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Gov. Plan Allows UC to Avoid Fee Increase

■ Wilson Budget to Include Faculty Pay Raise

By Suzanne Garner
Staff Writer

Signaling relief for cash-strapped students and their parents, Gov. Pete Wilson announced plans Wednesday to allocate enough money to higher education in 1996-97 to preclude a fee increase next fall.

After almost a decade of rising undergrad fees, Wilson's budget allocation of an extra \$27 million to the UC would stave off a 7.1 percent hike projected for next fall by the UC Board of Regents, according to the UC Office of the President. Although undergrad fees have not risen since 1994-95, since the 1990-91 academic year they have increased 134 percent.

Wilson's proposal — which also includes a \$30 million allocation to prevent a fee increase in the California State University system and a freeze on community college rates — is the result of an unexpected windfall of more than \$1 billion in state revenue, said H.D. Palmer, assistant director of the state Dept. of Finance.

"The amount of revenues the state gets depends on the economy for the most part ... we're above what we forecast," Palmer said.

The governor's plan to increase funding by 6 percent will not only offset a student fee hike,

but also allow a 2 percent cost-of-living adjustment for all UC employees, and an additional 3 percent salary increase for faculty, plus merit raises, according to UCOP.

To students who have felt the brunt of rising costs, the freeze is a step in the right direction but not an end to the struggle to make ends meet.

"It's a good sign if they finally put a cap on fees, but it would be nice if fees would go down," said senior dramatic arts major Kristen Saunders.

Saunders said she attended a community college for three years to save money before transferring to UCSB in 1993, where she funds her education through grants, loans and scholarships.

She plans to put off or forgo graduate school to avoid amassing more debt, Saunders said.

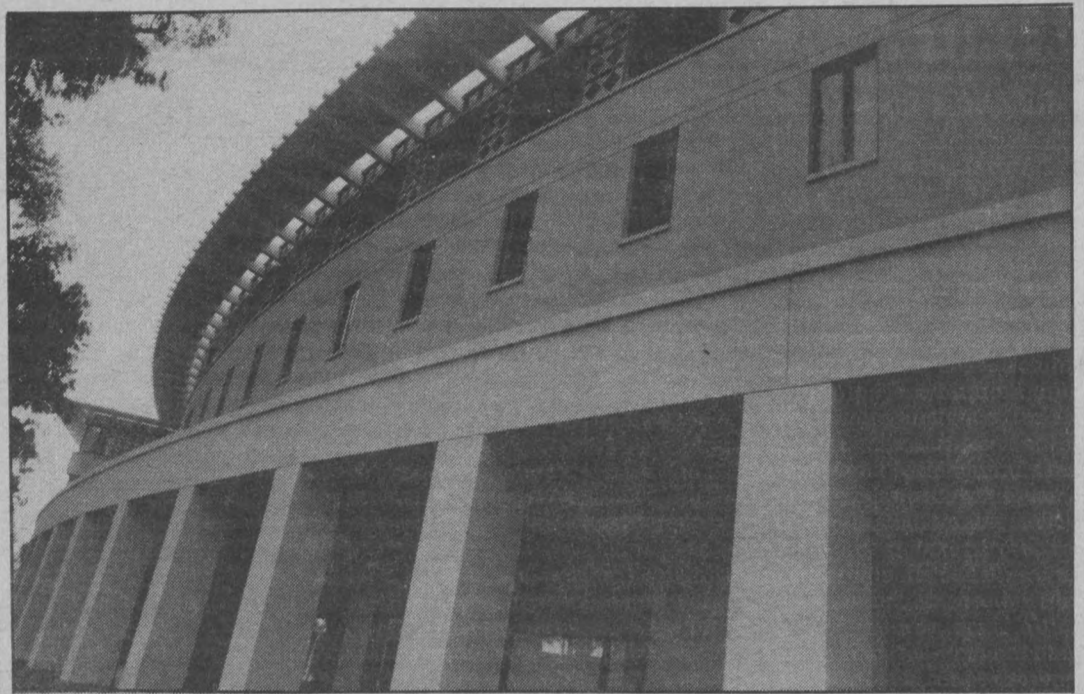
"I'm in so much debt now from just three years of college, it's ridiculous to think about digging myself in deeper," she said. "You should have to worry about getting in [college], not paying ridiculous amounts of money to go."

One student whose parents pay her fees said rising UC costs have prompted them to consider alternatives for her sister, a high school senior.

"For my parents, it's a prob-

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Sneak Peek



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The new Humanities and Social Sciences Building arches gracefully into the horizon, in this special first glimpse into the construction site. The building is scheduled to be completed in March, with departments moving in by the end of Spring Quarter. See related photos, p. 4

Crooks Make Off With I.V. Loot During Vacation; Fewer Thefts Than Anticipated

By Davia Gray
Reporter

Taking advantage of the Winter Break student exodus, burglars robbed at least 13 apartments in Isla Vista and Santa Ynez student housing, while residence halls remained untouched, according to early reports.

About 10 I.V. break-ins were reported to police between Dec. 12 and Jan. 4, according to statis-

tics compiled by Foot Patrol Lt. Sam Gross. Gross expects more reports of I.V. robberies as students return from the winter vacation to discover the burglaries.

But the number of reported thefts fell far below the total that law enforcement anticipated, according to Gross.

"There were robberies, but it's not anywhere near what we expected," he said. "It's because we were doing our job."

Three burglaries were discovered in the Santa Ynez apart-

ments Dec. 25, but the complex's coordinator, Stephan Franklin, does not anticipate any further reports.

"We had several robberies last year, but for right now, we haven't witnessed any other vandalism or break-in signs like broken windows," he said.

Items stolen in the holiday burglaries consisted mainly of electronic equipment such as CD players, stereos, VCRs, computers and televisions, according to Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. Detective Gary Kitzmann. Thieves also made off with jewelry, telephones and a rifle, he added.

"The average value of the stolen items was \$500 to \$1,000 per burglary, so all together, it valued from \$6,000 all the way up to \$10,000 for those burglaries," he said.

According to Kitzmann, students often don't know how to protect themselves from theft, and a constant flux in living arrangements and long periods when residents are away make robbery more prevalent in the area.

To reduce the possibility of break-ins, students living in residence halls were given informa-

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Local Accountant Hopes to Capture Congressional Seat

By Michael Ball
Staff Writer

Hoping to give the major party candidates a serious challenge, a Santa Barbara accountant recently declared his independent candidacy in this year's 22nd congressional district race.

Steve Wheeler, a 1978 UCSB



Steve Wheeler

graduate, decided to enter the race because he feels the two major parties are engaged in polarizing politics and neglecting voters' wishes.

"I don't believe either of the parties are really representing their constituents," Wheeler said. "I think there are too many voters out there who don't feel the parties are listening."

"I'm not hearing any vision from these people in what they're going to do to carry us forward into the 21st century," he added.

As an independent candidate, Wheeler feels he will be able to serve the area without the pressure of adhering to party positions or Political Action Committee contributions.

"I'm doing it objectively," he said. "I'm not beholden to any interest groups ... or the two platforms of the major parties."

In his quest to win the November contest, Wheeler will go up against incumbent Andrea Seastrand (R-San Luis Obispo) and Religious Studies Professor Walter Capps, who will carry the Democratic flag for the second consecutive election.

The independent candidate

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IVRPD Backs Away From Vote on Alcohol in Parks

By Jeff Brax
Staff Writer

Setting the stage for a public hearing to discuss alcohol consumption in 16 Isla Vista parks, the I.V. Recreation and Park board tabled a proposed ordinance Thursday to ban drinking at three sites.

The board considered extending the alcohol ban, which currently encompasses Anisq' Oyo' and six other recreation areas, to include Estero Park, Sueño Orchard and Tipi Village. All three are west-end sites near a location slated for a district ball-checkout program for local children.

But after hearing from six community members who oppose the ban, the board took no action Thursday, pushing the matter to its Jan. 18 meeting, which will include a comprehensive public hearing on drinking in all 16 IVRPD

parks.

Several of those who spoke said the group of homeless people and I.V. residents who currently congregate in the Estero Park area do not represent a threat to the children and actually serve many beneficial functions.

"The people who drink there clean the place up and protect the place from graffiti and help out the park employees whenever they can," said Giovanni Rico.

"A lot of these people are homeless, but it's not their fault," he added. "We're just as human as you are. We may not have the same accommodations you do — we sleep outside. I have a home, but many of them don't — I don't condemn them."

Local resident Matt Richards echoed Rico's comments and added that the alcohol ordinance was being used as a political wedge to create

tension in the community and avoid legitimate park issues.

"I've never seen them harass the kids, and they know the kids, and they're brothers, uncles, neighbors, and they look out for the kids," he said, "and I think you're driving a wedge between people who like to recreate in the parks, and you're

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HEADLINERS

Detained Citizens Released by Bosnians

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bowing to pressure from NATO and the United States, Bosnian Serbs freed 16 civilians Thursday who had entered Serb-held territory after NATO forces had declared roads in Bosnia open to all.

Three men had bruises and said they were beaten when they were detained. Others were robbed. The rest had no complaints about how they were treated by the Serbs — but said their experiences proved it was still too dangerous to travel unescorted through Serb-held territory.

"I won't dare to take the route through Ilidza again," said Adil Spahic, a 44-year-old truck driver.

