

# Sports MONDAY

## #15 Gauchos Deal New Mexico State's Aggies a 21-Point Defeat

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When it rains, it pours, and senior Stacy Clinesmith and freshman Jess Hansen were soaking New Mexico State with three-pointers.

So goes Saturday night's game at Las Cruces, where the #15 UCSB women's basketball team defeated New Mexico State 86-65. The backcourt duo of Clinesmith and Hansen had 15 points each, and each hit three three-pointers to lead UCSB (17-3 overall, 5-0 in the Big West) to its 13th-straight win.

In fact, Clinesmith didn't miss a shot all game, draining all five of her shots from the floor, plus a pair from the charity stripe. Hansen, who has come off the bench to score in bunches this season, went 5-7 from the floor and also hit both of her freebies.

UCSB Head Coach Mark French's comment, "Stacy and Jess were on fire," could have been the understatement of the day.

But, it didn't start all well for the Gauchos. Santa Barbara was only up 10-9 after missing five straight outside shots. But UCSB's scoring pair didn't allow a slow start to darken the Gauchos' spirits, igniting a 31-10 run with their sharp shooting.

It wasn't just Clinesmith and Hansen

that were *en fuego*. Junior guard Erin Buescher continued to make the nets sizzle with a 9-16 performance en route to 19 points and 11 rebounds — her 10th double-double of the season. Buescher was also stellar on the other end of the floor, blocking a pair of shots, and nabbing two steals.

"It kind of made me chuckle," Buescher said about NMSU's notorious band who is known for giving opposing players a bad time at the Pan American Center. "We were forewarned about this band. It's kind of fun to play well in front of them."

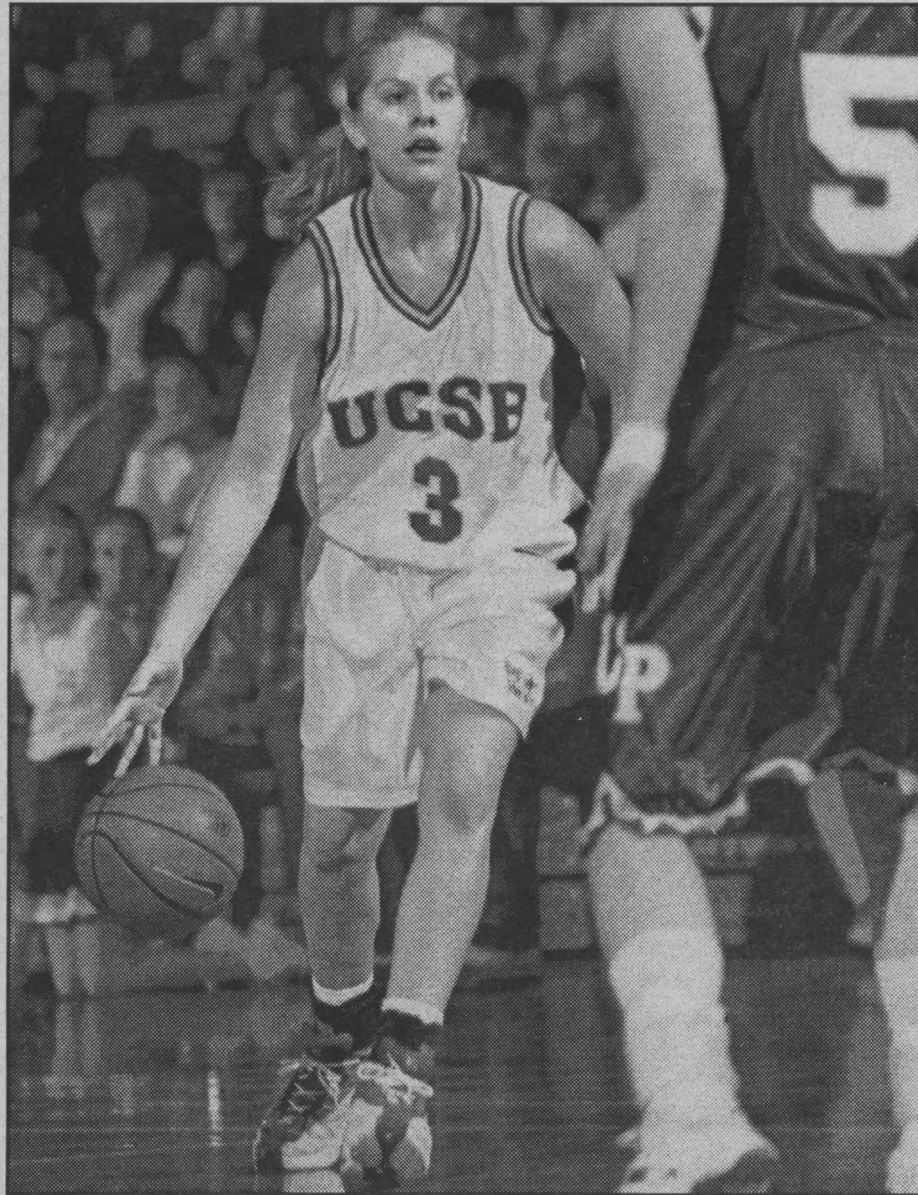
Kristi Rohr, who earlier in the week moved up to the fourth all-time leading scorer at UCSB, had seven points to give her a career total of 1,503. The senior forward is 16 points behind former Gaucho star and current Gaucho coach Barb Beany for third place.

