

Tomorrow's Walkout: Choose Sides Wisely

EDITORIAL

For the few students and faculty who haven't heard, affirmative action advocates have scheduled a UC systemwide walkout for tomorrow. With the national media cameras focused squarely on Berkeley, demonstrations will take place between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. And while no one is really sure how many students will participate, the protest will be watched closely by the university and the nation.

The Daily Californian supports the UC Board of Regents' decision to dismantle affirmative action policies, so don't expect to find the majority of our editorial board among the protesters. We believe that the regents took a step in the

right direction when they voted to switch admissions and hiring policies to a socioeconomic affirmative action system.

However, we do believe that students who oppose the decision should have the opportunity to voice their opposition. Tomorrow they will get a chance.

Students who are thinking of walking out to show their support for affirmative action should do exactly that — skip class and congregate on Sproul Plaza. In front of tomorrow's national audience, a strong showing at the protest will send the message that UC students feel their regents

have betrayed them.

On the other hand, we urge all students, faculty and staff who support the regents' decision to attend their classes and to report to work as scheduled. It will be hard to resist the temptation of witnessing the circus that Sproul may become, but the unfortunate fact is that everyone who shows up will be counted as a protester, whether they agree or not.

It's no secret that campus opinion on the subject of affirmative action is divided. Thursday's protest provides an opportunity to

see both how many students disagree with the regents, and how many support them. If those of you who agree with the regents really want to make a point, then bypass the commotion on Sproul and go to class. Not attending the rally is a political statement in itself.

Everyone seems to think that the Berkeley campus community wholeheartedly supports affirmative action. Tomorrow is an opportunity for those who support the regents to make their voices heard.

This means that professors who believe the regents' decision

is correct should conduct business as usual. Lectures, homework and midterms should not be postponed due to the protest. Also, professors who support affirmative action should not be afraid to cancel class and rally with the rest of the protesters.

Whether or not you walk out says everything about the direction you feel the university should take. We at The Daily Californian hope that students and university employees have the courage to make the decision based on what they truly believe. Remember, the country is watching your every step. We know where we stand; now is the time to show the nation where you stand.

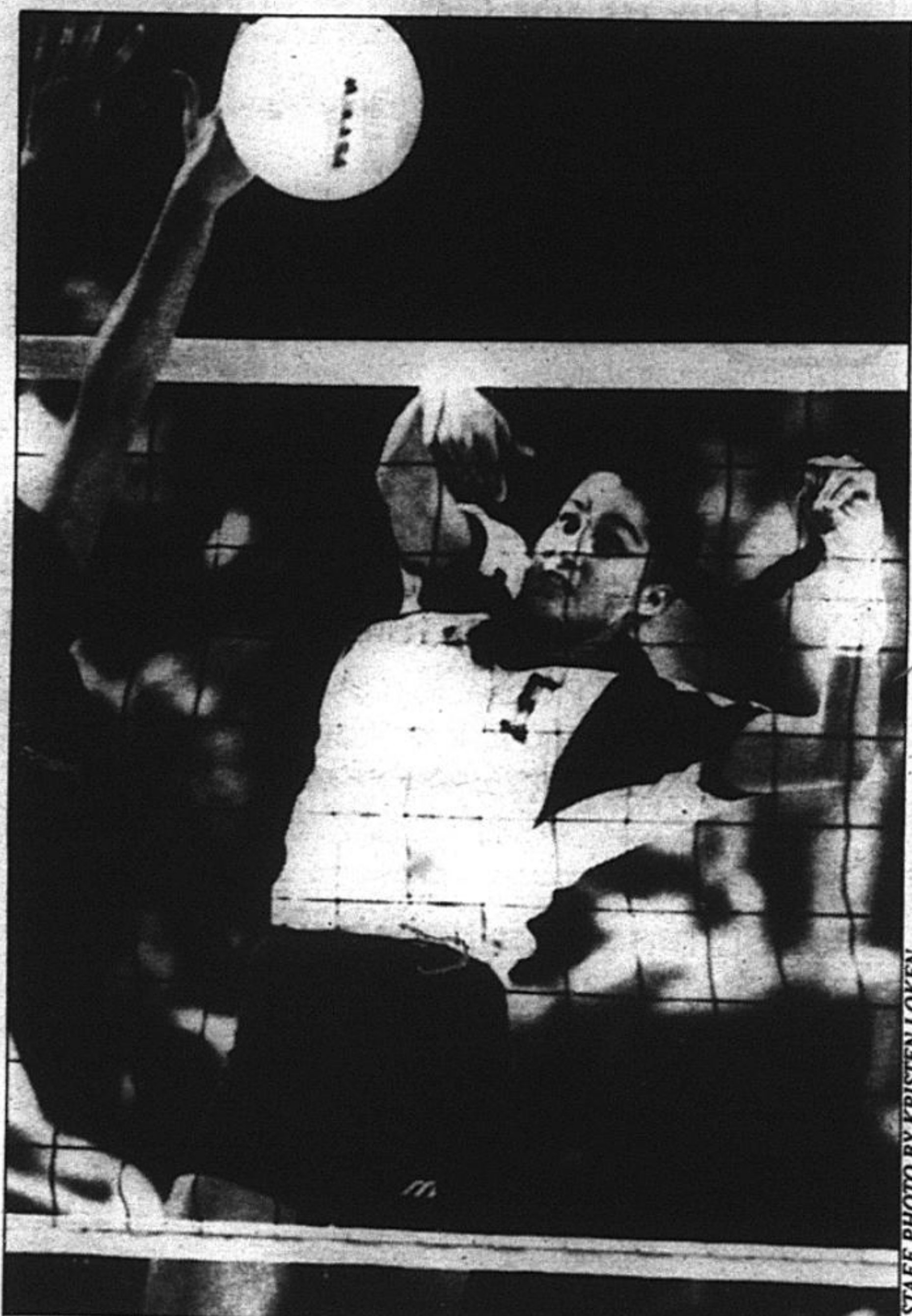
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Spiked Again! Card Wins 35th in a Row vs. Bears

Danielle Mashy and the Cal women's volleyball team lost to Stanford in straight sets last night. See story, back page.

Faculty Panel Tells Why Affirmative Action Works

By Kathy Chu
Contributing Writer

A panel of UC Berkeley faculty members gathered yesterday to explain the positive effects of affirmative action on the campus community.

The group, Berkeley Faculty for Affirmative Action, which now consists of approximately 80 faculty members, sponsored a press conference to reaffirm its commitment to diversity and to renounce the UC Board of Regents' decision.

A panel composed of eight professors from departments ranging from plant biology to music

addressed a handful of colleagues during the nearly hour-long forum.

Each of the speakers relayed their personal opinions on how affirmative action has made a difference for students as well as faculty on the UC Berkeley campus.

According to plant biology Professor Renee Soong, there is a common myth that Asians are no longer in the minority classification.

"Asians Americans may seem to be overrepresented at the undergraduate level, but as you move upwards into the graduate programs, they are still underrepresented," she said.

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Schools Nationwide Add Support for Diversity

By Ryan Kim
Contributing Writer

With the affirmative action walkout one day away, students at many college campuses across the state and nation are gearing up to join the protest against the UC Board of Regents' decision to end race preferences.

All nine UC campuses will participate in the walkout, following a

similar schedule, featuring speakers and marches. Within the system, UCLA is one of the most active campuses. It plans to establish a "freedom city," with teach-ins, forums and a makeshift tent village.

With the support of the student government, the walkout has gained momentum at UCLA. Organizers plan a rally, followed by a march through the neighboring Westwood area. Leaders hope to block Wilshire

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ASUC OKs Affirmative Action Bills

By Apul Kirit Patel
Contributing Writer

The ASUC senate passed two bills in support of affirmative action during a special meeting Monday night despite concerns from some students that a desire for media coverage motivated the session.

In its first resolution, the senate voted 8-2-4 to uphold current affirmative action hiring policies within the ASUC.

"When we look at the ASUC and how it really works, there is only one person in upper level management who is a person of color," said Abel Guillen, who co-wrote both propositions. "That does not represent the community that the ASUC is supposed to be representing."

Guillen added that the ASUC has failed to actively recruit minority students.

Senator Sanjeev Bery questioned whether the measure was needed, though he voted in favor of the bill.

"SB2 (the bill) does not change

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State Senate Grants \$4 Million to AC Transit

Fewer bus services will be limited — for now

By Rob Zazueta
Contributing Writer

A \$4 million grant from the state government will ease AC Transit's financial troubles, allowing the transportation company to reconsider planned cuts to bus service, officials said yesterday.

The projected budget for the upcoming year had showed the transit system to be \$11.7 million in the red. AC Transit officials have been scrambling for several months to eliminate the deficit, making plans to cut night and weekend service.

"Our intent and effort has been trying to retain (heavily demanded) service as much as

possible for as long as possible," said Mike Mills, a spokesperson for AC Transit.

Because of the new aid, which was part of a recent package of bills intended to provide funds to bankrupt Orange County, transit officials have more time to work on the details of their plans to cut costs.

"What this \$4 million buys is time for the planners to more carefully devise this new network of weekend service," Mills said.

The grant will lessen the impact of AC Transit's plan, approved in September, which would have cut weekend service from 80 lines to only 30 and would have drastically reduced weekend service.

However, officials warned that the aid will

not delay all of the night service reductions scheduled to begin Dec. 3.

"Without the aid, not only would we have to cut late night service, we'd have to eliminate midnight service," Mills said.

Several Berkeley routes that would have been affected by the initial action plan have been spared some cuts.

Mills said the financial aid will allow major bus lines, such as the 51, to remain operating during normal hours.

Lines 7, 40 and 52 will now operate until 10 p.m., ending service one-hour earlier than before.

However, Mills said the grant will only delay upcoming problems. The projected deficit for this year is small compared to the figures transit officials have predicted for upcoming years, he said.

"Four million dollars doesn't even begin to

address the bigger problem, which is diminished funding to support public transportation," Mills said.

Several state senators, including Senator Bill Lockyer (D-Hayward), added the financial aid for AC Transit to a package meant to bail out bankrupt Orange County.

"There were three distressed areas this year — L.A., Orange County, and AC Transit," Lockyer said yesterday.

