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The UCSB softball team has finished its season. Read all about it in the Season in Review.

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Vote Planned for TA Unionization on UC Campuses

BY KERRI WEBB
Staff Writer

UCSB's teaching assistants will have the chance to move one step closer to union recognition in a June campus election.

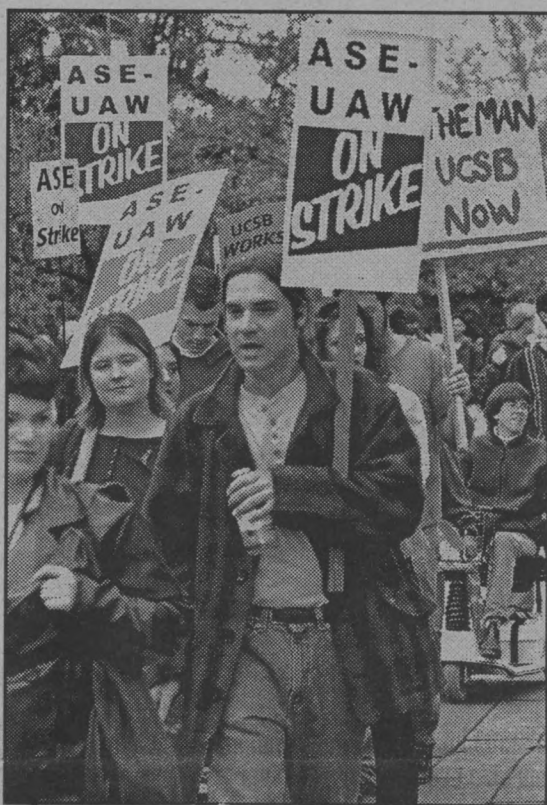
For over 10 years now, TAs, graders and readers from throughout the University of California have battled UC officials for the recognition of their union — the Association of Graduate Student Employees — along with collective bargaining rights.

In conjunction with the United Auto Workers, AGSE won a Dec. 11 court ruling from the California Public Employment Relations Board stating that TAs are University employees and are entitled to unionizing rights. PERB's decision rejected the UC's appeal of an earlier ruling by Administrative Law Judge James Tamm in favor of the unionization campaign.

The AGSE/UAW then scheduled UC-wide representation elections, where union members at each campus can vote on whether they want to continue their recognition and affiliation with UAW. Elections were completed at UCLA in March and at Berkeley in April; both voted for recognition.

In light of UCLA's elections, UC President Richard Atkinson issued a statement on March 12 giving support to the AGSE's union.

"[The UCM] will respect the outcome of this election and will abide by the choice made by the students.



NEXUS FILE PHOTO

Teaching assistants demonstrate during their strike on campus last December. This march took place in front of the Davidson Library.

If that choice is union representation, I want to assure our students and the UAW that the University will make every effort to cooperate fully and to bargain in good faith at UCLA," he stated. "We will welcome the opportunity to discuss any issue that concerns students as employees: wages, grievance procedures, union access to the campus, and other terms and conditions of

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Campuswide Fee Initiatives Might Be on Ballot Again

BY LISA BUTTERWORTH
Staff Writer

Students may experience election déjà vu this week if Chancellor Henry Yang approves a polling booth resurrection to redetermine the outcome of the three campuswide measures.

After its May 12 recommendation to invalidate three mandatory fee measures — the RecCen Expansion, the Shoreline and the Student Resource Building initiatives — the Campuswide Elections Committee met at 8 a.m. Monday to consolidate a plan for the revote process. If given the OK by Yang, electronic voting, previously only available for graduate students, will begin for all students as soon as this Thursday and continue through May 27. Paper balloting would also be available at the UCen and the Arbor on May 26 and 27. Giving undergrads the extra time and options to cast a vote will help achieve the 20-percent minimum voter turnout needed to validate the election, according to Elections Committee Chair Judy Liao.

Committee member and Graduate Student Association President Chris Martin said offering electronic voting increases ballot accessibility for students.

"Grad students have been voting electronically for the past two years," he said. "Students can access it from any Web browser — from home, from [America On Line] ... from wherever they are."

Though electronic voting has benefits, it also gives rise to a number of possible problems such as accuracy and technological glitches, Liao said.

"I think people are scared of computers. A lot of people are going to think 'It could be skewed.' So security measures need to be upped," she said. "What if something happens to the computers?"

Offering an online ballot could complicate campaigning policies —

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Press Council Appoints New Daily Nexus Editor in Chief

BY BRAD GOODWIN
Staff Writer

Once again a new leader has been chosen for the coming year at UCSB's student newspaper.

Current Sports Editor Matt Hurst was chosen Monday afternoon by University Press Council — which consists of three students, a professional journalist and a faculty member — as the 1999-2000 editor in chief for the Daily Nexus. Hurst admitted that he was pleasantly surprised with Press Council's decision.

"It's going to take a little while to sink in," he said. "When Press Council congratulated me, I was stunned. I feel happy, I just can't stop smiling."

In an override that hasn't occurred in 10 years, Press Council's decision differed from the Nexus staff recommendation, Nexus Production Manager Barb MacLean said.

"The staff vote is an advisory vote to Press Council and is weighed along with the interviews

they do, any other recommendations they ask for, and any information they want to request," she said. "Press Council does not rubber stamp the Nexus decision."

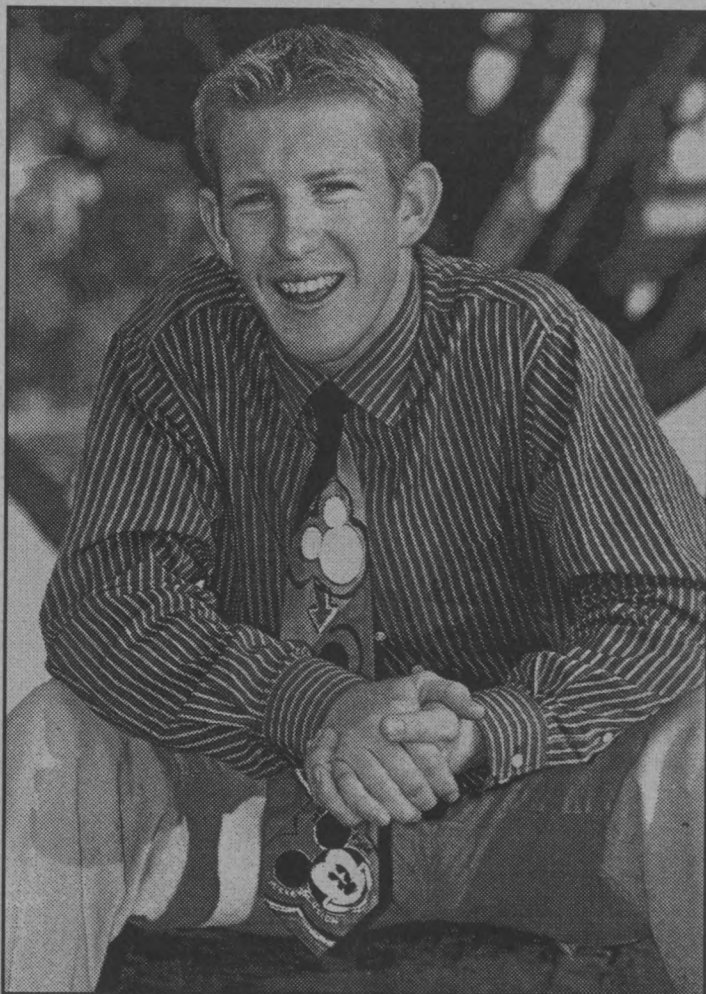
Press Council Chair Chris D'Anjou, one of the student members, said part of what made Hurst appealing was his stance on increasing minority representation through direct communication with the various cultural groups on campus.