Santa Barbara was out-rebounded 32-31, and the only other Gaucho besides Buescher to collect more than three boards was senior wing Tawnée Cooper, who had six to go along with her six points.

"I wasn't thrilled with our rebounding," French said.

Junior Rachele Rogers, typically known for her tough defense, added 13 points for UCSB.

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**RUNNING THE POINT:** Sophomore guard Kristyn Miller and the #15-UCSB women's basketball team are clobbering the rest of the Big West and have a 13-game winning streak.

## Gauchos Blown Out in Second Half After Fast Start Against Long Beach

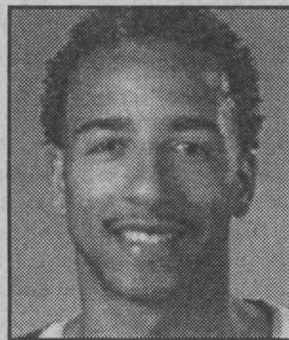
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Long Beach State was picked by many to run away with the Big West's Western Division this season. On Saturday, it faced last year's winners in UCSB, and showed how the tables have turned.

UCSB started off the game scorching the nets in the Pyramid, hitting eight of nine three-pointers in the first 11 minutes of play. But, LBSU woke up, regained the form that has led it to a 14-3 overall record and perfect 6-0 Big West record, and took over the game. What ensued was a first-class beating by the 49ers, who took the game 86-68.

"We hit a couple of shots in the beginning," senior guard Derrick Allen said. "But, coach told us that Long Beach is kind of

up and down, and tonight the up was more than the down in the second half. Last year against them, it was the same thing. We had our spurts, they had their spurts. But today they had more spurts than we had."