In order to address deficit problems, AC Transit officials raised the price of UC Berkeley's ClassPass over the summer. The pass, which buys a student one semester of rides, used to cost \$90. The price was raised to \$130.

To alleviate future financial hardship, officials intend to draw up new plans to reduce service without significantly affecting produc-

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State Schools Head Joins Outreach Program

By Heather McCabe
Daily Cal Staff Writer

California Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin will serve on the policy board of UC Berkeley's new statewide outreach program, university officials announced yesterday.

Eastin holds the state's highest public school office and her support of the Berkeley Pledge may jumpstart the program which Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien spearheaded last month.

"I think it is really fantastic because it really solidifies the partnership that we are vitalizing with the public school system," UC Berkeley spokesperson Jesus Mena said yesterday.

Eastin, who was away from her Sacramento office yesterday, was unavailable for comment. The superintendent said in a statement that she hopes the Berkeley Pledge will be a forerunner in the state to increase efforts between universities and public schools.

"I will work hard to strengthen the ties between higher education and K-12," Eastin said in the statement. "The Berkeley Pledge is a wonderful idea. It's a win-win situation. I hope it can be a model for the whole state."

Tien designed the Berkeley Pledge to preserve campus diversity in light of the UC Board of Regents' vote to end affirmative action. According to the decision, university administrators will phase out admission and hiring policies that consider race, ethnicity or gender by 1997.

In the weeks since Tien announced the Pledge, a prominent San Francisco lawyer, William Coblentz, SEE PLEDGE PAGE 3

NEWS IN BRIEF

School Board to Vote on Renovations

School board members are expected to approve the demolition of Columbus Elementary School tonight.

The buildings were declared unsafe after the Loma Prieta Earthquake five years ago.

District Superintendent Jack McLaughlin said yesterday the demolition of Columbus Elementary School is the first of a series of planned building renovation projects following the earthquake.

McLaughlin said he expects the old building to be demolished by February, and the new school to be erected by September 1997.

Similar improvements are underway at other schools, he added.

"Next year, at this time, we'll be looking at getting a contract to demolish Cragmont Elementary School," he said. Both Cragmont and Columbus are not in use for the 1995-96 school year.

— Maya Bergstrom

down Channing between Fulton and Ellsworth streets at around 11 p.m., when two men in their 20s approached from behind.

One man hit the victim in the face with his forearm and fist, knocking the victim to the ground headfirst. The assailant then said to his companion, "Come on, take him," said Meisner.

During this exchange, Meisner said that a passing car slowed down. The assailant and his companion ran in one direction down Channing, and the victim ran in the opposite direction.

The victim, a UC Berkeley student who wished to remain anonymous, said he believed the attack was racially motivated. However, police said that at this time they do not believe it was a racial attack.

— Rob Zazueta

Fundraiser Held Today

The Cal Berkeley Democrats will hold a fundraiser today in Upper Sproul Plaza. The group needs to raise funds for its general activities, as it does not receive ASUC student government funding. The club will sell used books from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Also, CalPIRG is holding a hygiene product drive this week. Students and campus employees can drop off products such as toothbrushes, shaving cream and deodorant in bins located on Upper Sproul Plaza as well as at various residence halls.

Student Assaulted

A UC Berkeley student was assaulted by two men on Channing Way Friday evening, police said yesterday.

According to Berkeley police Deputy Chief Roy Meisner, the student, an Asian male, was walking

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The University of Memphis chapter of the Kappa Alpha fraternity has been suspended for two years after several members allegedly beat three students who were not members, the Chronicle of Higher Education reported.

A university spokesperson said the incident began with an argument over a car accident outside the fraternity house. The three student passers, two of whom were black, accused the fraternity members of yelling racial epithets. The argument resulted in a physical fight.

Two days later, two fraternity members were attacked on campus by several unidentified youths. The university's Black Student Association has demanded sanctions against the chapter. While campus and city police continue to investigate the incident, the university's president said he will try to improve racial relations on campus.

Stanford Workers Arrested for Producing Fake ID's

Two temporary Wells Fargo Bank workers were arrested two weeks ago at Stanford University for allegedly producing counterfeit student identification cards, The Stanford Daily reported.

Using their own photos and information from students and staff, the suspects allegedly made about 16 cards. Besides identification purposes, the cards could be used to access Wells Fargo automated teller machines. However, personal identification numbers (PIN) would be needed to receive any money.

The suspects were arrested before they had a chance to find out the PIN numbers. They were hired by the bank last month to issue the dual purpose cards.

The suspects, who have criminal histories, were charged with felonies and booked in the San Jose Main Jail.

University of Colorado Fraternities Bans Alcohol

Fraternities at the University of Colorado adopted a policy to ban alcohol at all house social events, the Chronicle of Higher Education reported.

While members can drink in their rooms, they are prohibited from serving beer at parties. According to university officials, Colorado is the first school to take such measures to oppose alcohol abuse.

This summer, local police wrote 500 citations to underage drinkers.

Stolen Admissions Records Prompt Protests

Hundreds of law students' admissions records were stolen last month from the University of Miami, the Chronicle of Higher Education reported.

Many of the stolen records were of minority students, causing some university officials to think the incident was an attack on the school's affirmative action policies. Since then, students have staged a protest against the theft.

Among the 1,343 law students, 13 percent are black and 13 percent are Latino.

Bricks Mean Money for Iowa State

More than 2,000 bricks inscribed with the names of famous women have helped raise money for Iowa State University, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Names like Rosa Parks and Oprah Winfrey are imprinted on the bricks, which were sold for \$100 each by the university. Information about the honorees are on a computer registry.

The bricks, also known as the "Plaza of Heroines," form a path leading to a newly remodeled hall, named after the founder of the League of Women Voters, Carrie Chapman Catt.

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has donated \$25,000 to the program. Tien set aside \$1 million in discretionary funding to start up the comprehensive outreach effort as well as an extra \$10,000 from his pay raise, which the regents recently granted.

Coblentz, who also chairs the

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- Delaine Eastin
California superintendent of public education

Incentive Award Program in San Francisco, which brings in disadvantaged students to UC Berkeley, said yesterday that he donated the money to the Berkeley Pledge "because it is a worthwhile endeavor."

The United Way also has chosen to give San Francisco employees the option to contribute to the Berkeley Pledge during its annual drive in the Bay Area.

"It is a national model that will, I think, be reproduced in the nation. It is the first of its kind," said Thomas Ruppner, the president of United Way in San Francisco.

"Many times universities and institutions are only thinking internally. But with UC Berkeley, that is not the case. It is a great example of social responsibility," Ruppner added.

So far the university has extended its outreach efforts to the San Francisco Unified School District. Tien and some UC Berkeley faculty have targeted Galileo High School in the city.

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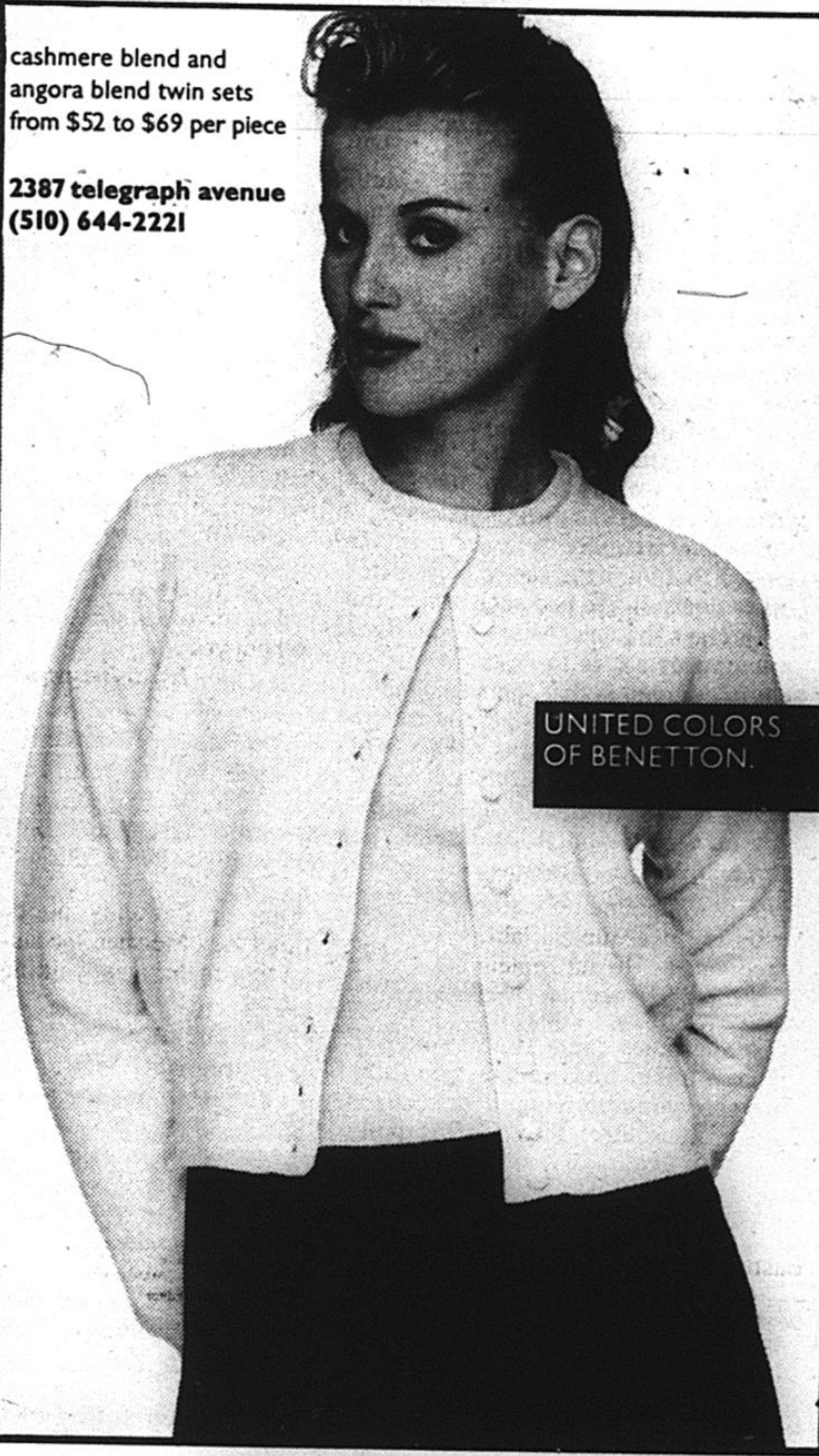
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anything," Bery said after the meeting. "The current status quo policy of the ASUC is to have affirmative action in hiring policies."

