months, I loved L.A. like never before. But I still wanted to spend the summer in Berkeley. I did, but this time, no one

I have discovered in my years in college that I will never be able to live anywhere but in a big city, and I love it that way.

was here, and I realized that it wasn't all what I had created it to be.

I never thought I would have been able to be away from home for more than a month or two. If someone had told me freshman year I would spend a whole year somewhere else, I would have told them they were crazy. But my year in England was beneficial for many reasons. It proved to me I could survive away from everything that was familiar, that I can now live anywhere for however long. Being away also made me appreciate Berkeley. But it also renewed the love I once had for Los Angeles, a city about which it's hard to feel sentimental.

Because L.A. is so big, it's difficult to get that "hometown" feeling. Calling L.A. my hometown seems silly to me, because it also happens to be the hometown of millions of other people. But I do it nonetheless,

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- Through my college years, I have

had conflicting feelings about home. For so long, I equated going home for visits as a sign of defeat, a sign that I couldn't make it in the real world and needed the familiarity of home to assuage my fears. But as I get older, I realize the different strength home gives me; it is a place where I can ground myself and renew relationships. I will leave in two weeks for the City of Angels, proving that even after you graduate and start a new phase of your life, you can go home again.

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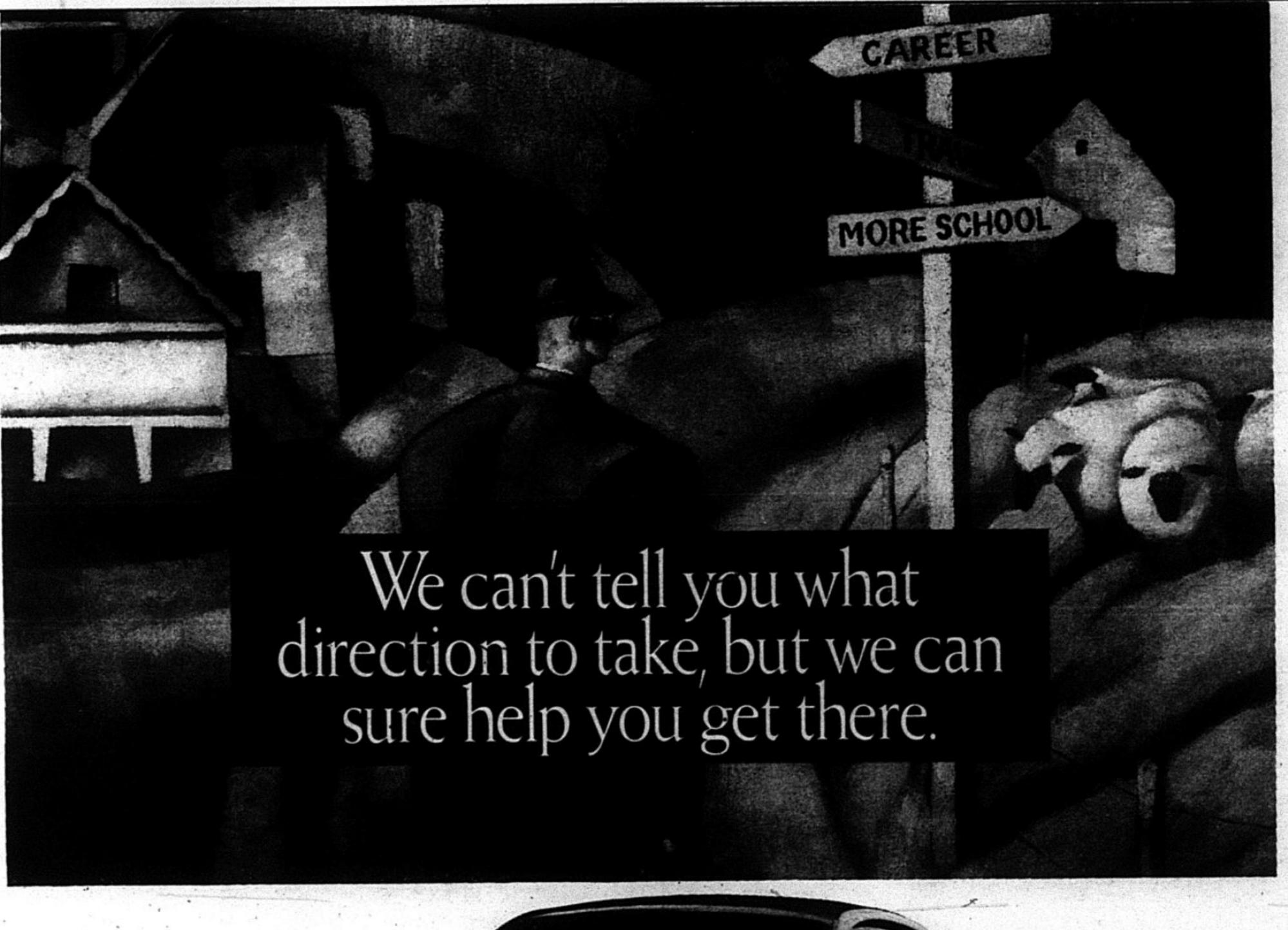
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# Unwrap the Goodies

## Can't find the ideal graduation gift? Here is some advice

#### By Robert Steinmetz

As graduation time rolls around once more, parents are scrambling to find something they can give to their children for the years they spent staying up all night to cramming for an exam.

