



Daily Nexus

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The Pre-Law Society is holding a meeting today in the UCen Flying A Studios room at 7 p.m.



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Two students check their garments' origins at the social awareness forum held by Asian American studies students Wednesday.

Company Work Conditions Focus of Students' Efforts

By Caryn Shapiro
Staff Writer

A group of students studying social awareness held a campus forum to raise consumer consciousness about the exploitation of laborers in the apparel industry Wednesday night.

Hoping to inform students about abusive factory condi-

tions by brand-name garment manufacturers, members of the Asian American Social Movements course staged a fashion show, featuring apparel from clothing houses accused of labor violations, and a mock demonstration calling for an end to this practice, followed by an informational forum on the issue.

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Old Burial Grounds Found

By Jolie Lash
Staff Writer

Native American remains have been brought to the university to be studied after being uncovered during the development of Highway 126 in December.

While working on the third phase of a rural road-widening project south of the Santa Barbara area, Caltrans crews discovered a burial site believed to contain Indian remains. The relics were then brought to UCSB to be identified.

"This portion which is at the Ventura/Los Angeles line is the most easterly phase of the total widening project," said Caltrans information officer Vincent Moreno.

Although alternatives to the project were looked into, the ongoing road improvements required the burial site to be moved, said anthropology Professor Phil Walker, whose campus lab has been studying the remains.

"We were trying to figure out some way to prevent it. In my understanding, from the engineering perspective it's not possible to plan the road without [moving the remains]," he said.

The remains, which are believed to be Chumash or Tativam, were brought to Walker's bio-archaeology lab where Walker and a team of graduate

students have been working to establish their exact nature, he said.

"They needed someone to identify them and determine what we could about them to get information about what group they came from and whether or not they are Native American remains," Walker said. "[Our job is] to inventory skeletal remains and determine the age and sex and look for any evidence of cause of death — and do anything a coroner [would do]."

Currently the team is working on the fragile remains of seven or eight Native Americans, though more will be brought to the lab in the coming weeks, he said.

"[At] first we were hoping there was only one or two burials, but unfortunately that wasn't the case," he said.

Once the burial site was discovered and believed to contain Native American remains, Caltrans contacted the Native American Heritage Commission, said NAHC Executive Secretary Larry Myers.

"When Native American human remains are found in the state of California ... the project stops and the coroner discovers if they are Native American," Myers said.

Once this has been established the NAHC is in charge of contacting the most likely de-

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Campus Grad Schools Maintain Regulations

UC: First of a two-part series regarding University practices after SP-1 enactment

By Kelly Parkinson
Staff Writer

UCSB graduate admissions officials say their policies haven't changed since a controversial resolution's implementation to end Affirmative Action in the University, though campus authorities say diversity still remains a concern.

SP-1, approved in July 1995 by the UC Board of Regents, eliminated considerations of race and gender from the University admissions process starting Fall Quarter 1997. Although the policy was officially implemented Jan. 1, campus graduate admissions faculty members say SP-1 has not affected their decisions since gender and ethnicity were never used as criteria.

Chancellor Henry T. Yang says he remains committed to attracting a diverse array of graduate students and faculty.

"We are proudly and firmly committed to our twin goals of diversity and excellence at UCSB," Yang said.

Graduate admissions officials are more than willing to comply.

"We're doing nothing different than we were doing before," said Bernie Kirtman, chair of recruitment and admissions for the Chemistry Dept. "We're fulfilling the same twin goals as Chancellor Yang. SP-1 has not had an effect on our admissions

policies."

Carol Dixon of the Graduate School of Education expressed similar sentiments.

"We have not changed our admissions procedures one way or another, and the reason is we have never looked at diversity as a sole criteria for admission," Dixon said. "Diversity is certainly one thing we take into account and will continue to take into account."

But Dixon is skeptical of the permanence of this commitment to diversity, since graduate admissions committees have no legal requirements to fall back on.

"In order to get diversity, you have to have faculty who think diversity is important," he said.

Though campus officials say they are committed to diversity, some question how graduate admissions committees will reconcile SP-1's mandate of no preferential treatment with Chancellor Yang's twin goals.

"I don't know how they're doing diversity without race and gender considerations," said Graduate Students Association President Travis Dixon.

GSA Chair Ari Rosner is suspicious of decisions left entirely to the faculty.

"I could maintain diversity in a number of ways, and diversity could be defined in a number of ways," Rosner said. "So when people start throwing the word diversity around and it doesn't have any teeth in it, I have a hard time believing it. You claim to be maintaining diversity, and people say it's all for the minorities

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Fishin' Gone

Swimming ichthyoids no longer frequent the Storke Plaza Reflecting Pool thanks to the hard work of this diligent groundskeeper. Thanks, Pablo!

HEADLINERS

Insufficient Votes Capsize Amendment



WASHINGTON (AP) — In an all-but-fatal blow, Sen. Robert Torricelli announced his opposition Wednesday to the Republican-drafted balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. He said the proposal could hamstring future generations confronting a military crisis, recession or the need for federal construction.

"We write not for our time but for all times," said Torricelli (D-N.J.), who has supported similar constitutional amendments in the past. When it comes to making a change in the 210-year-old Constitution, he added, "good is not good enough."

Elected to the Senate last November, the New Jersey Democrat thus became the 34th Democrat to oppose the measure, enough to ensure its defeat.

Republicans rushed to attack Torricelli for break-

ing a campaign promise. "He has thumbed his nose at the people of New Jersey once and for all," charged Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

At the same time, Torricelli's decision confronted Lott with a choice

“ We write not for our time but for all times. ”

the hard work of balancing the budget."

The proposal, a cornerstone of the Republican congressional agenda, would require a balanced budget by 2002, with a three-fifths vote of the House and Senate to run a deficit thereafter. It cleared the House two years ago, when the Republican revolution was in

Sen. Robert Torricelli D-N.J.

between offering concessions in hopes of gaining the elusive 67th vote in support of the measure — or watching it go down to the narrowest of defeats next week and trying to pin the blame on the Democrats.

The White House issued a statement in which President Clinton said he was pleased with Torricelli's decision. He added it was now "time to get down to

full flower, but fell one vote shy of passage in the Senate.

This time, it bogged down in the House, where some Republicans flinched in the face of Democratic charges that it could threaten Social Security benefits.

