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One Down, One to Go for SB Women

Showdown With UNLV Finishes Key Two-Game Homestand

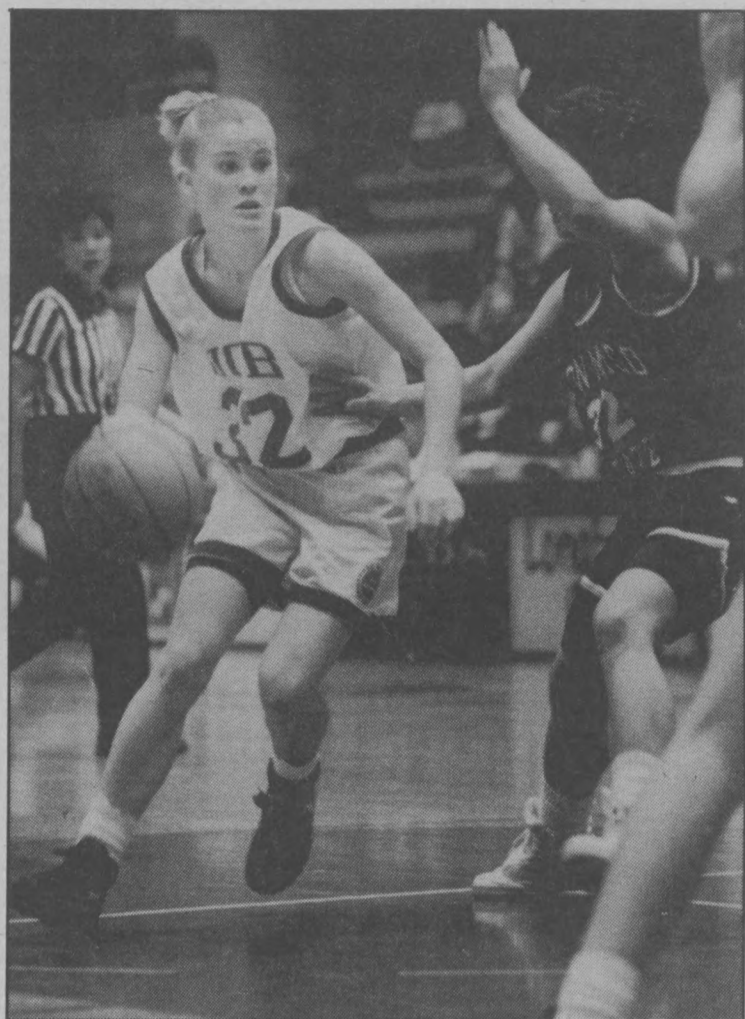
By Jason Masini
Staff Writer

One week ago tonight, the UCSB men's basketball team did the almost impossible. Now it's time to see if the women can do it.

The UCSB women's basketball team will take on #19 UNLV tonight in the Events Center at 7:30. After getting spanked earlier this season by the Lady Rebels, 89-51 at Las Vegas, the Gauchos are banking on a big home crowd to help put them over the edge against UNLV.

"A big crowd would be a huge help," UCSB point guard Cori Close said. "If the students came out for this one, it would not only mean a lot for us, but it could make a huge difference in terms of who wins the game. A big crowd fires us up. There's going to be a lot of emotion running because it's UNLV, and we

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PUSHING IT UP THE FLOOR: Sophomore Anna McConnell brings the ball up court during UCSB's 66-61 win over NMSU.

Squad Uses Second-Half Run to Pull Out 66-61 Win Over NMSU

By Jason Masini
Staff Writer

Having to overcome a 12-point deficit with just over 10 minutes to go was probably not in the plans of the UCSB women's basketball team Saturday night, but it adjusted in time.

Using a 23-6 run over the last 10:53 of the game, the Gauchos (14-9 overall, 12-3 in the Big West) defeated New Mexico State 66-61 in the Events Center, with senior Becky Brown (14 points, 12 rebounds) and freshman Sasha Scardino (14 points, 10 rebounds) leading the way.