"He said he wanted to personally go out and meet the people, and that was different from the answers we have seen historically," he said. "It seemed like he would follow through."

Hurst expressed a desire to make his office accessible to the students. "I want to be as available to the campus as possible," he said. "I want people to feel free to bring any problems they have with the paper to me."

Current EIC Kerri Webb offered best wishes to the 1999-2000 Nexites.

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JASON SCHOCK / DAILY NEXUS

Matt Hurst is the newly selected editor in chief of the Daily Nexus and will begin his duties next week for the 1999-2000 school year.

Police Working to Make Public Aware of Rapist

BY JERRY BEERS
Reporter

John Parrish was released from jail July of 1996, after completing a prison sentence for multiple rape charges and one count of oral copulation, including four rapes in Isla Vista. He has decided to relocate to Lompoc, where the local police are pursuing a public-information campaign regarding his past. Local police are unsure as to how this kind of sex offender would be handled in Santa Barbara.

Parrish is currently on parole, which will end on Sept. 22, 1999, according to Regional Administrator for the California State Parole System Steve Schroeder. Lompoc Police Detective Jeff Ellis said the Police Dept. was attempting to alert the Lompoc community to Parrish's presence by using both the media and word of mouth.

"We published his background

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Top of the News

NATO Puts Aside Plan for Ground Troops



WASHINGTON (AP) — NATO has all but abandoned the idea of mounting a ground invasion to expel Serb troops from Kosovo, convinced that air power alone will break President Slobodan Milosevic's grip and enable hordes of displaced ethnic Albanians to return to their villages before winter sets in.

The allies still are discussing the role of ground troops in Kosovo but only as peacekeepers, officials said Monday.

"It's not about resurrecting a ground invasion plan," NATO spokesperson Jamie Shea said in Brussels, Belgium. He said a "total and irreversible" Serb troop withdrawal from Kosovo would have to be under way before an international security force with NATO at its core would be sent in.

Those events, the return of hundreds of thousands of refugees and a promise of autonomy for the Serbian province, are NATO's con-

ditions for ending the airstrikes.

The alliance's focus now is on accelerating the air campaign and assessing how soon to assemble a NATO-

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— Bernard Trainor
retired Marine Corps lieutenant general

led peacekeeping force in anticipation of Milosevic giving up, Pentagon spokesperson Kenneth Bacon said.

"NATO is hard at that right now, re-evaluating what that force should be, how large it should be, how it should be constituted and when it should move into the area so that it could go to Kosovo at the appropriate time," Bacon said. "Obviously we don't have the appropriate time right now, because we don't have peace."

The Pentagon has determined the original estimate

of 28,000 troops, including 4,000 Americans, won't be enough to keep the peace.

Army Gen. Henry Shelton, chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told a TV interviewer Sunday that NATO is "going all out" to defeat Milosevic but will do so

without assuming the added risk of a land war.

"There is no consensus within the alliance for a ground force," Shelton said.

The Clinton administration has consistently said it does not intend to introduce ground troops in the Kosovo conflict, but it has never ruled it out. Time is running out, however, for either the United States alone or NATO as a group to shift gears and embrace the option of a ground invasion.

Retired Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Bernard Trainor said in an interview Monday that

to send in ground forces, Washington and its allies must make the decision by June to have sufficient time to assemble troops for a land invasion that could finish off Yugoslav forces in Kosovo before the onset of the Balkan winter.

"The ground option — unless something extraordinary happens — does not seem to be on the table at all," Trainor said.

Retired Gen. Colin Powell, Joint Chiefs chair during the 1991 Gulf War, said NATO's decision to fight Milosevic only by air may be prolonging the war. "There is no question that Milosevic, Serbia and the Serbian armed forces are taking a beating," Powell told a National Press Club lunch.

"But we have not broken their political will and we have not damaged the center of strategic gravity of all this — the armed forces of Yugoslavia and Serbia — in a way that has caused them to break and run. I don't know when that time will be reached," he said.

Supreme Court Reviews Contested Privacy Law



WASHINGTON (AP) — In a big-bucks battle over privacy, the Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether states can sell personal information from driver's license records such as people's addresses and Social Security numbers.

The Clinton administration wants the justices to uphold a federal law that closes state motor vehicle records to the public. A lower court ruled in a South Carolina case that Congress usurped states' authority when it enacted the Driver's Privacy Protection Act in 1994.

The law, which took effect in most states in 1997, bars states and their employees from releasing personal information from motor vehicle records, including people's names, addresses, telephone and Social Security numbers and photographs.

States have routinely sold such information to businesses, charities and political candidates, earning millions of dollars in revenue each year. When the law was enacted, 34 states made motor vehicle records public in some form.

The federal law was enacted in response to the 1989 slaying of actress Rebecca Schaeffer, killed at her California home by a stalker who used a private investigator to obtain

her driver's license records.

Justice Dept. lawyers told the justices the law was prompted by a "unique concern ... that individuals are effectively forced to advertise the key to their personal information on their license plate when they drive."

The federal law contains numerous exceptions, allowing personal information to be disclosed to law enforcement officials, courts, governmental agencies, private investigators and sometimes to businesses.

However, there is no exemption for the news media, moving some open-record advocates to contend the law violates the First Amendment's free-press guarantee.

The law also allows states to disclose personal information if they give people a chance to "opt out" from such disclosure.

In challenging the law, South Carolina officials relied on recent Supreme Court rulings that have reigned in congressional power in the name of states' autonomy.

The 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled for the state, saying the law "is simply not a valid exercise of Congress' ... power" to regulate interstate commerce and therefore violates the Constitution.

South Carolina's lawyers said previous Supreme Court decisions have banned "the coerced use of state officials to carry out federal policy choices."

High Demand for Housing Creates Market in Floorspace



SANJOSE, Calif. (AP) — Living space is so scarce and expensive in Silicon Valley that low-income workers have abandoned hope of affording a place of their own and are renting a piece of somebody else's floor to call home.

