

Gauchos Return to the Riviera

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RETURNING TO THEIR timelessly beautiful campus, a group of UCSB's earliest alumni shared memories at the Riviera Reunion on Saturday, April 25th.

"I remember in 1945 there were only four men on campus," shared Gerry Turner, who was celebrating her 60-year Reunion. "After the first of the year the veterans all came back on the GI Bill."

The majority of Reunion guests attended the Santa Barbara Teacher's College before it became part of the University of California system at the classic mission-style campus above Alameda Padre Serra in Santa Barbara's Riviera.

Harvey Schechter, Class of 1947, shared that he rode to school everyday of his freshman

year on a horse, in part because of gasoline rationing during World War II.

"It was a big family," Schechter recalled of his classmates. "We all carried blankets. Classes ended at about two in the afternoon, and it was straight to the beach."

Santa Barbara Teacher's College started in 1909 as the School of Manual Arts and Home Economics and survives to this day in the form of UCSB's Gevirtz Graduate School of Education. In

recognition of the school's 100th Anniversary, reunion guests were given the opportunity to help develop a history of the school by participating in brief video interviews in which they will share the fond memories they share every year at the Riviera Reunion.

For more information on the Alumni Association, call 893-2288 or visit www.ucsbalum.com. For more information on the Gevirtz School, call 893-5789 or visit www.education.ucsb.edu.



Alumni Association Executive Director **George Thurlow** and **Elsie Whitaker**



Standing: UCSB Gevirtz School Dean **Jane Conoley**, **Mary Lou Roeder Rusnik**, and **Ruth Stoneman**. Seated: **Stan Martin Lokken**



Alpha Phi sorority sisters. Back row: **Gerry Turner**, **Elaine Strobel Linhoff**, **Joann Vanstone Anderson**, and **Shirley Quinn Bowen**. Front row: **Juanita Acha**, **Shirley Andrews Conley**, and **Judith Van Horn Hill**

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