He said the bill only reaffirmed the ASUC's current affirmative action hiring policy.

Some senators called the bill a symbolic gesture to those in charge of hiring within the ASUC.

"The people who are in charge of hiring other people within the ASUC really need to adhere to this," said Academic Affairs Vice President Eric Higashiguchi. "I think that's the symbolic importance of the bill."

Higashiguchi, who also co-wrote both measures, said the bill would allow the ASUC to monitor whether the policy is being followed.

In its only other vote that night, the ASUC senate decided to support the re-establishment and the expansion of affirmative action policies in the university's hiring and admissions practices by a 10-4-1 margin.

But beyond debating the two bills, senators said they felt the special session itself may have been unnecessary.

At the meeting, Senator Sharon Yuan asked if there was a political agenda at work in calling the session and questioned whether the special meeting was held in order to receive coverage in The Daily Californian before the Oct. 12 walkout.

Executive Vice President Felicia Sze, who called the special meeting, said media coverage may have been a factor.

"That was something that had to do with it, but that was not my primary objective," Sze said.

Senator Fritz Burkart called the vote political and said the special meeting was held for publicity because of the Oct. 12 walkout.

"It seems to me it's business as usual in the ASUC senate," Burkart said after the meeting. "It's a little bit upsetting."

He added that he believed neither of the two bills would have any serious impact on the regents' decision.

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Get a Clue

I think I overestimate the intelligence level of the general public. Now, I'm not claiming to be the brightest bulb on the Christmas tree, but I've noticed that some people are just complete morons.

For example, I was sitting in lecture a couple of weeks ago, and my friends and I were laughing at the fact that our guest speaker bore a striking resemblance to the star of "Welcome Back, Kotter." A girl in the row in front of us turned around, and we got the big "Sssshhhhhhhhhhh."

After we wiped her spittle off our faces, we apologized and truly made an effort to be quiet. But, at the conclusion of lecture, the same girl turned around and in her snotty voice said, "You guys really need to learn to shut up. I've met six-year-olds with more self-restraint. You're acting like you're in high school." When she was done with her little speech, one of my friends (from New York, surprisingly enough) fired expletives at her and threatened her with violence if she didn't shut up. I calmly suggested that our disgruntled classmate sit in the front row with the other dorks if she had such a hard time paying attention.

In class the next week, to my dismay, the girl who had reprimanded us sat in the exact same spot. The only conclusion I could come to is that she's like the little kid who touches the hot stove and gets burned, yet touches the same stove over and over and over. Why? Because she's a moron who does not have a clue. Maybe she inhaled too many gas fumes or was fed too much Tuna Helper as a small child.

And what about these clueless people who work at the Tang Center? They call themselves doctors, but we all know that they are glorified nurses. I personally think they received their licenses to practice medicine through some "Sally Struthers" type program where they can study in the comfort of their own home by examining and diagnosing their pets with various illnesses. For the life of me, I can't figure out why I am given a throat culture every time I find myself in Clinic #2, no matter what ailment I have. "Oh, you think you're pregnant? Well, let me give you a throat culture, because you know, pregnancy is a symptom of strep throat." Oh, really?

And then on the eighth day, God created the O.J. jurors ...

These guys are in a "clueless class" of their own. I don't know about you, but in light of the verdict delivered last week, I'm feeling really confident in our legal system. If I'm ever on trial for committing a heinous crime, I find solace in the fact that 12 people who aren't even smart enough to get themselves out of jury duty will be deciding my fate.

I can just imagine the questions that were asked during the screening process:

Where do you live? In a cave.

Who's the President? Ronald Reagan.

What's 2+2? Uh ... 3?

When was the last time you saw the light of day, read the newspaper, or watched TV? I last left my cave in 1983.

What's your favorite TV show? "Welcome Back, Kotter."

What's your favorite line from "Forrest Gump?" "Stupid is as stupid does."

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I think that there could easily be some additions to the 10 Commandments, exclusively for the stupid people on this earth.

11th Commandment: *Thou who worketh in any job which requireth customer service (i.e., the bank, the post office or Taco Bell) must be incompetent and weareth a look of bewilderment on thy face as thou doleth out money, stamps or the wrongeth amount of tacos.*

12th Commandment: *Thou who walketh on Telegraph in a large group shall not walk faster than three paces per hour so that the people behind you cannot passeth and are tortured by listening to an annoying conversation in a foreign tongue.*

13th Commandment: *Those who appeareth on talk shows such as Ricki Lake shall not have an I.Q. above 50 and must be Poor White Trash.*

14th Commandment: *Thou with bad breath, foul body odor and food between your teeth must invade the personal space of the persons you talketh to as you bore them to tears with stories about your cat.*

15th Commandment: *Thou who sits in the front row of lecture shall inundate thy Professor with stupid questions and cause thine entire classeth to stay 10 minutes late.*

Follow these Commandments, my stupid people, and you shall live long, prosperous lives to the annoyance of those who surround you.

Sarah Moses is a highly intelligent junior majoring in English.

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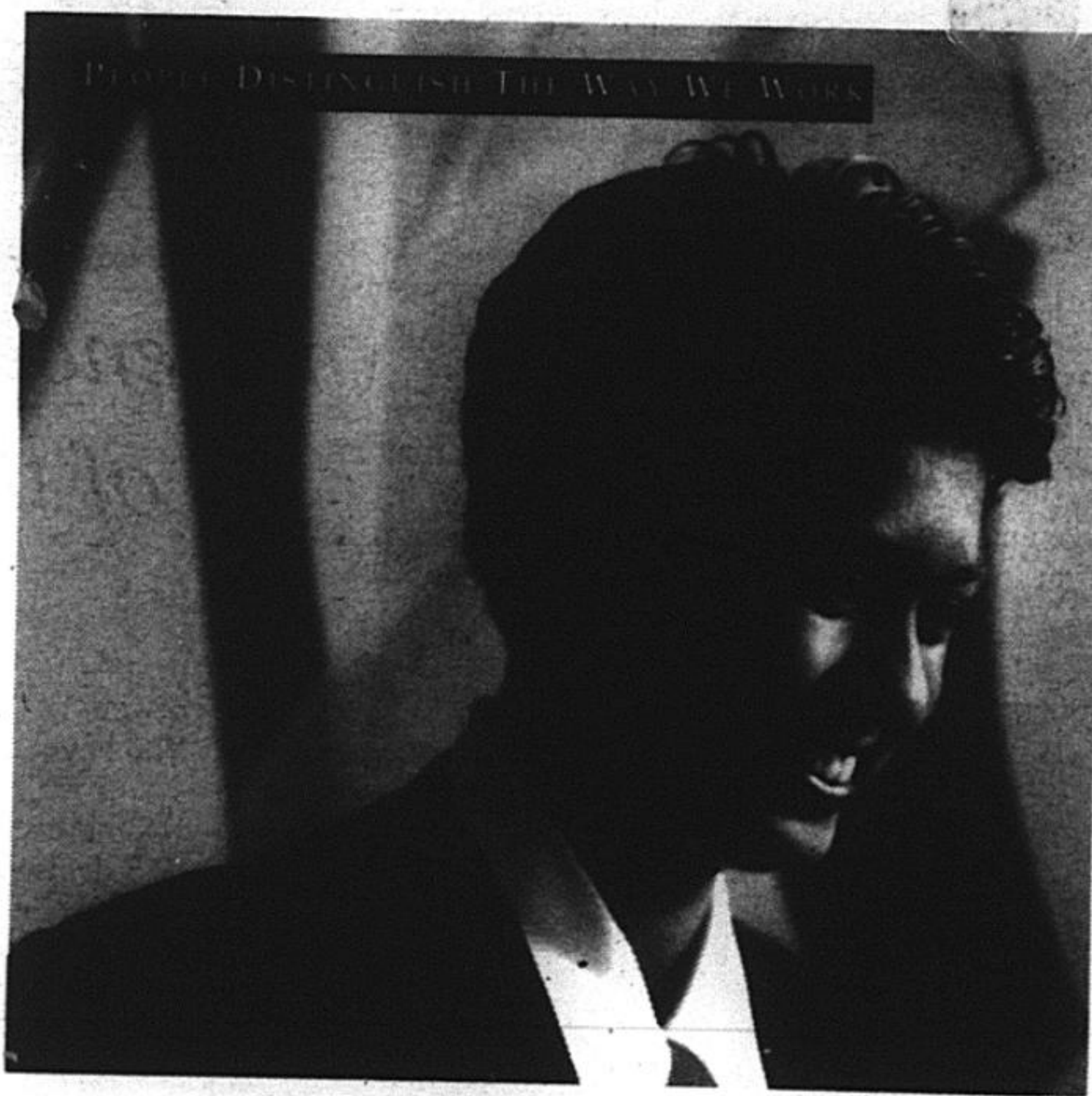
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FEATURES

Coming Out on Campus



By Ruth Herron
Contributing Writer

Sophomore Philip Huang was close to tears when he first spoke out about being gay.

"I was shaking. I was going to vomit," said Huang, a member of Cal B Gay, a UC Berkeley support group for gay and lesbian Asian students.

"I was practicing saying it in my head, and finally I said it. I'd never heard myself say it before," he said.

Like Huang, many gay and lesbian students often come to terms with their sexuality once they enter college.

Afraid and insecure, some hide the truth for years or forever. But others, finding courage and support at UC Berkeley, "come out of the closet."

UC Berkeley senior Chris Brown, who came out during the spring semester of his first year, attributes his decision to the liberal atmosphere on campus and the open nature of the gay community.

"What I needed was exposure. I needed to know that there was something out there for me," Brown said, adding that he felt suffocated by hiding his homosexuality.

"It just hurt to know there was a community out there but I couldn't participate in it," he said.

However, others said that while UC Berkeley has a liberal reputation, there is still homophobia.

