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## HALFTIME HANG TIME

Very small men called the Bud Lite Daredevils wowed spectators between halves at the men's exhibition basketball game against the Russian National Select Team Monday night. The Gauchos trounced the foreigners in the American way, but these guys stole the show, panache-wise.

## Campuses Crippled by Striking Grad Students

Talks Break Down at Berkeley, Begin at SC

By Anita Miralle  
Staff Writer

Unrest continues to ferment across the University of California system as graduate student employee unions cripple their campuses through continued strikes designed to gain recognition and collective bargaining rights.

Graders, teaching assistants and researchers at Berkeley and Santa Cruz have gone on strike despite University policy that administrators say forbids unionizing.

After more than a week of striking at Berkeley by the Association of Graduate Student Employees/United Auto Workers, administrators invited graduates back to the bargaining table last week to explore alter-

natives to collective bargaining.

However, after six days of talks, the two bodies came to an impasse Wednesday night, when AGSE members rejected a proposal presented by the university because administrators refused collective bargaining rights to graduate student employees.

"We cannot grant collective bargaining rights, and we believe the graduate student employees understand our position," said UCB Public Information spokesman Bob Sanders during the first days of negotiations. "We want to discuss issues such as health insurance and fee waivers."

Under the university's proposal, no action against AGSE members to withhold pay would be made if they resumed their

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## Wallace, a 7-Vote Loser, to Ask for Recount This Week

By Lisa Nicolaysen  
Staff Writer

Despite official certification of the Santa Barbara County 3rd District supervisorial race results declaring Willy Chamberlin the winner, incumbent Bill Wallace is hoping a recount this month will turn the tables yet again.

Almost one month after the Nov. 3 election, the results of the race were certified this Tuesday by the county elections office.

The neck-and-neck contest ended with 17,163 votes under Chamberlin's belt, leaving Wallace trailing by just seven votes with 17,156, according to elections worker Billy Alvarez.

At a press conference two weeks ago, Chamberlin was weary of the slim lead he had at the time of 13 votes.

"I was shocked, 13 votes is not a large majority," he said. "It's a hell of a lot better to be 13 up than 13 down."

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## Professor Reportedly Faced Sexual Assault Investigation

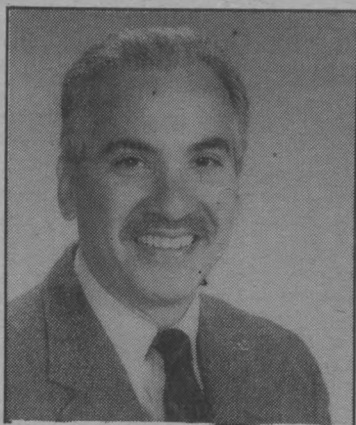
By Charles Hornberger  
Staff Writer

Following allegations of sexual assault and harassment, Yale University investigated a prominent UCSB professor who recently returned to this campus, a Yale student newspaper reported.

A Nov. 19 *Yale Daily News* article said a grievance board in Yale's Graduate School found that Chicano studies and history Professor Mario Garcia's conduct during the school's spring semester "constituted sexual harassment at the least."

Garcia, a nationally recognized historian, had taught at Yale since 1990, when he took leave from UCSB to teach there. He resigned his Yale post July 1.

Garcia issued a flat denial of the charges in a written statement Wednesday, saying, "I have never sexually harassed anyone at Yale or elsewhere."



Mario Garcia

"The recent allegations and rumors linking me to sexually assaulting a graduate student at Yale reported by the *Yale Daily News* are maligning and patently false," he said.

Garcia said a complaint of sexual assault filed with the New Haven, Conn., police was dis-

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## Acting Up

## Local Crashes Her Way Into Washington

By Bonnie Bills  
Staff Writer

When a group of more than 70 activists from around the country met in Virginia last month to decide who will advise Bill Clinton on health care and AIDS, women were conspicuously absent from the event. Santa Barbara activist Seh Welch and a friend showed up, unannounced and uninvited, noticed the gender imbalance, and decided to do something about it.

"We crashed the meeting and said, 'How dare you!'" said Welch, well known locally for her unique brand of activism. "We said, 'We know that, traditionally, men do not advocate for women's care. We're staying.'"

Welch's persistence paid off, and now she sits on a 12-member cluster group that advises President-elect Bill Clinton's

transition team on health care reform and HIV/AIDS. She's been shuttling back and forth between Santa Barbara and Washington, D.C., working to hone a clear, inclusive document that will guide Clinton's AIDS policy as the new year rolls in.

"My job is to represent the communities that are infected," Welch said. She hopes to be an especially strong voice on women's health issues, which she claims have been noticeably absent from government policy.