"Renting the floor is something new to me," said Jamie Matthews, San Jose's housing code enforcement supervisor. "And I've heard it all — attics, basements, storage sheds. It just shows you the type of pressure on the housing market."

Ricardo Ramirez could have told Matthews all about it. He used to walk 17 miles home from his restaurant job when working late forced him to miss the last bus.

He finally found a cheap place to live closer to where he worked. For \$180 a month, he had a corner of a San Jose living room for about eight hours a night. But it was no suite at the Ritz.

"Whenever you get up, you have to get out," said Ramirez. "You don't really live there. You just sleep there. You feel

very lonely."

The practice isn't new. A century ago, immigrants in New York's Lower East Side paid a nickel a night to sleep on a floor.

While some officials have been surprised, those who work with the area's poor say the practice has become more common in the past three years.

"People take over a lease and become master tenants and rent out every space in the place," said Paul Cohen, an attorney who represents tenants for La Raza Centro Legal, a community law center in Redwood City and San Francisco. "It's happening more because people are being pushed out of legitimate housing because of rising prices. It's the housing crisis in motion."

Because it violates the terms of most leases and is thus against the law, nobody really knows how many people are renting floor space. Most leases limit the number of tenants and require the names of all occupants.

In a recent two-week period there were 35 advertisements in three area Spanish-language papers advertising floors from \$150 to \$200 a month.

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Weather

Well, I'm still trying to decide when to pass the Weatherhuman reins over to my successor.

I think it'll either be this Monday or the next. By the way, I still have to find a new Weatherhuman. So far, eight people have signed up. Now if you're one of these eight applicants, and if you're still interested, write up your own column and bring it by the office. It should be about half a page long or so.

As for me, I'm looking forward to graduating and growing old. But before I leave I intend to expose myself (figuratively speaking, of course). Yeah, I'll miss this column, but you know how it is ... nothing lasts forever, and we both know hearts can change. I got that from "November Rain." Remember that Guns 'n' Roses song?

Today's weather: sunny, clear, and cool, but with a slight chance of rain ... November Rain, that is. 'Cause if you wanna love me then baby don't refrain, or I'll just end up walking, in the cold November rain ...

UNION

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employment specified under the state Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act."

UCSB will be the last campus to hold representation elections, which are scheduled for June 8-10. Elections will be held today and Wednesday at UC Santa Cruz, May 19-20 at UC San Diego, May 25-27 at UC Davis and Irvine, and June 1-3 at UC Riverside.

According to UC spokesperson Brad Hayward, "The current stance that the University is taking is that [the UC] will abide by the results of each campus' election" and that the University will continue to maintain Atkinson's promise to AGSE/

UAW and uphold the commitment to union representation.

UCSB sociology TA and ad hoc committee member Richard Sullivan believes that unionization will improve class conditions for both graduate and undergraduate students.

"People here want, and are working for, a voice in the workplace and in their working conditions," he said. "A vote in this election is a way to achieve that. We are committed to improving the quality of education for graduate students as well as undergrads."

Though UCSB's Graduate Student Association is not affiliated with the union, GSA Internal President Chris Martin said it does support the possible

unionization.

"GSA has a long-running resolution to support unionization on campus, but we choose not to get any more involved," he said. "GSA's role is making sure grad students are informed and taking as much information about the union as possible to make their own decision."

Martin encouraged graduate students to attend GSA's General Council meeting June 2 at 6 p.m. in the GSA Lounge upstairs in the MultiCultural Center. According to Martin, the meeting will provide an opportunity for grad students to have an open forum and to talk about the various issues facing graduate students as well as the AGSE/UAW.

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NOT ONLY ARE WE LOSING ASS, BUT WE'RE STRANDED, TOO!
TO BE CONTINUED...

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NOW SSSLAVE... YOU DIE!
GRRRR
WHO WILL SSSAVE YOUR SSSOUL NOW?
HATRED!
Feel THE LOVE.
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JESSE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SHHHHH! I RAN AWAY FROM THE FARM!
BUT WHY?
NOBODY'S EVER YANKING ON ME FOR MILK AGAIN!
I MADE DAMN SURE OF THAT!

Smudge Mutiny BY OSBORN

HEY SID... COME CHECK THIS OUT. OUR CREATOR IS SLEEPING...
WAIT A MINUTE. IF HE'S SLEEPING, THEN WHO'S DRAWING US?
...AND I BELIEVE I HAVE THE ANSWER.
NOW ISN'T THAT SWEET. HE'S GOT A BAG OF PORK RINDS STREWN ALL OVER HIS LAP...
THAT IS INTERESTING...
...I SUPPOSE I GOT THE IDEA TOO.

The Occasional Adventures of Stonerman by Robertson

YOU GUYS ARE HOPELESS! AND GROVER, YOU'RE MY GOD!!
WELL! I'M FLATTERED!
GOWCHOS
AAAAAAUUUUUUUGGHH!
DARRYL! DID WE DROP BAD ACID LAST NIGHT WHEN WE WERE WASTED?!
I SURE HOPE SO!!
HARRGAWP

EDITOR

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"I wish Matt and next year's staff luck and hope that together they will take the paper to a new level," she said. "As for me, I am out of here; I am tired."

Storke Student Publications Manager Tybie Kirtman, a nonvoting member of Press Council, stated that she supported the Press Council decision and will work with the new EIC any

way she can.

"I would be able to work with anyone who became editor as I have for 14 years," she said. "I look forward to next year as always, and I am here to help."

Hurst plans to address the issue of story deadline, a problem the *Nexus* has faced in recent years, as well as to increase diversity on the paper's staff.

"I want to help us meet deadlines more often," he said. "I don't want people

staying late like this year and last year. I want to get a more diverse staff, to bring more diversity to the paper."

Hurst also praised the *Nexus* employees and said he had an excellent group from which to pick next year's staff — his first duty as EIC.

"I have got to start by hiring a staff. After that we will get going on next year," he said. "I feel that we have a good group of journalists to choose from."

ELECTION

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specifically regarding the prohibition of campaign material within 50 feet of polling locations, Martin said.

"If you do declare every computer a polling station, you're opening yourself up to someone ... saying the results should be disregarded because there was electioneering going on in a place you didn't even know you should check," he said.

Shoreline Initiative proponents are displeased with the repeat election because the measure's approval was not altered by the decision to include graduate students in the five-year average voter turnout, according to initiative coauthor Scott Bull.

"We're wondering why it's necessary to hold an election for the two initiatives that weren't affected by the sliding scale," he said. "We feel it's very likely voter turnout is going to be low and that all initiatives will be invalidated."

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What: Donate new, wrapped toothbrushes for the residents of the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission!

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What: An Award Ceremony and Pizza Party! WITHOUT THE PIZZA?

Help Best Buddies, a student-run friendship program between UCSB students and local children with developmental disabilities, celebrate a great year of fun and friendship.