Yet another obstacle to free movement around Bosnia arose Thursday when Bosnian Croats began taxing trucks carrying humanitarian aid. The measure prompted the U.N. relief agency to suspend aid convoys to central Bosnia.

For the international

forces enforcing peace, the 16 detentions exposed an embarrassing rift between military and civilian officials over who is responsible for the safety of civilians.

The Dayton peace agreement guarantees freedom of movement in Bosnia, but military officials have insisted that

mission.

Thirteen of the freed civilians gathered Thursday in a restaurant in the Serb-held suburb of Lukavica and waited for French peacekeepers to escort them home.

"They took my car and its papers, and money — both Bosnian and 300 deutsche marks [\$210],"

be turned over to the Bosnian government under the peace agreement signed Dec. 14 in Paris. But Serbs in the area are deeply angry about the deal, and many say they will flee unless concessions are made.

Tens of thousands of Serbs fear retribution from the Muslim-led government, which has promised an amnesty for ordinary soldiers but not suspected war criminals.

Bosnian Serbs had said some of those detained could be charged with crimes, but backed down under intense pressure.

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truck driver Adil Spahic

local police and international civil authorities must oversee it.

However, only 100 of the planned 2,000-strong U.N. civilian police force have even arrived yet in Bosnia, and the official who oversees them, Carl Bildt, said his unarmed police could not be expected to fulfill that

said Jasminko Huzbasic, a 40-year-old engineer who was detained New Year's Day. "They gave me back the Bosnian money only."

"I didn't ask for the car, just to be free," he said, adding that he would not risk going through Serb-held territory any time soon.

Serb-held territory around Sarajevo is about to

NATO military officers held a series of meetings to try to end the dispute, and the United States made a direct appeal to Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic for help.

The release was announced by Maj. Gen. Michael Willcocks, chief of staff of NATO's rapid reaction force based in Sarajevo.

Budget Talks Pause While Shutdown Continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the partial federal shutdown dragged into its 20th day, Republicans canceled a budget-bargaining session with



President Clinton on Thursday and launched an offensive blaming the White House for the impasse.

The tactics reflect poll results that show the GOP is taking more blame from the public than Clinton for the stalemate.

Privately, Republicans mulled proposals for reopening parts of the government to tighten pres-

sure on Clinton to strike a deal on balancing the budget by 2002. House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) said Republicans would announce what they would do soon.

Publicly, one after another GOP lawmaker expressed frustration Thursday at a president who, they said, has not been bargaining seriously.

"If you're a man, show us you're a man and show us what you believe in," freshman Rep. James Longley (R-Maine) said in an interview about Clinton.

"When a president vetoes bills that fund the government, they take a bit of the responsibility," said Senate Budget Committee Chair Pete Domenici (R-N.M.).

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt (D-Mo.)

defended his president.

"I don't frankly care what they think about Bill Clinton. I don't know what he has to do to get a good grade on sincerity," considering that he has sat through 50 or more hours of budget meetings, Gephardt said.

Regarding renewed Republican demands that Clinton submit a seven-year balanced budget as measured by the Congressional Budget Office's conservative economic estimates, White House spokesperson Mike McCurry pointed to the Oval Office and said that "is exactly what the president is working on with the speaker in there."

A common Republican theme was a desire to convince voters that Clinton is at fault for the standoff,

which has placed 280,000 civil servants on furlough without pay, forced 480,000 others to work without salaries and affected untold others dependent on federal contracts and services.

Despite the cancellation of Thursday's White House bargaining session, participants on both sides said they did not believe the negotiations are in peril.

Gingrich said he expected a session today.

The two sides have tentatively agreed to about \$80 billion worth of savings, about 10 percent of the \$800 billion to \$900 billion they will need over seven years for a budget-balancing plan, said a Republican who spoke on condition of anonymity.

AIDS Patient May Benefit From Baboon Bone Marrow

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Joking with friends and looking well-rested, AIDS patient Jeff Getty left a hospital Thursday, three weeks after receiving a risky infusion of



baboon bone marrow that doctors hope will save his life.

It will be weeks or months before doctors can determine whether Getty's body has adopted the baboon cells, which are naturally resistant to the AIDS virus.

Even with an uncertain prognosis, Getty said it's so far, so good.

"To the naysayers who said that I would never recover from this procedure, well, here I am. And you

were wrong," the 38-year-old AIDS activist said at San Francisco General Hospital. "Now I'm ready to leave to go home. I'm ready to take my sailboat out this weekend."

Getty's face was full of color as he walked out of the hospital. He shook hands and laughed with friends and hospital workers, and cracked a smile when well-wishers shouted, "We love you, Jeff!"

Getty returns to the hospital next week for a battery of tests.

"So far, the only thing we can really conclude is that the procedure was safe, safer than we had initially expected. Jeff tolerated everything very well," Dr. Steven Deeks said. "The more critical question, about whether or not this procedure actually provided any benefit for Jeff, remains unclear. Quite honestly, we just don't know."

GM Gets Charged Up Over Marketing Electric Autos

LOS ANGELES (AP) — General Motors Corp. said Thursday it will begin selling electric cars to the public in California and Arizona this fall, becoming the first of the Big



Three automakers to get into the mass market.

"Well, there it is. It's been a long road to getting it here," GM Chair John Smith Jr. said as the automaker rolled out its non-polluting electric car — a sporty two-seater called the EV-1 — at the Los Angeles Auto Show.

The EV-1 will cost in the mid-\$30,000 range, plus an undisclosed amount to buy or lease a battery charger.

Its top speed is 80 mph.

It has a range of about 90 miles between charges, but in normal use, it's expected to travel between 60 and 70 miles.

Southern California Edison plans to have 18 recharging stations operating at stores and train stations by August.

Up to now, the market for electric cars has been limited mainly to government, utilities and other businesses that use fleets of vehicles.

"This is not a concept car and it's not a conversion," Smith said. "This is a passenger car developed specifically as an electric vehicle."

At a convention last month, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its electric-powered Ranger pickup and Chrysler showed its electric minivan. Neither company has said when it will begin selling the vehicles.

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Weather

Oh, I forgot to tell you yesterday. I got this fortune cookie on New Year's Eve (with the howlin' wind and all). In addition to revealing my magic lucky lotto numbers, my fortune read: "The current year will bring you much happiness." My first reaction was melancomic — oh, great, I've got maybe another eight hours to receive "much happiness."

Then I realized that while it was the end of the year according to the Julian calendar, Chinese New Year doesn't occur until February (at the time of the first new moon after the sun enters Aquarius, if you're wondering). At this time, we move from the Year of the Pig to the Year of the Rat (bad news perhaps for Newt, good news maybe for Dole). So I've got another six weeks or so to achieve bliss. Or at least much happiness.

Experts predict "a good deal of sunshine" this weekend. Since it's January, think "good deal" in terms of three nines rather than a great deal, which would be a full house (jacks over fives, let's not get greedy). High: 68. Low: 44. Sunset at 5:03 p.m. Moonrise at 5:21 p.m. That's 17 minutes without some big round thing in the sky. Unless some blimp cruises by.

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 lem because I have a sister who they need to put through school," said senior cultural anthropology major Marcia Hooper. "They're looking at UCs, but also state schools because they're less expensive," she said, adding that if UC fees stabilize, it would be a more attractive option. Both Hooper and Saunders said they have friends who have been more se-

verely affected by the hikes. "I've known people who've gotten jobs and people who've dropped out because of the fees," Hooper said. The governor's promised allotment to higher education is a welcome surprise to both university officials and local representatives who have worked to gain funding for education. "That money could have gone anywhere, and the fact that it went to students is wonderful," said Lehua Marking, campus director of governmental

relations. Marking attributed the governor's allocation not only to an increase in the state's money but also to the efforts of local representatives, including 35th district Assemblyman Brooks Firestone (R-Los Olivos). Firestone believes he has been instrumental in urging the governor to prioritize funding to education. "I stated my campaign platform two years ago and I have really stuck with it," he said. "I think I've been materially effec-

tive in this." Lt. Gov. Gray Davis, who is working on a ballot measure that would freeze all student fees for three years, believes Wilson's one-time allotment will not have a significant impact in improving accessibility to higher education. "Despite the governor's announcement, as a UC regent and CSU trustee, I will continue my efforts on a number of fronts to ensure that a college education is kept within the reach of all Californians," he said.

