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Blustery Day Topples Trees, Crushes Vehicles

Some I.V. Residents Advised to Evacuate

By Tim Molloy
Staff Writer

Powerful storm winds felled several Isla Vista trees Tuesday night, disrupting the daily routine of residents with power outages, crushed automobiles and collapsed fences.

Three separate falls left a wake of inconvenience and damage, forcing the sheriff's office to close El Nido from Tuesday night until Wednesday morning and bringing tree-care specialists into town in unusually large numbers.

"A lot of this can be prevented if the owners just prune the trees," said John Palmer, Peterson's Tree Care foreman. "It's not a top priority. It's something people don't want to think about until it falls on their house."

Several I.V. households were robbed of electricity Tuesday when one tree fell on El Nido power lines.

Residents of the campus-neighborhood street witnessed the tree hitting the power lines as early as 6 p.m., although power was lost at about 10 p.m., according to I.V. Foot Patrol Officer Mark Larson.

Residents phoned the police when they noticed sparks from the power lines.

"We just saw the tree hitting it and fires would catch and go out," said Ryan Smith, a sophomore economics major, whose roommate dialed 911 upon witnessing the blazes.

As of press time, police and residents were uncertain of whether the tree cut off the lines' power or if Southern California Edison turned off power as a precautionary measure.

SCE officials, awash in area emergencies, were unavailable for comment at press time.

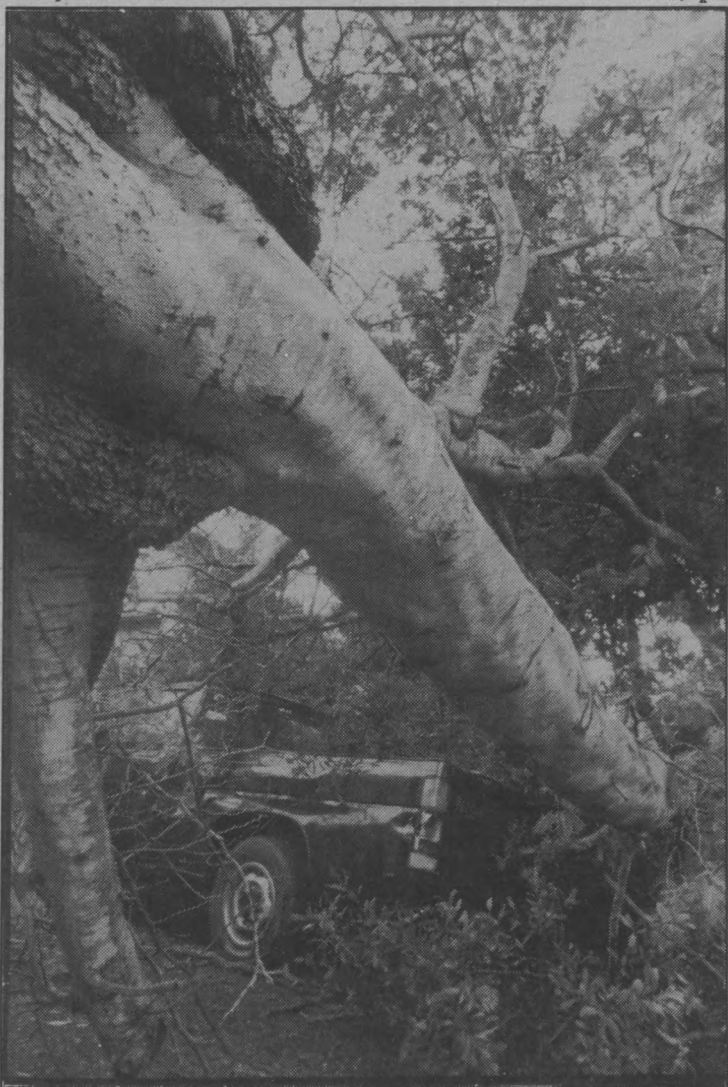
The power outage lasted through Tuesday night and into Wednesday.

"They blocked off El Nido from both sides," said Santa Barbara City College student Kate Hansen. "Then the power went out and they said it would be on in two to three hours and it was out all night and out this morning."

Although police advised several El Nido residents to go elsewhere, none of them were forced to evacuate their homes.

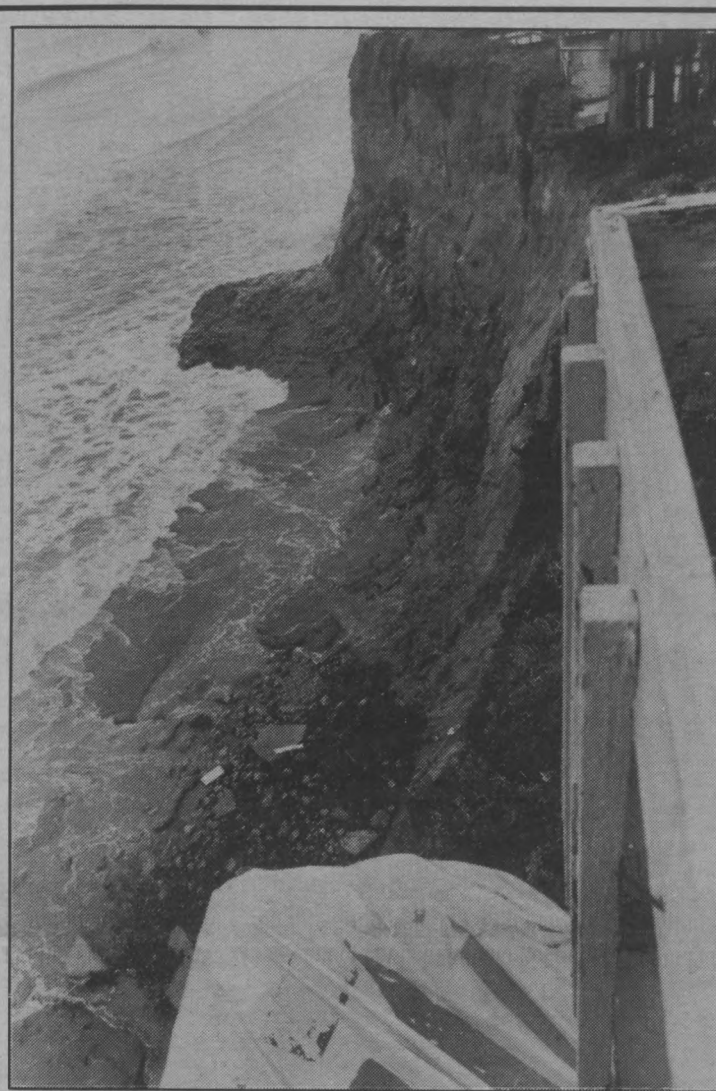
"They advised us to get out. They didn't tell us we had to, but they said we probably should because they were going to be doing some work on that tree," said Zack Scrivner, a junior English major. "Then earlier this morn-

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J.E. ANDERSON/Daily Nexus

It looks like one Isla Vista resident will be frequenting mass transit in the near future, as winds picked up Tuesday night to decimate trees and demolish this truck.