Erick Ashe

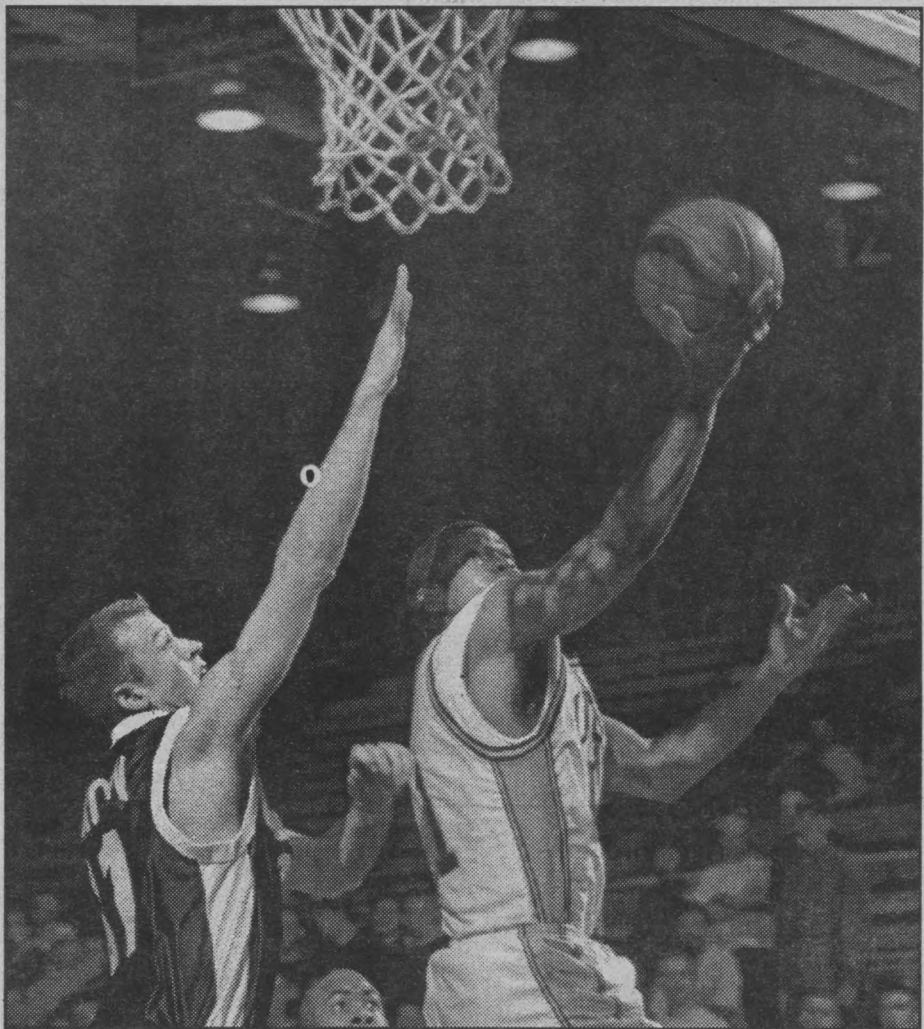
Allen and senior guard Erick Ashe each hit three-pointers early to help key an 11-3 run that gave UCSB (6-11, 2-4) a 17-11 lead. The lead kept growing as six different Gauchos hit a trey in the first half and took their

biggest lead, 32-19. Long Beach switched to a man-to-man defense that slowed the UCSB offense almost to a halt. UCSB didn't attempt another three the rest of the half, and the 49ers went on a 13-2 run to close out the half only down 38-37.

"To be in this game, we needed to go up 10, 12, something like that, because we obviously played a great half," UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams said. "When you play a great half, you need to show it by not just being even, but by having a little cushion against a team this good."

UCSB's downfall came in round two. Long Beach scored 15 unanswered points in four minutes and didn't look back the rest of the way. It got worse when 6'11" Long Beach State

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**A DAY LATE, A DOLLAR SHORT:** Senior guard Derrick Allen led the UCSB men's basketball team with 16 points, but the Gauchos still fell to the 49ers of Long Beach State Saturday.

### Sporting Events Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
No events scheduled	Baseball vs. Westmont Caesar Uyesaka Stadium 2 p.m.	No events scheduled	Men's volleyball vs. Cal Baptist 7 p.m.  Men's basketball @ Cal Poly 7 p.m.	Baseball vs. San Jose St. (Fri-Sun) All games 2 p.m. Women's basketball vs. UC Irvine Thunderdome 7 p.m. Men's, women's gymnastics @ Air Force 7 p.m. Women's tennis @ Westmont 2:30 p.m.	Women's tennis vs. Northridge 11 a.m. Softball vs. St. Mary's 2 p.m. Men's tennis @ Arizona 1:30 p.m. Men's volleyball vs. Pacific 5 p.m. Men's basketball vs. Idaho Thunderdome 7 p.m.	Women's tennis vs. CS Sacramento 10 a.m. Men's tennis @ No. Arizona 11 a.m. Softball vs. Santa Clara noon Men's, women's gymnastics @ Air Force 2 p.m. (women, 7 p.m.) Women's basketball vs. CSUF Thunderdome 2 p.m.