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YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

BY LINDA C. BLACK

Aries (March 21-April 19). If you're foggy-headed, do something physical. Ten jumping jacks will help you bounce back to vitality. You need to stay alert today, so you can move quickly. Avoid a person who wants to gossip. You don't need the trouble.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Spend the morning clearing up any unfinished business. Your energy level is high, and your hunches should be right on target. Watch for an idea this evening that could increase your income. Tonight, be very nice and the favor may be returned.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Take it easy and don't get into any arguments. The other guys hold all the aces. It's a good time to go shopping, if you take along an expert. There are bargains to be found. But it may take expertise to avoid making an expensive mistake.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). If your head is full of ideas about how to make your family's future more secure, write them down. This is a very fertile day for your imagination, especially on those topics. Go on an intellectual adventure tonight with a dear friend.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Take care of something you said you'd do. The person you promised has not forgotten, no matter how long it's been. Also streamline your operation. You may be carrying too much ballast. In love, stick with an old shoe that fits! And treat it like a glass slipper.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you need cooperation at work, ask for it. Lots of people want to be on your team, so use them. Make long-term private plans. Nothing's impossible, if you're in a good partnership. If you're not yet, call an old friend long-distance and set something up.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may feel like you're operating at about 50 percent capacity. Try not to get flustered. Perseverance and hard work will pay off. Use criticism from an older person to your advantage. In other words, stop arguing. That one may be right.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you're working for a wage that's nowhere near what you deserve, fight back. Contact a friend who lives out of town. Consider an option that includes travel. Romance should be excellent, especially if you offer a commitment.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're pretty lucky, so you may not have learned to barter. So if you're working a deal today, be careful! You could get talked out of more than you meant to spend. If you have a date tonight, be smart. If you don't know how, listen and learn.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're good at teaching hard lessons to the next generation. That would be lots of fun today. Choose a team you can work with on a big project and then figure out what you want to make happen. You're phenomenally inventive right now.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's a marvelous day to set goals, if you can find time. Instead, you may have to do the chores you find least interesting and most annoying. A friend you've never taken seriously could turn out to be a big help. Stop doing something the hard way.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Listen to the advice of your elders and get something now you'll need later. Offer support to a quiet person, and you may find passion hidden underneath! You should be lucky in practical matters, so this is a good day to go shopping.

Today's Birthday (Jan. 5). Make your resolutions right now. Set tough goals for yourself and a partner. Spend on your own future in February. Learning requires patience and practice in March, but it's worth the effort. July's for partnerships, marriage, and/or legal matters. Push past old limits, territorial as well as psychological, in September. Close the deal in December, and spend the rest of the year counting your winnings.

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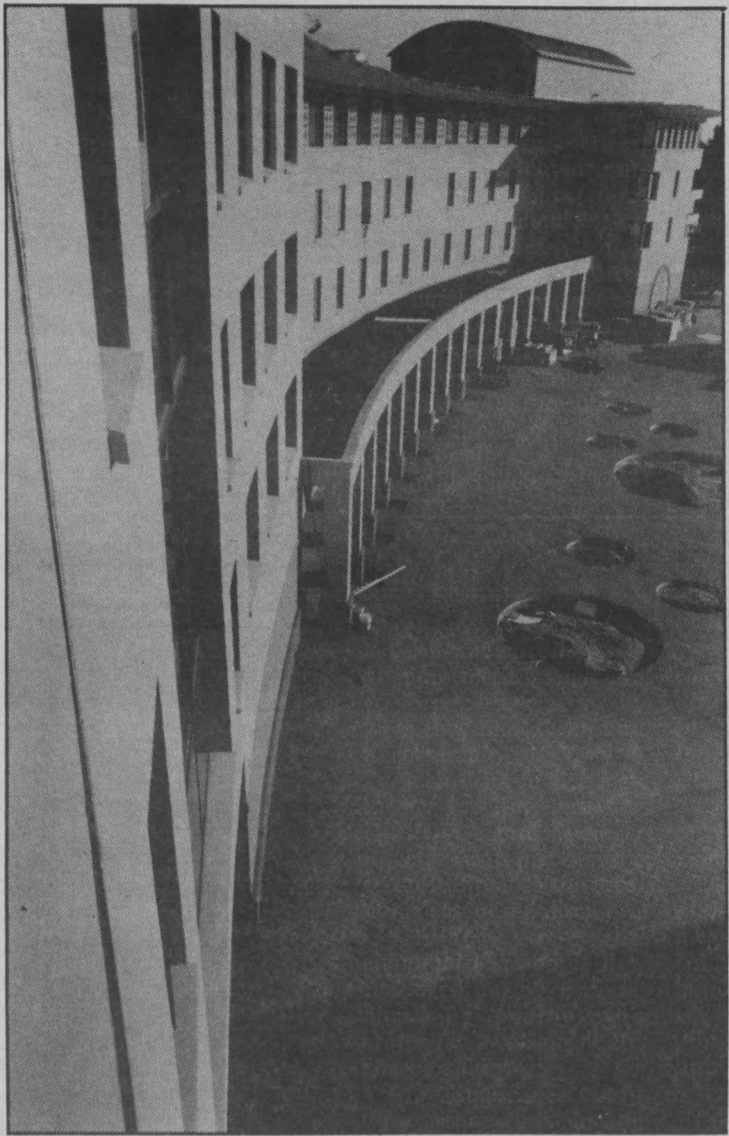
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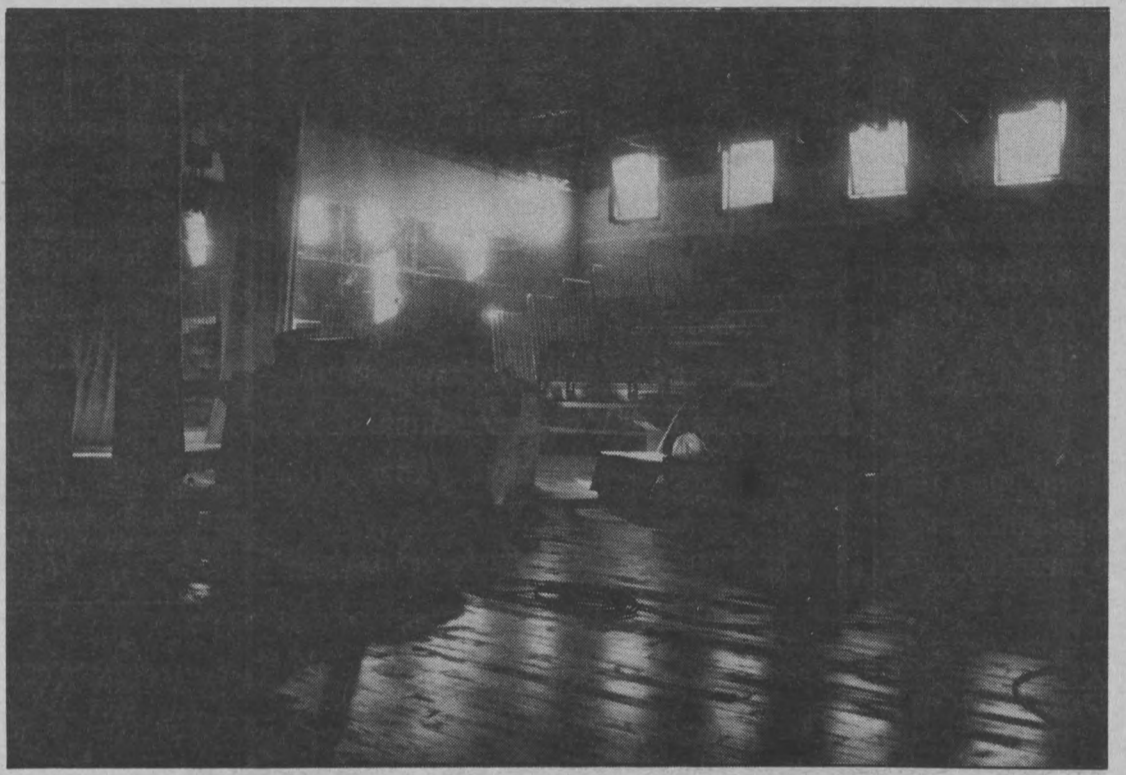
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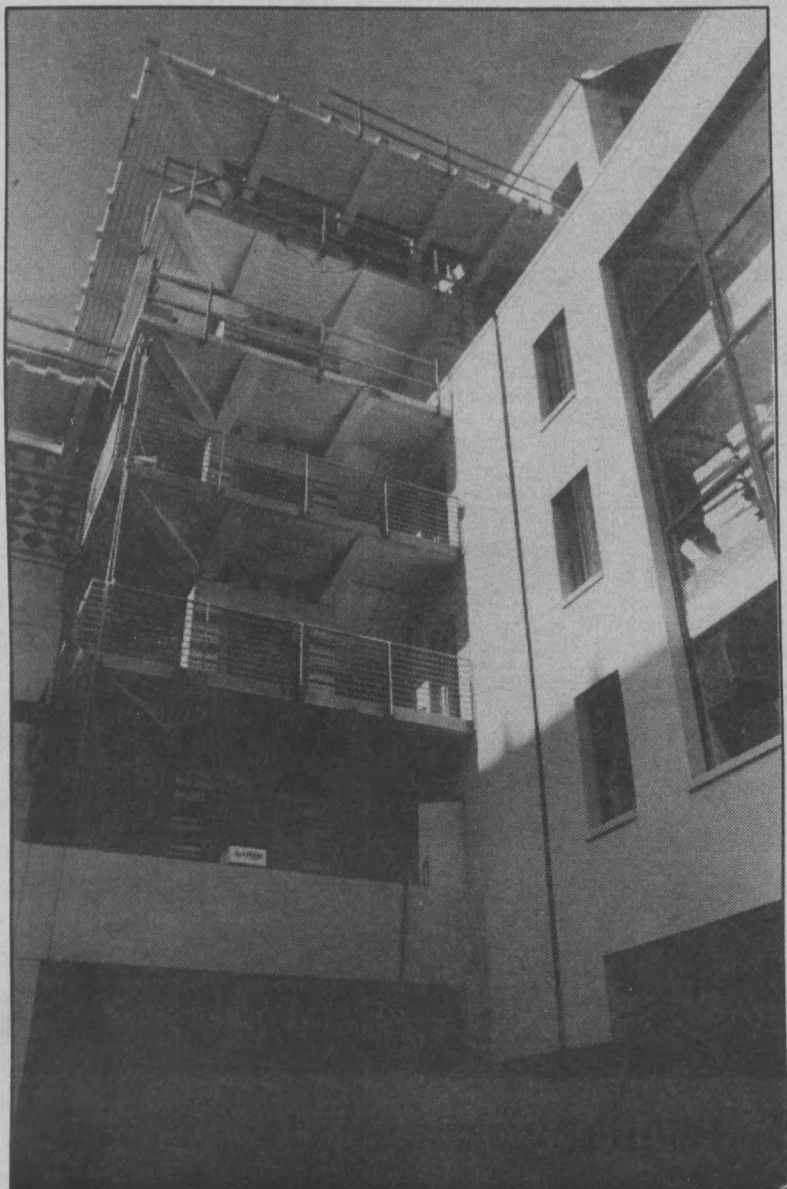


A First Glimpse



University planners expect construction of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building to be completed this March, and departments will likely move in to their new spaces by the end of Spring Quarter.