DAN THIBODEAU/Daily Nexus

The ever-advancing waves ate away at the cliffs of Del Playa with vigor in the past few days, leaving some I.V. dwellers with less space to throw keg parties as balcony chunks fell to the sea.

Recent Storms Cause Clifftop Damage to Del Playa Patios

By Nick Robertson
Staff Writer

The recent resurgence of torrential rains has wrought havoc on Isla Vista oceanfront property over the past few days, as some back yards have lost cubic feet to the elements.

Residents of 6589, 6625 and 6627 Del Playa Drive have reported their picturesque ocean views to be slightly larger since last week due to blufftop erosion.

Although such deterioration is natural due to waves colliding with the cliff bases, the rain is the main cause of the yard corrosion, according to 3rd District Supervisor Bill Wallace.

"I think what's happening right now shows that the vast majority of the problem is from above and the side, not from below," he said. "This is the natural progression of bluffs worldwide."

The first major incident occurred Sunday afternoon behind 6627 Del Playa, when ap-

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Newly Elected State Senator Uses Political Savvy Toward Higher-Education Reforms

By Michael Ball
Staff Writer

Santa Barbara's recently elected state senator, hardly a newcomer to Sacramento poli-



tics, hopes to parlay his knowledge and insight into useful legislative action for his constituents.

Jack O'Connell (D-

Carpinteria) is now a first-term state senator after having served 12 years as a member of the state Assembly.

O'Connell defeated San Luis Obispo businessman Steve MacElvaine in the November election for the 18th District seat.

The switch between the two legislative bodies has been relatively easy during his first month in office, according to the senator.

"The transition has been very smooth," O'Connell said. "I'm right down the hall from where my office had been. I'm using the same staff, so it's been smooth."

O'Connell has been appointed to serve as chair on the

Senate Toxics and Public Safety Management Committee, said Paul Smith, one of O'Connell's legislative assistants.

Although it is unusual for a first-term legislator to be named head of a committee, O'Connell's knowledge in safety issues led Senate President Pro Tempore Bill Lockyer (D-Hayward) to appoint him to the seat, according to Andrew Govenar, Lockyer's assistant press spokesman.

"Since he was never here before, we looked at his Assembly career. That played a large role," Govenar said. "We felt he was by far the most qualified. He's an

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Admission Granted to Close to 500 Potential Gauchos

By Colleen Valles
Staff Writer

For the first time in three years, 1995 Winter Quarter enrollment was open to transfer students, many of whom took advantage of the opportunity.

Because of the low enrollment this fall in comparison to previous years, the administration decided to accept transfer applications for admission to Winter Quarter, according to William J. Villa, director of Admissions and Relations with Schools.

"We hadn't been doing it because the enrollment was adequate," he said.

Through winter access, the university has come close to the program's goal of 500, Villa said.

"So far, it looks like 471 students have paid their fees and registered for classes," he said.

Winter enrollment also enables those who attended semester schools to enter directly into the university without waiting a quarter before enrolling, according to Villa.

"Santa Barbara City College Fall Semester ended before our

Winter Quarter began. One-third of the students who came, came from Santa Barbara City College," he said. "They would have had to wait for Spring Quarter."

Admission was specifically open to transfer students, Villa said. "We did not open up for freshmen," he said. "There really is no freshman demand for the off quarters."

However, students were not admitted to the College of Engineering due to the continuing

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HEADLINERS

AIDS Vaccine Could Be Safe After All

BOSTON (AP) — One man's HIV infection over a decade ago is giving scientists their first evidence of the safety of an AIDS vaccine that has been considered too dangerous for people.

In a kind of unintended natural experiment, the man caught a genetically weakened form of the AIDS virus. It is virtually identical to the weakened virus used in the experimental vaccine, which works well on monkeys.

Typically people fall ill within 10 years of contracting HIV. But this man, now 44, appears to be perfectly healthy at least 12 years after getting infected.

About five percent of HIV-infected people show no signs of immune system damage more than a decade after

catching the virus. The study is the first to show that long-term HIV survival clearly may result from catching a crippled version of the virus.



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Certainly, one healthy patient does not prove safety. And it also does not demonstrate whether the vaccine wards off other HIV infections, although the researchers said it may have kept the man, a hemophiliac, from getting more lethal forms of the virus from his clotting

material, which was produced before it was routinely screened for HIV.

Recently, doctors discovered that the man's virus was crippled by a mutation in one of its

nine genes. By coincidence, this mutation is identical to the one deliberately engineered into an experimental vaccine for SIV, the simian form of the AIDS virus.

Scientists showed two years ago that giving monkeys this weakened form of the virus protects

them from catching the lethal variety, despite deliberate exposure. Yet it does not make the monkeys sick.

The search for a human AIDS vaccine has been disappointing. Giving dead fragments of the virus does not appear to stimulate the body enough to ward off infection. Yet giving a weakened but live virus — called an attenuated vaccine — is considered too risky because of the chance it will cause the disease it is intended to prevent.

Dr. Ronald C. Desrosiers of the New England Regional Primate Research Center said many scientists agree that a live attenuated AIDS vaccine is likely to be the most effective at preventing infection.

Group Sues FDA, Demands Tougher Implant Limitations

WASHINGTON (AP) — A private group sued the Food and Drug Administration Wednesday, seeking restrictions on saline-filled breast implants.

Public Citizen accused the FDA of delays in investigating 13,477 reports, dating to 1991, of injuries associated with the implants. They include ruptures, infections and mysterious auto-immune disorders.

"The FDA's inaction on this dangerous device is unconscionable," said Public Citizen's Dr. Sydney Wolfe.

The silicone shells filled with saltwater are the only product still widely available for reconstructive breast surgery. The FDA in 1991 restricted silicone-gel implants to breast cancer survivors in special studies, after thousands of women claimed they had been sickened by leaking

gel. Neither silicone nor saline implants ever went through the FDA's approval process because they were invented before the agency began regulating medical devices in 1976.



Although the firms are required to have some data as early as next year, they don't have to file a formal FDA application with all the research until 1998.

But Public Citizen said four more years is too long to wait, and asked the U.S. Court of Appeals to force FDA to speed up the review and to restrict the sale of implants to women in clinical trials until their safety is proven.

Fish Experts: Dam Changes Needed for Salmon Survival

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several species of Pacific Northwest salmon will become extinct unless costly changes are made in the operation of the region's hydroelectric dams, government fish experts said.

The National Marine Fisheries Service, under a federal court order to better protect the fish, said in a new draft biological opinion that more water in the Columbia and Snake rivers must be devoted to flushing migrating salmon to sea.

It proposed spilling water over the dams and away from power-generating turbines at times critical to the young salmon's migration. Water would be flushed down the river system in the spring and summer instead of holding it in reservoirs to build supplies for winter power generation.