# Gauchos Stay Undefeated With Wins Over San Diego Schools

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The #14 UCSB men's volleyball team wore the pants in both its games at the Thunderdome this past weekend against two San Diego teams, UCSD and San Diego State, beating the socks off each one in three games apiece.

On Friday, the Gauchos (4-0 overall, 3-0 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) took UCSD (1-6) by the throat and didn't let go until they secured a win in a 15-9, 15-8, 15-5 sweep, sending the Tritons home with their sixth loss in seven games.

"We did what we needed to do," sophomore setter Britt Galang said. "UCSD was small but they were really good and they blocked a lot of our hits. Overall though, we just outplayed them."

Senior opposite Kevin Collins led the team in kills with 17. Collins was followed by senior middle blocker Andy Tomkinson, who racked up 11 kills, and sophomore outside hitter Andy Rivera, who collected 11 kills to go with his team-high seven digs.

"We won handily but we didn't bring [our] 'A' game," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "We had 18 service errors and that's too many. We weren't as smooth as we'd like to see."

On Saturday, the Gauchos faced the Aztecs of San Diego State. Judging by their three-game 15-11, 15-2, 15-5 sweep over San Diego State, UCSB must have smoothed out some rough spots, as the team was hitting on all cylinders in a

straight set victory.

After SDSU began the match by taking the first point, the Gauchos quickly took the lead away from the Aztecs to go up 13-7. SDSU crept back to close the gap, 13-10, but that's the closest the Aztecs would come before Collins put them away with a finishing kill.

"We played a lot better on Saturday," Rivera said. "Our serving was better and our blocking was on fire. Our crowd helped us out too, they really got into [SDSU's] heads."

UCSB outblocked the Aztecs 27-12. The Gauchos were led by Rivera with six, followed by junior middle blocker Wes Badorek with five. Collins led the team in kills with 19, while Tomkinson chipped in 11 and freshman outside hitter Brian Nordberg had seven.

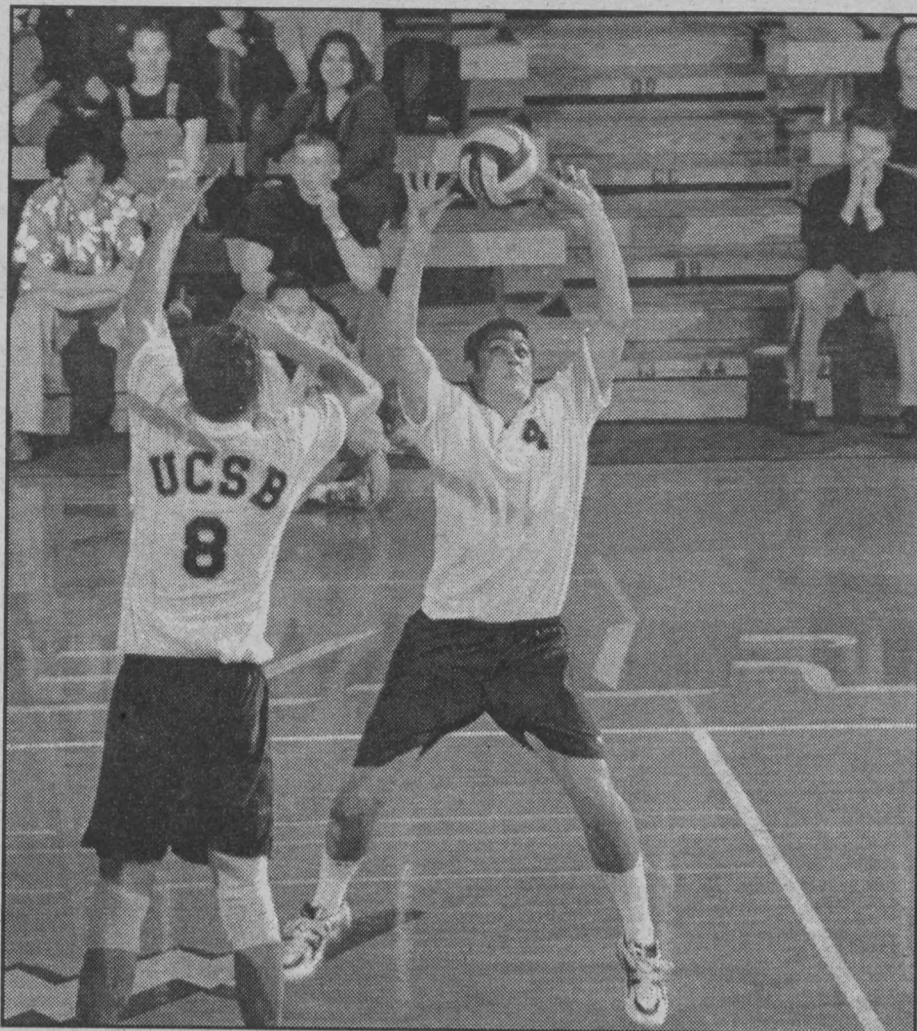
"[Nordberg] had a lot of energy," Rivera said. "He was hitting well. No one could stop him. Britt [Galang] had a good weekend too. He played pretty solid and he spread the ball around well."