Republicans argued the measure was needed to instill fiscal discipline in a government that has run deficits for nearly three de-

CADES. To dramatize their point, they stacked budget books several feet high on desks in the front row of the Senate, one thick volume for each of the years the budget has been unbalanced.

Within the new Senate, where all 55 Republicans support the measure, it quickly became clear that the swing votes were held by four newly elected Democratic senators.

Two of them, Max Cleland of Georgia and Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, announced their reluctant support over the past several days.

Sen. Tim Johnson of South Dakota declared his opposition last week, even though he, like Torricelli, had supported a similar amendment only two years ago. And shortly after Torricelli's announcement, the Republican National Committee disclosed it would begin airing radio commercials in South Dakota on Thursday saying Johnson "broke his promise."

Cops Kill Alleged Gang Members After Holdup



LOS ANGELES (AP) — Undercover officers peppered a quiet neighborhood with bullets, killing three people fleeing a barroom holdup and wounding an innocent bystander, the police chief said Wednesday.

But members of the elite police squad involved in the shooting followed rules requiring they show "reverence for human life," Police Chief Willie L. Williams said at a news conference.

Those killed during Tuesday night's deadly encounter in the west San Fernando Valley were believed to be North Hollywood gang members suspected of robbing more than 20 bars at gunpoint. They also were suspects in a recent bank robbery that temporarily closed the Topanga Plaza shopping mall, Williams said.

A bullet smashed through a window at the home of Debbie and Jerry Belkin and another went through their garage door, lodging in a refrigerator inside the garage.

"I think, what if I went out to my refrigerator to get a piece of cheesecake and I get shot?" Debbie Belkin recounted as she examined the bullet holes in her house.

Her husband said he knew immediately that a gun battle was erupting.

"I heard a series of roughly four, five shots," he said. "I could see muzzle flashes and I told my wife 'Get down! Get down!'"

Plainclothes detectives from the LAPD's Special Investigation Section had followed the suspects to The Classroom, a bar in the Northridge area. It was robbed at about 9 p.m. and officers cornered the getaway car at about 9:30 p.m. as it drove into a cul-de-sac in Northridge, about 30 miles northwest of downtown, police said.

The shooting began after unmarked police cars rammed the getaway car.

"One of the suspects in the car pointed a weapon at the officers and refused to stop," Cmdr. Tim McBride said. "One of the officers, in fear of his life, fired." A second officer also fired, fatally wounding the man.

"He died here at the scene," McBride said.

Another person died at the scene and a third, who was shot in the head, died at Northridge Hospital Medical Center.

No officers were hurt.

Restrictions on Press Visits to Prisons Prompt Initiative



SACRAMENTO (AP) — A San Francisco lawmaker and free-press groups have introduced legislation to overturn regulations they say have made it tougher for the news media and public to find out what happens behind prison walls.

"Given the level of money being spent on the prison system, given the recent incidents that have been going on in the prison system, it is fundamental that the public have the right to know what is going on," said Francisco Lobaco, a lobbyist for the American Civil Liberties Union.

"Our concern is to permit access," he said. The legislation was introduced by Sen. Quentin Kopp (I-San Francisco) in response to regulations that have made it more dif-

ficult for reporters to obtain one-on-one interviews with inmates.

A spokesperson for the Department of Corrections, Tip Kindel, denies that the change has hindered the flow of information to the public.

"It does not put roadblocks in the way," he said.

Under the regulations, the department no longer arranges one-on-one interviews with prisoners. A reporter must write to the prisoner, asking the inmate to either call the journalist collect or put the reporter on the prisoner's visitation list.

Once on the list, the reporter can see the prisoner during normal visiting hours. But prison officials can bar reporters from taking cameras, tape recorders and even notebooks and pens to the interviews.

Judge Opts to Extend Man's Sentence at Juvenile Prison



FELTON (AP) — A Santa Cruz County man convicted of sodomizing and killing a 3-year-old girl when he was a teenager will remain in a juvenile lockup even though his sentence has expired.

Donald Schmidt, now 25, is a danger to society and should remain incarcerated unless a jury decides otherwise, Superior Court Judge Kathleen Akao ruled Tuesday.

It is the first time in Santa Cruz County history that a judge has kept someone convicted as a juvenile locked up beyond age 25 — the maximum allowed under California law.

"This court rules for an extension for a two-year period for Mr. Schmidt," Akao said after hearing testimony by psychologists who diagnosed Schmidt with mental dis-

orders including sexual sadism and pedophilia.

Akao based her decision on a rarely used law that says if strong evidence shows the convict is mentally ill and dangerous to society, he or she can be sent back to the California Youth Authority.

A jury convicted Schmidt in August 1989 of sodomizing 3-year-old Marihia Silvola in her mother's Lompico home, then drowning her in the bathtub to silence her screams.

If he had been tried as an adult, Schmidt would have faced a life sentence. But because he was 16 at the time, he was tried as a juvenile and sentenced to the youth authority.

Deputy public defender Douglas Fox plans to ask for a jury trial to overrule the judge.

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Weather

I'm sorry loyal Weather groupies, but I have come bearing no juicy gossip. You see, it's not really my fault. I mean, sure I've been building up some tension the last week, telling all y'all my friend would close the final chapter on his search, but I too have been left hanging.

Since yesterday, my friend has gone AWOL, leaving everyone wondering what happened to him and if he ever got a hold of the cherished one. If so, did he rendezvous with her and are they together now, embracing in a tender, yet firm, hug of three-years magnitude? Or maybe she said something to unscrupulously decimate his gracious thanks, forever banishing him into the swirling chasm of rejection. Maybe she never came back from her road trip. Maybe she didn't even call.

Forecast: Sunny again, but not as bright, with winds of uncertainty blowing in all directions. We want closure!

Reps Approve of Multinational Ecological Effort

By Diane Reid
Staff Writer

A bill to initiate an Associated Students boycott of an international corporation was among the topics debated at the Legislative Council meeting Wednesday night.

The Mitsubishi Boycott bill was designed to show official A.S. opposition to the Mitsubishi Corporation's alleged disregard for biodiversity and the importance of global rain forests, said A.S. Environmental Affairs Board Co-Chair Jessica Scheeter.

"Companies such as Mitsubishi have been getting away with their part in the destruction of rain

passed with little opposition, were advocated by bill author Rep-at-Large Dan Schneider.

"This is by every means a proactive bill. ... Everything about this is proactive. We're going to get things done," he said.

