

# SPORTS MONDAY

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## #24 Gauchos Drop Two Out of Three

■ Pitcher Seth Bean Shuts Out UNLV

By Curtis Kaiser  
Staff Writer

UCSB baseball fans who watched last weekend's series between #24 UCSB and #25 UNLV must have come to only one conclusion: The old saying that pitching is two-thirds of baseball is probably right.

On Friday, fans at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium witnessed one of the Gauchos' (25-13 overall, 7-5 Big West) worst pitching performances ever, as the Rebels (34-12, 8-4) pounded four Santa Barbara pitchers for 22 runs in a 22-4 victory, snapping UCSB's seven-game winning streak. On Saturday, UNLV won once again, 7-4.

On Sunday, however, Santa Barbara got back on track when UCSB sophomore starter Seth Bean (8-2) hurled a magnificent eight innings of shutout ball in a 5-2 Santa Barbara win.

Although Bean did not go the full distance on

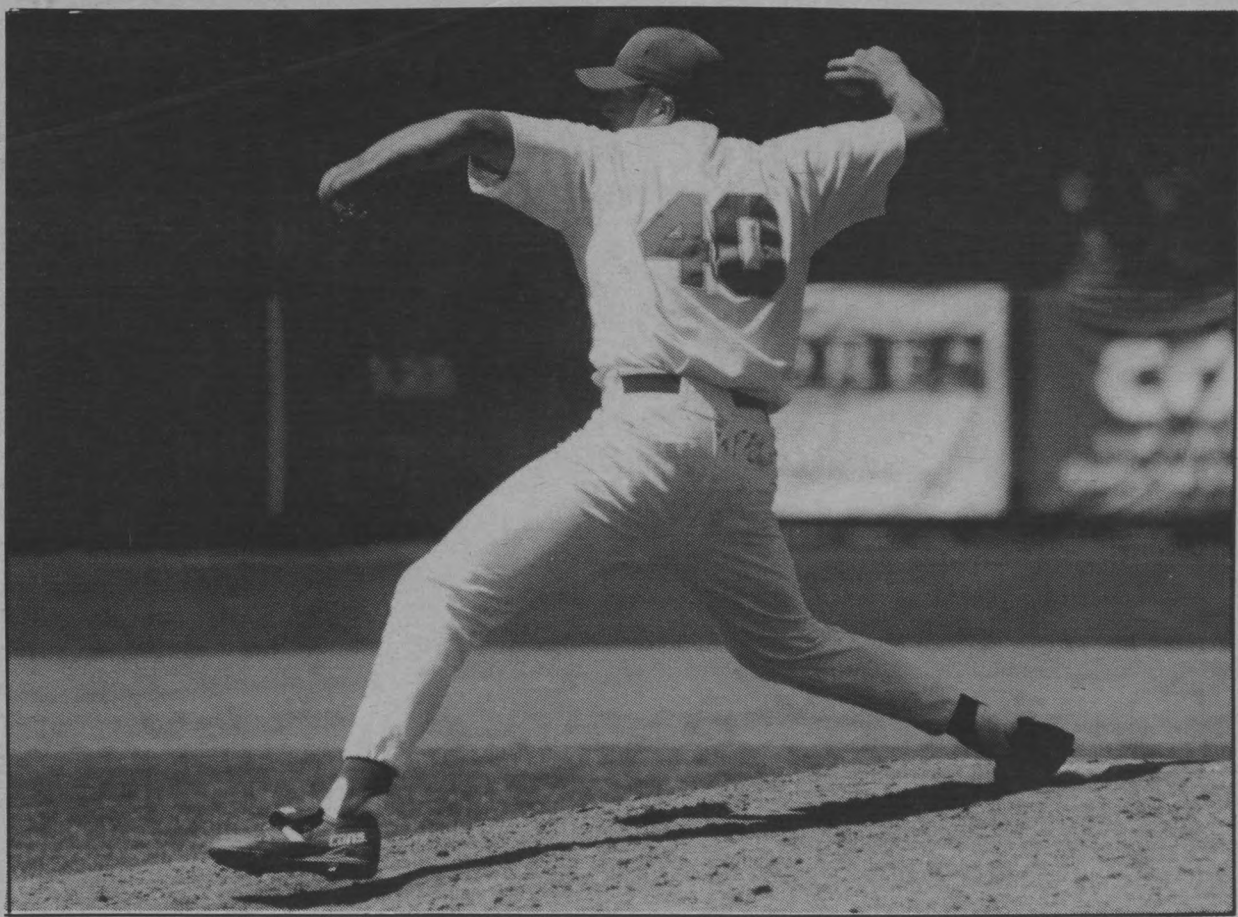
Sunday, within his eight innings he allowed only eight hits and one walk.