Duc Lee, a sophomore and the administrative coordinator for the Queer Resource Center (QRC), a campus support group, said he has occasionally heard insults and slurs from passersby while sitting at an information table on Sproul Plaza.

"It makes me wonder how accepting the campus is in general," Lee said. "Berkeley is not 100 percent receptive."

Some students can only come out after they deal with individual feelings.

Most gays and lesbians have spent at least 20 years hiding their feelings, according to Tom Merrifield, director of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Counseling Program at the Tang Center. Merrifield added that they also have to deal with both external and internal homophobia.

Huang said he used to view his future "from deep within the closet."

"When I was in high school, I thought, 'Oh, my God. I'm going to get married, have kids and die in the closet,'" he said.

But coming to college gave him new hope: "Maybe I'm not going to die in the closet. Maybe by graduation, I'll come out."

Huang said he had two "coming outs" — one in the gay community and the other in the Asian community.

"Before that, I thought white was beautiful. I never looked at blacks, Hispanics or Asians. (Then) I started finding Asian men attractive," he said.

Sarah, a sophomore who did not wish to reveal her last name, came out during her first year at UC Berkeley. Before that, she buried her feelings and tried dating men.

"I wanted to be able to love and I just couldn't ... It becomes an insecurity that you just can't be in a rela-

tionship, that you just can't love someone," she said, adding that she has entered a "whole new world."

While coming out welcomes a "new person," it also may require letting go of the old one.

"You've built up an image of yourself for so long," Sarah said. "That has to completely change. The

she felt she might be labeled.

"Last year, when I needed most to go, I couldn't go. Deep down I still have a complex," she said.

There are several groups on campus that offer support, such as the Queer Resource Center (QRC) and Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian Gay Alliance (MBLGA), both in Eshleman Hall.

Tonight, in celebration of National Coming Out Day, QRC and MBLGA will present Out Fest, a celebration of coming out. The event will feature performances and speakers and will take place out. The event will feature performances and speakers and will take place tonight from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the International House. Some of the campus groups are geared toward all students, while others focus on particular religious groups, ethnicities and fields of study.

"Each of the groups serves a purpose," Lee said. "With the smaller ethnic groups, people have a bond ... It's different being white and gay

than it is being black and gay. There are different issues to deal with."

But Lee added that "being gay doesn't mean you have to be in a support group."

Students can also meet with counselors at the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Counseling Program at the Tang Center on Bancroft Way.

Sarah said her mother cried when she found out about her daughter's homosexuality 1½ months ago. Sarah's father still does not know.

"It took me almost eight months to deal with it myself, so I couldn't expect her to be immediately cool with it," she said.

While she calls her parents liberal, Sarah said it was difficult for them because they saw her as a model daughter — one who was active in high school and who dated men. When she finally told her mother, that image disappeared.

It was hard telling her mother, Sarah said, because "they think they know me really well. I'm lying to my father a lot now. I never would before."

"Loss is a very key piece to this," said Amy Robbins, a counselor with Tang's Gay Counseling Program.

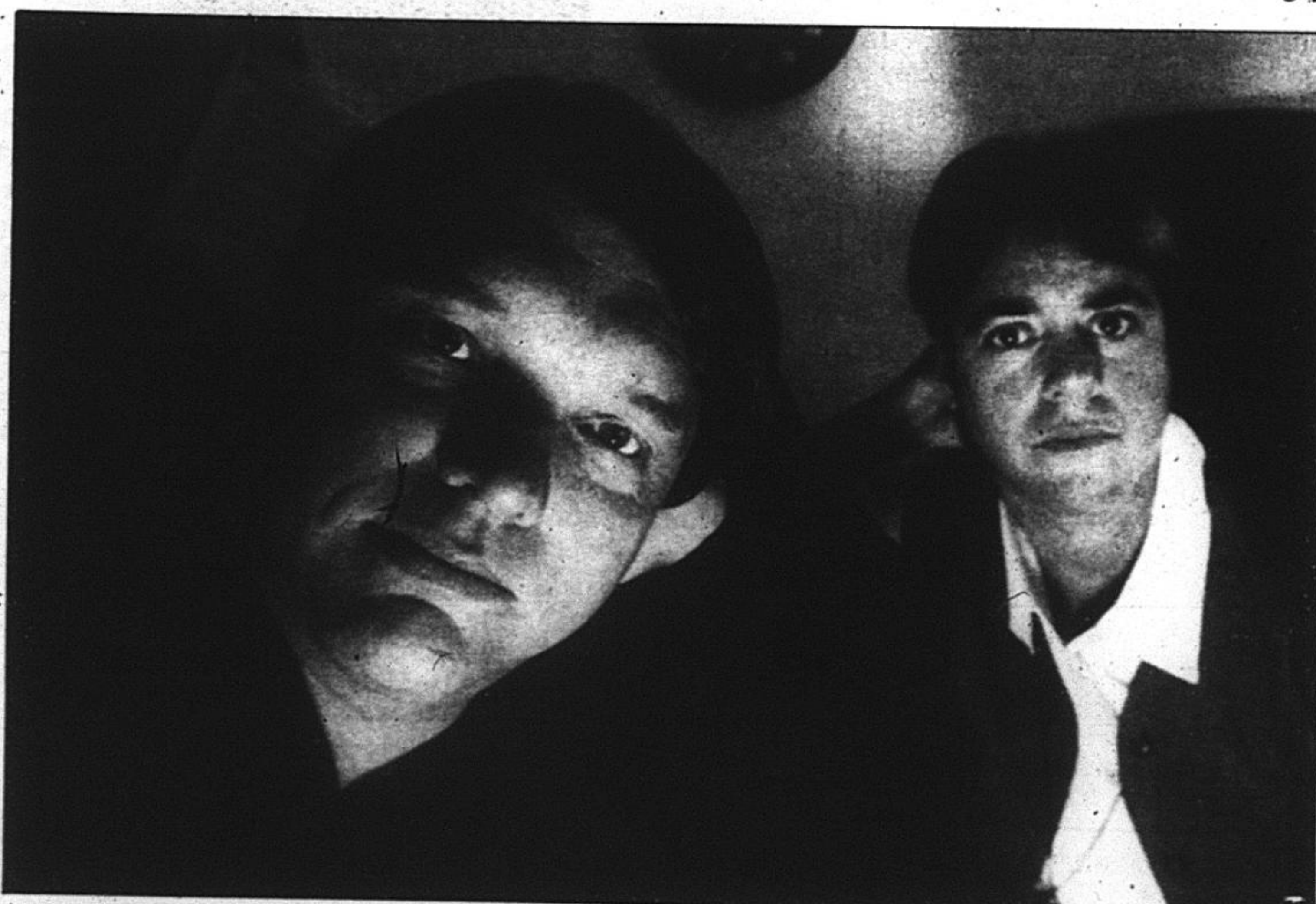
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Gay students and counselors recount the experience of coming out of the closet

side of you that you've suppressed for so long becomes so much a part of your life, it's in everything you do. You have to deal with it all the time.

And even "out" students have to deal with lingering insecurities about being gay.

Sarah avoided attending counseling or joining support groups, where



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(Above) Senior Chris Brown, a member of the Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian Gay Alliance, hugs a friend. (Left) Director Tom Merrifield and counselor Amy Robbins of Tang Center's Gay Counseling Program.

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who is also lesbian. Robbins said individuals need time to deal with their families.

Brown was apprehensive about telling his mother as well.

"The way I could imagine it was that I would tell her, she would go into shock, cut me off financially and that sort of thing," he said.

In Brown's case, he never had to tell his mother because she already knew. When she finally approached him about it, he was in shock and needed time to deal with the situation.

Culture often adds a different twist to telling family members.

Huang, who was born in Taiwan and came to the United States when he was nine, has not told his parents. But, he believes his mother suspects he is gay.

On a recent visit home, she asked him to watch "The Wedding Banquet," a film about a young Taiwanese man in the United States who tries to hide his homosexuality from his parents by marrying a female friend.

He avoided watching the movie with his mother and said he hopes to tell his parents when he is ready.

"If they find out, it's fine, but I'm not going to actively tell them," he

said. "I'm scared of being cut off financially. I've seen it happening to a lot of people I know."

While he has gained some financial independence, Huang said he still is "afraid of their negative reaction."

"If you're raised Chinese, you're sort of brainwashed to live up to your parents' expectations, living a life they have planned for you," he said.

Students who remain "in the closet" often feel extremely afraid and lonely.