However, the bill may be purposeless because of UCSB's lack of influence on the issue, according to Off-Campus Rep Greg Prill.

"This bill does absolutely nothing to Mitsubishi," he said. "Do you really think that a multinational corporation with billions and billions of dollars in profit is going to be listening to \$32,000 from a small college in the state of California in the

where," he said. "It's not that A.S. will have this drastic effect in and of itself. It's the fact that we're

Specific name recognition for the campus at one of its entrances was a concern for bill author On-

I think it's going to be ineffective and we could use our resources and our time a heck of a lot more effectively.

Greg Prill
off-campus rep

joining a worldwide band that would and could and ... obviously has had an effect."

Bill sponsor Leila Salazar expressed similar sentiments that participation in a boycott could be effective.

"It's symbolic but it's action. ... We're a pretty big university and yeah, when people do things individually they might not make a big difference," she said. "But when people just get together things can happen."

Also on the agenda was the UCSB Entrance Letter bill, which pertains to the approval of \$2,480 of Capital Improvements funds for the addition of the words "Santa Barbara" to the "University of California" lettering on the east entrance to campus.

Campus Rep Amy Mitchell.

"We're not just the University of California. We are the University of California at Santa Barbara and we should be recognized as such," she said. The bill passed with 15 votes for and one abstention.

In other business, Brian Raines was approved for the RecCen Governance Board. Ronald Taw and Arash Kahlili were removed from the offices of A.S. controllers. Tori Springer was removed from the office of A.S. student advocate and Josh Krom from the office of A.S. campus development.

Everything about this is proactive. We're going to get things done.

Dan Schneider
rep-at-large

forest lands and their effects on indigenous peoples, and they need to be held accountable for their actions. This bill is a statement encouraging them to take responsibility," Scheeter said.

The positive effects of the resolution, which

United States of America? Probably not. I think it's going to be ineffective and we could use our resources and our time a heck of a lot more effectively."

But Off-Campus Rep Jake White disagreed.

"This is the mentality that kills activism every-

Protesting Grad Students Brave Elements Today

By Kerri Webb
Staff Writer

Teaching assistants will be holding their office hours outdoors to gain public support for their role as educators of higher learning today.

In recognition of the Graduate Teachers Union's National Day of Action, protesting what the organization considers to be demanding and unfair working conditions, TAs, graders, tutors and readers are among those joining together for the Grade-In, said graduate student and film studies TA Ted Coe.

"There are currently 20 universities in the U.S. participating in the National Day of Action, calling attention to the successes and the struggles of the union," Coe said.

"As student academic employees, we do up to 50 percent of the work and we're not given the recognition for what we do."

There is a purpose behind the TAs publicly displaying their jobs, said Associated Students employment staff organizer Jay Stemmler, an English graduate student.

"One of the reasons why we're doing this is because quite often the university forgets that we are the ones that are on the frontline for the students," Stemmler said.

Another purpose of the event is to garner public support for the union's demand for better negotiations between its representatives and the UC, Stemmler said.

"We want [the UC] to agree to enter collective bargaining with our elected representatives and agree to a

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PRESENTS
YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE
BY LINDA C. BLACK

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - Be careful this morning. Don't let the kids get the milk by themselves. A private deal could go through in the early afternoon. It's worth a lot, but you'll have to share. Don't get into an argument with your sweetheart tonight. Just love him or her.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Luckily, you have an excellent poker face. Nobody knows what you really think about outrageous behavior at the top. Take your time with a decision that affects your career. Don't just have dinner or drinks tonight; think of a project to do with friends.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - The lesson that's pending has to do with taking care of others. People won't come right out and tell you what's needed. If you can figure it out for yourself, you'll win. Today, this drama is playing out at work. Watch out for a rare opportunity.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 10 - This is a magnificent day for you! It's the start of your vacation season. You're lucky in just about every way you can imagine: love, travel, games, higher education and matters pertaining to children. Do something outrageous.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - Somebody at home isn't going along with your program. Talk it over with an objective friend. You can get the money you need through a compassionate woman, but you're going to have to be nice. If you come on too strong, she'll shut down and you won't get a thing.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - You ought to buy yourself something special. Your luck in love is starting to change for the better, so there's your excuse. You need to go to fascinating places and do interesting - yet soporifically romantic - things. Start planning now. Tonight, take action.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 7 - If you're not in business for yourself, you should be. You're so full of ideas, it's hard to get them all down on paper. If you need help, hire a Pisces. They're very good at following directions. Get a Virgo to do the accounting.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is a 9 - You're decisive, strong and forcefully dynamic. You figure out what needs to be done and you do it. Today, that's going to be easy. You still may have to contend with somebody at home who's dragging their feet, but most of the others will fall right into line.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - There's a deadline coming due that you either forgot about or have been ignoring. Better check through that stack of papers on your desk. You'll find new freedom on the other side of this dilemma. This weekend is going to be marvelous.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Once your team has the objective clearly determined, it'll get the job done. Your role is to be a combination of drill sergeant and cheerleader. Meanwhile, your sweetheart is becoming more pliant and less resistant. Tonight could be more fun than you've had in weeks.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - If the proposition you're being offered is unethical, you need to get out of the situation entirely. If it's simply something you don't feel like doing, you need to stop being so stubborn. If you can't see the situation objectively, ask a friend to intervene.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - When you become more powerful, everybody around you benefits. That even includes the plants and animals. So figure out what you're going to make happen and get started on it. The world needs to become a better place and you're just the one to do it.

Today's Birthday (Feb. 27) - Expand your horizons this year. Go someplace you've always dreamed about. Start saving with a passion in April. Do the research in May. Friends drop over in June. Fall in love in July. Get organized in September. Find the money in October. Do it in November - including getting married, if that's in your plans. That's a fabulous time for a honeymoon. Expect a career surprise in December. A change is for the better next February.

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Age of Corruption

Clinton's Coffee Klatches and Slumber Parties Point to Rampant Greed in D.C.

Surprise! The latest news out of Washington, D.C. is that President Clinton has once more gotten himself involved in ethically shady political activities, this time of the fund-raising stripe.

Internal Clinton administration memos revealed Tuesday that the president himself proposed that his friends spend the night in the White House. What's raising eyebrows and tempers across this republic is that several of these friends also happened to be big-spending Democratic contributors. Thus, another possible ethical boo-boo is thrown onto an ever-increasing pile of charges, allegations and suspicions involving the Clinton White House, all of them as confusing as the excuses and explanations proffered by the president and his staff.