The unconventional tactics Welch used to land her the spot on the committee came as no surprise to local AIDS activists and educators. "I had to laugh when I heard. ... Only Seh would do that," said George Dillon, of the Santa Barbara Queer Nation.

This in-your-face attitude may shake up an issue so weighty and complicated that

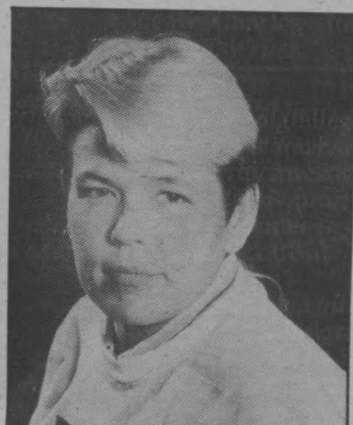


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Seh Welch

it often gets bogged down by frustration and paperwork, other activists said.

"Frankly, you need to be very hard-core about this issue. I feel very relieved that she is going to be part of the process," said County AIDS Services educator Matiana Grogan.

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# STRIKES

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duties by the end of this week and made up for any time lost, said Joseph Duggan, associate dean of the Graduate Division.

Prior to last night's meeting, AGSE members believed negotiations had been productive. However, without the guarantee of collective bargaining, AGSE believes any promise is a dead promise.

"Without collective bargaining rights, the administration can go back on everything discussed at these meetings even if decisions are written in a contract," said AGSE spokesman Russ Paulsen.

With this latest attempt to reach a resolution coming to a halt, AGSE members have decided not to grade students' work this quarter and will continue striking until their demands are met, Paulsen said.

At UC Santa Cruz, talks between administrators

and the Graduate Student Employee Association/UAW begin today to "open a channel for an exchange of ideas with the hope of our finding 'a possible middle ground,'" according to a letter from Vice Chancellor Mike Tanner.

The letter states that while unionization cannot be discussed at negotiations, the administration is prepared to recognize GSEA as the representative voice for graduate student employees.

"We're optimistic they are prepared to talk to us, but until they offer to recognize the union we will continue to strike," said GSEA co-organizer Nancy Campbell.

Tuesday, GSEA voted to withhold students' evaluations at the end of the quarter should negotiations still be taking place or reach a standstill. "Students will receive incompletes, except for financial aid recipients and graduating seniors," Campbell said.

At both campuses, 70%

# Student Rape Case Delayed by Lawyer's Illness

Settlement discussions in the trial of a UCSB student accused of rape were postponed for the second time Monday when one of the defense attorneys in the case fell ill.

Senior Timothy Melton faces four rape-related counts stemming from incidents which allegedly occurred in Isla Vista in December 1991. Melton's friend Schacobie Manning, a former UCSB student, faces 10 counts.

A meeting to determine whether the case will be settled out of court through plea-bargaining or go to trial was scheduled for Monday, but Manning's court-appointed lawyer, Michael McMahon, could not attend due to a severe illness.

Douglas Hayes, Melton's attorney, expressed some concern over this latest delay, but seemed to take it in stride. "Various delays are caused by various reasons," he said. "In this case, co-counsel was in intensive care with some type of stomach infection."

Deputy District Attorney Arnie Tolks questioned McMahon's ability to stay on the case. "Manning's attorney was unavailable, and we don't know if he'll be able to continue with the case," he said.

The meeting was rescheduled for Dec. 22, but neither attorney could comment on what result those proceedings may have.

—Brett Chapman

# WELCH

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"I think the community should feel very privileged that she is one of the people on the team," Grogan said, adding that Welch's broad range of experiences as a community volunteer will give some life to what can be an overly bureaucratic process.

"She has hands-on experience in dealing with people. She doesn't have a big city perspective — it's more of a human perspective," Grogan said. "She's very knowledgeable and she stays really abreast of

the latest information."

Welch has garnered experience through a wide range of volunteer efforts. A co-founder of the Santa Barbara chapter of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, she has been involved with many other local organizations, including the Urban Indian Center, Get Oil Out, the Peace Resource Center, the Red Cross and AIDS-CAP.

The cluster team is not her first step into the political limelight, either. She made an unsuccessful bid for a seat on the County Board of Supervisors last year.

of classes have been cancelled. Teamsters and bus drivers have observed picket lines, and as a result, packages, food, supplies and students are not being delivered to the campus. Some professors have held class off-campus and many undergraduates joined their TAs in the picket lines.