Faced with the prospect of a UNLV sweep at UCSB's home park — a sweep that would have dramatically slimmed the Gauchos' chances of earning a top-four spot in the Big West — Bean felt more than a little nervous as he prepared to take the mound.

"I felt that it was the most pressure I've ever had," said the 6'1" right-hander. "But I love it when there's pressure. I step up and I think that I can pitch better."

UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema said that he didn't put any additional pressure on Bean, but that his ace realized that it was an important game for the squad.

"It was a big game and we needed him to step up," said the UCSB skipper. "Pressure is really something you put on yourself, and hopefully he didn't put that much on himself. He certainly didn't pitch like he was under too much pressure. We got



DAN THIBODEAU/Daily Nexus

**AND THE PITCH....** The #24-ranked UCSB baseball squad had its seven-game winning streak snapped on Friday as #25 UNLV jumped all over the Gaucho pitching staff, scoring 22 runs on 28 hits.

great pitching and we played pretty good defense behind him as well."

The Gaucho defensive star of the game was certainly senior third baseman Lou Tapia, who robbed numerous Rebels of base hits, took a few ground balls off his body

and crashed into a fence on the left-field line while making a crucial catch of a foul ball in the ninth inning.

"Lou in particular bodied up and did a great job on a lot of tough balls," Brontsema said. "We've come to expect that from him, but it was awesome. When guys body up and take it for the team and do that type of stuff, it picks the team up. That was evident today."

UCSB's big inning in Sunday's game was the fifth, when junior right

fielder Brett Hardy and junior catcher Dave Willis became the first Gauchos to hit back-to-back home runs since 1993. Senior center fielder Wynter Phoenix, who had a single and a triple on the afternoon, nearly made it back-to-back-to-back, but his shot down the right-field line curved foul just short of the fence.

In the ninth inning, junior closer John Minton came in for his first action of the weekend. Minton continued his struggles from last Tuesday's game

against USC, walking two Rebels and allowing one hit and two runs (one earned) before getting a ground out to end the game.

Willis attributed Minton's difficulties to the fact that the right-hander was leaving some pitches up high and falling behind batters in the count.

"His off-speed stuff is down and he's hitting his spots with his fastball, but he's missing up occasionally and getting behind hit-

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### FRIDAY'S GAME

UNLV 9 0 4 0 2 3 1 0 3 22 28 1  
UCSB 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 3 0 4 6 3  
E - (UNLV) Campbell, (UCSB) Hardy, Phoenix, Young.  
DP - Rebels 2, LOB - Rebels 7, Gauchos 8.  
2B - (UNLV) Adolph 2, Campbell, Eberwein, Hankins, Vincent, Wilkes 2, (UCSB) Kemper.  
3B - (UNLV) Kliner.  
HR - (UNLV) Kliner 1.  
CS - (UCSB) Weitzman, Willis.  
SF - (UNLV) Anthony, Vincent.  
Winner - LaRosa 6-1. Loser - Noyes 5-2.  
Attendance: 427.

### SATURDAY'S GAME

UNLV 0 1 0 3 1 0 0 2 0 7 13 0  
UCSB 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 2 4 8 3  
E - (UCSB) Lehr, Tapia, Young.  
DP - Rebels 1, Gauchos 1, LOB - Rebels 8, Gauchos 7.  
2B - (UNLV) Campbell 2, Hankins, Vincent, Wilkes, (UCSB) Morris, Parker.  
HR - (UNLV) Eberwein (8).  
SB - (UNLV) Tanner 2, (UCSB) Phoenix.  
CS - (UNLV) Adolph.  
Winner - Peril 7-3. Loser - Uris 2-1.  
Attendance: 642.