The key to the game might have been the Roadrunners' surprise defense. They used a box-and-one on senior point guard Cori Close for most of the night, stifling the Gauchos' post game and frustrating Close into one of her worst outings of the season. She tallied only seven points and three assists, and had eight turnovers.

"We were real lethargic in the first half," UCSB Head Coach Mark French said. "They played a box-and-one on Cori, which really threw us off kilter on offense and we didn't know what in God's name to do. We tried about eight things and none of them worked.

"The older I get, the more I should learn right away that when someone shows you something new, you have to go back to the basics," French added. "We just went back to our zone offense in the second half and didn't worry about the fact that we were [facing] a box-and-one, and so what if Cori didn't score? We did a good job on the boards and lifted our defensive intensity and got some help from some other people."

UCSB did an outstanding job on the boards, outrebounding NMSU — the leading rebounding team in the Big West — by a 48-33 margin and got some clutch help from freshman reserve Dio Aguilardo, who had two crucial steals and six key points down the stretch.

After a lackluster first half which saw the Gauchos trailing 34-27,

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Swimmers, Divers Race Past UNLV to Take Big West Title

By Michelle Imperial
Staff Writer

You can add two more Big West Championships to the 18 titles that Head Coach Greg Wilson has brought to Santa Barbara in his 16 seasons at the helm of the UCSB swimming squads.

The Gaucho men's and women's swimming and diving teams both took top honors at the Big West Championship meet this weekend at Long Beach. It was the 14th straight conference title for the

UCSB men and the sixth overall for the Lady Gauchos.

Heading into the three-day competition, the Santa Barbara swimmers and divers knew that they would have to surpass conference rival UNLV to take first place. For the UCSB men, it came down to the last relay race of the meet before they clinched the title with 830.5 combined total points — a mere 34 points over UNLV's 796.5.

The Lady Gauchos, however, had an easier time with the Runnin' Rebs, as UCSB's 772 combined total points far

surpassed UNLV's 695.

"For the men, it went event for event, with the point totals flopping back and forth," Wilson said. "And we had to come down to the last race to pull this off. This is exactly how the [Big West Championship] meet should be every year, because it was so unbelievably exciting.

"The women's meet was pretty much under control, and it was just a matter of watching the individual races to see how the kids raced," Wilson added.

The Santa Barbara men pulled out the title after a momentum-building victory

in the 200-yard breaststroke. UNLV put forth top swimmer Colin Dirks, who was the odds on favorite to win the event. However, UCSB sophomore Craig Balbo came from behind in the final laps to edge Dirks for first place by two-hundredths of a second, finishing in 2:01.98.

"The victory was a significant point swing for us, but more important it gave the kids the momentum they needed to go into the last races of the meet," Wilson said. "As soon as we pulled off the victory,

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Gauchos Travel to SJSU to Face 'Dangerous' Spartans

By Scott McPherson
Staff Writer

The strange and unusual 1993 Big West men's basketball season produced another upset this weekend, as ninth-place San Jose State came up with a win against fourth-place Cal State Fullerton Saturday.

The 60-58 Spartan victory put SJSU (7-16 overall, 4-11 Big West), into a tie with UC Irvine for eighth place and the final berth in the conference tournament, which gets under way March 13 at Long Beach.

The UCSB Gauchos (14-9, 7-8) will get their first look at the 1993 Spartans Monday when the teams square off at the San Jose State Event Center at 7:30.

"They've been in every one of their games, and they have yet to get blown out by anybody," UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm said of SJSU. "So their record of [7-16] is not an indication of their ability, in my opinion. They're a dangerous team."

The Spartans were hardly a dangerous team last year, when they compiled a dismal 2-24 overall mark and sank deep into the Big West cellar. Although the team remains near the bottom of the conference standings in 1993, SJSU has played well against the Big West front-runners, losing by six (80-74) and seven (84-77) points to UNLV, coming within five (60-55) of New Mexico State and defeating third-place Pacific at Stockton (54-50).

"We have more quickness, jumping ability and athleticism than in the past," said San Jose Head Coach Stan Morrison, a former Athletic Director at UCSB.