So what makes a perfect graduation gift? In order to find out, I conducted an intensive cross-sectional random survey of the first five or six seniors who happened to be walking by and asked them what they would be receiving for graduation.

After this I was able to compile a list of top five graduation gifts:

- 5. Final rent check
- 4. A watch
- 3. Something engraved
- 2. Flowers
- 1. A hand shake

So it seems that the rumors about getting a trip to Jamaica and a new car are somewhat false. Berkeley parents seem to value the lesson of self sufficiency.

One of the survey subjects told me that she thought she knew about "someone who had heard of someone's sister getting a new convertible." But I'm not so sure I believe them, especially because their eyes seemed to be shifting nervously when telling me this.

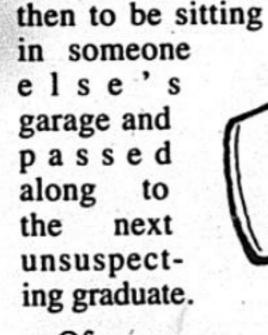
Everyone I spoke to seemed to be satisfied with what they were receiving except for the occasional complaint about engraved objects.

"I've seen it. It's like this little silver tray with my name engraved on it. Below it says 'Go Bears.' Now what am I going to do with this thing? Serve cocktail mints?" said UC Berkeley senior Will Cueto.

Others who have not yet discovered what their parents have in store for them seemed to dread about receiving graduation rings.

"As long as they don't get me one of those rings which make me look like I'm in Vegas looking for a deal," said UC Berkeley senior Kim Russo.

After all, it's only a gift. Most likely any kind of gifts will be gathering dust in a garage and eventually be sold off in a garage sale, only

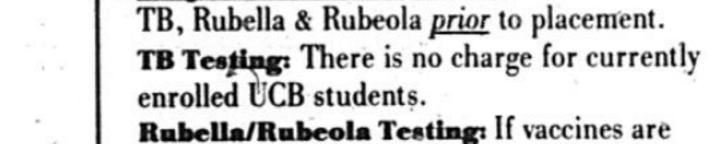


Of course, if parents could find exactly what a graduatsenior

is looking for, as they do on birthdays (no, it's all right, I really wanted the Old Spice™), they probably wouldn't be our parents. It's the thought that counts.

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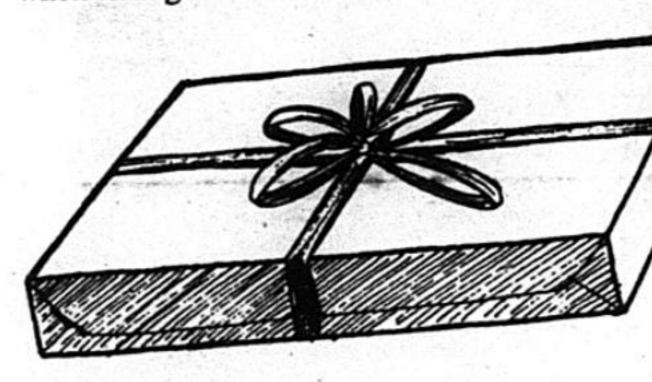
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# Graduates Keep Friendships After Leaving Berkeley

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of years can come here during weekends and get together," Oelschig said.

After four years of friendship, three close friends said they will become long-distance pals.

Going on their separate ways in less than a month, environmental health major Mike Silva will be traveling to Europe while Mark Crady, an electrical engineering and computer science major (EECS), will work on circuit designs for a company in Portland, Ore.

Their friends, Mike Chu, who is also an EECS major, will pursue a Ph.D. in EECS this fall at the University of Michigan.

Crady and Chu were high school friends, and both lived at Foothill dorm in their freshman year. Crady, who lived in a different suite, would visit Chu. Chu and Silva were roommates.

The three became good friends and lived together for two years after the freshman year. Currently, only Chu and Silva share an apartment.

"All of us get along really well. We trust and support each other. We can tell each other things that bother us and always know that they would remain confidential," Silva said. "We always help each other through tough times."

When Silva had difficulties passing his classes, he said he was able to count on his friends to help him hang in there.

"There was a situation where I was ready to just pack up and go home. I can say that I wouldn't have been able to stay here for four years without them," Silva said.