### SUNDAY'S GAME

UNLV 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 2 9 0  
UCSB 0 1 0 0 4 0 0 0 5 8 2  
E - (UCSB) Morris, Young.  
DP - Gauchos 2, LOB - Rebels 11, Gauchos 4.  
3B - (UCSB) Morris, Phoenix.  
HR - (UNLV) Eberwein (9) (UCSB) Hardy (6), Willis (11).  
SB - (UNLV) Tanner.  
CS - (UCSB) Phoenix.  
Winner - Bean 8-2. Loser - Yeskie 0-1.  
Attendance: 684.

## #4 UCSB Sweeps #13 BYU in Utah, to Face Stanford in MPSF Playoffs

By Jenny Kok  
Staff Writer

Earning their fifth and sixth straight wins at #13 Brigham Young University last weekend, the #4 UCSB men's volleyball team clinched homecourt advantage for the first round of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation playoffs.

By finishing in second place in the Mountain Division of the MPSF, the Gauchos (15-7 overall, 13-5 in the MPSF) earned the right to host #5 Stanford, the third-place finisher in the Pacific Division of the MPSF. The match will take place this Saturday.

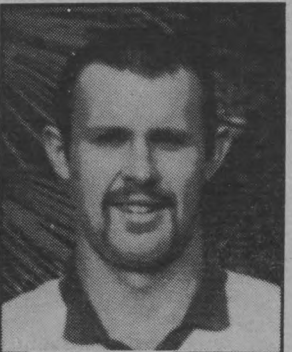
"We played really well," said UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston. "They tested us a little on Friday, but we came back, won on Saturday, and we clinched second place," he said. "I'm very happy to be hosting the first round of playoffs."

On Friday, the Cougars (7-12 overall, 8-14 in the MPSF), put up a fight in the second and third games before falling to Santa Barbara 15-6, 15-11, 13-15, 15-4.

"Our outsides had some trouble on Friday," Preston said. "Morgan Chap-

man hit at .115 and Jason Crone hit at .137. They passed adequately, but our middles [Amaury Velasco and Robert Treahy] and Donny Harris had great games."

Harris, a junior outside hitter, finished with 24 kills at .444 and along with Treahy led the blocking with seven. Velasco added 14 kills for a .500 and 12



Donny Harris

digs, while Treahy pounded out 12 kills at .370 and made nine digs. Leading the defense was Chapman with 19 digs.

On Saturday the Gauchos came out hard, taking the first two games 15-8, 15-6. At that point Preston brought in sophomore setter Adam Renfree, sophomore middle blocker Bob Hefty and sophomore outside hitter Jeremy Darner to finish up the match. They struggled

at first, falling behind 4-9, but came back to win the game 15-12.

"We won the first two games really fast, but the third game took almost an hour," Preston said. "We came out slow in the third, but Morgan hit a .647 and Crone had a better day [hitting .344]."

Crone and Chapman led the offense and the defense with 13 kills and 11 digs, and 12 kills and 12 digs, respectively. Velasco had his strongest performance of the year at the net with nine blocks.

With six straight wins, Preston feels that his team is playing stronger than ever and has more confidence. He indicated that the team has one more job to do before they start thinking about Stanford.

"We're playing Stanford on Saturday, but we can't forget that we have to play Northridge first," Preston said. "This will be a good warm-up match for us. Northridge is a very strong team."

UCSB will take on CSUN at home on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

## UCSB Tennis Falls at Home on Senior Day to the Tigers

By Steven Large  
Staff Writer

Irony. It's a phenomenon that presents itself all too often in this world. Sunday it found its way to the UCSB women's tennis courts.

Santa Barbara, which until Sunday had won six of its last eight matches by a score of 5-4, lost its final match of the regular season to the University of the Pacific in a tight contest, 5-4, dimming the Gauchos' chances of reaching the NCAA regionals.