The change is needed because "current operations jeopardize the continued existence of endangered Columbia River salmon," the agency said.



The changed operations could cost the region's electric utility customers \$160 million a year. The average household electric bill in the region would increase about \$4 per month by 2015.

The series of dams on the rivers has been blamed as a major cause of the decline of Northwest salmon populations, inhibiting both upstream and downstream travel of the fish.

Giant Nuclear Laser Project Raises Fears of Proliferation

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A laser project so powerful it can duplicate conditions at the sun's core — and help evaluate nuclear stockpiles — has been opened to critics who worry it encourages the arms race.

A series of hearings on the \$1 billion National Ignition Facility at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory was called by Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary to allow the public to voice concerns.

"This is a historic first that the public is being brought in to discuss the proliferation prospects of a major weapons project," said Marylia Kelley, who heads the Livermore anti-nuclear group Tri-Valley Cares.

The Dept. of Energy did hold a similar non-proliferation hearing recently on restarting the Savannah River nuclear

complex. When and if completed in the year 2002, the laser will be the most powerful in the world by a factor of 50, said Mike Campbell,



associate director for lasers at Livermore.

It will cost \$60 million a year just to turn on the switch, and from \$50 to \$150 million more annually depending on what experiments are run.

The powerful laser beams will focus on a 1/2-inch-long gold cylinder containing hydrogen isotopes. The laser energy squeezes the atoms together so hard it creates nuclear fusion.

Oakland A's Sold; Team Will Continue Playing in the City

OAKLAND (AP) — Developers Steve Schott and Ken Hofmann reached an agreement Wednesday to buy the Oakland Athletics in a deal that would keep the team at the Oakland Coliseum the next 10 years.

Team chairman Walter Haas wouldn't disclose details of the agreement pending approval from other major league owners. The deal must be approved by 10 of 14 American League owners and eight of the 14 National League owners.

Schott, president and owner of Citation Homes of Santa Clara, called the agreement a "historic moment in my life."

The Haas family put the team up for sale for \$85 million, with the provision that the price stood only if the new owners kept the team in Oakland. The A's have been valued at up to

\$30 million more than the price the Haas family was asking.

Schott and Hofmann, partners in the Athletics Investment Group, will



each own 50 percent of the A's. Schott will serve as managing partner.

The Haas family, which bought the club for \$12.7 million in 1980, claims to have lost \$22 million from 1991-1993 because of declining attendance and dwindling national broadcast revenue.

Included in the deal was a new license agreement that would bring \$20 million in improvements to the Oakland Coliseum complex.

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Weather

What was that weird yellow thing in the sky yesterday? That's right, it was the sun. Ol' Sol may be making a return appearance today, but then again maybe not. You see, the almighty center of our local celestial system is in a somewhat flirtatious mood, and Mssrs. Fog and Rain may not be willing to tolerate it.

Nevertheless, the moment of shine that we've thus far enjoyed has made me take a look around me and wonder: "What happened here?" The End of the Rainbow was spotted briefly over the hills and far away, which is not unusual. In fact, its continued elusiveness has proved uplifting — the impermanence of good things makes (to some extent) the tolerance of drag a little more easily obtained.

This doesn't mean we have to like it, however. I just wish ... Los Guys were here. For those in the know, Los Guys was a fearless guitar duo who labored long and hard to make UCSB a place where Integrity could raise its head high with pride, where Goodwill was as desirable as the latest *People* poster-boy, where a guy could get drunk on a Thursday afternoon on campus without shame.

Sobriety is no way to go down.

BLUFFS

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 proximately three feet of land fell from the home's back yard. Nevertheless, this seemingly disastrous occasion actually eased the owner, sociology Professor Mark Juergensmeyer.

"I was a little relieved, because it was going to fall at some point," he said. "The deck stuck out about three feet and was severely undercut. The ocean is in charge—sooner or later it will take its toll."

The home at 6589 Del Playa lost about three feet along the length of its bluff-top Tuesday morning. Owner Mike Gilson believes this is a foreshadowing to a possible I.V. housing crisis if erosion continues.

"It's dirt that falls but will never come back up," Gilson said. "There's housing for a thousand

students out there that will fall into the ocean."

Down the street, approximately 16 square yards of cement patio fell behind 6625 Del Playa Tuesday afternoon, as residents observed the drop.

"The big piece of concrete that used to be hanging over, it was in the ocean. As we were watching, we could see the mud slide in," said resident Caren Chopak, a senior psychology major. "I'm not concerned that we're necessarily going to fall into the ocean, but I'm more concerned that they're going to ask us to move."

Cement structures, or seawalls, built along the cliff bases would reduce deterioration and extend the lives of oceanside homes, according to Gilson.

"As soon as you stop the erosion at the bottom, it will stop on top," he said. However, I.V. Recrea-

tion and Park District Director Geoff Green, who lives on oceanfront Del Playa, argues that seawalls would not solve the problem.

"Seawalls in Isla Vista would just create a slanted hillside rather than a cliff, so you'll still have the top eroding away and the foundation damage occurring," he said.

Gilson maintains seawalls will be built eventually.

"It's getting to the point where one or two houses have been condemned," he said. "If we put in a seawall now, the homeowners will pay for it, but if we wait until houses start falling, the county will have to put in the wall and that's 100 percent taxpayer burden. ... It's not a question of who wants it and who doesn't, it's when."

—Jeff Brax contributed to this story.

OUTAGE

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 ing, they came by again, the police did, that time saying that we probably should get out because they didn't know how much they were gonna have to do."

Power returned by 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, when Peterson's Tree Care employees were chopping what remained of the guilty conifer into lumber.

"California Edison was just waiting for the trees to clear to turn it back on," Larson said.

Police barricaded El

Nido in the midst of the fall and subsequent cleanup effort to prevent the flow of through traffic, according to Larson.

One driver who disregarded the barricade did penance in the form of damage to his truck.

"They set up barricades on El Nido and a car drove where they weren't supposed to go and got hit by a tree," Larson said.

The tree fell on the vehicle at midnight, some time after the driver had parked and exited the vehicle, while he was speaking to police for running the barricade, according to Corporal Win Smith.

"The officers went to talk to the person and while he was talking to them the tree fell on his truck," he said.

The owner of the vehicle, Ryan Detweiler, a senior English major, declined comment.

Further tree-related damage occurred at 6595 and 6597 Del Playa, where a multitrunked tree in 6595's yard was uprooted and fell on the fence dividing the properties.

"The tree next door blew over and took out the fence last night," said Chris Wilson, senior communications major and a neighbor to the properties.