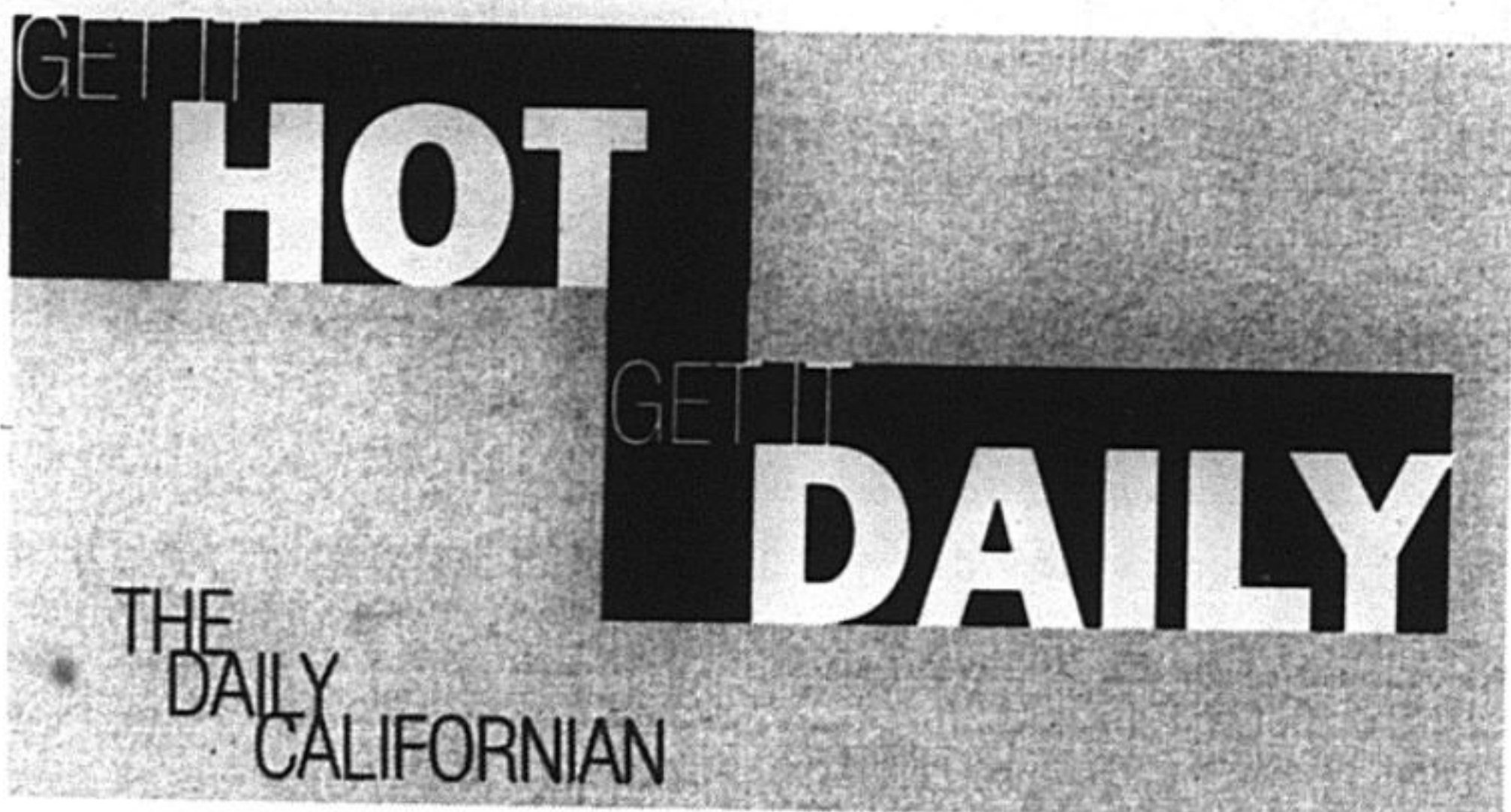
"The hardest thing was when I knew, but I hadn't told anyone yet," Sarah said. "It's easy to shut people out and a lot harder to let them know."

When she was finally able to open up to and tell her friends, it had a domino effect. As she told more people, she received more support.

"Anyone who is really thinking about coming out should tell someone," she said. "Usually people are a lot more understanding than you think."

Robbins said support services make the process easier for students.

"Students should go out and find support, talk with friends who are gay or go to one of the campus groups and make friends there," Robbins said. "Students shouldn't come out without people to support them."



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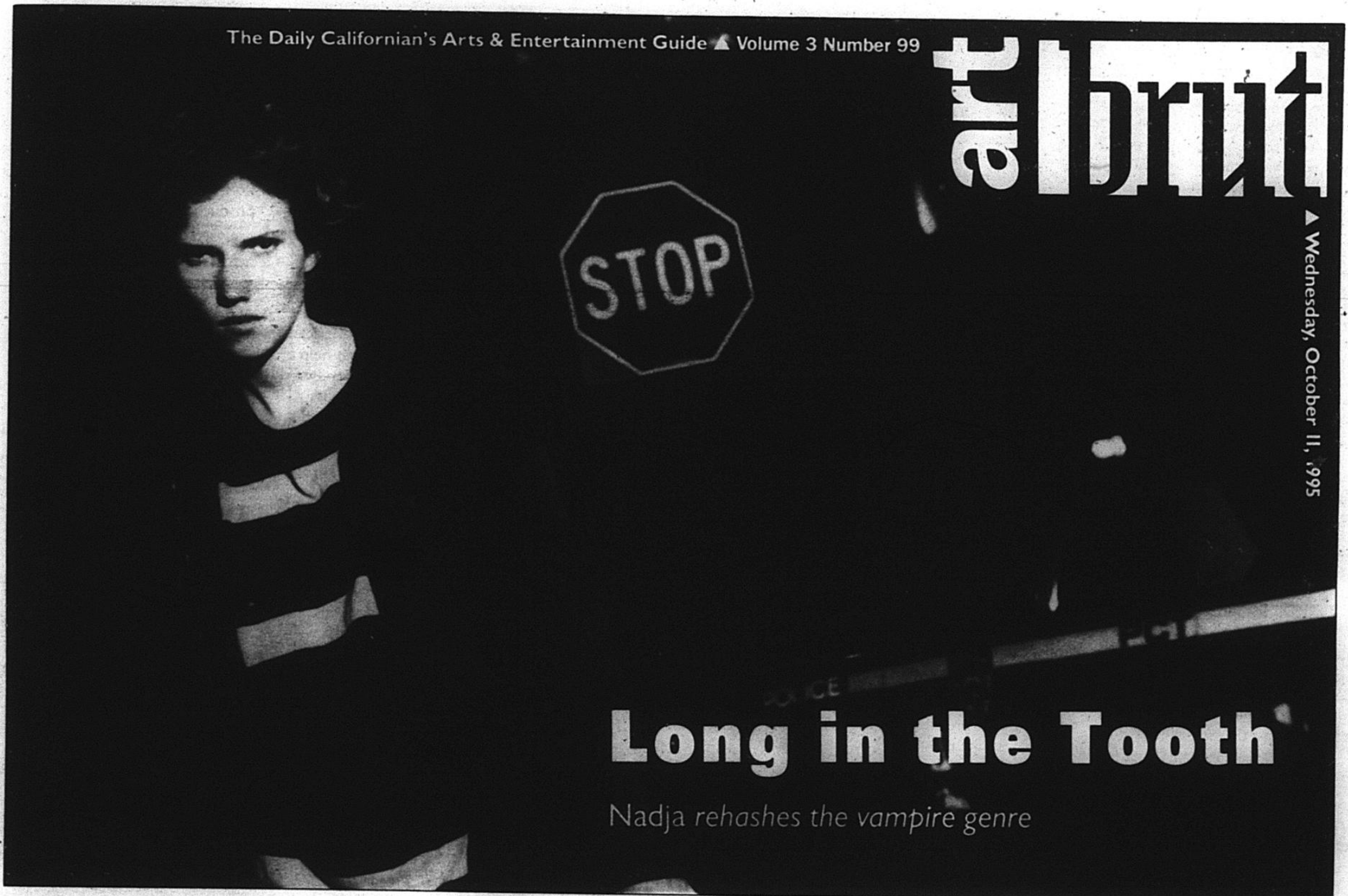
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Long in the Tooth

Nadja rehashes the vampire genre

Galaxy Craze as Lucy in Nadja

BY CHRIS VOGNAR

Joe Bob Briggs goes to the art house in *Nadja*, the latest cinematic spin-off of Bram Stoker's *Dracula* story. David Lynch produced this charming, black-and-white piece of camp-trash — which is just one of many reasons why you shouldn't take it too seriously.

Nadja boasts the considerable over-directing talents of Michael Almereyda. He is best known for over-writing the script to last summer's disastrous *Search and Destroy*, which featured Dennis Hopper in high spastic form.

Hopper was apparently unavailable this time around, so Almereyda went out and found another easily excitable *Easy*

Rider refugee: Peter Fonda as a glassy-eyed, bicycle-riding Van Helsing, the fearless vampire killer.

Fonda doesn't really chew the scenery; he slowly, methodically gnaws at it. Call it ham *al dente*. Zooming through chiaroscuro New York streets on a beat-up ten-speed, Fonda looks and sounds like a frazzled bike messenger. "Blood is like chewing gum to these creatures," Van Helsing warns his nephew (Martin Donovan), sounding a tone of deadpan absurdity that thickens as the film wears on.

Van Helsing's big prey is Nadja (Elina Löwensohn), a mysterious, homesick vampiress looking to get out of the living dead racket. Traveling around the city with a chain-smoking Renfield (Karl Geary) in search of her estranged twin brother Edgar (Jared Harris), Nadja finds the time and desire to do a little dining along the way. This being a *Dracula* spin-off, one of the victims is named Lucy, played by Galaxy Craze (yep, that's her given name). This liaison

allows us the glitzy, post-modern vampire/lesbian sex scene that seems to be a staple of blood-sucking chick flicks, like Tony Scott's *The Hunger*.

While Almereyda may not want to admit it, *Nadja* has much in common with Scott's MTV/horror pastiche. Like Scott, Almereyda has a bit too much fun with his toys. *Nadja*'s big gimmick is called Pixelvision, a grainy, semi-hallucinatory look created with a discontinued Fisher-Price camera. Every few minutes or so, when the pace starts to drag a bit, we get a fuzzy, grid-like shot of Vamps In

Action. It's a little like looking too closely at someone's pores — and almost as enjoyable. Almereyda also throws in some 35mm footage,

just to keep us on our toes, and relies on heavy doses of forgettable, melancholy modern rock (mostly from Portishead).

What *Nadja* has over other half-assed horror movies is a genuine sense of humor, the kind that never gets cheeky enough to turn us off completely. Lucy's pet tarantula is named Bela — a gag so easy and obvious that we must admire its sheer audacity. The film also has plenty of fun with the 1990s dysfunctional family angle: the vampire twins harbor a little grudge against their late father, just for being...well, you know, *Dracula*. They kind of resent being raised "by the Black Sea, under the shadows of the Carpathian mountains." They wish they could have grown up like all the other kids. "I'm infected by the curse of this fucked-up family," Edgar tells us, sounding a lot like James Dean with a Transylvanian accent. In other words, *Nadja* tries to tell us that the modern vampire is just like the rest of us, except for the funky hours.

Nadja suffers from a few plot

twists too many; even at 90 minutes, it goes on for about a half-hour too long. The film school

aesthetics also wear a bit thin. But for some good, pretentiously goofy fun, you could do a lot

worse. When it's not trying too hard, *Nadja* manages to be pretty damn funny.

THEATER REVIEW

The Dragon Slayer

BY KATRINA J. LEE

The troubling themes of ethnic stereotyping and assimilation have been drilled into the national consciousness for decades. After a first run in Los Angeles, Eric Michael Zee's *Exit the Dragon* brings a pleasant surprise to Berkeley's Julia Morgan Theater: a successful attempt to convey these old, but sadly ever-relevant themes.