"You can't win 5-4 every time," said UCSB Head Coach Pete Kirkwood. "UOP played a great match."

The Gauchos' propensity for winning matches 5-4 can be attributed to their top-heavy lineup. After splitting singles play, Santa Barbara has continually relied on victories from its top two doubles teams to pick up a win. But yesterday UCSB's #1 doubles team of seniors Amelia White and Kelly Spencer



DAMON MONTGOMERY/Daily Nexus

**ISN'T IT IRONIC?:** The UCSB women's tennis squad suffered a loss to Pacific on senior day, 5-4.

(ranked 20th in the nation) were unable to come up with the victory, losing to the Tigers' Marsa Kurne and Bente Grina 7-6, 6-2.

"I don't know what happened," White said. "Kel and I had some really good matches [this season], but today we were just kind of sluggish."

For White and Spencer, Sunday's doubles match was the last one of their collegiate careers at UCSB. But White insists that any emotions the two felt about their last home match did not carry over onto the court.

"It wasn't that much of a factor," White said.

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**GOING DEEP!** The Gaucha softball team suffered a pair of losses over the weekend on the road to Long Beach State, falling 6-0 and 1-0.

## Softball Squad Drops a Pair of Games on the Road to the 49ers

By Michael Cadilli  
Staff Writer

They just couldn't buy a run. Long Beach State leads the conference with its 1.77 ERA, and the UCSB softball squad found out firsthand on Saturday why the 49ers are so stingy as the Gauchos failed to get a player across home plate in either game of the double-header on the road.

The result was a 6-0, 1-0 sweep of Santa Barbara (16-20 overall, 5-13 in Big West play) at the hands of LBSU. In the process the 49ers (27-16, 15-5) gave up only seven hits along the way.

"They were tough, but we just weren't hitting," said UCSB center fielder J.J. Cannon, who doesn't believe the losses will carry over into the Gauchos' next game. "I think when we lose, we don't really dwell on it. You just have to look forward to the next game because there's just no point in dwelling on the loss."

In the first game of the two-game set, Long Beach was able to get to Santa Barbara starter junior right-hander Kacie Ontiveros (6-8), who gave up six runs on 10 hits in her seven innings of

work.

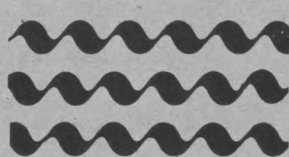
"[Long Beach State] just hit her hard. It was one of those days," said UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly.

Ontiveros had been giving solid outings for the Gauchos of late, but after LBSU scored a run in the bottom of the first inning, 49er first baseman Amanda Adams crunched a 200-foot, two-run homer to break the game wide open.

In the nightcap, junior right-hander Megan O'Brien kept Santa Barbara in the game as she held Long Beach at bay for the first five innings. However, after an error by UCSB junior shortstop Alysia Hendricks that allowed a runner on base, the miscue came back to haunt the Gauchos.

With the runner on third and one out in the sixth frame, a 49er hitter smacked a medium fly ball that Cannon ran down and fired for home to get the tagging base runner at home. But the ball came loose from junior catcher Johnna Mike's glove to allow the only run of the ballgame, giving O'Brien (4-5) the loss.

"[We're] good about letting the first game go, whether we win or lose. But [LBSU] threw a three-hitter and that's not going to work," Kelly said. "We need to get back on track hitting."

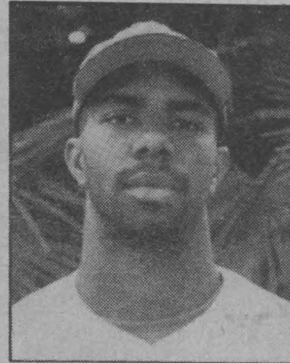


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ters," said Willis. "Good batters when they're ahead in the count are going to hit. UNLV's a really good offensive team, as is USC."

UNLV Head Coach Fred Dallimore was glad his team was able to take two of three on the road, but admitted he was hoping for a third win on Sunday.