At Davis and San Diego, graduate students have been protesting since Berkeley went on strike to

show their solidarity for fellow TAs and researchers as well as gain their own employee rights. Administrators on both campuses said that, unlike Berkeley and Santa Cruz, protesters have not disrupted classes or everyday procedures.

At UCSB, the Graduate Student Association began organizing a committee to work with Graduate Council to create a graduate student bill of rights

and responsibilities.

"The nature of the bill will be to raise awareness. What happens so often is that graduate students don't know their rights and faculty abuse them," said GSA Academic Affairs Vice President Elisabeth Jordan.

General Council also initiated discussion on forming a task force to identify and address graduate student grievances. Unionization is just one pos-

sible option the task force can look into, according to External GSA President Don Daves.

"Increasing participation in the governance structures of the university [and] a redefining of the role of graduate students in relation to professors by advancing their position from apprentice to colleague," were a few suggestions Daves threw out.

Daily Californian Staff Writer Henry K. Lee contributed to this story.

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Matiana Grogan  
AIDS educator

Welch said she is excited to be working with Clinton, who has been much more receptive to AIDS issues than previous administrations. But implementing policy recommendations will be no easy task for the Democrat once he takes office, she said.

"Clinton's already talking about AIDS," Welch said. "Reagan wouldn't even say the words AIDS; and Bush talked about the victims in terms of 'guilty' and 'not guilty.' Just by having a leader who will talk about it has already made change happen."

But Clinton's campaign

promises are still just lip service, Welch said, adding that he will need cooperation from Congress and other government department heads in order to turn his words into actions.

Through conference calls, overnight mail and face-to-face meetings, Welch and her team are creating solutions to the big problems that arise when working out any government policy: Who's going to do it? How are they going to do it? And, perhaps most importantly, how exactly are they going to pay for it?

One of the cluster team's goals is to come up with a way to bypass "trickle down" methods of funding. A problem with current AIDS projects is that administrative costs at the state and county levels often leave very little left over to provide for health care on the streets, Welch said.

The team is also looking into alternative treatments for AIDS — including homeopathic remedies and the medicinal use of marijuana, which have yet to be passed by the Food and Drug Administration.

# GARCIA

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missed by the state's attorney as groundless, and that "no criminal, civil or academic body has ever found me guilty of sexual assault."

As to the university's proceedings, Garcia deferred to "Yale's proper insistence on strict confidentiality on matters such as this."

"What I can say is that no definitive or adjudicatory conclusion was arrived at by any appropriate faculty body at the time I accepted the opportunity to return to the University of California, Santa Barbara," he said. "I was not

forced to resign at Yale nor was I dismissed from Yale."

The Daily News' primary sources, who were both faculty and university officials, were quoted anonymously. Yale administrators refused to comment for the article.

Some officials and faculty at UCSB said they had heard about the allegations before the newspaper article came out.

History Dept. Chair J. Sears McGee questioned the charges made in the Yale article, criticizing its lack of identified sources and defending Garcia, whom he had worked with at UCSB.

"There's nobody there who's willing to go on the

record, at least as far as I can see," he said. "I certainly agree with the philosophy that a person is innocent until proven guilty, and if nobody is going to go on record with these accusations, then I'm not going to give them too much weight — in fact, no weight at all."

McGee also said it is inappropriate to link Garcia's return to UCSB with the accusations. "I have been discussing the possibility of him returning for years," he said. "I know that's not the case."

Chicano Studies Dept. Chair Yolanda Broyles-Gonzales declined to comment on the matter.

Garcia's wife, Ellen McCracken, was also

hired at UCSB as a tenured associate professor this year. She previously taught at Amherst University in Massachusetts.

Garcia, who cited his desire to work closer to his spouse when he left UCSB in 1990, said efforts to bring him back "involved the opportunity for me and my wife finally to teach at the same institution. This is of great importance to us, given the needs of our two young children. UCSB's offer of a tenured academic position for my wife was too good to turn down."

Because Garcia's position was still waiting for him, allegations of misconduct would not necessarily affect or obstruct his

return to UCSB, officials said.

"As far as I know, there are no conduct proceedings taking place at this time" regarding the matter, said Julius Zelmanowitz, associate vice chancellor for academic personnel. He noted that there are conduct codes for faculty that deal with both on and off-campus matters.

"We don't take action based on rumors," he added.

Most faculty and administrators have declined to comment on the situation.

One administrator said that news of the charges had reached UCSB, and that "we attempted to learn as much as we could about the rumors."

"If news of possible significance reaches us, my sense is that it's our obligation to look into it," he said.

But officials at Yale have been similarly close-lipped, he said. "As you could surmise from the Yale Daily article, they aren't talking much."