Each dollar = One Sponsored slice and drink or come find out how to get involved at our info table.

WEDNESDAY, May 19th, Bookshelf Project

What: Stop by the front of the UCEN to help create a brand-new bookcase for the IV Teen Center! This should be a fun, energetic project where YOU can get down and dirty, and help out on a positive project for our community.



SUNDAY, May 23rd, Isla Vista Clean-up

What: Meet at Anisq'yo Park at 9am to help clean-up Isla Vista!

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Who Is Living Next Door?

Released Convicts Must Face the Wrath of the Community Once They Are Out of Jail

Imagine yourself 10 years down the road: married, good job and a small child. Then a new neighbor moves into the neighborhood. The rumors begin flying, and then your worst fears come true; he is a convicted child molester. Do you want to live next door to that person? Now flip the coin. Let's say that person is your son. Do you want people to fear and loath him? A recent addition to the Lompoc community has shown that though a dangerous, convicted felon may pose a threat to society, sometimes the community and police may go too far in alerting the residents.

John Daniel Parrish was convicted of multiple rapes and one count of oral copulation. Four of those rapes occurred in I.V. After serving his sentence, he was released in July 1996. Shortly thereafter he broke his parole by owning pornographic materials, which sent him back to the slammer for two months. His current parole will end Sept. 22, 1999.

Megan's Law, legislation passed in 1996, grants the public access to information about the whereabouts of sexual offenders within their community. The sexual offenders, however, must be registered as such in the state of California. In accordance with this law, the Lompoc Police Dept. is passing out fliers and using the media to make sure the community is aware of Parrish and his history.

Now a question: Where does the line get drawn? When a convicted felon goes to prison, that person's rights get taken away. Then, on parole, a convict gets some of those rights back. After finishing parole, a convict is then supposed to regain the basic rights of citizenship. Jail should punish a convict for what the

person did, not who the person is. Should a person's right to live be infringed upon because of a crime for which time has been served?

A balance between the rights of the individual and the safety of the community needs to be struck. Parrish did serve the appointed amount of time for the crimes for which he was convicted. However, Parrish proved himself to be a danger to society with his repeated sexual offenses in the past and more currently with his parole violation. By giving the community notice, people have a knowledge of the possible threat of danger. For instance, parents should know if there is a threat in the community, as it is their job to protect their children from danger.

Megan's Law serves as a good piece of legislation because it gives concerned parents and members of society a way to find out if and where a threat exists in the surrounding community. At the same time, police and officials need to be sure not to go too far in alerting the public. They should not run smear campaigns against the felon, because that felon should be given a second chance after serving time in prison. Parrish surely represents a threat, but the actions of the police in Lompoc illustrate the potential for abuse.

The safety of the community is paramount. No one wants to think about living next door to a felon, but that felon, once released, does regain his right to live and operate in society. When maintaining the safety of the community, it is important not to forget that, felon or not, a convict regains the basic rights to life after he walks out the prison door.

Is It Really Worth It?

Students Are Given a Chance to

HARLEY AUGUSTINO

Due to the sketchiness of the election results of the campuswide initiatives, we will be revoting this week for three initiatives: the RecCen, the Student Resource Building, and the Shoreline Initiative. Because of whatever went on behind closed doors when the votes were counted, UCSB students have the opportunity to correct one big mistake: voting for a \$35 INCREASE EACH QUARTER to expand our state-of-the-art RecCen.

First off, we already pay \$44.70 per quarter. That's \$134.10 a year. I admit, I love the RecCen, the pool, the courts, the weights, and the machines. I have never really seen anything like it, especially on a college campus. Despite this, with the amount of times most of us make it to the RecCen, we probably don't get our \$134 worth. The RecCen is fine and does not need to be expanded. An extra \$35 a quarter (we would then be paying \$239 a year for the RecCen) per student for the next 30 years is absolutely ridiculous.

There is a small minority of those who supported this fee who complain that the RecCen is too crowded and that they (God forbid) have to wait to use the Stairmaster. First of all, only a small part of the fee actually addresses the overcrowding issues, and the rest is for luxury items such as a jacuzzi, a rockclimbing wall (though we already have one in Rob Gym), and a multipurpose room. If you saved your \$239 per year throughout your life at UCSB, you could buy your own Stairmaster!

Lastly, if you think the RecCen is overcrowded, start exercising outside. Exercising outdoors is free and you don't have to stand in lines. We have the most beautiful climate and terrain for outdoor exercising of any place I know. Why go on the treadmill when you could jog out by the bluffs? Why ride a stationary bike, when there is a scenic bikepath that goes all the way to Santa Barbara?

One day I had planned to play some racquetball with a friend at the RecCen. When we met out in front, we decided it was too beautiful a day to waste our time indoors, and we ended up riding our bikes into the Santa Barbara mountains. Not only did we get more of a workout than we expected, but we got to

Speaking Out in

Women in Black Santa Barbara

ANNA SALAMON

I felt like the conflict in Kosovo was tearing me in two, the ethnic violence, and yet I couldn't bring myself to be do anything for anybody. I listened to the leftist arguments

With strong mixed feelings, I attended the protest against NATO's bombing of the region — the arguments convincing, but I was unconvincing. How little was said about the plight of the

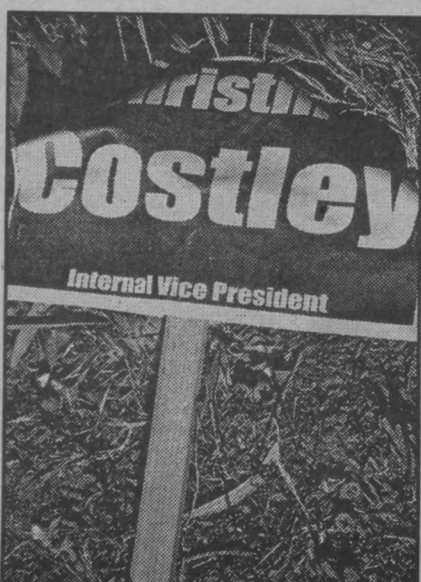
couldn't figure out how NATO's failure to intervene in Kosovo related to whether it should intervene here.

With strongly mixed feelings, I attended the first protest against NATO's bombing of the region — I found many of the arguments comforting about how little was said about the plight of the region. After an emotional telephone conversation with my parents, my small confidence slipping away.

Following the advice of Professor Flacks, I looked at <http://www.igc.org>. There I found an article that said even though I didn't think for weeks without knowing how. It said that I didn't know about the bombing and ethnic cleansing, that it was possible to deconstruct NATO both at once. It said that war always creates a monster, and that was one reason why NATO's bombing was biting the Serbian people against a common enemy, the Milosevic's opposition, turning a relatively unpopular leader into a dictator likely to remain powerful for decades.