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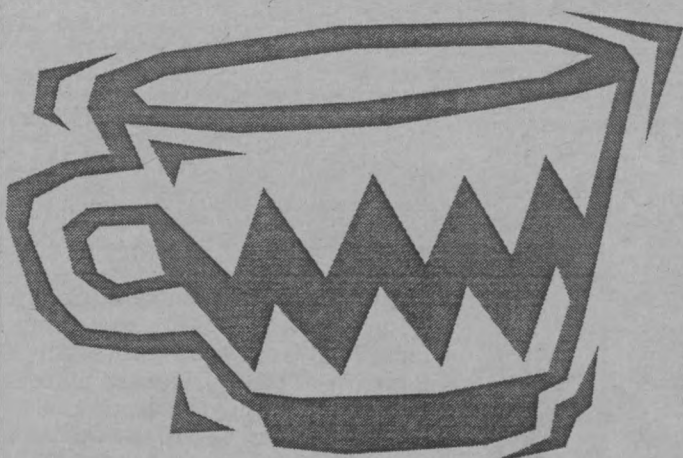
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OPINION

"Never insult the alligator until after you've crossed the river."

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You've Got to Be Joking

Developer's Method of "Environmental Protection" Is Absurd

Editorial

At their meeting Tuesday, a majority on the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors revoked the Revised Specific Plan, a proposal that downsized Ellwood Shores development from 40 acres to 31.9. The board's vote was only the most recent in a string of decisions, turning the planning process of this sensitive environment into a mockery.

The supervisors' decision reflects the viewpoint that building a larger project is actually environmentally preferable to leaving greater portions unscathed — an argument which the developer, Southwest Diversified Inc., couched in rhetoric and claims that the board majority bought hook, line and sinker. SDI's claim that the native habitats are a "biological desert" in desperate need of human maintenance is absurd.

This leaves the rest of us, after witnessing the board embrace such ridiculous conclusions, only to wonder, *are they on drugs?*

It defies logic to imagine how the board arrived at the conclusion that building on environmentally sensitive habitats specifically protected in the California Coastal Act is actually to the ecosystems' benefit. Supervisor Jeanne Graffy even went so far as to call the 90 acres of the 135-acre parcel that SDI plans to spare "a gift" to the community.

One speaker on the behalf of Southwest Diversified called Ellwood Shores a wasteland, often used irresponsibly and abused by "partiers." And he would know — no one seemed to notice that this was the same individual who only two years ago arranged with the developer to remove five truckloads of sand from the beach to fill the back yard of his fraternity house, violating county and state policy and prompting a warning from county officials.

But SDI's integrity raised about as much question among the board majority as its tales of salvag-

ing diseased ecosystems and "enhancing" the habitats with maintenance. Moreover, some supervisors constituting the pro-growth majority have even applauded the developer for the great lengths it has gone to in compromising the project for the betterment of the environment. They don't recognize that SDI, which is petitioning for a project that clearly infringes upon the Coastal Act, has no real ground to stand upon to qualify its scale-backs as "compromises."

Yet, perhaps it is not logic governing this decision-making process, but politics. Speculation has circulated that SDI has lobbied the board members and the CCC to gain passage of this project. Most recently, opponents believe the company may be trying to sidestep another public hearing on the project by pushing for a procedure that precludes the proposal from going before the CCC this February when its meeting will take place in Santa Barbara.

Not only has the CCC received widespread criticism lately for its politicking, but there is no doubt that Save Ellwood Shores, a group 600 members strong, would show up in force to oppose the passage of a larger plan. If the meeting slides by at an inconvenient location somewhere down the line, however, the item will likely be met with a more complacent audience and the project could gain approval while remaining low-profile.

The meeting Tuesday proved naive any notions that reason and fairness prevail in government processes. The board's blatant disregard for state policy is only topped by its willingness to sacrifice a unique habitat, claiming concrete is the land's sole chance for survival. The preservation of Ellwood Shores, one of the last pristine stretches of the California coast, stands to be altered forever because of the whims of a transient board that has failed to keep its focus on the primary issues at stake.

Once again the crack editorial staff of the Nexus has used as an excuse not to do their homework, not to ask questions, not to do their research. To do that would imply journalism rather than ignorance of this last week's editorials. Let me respond "opinion" point by point.

First of all, your facts are flat-out wrong. Only three meetings are allowed to cross the "white line" and actually address the regents in open session, you failed to mention that each speaker is allowed a maximum of three minutes, and that time is *reduced* if there are "too many" speakers.

Because I am the undergraduate representative to the regents, which fought for, won and now coordinates the "white line" as well as the overall logistics of regents meetings, I am not criticizing. Let me attempt to explain to you the process. First of all, UCSA meets the weekend before every regents meeting. The speakers and press releases for the meeting are prepared. The speakers are the chair of UCSA (addressing the budget), the UCSA Affirmative Action Committee (addressing the special session of the Regents' Affirmative Action Committee) and a Law School rep to UCSA (addressing the impact of professional fees). Additionally, we organized parents to address the regents, bringing the personal impact of fees directly to them (which is extremely effective).

Secondly, your analysis of how change is brought about is flawed. Change is not brought about by spending \$150-\$200 to speak to the regents for three minutes. Constant phone calls to the regents *before* meetings can. Complete and multifaceted show student voice, student legitimacy and student power about change within the UC.

Last week, as a matter of fact, we spoke at length with alumni Regent Flynn (who subsequently proclaimed public opposition to further student fee increases in open session). Other opposition to student fee increases, as well as UCSB's C. Yang, following this week's regents meeting. That was the result of speakers at this week's meeting. ... That was the result of what, and *outside* of regents meetings. This is otherwise known as substantive, cogent arguments to those in powerful positions. At no regents meeting in recent years have so many people (otherwise) publicly stated their opposition to fees.

But UCSA has always been good at presenting good arguments to the face of the President and the regents. Why is this the year that we are coming out in opposition to student fee increase? It is UCSA's unprecedented media blitz of recent months that has had a major impact on the image of the regents and the UC as a whole. That has increased student voice within the UC. And we have made our voices heard.

Additionally, there was no controversial or directly regent issue at this month's meeting. We will be heavily lobbying regents

Jewish Identity:

Joshua Frey

The Jewish people are a distinct ethnic entity, whose existence is rooted in the religion of Judaism. Regardless of how religious each Jew is, they are all "bound" together whether they like it or not. This notion of being "bound" together is not an altruistic belief to get Jews to unify, but it is based on a simple fact: What one Jew does, however large or small, in some way affects the entire Jewish people. In recognizing this vital truth, we Jews can better take care of each other and promote a better understanding of the Jewish people.

In light of the way negative stereotypes have affected the Jewish people, Jews bear a responsibility to confront these stereotypes whenever they are presented. The same holds true for negative myths and stereotypes of other ethnic groups. For it is when these stereotypes, even in the smallest form, go unanswered that holocausts occur.

"What it means to be Jewish is to have a love for your people to such an extent that you recognize your actions, even the smallest way, affect the Jewish people as a whole"

One of the more common slanders about Jews is the constant negative association with money. It is within this context that the word "Jew" is often used as a verb. This negative use of the word "Jew" has made many Jewish people reluctant to use the term, even in a positive context. But where does this negative association come from?