Garcia, who is on sabbatical until the end of Winter Quarter, also questioned the appropriateness of further coverage of the charges. "I cannot believe that a responsible paper such as the Daily Nexus would print a story based on rumors and innuendoes, but which at the same time will bring great damage to me and to my family," he said.

# RECOUNT

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Chamberlin could not be reached for comment on the latest tally.

Despite the defeat for Wallace, all hope is not

lost for the man who has held the office for 16 years, as he plans to formally request a manual recount of the votes sometime this week, according to Wallace assistant Mark Chaconas.

A recount can be re-

quested up to five days after the certification of the final tally, which is next Monday, according to Alvarez. The process would mean that elections workers will have to count each ballot cast in the 3rd District by hand while ob-

servers from both parties watch, she said.

At a cost of \$600 a day to recount the ballots, the total bill for Wallace's request could go as high as \$6,000 because the process may take approxi-

mately 10 working days,

Alvarez said. In addition to the recounting, Wallace will have to pay \$200 a day to review provisional ballots that caused problems during the election, she said.

Legal action may also be taken by one or both sides of the race. Chaconas speculated that Chamberlin would sue the county if he lost, but he would not confirm what Wallace will do so if the results are not overturned.

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# Weather

Just when you thought it was safe to pay attention in class, here come 'da Nexus. Sure, we have tests too, but we're just not used to being at home after dark. Driven to find companionship and to relieve our fear of the dark, we all come back here. Then someone said "Since we're all here anyway, let's put out a paper." So here you go.

"But what of the weather? You silly person!" you declare.

The advanced forecast from the National Weather Service for the Isla Vista area for the remainder of dead week and finals week is "sunny on days you need to study and have tests, turning to cloudy and dreary the moment your tests are over." And for those of you heading up to the slopes after, or perhaps during, your tests, Have fun! Break a leg!

Drappin' that ole' yule log



# OPINION

## Is UC's Purpose Education or Destruction?

Liz Haapanen

Well the UC Regents have finally gone and done it. They renewed the UC's five-year contracts with the Department of Energy to continue to mismanage the nation's nuclear weapons labs. These contract negotiations have been in the works since 1988, and now the UC and the DOE both score at the expense of higher education.

The nuclear weapons lab contracts are not incidental. They allow nuclear scientists — weapons builders dressed in academic clothing with paychecks from the University — to think up, build and test nuclear weapons for the good of the world. The UC has thus far justified its "management" of these labs — one at Livermore, Calif., and one in Los Alamos, N.M., — as a "public service." A public disservice is more like it.

Our new, fearless leader, UC President Jack Peltason, said, "What was in the past a civic responsibility is now a great opportunity," meaning the UC finally gets some money to do this dirty work. To be free of the smudge of impropriety, the UC has accepted only \$13 million a year to push paper and keep a lid on scandalous goings-on. Meanwhile, the labs pimp students into weapons work, and the UC makes it appear safe and good for America under the auspices of academic neutrality, freedom of expression, etc. If the UC did, in fact, manage the labs, and not merely sign the checks and administer the paper shuffle, this multimillion dollar carrot would still be insignificant, considering the job.

And what is the job exactly? According to experts in the field, there are five functions of management: planning, organization, direction, supervision and control. According to its own faculty experts, the UC engages in none of these with regard to their "oversight" of the labs. So this great University operates as slum lord over the biggest, most dangerous business in the world — designing and testing nuclear weapons.

Has someone forgotten that education is the job of institutions of higher learning? It seems that top UC administrators need to be reminded of this mission. They spend up to 20% of their time and energy worrying about these labs. Not that they shouldn't worry. That's what they're paid to do. But what about the students? Will students benefit from this unholy alliance? That is the ideal, and that is the plan. Peltason says the additional funding will provide "new opportunities for intellectual exchange between the labs and UC's nine campuses."

Just how the new changes will facilitate a freer exchange of ideas is anyone's guess.

And what about the general resistance toward UC involvement in the labs? What of the UC's own Jendresen Report and the Faculty Senate's endorsement of its unprecedented findings that "the University should phase out its responsibility in a timely and orderly manner, while maintaining a cooperative relationship in teaching and in research?" In fact, former UC President Gardner himself has been quoted as saying that it is not, nor has it ever been the University's role to oversee these labs.

Regardless, University scientists, under the guiding light of UC management, have been working in the shadows on the Strategic Defense Initiative — on feasibility studies of new warheads: a successor to the Lance missile, a tactical air-to-surface missile and the Earth Penetrator — the ultimate instrument in man's attempt to rape nature. As it lands, it screws into the earth and explodes in some kind of postmodern orgasm, ideally causing the ground to quiver and shake.