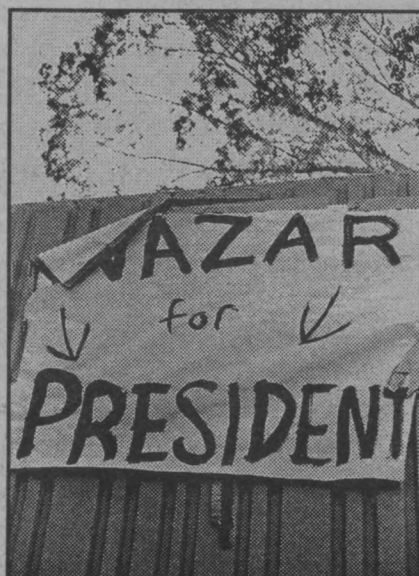
It said that the same narrowing was occurring in the West. What was what made people think protesting against NATO was doing Milosevic's genocide. And through the whole an

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People, we warned you. But some of you did not listen. The elections are O-V-E-R. It is time to take your signs D-O-W-N. Pick yourselves up, cruise around campus and take down the signs!



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Worth the Money?

Time to Rethink RecCen Expansion

breath in fresh Santa Barbara air rather than other people's sweat.

So why did the student body vote in favor of the Recreation Center Expansion? The people who organized this campaign littered the campus with tons of professionally made signs on huge sandwich boards. In addition, there were people around all the voting booths passing out boxes of expensive colored fliers. In addition they had the one thing that had the biggest

agreed with the expansion. This is like using your tax money to run a campaign to increase your taxes.

For some of us, an extra \$105 a year isn't a huge burden on us financially. However, there are many students on this campus who are struggling enough to pay for the education they are here for. Many people who would be required to pay this fee do not even go to the RecCen, and may not even have time to due to school, work and other involvements.

One of the last-ditch arguments of RecCen Expansion supporters is that we will not have to pay for the expansion until it is built. Although most of us will never be here long enough to relish in the luxuries of the expansion, we should let our younger brothers and sisters determine where they want to spend their money.

I know it is cliché, but I have to say it: Your vote matters. More importantly, your educated vote matters. Why? Because the RecCen Expansion passed by only 22 votes in last month's election. Because if this passes, it will cost STUDENTS an additional \$53 MILLION (17,000 students for 30 years at \$35 a quarter). If you include what we already pay, students will be paying \$121 million in the next 30 years (by conservative estimates). Is this really worth it? We could rebuild the economy of a small country with that kind of money. And why are we willing to spend \$35 a quarter for expanding a facility that doesn't need to be expanded, while rejecting a measly 25 CENTS to increase resources for students fighting for racial equality in the same election?

I don't know what happened in that room to force another election, but now that it's happening, we have a second chance to vote NO on the RecCen Expansion. But don't just take my word for it. What are your priorities, and how much are you willing to kick down? Ask the people handing out the fliers why they are so interested in seeing the RecCen doubled in size. And then go exercise. It's good for your mind, body and soul.

Exercise inside. Exercise outside. See which is better, and cheaper. Exercise your arms, your legs, your stomach. But most importantly exercise your right to vote.

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In the Balance

ARIANA KATOVICH

The recent Associated Students Elections have thrown our campus political system into complete chaos. When the sliding scale numbers were changed after the votes were in and the RecCen Initiative, originally denied by the student body, was narrowly passed with the implementation of the new sliding scale number, accusations against the integrity of the elections were made. The point of having a democratic election is to let the voters decide, and the voters decided they did not want to pay for the expansion of the RecCen. So where does this put us today?

A.S. recommended to the chancellor that he invalidate all campuswide initiatives voted on by the undergraduate and graduate students: the RecCen, Student Resource Building and Shoreline initiatives. My concern lies with the fact of the Shoreline Initiative. This initiative passed in the elections.

The Shoreline Initiative passed by an overwhelming 76 percent. Obviously the voters felt that this initiative would solve many problems on our campus and was a worthwhile request for funds. When its results were compared with the original sliding scale number and the new sliding scale, the Shoreline Initiative passes both. Still, it may have to go to the ballot box again.

The RecCen Initiative does not get a second chance to pass simply because deciding bodies on the results did not approve of the answers. I do not concretely know the motivations to skew the results, but the problem to be fixed is the results, not the election. What should be done is a recount of the existing votes compared to the sliding scale number and then justice will be fully served. However, that may not happen. The chancellor may decide to invalidate one, none, or all.

What happens if the chancellor invalidates them all? The proponents of the campuswide measures have to gather support from the student body all over again. In this last election only 25 percent of the student body showed up to vote. Keep in mind that 20-percent voter turnout is required to make anything on the ballot pass.

How are we supposed to get the same amount of people to turn out again? Special elections always



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have lower turnouts. What does that mean for you? The money that the students wanted to protect our beaches with will be lost because the Shoreline Initiative was unjustly demanded to prove its worth after it had passed. What precedent does this set?

What if the chancellor decides not to invalidate any of the results and allows the RecCen Initiative to pass? The students have to bear the hideous brunt of over \$30 a quarter that they did not want in the first place. Student money should not be used to fund huge capital improvements, especially when the university should be paying for recreational facilities. Money is not needed for the RecCen expansion until five years from now. That means the money we are going to lose to the RecCen is money we will never reap the benefits of.

We must demand that the original sliding scale number be used so that we get what we voted for, the Shoreline Initiative, and do not get what we did not vote for, the RecCen. It sounds simple, doesn't it? Tell that to the chancellor. If we do have to take the three initiatives to a revote, please prove my previous statements of apathy wrong and reaffirm what the voters wanted: a safe, clean and restored beach.

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impact on this year's elections: candy. I am not knocking the organizers of this campaign. I think they did a great job with what they were trying to accomplish, but we, the voters, need to be more educated and not just vote by who gives us the biggest sucker.

Where did all the money come from to finance all of these elaborate signs and fliers? Since the RecCen is almost entirely funded by student money, it is our money that funded this campaign, whether or not we

solution — groups of people who had already banded together against all violence, who had made a difference elsewhere and could make a difference here.

Out of these feelings, Women in Black Santa Barbara was born. Inspired by a group of white South African women who demonstrated against apartheid, and given its name by Jewish women protesting the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Women in Black has grown into a powerful, life-affirming force with groups in dozens of nations around the world. Women in Black Belgrade has been in the news several times in the last year for being (until the NATO bombing campaign rendered it impossibly dangerous) one of very few groups to speak out against the ethnic cleansing of the Albanians.

Similar groups have opposed ethnic violence across former Yugoslavia for several years now. Today, members of Women in Black Belgrade write that they would like to denounce both the ethnic violence sweeping their country and the bombing campaign that is exacerbating the hate. Unable to denounce the first, they are choosing to say nothing at all.