Playwright and actor Zee, who wrote the script in three weeks, infuses familiar social issues with intelligent, sometimes brilliant touches of irony. The play's three characters are Jun-Li Chow (played by Chris Chinn), a militantly pro-Asian, womanizing actor and graduate of Boalt Law School; Vien Vu (played by Tuan Tran), a Vietnamese immigrant who works for Domino's pizza at night and acts by day to support a family of ten; and Dave Woo (played by Zee), a drama school product who scoffs at playing at all-Asian theatres, preferring instead to audition for Shakespeare.

The play's binding premise is a conversation among three Asian-American actors auditioning for the same part. The characters alternately tell their personal stories in soliloquy and surreal shorts.

The verbal sparring between the militant Chow and the whitebred Woo is predictable, as their simultaneous presence on

stage already elucidates the point that the Asian population includes extreme, diverse and often conflicting views. The frustration running throughout the play is expressed in soliloquy, both physical and verbal, by each character. But the ultimate impact of the play derives from the remarkable exuberance of the performances; the three actors powerfully illustrate the tragic paucity of roles available for Asian males.

Zee is the gem of the play. He shows a distinctive star quality in doing impressions of three Asian male roles scripted for a fictitious movie, mocking through the genuineness of the imitation with shrewd attention to detail and timing. He dazzles with a 60-second impression of a third-generation Japanese American from Raleigh, North Carolina, whom friends call "Zeus" because he brings women to their knees with his southern accent.

A product of the UCLA and USC drama departments, Zee found success in Hong Kong for three years as part of the Jackie Chan Film Company. He currently plays a recurring role on TV's "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman." *Exit the Dragon*, originally written as a one-man play, grew out of Zee's own frustrations as an Asian American actor. As Zee puts it, about two substantive television roles come around each year for Asian American actors.

All three characters in the play remonstrate about the Bruce Lee curse, which catapulted an Asian to stardom, but circumscribed every Asian male role thereafter to karate fighter extraordinaire. The play opens with a tongue-in-cheek karate extravaganza, as the placard of a dragon looms overhead, pinned to the stage curtain. The actors subsequently step forward and inform the audience that the dragon is the symbol of the Asian male actor. At the play's end, the actors step forward again and say it is time to exit the dragon and enter the human — hence, the play's title.

While the audience seemed to love the physical, attention-grabbing opening scene, Zee seems to sell himself short here. Zee is a gifted writer, who could have made the dragon an effective symbol without the mock bravado of the fight scene. He could have made a bolder statement without any attempt to act out the role, even in a tongue-in-cheek manner.

The frustration of the Asian actor is most graphically depicted in a painful, eloquently choreographed segment in which Chow is pushed slowly to the ground by a white-faced Zee. Chow prevails in this struggle when he ends up on top of the white face, and yells out in a searing, triumphant voice that he is smarter than the white man, makes more money, and fucks the white man's women.

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Faculty

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Soong added that the number of Asian faculty members have only increased from 6 percent to 8 percent of the total faculty in the past 10 years, indicating a further need for affirmative action.

The speakers demanded that the regents rescind their decision to end the practice.

"It's clear that no matter what decision (the regents) do or do not make, they've already done extreme damage to the university. There's a larger issue going on. This is an issue that affects every one of us in the state. That's why we will continue our efforts," said political science Professor David Leonard.

The organization emphatically supports positive and aggressive efforts to promote diversity at the University of California. Chicano studies Professor Carlos Munoz said he feels this goal of diversity can be achieved when members of the cam-

pus community actively express their opinion.

"The regents must know that I, for one, will not obey the decision that they made on July 20th. We (the faculty) will be part of the movement. We are going to work within the decision-making process to reverse the tide (against affirmative action)," he said.

Addressing the campus shutdown planned for this Thursday, African American studies Professor Barbara Christian said the group plans to comply with the desires of the students.

"We were hired to teach students, and we will teach classes if students want to be taught. We will not evade our responsibilities," she said.

On the UC Berkeley campus, approximately 450 of the over 1,100 faculty members have endorsed a petition denouncing the decision.

In addition, a UC Berkeley faculty forum will be held tonight in Wheeler Auditorium at 7 p.m. Planned speakers include writer Ishmael Reed, poet and Professor June Jordan and Carol Christ, vice chancellor and provost.

Transit

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tivity, Mills said.

One plan currently under consideration would cut several bus lines while introducing a few new "gap closure" lines to cover the areas affected by the cuts.

The \$4 million grant pleased Charlie Betcher of the Rescue AC Transit Committee. "It does buy us respite to get measures on the ballot," Betcher said.

Betcher suggested placing measures on the ballot that would increase income and property taxes and divert the extra revenue to AC Transit. He also suggested that residents vote on a bond measure that would provide transit funds.

Dragon

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This scene might offend some as sexist and racially separatist, but it poignantly conveys inner pains which many will remember as the crux of the play.

Zee also shows he can go beyond the surreal to make a point, allowing his characters to play out their impossible dreams. For example, Chow and Vu act out a scene from a script Chow has written about an Asian-American lawyer who reaches out to help a Vietnamese refugee in a foreign country. The play-acting ends when Vu pins down Chow with a ferocity evincing his real-life frustrations as a struggling immigrant actor.

Three stools and the ever-present dragon placard provide the only props of the show. Used to enhance humorous

commentary on contemporary hipness, the music is easily recognizable from pop culture, including bits from the *Pulp Fiction* sound track and David Bowie's "Fame."

Exit the Dragon is the latest project from Imerg, Inc., a production company created a year ago by Zee and his wife, actress Ming-Na Wen, who plays Trudy on TV's "The Single Guy" and is best known for her role as June in *The Joy Luck Club*. Wen produced the play, which the couple hopes to bring to New York.

Exit the Dragon plays through October 22 at Julia Morgan Theater. 2640 College Avenue, in Berkeley. \$13 (Students \$10). 845-8542.

Campus

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Boulevard with the protest.

UC San Diego will continue the "freedom city" theme with speakers, teach-ins and various performances in an attempt to transform the student union into a "utopian city, devoid of racism and sexism," according to the UCSD Guardian.

Bay Area schools are participating in the statewide protest as well. Rev. Jesse Jackson is expected to speak at San Francisco State University at 11 a.m., highlighting a day-long schedule of workshops and teach-ins. Jackson is then scheduled to arrive at UC Berkeley.

The UC Regents' ruling first stirred up protest within California, but the fight has spread to many campuses outside the state as well.

The ongoing debate has prompted similar protests on the University of Michigan campus. Student leaders joined the fight, hoping to urge their university regents to hire a pro-affirmative action president to fill the recently vacated office, said one student organizer.

Similar protests are scheduled at Michigan State University.

With anti-affirmative action measures moving through the Michigan State Legislature, student activists see a battle in the works.

Students at New York University also have been active recently, organizing rallies and forums in support of affirmative action. Rallies are scheduled for Thursday.

"People have been very concerned here," said NYU student Steven Rittier. "We have a very diverse campus here. We want to preserve that."

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Davidson Out With Torn Ligaments

Junior Rachel Davidson, a midfielder on the Cal women's soccer team, is expected to miss the Bears'

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weekend trip to No. 19 Oregon State and Montana with torn ligaments in her right ankle.

Davidson, who co-leads the Cal scorers with nine points on the season, injured the ankle during the team's loss to UCLA last Friday. She saw a doctor yesterday and may have an MRI today to learn the severity of her injury, which she said was similar to a bad sprain.

Water Polo Stars on Bear Talk

Nick Kittredge and Brent Albright, two stars on Cal's water polo squad, will be guests on tonight's Bear Talk.

The show airs at 9 p.m. on 90.7 KALX. Listener phone calls are welcome at (510) 642-0993.

Late Collapse Downs Cal in Tourney

Strong start overshadowed by poor final rounds

By Joe Stiglich
Contributing Writer

It isn't his team's sixth-place finish at the Windon Memorial Classic that bothers Cal men's golf coach Steve Desimone. Rather, it's the way in which the Bears arrived at that finish that has the coach worried.

Cal entered yesterday's final round of play in fourth place at the 12-team tournament — quite a feat considering the elite field that assembled for the two days, including powerhouses Florida and Stanford.

But the Bears failed to make any kind of run over the final 36 holes and finished back in the middle-of-the-pack.

"I would not be truthful if I said we weren't disappointed," said Desimone. "Given the way we played the first round (Monday), it's kind of a step down for us."

The Bears teed off Monday morning and shot 295 as a team to sit in second place after one round, two strokes behind Florida. But the team collapsed during the second round Monday afternoon, ballooning to a 313.

That score still left the Bears in decent shape to begin the final round, but they combined for a

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308 yesterday to drop to sixth. For the three days, Cal shot 916 as a team.

Cal opened the final round teeing off from the 10th hole, and, according to Desimone, the Bears fell victim to a back nine that was much tougher than the front nine.

"We took what looked to be a really promising round and limped from (No.) 18 to the first tee," he said.

Desimone singled out holes 16, 17 and 18 as being especially troublesome.

"With one or two exceptions, we took some really big numbers (on those holes)," Desimone said.

Steve Farris, a true freshman who has played in the last two tournaments, tied Nick Marin for the team lead with a 227 over the three days. Farris' first-round 72 actually tied him for second individually before he carded an 80 in the second round.

"I had one bad hole," said Farris. "It's just one of those things everyone goes through. Other than that, I played pretty well."