Against all laws of better judgement, principles of the Nuremberg Treaty, the Hippocratic oath, normally high engineering and managerial standards, the California Constitution, as well as common decency, these labs continue to build environmentally destructive machines that wreak devastation just in the building and testing of them. Heaven for-

bid ever using or accidentally exploding one.

The long-awaited meeting sealing the weapons contract deal was delayed, in fact, because of the accountability factor which has not yet been adequately addressed. We are now to believe that the new contracts will provide "more academic freedom at the facilities as well as more forceful management by UC officials," but history suggests otherwise.

Livermore Lab Director John Nuckolls, was quoted in the *Los Angeles Times* recently saying, "If there is no world crisis, less than half the lab's funds will be devoted to arms work in the next few years."

This should come as some relief. The UC has it under control. But considering the trouble I've had with the UC handling my paperwork, I wonder how these paper

shuffling bureaucrats will handle those of nuclear scientists. But, you may ask, who's to say another organization might handle it better? Just because the UC is a university and its business is supposed to be education, their neutral handling is perhaps preferable. Even the UC's liaison to the labs James Kane has admitted that "If the University were to step out of this tomorrow, the only thing that would change would be the top-level management."

Hugh DeWitt, theoretical physicist at Livermore for 35 years and occasional visiting professor, explains, "The main purpose of the UC administration is to provide to the labs with full autonomy and independence to promote nuclear weapons development in any way they see fit." And the way they see fit is to maintain a cool business-as-usual atti-

tude. Basically, the guts of the SDI rationale — the "peace shield" rhetoric — is still intact, but with newer, more polished lines and a new president to deliver them.

I wonder how long Peltason worked over the one about duty suddenly transforming into opportunity? Former President Ronald Reagan, having been sold an impossible task, spoke of SDI "protecting people and making nuclear weapons obsolete." Such illogical belief in the occurrence of the improbable is a faith which is hard to live by in these postmodern times. The old rhetoric is now deconstructed, and the SDI project (and hence the UC) is clearly in the business of protecting nuclear weapons and making people obsolete.

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## Penis Missiles and Nuclear Orgasms

No longer worried over Russians, UC scientists are busy thinking up new enemies. And maybe you don't want to look now, but the big guns are pointed at your mother in a gang-rape virtual-reality game against nature. Of course it's all abstract and hidden behind the veil of secrecy, but maybe that's because these guys are playing out some kind of remote Sex Wars that don't end simply due to a change in international relations or domestic administrations. The players, UC employees, use language in these games that is not only monolithic male intercourse, but speaks metaphorically of their innermost intentions.

A kind of seduction of the slimiest sort shows up in the speech of these UC-cloaked priests of death. Slip casually into the sexual terminology of men who suffer the greatest performance anxiety yet, and one finds them conversing about "vertical erector launches," "soft lay-downs," "pre-dawn vertical insertions," "thrust-to-weight ratios," the "comparative advantages of protracted vs. spasm attacks" or what one military advisor called "releasing megatonnage in one orgasmic whump."

As science writer Ellen Fox Keller says, the metaphors are "not just ornamental images on the surface of scientific rhetoric, [but] deeply embedded in the structure of scientific ideology, with recognizable implications for practice."

The language of brute dominance — 18,000 megatons of phallic expression — indicts the nuclear weapons industry as it illustrates the UC's penchant for nuclear erections of unprecedented proportions. But rest assured, it is all above the law. In fact, one could take the metaphor further and see that this whole business of implying something illicit is moot. The marriage of science and technology, ideals certainly held by the University, have been played out in a long-term marriage between the UC and the Department of Energy. They have license to commit whatever acts they choose as consenting institutions. A strange pastoral indeed. This marriage produces healthy children with names like Lance, Fat Man and Earth Penetrator, and the narratives are filled with birthing metaphors suggesting the genre of the modern gothic.

Men have done the impossible. They have become as mothers — at least mothers of invention. In a nuclear attack, a re-entry vehicle (RV) is "delivered." Echoing the sentiments of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, the language of creator serves not only to clarify, but to frame a subject, thus reinforcing certain attitudes about it.

The man as mother-god motif is only a short step away from 17th century Baconian logic. In his *Masculine Birth of Time*, Bacon envisioned an empire of man over nature, foreseeing a "blessed race of Heroes and Supermen" as a force which would rightfully "hound, conquer and subdue Nature, ... shake her to her foundations [and] storm and occupy her castles and strongholds."

Feminist scholar Mary Daly suggests that the modern scientific community is necrophilic — "loving to kill both women and nature." Not to worry. They wouldn't be making plans for something silly like limited nuclear war.