The Gauchos held a 9-0 lead before the Aztecs even scored in the second game, and won easily, 15-2.

"The difference between Friday and Saturday is that we served a lot better," Galang said. "We missed a lot of serves on Friday but we changed that."

The Gauchos are going into Thursday's match against Cal Baptist with a plan to repeat their pre-season victory over Baptist in three games.

"We just have to play our game," Rivera said. "Baptists is really good with a lot of experienced players. We can't lose our game plan, we just have to do what we do and we can beat them."



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SET 'EM UP, KNOCK 'EM DOWN: The #14 UCSB men's volleyball team is undefeated so far in the 2000 season, and made short work of the San Diego schools this past weekend.

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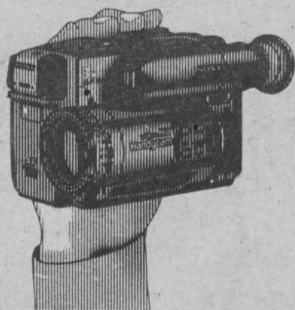
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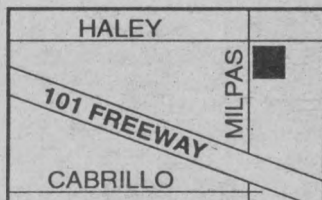
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Admission is free.

Nyad, a senior correspondent for FOX Sports News, will talk about her experiences as a long-distance swimmer, sports broadcaster, writer and producer.

For more information, contact the UCSB Women's Center @ 893-3778.

### UCSB

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After a long week that included wins over non-conference foe Vanderbilt and a drubbing of central coast rival Cal Poly, UCSB will not play again until this Friday, when it hosts UC Irvine in a promotional "Fill the Dome" event.

"It's OK considering we played three games in five days and finished up on the road against a team that's tough at home," French said.

### GAUCHOS

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center Mate Milisa hit a three-pointer with 8:36 left to give LBSU a 62-47 lead.

The Gauchos had big games from Allen, who scored a season-high 16 points on 4-8 shooting. All four makes were from three-point land. Allen also handed out three assists. Freshman forward Mark Hull had 14 to go with five rebounds and Ashe scored 12 to go along with four assists and three boards. Senior guard Larry Bell dished six assists and grabbed three boards as well.

"We had that one stretch [in the beginning of the year] where we didn't play good basketball, but I think we're playing pretty good basketball now," Williams said. "I like the direction we're going. I think next week with SLO is a huge week for us. Now we get into the meat and start playing people in the West."