Senior Daryl Scott continues to lead the Spartans on offense, averaging 16.8 points a game in Big West action and shooting 50% from the field. As a team, San Jose is averaging 34.2 rebounds a night in

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Sluggers Just Can't Hold the Lead

Walks, Mental Errors Drop SB to 0-3-1 in Sacramento Tourney

By Rob Carpio
Staff Writer

Going into the inaugural Sacramento Baseball Tournament at Sacramento State this weekend, all the UCSB baseball team wanted to do was get playing time. What they were not expecting was to lose three of their four round-robin games.

The Gauchos fell to host Sacramento State 11-7 in Saturday's opener and tied California 7-7 immediately after. UCSB then lost 11-7 to Oregon State and 9-8 to Cal in the finale on Sunday. Santa Barbara's record fell to 4-10-1 overall with the losses.

Walks and mental errors proved to be the demise for UCSB. The Gauchos could not hold three-run leads late in the first two games, blowing a 7-4 lead against Sacramento, and 7-4 again in the Cal game.

In the series opener, the



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YOUR TURN: Head Coach Al Ferrer used a variety of pitchers this weekend, but his bullpen couldn't save any for UCSB.

Gauchos roared to a 5-1 lead after one inning of play, capped by a two-run home run by senior third baseman Rich Haar. The host team took advantage of four Santa Barbara walks later in the sixth inning — and one hit batsman — by seniors Pat Bennett and Travis Arsenault to cross the plate three times without having recorded a hit. Ryan O'Coyn

(0-1) took the loss.

The contest remained tied entering the eighth, when the Hornets erupted with four runs to take the victory. With two outs and the bases loaded, the Gauchos dropped a pop fly in foul territory that would have ended the inning. Instead, Sacramento State followed with a

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Spikers Drop Fourth Straight With Loss to CS Northridge

By Daniel Solomon
Staff Writer

NORTHRIDGE—Win #300 will have to wait. Entering Saturday's match against #4 Cal State Northridge, the sixth-ranked UCSB men's volleyball team had hopes of capturing win #300 for Head Coach Ken Preston. However, the Matadors had other hopes in mind as they handed the Gauchos their fourth straight loss, 15-5, 15-12, 12-15, 15-4 at Northridge.

With the loss Santa Barbara (9-8 overall, 5-4 in conference) has dropped five of its last six contests, and fallen to fifth place in the Mountain Division of the MPSF.

In game one, the Matadors (11-3, 6-2) came out strong, outhitting the Gauchos .437-.195. CSUN carried its good hitting into the second game, as UCSB quickly found itself in a 13-4 hole. A series of five Matador at-

tacking errors brought the Gauchos to within two, but CSUN finally took a two games to none advantage off a solo block from outside hitter Axel Hager.

"It took on the resemblance of last year's game where they won the first game convincingly, and then we did some subbing and began to comeback," Preston said. "But this time, they stopped our comeback before we could get the lead."

The two teams reversed roles in game three as UCSB came out with an early 8-0 lead. A pair of kills from freshman Amaury Velasco kept the Gauchos rolling, and the score was soon 13-3. However, CSUN went on a 9-1 run, aided by two UCSB ball-handling errors and three attacking errors before freshman Doug Hughes put the clamps on the Northridge run with one of his five solo blocks.

"We were worried that they were coming back, but I think we won that game because we took some chances

and played tough," UCSB middle blocker Jason Mount said. "Although that can backfire sometimes, it payed off this time."

Game four looked much like the first, with CSUN out-hitting UCSB .450-.127. In the match, the Gauchos were out hit .359-.148 and out dug 70-57. UCSB's serving was much better than the past few games, as the Gauchos committed only nine service errors — compared to Northridge's 26 — and UCSB outblocked its opponent 19.5-15.5.

"It looked like we were overtrying at times," Preston said. "We also lost a lot of long rallies, and I think our defense, especially our digging, was a problem."

All-American Kenny Lynch led CSUN with 36 kills for a .469 hitting percentage, nine digs and six blocks. Fellow All-American Koley Kyman added 16 kills (.419) and 12 digs, and junior Craig Hewitt had 14 kills (.409) and eight blocks for Northridge.