As a former Pentagon target analyst said, plans for a "limited nuclear war" are ridiculous because "you gotta understand that it's a pissing contest — you gotta expect them to use everything they've got."

This pissing contest from hell would seem almost anachronistic if it weren't for the perpetual adolescent pie-in-the-sky mentality that seems to be operating at the highest levels.

—Liz Haapanen



## Spikers at Home for NCAA Playoff

Team Hosts Idaho Tonight; Five Gauchos Receive Big West Honors

By Dino Scoppettone  
Staff Writer

After four long months of sweat, toil, smiles, tears, wins and losses, the UCSB women's volleyball team is confronted with one final thought: Their next loss will be their last.

The Gauchos will try and make sure that last loss doesn't come tonight as they open the NCAA tournament with a home match against the University of Idaho (Events Center, 7:30 p.m., KCSB 91.9 FM). UCSB is coming off a mediocre performance at the Banker's Classic tournament last weekend, but Idaho shouldn't prove to be as tough as Stanford, which cruised by Santa Barbara at the Banker's.

Still, the Vandals (24-6) upset Montana last week to win the Big Sky championship, and they field a team that is the tallest UCSB has faced all year. Eight of Idaho's 12 players stand 6 feet or taller.

"They're the biggest team we'll play," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "They're a pretty good blocking and hitting team; a big physical team. We're going to have to run a quick rhythm and try to serve them tough."

The Gauchos will also have to put the ball past the tough Vandal block, which is anchored by Nancy Wicks and Brittany Van Haverbeke, each of whom average over a block a game. Offensively, Idaho is led by hitters Jessica Puckett (3.2 kpg) and Wicks (3.1 kpg).

The Gauchos (22-7) have some guns of their own in Julie Pitois and Ana Elisa Franca, each of whom were named to the All-Big West team this week. Pitois and fellow senior hitter Kristie Ryan were named to the first team, while Franca, blocker Kim Keys and setter Chrissy Boehle were named to the second team. Additionally, Keys shared Big West Freshman of the Year honors with Hawaii blocker Sarah Chase.

"When I came in this season, I just wanted to do

my best to help the team out," Keys said Wednesday. "I wasn't thinking about any awards or anything like that. I've learned a lot this year, and the coaches and players helped me a lot."

"All of [the winners] were deserving," Gregory said. "We've never had five girls make it before. Heather Collins' hitting stats are down; otherwise we could have had six."

Another motivating factor UCSB will have is that tonight's match will be the last home contest for seniors Ryan, Pitois and Tina Van Loon. The trio was honored during Seniors Day two weeks ago, but the players knew they still had a playoff home match remaining. Not so this time, as a Gaucho win tonight would send the team to Long Beach for the regionals next week. Still, Pitois downplayed the significance of the final home match.

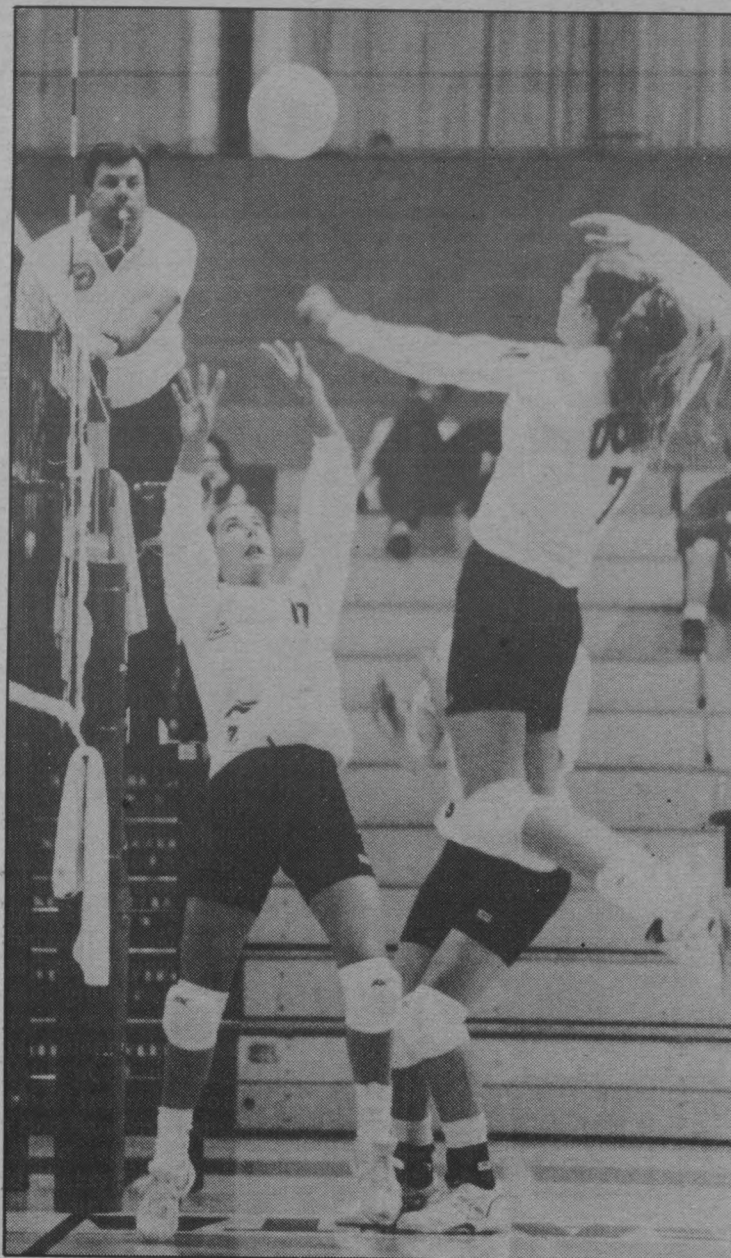
"It'll be just like another game," Pitois said. "It's not Seniors Day, so it wasn't on my mind. I wasn't thinking about it."