While the proverbial jury is still out on the vast majority of the ethical charges leveled against the president, this latest round of fund-raising shenanigans can only serve to hurt Clinton, his party, the presidency and the country's diminishing faith in our government's ability to govern.

Worst of all, news of still more shady dealings from the Clinton camp come at the worst possible time for a president who would be the champion of campaign finance reform and for a public that eagerly waits for some form of it to be enacted.

In this regard, Clinton seems to be pulling up the gangplank on his money-grubbing cohorts now that he's safely

aboard the ship of his second term — not exactly a great pulpit from which to sing the praises of campaign finance reform.

Moreover, Clinton's seeming transformation of the White House into his 24-hour campaign headquarters, and his Republican rivals' parallel transformation of Capitol Hill into a "Sink Clinton" (and now, apparently, Gore) clubhouse, casts a shadow on the entire American political system. Investigative committees — and the calls for more — abound. All this backbiting threatens to spare our nation's leaders the less glamorous and more tiresome task of running the government.

One longs for presidents and legislators whose main role in office is not ensuring their own re-election and the defeat of their opponents, but has something to do with the actual construction of leadership and legislation.

But take heart. All those who would despair over the state of our government, whether they be conservative or liberal, Republican, Democrat or independent, should note that there are more voters out there who *aren't* giving \$50,000 donations, and even more who don't vote at all.

If every American were to wake up, head to the polls and vote their conscience instead of settling for the lesser of two evils, mayhap campaign finance reform and — dare we dream? — corruption itself would be a thing of the past.

"I feel the pain of everyone / Then I feel nothing."

—J Mascis

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The Reader's Voice

MR. SENSITIVE AND AWARE?

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I've just read Steve Lange's article on skateboarding (*Daily Nexus*, "Consideration of Strollers and Skaters on Campus Walkways Goes a Long Way," Feb. 25) and I'm a little pissed. I'm caught between my agreement with his assessment of the skating dilemma on campus, and my anger with the way he hypocritically speaks for us "skaters of all types." Let me explain what I mean.

First of all, I agree with his observation that there seems to be more skaters on campus than ever before. I also am aware that this year's freshman class is the largest ever, and, consequently, more and more people are using their feet or their boards to get to class. I also agree with his solutions to avoiding collisions — slower speeds, alternative routes, etc.

I would like to expand on his comments about avoiding skateboarders, though. He is right about the dangers of quick movements by pedestrians. Most skaters, myself included, can see their projected path far ahead of them, and know how to get there.

When a pedestrian tries to help us make our judgements, though, accidents can occur. People need to realize that even though we're speeding toward them, they don't need to yelp or try to jump out of our way — we know what we're doing and we're not going to hit you.

Now, on to the angry part. Mr. Lange gives himself much credit for his "sensitivity" for and "awareness" of others that he has gained through skateboarding. He unites all of us skateboarders together to see what we can do to alleviate the skating problem. He almost brought tears to my eyes with "if we truly love skateboarding we are going to have to do this."

Real good so far. Then, in his final statement, he talks shit to Gravity Board riders and disregards them as "fuckin' with the program."

Whoa! What happened to Mr. Sensitive and Aware? This comes from a guy who, congratulations, built his own longboard out of oak and seems to believe in the "superior transportation qualities" of a longboard. I do believe that longboards are superior — for speed, smoothness and my style of skating. I'm not into carving shit up with shortboards, which many people like, but that's just my opinion.

Letters to the editor should be no longer than 500 words and MUST include the author's name and phone number.

I myself own a Gravity Board because I think they're the best-performing longboards on the market. I bought my "fad" skateboard and Mr. Lange made his own. So whose is better, or whose is more "real"?

That's not really the point. The point is that hypocritical judgements shouldn't be included in writing meant to bring awareness and solutions to a current problem. All skaters, and pedestrians, need to think about the situation at hand, ponder what they can do about it, and not let the issue get muddied by baseless and misguided comments like the ones tainting Mr. Lange's article.

AIDEN ENDSLEY

GAUCHO ATHLETES GET SCREWED

Editor, Daily Nexus:

First of all, Mr. Beers, you are a hypocrite. If you are so against Gaucho athletics (*Daily Nexus*, "Gaucho Sports Gouge UCSB," Feb. 20), then why the hell were you at the basketball game? Secondly, who is really being taken advantage of here? If you will kindly do your research, you will find that the Intercollegiate Athletics Dept. is the real victim of this institution.

For every 0.5 unit signed up

for, funds are given to the physical activities department. The P.A. department offers classes like weight lifting, volleyball, etc. Somehow the proprietor of this scam linked intercollegiate athletics to the P.A. department. So every quarter when 450 student-athletes sign up for their sport, 225 of their units are going directly to the P.A. department's slush fund, and the athletes never see any resulting benefits.

With that in mind, why can students sign up for a P.A. weight lifting class and have the north side of the RecCen weight room sectioned off for them to lift with their class, while intercollegiate athletes cannot lift with their teams in the RecCen? The money from the 0.5 unit in both cases is going to the same place, and both are for athletic activities. The athletic department is being scammed by the P.A. department.

Finally, why do ICA coaches work in old trailers next to Rob Gym while the P.A. employees work in cozy offices on the second floor of the RecCen? Are Gaucho sports gouging UCSB, or is UCSB gouging Gaucho sports?

TRENT BRYSON

Religious Leader To Discuss Common Prejudices

By Kristy Dolan
Reporter

As part of Islamic Awareness Week, a noted scholar will address the difficulties of being a practicing Muslim in the United States on campus this afternoon.

In his second appearance at UCSB, Islamic scholar and Oakland Mosque leader Imam Abdul Malik Ali will give a talk entitled "Jihad in America." The lecture will focus on misinterpretations of the word jihad as well as general misconceptions American society has about Muslims.

"The issue of the meaning of jihad has been controver-

Jihad is the struggle that Muslims engage in on behalf of their religion.

Juan E. Campo
religious studies professor

sial," said religious studies Professor Juan E. Campo. "Jihad is the struggle that Muslims engage in on behalf of their religion. The use of jihad is often in terms of war, but really, it doesn't highlight violence at all."

Campo feels the theme is appropriate because it applies to the different issues Muslims deal with living in a non-Muslim society.