TRACK & FIELD ROUNDUP

Young Women's Squad Gets Home Wins Over UC Irvine, CS Fullerton

By Matt Allen
Reporter

With half of the UCSB women's track and field team comprised of freshmen, many people figured the squad would lack confidence and experience in 1993.

Somebody obviously forgot to tell them that.

The team upset UC Irvine 78-69 this weekend at UCSB's Pauley Track. Fullerton finished third in the three-way meet with 19 points.

"This is a very big win for our program," UCSB Head Coach Jim Triplett said. "Hopefully this will give us positive momentum heading into next week's meet versus UCLA."

The Gauchos clinched the meet in the next to last event. Junior Julie Thomas edged out UCI's Rayna Cervantes in the 1,500-meter race to give the Gauchos the five first-place points and the victory.

"That was the race that clinched it for us," Triplett said. "Thomas ran a very

good race for us."

"I had no idea the meet was that close," Thomas said. "After the race was over, [Triplett] came up to me and told me that that was the clincher. I was really excited afterwards."

Erika Bornhurst also had a big day for the Gauchos, winning both the long jump (17' 3 1/2") and the shot put (26' 6"). Bornhurst tied teammate Julie Rusher for second place in the high jump with a mark of 5' 4". Bornhurst was also second in the javelin (107' 0"), with Dawn Marusou (114' 9") and Penny Smith (100' 5") finishing first and third, respectively, for the Gauchos.

UCSB's Becky Thomas (15.04 seconds) and Lisa Knott (15.41) finished first and second, respectively, in the 100-meter hurdles. Tami Olsen led the Gauchos to a sweep in the 400-intermediate hurdles. Olsen conquered poor conditions on the track and ran an impressive time of 65.1 seconds. Knott (67.0) and Alison Higgins (69.4) completed the sweep, finishing second and third.

Kallick Leads Men as Team Takes First Place in 15 of 18 Meet Events

By Matt Allen
Reporter

The UCSB men's track and field team finally got its season underway this weekend, and the squad wasted no time in crushing UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton at home. The Gauchos won 15 of 18 events to rack up 111 points to second place Irvine's 46. Fullerton had 39.

"For the coaches, this victory is very exciting," UCSB Head Coach Pete Dolan said. "I think this will build the confidence within the team heading into the heart of the season."

Marc Kallick led UCSB despite competing in five events. "I was signed up for several events and it seemed like I had to be at four different places at once," Kallick said. "I had to drop out of the 200 meters because I was just too exhausted."

Kallick finished first in four events — the discus, high jump, shot put and 400-meter relay — and finished second in the 110-high hurdles.

Ernest Morrell was a double winner

for the Gauchos, taking first place in the long jump (22' 1 1/2") and the triple jump (46' 9 1/2"). The 400-meter relay team of Dan Huber, Reggi Johnson, Rich Frank and Kallick scored an easy victory when Johnson ran a strong second leg to pull away from the field.

Johnson won the 110-high hurdles (14.64 seconds), with Kallick finishing second in a time of 14.95. Frank (49.5 seconds) edged out James Strong (49.8) of Fullerton to win the 400-meter dash. Huber finished first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.3, then came back to place second in the 200 meter at 23.01 seconds. In the 800-meter race, UCSB's Gus Harper stayed behind the leaders until the final 150 meters, and then put on a swift kick to win in 1:56.14.

Senior Jeff Gartenburg (134' 11") led the Gauchos to a sweep in the hammer throw with Dan Facchetti (116' 3") and Kevin Sexton (104' 11") finishing second and third, respectively. Gaucho Brad Tower won the javelin throw (185' 10") and Ken Reynolds barely beat an Irvine runner at the finish line to win the 400 hurdles in 56.19 seconds.

SWIM

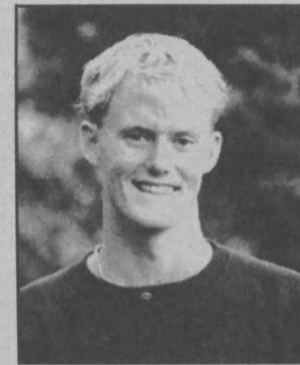
Continued from p.1A both our team and their team knew that was the end of the meet."