During the European and Mideastern Diaspora, Jews, particularly in Poland and Czechoslovakia, were banned from professions such as law and medicine, from holding public office and forbidden to own land. This left them with positions as merchant, tax collector and moneylender. When the economy went sour, the gentle peasants did not target their anger at those with legitimate power, such as the landowners and ruling elite, they blamed their most visible "enemy": the Jews.

In many cases, when a noble didn't feel like paying back money that he borrowed from Jewish moneylenders, the noble would hold a pogrom, an organized massacre of a Jewish settlement. This casting of the Jews as a scapegoat for a na-

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Readers Produce Unrecognized Successes

us has used its "opinion" section to ask questions and not to do anything rather than the out-and-out respond to your most recent

ly three students per regents meeting and actually speak with the regents in which any individual may mention, however, the fact that three minutes to address the regents "too many" speakers in open

to the UC Student Association's "white line privileges." I am the one who you are speaking at these meetings. I go to every regents meeting to coordinate the agenda. Our three white-line speakers (the budget, the chair of the regents, the special agenda item disapproval committee) and the UC Hastings Center of professional differential address the regents in order to address (which incidentally was ex-

ought about within the UC is the \$150-\$200 of student fees to pay for phone calls and lobbying of the regents. Multifaceted campaigns that bring the regents to power are the way to bring

length with Regent Bagley and I have timed publicly his opposition to the regents. Other regents came out in support of UCSB's Chancellor Henry T. G. What was not the result of the regents' result of months of lobbying by the regents otherwise known as "presenting themselves in powerful positions."

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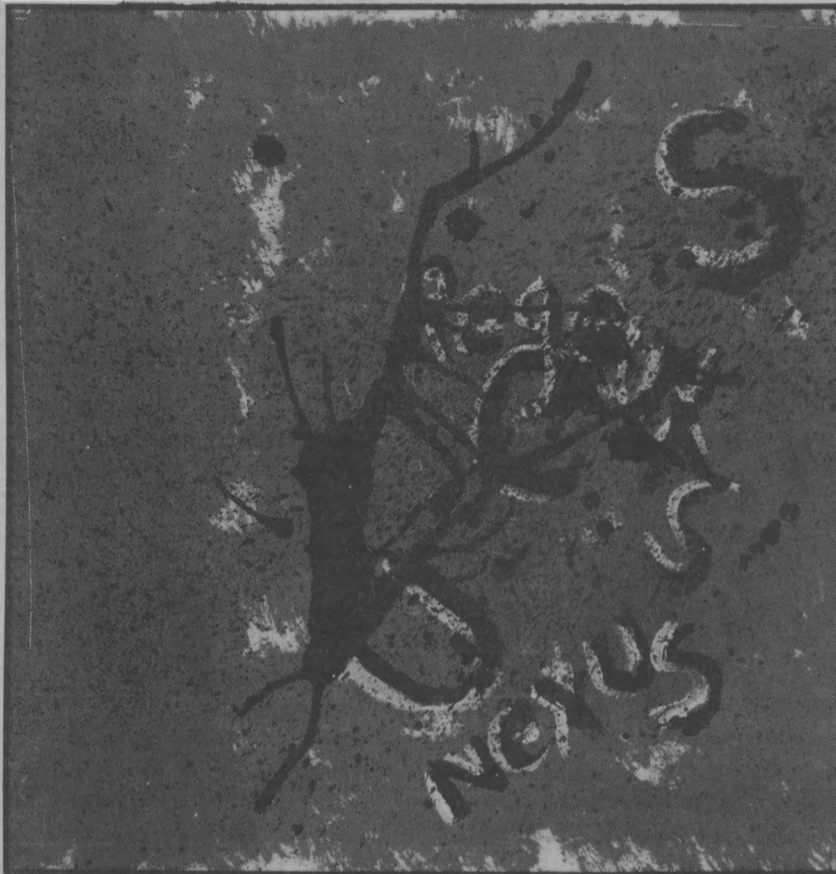
ing good arguments to the Office of the Regent that (a few) regents will increase? I submit to you that the regents' months has had an immeasurable impact on UC as a whole, and it is this impact. And we have only begun to

directly relevant "action item" to bring regents all this month

with our "substantive, cogent arguments," (not to mention our right to a public education) as well as increasing our media blitz in order to increase public support for students and higher education. This will all culminate at next month's regents meeting (at which the budget will be an action item) at UC San Diego where we plan to send at least two carry-alls of students.

Thirdly, your understanding of the flow of information is flawed. The open session of a regents meeting is, quite honestly, a press conference. Real decisions are made months ahead of time by the Office of the President in Oakland. The open session of regents meetings is where the regents rubber stamp Jack Peltason's decisions. To influence this process, UCSA has committed itself to getting its information at the Office of the President level. When seen from this reality (if you don't believe me, ask anyone who's ever been a student regent or a UCSA executive officer), it becomes imperative to use the open session of regents meetings to speak not with the regents, but with the press who attend the meetings. In other words, by the time we get to the meetings, we have already spoken to the regents, made our arguments and heard the regents' responses. I pretty much knew what was going to be said before it was said ... regents meetings are for you.

Lastly, Associated Students has extremely limited resources which are continually decreasing (in real terms) as a result of increasing prices without an



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increased student fee for A.S. Therefore, it behooves A.S. to use its resources wisely. If A.S. has adequate funds to attend regents meetings, by all means they should. But I will tell you that those funds are sometimes better used for conference calls with the Office of the President and strategy meetings at UCSA. This is where campaigns are developed and initiated. This is where real decisions are made and real changes occur. When I believe that it is imperative to attend a meeting, I have. I have attended regents meetings twice this year. At one, I was a "white line" speaker and spoke out against the possible midyear fee increase and the regents' unrealistic demand for a 7.9 percent increase from the governor (which, in effect, amounted to a hidden student fee increase). At the other, I was there to help prepare that meeting's "white line" speakers and to help organize that month's press conference.

In conclusion, it pains me once again to state, "Know what the fuck you are talking about before you run your mouth/pen!!" and "Talk to the one person who's entire fucking job revolves around representing UC students' concerns on a statewide level before you write more of these garbage 'opinions,' thereby damaging the fight for a zero percent fee increase."

"It is better to be thought a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt!"

Kris Kohler is the A.S. executive vice president for statewide affairs.

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economic difficulty was carried to America during the massive waves of immigration in the 1800s and early 1900s.

The negative association of Jews with money still permeates today's world, often in the form of jokes and so-called anecdotes. Many people who find themselves laughing at such jokes give more fuel to perpetuation of the inevitably harmful stereotypes, whose end result is not at all amusing, nor is their source. These things cannot be laughed off in order to "fit in." They must be attacked vehemently as part of a positive affirmation of the Jewish individual.