"The topic is a timely one because it's dealing with how Muslims can accommodate a religious belief," he

said. "It's hard in the U.S. because there are different types of Muslims. Natives of the United States who convert experience the situation differently. There are so many things that they deal with in secular society. The role and status of women, terrorism and violence, stereotypes in family and public life — especially in their jobs."

The lecture is important because its major focus is to clarify misconceptions about Muslims, said secretary of the Muslim Student Association Faren Afsari, a sophomore accounting major.

"The media doesn't portray Muslims in a fair way. When people think of Muslims they link it with things like terrorism. For example, the Oklahoma City bombing. ... You tell people you are a Muslim, and they think you're a fanatic," Afsari said.

Muslim Student Association President Boaz Abel agrees and feels this is a good reason for non-Muslims to come to the talk.

"A woman wearing a long dress and scarf is viewed as suppressed and backwards. People need to ... unlearn what society has taught them, and go to the source to have their questions answered," Abel said.

The lecture is only one part of a weeklong event that was created to promote a greater understanding of Muslim practices in the campus community.

"I think the main reason we decided on Islamic Awareness Week was to dissolve the stereotypes. We are not interested in converting people or anything, we just want to clear up any misconceptions so people won't readily accept bad rumors about us," Afsari said.

The lecture will take place today at 4 p.m. in the Multi-Cultural Center Theater.

Professor To Discuss Governmental Range

A former Reagan administration staff economist and faculty member will present his expertise on the magnitude of governments in a public forum tonight.

Economics Professor Charles Stuart will discuss government size by comparing administrations from different nations in a UCSB economics forum entitled "How Big Can Government Get?"

"I'm going to talk a little bit about how big governments are in different developed countries ... [and] where the United States stands relative to those countries," Stuart said.

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Charles Stuart
Economics Professor

The forum will hopefully address people's various beliefs about government, Stuart added.

"[Some individuals think the] government doesn't do enough or some people think it's too big," he said.

The event will hopefully encourage further interaction between the campus faculty and the public, Stuart said.



Charles Stuart

"We want [to have] contact with the people in the community to get some insights in the issues," he said.

Traditionally, there is a high turnout from local residents for past discussions given by various campus professors, said Economics Dept. Chair Jon Sonstelie.

"There is community demand and good turnout in interest," he said.

Stuart received his doctorate from the University of Lund in Sweden and came to UCSB in 1980. He later became a senior staff economist dealing with tax policy during the Reagan administration and has written dozens of articles and books.

"How Big Can Government Get?" will take place in the Hunt Room in the University Club, located at 1332 Santa Barbara St., at 5:15 tonight. Reservations are needed, and can be made through the Office of Community Relations by calling 893-4388.

—David Diaz

SP-1

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and everything. ... But other people may decide not to admit any people of color."

Yet officials maintain there is nothing contradictory about the graduate schools' adherence to their former policies because, unlike University medical and law schools — which have stringent admissions policies — graduate schools base their decisions on what Carol Dixon calls "the whole person."

According to Cindy Ketcham, director of graduate admissions and financial support, the factors considered when reviewing an application include letters of recommendation, grades and GRE scores.

Because the criteria are so holistic, Ketcham says departments are complying with SP-1 by virtue of the fact they have never had stringent guidelines that were directly affected by Affirmative Action.

"There are no special racial considerations built into the system here," Ketcham said. "It may appear that it is contradictory, but the reason we're not changing anything is we've gone through full evaluations of the way we

conduct business through legal counsel.

"We took a look at every possible thing we do in the admissions process and posed questions to the University legal counsel, and in essence got a clean bill of health. It's because we don't have a formula. That's the key," she said. "We went around and around trying to make sure we were in compliance with SP-1."

Ketcham added that

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Cindy Ketcham
director of graduate admissions

while there is admittedly a gray area, diversity to the graduate departments is a much more inclusive term because they recruit nationally and internationally.

"Our diversity is built into the system," Ketcham said. "Unlike the undergraduate divisions, we're not trying to make our incoming class look like something. We're bringing in the best students, and the best students come from a variety of backgrounds."

Meanwhile, critics wonder if Prop 209 hasn't already affected the UC system's graduate minority applicant pool. Con-

cerned legislators, in a letter sent to UC President Atkinson, cited a 25 percent drop in minority applicants to UCSF medical school this year compared to 1996.

UCSB's figures, while more optimistic, remain enigmatic to administrators because, although the percentages of minority applicants have risen, the number of Affirmative Action fellowships awarded to qualified minority gra-

duate students are markedly down. Yet nominations for Affirmative Action fellowships have significantly decreased from last year. According to Ketcham, there were 94 nominations this year — a 26-student drop from last year's total of 120.

Travis Dixon suspects these numbers are indicative of the University's failure to promote diversity.

"There is a rumor that one of the measures of how well the University is doing in terms of diversity is in the number of fellowships," Dixon said. "The bottom line is that applications are down ... by 40 or 50. Way down. And most of the nominations we've gotten have been for women in science, not people of color. There are two options: Either they didn't apply or they weren't admitted. I don't know the answers to that question."

Ketcham acknowledged that the discrepancy between the decline in nominations and the increase in applications was puzzling.

"It appears that the number of applications is up this year," she said. "So the fact that we're down in nominations is something we don't have an answer for. This is sort of hot-off-the-press information. We haven't had a chance to check with other departments."

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SWIM

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Junior sprinter Jason Lezak will lead the Gauchos into the meet. He holds the top times in the 50 and 100 free as well as the 100 butterfly. He will also compete on three relay teams.

"I want to make NCAAs and have our relays make it as well," Lezak said.

Sophomore Carl Larsen enters the meet as the team's top swimmer in the 200 individual medley and 1650 free. He will look to improve on his already impressive time of 1:50.62 in the 200 IM.

Andy Lopez has the fastest times in the 100 and 200 breast, while junior Tad Kremen leads in the backstroke.

All three women divers have also qualified for the zone competition. Junior Valerie Ronald and sophomores Courtney Miller and Lindsey Hill will represent UCSB in the meet.

The diving teams have netted high scores all season and show no signs of slowing down. On the men's side, seniors Toby Reclusado and Tannon Brown have had record-setting years, and both have already posted scores high enough to qualify them for the NCAA zone competitions.

MEN

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son without star forward John Williams. Williams will likely be out for the rest of the year after suffering a broken wrist Jan. 23.