Gaucha team captain Derigan Silver broke a UCSB record with his first place finish in the 200-yard backstroke (148.42), while junior Bill Sweeney took second in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 44.35 seconds.

"My swim felt really good because I knew I could go fast, but I didn't know I could go that fast," Silversaid. "I knew I had it in me, and when it turned out that good, I surprised myself and just felt great."

"When we knew we had the title sewn up, we just went crazy and everyone was releasing tension that they had built up the past three days," Silver added.

The UCSB women were on fire, winning the title that they had lost to UNLV for two consecutive years. Santa Barbara's Wenke Hansen broke UCSB records in the 200- and 400-yard individual medley events. In the 200



Derigan Silver



Kelli Cornelius

IM, Hansen set a new record with a time of 2:04.01, while her 4:21.9 time was good enough to break the 400 IM record.

"I was very happy with my swims and am excited to break both the records," Hansen said. "The entire team was very supportive throughout the meet and that made things a lot easier for me."

UCSB's Kelli Cornelius, who had been out of commission for the past two years with a knee injury, starred in her first Big West Conference Championship meet by posting lifetime bests in the 200-yard individual medley (2:05.7)

and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:04.9)

"I was a little nervous about how my performance would be, because it has been two years since I've competed," Cornelius said. "I was both happy and surprised because I didn't expect to go that fast."

Helping to clinch the championship for both the Gaucho men and women was the addition of the diving competition, which Santa Barbara dominated. UCSB's Erin Evans placed second on the 1-meter board, while Ted Moore set a Gaucho record with his victory on the 3-meter.

HOOPS

Continued from p.1A conference play, compared to 31.5 for its opponents.

Meanwhile, the Gauchos are looking to their last three games — which include a rematch with San Jose on Saturday — to get them into a better position for the conference tournament. Currently in sixth place in the Big West, UCSB remains a game and a half behind Fullerton, which dropped to fifth place with Saturday's loss.

"We've got to go up

there [to San Jose] and take this game as the biggest game of the year right now for us, because it's the next game," Pimm said. "That's how we have to approach every game in our position, trying to get as many wins as we can to improve our position in the tournament."

Although Pimm said that UCSB Assistant Coach Bobby Castagna had scouted the Spartans last week, he added that the Gauchos are more concerned with their own execution than they are in San Jose State's.

"I think right now, we're more about

ourselves than we are about our opponents. We're about improving and keeping our intensity and everything up. That's the approach we've taken in the last couple of games — we still study the opponent, but we're working on what we have to do," Pimm said.

Senior guard Idris Jones continues to pace the Gauchos in scoring and brought his average up to 12.8 ppg with his 25-point performance against UNLV last week. Senior Paul Johnson's 4.7 rebounds a game leads the team.

TOURNEY

Continued from p.1A two-run single, and catcher Tony Turnbull doubled in two more runs

following two more walks and another hit-by-pitch.

It was a case of ineffective relief pitching, according to UCSB Head Coach Al Ferrer.

"Basically, it was people coming in [to pitch] and not getting the job done," Ferrer said.

"You're not going to win many games with 10 walks," UCSB Assistant Coach Bob Brontsema said.

The second game was a similar story. Santa Barbara freshman outfielder Wynter Phoenix misjudged a fly ball that dropped for a single to keep the seventh inning going for Cal. With two outs and two runners on base, California designated hitter Nate Brown belted a three-run homer off Gaucho starter Armando Delsi to tie the game 7-7. The game was

called after eight innings due to darkness.

"I really don't have anything to say — I'm kind of down about [Saturday's games]," Brontsema explained. "We could have conceivably won two games today. Instead, we're 0-1-1. We didn't play terribly — we just didn't do the things it takes to win."

The third game was an offensive battle, with both the Gauchos and the Beavers combining for 32 hits. Phoenix, Jared Janke, Haar and Mike Wolger all hit homers for UCSB. The loss was credited to Travis Rodgers (0-1).