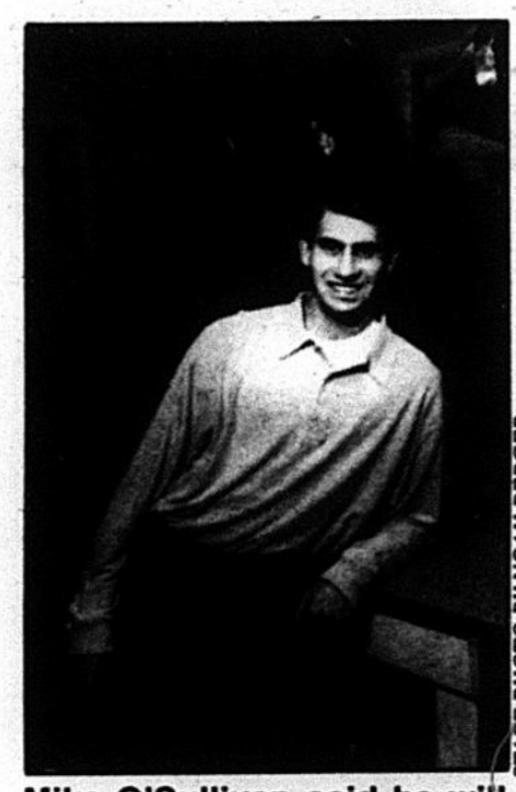
Crady asserted that he has fond memories of both Chu and Silva. "Mike and I study together. (The

three of us) go to parties and movies. Mike Silva's a great storyteller. He can make things sound funny that weren't funny when they happened," Crady said.

Chu agreed, adding that "Mike (Silva) can act all cool, but deep down he's really sweet. It's funny because I can see right through him."

"With Mark, we've been through so much since we've known each other for 10 years, not to mention that we have stayed up till four or five in the morning working on programming projects," Chu said

In order to keep their friendship, the three promised to keep in touch



Mike O'Sullivan said he will miss his fraternity brothers.

with one another through e-mail.

"Mike Silva's a little slow (on email technology) but he'll catch on. I'm gonna go to Michigan to visit Mike Chu," Crady said. One of many memorable aspect about their friendship, said Silva, is their common interest in sports.

"When we all lived together in an apartment, we used to play indoor sports: basketball, wrestling, golf. Somebody was always bleeding, usually it was Mark. When we moved out, we had to fix all the bloody spots," Silva said.

"It's not going to be the same. It's your whole social support setting that's going to be gone. That's sad," Silva added.

Michigan this fall, he will also encounter the challenge of keeping his relationship with his girlfriend, Cinnamon Howell.

While Chu studies in Michigan, Howell, also an EECS major, will be working at Hewlett Packard in Sunnyvale.

Although the two met when Howell was a suitemate of Chu in her freshman year, Howell said she did not know Chu until they found themselves taking the same classes and studying together.

"In the spring semester of our sophomore year, Mike, Mark and I joined the honor society. We had two classes together and studied a lot" Howell recalled. "We kept in touch during the summer and hung out in the fall. In junior year, I dragged Mike to a party on a yacht on the new year's eve."

"That was when we had our first kiss," she added.

Mike Chu remembered a different version of the story about how his relationship with Howell started.

"The first time she talked to me she was a real bitch," Chu said jokingly. "We were both studying for chem 1A and she ignored me."

Although the two will be apart after over a year of seeing each other on a daily basis, they said they would like to keep up the relationship.

"With today's technology, we'll both have e-mail accounts and we can talk. We can also fax to each

'Long distance relationships are always screwy. We will see each other when we have a chance. (There will be) no pressure.'

— Sabrina Selim sophomore

other," Howell said.

"It's just a matter of not seeing him or being with him. But still, (we will see each other) between my going there and his coming home for vacations since both our families are in the Bay Area," she added.

Chu asserted that not being able to see Howell will be difficult.

"I'll miss the companionship a lot. Here we've been together, taking the same classes and everything. When you're doing these things with someone you really love, it will be difficult (to be apart) because she's always been there for me," Chu said.

"Without Cinnamon, it'll be pretty tough."

While some graduating seniors vowed to keep their romantic relationships intact via phone and

mail, other graduating seniors, such as Jesse Wu, said he finds long-distance relationships impractical.

Wu, a statistics and economics major, will start his first post undergraduate job in New York this June and part with his girlfriend, sophomore Sabrina Selim.

Wu and Selim went to the same high school in San Jose, and according to Selim, she was attracted to Wu in high school. But they did not start dating until a year and three months ago.

Wu said a birthday card brought them together.

"I send birthday cards to all my friends. Her birthday was during winter vacation, so I sent her a card. She was surprised," Wu said. "When we got back to school she called me and we started going out."

As graduation approaches, the two admitted that they are saddened by the prospect of leaving each other.

And both said they will opt for a platonic relationship.

"We're going to break up but stay as good friends," Selim explained. "It's part of life. I knew it was coming. We talked about it a lot, and we came to the same conclusion," Selim said.

"Long distance relationships are always screwy. We will see each other when we have a chance. (There will be) no pressure," she added.

Wu said he will miss her greatly.

"(I'll miss) her being there for me when I have good news or there's something about my job, or if I'm feeling down. I could come home and have some one to talk to or listen to my griping. I'll miss going out on weekends to movies, shopping and just being with her," Wu said.