In recognition of the popular view that the non-Jewish world has had of Jews throughout history, we Jews must be cautious of how they treat people who know little about Jews or Judaism. Here, we have an extra incentive to treat people justly, so that we may be judged by the conduct of our own individual human actions rather than the generalized perspective of a stereotype. This not only falls under the category of mutual respect, but it is a commandment within Judaism itself: you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel said that the way a Jew defines himself is not "Who am I?" but "How am I commanded?" For many Jews, Judaism serves as an ethical map for how a person should live and act in regards to himself and others. But even for the nonreligious Jew, the historical experience of Jewish persecution and genocide serves as a painful reminder of how not to treat people. Not only does Judaism command a person not to stand by idly when the innocent suffer, but it is common human decency. As Jews, however, we must realize that we are the receptors of a tradition that has been passed down to us for thousands of years. Our ancestors endured various disasters through the centuries in order to pass down our heritage to us. This is something that we must never forget, so that we may pass the tradition on to our children and strive to prevent the suffering of others, Jewish and non-Jewish alike.

What it means to be Jewish is to have a love for your people to such an extent that you recognize that your actions, in even the smallest way, affect the Jewish people as a whole. This love is extended not only to fellow Jews when they are in need, but to all of humanity when you struggle to do what is right. This can be done through the performance of a commandment and/or remembering our past sufferings in attempt to prevent present ones.

As we find meaning in what it is to be Jewish, we must inevitably find meaning in what it is to be human. As Rabbi Zvi Yehudah Kook once said, "A Jew must recognize that he (or she) finds his (or her) individual essence, as a leaf develops its individual 'leafiness,' by attachment to the larger limb of a nation. But that limb in turn must be attached to the 'trunk' of humanity."

Joshua Frey is a member of the Progressive Jewish Students Union.

The Reader's Voice

Not So Beautiful

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This letter is in response to last Friday's commentary by Claudia Gonzalez-George (Daily Nexus, The Reader's Voice, Jan. 20), where she wrote so much, yet said so little about the very important issues of abortion. What a sad thing it is to see people so devoted to their religion and moral beliefs that they see so little else. There is an absolute failure on their part to realize that unlike their stagnant religion, the world is constantly changing. Populations continue to rise, and the quality of life for many people continues to spiral downward.

To endlessly argue the point as to where life be-



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gins is useless and beside a more important point. Why is it that pro-lifers are so adamant about calling abortion murder after the point of conception? Would you like to say that I AM PRO-MURDER? Well, that's fine with me. Since many people respect your religion and choice to believe in what you want, you, too, should think about respecting other people's different morals and beliefs. If people want to terminate a pregnancy because they are not ready to bear a child, that should be their decision, not yours, just because you think it is murder. Can't you people find a real bandwagon to jump on? How about the already living?

Just look around. People have become absolutely desensitized to other forms of murder. People are dying on our streets every day at the hands of little runts and other forms of human trash who have lost or never had any sense of respect for another human being. Young kids are out there shooting each other up while the parents who brought them into this world are sitting at

home doing who knows what. Probably a lot of them believe in God's will to protect them.

So, Ms. Gonzalez-George, what are you doing to influence your righteous morals on these people? These people that have taken on this great responsibility of bringing a living being into this world and who are failing miserably at it.

Take a good look at what religion and pro-life attitudes do for our neighbors south of us. Children sift through trash piles with little hope of a good meal, let alone some type of reasonable education or a comfortable quality of life someday. And what do these people do? They praise the Lord and pump out more children. Even locally we see impoverished people with little money or resources to even offer their children a reasonable quality of life. What do they do? Pump out more children. Don't talk to me about putting children up for adoption as opposed to abortion. Just look around. It's not working — life is not always a beautiful choice!

So you, Ms. Gonzalez-George, ought to pull your head out of your ass, take off your Jesus Christ goggles and take a hard look around you. And do everyone a favor — stay in school!

RICHARD DEAN

Ragin' Repubs

Editor, Daily Nexus:

First, I urge William Yelles to get off his high chair and apologize to the College Republicans that you publicly condemned first quarter because we weren't having enough meetings. Mr. Yelles, we helped put two Republicans in office first quarter. I ask you now, where were you while the CRs were pounding the pavement for the party? And where were you last night at the first meeting of the quarter? I know you knew about it, because I personally called you!

For your information, we discussed the strong possibility of a Republican presidential primary debate in Storke Plaza on Nov. 21! Furthermore, your views are not the views of every Republican on campus — most of us are less radical and a hell of a lot more motivated and involved within the party!

ALISSA PARACCHINI



SENATE

Continued from p.1 extremely hard worker." As chair of the committee, which examines public safety issues, O'Connell has already forwarded legislation designed to assist counties hit hardest by the recent flooding.

"We've heard one bill so far — mine, which deals with the state matching funds to assist flood relief," he said.

Although state and local governments normally both put up funds to match aid from federal officials, O'Connell's legislation proposes to remove that burden from local governments.

"My legislation requires the state pick up that match requirement," he said. "The governor has been very supportive of my bill."

O'Connell would also like to help improve the state's business climate.

"I hope to be able to work with business and industry to try and streamline regulations, helping to make it less costly to operate here," he said.

Filling positions on several other committees, O'Connell has geared his interests toward Education, Budget and Fiscal Review, and Natural Resources and Wildlife, according to Smith.



DAN THIBODEAU/Daily Nexus

Freshman state Senator Jack O'Connell (D-Carpinteria) eagerly fields questions during the Santa Barbara flood.

"Because it's early in the term, not much has taken place within the committees, though the budget committee has met, and the public safety committee has met to discuss flood relief measures," he said.

The former public-school teacher would like to use his position on the Education committee to help maintain the quality of the state's higher education system.

"I hope to keep fees as low as possible and ensure adequate funding for higher education," O'Connell said. "I'd like education, especially higher education, to remain a priority, as it has been with me."

O'Connell hopes to directly aid the state's educa-

tional system through a bond measure he plans to propose Monday. The proposal, to be put to a vote of the people, is aimed at providing money to help expand current university facilities, he said.

"The higher-education bond measure provides \$900 million for capital outlay for school construction for community colleges, CSU and the UC," O'Connell said.

O'Connell's first month as senator has provided an opportunity for him to positively affect his constituents.

"It has been a great experience. I enjoy the job," he said. "It's the perfect job for Jack O'Connell and I've already made a difference."

vided, according to Assistant Director of Orientation Programs Britt Andreatta.

"We had a one-day orientation for both new students and their families before the quarter started," she said. "They registered for classes and, for people who couldn't come, we had another orientation at the beginning of the quarter."

Gregory believes the students have received adequate tutelage to prepare them for UCSB.

"I think the orientation program here was good," he said. "I think our campus has responded well to provide a lot of support."

The greater number of students enrolled for Winter Quarter is beneficial to the university, according to Andreatta, who encouraged others to be tolerant of the new attendees.