Nick Marin



Steve Desimone

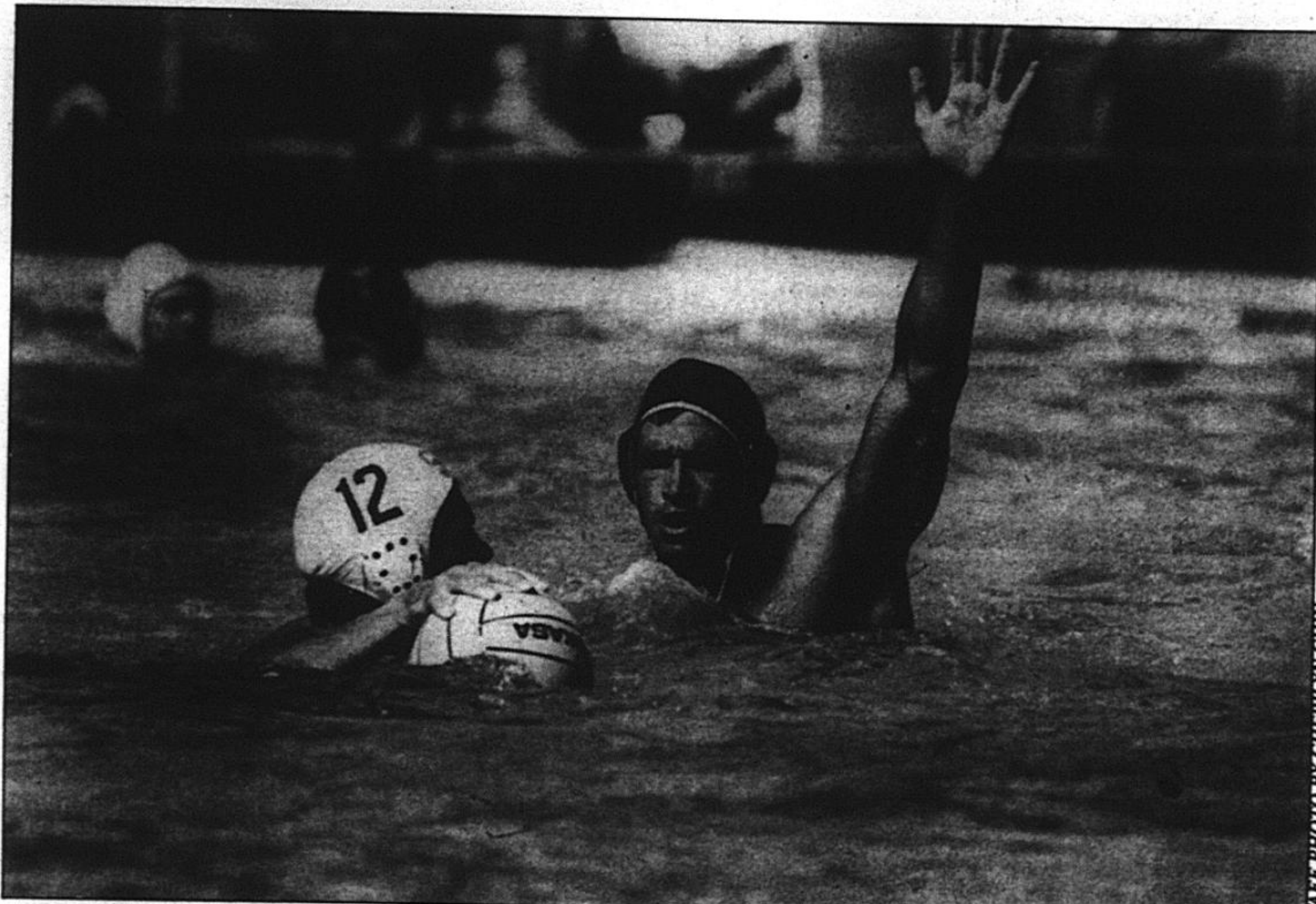
After Farris and Marin, John Schweizer was third on Cal with a 231, and Jay Berkowitz and David Lee each shot 234.

Florida won the title with an 891, while Stanford finished second at 895.

Florida's Josh McCumber won the individual title at 212. Just two shots behind him was Stanford's Tiger Woods, the much-heralded sophomore who is the two-time defending amateur champion.

Desimone said the tendency for the Bears to fade at the end of tournaments does not bode well for Cal in two important tournaments coming up — one at UOP next week and one the following week at USF.

"You'd like to be playing well," said Desimone. "(But) we're not where we want to be."



STAFF PHOTO BY CHERIEEN CHIN

Nick Kittredge, one of only three seniors for Cal, has helped the Bears garner a top ranking.

Water Polo: Bears No. 1 Again

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helped them out. They're physically big enough to present problems to their opponents, and they realize that they are talented enough to play at this level."

In their very first tournament of the season, the Bears shocked then-No. 1 Stanford with a 7-5 victory in the semifinal match. And after the Trojans suffered a loss to UCLA three weeks ago, the Bears were pushed up to a shared No. 1 ranking with USC right before the NorCal Tournament.

"I thought we'd be here at this point, but I don't think anybody else did," said junior Jason Childers. "We have the talent, but more than that we have the heart to win."

Cal did not get the chance to fight for sole possession of the coveted top spot in the NorCal Tournament. Instead, the Cardinal re-established itself and defeated the Bears in the semifinal round.

But USC was not quite ready to relinquish its claims to the No. 1 spot

and won the final game against Stanford in overtime. The situation left the Bears in the No. 3 position going into Saturday's match against the Trojans — an opportunity Cal took quick advantage of.

The Bears climbed back into the No. 1 spot this week by virtue of their 12-7 victory over USC. But the team is the first to recognize how fragile its position is, especially considering their Friday night contest with the Cardinal at Spieker Pool.

"We're ahead of schedule right now," said senior Antonio Gomez. "We're probably about where we thought we'd be at the end of the season, but by the way we've been playing we've shown we have the potential to be No. 1."

"I've been around a long time," said Cal assistant coach Doug Arth. "I definitely didn't expect them to be playing this well together at this point. It's great to think how well they'll be playing for the next two or three years."

Oregon

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league crown; such thoughts would have still been called far-fetched. But most believe things would have gone quite differently for the Ducks if Cal tailback Lindsey Chapman hadn't taken a pitch from Barr on the Bears' first play of the second half and run 61 yards for the touchdown.

Chapman had already chimed in with six points at the close of the first half, but his touchdown seemed like wasted effort against an Oregon squad that didn't punt until the final ticks of the first-half clock.

But Chapman's second TD of the

afternoon set the tone for a six-touchdown Cal outburst that included a key blocked punt by safety Dante DePaola, two trips to the end zone by receiver Damien Semien and one by Uwaezuoke that put the game — partially — on ice.

All that remained was a two-point conversion between Barr and receiver Mike Caldwell that turned a 41-40 contest into a 42-41 Cal win.

"It was 30-0 at the end of the first quarter," said Bears head coach Keith Gilbertson. "That's what I remember most."

When asked if he considered that win his "finest hour," Gilbertson joked back to the media, "When am I going to have my finest hour?" But

his response points to the opposite directions Oregon and Cal have taken over the past two seasons.

In 1994, Cal suffered through an injury-plagued campaign that culminated in a 4-7 record and not much else. Oregon, during that same stretch, was busy surprising everyone with a 9-4 record and the league title.

Cal is currently in the midst of a season that is arguably better than its 1-4 record would suggest. But the Bears are still worlds behind their Eugene counterparts, who stand at 4-1 and would look poised for another title if it were not for No. 5 USC.

All add up to a daunting task for the Bears Saturday? No question. But stranger things have happened.

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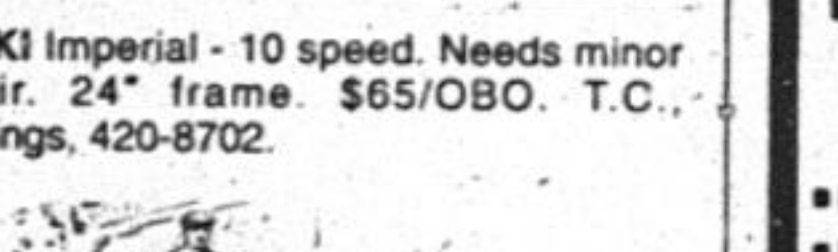
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Hard Times at Home

13-year losing streak continues against Card

By Joe Eskenazi
Contributing Writer

"Right now we can compete well with teams ranked in the top 10 to 25," said Cal women's volleyball head coach Sue Woodstra. "Teams above that we have a really hard time with."

Unfortunately for Woodstra's Bears, yesterday's opponent Stanford is ranked No. 4 — and Cal *did* have a really hard time with the Cardinal, losing in three quick games, 15-6, 15-6, 15-4.

"We just didn't do the fundamentals," said sophomore right-sider Michelle Wickman. "We didn't pass well to run our offense, and we didn't get in our tough serves like we did in Washington. These are the things you need to do, especially against a good team. We didn't take care of that."

Cal (7-8, 3-6 in the Pac-10) played competitively with the Cardinal in spurts during each of the first two games, but bigger and stronger Stanford took control late in both games to build a 2-0 advantage. The Cardinal (13-2, 9-0) then crushed a punchless Cal squad 15-4 in the third and final game.

"I saw a lot of things tonight that will make us a successful team this year," said Cal assistant Ed Cohen. "Still, some of the things that are effective against other schools are not versus Stanford."

That's because the Cardinal are an unusually tall and well-balanced team. The squad features eight players who are 6-foot or taller — including three who are 6-2. And despite team leader Kristin Folkl accounting for only nine kills, Stanford managed to out-kill Cal yesterday, 40-30.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

'I saw a lot of things tonight that will make us a successful team this year. Still, some of the things that are effective against other schools are not versus Stanford.'

—Ed Cohen
Cal assistant coach

"After a while, their size took over," said Woodstra. "They've got a lot of weapons."