"Fullerton is still dangerous without him," Pimm said. "They will have Chris Dade, who is

always a tough customer."

The game against the Titans will be played Saturday at 7 p.m.

It is no longer a secret that junior guard Raymond Tutt is the key to the fortune of the Gauchos. Last week, Tutt was named Big West Player of the Week for the fourth time this season after averaging 28.5 points and 9.0

rebounds per game in two matchups with New Mexico State and Cal Poly.

The honor puts Tutt in elite company — he ties a UCSB record for winning the award four times in one season, set by Lucius Davis in 1992.

Tutt is currently fifth in the nation with a 23.6 scoring average.

V-BALL

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Waves when the two teams first locked up this year. The #8 Gauchos beat Pepperdine convincingly in three games, 15-12, 17-15, 15-13, and held their team leader, senior Kevin Barnett, to just 13 kills.

"He's definitely going to be fired up to play," Crone said. "He's not the type of guy to get super-fired up and start talking trash, but I can almost guarantee you he's

not going to have another one of those kind of games this time."

Not only will Santa Barbara have to contend with Barnett's revenge, but playing on the road against a team as tough as Pepperdine will be a challenge in itself — one which McCoy feels UCSB can meet.

"We've gotta start out fired up," McCoy said. "We seem to do that against top-ranked teams though. It's teams that are not top-ranked that we have trouble coming out against."

FORUM

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The pyramid structure of the garment industry distances the retailers and manufacturers from the garment workers, which in effect contributes to the ease with which companies disregard the treatment of the factory workers, said event organizer Cathy Song.

"Retailers such as Nordstrom and Robinsons May contract manufacturers of brand names such as Guess and Nike who in turn hire sewing contractors who hire the garment workers, who are lucky to get minimum wage," said Song, a junior communications and Asian American studies major.

Guess was provided as an example of a company that promotes sweatshop conditions, as they are presently located in Los Angeles but will soon be relocating to Latin America in an effort to avoid existing labor laws in the United States, Song said.

"Guess workers are usually female immigrants from Latin America or Asia. They don't speak English and they don't know their rights or the opportunities that exist in the United States," she said. "They don't get benefits or minimum wage and are forced to take home work."

Consumer boycotts of the garment in-

dustry are the only means available for people to convince manufacturers to change their labor practices, said speaker and sociology Professor Richard Appelbaum.

"Image is everything to these companies. If they get embarrassed they will rethink their strategy. If we tarnish their image, they'll change. We're making it up to consumers to change the situation," Appelbaum said.

It is difficult to avoid getting sucked into the consumer mindset of our society, said event co-host James Mun, a junior Asian American studies and business economics major.

"What do we do now that we're educated? The truth is, clothes and brands appeal to us. It's hard to make sacrifices when you don't see immediate results," Mun said.

The student-run event impressed audience member Don Kim, a senior history major.

"I think [the event] was well done, well organized and a good educational environment," Kim said.

Course instructor and Asian American studies Assistant Professor Diane Fujino believes her students achieved their goal of raising awareness in a creative fashion.

"The program was excellent. The students worked so hard and it had an important message and content. It wasn't fluff by any means," she said.

UNION

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contract for better working conditions," she said. Working conditions are

among the main concerns, because some courses have up to 150 students per teaching assistant due to recent downsizing within departments. The amount of work for an av-

erage TA is often equivalent to that of a full-time faculty member, and the pay rate is lower by comparison, said former Graduate Student Teachers Union member Vince Zaccone.

"There is almost no support for a TA who is swamped with work and earning little money," he said. "Perhaps if there were more TAs splitting up the work, conditions would be better."

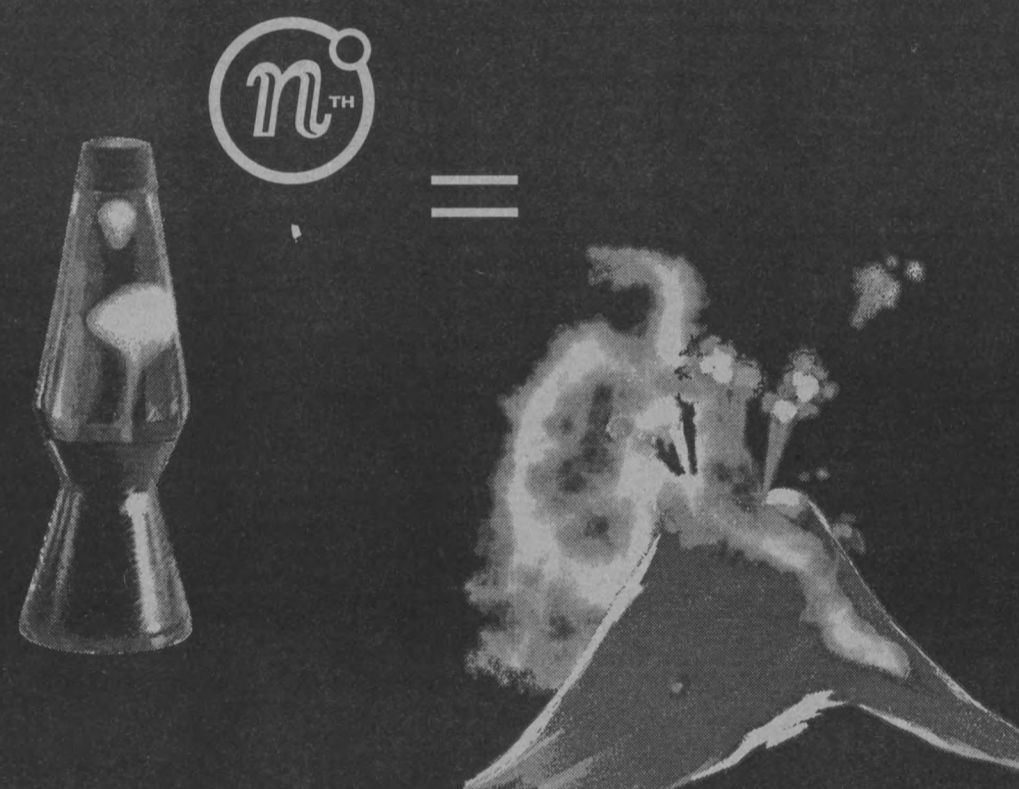
TA hardships can put the students in jeopardy when the amount of responsibilities becomes too overwhelming. The graduate students are often put in a situation where they have to choose between providing quality service to the students or succeeding in their own studies, Stemmler said.