Photos by Dan Thibodeau



WHEELER: Questioning the Parties

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feels both major party entrants represent ideas too far from the middle of the political spectrum to properly serve local residents.

But running against representatives of the two major parties may prove to be a daunting task for Wheeler, according to Jameson Halpern, College Republicans chair.

"The first difficulty he'll face is not belonging to a party. He won't have any fund raising ... that'll be his major snag right there," Halpern said.

Loyalty to the other candidates will also make it difficult for Wheeler to siphon away Democratic and GOP support, Halpern added.

"The Republicans in town are very happy with [Seastrand]," he said. "On the other side, Capps has very strong connections."

Wheeler said the main issue this year is balancing the federal budget, which he believes illustrates the shortcomings of the Democrats and GOP. The current government shutdown shows a lack of effort from both parties to balance the budget, he

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Steve Wheeler candidate 22nd congressional district

added. “Both parties are blowing smoke,” he said. “There’s been this huge emphasis on holding press conferences and pointing fingers ... that’s why I favor a balanced budget amendment.”

Wheeler’s experience as a certified public accountant will help him identify ways to balance the budget through methods such as cost cutting and closing tax loopholes, he said.

“I’m definitely the best-qualified person when it comes to those types of

issues,” he said. One fault Wheeler said he finds in the Capps candidacy is a lack of solid stances on many of the issues. Capps’ positions seem to have changed since the 1994 race, he added.

“It’s hard to know where he stands on anything,” he said. “It is 1996 and now he’s saying he’s fiscally conservative and socially progressive. ... I think Walter is definitely a liberal Democrat.”

Seastrand, on the other hand, lacks an independent voice, according to Wheeler.

“She’s pretty much voted with [House Speaker Newt] Gingrich 95 percent of the time,” he said.

But according to Halpern, Seastrand has gone against the wishes of the congressional GOP leadership on several occasions, including once last year regarding legislation put forth by the freshman representative banning offshore oil drilling along California’s coast.

“That was certainly against the Republican leadership,” Halpern said.

Thanks for the food, Kim!

(But you're still a wuss)



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OPINION

"I hate to read new books."
—William Hazlitt



Not Funny Anymore

Congress' Inability to Pass a Budget is Unforgivable

Editorial

Most of the time when Americans turn on the evening news and hear about our politicians bickering over issues on Capitol Hill, we take it with a grain of salt, always thinking, "It's just politics."

But now that we're into the 20th day of the federal shutdown with hundreds of thousands of government employees facing layoffs and no pay, Americans can no longer look at the actions of our politicians just for entertainment value.

When the Republican-dominated Congress and President Bill Clinton first clashed over the federal budget's passage, it seemed as though this would be just another episode in politics as usual. Since an election year is right around the corner, neither side wanted to back down and seem weak at the hands of the opposing party.

But now that we have reached the point where average people are not getting their salaries to feed their families because of the politicians' refusal to cooperate, one must wonder what the true motivations of our elected officials are.

It is true that a balanced budget must be achieved in the very near future. However, if it is the well-being and security of our nation's citizens that take precedence in our leaders' minds, why could they not pass the Senate bill Wednesday, approved by both Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and Clinton, which would have returned federal employees to work?

The freshman Republican Congress members, including our own Andrea Seastrand, refused to approve the temporary settlement, to make the lack of a budget appear to be the fault of Clinton, who won't accept their seven-year balanced-budget plan. Their political shenanigans are coming at the expense of our citizens.

While these legislators' idealism is questionable, their refusal to allow government employees to go back to work is simply outrageous. As these workers are out on the dole, hundreds of parks and memorials are closed, services are not being provided, and since these employees will be paid eventually for the hours they didn't work, incredible amounts of money are being wasted.

And Seastrand says she is "taking a stand" by not accepting any of her governmental salary (conspicuously protected through bylaws for all legislators) until the mess is cleaned up and government workers are paid once again. Well, actually, she is accepting it — only she's putting it into a bank until then.

This blatant image-boosting maneuver does absolutely nothing for the situation at hand. It is not Seastrand who will suffer, or any of the other Congress members committing similar acts. It is the furloughed workers who foot the bill. At least Sen. Barbara Boxer is donating part of her salary to charitable groups.

When all is said and done, this entire episode in American history only serves to diminish our faith in the government that, one year ago almost to the day, promised us it would be streamlined and running strong.

In the past, government jobs were sought after because they were believed to be the most secure of any available on the market. People felt safe doing their 40 hours a week, knowing the government is one entity that would not implement massive layoffs to increase stock value.

But now we know that even our government cannot be trusted for security. And until our leaders can get it together and prove that they are competent to govern, the evening news brings nothing but despair.

Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

The Reader's Voice

My Side of

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Quotes in a recent Nexus article (Daily Nexus, Dec. 7) saw UCSB administrators and faculty leashing a law firm that has chosen to assassinate me with any proof whatsoever.

Charges of "Chicano McCarthyism" made by the law firm is the smearing of dissidents by making unfounded cover of congressional immunity. There is no proof engaged in any form of intimidation. The outrageous attempt for libel to establish the truth.

Next, documents prepared by Corbett & Kane Semite and infer that my Mexican supporters are my supporters, nor I, have ever threatened anyone.

They purposely distort remarks to Associate Professor to tell the reader that at the time I was under referring to the "heat of the ovens" it was to this point that the Nazis who committed crimes against humanity.

I did send Zelmanowitz a poem that said that I was the perpetrator. It was sent during a period of time when the County Human Relations Commission silently ignored Zález, for introducing a resolution to discuss the commission.

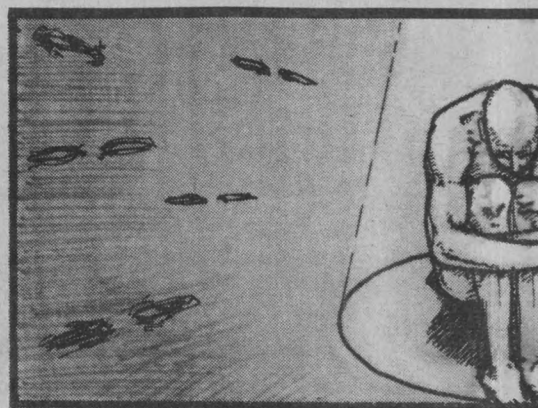
The poem was meant to jar Zelmanowitz's Jewish-Americans. They know my record. The reason to those few in the Chicano community who are not.

Why then is Corbett & Kane law firm going to sue me? Simple, they want to create a hostile climate.

They don't want you to read the ad hoc, CAP, evidence of age, race and political discrimination. The UC spent \$4 million to litigate a case which would result in a simple apology. The final tab may go as high as \$1 million.

Then they want to cover up their discriminatory actions because I was not qualified when the facts show I had the most recent book, *Anything But Mexican: Chicano* (1996), will be published this month.

In addition, my vita includes 64 book reviews.



zines, a smattering of articles and chapters in book form. I am the founding chair of the largest Chicano organization. I received the Distinguished Scholar Award from the University of California.

The Corbett & Kane prepared statements during and after the trial. They attacked me although they knew that she was still recovering.

C&K subjected me to a mental examination. The issues in the case. Their psychiatrist asked me to sign a statement that I was not a threat. C&K also violated a court order by revealing the name of the person who then told others.

C&K invaded my home and photocopied my personal papers, correspondence and other intellectual property around at CSUN.

Despite the superior resources of the University of California, blame the "other" for its loss. Accordingly, the jurors were over 50; and, lastly, the jurors were too old, men and minorities are too emotional to think rationally.

UCSB should turn its attention to living up to its promise to hire Chicano faculty and initiate a hunger strike and hire Chicano faculty and initiate a hunger strike instead of wasting taxpayers' funds. A jury comprised of people who are not Chicano cannot be trusted, and all the Corbett & Kanes cannot be trusted.

All I ask is for students and faculty to be fair — and it is racist to assume that just because it is a Chicano issue, it is racist.

I believe that you have the right to search for the truth. I am only too happy to participate in an open forum. I am not through the system, and incidentally I won. I now have a jury's decision.