In the rematch against the Bears, Cal won in the bottom of the ninth to give Brian Stephenson (2-1) his first loss of 1993. In all, Gaucho pitching gave up 34 earned runs in 35 innings pitched, striking out 19 and walking 26 batters.

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WIN

Continued from p.1A the Roadrunners proceeded to extend their lead to 42-31 after the first four minutes of the second half. But Scardino did her best to keep Santa Barbara in the game.

Over the next three minutes, Scardino scored the next six Gaucho points and grabbed half of her 10 rebounds to keep UCSB within striking distance to make its move.

After NMSU's Anita Maxwell's (a game-high 20 points with nine rebounds) two free throws put the Roadrunners in front 55-43 with 10:53 to go, the Lady Gauchos caught fire.

Over the next nine minutes, Santa Barbara outscored NMSU 19-4 — culminated by a Cori Close lay-in — to take a 62-59 lead with 1:41 remaining.

"We just said, 'Screw it' in the second half," UCSB's Christa Gannon (10 points, 10 rebounds) said. "This type of game is really frustrating because the athletes [from NMSU] are so incredible. But basketball is guts and determination and that's what we did, and that's what happened."

After a New Mexico



Sasha Scardino

State timeout, Paulina Blunt hit a lay-in to cut the lead to 62-61, but an Aguinardo 10-footer and two Brown free throws preserved the win.

Gauchos 66, NMSU 61		New Mexico State					
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Edwards	22	3	7	0	7	0	6
Maxwell	38	9	18	2	9	2	20
Blunt	39	5	12	5	8	7	25
Cole	35	1	11	0	0	1	6
Vau	31	1	6	0	0	0	3
Fiala	12	1	2	1	1	1	3
Bell	23	6	7	0	0	1	3
Totals	200	26	63	8	11	33	17
UCSB		New Mexico State					
min	fg	at	ft	r	a	tp	
Gannon	33	4	9	2	3	10	0
Scardino	29	6	11	2	2	10	4
Brown	31	6	10	2	3	12	2
McConnell	23	4	14	0	2	3	2
Close	39	3	5	1	3	3	7
Aguinaldo	14	3	5	0	2	2	6
Goldstine	15	1	9	0	0	2	2
Grazzini	15	1	1	3	4	3	0
Hughlett	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Totals	200	28	65	10	19	48	15

Half-time—NMSU 34, Gauchos 27.

Three-point goals—NMSU 1-10 (Cole 1-10), UCSB 0-0.

Blocked shots—NMSU 2 (Maxwell, Blunt), UCSB 5 (Gannon, Grazzini, Aguinardo, Scardino, Brown).

Steals—NMSU 14 (Maxwell 5, Cole 4, Blunt 2, Vau 2, Bell), UCSB 13 (Brown 4, Scardino 3, Gannon 2, Aguinardo 2, Grazzini, McConnell).

Total fouls—NMSU 16, UCSB 15. Fouled out—None. Technical fouls—None. Turnovers—NMSU 19, UCSB 22. Team rebounds—NMSU 7, UCSB 2.

Attendance—286.

UNLV

Continued from p.1A want to win the Big West Championship."

The Gauchos are 12-3 in conference play after Saturday's win over New Mexico State. Meanwhile, the Lady Rebels stand in second place at 14-1, a half game behind front-runner Hawaii (15-1). Heading into this month's Big West tournament, those three teams seem to be the odds on favorites to win the championship and gain the automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament.

"I think to say to win this game would be extremely important would be an understatement," Close added. "We're talking not only about a win — we're talking about pride, we're talking about intensity, and Becky Brown and I kicking butt on Senior's Night."

Seniors Close and Brown will be honored before the game as they play their last home game in the Events Center, adding to the emotion of the contest.

UNLV (21-2 overall) is led by senior All-American candidate Teresa Jackson, who leads the conference in scoring with 22.0 points per game and also pulls

Gannon, Meyer Named to Academic All-American Team

Gaucha basketball players Christa Gannon and Michael Meyer were both named to the GTE CoSIDA District VIII Academic All-American Team, UCSB Sports Information announced Wednesday.