"I think it's nice they admitted such a large group," she said. "I think it is important that the students and staff remember that some students are just getting started and to be sensitive to that fact."

Winter access is likely to be available in the future, according to Villa. "This year and probably next year as well, we'll probably be open for winter enrollment," he said.

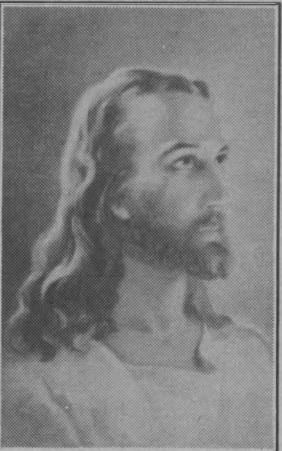
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Winter access is viewed favorably by Director of Relations with Schools Mel Gregory. "It certainly is good in terms of the old days when the semesters didn't match up," he said.

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UCSB Hopes to Slay the Not-So-Tough Titans on the Road

By Daniel Solomon
Staff Writer

With midterms just a couple of weeks away for most students, the UCSB men's basketball team will have a pair of tests tonight as the Gauchos travel south to take on Cal State Fullerton at 7:35.

The first test will be to see if the Gauchos can put behind Monday's 80-62 spanking by DePaul, which was seen in front of a national ESPN audience.

The second test will be to see if UCSB, which is a miserable 1-4 on the road this season, can play well enough to at least stay competitive. In its four road losses, the Gauchos have fallen by an average margin of nearly 14 points, with its closest contest being a 75-67 loss at the University of Nevada, Reno.

As if that wasn't enough, the Titans have beaten the Gauchos in the last four meetings between the two schools.

"We've heard a lot about our road record and I think people are making a little bit more out of it than it is," junior guard Phillip Turner said. "It is true that we haven't won on the road except for the Pepperdine game. But our chance is coming up now, so we'll just have to break that little myth."

With a 4-2 Big West mark (9-5 overall), UCSB is tied with New Mexico State for third place in the conference. Leading the way for the Gauchos is center Doug Muse, who is averaging 15.5 points per game and shooting nearly 60 percent

from the floor in conference games. The senior co-captain is also grabbing an average of six boards and blocking a conference-best 2.7 shots per contest.

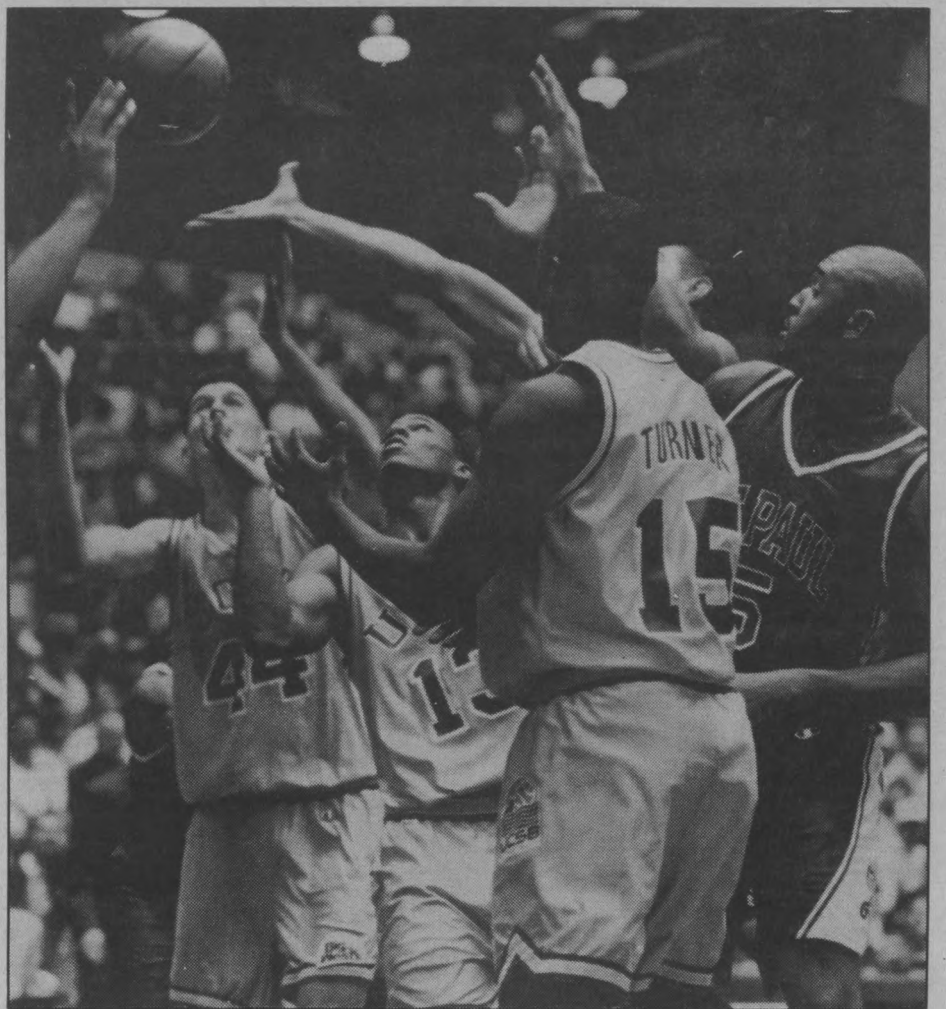
As a team, UCSB is averaging over three blocked shots more per game than its conference opponents, a stat which could play a role against a Fullerton squad whose tallest starter is 6'9" and average starter height is 6'4". UCSB's height advantage could also be a factor on the boards as Fullerton is being out-rebounded by its opponents by 4.6 rebounds per game.

Along with having four players averaging double-figure scoring, Fullerton does feature one of the conference's best all-around players in senior Winston Peterson. The 6'6" center is averaging 17.5 points and 7.9 rpg, and has scored in double figures in all but one game this season, including a career-high 26 points and nine rebounds against #4 UCLA.

"He's strong and he's the workhorse of that team," junior guard Danee Prince commented. "From what I've seen, he really knows how to maneuver himself around people and be strong at the same time."

"He's a good rebounder and a good finisher inside," Turner added. "But, we should have the power and size advantage inside to combat his quickness."

