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Proposed Face Lift May Obstruct Traffic Flow

■ Stoplights in Old Town Renewal Could Create Problems Along Main Artery Into Campus

By Anthony Galloway
Reporter

A meeting of the Goleta Old Town Project Area Committee discussed parts of the proposed



project to revitalize the area, including adjustments to Highway 217 and a possible shopping plaza.

Previous plans to close the ramps at Highway 217 and Hollister Avenue while adding signalized intersections at Ekwill Street and South Street have been revised, said Scott Shell of Associated Transportation

Engineers.

"This [new] plan retains the on- and off-ramps at the existing Hollister Avenue interchanges at [Highway] 217," he said.

Despite the change, some campus faculty members and organizations remain opposed to converting 217 into an expressway with signalized intersections because of anticipated delays.

"I think it's fair to say that there is strong and growing opposition on the part of the university community to reclassifying Ward Memorial [Boulevard] from a freeway to an expressway through the construction of signals at Ekwill and at South Street," said Assistant Chancellor of Budget and Planning Robert Kuntz. "We feel that [it will have] a significant impact on traffic ... coming into the university and going out of the university."

Plans to add intersections to

Ward Memorial Boulevard would cause major problems during peak traffic periods at both university entrance gates, said Associated Students Off-Campus Representative Jolene Price.

"[A.S.] basically opposes the changes to Highway 217. ... We fear that [traffic] will be redirected to enter campus through El Colegio Road, which is already congested. There is no more traffic needed in that area, especially during special events — Parents Weekend, move-in and move-out weekend, [and] Commencement. Traffic will [be] greatly increased in both areas and this traffic-light idea is really not going to work for those times," she said.

A proposal for a new retail development in Goleta was also presented. Santa Barbara real estate investment partnership, PDG, Ltd., is considering developing its Fairview Avenue prop-

erty into a new shopping center, said group representative Bob Ludwick.

"Currently there is a plan being considered ... for a new retail center in this location of approximately 220,000 square feet," he said. "They are looking at probably a large value retail center ... with some side retail."

In addition to the discussions over Highway 217 and the possible Fairview retail center, the PAC voted on keeping Hollister Avenue a four-lane thoroughfare, and decided to continue looking at plans to incorporate bicycle lanes on the avenue.

The Goleta Old Town Project Area Committee will meet again on Feb. 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Goleta Valley Community Center to continue discussions on various aspects of old town revitalization.

Question to Ponder

Today is the official halfway point of Winter Quarter, but does that mean that it is the halfway point of the academic year? Interesting, huh? Have a good weekend, in any case!

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Plea Bargain Power

Saving himself from two life sentences, a San Luis Obispo youth pleaded no contest to the satanic ritual killing of a 14-year-old girl in 1995.

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Get Nostalgic

Take a journey into the history of this week at UCSB. Protesters, vetos and overpopulation — aren't you glad you go to UCSB now?

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Home Court Rules!

The UCSB men's basketball team returned home to post a 69-54 victory over the University of Idaho on Thursday.



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Man in Black

An interview with the Liberation Theologian Father Virgilio Elizondo. Righteous.



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New Year's Day!

Didn't have enough fun this New Year's? Well, you now have another excuse to party because today is the first day of the Chinese New Year!

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Quotable for the Day

"No woman ever falls in love with a man unless she has a better opinion of him than he deserves." — Ed Howe

Project to Benefit Children

By Tony Bogdanovski
Reporter

The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District Board of Directors discussed a joint application for a grant with the I.V. Youth Projects at its Thursday meeting.

The grant would be used to rejuvenate an after-school recreation program for Isla Vista teenagers and to purchase trailers to be placed on Estero Park. Many parents of I.V. teenagers have come to the district requesting a place where their children can participate in structured activities, said IVRPD recreation coordinator Ann E. Aziz.

"It would provide positive forms of recreation and build the self-esteem of kids [by] promoting communication and problem-solving skills," she said.