Missing the H

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This is in response to Josh Boxer's article (Daily Nexus, Dec. 7).

First of all, no one has forced majority beliefs upon me on Dec. 1 and "reluctantly accepted" the fact that I am not Jewish. Were you also there about a week and a half ago at the traditional Jewish entrees? Obviously not.

Furthermore, all three dining commons serve traditional Jewish food such as Native American Month (November), Christmas, and the past have served sushi as part of Asian award dinners. Many countries/ethnic groups are also served.

Secondly, no one was told, "Get your ass over to the library!" Students voluntarily took part in the holiday celebration at the sight of a menorah, Star of David notwithstanding an individual's religious belief or beliefs and respect for the freedom of religion. Instead of whining about the lack of representation.

Thirdly, Christmas may not be something religious, but getting together with friends and family, decorating the house, gathering around the fire for a board game. I know we do. We are not a religious family, although I believe in the story of Santa, the tree and the meaning of all things with relatives, exchanging gifts and just enjoying the season.

Finally, if you are so upset about this, why don't you just say that sophy is, if you can change it, don't bitch about it.

ice e of the Story

by Nexus, "Acuña Creates Feeling of Hostility, UC Says," faculty leaders acting like press secretaries for a union-sinate my character by demonizing me without offering

made by a Chicana UC loyalist are ludicrous. McCarthy-ing unfounded accusations, and then hiding behind the is no proof that any of my so-called supporters or I en-utrageous nature of these charges may result in my suing

tt & Kane law firm characterize me as a thug, an anti-rters are using gang-like tactics. The truth is that neither atened anyone at UCSB.

sociate Vice Chancellor Julius Zelmanowitz. They ne-vas under police surveillance by UCSB, and when I was to this event. Correct me if I am wrong but it was the humanity.

aid that those who remain silent are just as guilty as the of time when UCSB faculty reps to the Santa Barbara siled (and later fired) its director, Marianna Gon-ussu's case, leading to unnecessary racial tensions on

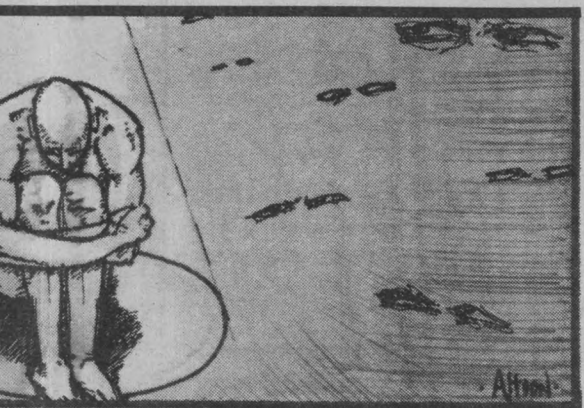
owitz's moral conscience. My closest supporters are d. The raising of such a bogus issue indeed gives comfort nity who are anti-Semitic.

going to such lengths to assassinate my character? It is climate at UCSB to prevent my instatement.

uc, CAP and provost reports, which are prima facie evi-nation. They don't want you — the reader — to ask why use which could have been settled four years ago by a high as \$10 million at a time when they are raising your

crimination by convincing you that I was not hired be-show I have written 11 books and two monographs. My can: *Chicanos in Contemporary Los Angeles* (Verso,

x reviews, 96 political essays in newspapers and maga-



RYAN ALTOON/Daily Nexus

ers in books, and over 1,000 feet of microfilmed docu-est Chicano Studies Dept. in the U.S. and in 1989 I re-rom the National Association for Chicano/a Studies. ents don't tell you that they purposely generated ani-acked my wife, needlessly serving her with a subpoena, l recovering from the trauma of cancer.

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e University of California, we won. C&K has tried to ly, the jury had too many minorities on it; too many jur-vere too emotional. (You know how the story goes, wo-o think rationally.) This does not serve the interests of

ing up to its commitment to students during the 1994 and initiate a doctoral program in Chicano studies in-comprised of Californians has found that UCSB discris-cannot erase this historical memory.

be fair — to have an open mind. The jury has spoken, ause it was made up of minorities — it was wrong. arch for the truth. If you want to hear my side, I will be forum. As for myself, I played it by the rules and went on. I now expect those who opposed me to abide by the

RODOLFO F. ACUÑA

the Holiday Spirit

cle (Daily Nexus, "The Grinch That Stole Hanukkah,"

beliefs upon anyone. You say you ate at De La Guerra fact that a typical Christmas dinner was being served. a half ago, when the dining commons proudly served not.

ns serve ethnic food around certain times of the year, ber), Chinese New Year, Cinco de Mayo (May) and in an awareness. Not only that, but various entrees from o served daily as part of the regular menu.

ass over there on Santa's lap so we can take a damn pic-the holiday festivity. I myself am not the least bit of-David nor any other religious symbol. Acknowledging and respecting them is what you should be doing, in-resentation of yours.

ing religious for everyone. For my family, it is a time of decorating a tree while listening to holiday music, and me. I know, it sounds like the Waltons, but that's what ough I believe in God and all that good stuff. I know the of all the songs, but Christmas for us is about visiting st enjoying each other's company.

why don't you go and do something about it? My philo-bitch about it.

DEBORAH DEES

Stop that CSO, He Stole My Bike

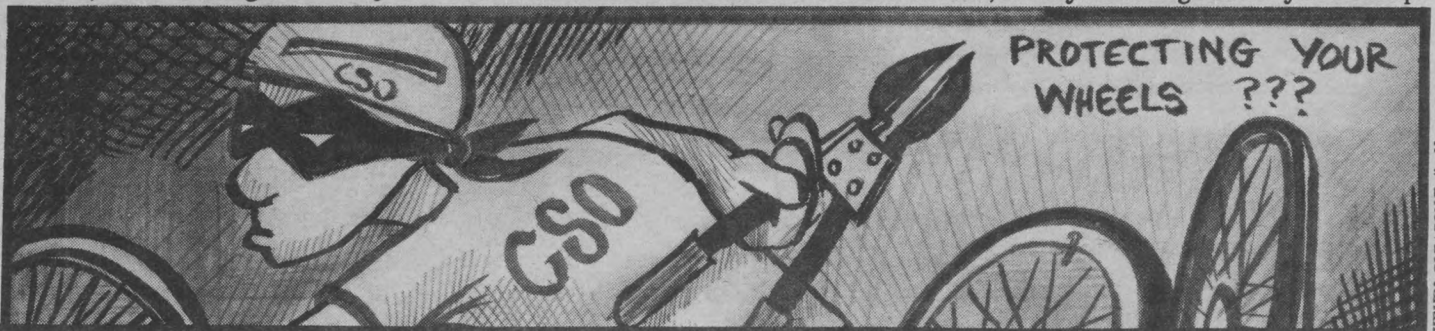
Michael Arbuthnot

Well, it happened. My bike was finally stolen after four success-ful years of retention here in theft-ridden Isla Vista.

I'm normally not one to complain about this sort of thing. Sta-tistically, it's bound to happen to some of us, it may as well be me. But because of the mitigating circumstances and the current cam-pus political tide, I am irate.

Don't be mistaken, though. My bike was not stolen by your everyday, run-of-the-mill I.V. slime, it was stolen by the same peo-ple who are in fact supposed to prevent or deter this sort of thing. The ever-so-infamous Community Service Organization. Let me explain my anguish.

Monday morning, Dead Week: Due to unforeseen circum-stances, I was running late for my 9 o'clock class. Rather than



KEVIN GLEASON/Daily Nexus

shuffling and crashing through the terribly overcrowded bike rack near Broida (at which on any given day one can count dozens of "illegally" parked bikes), I locked my bike to itself in front of Bu-chanan. Granted, this is not considered one of "the designated parking areas," but then again, this was not one of my typical mornings.

I could have easily brought my bike into the classroom and the whole incident would never have occurred, but out of respect for my professor, I opted to lock it outside. Well, apparently the CSOs think that "illegally" parking my bike in front of Buchanan was a greater evil than what could have been done by disturbing my pro-fessor. I would beg to differ. Nonetheless, after class I discovered my bike gone.

Distraught, I began to make my way to my next class, and on the path I encountered the lovely fellows who so honestly provide such great service to our community. There in front of the Arbor, in the back of a truck, was my bike with six or seven other criminal escape vehicles (other confiscated bikes).

I then tried to persuade the CSO to relinquish my bike, but to no avail. He said he had already done the paperwork and that my bike was officially impounded. Paperwork? "My bike isn't even registered," I said. "How could you do paperwork?" Without an-swering, he then informed me that an unregistered bike is illegal!

Call me ignorant, but I didn't know this minor fact. Now, along with the impound fee, I have to pay an additional fee to get my bike registered. Seeing now that I had just become CSO revenue, I departed.

After returning from class, I inconveniently drove down to the CSO headquarters behind the police station (no wonder their

At Any Rate

Nick Robertson

I need to start this column with an apology.

In my many months of writing journa-listic prose, I never expected to pen a piece to publicize my shame. But I have little al-ternative. Though I am far from proud to proclaim what I am about to declare, I could not sleep easily without being honest with the masses.

Today, I am going to get an e-mail account.