"We were thinking sweep. We got swept at Fullerton, so we're in a sweep phase," said Dallimore, who is in his 22nd



Wynter Phoenix

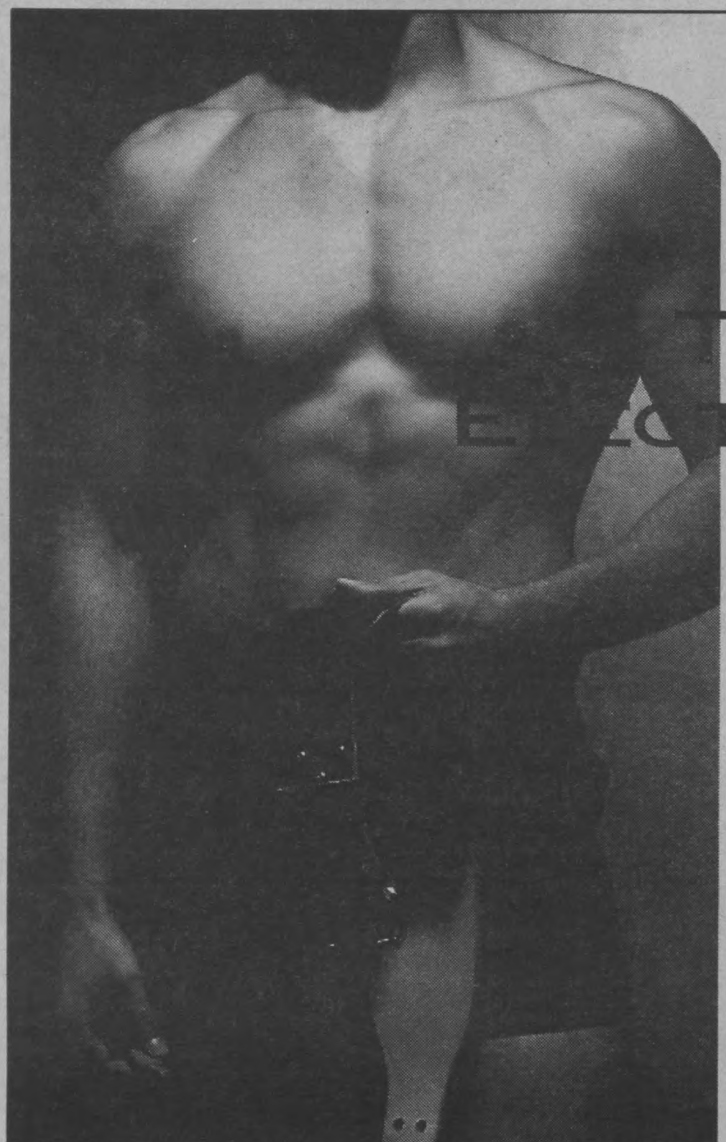
year at UNLV. "We came here to win three ballgames."

On Saturday, UCSB showed some signs of rebounding from Friday's loss, but a ninth-inning rally fell short with the tying run at the plate.

Freshman David Uris (2-1) got the start and gave

the Gauchos some quality innings. Uris scattered 10 hits and one walk over his 7 1/3 frames of work, allowing only two runs. However, three Santa Barbara errors led to four unearned runs and possibly the Rebel win. UNLV starter Tista Perri (7-3) notched the victory, while catcher Stacy Kleiner had three hits to pace Las Vegas. For the Gauchos, junior second baseman Clark Parker and senior left fielder Ryan Kritscher each had two singles. Friday was not a happy day for UCSB hurlers. The UNLV lineup knocked around four Gaucha pitchers for 28 hits and 22 runs, nearly tying the team's record for most runs allowed (23), set back in 1963 against UC Berkeley.

Junior starter Bryan Noyes (5-2) was the most unfortunate of the Santa Barbara pitchers, losing only his second game of the season. Noyes had earned a complete-game victory at UOP a week ago and had been the squad's hottest pitcher. On Friday, however, Noyes allowed eight hits and eight earned runs without recording an out, raising his ERA from 4.56 to 6.85. Junior reliever Jorvic Salazar also had a rough outing, allowing 13 hits and nine earned runs in six innings. Salazar's ERA jumped from 4.76 to 6.08.