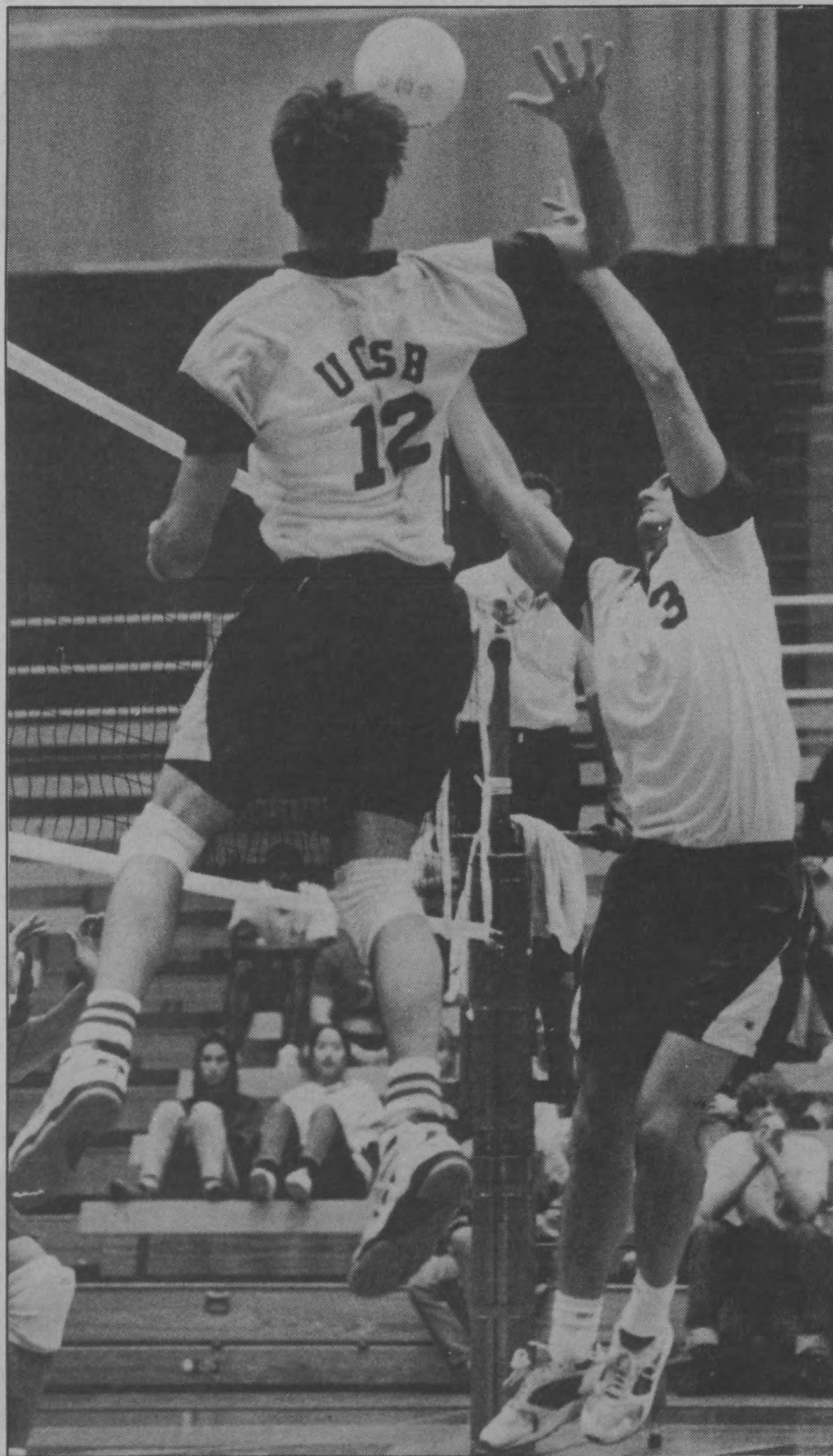
After being tied with UCSB and Utah State for first place at 2-0 a few weeks ago, CSUF has since come back down to earth. Losers of four of their last five Big West games, the Titans' 3-4 conference



MICHAEL D'EPORO/Daily Nexus

The Gauchos hope to step up to the test as the men's basketball team travels to Fullerton tonight to take on the Titans in Big West competition.

record (5-10 overall) places them in consensus pick by both the Big West's seventh place. Nonetheless, this is an accomplishment for a team which was a coaches and media to finish last.



MICHAEL D'EPORO/Daily Nexus

The UCSB men's volleyball squad jumps on the road hoping to spike down the San Diego State Aztecs and the UC San Diego Toros this weekend.

GaUCHO Volleyball Team Heads to San Diego to Battle Aztecs, Toros

By Jenny Kok
Staff Writer

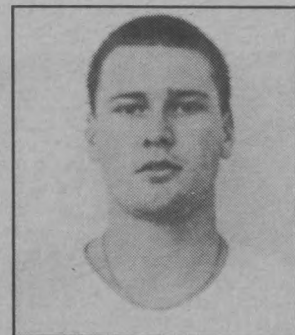
Off to a roller coaster of a start, the UCSB men's volleyball team is looking to feed off of last weekend's strong fourth-place finish in the UCSB invitational as they head down to meet the San Diego State University Aztecs.

The Gauchos will take on SDSU Friday night at 7:30 for their conference road opener and then head across town to UC San Diego to take on the Toros at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Last week, the Gauchos (1-2) made a big comeback in their own tournament after making a poor showing against the Cougars of Brigham Young University on Thursday. The tournament gave the UCSB coaching staff a chance to experiment with the lineup, allowing them to try a few combinations they may not have tried before.

With the changes, the Gauchos started to come together, which was evident in how well they started to play.

"We are going to stick with the last lineup we used at the tournament, except that Todd Rogers will start setting," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston



Daren Torbet

said. "We'll do whatever it takes to win. We want to come home with two wins."

Along with Rogers, senior Carter Reese and sophomore Robert Treahy will start as middle block-

ers, and juniors Morgan Chapman, Amaury Velasco and sophomore Donny Harris will start as outside hitters.

After a week of intense practice, it is safe to say that Santa Barbara isn't wasting any time in trying to solve its problems. The team worked on transition, blocking and serving this week. According to UCSB senior outside hitter Darren Torbet and Preston, practice went well, but the true test will come this weekend on the road.

"We really don't know what to expect," Torbet said. "UC San Diego has never been a great team, but San Diego State may or may not be. They lost three starters this year but they still have John Hyden. I don't think they are as strong as we are but we'll have to wait and see that this weekend."

"I have to admit I am a bit concerned," Preston explained.

Athletic Department Hires On Men's Water Polo Coach, Joe O'Brien, to Head Women

The UCSB Athletic Dept. announced Tuesday the appointment of Joe O'Brien to the position of women's water polo head coach.

O'Brien, a 1985 All-American water polo player for the Gauchos and the current men's water polo head coach, will assume all head coaching responsibilities for both teams.

"We are extremely excited to have Joe take

over as head coach," UCSB Athletic Director Jim Romeo said. "He is an outstanding coach and is very much in tune with our department's philosophy on athletic, academic and personal development."

The women's water polo program was recently elevated to intercollegiate status and will begin competition in January, 1996.

"I was very excited to

become the men's head coach — now I'm doubly excited to be the women's coach as well," O'Brien said.

O'Brien is currently working on getting the women's program ready. "Right now I'm doing administrative work and checking into eligibility and legal issues," he stated. "I just want to make sure we get off on the right foot."

—Curtis Kaiser