But here in the West we are able to say both. And, like the Women in Black London, New York, and elsewhere, we are holding weekly vigils to protest all of the violence in Kosovo and elsewhere. Our aim is to break through some of the rhetoric and slogans and name-calling and hype, to create a space in which people can express themselves without being lumped into one of two horrible categories.

And through the whole analysis were glimpses of a solution — groups of people who had already banded together against all violence, who had made a difference elsewhere and could make a difference here.

If you're interested in helping, please come by — we gather every Tuesday in the Arbor from 12:15 'til 1. People of both genders are welcome to join our growing coalition for peace, although we ask that only the women wear black. Or, if you aren't sure what you think but you would like to find out more, come talk to us. We have articles discussing many aspects of the conflict, and I'm always glad to make interesting conversation.

Also, this Tuesday, May 18, there is a teach-in at 4 p.m. in the MCC. There'll be guest speakers describing everything from firsthand accounts from visiting the region to historical background to possible solutions. It will be a wonderful opportunity for everyone to break down the walls of ignorance and nationalism and hype that exacerbate and are exacerbated by war.

Anna Salamon is a freshman mathematics major.

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Santa Barbara Protest Violence

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Trying to find a parking space in Isla Vista on a weekend night can be a frustrating experience. When searching for that parking space, how long should you search before you let yourself become agitated? Ten minutes? Half an hour? What about 45 minutes? We've all heard of road rage. How about parking rage?

On Patience

"The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg — not by smashing it."

— Ambrose Bierce

Working Blues

Everyone seems to be worrying about finding a summer job. Isn't this depressing? What kind of jobs do college students find for the summer, anyway? Three really cool jobs would be: 1. Taxi driver. 2. Bush pilot. 3. High-rise window cleaner. Three boring jobs would include: 1. Grave digger. 2. Clerk (of any kind). 3. Prison guard. Good luck with your summer plans!

Slang Time

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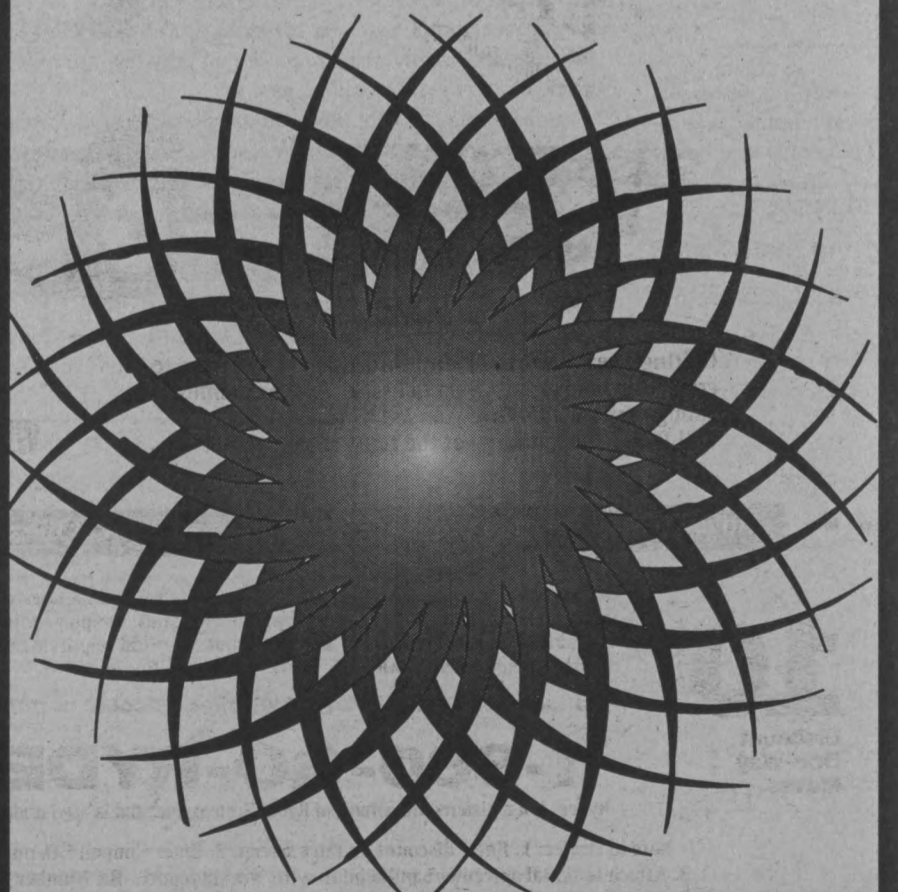
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information in the local press and went door to door within a half-mile radius [of Parrish's home] to hand flyers out in order to make people aware," he said.

Parrish has a notably violent history, including a number of sex offenses committed in Isla Vista, Ellis said.

"Parrish was convicted of ... four rapes in Isla Vista," he said. "In two of the rapes he was convicted of using a knife."

The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office reported 299 registered sex offenders currently living in Santa Barbara, eight of which are considered high-risk. In Goleta, there are currently 71 sex offenders and two are considered high-

risk.

Santa Barbara Sheriff's Dept. public information officer Bill Turner said informing the public of a new, high-risk sex offender would be decided on a case-by-case basis.

"We have a detective in major crimes, and one of his major responsibilities is the tracking of sex offenders in Santa Barbara County," he said. "If someone high-risk like Parrish were to move to a high-risk area like near a nursery school ... we would evaluate the subject and ultimately determine what to do."

According to the Dept. of Justice, a high-risk sex offender is a "serious sex offender who has been convicted of at least one violent sex offense and one or more nonviolent sex offenses — that would include anything such as a kid-

napping or murder."

In the past, Santa Barbara officials have taken an active stance in informing the public of the presence of sex offenders in the area, Turner said.

"Back in 1997 ... we had sort of a news release in which we were giving out information to the public about the 12 high-risk sex offenders that lived in Santa Barbara County [at that time]," he said. "We were releasing the information to the public so that they would know where the sex offenders were residing."