The effect of similar programs in the past benefited teenagers and the entire community, she added.

"When the I.V. Youth Projects had [the program] before, crime in I.V. was reduced by [about] 50 percent," Aziz said.

The board unanimously passed a motion encouraging the use of its Estero property for the IYYP programs and directed staff to investigate applying for the grant.

"Even if we don't get this grant, I want to work with the university and youth projects to get some type of trailer out there," said IVRPD board Chair Pegeen Soutar.

The board also discussed the appointment of additional members to the personnel committee, which deals with grievances from dis-

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Professors Look for Ways to Eradicate Dangerous Germs

By Jessica Zimmer
Reporter

A campus microbiologist and his team have made a breakthrough discovery that helps to better understand the defensive workings of a type of bacteria.

Assistant Professor of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology Michael Mahan has been researching how salmonella pathogens, microorganisms that cause the disease salmonella, are able to survive within the body's defense systems.

As a result of a new technique, the utilization of In-Vivo Expression Technology, over 100 previously unidentified genes that allow infectious bacteria to survive in the body were cataloged, Mahan said.

"The technique shows us bacteria's weapons, so that we can see the weapons and disarm them," he said. "Fifty percent of

the genes we have found have never been identified in any other organism."

The lab also found that other bacteria were using genes similar to those used by salmonella to infect and survive within a host, Mahan said.

"Now that we have these new genes in hand, we can rapidly apply them to other organisms," he said. "For example, the pathogens cholera, tuberculosis and dysentery all use genes like salmonella's."

The IVET technique has been extremely successful, said molecular and cellular development biology graduate student Steven Juliod, a member of Mahan's team.

"It involves some genetic engineering of the bacteria and a series of experiments where we infect mice and recover the bacteria that survived from those mice," Juliod said. "A lot of stuff

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New Shopping Center May Be Too Close for Comfort

By Jodie Stout
Reporter

Concerns over the proximity of one of two proposed Goleta big box malls to Santa Barbara Municipal Airport has increased contention between two competing groups.

The two projects are still in the approval process, and only one will be selected to be built. One is proposed by the Los Carneros Associates for the corner of Hollister Avenue and Los Carneros Road; the other, at Camino Real Marketplace at the corner of Storke Road and Hollister Avenue, is planned by the Wynmark Corporation.

The benefits and disadvantages for each site need to be considered, said Los Carneros Associates attorney Fred Clough, who added there are safety concerns over the Wynmark proposal.

"The impact of the Los Carneros site would be less than the other site. Because Los Carneros is adjacent to [Highway] 101, there's an easy access. The other location would cause a lot of traffic due to local intersections, etc. The other project is also located under the approach zone of the airport. That location could possibly be catastrophic," he said.

These concerns are being considered by the county, said County Planning and Development Comprehensive Planning Division planner Steve Goggia.

"More of an airport approach design has been included as a part of the Storke plan," he said.

However, Wynmark Corporation Project Coordinator Mark Linehan believes Los Carneros Associates is trying to create the perception that the Camino Real project is unsafe.

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A researcher examines a petri dish of bacteria. Festering germs may find their lives shortened thanks to new discoveries.

HEADLINERS

SLO Boy Pleads No Contest to Murder



SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP) — A teenager charged in the satanic ritual killing of a 15-year-old girl faces 26 years to life in prison after pleading no contest to first-degree murder with a knife.

Joseph Fiorella, 16, entered the plea Wednesday in Superior Court, giving up his right to a trial. Fiorella, who turns 17 in June, will probably not come up for his first parole hearing for 20 years, said his lawyer, David Hurst.

Fiorella was one of three teens charged with murder in the rape, torture and stabbing of Elyse Pahler on July 22, 1995.

"It's hard when you're 16 years old to know you're going to be in prison ... more time than you've been on the planet," Hurst said. "I've spent enough time with him to know he feels confident and he feels he's doing the right thing."