Now, the six or seven faithful *At Any Rate* followers will immediately under-stand the implications of what I am saying, but many of you reading are probably thinking, "Who fucking cares? *Everybody* has an e-mail account!" For me, however, this announcement ends a personal era of integrity.

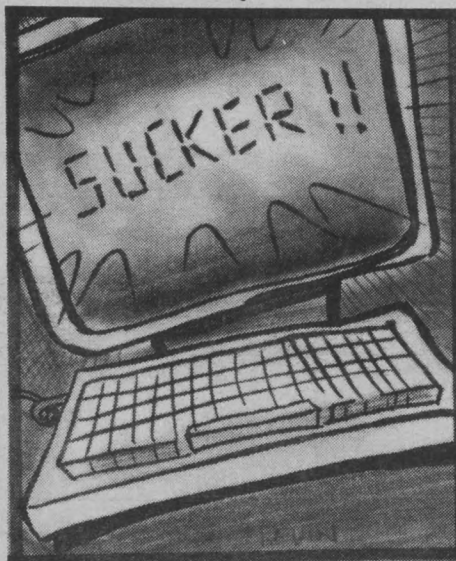
I have always argued adamantly against the inherent dangers toward humanity that lie within the Internet. I have lam-basted e-mail users and the isolation that follows when they forget their human friends to stare at a screen. And I have al-ways been proud to say that I will *never* take the on-ramp to the Information Superhighway, instead enjoying the scenic country roads of personal interaction.

But now I stand before you all, my once-believing public, and register a heartfelt "I'm sorry." I have sold out. I have gone back on my cause. People who had faith in my word will now look down upon me and my writings, and I completely under-stand. I feel lower than Ringo Starr must have (or should have) after making that at-rocious Pizza Hut commercial. Can I humble myself enough? I doubt it.

At this point, some of you may be won-dering, "Why, Nick? How could you do it? You were a leader of the revolution, the Mahatma Gandhi of those refusing the Net!" Unfortunately, my people, I admit

that my motives are purely financial.

This Winter Break, I was in New York City, where I visited a good friend and former Nexus editor who works for an up-scale travel magazine on Madison Avenue. Just two years after graduating, he has landed his own office space, an im-pressive salary, a fun working environ-ment and the potential to become an editor in the next couple of years. Eventually, he could become a full-scale travel writer, to be sent around the globe to the sweetest resorts and cities imaginable, just to de-scribe how nice they are.



KEVIN GLEASON/Daily Nexus

After seeing what he's done, I knew im-mediately that I wanted to follow his foot-steps. Unfortunately, there was a presence in his office that frightened me at first glance — a computer with the Worldwide Web virtually burned into the screen.

I asked him if you needed Internet know-how to hold such a position. "Well, all the editors who are over 30 don't touch the Internet. They do all their work the old-fashioned way," he explained. "But if you're under 30, you need to know e-mail inside and out, so you can do it for them."

It was after he said this that I realized I was standing at a crossroad. Do I maintain my integrity and severely hinder my chances at an exciting and relatively safe

egos soar, they think they're cops!). At the bike impound lot, I happened to once again meet with my wonderful CSO bike thieves, who proceeded to tell me that I cannot retrieve my bike until the hours between 12 and 3. Their office is only open three hours a day! No, please don't work too hard!

They told me that it was explicitly stated on the red piece of gar-bage that they left in place of my bike. I told them there was no red piece of litter left at the scene and they said there should have been. "Well, next time don't forget, then" was my response.

I draw a number of conclusions from this incident. First, with the exception of nighttime escorts, the CSOs basically serve no function. Essentially, they exist for self-preservation only. Are they really worth the A.S. funding? I would be curious to find out how much, in fact, they are funded by A.S.

Last year, if I recall correctly, their funding was decreased. Did all hell break loose? No, it was your average school year. Perhaps

disbanding the CSO and forming a smaller, more economically ef-ficient escort service would be advisable. We must ask, is the bike patrol really necessary and worth the cost?

Secondly, the system itself is fouled. Between their litter, and in my case, lack thereof, there is a problem. The garbage they pro-duce has been a continual annoyance during the years, and when they neglect to leave their garbage, people waste (pardon the pun) valuable study time trying to figure out how the system actually works! It's ludicrous!

Finally, it's total bureaucratic hypocrisy. Essentially, they are telling me I'm incapable of keeping my own bike from harm's way by forcing me to register for a fee. The irony is sick. The only time my bike has been stolen (confiscated, but what's the difference in this case?), it has been stolen by the CSOs. And now, amusingly enough, I must pay \$20 for its recovery from the people who stole it, who are the people that are supposed to keep it from getting stolen!

The CSOs probably confiscate more than twice as many bikes as I.V. thieves steal. Who then causes the greater economic conse-quences to the student body? I ask you this, was justice served here?

Perhaps I'm just a victim of the system, but I'd be curious to see how many other victims there are out there. Do the injustices dis-hed out by the CSOs outweigh the good they contribute to the community? I say, "No," and I'd be willing to bet many others agree.

Michael Arbuthnot is a senior philosophy major with a mi-nor in anthropology.

career, or do I sell my soul to a bunch of microchips to avoid becoming some crazy old hermit in a Garberville Hills cabin, scratching out rambling diatribes on homemade hemp paper?

After a few days of mental trauma and observation of New York street dwellers, I reluctantly came to a decision. I wish I had the strength to carry on with my mission, but I resign as the self-appointed leader of this crusade. I have fallen asleep and been captured by the body snatchers that are the Net-heads.

I need to make one thing clear, however — I will *not* be using the Internet for recrea-tional purposes. I will learn exactly as much as I need to, and no more.

I'm not going to be sucked in by some nerdy role-playing game, nor will I start up a pathetic electronic romance with another Netter who might not even be fe-male. If anybody ever catches me going back on *these* promises, please take the nearest mouse cord and wrap it around my neck. Tight.

But my selling out does have its advan-tages, other than just economically. I will now be able to communicate with my father, stationed out in the veldt of South Africa miles away from a phone line but seconds away from a satellite modem. I may be able to contact old friends who re-fused to return my letters, stating that they would only respond with a keyboard. And now I can take classes where a Net ac-count is a prerequisite.

However, there is nothing I can say that truly justifies what I am doing. I see selling out as the lowest form of principle treason possible, and this case is even worse, as I have actively fought what I am now doing. But I have made my decision, and unless you're an early riser and are reading this at, like, 10:45 a.m., it's too late. My name is punched into the machine.

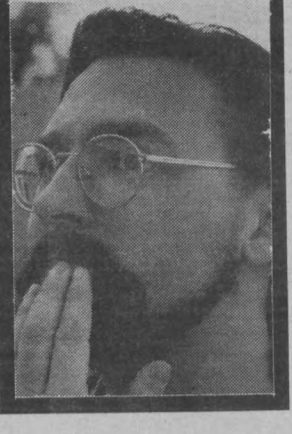
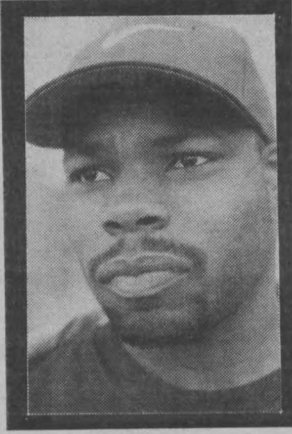
At any rate, any of you remaining hold-outs — please remain strong. Don't follow my example and immerse yourself in the slime. I envy you for remaining autonom-ous and support you more than you can ever know. And, once again, I'm sorry.

Nick Robertson is a Nexus opinions editor.

Campus Comment

Interview by Tim Molloy
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Ecstasy, because I make people smile all the time.

Kari Hayes
junior
linguistics

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An endomorphine, because it's natural.

Steve Mack
senior
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“
I guess I'd be a Valium, to help through finals.

Freya Boehmer
senior
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A commonly prescribed drug for people who have cancer.

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 tion packets to help them properly secure their rooms and valuables during the break, said campus police Sgt. Michael Foster. While the 1994 Winter Break saw one reported campus burglary, no residence hall appears to have been broken into over the latest winter vacation, according to Phil Resch, assistant director of operations for Housing and Residential Services.

Extra Community Service Organization patrols helped prevent theft in residence halls after the campus experienced a spurt of criminal activity in 1993, said Charlene Chew-Ogi, associate director of housing. "Our hope is that having the CSO come earlier in the evening might help some of the issues," she said. "We also had several workmen here in the buildings, so maybe just having extra people around might have deterred any robbers."

IVRPD

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 dividing them by age and you're dividing them by what they like to do, and that's unfair." Richards brought a sign to the meeting targeting IVRPD General Manager Roger Lagerquist as the greatest threat to the local homeless population. "He's become the enemy of the people he's supposed to be serving, harassing people who aren't as well-off," Richards said. But Lagerquist said those who drink in the area are not a major problem and agreed the alcohol ban may not be necessary. "In some ways [Rico's] a protective element. He claims to be a protective

element, and I think that's what he is. He and his crew also ask us for brooms and rakes to sweep up sometimes," Lagerquist said. "Our local drinking population is, for the most part, benign. ... It's at a tolerable level where people don't harass the public, which is improved from what it was in 1992." Director Pegeen Soutar said prior to Thursday's meeting that she had not completely made up her mind on the issue and would like to develop a more comprehensive and uniform policy. "We keep shuffling people around," she said. "They used to hang out in the downtown parks, then they moved to Sueño, then to Estero. Where are they going to go next?"