Legislation that allowed them to publicize this information was passed in 1996. It gave the public access to information about the location of sex offenders within their community as long as

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BY LINDA C. BLACK

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Aries (March 21-April 19)—Today is a 5—Thinking about going back to school? This is a great day to sign up for a class. Continuing your education could lead to an increase in income, too. You have talents you haven't fully exploited yet, simply because you don't know how.
Taurus (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 7—This is a much better day to go shopping, and a very good day to put money into savings. These ideas work together. While you're shopping, you'll be looking for the best deals, which will result in savings. If you bank all the money you save, you could become wealthy. That makes the game fun.
Gemini (May 21-June 21)—Today is a 5—Someone's wild and crazy idea today could actually work. It will come from somebody you've known for a very long time, possibly even your mate, and the scheme, however bizarre, will ring with a certain credibility. If you come across something like that, go ahead and back it. It should be a sound investment.
Cancer (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 7—Projects you start now should work out very well. Don't wait much longer, though. The sun's going into Gemini soon, and that will change things considerably. A work-related idea could turn out to be quite profitable.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)—Today is a 5—Deadlines you've been under lately could be putting pressure on your relationship. You've been thinking so much about what has to be done, you may have overlooked simply having fun. This affects not only you, but all those near and dear to you. It's very important, so don't forget it today.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is a 7—Love and friendship are closely linked for you right now. If you're looking for new romance, a friend might turn into a lover, or set you up with someone who would. Let people know what you're looking for. One of them may be able to provide it for you.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is a 5—A surprising development today could be quite educational. An older woman has something to teach you, if you can just manage to listen. You're somewhat resistant to what she's saying, but if you let the words sink in, you could greatly benefit.
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 7—A distant friend can give you an excellent idea about how to bring more money in. Your partner can be helpful in this situation, too. All you have to do is be the brains behind the operation. Let them do all the work.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is a 5—Looks like the money you've been wanting could be coming your way soon. This is not from the lottery. It's from work you've already done. You've definitely paid your dues, and you're about to get what you've got coming, in increased status as well as increased revenue.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 7—Your partner wants to take the lead today, and that's not a bad idea. Although it might seem this other person's requests are putting demands on your time, the outcome should be good for you both. A loved one's advice will also be helpful now. Let two people who are close to you put old fears to rest.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is a 5—Your workday ought to be kind of fun, once you get into it. Looks like teamwork will make it go more easily, too. Don't get too interested in talking about it, however. You don't have time for that now. Get as much done as you can, just in case you have to do something over.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 7—You could get a pretty good career opportunity today, but you'll have to act on it quickly. You've been thinking about this for quite some time, waiting for it to happen. Now, all of a sudden, here it is! If you're not careful, you'll let it slip right by you. Don't let that happen today.
Today's Birthday (May 18). Learn about money this year, and you'll watch your investments grow. Stash away as much as you can in May, and again in July. Leave your nest egg safe through August, even if it means scrimping a bit on household items. Speak up in September at work, and you could get a better job, perhaps one you've done before. In December, a change could improve your financial situation, and in February, your career could advance in a surprising manner. Looks like you're going backwards to get ahead. Follow a hunch in April.

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the offenders were registered with the state of California as being sex offenders. According to Turner, the legislation is called Megan's Law and is named after the victim of a crime committed by a sex offender.

"There was a very young girl named Megan who was kidnapped and killed by

someone who was on parole," he said.

Computers with access to Megan's Law technology can be used Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Sheriff Dept.'s administration building at 4434 Calle Real. In order to use the computers, you must call in advance at 681-4100 and bring a photo identification card.

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One-Hit Wonder

BRITTANY LANGAN

I do not understand all the hype built around the newest fitness guru, Billy Blanks. In case you didn't know, Blanks is the creator of the newest craze in fitness, Tae Bo. If you pick up any fitness magazine or turn on the television around the time when the infamous string of infomercials begins, you're sure to see him promoting Tae Bo. If Tae Bo were in truth all it's built up to be, I would give it proper credit. But I was more impressed with Richard Simmons' chair aerobics that my grandma grooves to than I was with Blanks. At least Simmons can entertain his audience with his hyperactive jumping jacks and tear-jerking stories of fat people who just can't put down the donut holes.

Blanks, strutting around in spandex (standard apparel for fitness experts these days) is biting off kickboxing moves and adding a little twist to something that has already been done. Tae Bo is like a bad sequel to kickboxing and another example of a failed attempt to create something better out of an original. Take speed golf, a new activity that combines golf with running. Participants hit the ball and sprint to it where they quickly whack at it again. Why don't you just run? People are not going to improve their stroke. The poor, out-of-shape businessmen would be mortified if their exclusive golf course started catering to psychotic people who cannot get enjoyment out of a sport, so they hop from one trend to another.

Every other month some new fitness craze hits the media in an attempt to get us lazy Americans off our asses and into the gym to sweat off a few pounds. Activities like this not only promote injury, they are unrealistic tools for gaining and maintaining good shape. Who wants to sweat to the same video over and over? Ah, but Blanks has the answer to that in his videos. His strategy is to add some double-time moves that are designed so that after his poor victims heal from their pulled muscles, they can make another attempt at throwing their legs around.

I hate to say it, but he is no genius. He is just one in a string of failed attempts to get Americans movin' and groovin'. Susan Powter with her shaved head and crazed aerobics, Cindy Crawford's exercise videos, Oprah Winfrey and her newfound success with food and exercise are all examples of short-lived, over-hyped trends that last no longer than one-hit wonders like Soft Cell, an '80s band who had tainted love. Billy Blanks is kicking up dust and hot on their trail.

Brittany Langan is a Daily Nexus sports reporter who can throw down without Tae Bo.

Gauchos Get Their Fill of Tough Breaks, Losses

Season in Review

BY ZACK O'NEILL
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Understanding the UCSB softball team's 1999 season is more difficult a task than one might expect. After three months, three tournaments and 54 games, it is impossible to characterize its season as a failure, yet not quite appropriate to label it a success.

Surely Santa Barbara (24-30 overall, 7-17 in the Big West) was not supposed to lose its last five Big West league games, and finish the season six games under .500. Surely in their biggest series of the year the Gauchos were not supposed to suffer a sweep at the hands of lowly Utah State, and fail to qualify for the playoffs. Surely their season was, if not a failure, at the very least disappointing.

But on the other hand, could anyone have really expected the Gauchos, with a roster depleted due to injuries, suspensions and academic ineligibilities, to contend for a playoff spot until the final week of the season? Was UCSB really supposed to remain alive in one of the toughest conferences in the nation against teams with significantly more depth? And finally, did the 1999 UCSB Gauchos reach their full potential? Depends on who you ask.

"Yes, we did," UCSB Head



Abigail Murphy

Coach Liz Kelly said. "There were so many things to overcome this season. There were so many things that distracted us from our goal. For us to keep our team together and compete until the last weekend was huge."

However, many players will tell you the season was, on the whole, a disappointment. They will tell you this was one of the most talented Gaucho teams in recent memory, and failing to make the playoffs with this team meant the season itself was far from successful.

"I don't think we reached our full potential," senior Kiki McAulay said. "A lot of the games we didn't step up our hitting. We did improve a lot over last year, but losing all the games to end the year left a bitter taste in our mouths."

For all the negatives you can pin to UCSB's season, there are an equal number of positives, making it even more complicated to gauge its level of success this year. For one, the Gauchos battled in the Big West, a notoriously tough conference. Widely regarded as one of the elite softball conferences in the nation, the Big West is sending multiple teams to the NCAA playoffs this postseason.

Furthermore, there's the scholarship issue. Most Big West teams offer a dozen scholarships to their recruits, compared to UCSB, who offers only seven. That alone accounts for much of the discrepancy between the Gauchos and the rest of the Big West teams. Strip Santa Barbara's overall record of games against league opponents, and you have a team with a playoff-caliber record of 17-13.