Fiorella will be sentenced March 7, Hurst said. Two other defendants, Jacob Delashmutt, 16, and Royce Casey, 18, are scheduled for preliminary hearings on Feb. 17.

Had he gone to trial and

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**David Hurst
defendant's lawyer**

been convicted, Fiorella could have received two life sentences, one for murder and one for torture, his lawyer said.

Fiorella was also charged with rape, rape in concert and mayhem, all of which were dismissed as part of his no-contest plea, the lawyer said.

Prior to the no-contest plea, prosecutors were still

considering filing charges of conspiracy to commit rape and felony stalking, Hurst said.

Fiorella was 14 at the time of the killing.

The plea bargain doesn't include an agreement that Fiorella testify against his two co-defendants.

Deputy District Attor-

The body was found in a eucalyptus grove on Nipomo Mesa, a plateau in Arroyo Grande, about 15 miles south of San Luis Obispo.

According to authorities, the boys drugged Elyse Pahler to lessen her resistance, raped her and cinched a belt around her neck to make it easier to stab her.

Prosecution court documents alleged the boys "formed a musical band to glorify Satan. To enhance their musical ability to worship Satan and thereby earn a 'ticket to hell,' they discussed the need for human sacrifice." Casey led sheriff's deputies to Elyse's body on March 14, 1996, eight months after her parents, David and Lisanne Pahler, reported their eldest daughter missing.

Asked whether the plea provided any sense of closure, the girl's mother, Lisanne Pahler, looked back and said, "No," but didn't comment further.

Major Drug Ring Busted; Tons of Hash Seized



LOS ANGELES (AP) — Drug agents from the United States, Australia and Canada have arrested alleged high-ranking members of an international cartel suspected of shipping 25 tons of hashish to the three nations, authorities said Thursday.

A U.S. federal grand jury on Wednesday indicted seven people, including three believed to be high-ranking members of the cartel, on conspiracy to possess, distribute and sell hashish. All were held without bail.

During a yearlong

undercover investigation, U.S. officials seized a little more than 17 tons of hash, the largest such hash seizure for a U.S. undercover operation. Australian authorities arrested 18 people and seized about 8 tons of hash.

"If successful, the conspiracy would have poured tons of illegal narcotics into at least three separate countries. The disruption of this conspiracy is a tribute to the organizational and tactical skills of international law enforcement," said U.S. Attorney Nora M. Manella.

Manella would not say how authorities were alerted to the huge shipment. Nor could she disclose how long the cartel had been operating or give estimates of the amount of drugs the cartel may have shipped before the arrests.

However, she described the organization as sophisticated, noting that undercover agents received calls from or took trips to Indonesia, Mexico, Montreal, Seattle and Southern California.

Three of the seven people indicted in the United States were considered "significant traffickers," said Robert E. Bender, special agent in charge of

the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's Los Angeles field division.

"These people are not unknown to law enforcement," Bender said. "Obviously their conviction is going to send a significant message across all continents."

The big shipment came in early December 1996. Somewhere in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, the cartel transferred about 8 tons of hash to the S.V. *Highlander*, a vessel headed for Australia. A few days later, the remaining hash was transferred to U.S. undercover agents on a ship in the Pacific.

Helms Advocates Return of U.S. Media Outlets to Cuba



WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Jesse Helms, chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, urged President Clinton to approve CNN's application to open a news bureau in Cuba. He said the move would hasten the demise of President Fidel Castro's government.

In a letter sent Thursday to Clinton, Helms said he supported the proposal provided the "opening is completely unconditional and that the Castro regime will be granted no *quid pro quo*." Helms (R-N.C.) also said all U.S. news organizations that make similar applications should be permitted to establish a presence in Cuba.

"I am persuaded that the spotlight of a free press focused on Castro's tropical gulag will only hasten the day when the Cuban people are free of his brutal communist tyranny," Helms said in the letter.