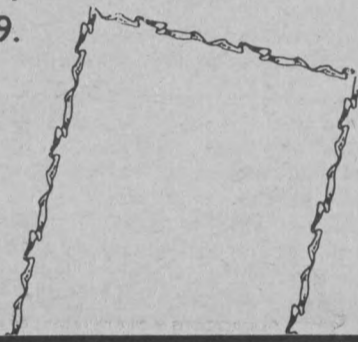
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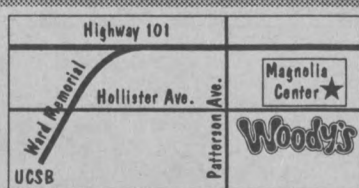
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UCSB Hit Hard Times After Starting 1995-96 With Winning Record

By Michael Cadilli
Staff Writer

After posting a winning record (2-1) early in the 1995-96 campaign with wins over the University of Colorado and the University of San Diego, the UCSB men's basketball team proceeded to lose five of its next six games over the three-week break.

Whatever could go wrong for the Gauchos has. Santa Barbara (3-6, 0-1 in Big West) for one reason or another has fallen on hard luck. One of its most prolific scorers in senior forward Mark Flick (13.7 points per game) has gone cold of late. A much-needed big man in junior forward Niall Dalton-Brown suffered a stress fracture. Junior transfer standout Ben Jefferson is now ineligible to play. And to boot, UCSB has been consistently shooting about 40 percent and getting outrebounded.

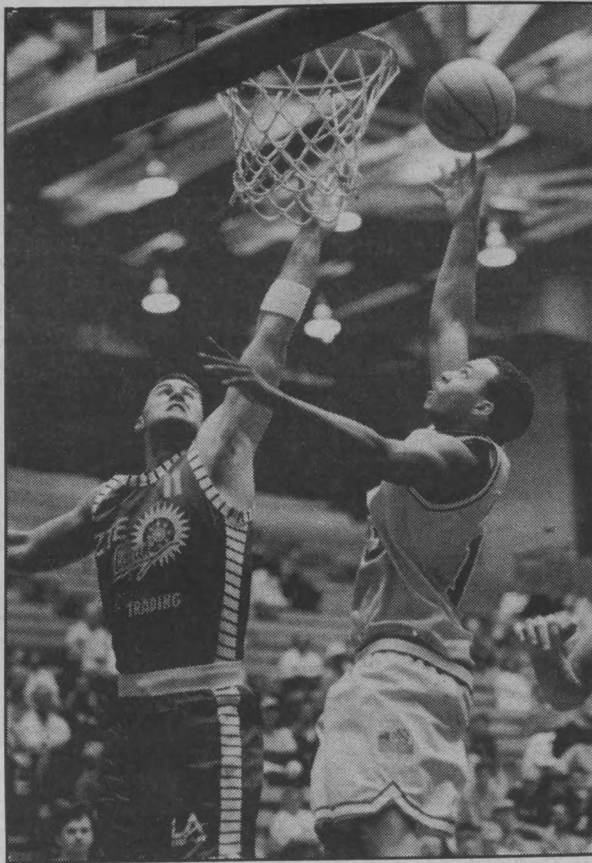
However, with all that is going wrong, the Gauchos

were in position to win two games they lost and could just as easily be 5-4 right now with a winning record.

Down by eight points with 45 seconds left in the game against St. Mary's College on Dec. 29 at the Thunderdome, Santa Barbara was able to tie it up and send the contest into overtime. Senior point guard Phillip Turner scored 20, but had two big buckets and a free throw down the stretch to help his squad.

But the drama was provided by senior guard Danee Prince, who canned two three-point baskets (one from a projected 25 feet away) with 19 and 10 seconds remaining, respectively, to knot the score at 74. The Gaels pulled out the win in OT, however, leaving 2,219 Domers empty-handed.

Dec. 16 UCSB took on the Waves of Pepperdine University in the T-Dome, but also came away empty-handed, 68-67. After falling behind by as many as



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MCSCORER: Senior Lelan McDougal is leading all Gauchos in scoring with his 18.7 points per game, including his stellar 21-for-42 from behind the arc.

18 in the second half, the Gauchos got hot and went on a run before coming up short. Senior guard Lelan McDougal led all scorers with 20.

McDougal has been solid for UCSB with an

18.7 ppg average (21-42 from trey country on the season), while sophomore forward Kealon Wallace has grown up pretty fast, scoring 10.9 ppg and ranking second on the team with 50 rebounds.

handed out seven assists to accompany her 14 points.

Kansas' offense was led by forward Tamecka Dixon and guard Angie Halbelb. The pair combined for 50 points and shot 17-33 from the field.

Mixed Pairs Gymnastics Event Hopes to Bear Fruit

By Chris Oyama
Staff Writer

Hoping to flip, twist and tumble their way back into competitive form, the UCSB men's and women's gymnastics teams will kick off the 1996 season in an exhibition Mixed Pairs meet Saturday at 7 p.m. in Robertson Gym.

The competition will feature the teaming of a male and female athlete from each UCSB squad, who will both perform in only two events. Although scores will be kept, the routines will be judged by UCSB alumni who will also participate in the competition by performing during intermissions.

The event's focus is not on the tense conditions that arise during the regular season; instead, the emphasis is on fun and fund raising, according to the women's head coach, Randy Lane.

"This exhibition meet will not only be a fun event, but also help in terms of getting past the first-meet jitters," he said. "In addition, the meet will also serve as a fund-raising event that will help cover future expenses that the teams will encounter."

Stressing this idea of gaiety and team unity is also one of the goals for the men's head coach, Mircea Badulescu.

"We never had an event like this before and we're hoping it serves as a tune-up for the team," he said. "Next week is when our season officially begins and hopefully, this meet will help in preparing us for that."

While the gymnasts are competing in a lighthearted atmosphere, both coaches have high expectations for their squads when the regular season begins.

"Our goal is to finish in the top two in the Big West and then finish in the top seven at the NCAA regional finals. We have the talent, we only need the determination," Lane said.

"Realistically, our goal is to qualify as a whole team for regionals. If this happens our year would be a success," Badulescu said.

Performers to keep an eye on this weekend are junior all-around competitor Margie Hoeffler and senior all-around competitor David Cassie.

HOOPS

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"It's always nice to play at home," said UCSB Head Coach Mark French. "We were a lot more patient and we were able to keep our turnovers low."

National power Kansas entered the Thunderdome on Dec. 30 and was shocked by Santa Barbara 95-75. The 95-point effort was the best for the squad since its 96-point game against Cal Poly San Luis Obispo last season. Five UCSB players scored 10 or

more points, including Alexander, who had a game-high 28.

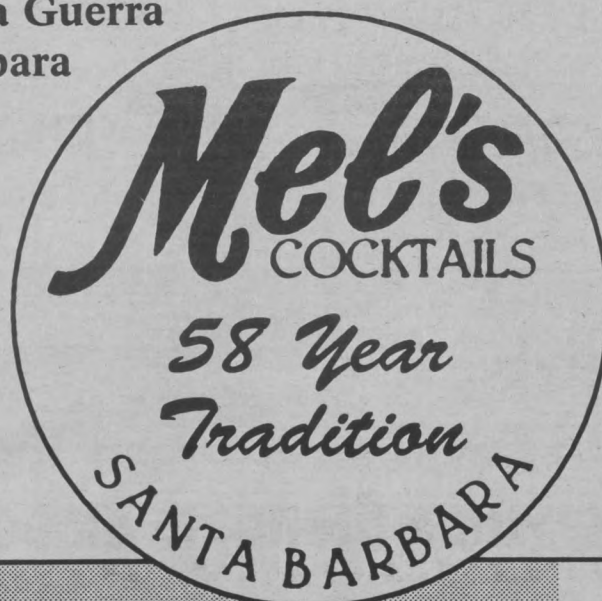
While the team was scoring at will, the assists were also being generously dished out. The Gauchos recorded a season-best 26 assists against the Jayhawks, while Aguinaldo

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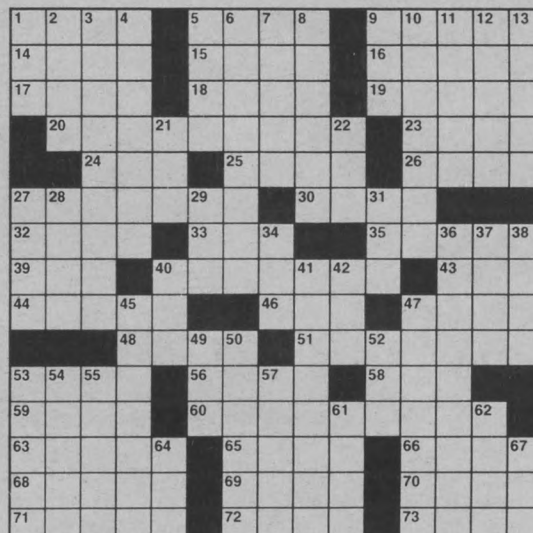
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Gauchos Steal 49ers Gold in 96-63 Rout of Big West Rival

■ UCSB Raises Record Above .500 and Win Streak to Three

By Brian Berger
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's basketball team began its Big West season in impressive fashion Wednesday night at the Thunderdome with a 96-63 thrashing of Long Beach State.