"Our three seniors are an advantage," Gregory said. "They really seem to be focused. Tina Van Loon had an outstanding [Banker's Classic] tournament. She's really playing well."

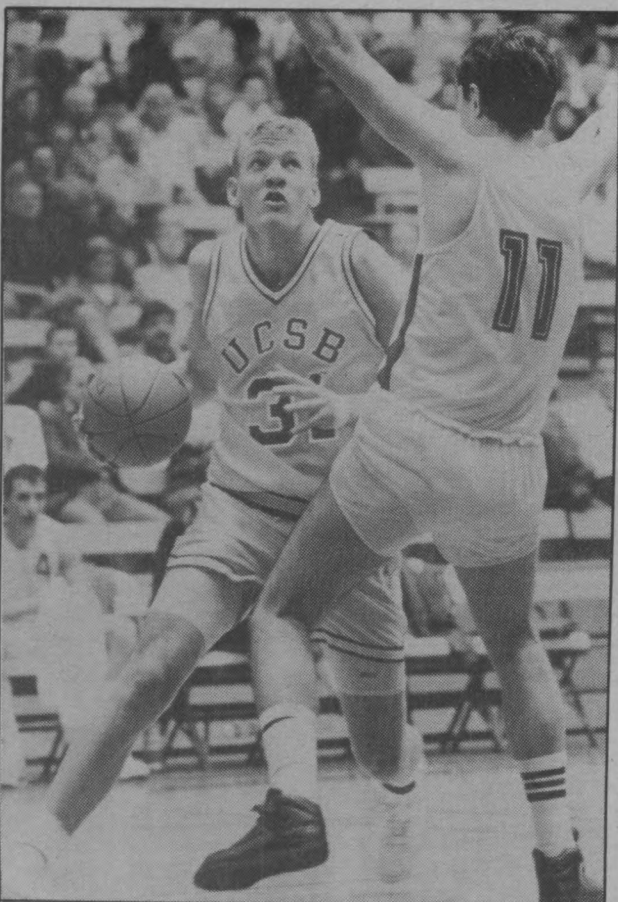
Van Loon, who has played middle blocker throughout her career, could see time at an outside hitter spot. Also expected to play is junior Beth Kohs, who is coming off a Banker's match against Texas Tech. in which she posted a career-high 10 digs. Keys and Franca will hold down the middle for UCSB, while Pitois, who tops the Gauchos in kills, and Ryan, who led the conference in digs, join Collins on the outside.

A win against Idaho would most likely pit UCSB against Big West Conference rival Pacific, which opens NCAA play at home against Louisville. Still, according to Pitois, the Gauchos aren't looking ahead.

"I think we'll be up for this match, because we know it's an NCAA game," Pitois said. "We can't just blow off our opponents. There are no bad teams in the NCAA's."



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**FAB FROSH:** Co-Big West Freshman of the Year Kim Keys (air-borne) will help lead the Gauchos tonight at the Events Center.



GERRY MELENDEZ/Daily Nexus  
**MILLING AROUND:** Gaucho center Kyle Milling (left) and company will host Cal St. Northridge tomorrow.

## Hoopsters Host Four-Team Tournament

UCSB Opens Schedule With Gaucho Classic, Faces CSUN Friday

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Ready or not, the 1992-93 season begins for the UCSB men's basketball team this Friday.