The awards make UCSB the only university in District VIII — which includes the states of California, Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington, as well as British Columbia — to have both a men's and women's basketball player named to the Academic All-American Team.

Gannon, a 6-foot-2 power forward who has averaged 13.1 points and 8.9 rebounds a game in 1992-93, is double majoring in law & society and sociology. The junior has accumulated a 3.9 gpa in her three years at UCSB, and hopes to pursue a career as an attorney.

Meyer, a senior bio-psychology major,

has posted a 3.30 cumulative grade point average since coming to UCSB from his hometown of Joliet, Ill. in 1989. A 6-foot-5 starting forward for the Gauchos, Meyer is averaging 8.9 points and 3.4 rebounds a game this season. Last year Meyer was named a Big West Scholar Athlete, one of several honors he received in 1992.

The CoSIDA Academic All-American Teams feature five players from each of the eight national districts, and are voted on by Sports Information Directors from throughout the country. Both Gannon and Meyer will have their names on the ballot for National Academic All-American honors, which will be handed out in two weeks.

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down 8.1 rebounds a contest. Sophomore Gwynn Hobbs is third on the team with 14.5 ppg and leads the Big West in three-point shooting, hitting at 43%, but that's not UCSB Head Coach Mark French's main concern.

"They're on-ball pressure worries me the most," he said. "We're going to have to pass the ball and not dribble it. Up at their place, we got taken out of our offensive sets and dribbled against their very

aggressive wing players, and we didn't do very well. Once we get into our offense, I think we'll be OK."

In the first contest, French felt that UNLV's two new Australian players, Cherie Hogg (12.1 points, 5.5 assists per game) and Trudie Hopgood (14.7 ppg) made a huge difference. UNLV Head Coach Jim Bolla agreed that they have made an impact on his team's play this season.

"They're a big differ-

ence," Bolla said. "Gwynn Hobbs maturing is a big part, and so is Teresa Jackson's leadership. When Hopgood went down with an injury against New Mexico State, the whole team got down and we just didn't play. She got taped up and came back when she shouldn't have and missed the next three games, so she's a tough kid. They give us something that you won't see in the stats. They have a real good sense of the game."

GAUCHO SPORTS: THE WEEK AHEAD MARCH 1 - 5

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Women's Basketball vs. UNLV, at the Thunderdome, 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. San Jose State, at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.	Softball vs. Cal Poly, at Softball Diamond, 1:00 p.m.	Baseball vs. Pepperdine, at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium, 2:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. Pacific, at the Thunderdome, 7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. UC Irvine, at Irvine, 5:00 p.m. Softball vs. UCLA, at Los Angeles, 1:00 p.m.	(no games scheduled)



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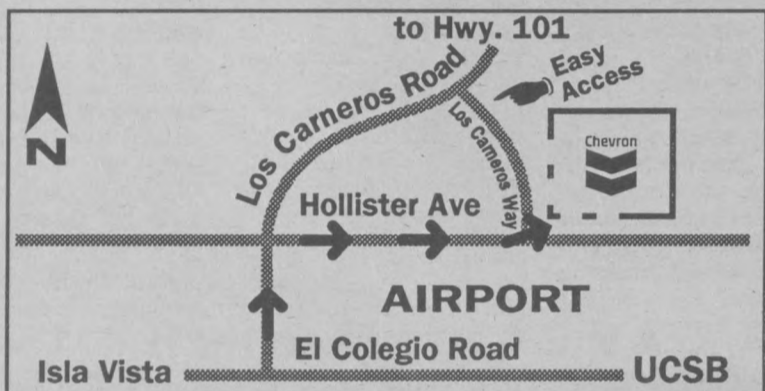
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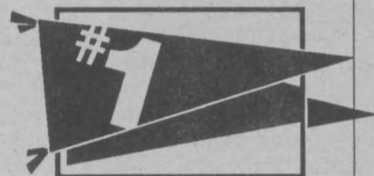


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