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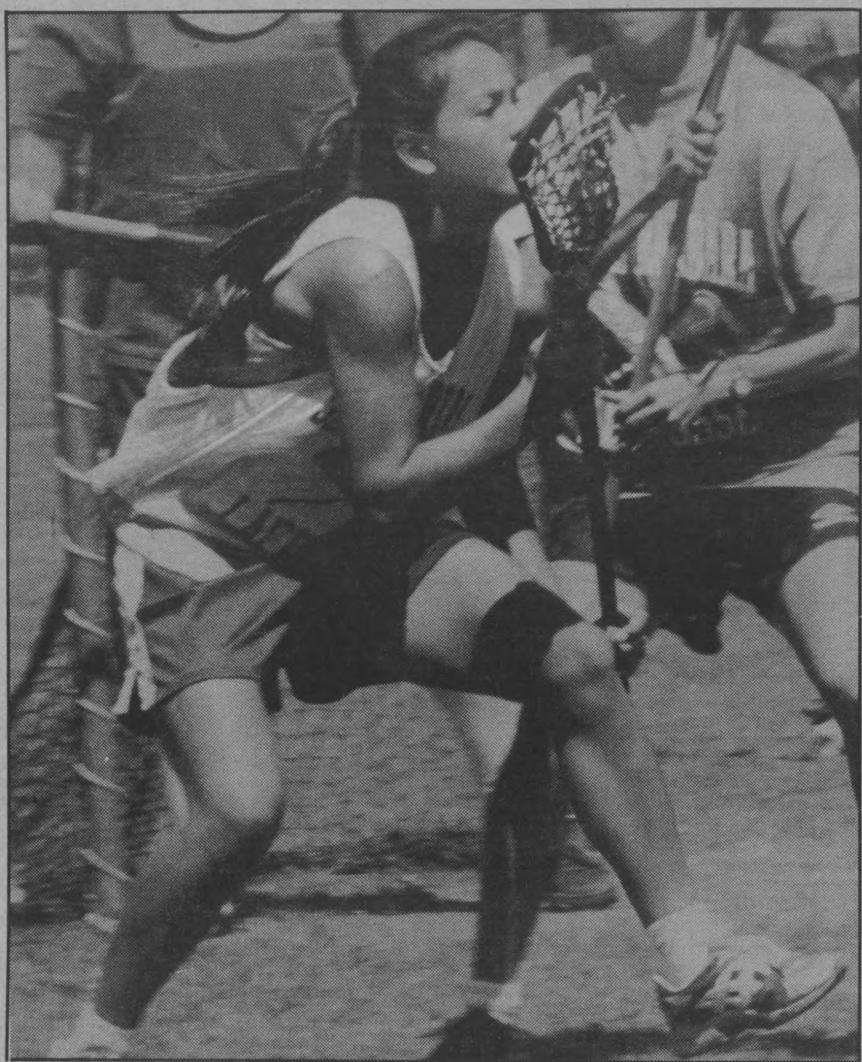
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## SENIORS

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"Everything played a role [in the loss]. We wanted to win for our rankings, we wanted to win for Pete [Kirkwood]."

Sunday's home match was also the last one for Gaucho #1 singles player Jean Okada. The 32nd-ranked Okada finished off her regular-season career by winning both her singles and doubles matches. She beat Kurne 6-2, 7-6 in

singles play and teamed up with junior Page Bartelt to defeat Marcela Sanchez and Tanya O'Neil 6-3, 6-1 in doubles.

Bartelt also won her singles match over Grina 6-2, 6-2.

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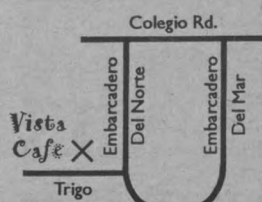
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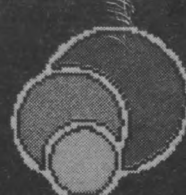
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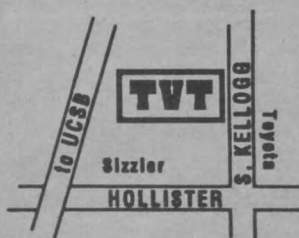


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