The victory raises the Gauchos' overall record to 5-4 and gives the squad its first winning record since it began the season 1-0, while extending the team's winning streak to three games.

Santa Barbara jumped ahead early and controlled the entire contest as it outscored the 49ers 26-9 in the opening 13 minutes. However, LBSU stayed competitive for the remainder of the first half and narrowed the deficit to just 10 points with 1:28 remaining in the period.

With its lead diminishing, UCSB responded to the late 49er run. Junior forward Amy Smith converted a three-point play and added an eight-foot jumper in the final 90 seconds to give the Gauchos a 36-25 halftime advantage.

"I have relaxed a lot more," Smith said. "I have stopped worrying about not being as good as last year, and shots are starting to fall."

Helping lead Santa Barbara through the first period was a tenacious defense that forced Long Beach into 20 turnovers. Senior forward Sasha Scardino led the attack as she grabbed five of the Gauchos' 10 first-half steals.

UCSB began the second half with an offensive explosion. Junior guard Erin Alexander canned two three-pointers in the opening minute as Santa Barbara out-

scored the Beach 21-7 in the first five minutes of play.

LBSU guard Michelle Esparza tried to keep the 49ers within striking distance by scoring nine of the team's first 13 second-half points. However, Esparza's one-person effort could not derail the Santa Barbara offense, which seemed to execute no matter what lineup was on the floor.

Eleven Gauchos found their way into the scoring column, including four who tallied double-digit totals. Alexander led all scorers with 19 points, while Scardino added 17 and senior forward Lauren Goldstine and Smith poured in 14. Also getting into the action was senior guard Dio Aguinaldo, who handed out a season-high nine assists in only 24 minutes.

Although the squad is playing well, UCSB Head Coach Mark French is concerned about the team's progress. "There is the danger that we can repeat last year," he said. "We must be careful in the Big West and peak at the right time."

Santa Barbara will continue its league schedule on Sunday as it travels south to challenge last season's Big West tournament champion UC Irvine. The Anteaters (5-5 overall, 0-1 in the Big West) are led by center Allah-mi Basheer. The senior leads UCI in scoring with a 19.6 per game average and has scored more than 15 points in every game this season.

Senior Tamera Thomas anchors the Anteater backcourt. Thomas, who leads the squad in steals and is third in scoring, was honored as the Big West Player of the Week on Dec. 4 and received the tournament MVP award in the UCI/Newport Beach Marriott Classic.



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GAUCHO GUNS: UCSB has routed Long Beach State, the University of Kansas and Eastern Washington in its last three home games to post a 5-4 record.

Women's Hoops Vacation Roundup

By Brian Berger
Staff Writer

While most UCSB students were enjoying a relaxing Winter Break, the Santa Barbara women's basketball team was busy at work competing in four games over the two-week hiatus.

Entering the vacation with a 2-2 overall record, the Gauchos traveled to Utah to challenge the Uni-

versity of Utah and Brigham Young University before returning home to host Eastern Washington University and the University of Kansas.

After dropping the two road games, UCSB managed to bounce back with home victories, including a 20-point thumping of Kansas. The split evened the squad's record at 4-4 before Wednesday's victory over Long Beach State.

Santa Barbara's road trip began on a rough note as the University of Utah handed the Gauchos a 71-45 defeat in Salt Lake City. Leading the way for the Utes (7-2) was center Amber McEwen, who tallied a game-high 26 points (11-17 from the floor) and grabbed 14 rebounds.

UCSB was led by juniors forward Amy Smith and guard Erin Alexander, who each knocked in 14. The 14-point performance

by Smith — who has been plagued by injuries and a viral infection — was her season's best after averaging more than 15 points a game last year.

Just two nights after the defeat, Santa Barbara took to the court against BYU. The Gauchos controlled an early lead and took a 36-32 advantage into the second half, but the Cougars responded and outscored UCSB in the final 20 minutes to claim a

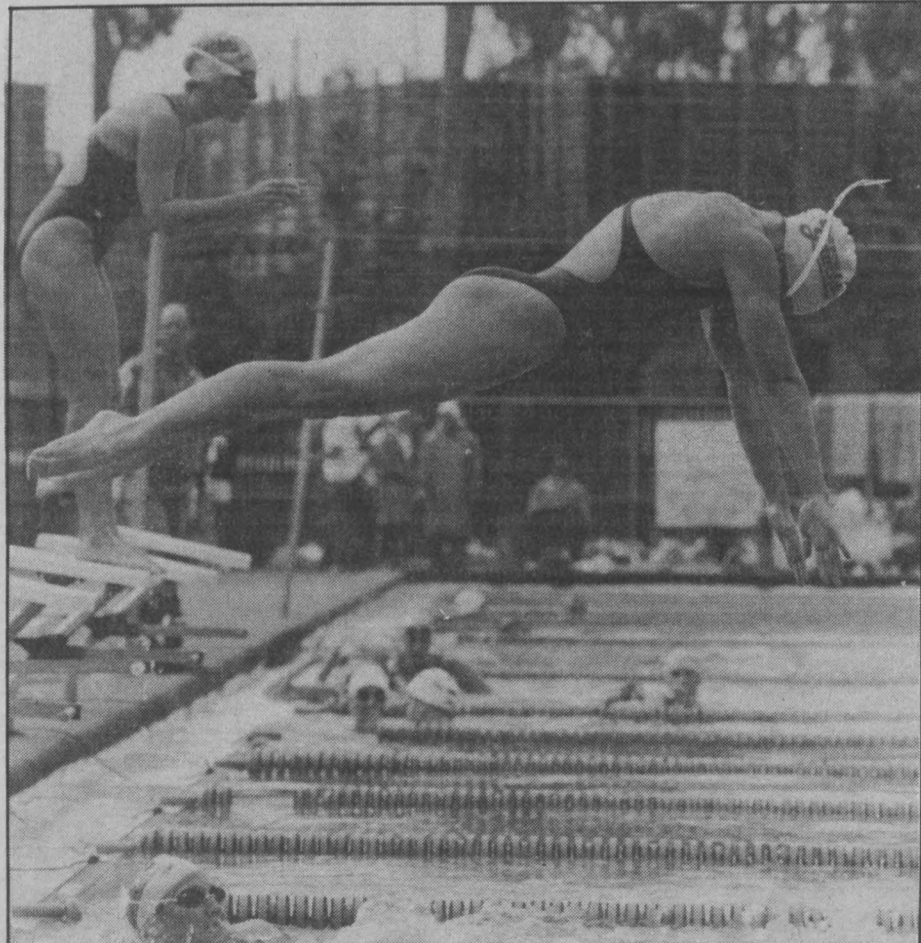
72-71 victory. BYU guard Kari Gallup led all scorers with 19 points, including the game winner.

Santa Barbara posted a balanced scoring attack with four Gauchos scoring in double digits. Topping the list was Alexander, who scored 14, while senior forward Sasha Scardino added 13 and senior center Amy Hughlett and Smith each contributed 12.

After two disappointing

road losses, UCSB returned to the friendly confines of the Thunderdome on Dec. 28 against Eastern Washington. Santa Barbara controlled the lead from the start, outscoring EWU 37-29 in the first half en route to a 67-51 victory. Once again Alexander led the team with 13 points, while her backcourt mate, senior guard Dio Aguinaldo, poured in 12.

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UNDER THE GUN: The UCSB women's swimming and diving squad takes on top 25 Cal and top 10 UCLA at home to kickoff the dual-meet season.

Gauchos Hope to Bully Bears & Bruins Women Swimmers & Divers Take to the Water Against Top Schools

By Steven Large
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's swimming and diving team is wasting no time getting back into the swim of things as the Gauchos play host to UC Berkeley and UCLA at noon today and Saturday, respectively.

"We need to use these meets to get us back in competition mode. We've been off for basically a month," said Santa Barbara Head Coach Gregg Wilson.

UCSB would have a hard time finding two tougher opponents to start the competitive part of its season against, as Cal is a top 25 team and UCLA is among the top 10 nationally ranked squads.

"We're approaching both teams the same," Assistant Coach Victor Wales said. "It's tough coming off a break. There have been two weeks where we've had no control over training. But everyone did what they thought they needed to do."

The Bruins seem to stack up as a stronger team than Berkeley. Five UCLA swimmers are tops in the country, but Wales believes that the squad's depth will determine how the athletes compete this season.

"As much as swimming is an individual sport, it's still a team sport. Relays count and they can move a team [like UCLA] anywhere from fifth to 10th in the country," he said.

While a natural rivalry exists between UCSB and UCLA, the Bears may have a little chip on their shoulder heading into today's event as well.

"We beat the Cal women two years ago and I'm sure that's going to be in the back of their minds," Wales said. "There has always been a little rivalry between us. We also recruit against each other."

While a victory over either team would be a pleasant surprise, the Gauchos are going into this weekend thinking nothing less than winning.

"You never go into a meet thinking you're going to lose," Wales said. "We're looking for people to step up."

Wilson is looking at this weekend's meets in relation to how they fit into the big picture. Santa Barbara has about two months to prepare for the NCAAs.

"It's time to get going," Wilson said. "We have seven weeks. You can do a lot in seven weeks. But you can also do a little."