"Most grad students find themselves torn between properly attending to their students and being successful in their own studies," she said. "Many grad students choose to help the students and have many unpaid overtime hours spent."

The Teach-In will provide an opportunity for undergrads to show their support for the academic employees, Coe said.

"There will be a petition circulated that undergrads could sign to show their support for us," he said. "They can have an opportunity to see how we're being denied rights that other UC employees have."

The Teach-In will take place between The Arbor and Davidson Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today.



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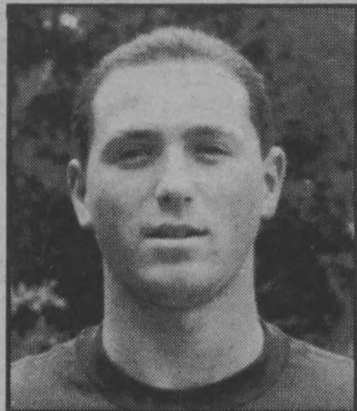
UCSB Plans to Make a Splash in Big West Championships

Men Seek 19th Straight Big West Crown

By Scott Hennessee
Staff Writer

The men have won 18 of them in a row. The women have won eight of the last 13. The chances are very good they will both win again this season.

The UCSB men's and women's swimming and diving teams have dominated the Big



Jason Lezak

West Conference over the years, and they show no signs of relinquishing their holds on the top. The Big West Championships begin today at Long Beach State. The Gauchos men are the clear favorites to walk away with their

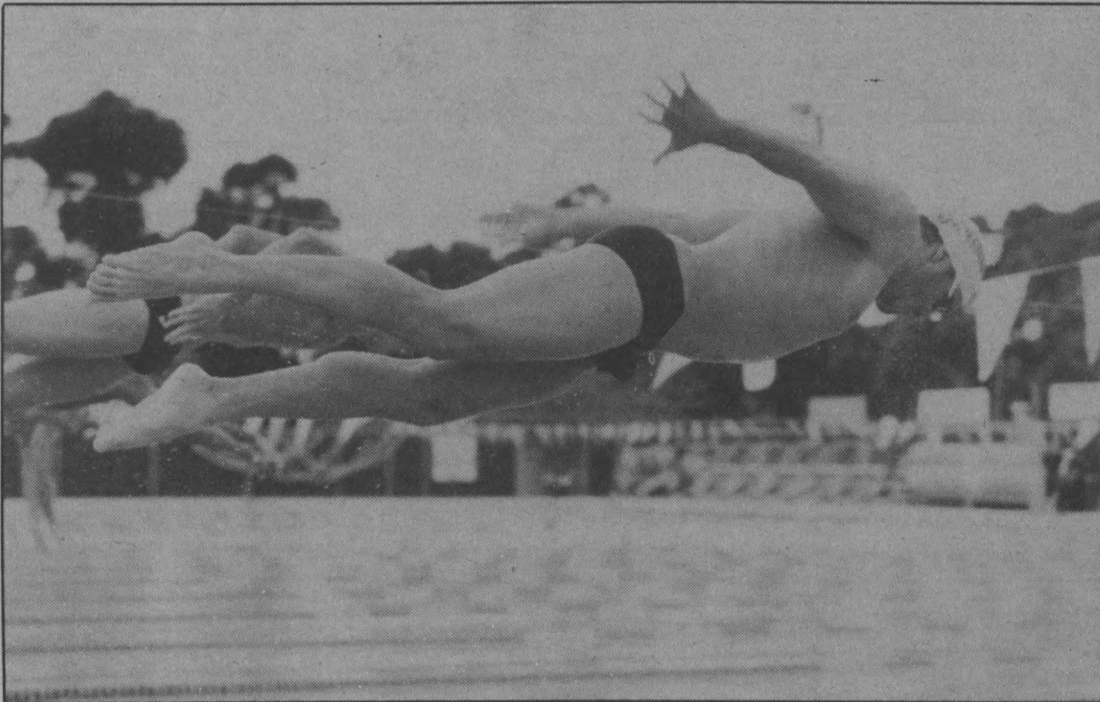
19th straight win, and although Nevada's women are the favorites on paper, Santa Barbara feels that they are the team to beat.

"This is the first time we have rested and shaved all year," UCSB Assistant Coach Jeff Kubiak said. "All the times we've been comparing against, at least for the women, have been all shaved times. We should do really well."

The women have put up some impressive times in earlier meets, and only expect those times to get faster. Senior sprinter Lia Schraeder holds the top times on the squad in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle. This weekend she looks to improve her 50 time of 23.98 and her 100 time of 53.13.

"I'm planning on having the best meet of my life," Schraeder said. "This season I've swum better times without shaving and tapering than I have when I [shaved and tapered] in the past."

Sophomore Danya Beliakoff enters the meet as the top Gauchos in the breaststroke. She sports the top times in both the 100-yard (1:07.46) and 200-yard (2:23.77) events.



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STRETCH IT OUT: The UCSB men's and women's swimming and diving teams have won a combined 21 of 26 Big West championships in the last 13 years.

Sophomore Stephanie Stuppi is the top contender in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke. Freshman Jacqui Schoppe is the best distance freestyler on the squad, entering the best times in the 200, 500 and 1650 free.

On the men's side, the swim-

mers are less worried about their competition than they are about each other.

"There is not even a question [whether] the men will win this meet," senior Ted Poser said. "The Big West is not that strong. Our competition is UCSB in 99

percent of the events."

Santa Barbara's main motivation is to go for individual records and qualify individuals and relay teams for the NCAA meet.

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With the Title Wrapped Up, UCSB Takes a Road Trip to Put a Wrap on the Season

Team Receives Two AP Poll Points

By Brian Berger
Staff Writer

With just two games remaining in its regular season and the conference title already wrapped up, it does not appear that the UCSB women's basketball team has much to play for this weekend.

The Gauchos (19-5 overall, 12-1 in the Big West) will take part in an unusual Thursday night game against the University of the Pacific (8-16, 7-6) in Stockton tonight before returning south to face Long Beach State (9-15, 6-7) on Saturday at 1 p.m. in The Pyramid.

Despite the apparent lack of motivation for his team, UCSB Head Coach Mark French is not extremely concerned.