Coming off an exhibition win on Monday over the Russian National Select Team, the Santa Barbara hoopsters head into a pair of non-conference games this weekend in the Gaucho Classic Tournament, to be held on Friday and Saturday at the Events Center. The Gauchos will play host to Cal State Northridge, Stephen F. Austin and Eastern Washington in the four-game event, which will be the first tournament held at UCSB since 1982.

"It gives us two games at home, and it's a good format," Head Coach Jerry Pimm said. "We have an attractive place to play and we're in a beautiful area of the country, so it seems natural to have a tournament here."

Stephen F. Austin and Eastern

Washington will open the tournament Friday at 6 p.m., with the Gauchos beginning their season against Northridge at 8 p.m. Friday's losers will play in a consolation game Saturday at 6 p.m., with the tournament championship coming at 8 p.m.

The Gauchos will certainly be looking to improve on their Monday performance in this weekend's tournament. Although UCSB pounded the Russians 81-48, the home team played extremely poorly in the first half, shooting only 9-36 from the floor and 11-22 from the free throw line in the opening half.

"I thought we were a little anxious when we started, moving too quickly and not setting up," Pimm said of Monday's game.

Senior Paul Johnson, playing in a UCSB uniform for the first time in over a year, led the Gauchos against the Russians with 13 points. Johnson will start at power forward for UCSB this weekend, with sophomore Doug Muse at center, senior Mike Meyer at small forward and senior Ray Kelly at the point. Sophomore Bill Barry will start at the other guard spot in the absence of Idris Jones, who injured his knee last

month and will return to the team Monday.

As for the Gauchos' opponents this weekend, the tournament field should not be as challenging as UCSB's Big West Conference rivals. Northridge dropped its season opener Tuesday at Fresno State, 77-67, and is coming off an 11-17 year. Stephen F. Austin is lead by 6-5 forward Nathan Randle, who was named to the All-Southland Conference Second Team in 1992 after averaging 19.5 points and 6.9 rebounds a game while helping his team to a 15-13 record. Eastern Washington of the Big Sky Conference returns only four players from the 1991-92 team that posted a 6-21 season mark.

"We tried to get teams that would come out and play two games, because it's hard to get teams to give up a game at home to go two games on the road," Pimm said of the tournament field. "So these were the three opponents that we were able to get."

"A lot of it comes down to money," UCSB Assistant Coach Ben Howland added. "There are other schools that want \$25,000 to come and play in a tournament, and we can't offer that."

## Injuries, Loss of Banks Leaves SB Women Depleted for Season Opener

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After five weeks of running, scrimmaging and drills, the UCSB women's basketball team will get a chance to show what it is made of when the Gauchos open their season at UC Berkeley this Saturday. However, the UCSB squad is now made up of less players than it started the year with.

Freshman Raquel Alotis will be out of action for four to six

weeks after being diagnosed on Wednesday as having a stress fracture in her right leg. Alotis has already missed three weeks of practice due to the injury. Senior Margaret Lewis' UCSB career is probably over, as the back-up point guard has not recovered from a severely broken leg that she suffered last year.

But the most disappointing news for the Gauchos came yesterday when guard Faha Banks — a junior transfer from Santa Barbara City College — decided that she would leave the team

because of personal reasons.

"It was really overwhelming, the workload, as compared to City College," Banks said of the adjustment to UCSB. "I guess I just kind of underestimated how time-consuming basketball and schoolwork would be. I kind of lost interest in playing and I realized doing work is more important than being on the court. It came down to keep on playing and being miserable or quitting and being happy. Right now I don't miss the sweat and playing in general, but I will miss the girls that are on the team."

UCSB is now down to 10 healthy and semi-healthy players going into this Saturday's 5 p.m. tilt with Cal. The Bears are coming off a 1991-92 season that saw them go 20-9 overall and 12-6 in the PAC-10, and will be led Saturday by 6-1 Yugoslav native Milica Vukadinovic, regarded as one of the best point guards in the nation.

"She's the absolute core of the team," Cal Head Coach Gooch Foster said of Vukadinovic. "How she goes is how Cal's women's basketball is going to go."

Taking on the responsibility of guarding Vukadinovic will be UCSB's Cori Close. Although the 5-6 point guard will be giving up 7 inches in height, Close doesn't think her size disadvantage will be a factor.

"I think my advantage is that I'm closer to the ground and I have control over whether she touches the ball or not," Close said. "I've always guarded the bigger players. I've usually not guarded the point guards until this year, so I'm used to guarding bigger players."