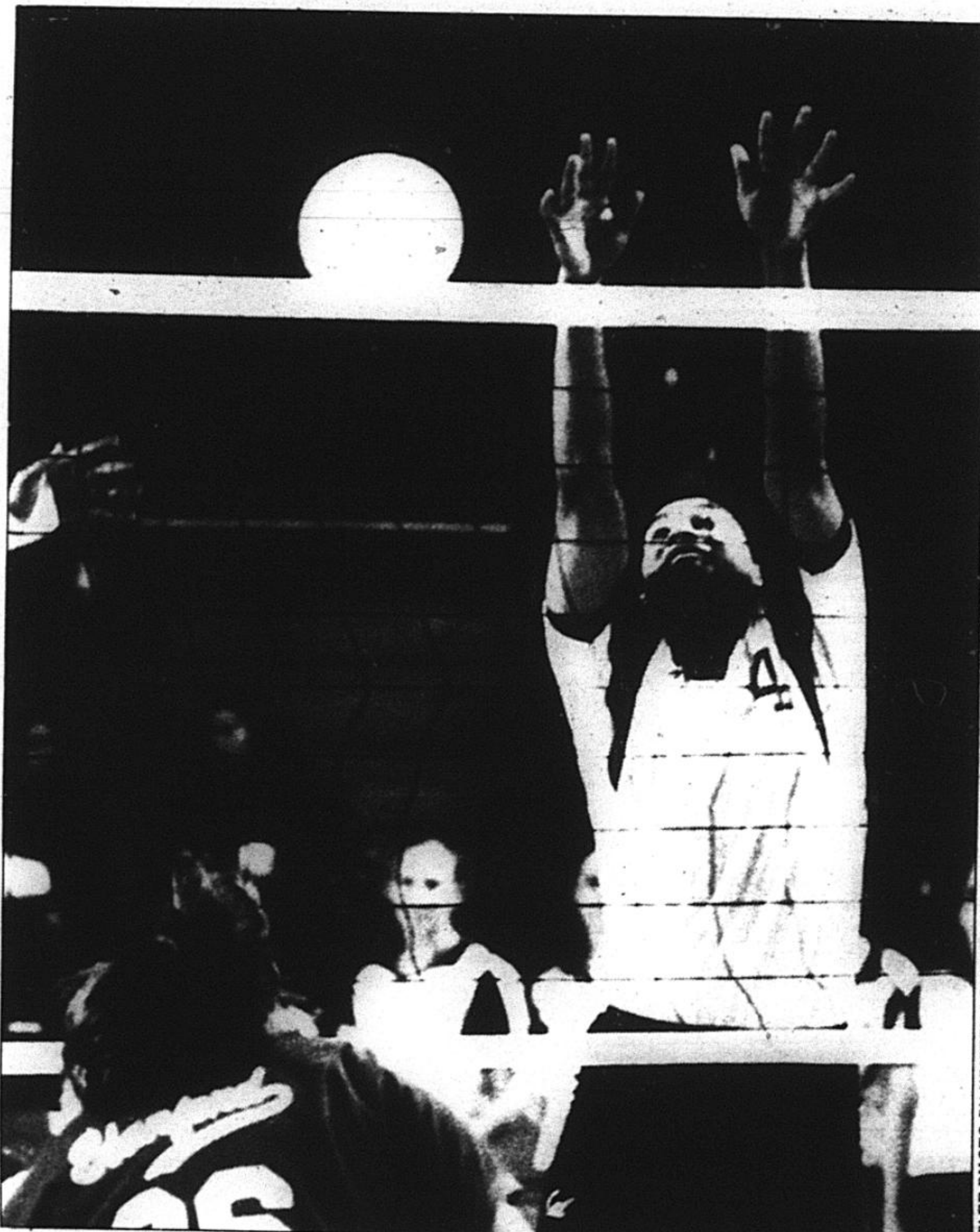
While Cal players and coaches weren't pleased with yesterday's outcome, the defeat isn't seen as a total loss.

"Every match is a learning experience, especially the ones you lose," said Woodstra. "I think we can put this one behind us. This isn't where we're going to end up."

"That's what's so great about the Pac-10," added Cohen. "You're tested 18 times a year by some really tough teams."

The Bears next take on the Houston Cougars on Saturday before heading to Santa Clara next week.

Pac-10 conference play will resume at home Oct. 20 and 21 with matches against USC and UCLA.



Middle blocker Heidi Emmrich and the Bears were swept by Stanford last night.

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Against Odds, Bears Reclaim No. 1 Ranking

By Lora Blum
Daily Cal Staff Writer

In a year when the Cal men's water polo team was supposed to be rebuilding, the Bears find themselves ranked No. 1 for the second time in three weeks.

WATER POLO

Cal began the season picked No. 4 by the College Sports magazine poll, behind Stanford, USC and UCLA. But since beginning play in the '95 campaign, the Bears (13-2, 3-0 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) have earned national recognition by defeating both the Cardinal and the Trojans.

"The guys have really surprised me," said Cal head coach Steve Heaston. "They're a really young team, and a lot of things have

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A Tale of Two Teams, Two Opposite Directions

By Mike Coleman
Daily Cal Staff Writer

There's really no telling why the Bears didn't take their 1993 win over Oregon and proceed to remain undefeated, win the conference and top some bigger, badder Big-Ten school on New Year's Day.

After all, Cal left Memorial Stadium on that second day of October with a perfect 5-0 record and enough confidence to take on anything the Pac-10 had to offer.

Not that it's anything strange for a squad that has disposed of two conference opponents and various other challengers to feel confident. But Cal had just orchestrated a come-from-nowhere, 42-41 win over the Ducks that set a handful of records and could have made just about any team feel rather smug about itself.

"For us to achieve something like that was tremendous," recalled Cal wide receiver Iheanyi Uwaezuoke, who as a sophomore was just beginning to estab-

lish himself as a viable target for quarterback Dave Barr.

Things didn't work out as planned for the Bears; they blew a gigantic lead in a 24-23 loss to Washington the next weekend, and lost three more before closing out the season at a respectable 9-4.

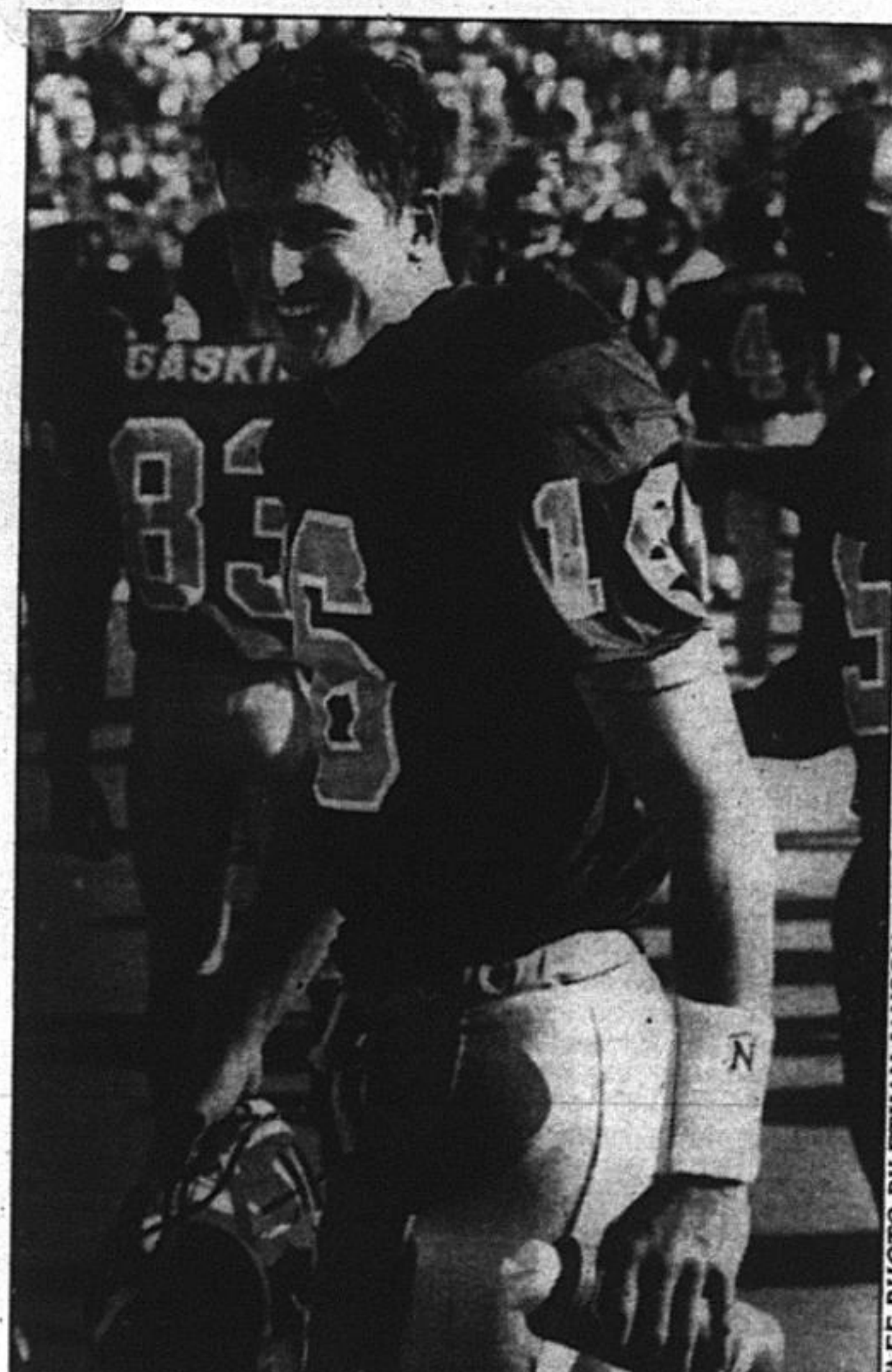
But the Ducks, who themselves sported a 3-0 record coming into the contest, were never quite the same in 1993 after their trip to Berkeley.

"That was a wake-up call for us, and it let us know that we couldn't just act like a good lead makes us unbeatable," said then-offensive coordinator Mike Bellotti, who escorts Oregon to Berkeley Saturday in his new capacity as head coach. "We never quite recovered that season."

The Ducks went on to lose five more contests that season, topping only Arizona State and Washington State along the way.

Going into the season, Oregon was never expected to make any runs at the

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Cal Quarterback Dave Barr was all smiles after beating Oregon 42-41 two years ago.

STAFF PHOTO BY ETHAN JANSON

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Cal senior **TOBY DOMMER** came into the '95 water polo season with pretty big shoes to fill.

As the Bears' starting goalie this year, Dommer had to take over for former Cal star and three-time All American Sean Nolan who graduated last spring. But following in the footsteps of Nolan hasn't seemed to phase Dommer so far.

The 6-foot-6 standout has garnered a total of 90 saves already this season and had an outstanding performance in Cal's upset of then-No. 1 USC on Saturday afternoon. Dommer made nine saves in the Bears' 12-7 victory, including a blocked penalty shot.

The win was the Bears' first victory over USC since November 14, 1993 and helped to move Cal from the No. 3 to No. 1 spot in the rankings this week.



QUOTEBOOK

"I don't know if this team always goes out and expects to win. It's all simple stuff — there's no mystery here."

— Cal wide receiver Iheanyi Uwaezuoke, on the Bears' 1-4 record

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