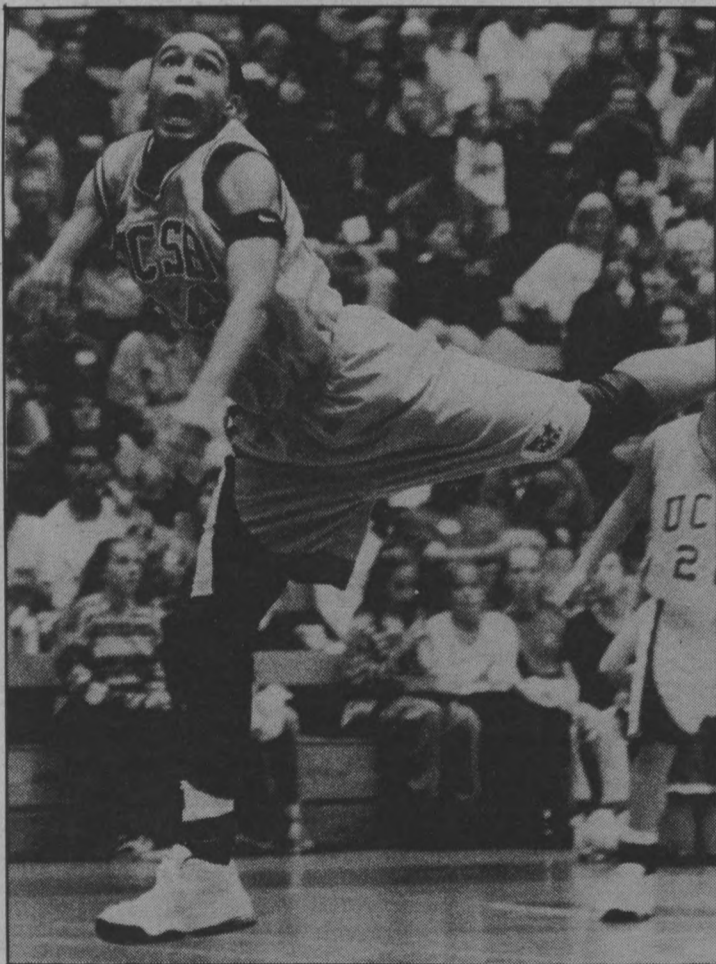
"I'm not too worried," he said. "All these games matter for us in the big picture."

The two games will conclude the regular season and will serve as warm-up for the upcoming Big West Tournament, which begins March 5 in Reno, Nev.

Santa Barbara is currently riding a nine-game winning streak that dates back to Jan. 23, when UCSB hammered LBSU 83-54. The Gauchos have averaged a 23.4 point margin of victory through those nine games.

Santa Barbara's recent success has garnished the team some national attention. In this week's Associated Press Poll UCSB received two votes — its highest total of the year. The squad also earned three votes in the *USA Today* Coaches Poll.

Leading the Gauchos' offense will be senior Erin Alexander. The guard has made herself the favorite to win the



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GRACE ON FIRE: The UCSB women's basketball team has won its last nine games by an average of 23.4 points per game.

league's Player of the Year award, averaging a team-high 19.0 points per game. Alexander also leads the team in three-pointers (62) and free throw percentage (.828).

Senior Amy Smith is playing her best basketball of the season right now, scoring 18.0 ppg and grabbing 7.2 rebounds a contest. In the last eight games Smith shot 55.1 percent from the floor.

Freshmen Stacy Clinesmith and Kristi Rohr will continue their roles as starters this weekend. Clinesmith enters the game with an 11.2 ppg aver-

age along with 5.0 assists and 3.0 rebounds per game. Rohr, who is still recovering from a slight knee strain, is the team leader in rebounds with 7.6 per game. In her last nine games, Rohr averaged 14.2 points, 8.5 boards, one steal and one block per game.

Pacific's main threat is center Kate McAllister. The senior leads the team in both points (15.5) and rebounds (9.0) per game. Cathy Lauritzen is the only other Tiger scoring in double digits, contributing 10.3.

First Road Victory Sought in Gauchos' UCI Matchup

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

The road has not been kind to the UCSB men's basketball team. This week, however, the squad will have a legitimate shot at winning its first away game when the Gauchos battle UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton in their final two regular-season games.

"We want to get a road win," Santa Barbara Head Coach Jerry Pimm said. "We want to have some road wins before we head to Reno for [the Big West Tournament]. We're playing our best basketball of the season right now. We hope we can continue our progress."

The Anteaters (1-23 overall, 1-13 in the Big West) will pose the first test for Santa Barbara (11-13, 6-8) when the two squads battle at 7:30 tonight down south.

Although Irvine has been a pushover for most college basketball programs this season, Pimm still cautions about the potential for an upset.

"They very easily could've defeated us here last time," Pimm said, referring to UCSB's one-point victory over the Anteaters on Jan. 18. "They have to think that of all the games they could've won on the road, ours would have to be the one."

Fullerton (11-13, 4-10) will be a much tougher test for the Gauchos. The Titans are also looking to avenge an early season loss to UCSB in the Thunderdome.

CSUF, however, will have to earn the rest of its victories this sea-

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Santa Barbara Set to Come Out Charged Up Against #5 Waves

By Steven Large
Staff Writer

Slow starts have become the UCSB men's volleyball team's calling card of late, but to pull out a win against #5 Pepperdine University in Malibu tonight the Gauchos will have to put their sluggishness on hold.

"We've been playing with a lack of intensity," UCSB junior outside hitter Mitch McCoy said. "I don't know why. I know we're working on having fun on the court. ... We've been playing too tense."

Perhaps one reason for their lack of spark has been their lack of health. Just when junior middle blocker Bob Hefty returned to action Tuesday night after being out with a broken hand for two weeks, Santa Barbara may now have to face the Waves without starting senior

outside hitter Jason Crone.

Depending on a doctor's recommendation this morning, Crone may be forced to sit out of tonight's matchup with an inflamed knee. If Crone sits, expect either backup junior outside hitter Jeremy Darner or backup freshman outside hitter Rick Rauth to get the nod.

"A lot of people are still hurt," Crone said. "The guys coming off the bench have done a good job though. That's important."

Senior middle blocker Robert Treahy is also playing through injuries, and is still slated to start against Pepperdine. One of the only starters not to fall victim to injury this season has been McCoy.

"I've noticed that too," he said. "Let's hope it stays that way. Knock on wood."

UCSB played well against the

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