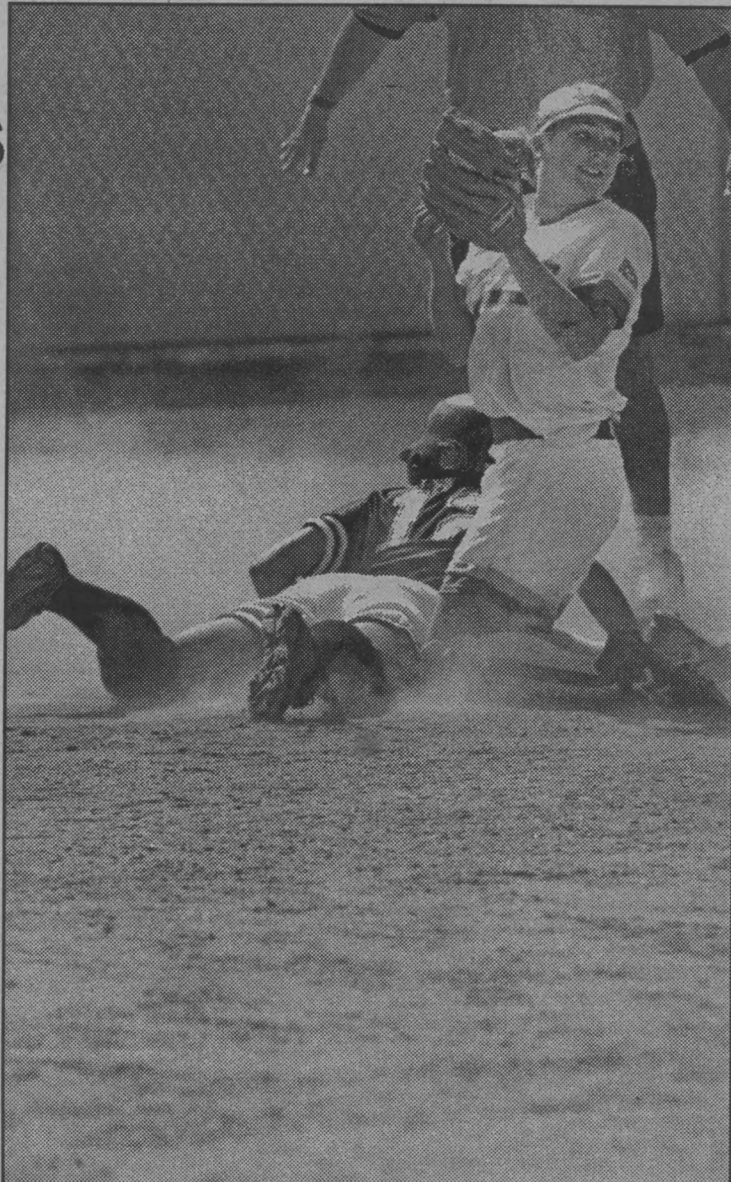
And don't think for a second that the 30 nonleague games Santa Barbara played were against pushovers. UCSB took the field eight times against nationally ranked opponents, including the defending NCAA champion Fresno State. If you strip the schedule again and eliminate the games the Gauchos played against nationally ranked opponents, UCSB was 16-5. As you can see, if you put the Gauchos in a lesser conference and eliminate their tough non-league opponents, you have a softball team that probably wins well over 40 games.

"If we can offer the five extra scholarships other Big West schools do, we'd win the conference every year," Kelly said. "There's no doubt in my mind about that. What they're asking us to do is mentally and emotionally wearing. One through six we're as tough as anybody, but we have a problem with depth. If one of our scholarship players gets hurt, we have a problem. We're not on a level playing field in this conference. It's like the bases are 70 feet [away] for us, and 60 feet for everybody else."

Santa Barbara is not a team that will offer excuses, but if you look at the team closely you will find that there were plenty of them. Junior catcher Kendra Wood broke her thumb in a game at Pacific. In the same series, senior second baseman Katie Ziegler suffered a wrist injury and was never the same.

"At first I couldn't even play," Ziegler said about her wrist. "Then I could swing the bat and I played through it. It was either that or nothing at all. We had a lot of obstacles. We didn't reach our potential, but we were close."

If it wasn't for a sophomore from San Bruno, Calif., named Abigail Murphy, the team would not have been able to contend for



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SHOW ME SOME GLOVE: Junior Mandy Edwards led the Gauchos in 10 offensive categories, including a .369 batting average.

as long as it did. Murphy threw 190 innings for the Gauchos, going 13-12 with an ERA of 2.76. At a time when the Gauchos needed someone to step up and carry the staff, Murphy effectively filled the role.

Murphy was the Gauchos' most valuable player in 1999. In a season where the pitching staff was crippled due to junior pitcher Jennifer Tolton leaving the team and sophomore pitcher Teresa Tolson taking the place of departed junior third baseman Rhonda Luna, the Gauchos needed to recruit two new pitchers. Freshman Nicole Greathouse and junior Melanie Richardson joined the team in the middle of the season, and Murphy stepped in to become the team's ace.

"Abby did a great job," Kelly said. "She's gotten smarter and more experienced over the season. She would have been greater if she had more help, but she can keep any team down for five or six innings."

"It was a hard season," Murphy said. "Even now I'm kind of down. I'm really hard on myself and it feels bad when I can't give the team everything that I have."

While Murphy was UCSB's most valuable player, junior Mandy Edwards was the most exciting to watch. The shortstop from Long Beach batted .369 for the season, one percentage point short of the all-time, single-season record set by Michelle Ray in 1996.

Edwards led the team in 10 offensive categories and is already

Santa Barbara's all-time leader in runs scored (106) and doubles (32) with one year of eligibility still left.

"Mandy had a brilliant offensive year," Kelly said. "She's an important member of our lineup, because she can run as well as hit. When she gets on, she's a threat to steal and she's a smart baserunner."

"Last year, I was very sick all year," Edwards said about her breakthrough year. "So this year I worked really hard to have my best season. I took it very seriously, and I felt I was very mentally and physically prepared."

Edwards continued on the loss of Tolton and the importance it played in the Gauchos' drive to the playoffs.

"After we played Pacific, we were really on top," Edwards said. "We had just beaten the #1 team in our conference two out of three. Two days later we lost Jen, and that was the deciding factor [in our season]. She was one of our best pitchers, and without pitching there's not much you can do."

So where do they go from here? The team loses three seniors in McAulay, Katie Ziegler and Dayna McCall and has significant needs to address, among them pitching and roster depth.

"We worked hard this year, and we'll work harder next year," Kelly said. "We've already recruited seven players and two pitchers. The bulk of our team will be seniors next year, so we will have very high expectations. We'll be rarin' to go, and we'll have a very good year."

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