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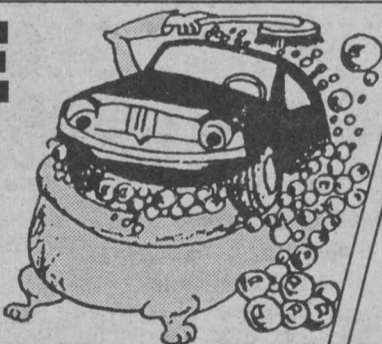
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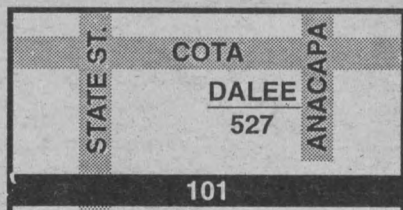


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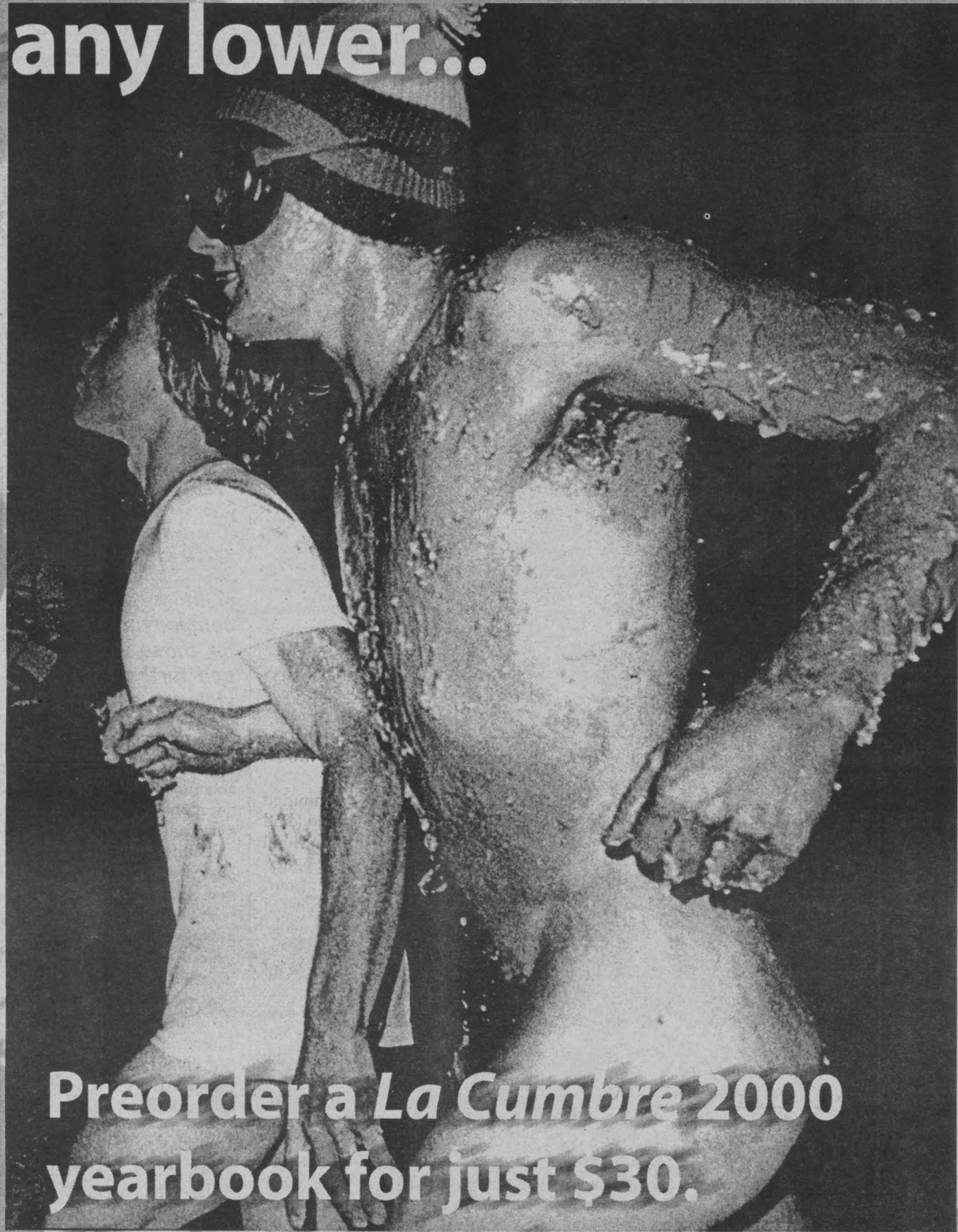


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