He said U.S. news bureaus would benefit the Cuban people by making news organizations less dependent on Castro's government "for access to the island and thus allowing better reporting on the true conditions in Cuba."

"If Castro wants to open Cuba to the roving eye of the American news media, we should by all means give him the rope with which to hang himself," Helms said.

He said approval of the CNN bid was consistent with the Helms-Burton law he wrote restricting business deals with Cuba only if there was exchange of news bureaus by the two countries.

Boy Arrested in Conjunction With Abortion Clinic Blasts



TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Federal agents arrested a 15-year-old boy Thursday on charges he bombed and shot up an abortion clinic in a series of attacks that started on New Year's Day.

The boy, whose name was not released, faces charges of using an explosive device and a firearm to damage a building, U.S. Attorney Steve Lewis said.

KOTV-TV and radio station KRMG reported that hand grenades and other weapons were discovered in the youngster's house in suburban Bixby. Authorities wouldn't comment on any evidence found.

The clinic was firebombed on New Year's Day, then hit with two unidentified explosive devices on Jan. 19. On Sunday, someone broke in and shot up medical equipment. No one was injured in any of the attacks.

The search of the boy's house Thursday morning was prompted by a tip that came in from a caller after the FBI issued a sketch and two enhanced images of a suspect in the break-in. Authorities wouldn't say where the images came from.

"No decision has been made regarding whether there would be a request to try the young man as an adult," Lewis said.

Sherri Finik, executive director of the clinic, said she was grateful for the arrest.

"It's just a wonderful sense of safety and security," Finik said. "For the first time in months really I felt that I can go home and not be worried about what's going to happen to the clinic when I'm not here."

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Yesterday, I gave all y'all a prelude to breaking down deceptive dictums, because there sure seem to be a lot floating around these days. So stay on the lookout, and here's today's clue.

Tip #2: The person or persons making the farcical statements downplay their actions by juxtaposing them against the positive contributions they have made, as if the good cancels the bad. This tactic lists beneficial endeavors in an effort to dilute the taint of a bad episode.

We all do things we later regret, and hell, let's just say that sometimes we do stuff that is straight-up stupid. However, elected officials and/or representatives seem to be held to a slightly higher standard, and reasonably so. They, or anyone else for that matter, shouldn't try to mask the wrongdoing beneath accomplishments.

If they truly understand and recognize their responsibilities as elected officials, then they should also realize that their actions, whether in the role of officials or in the private arena, inadvertently reflect upon the body they are representing.

The Year of the Ox

Chinese New Year ... a celebration of hope for the year to come.

A Feature by Jesse Bellinger
Photos by Bryan Silver



Once dark, the heavens are lit sporadically by scattered explosions of firecrackers that leave a trail of smoke in the sky. The next moment, a multi-colored lion weaves through the crowd while streams of red paper flutter to the ground and the smell of roasting duck permeates the air. These are all things one might encounter at a typical Chinese New Year's celebration.

The Chinese New Year encompasses all of the qualities of Christmas, the Western new year and Thanksgiving, yet it is none of these, and more a celebration of good fortune and hope for friends, family and hard workers.

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"The Chinese New Year is for our people, our tradition. I think we can go back two or three thousand years. It's like the American people, they celebrate Christmas or [the] new year. Or maybe it's closer to Thanksgiving, where everybody in [the] family should be back home, no matter where he is. So, the new year is a new beginning that will bring hope to people and to family," said UCSB modern and classical Chinese language Professor Daoxiong Guan.

Family togetherness is a big part of the festivities, said Chinese Student Union President Annie Hu, a junior business economics



Lion dancers writhe to the beat of traditional drums in front of the UCen. The historic purpose of the dance is to defy the mythical dragon. Martial artists commonly portray the animalistic movements of the lion.

major.

"The Chinese people celebrate for the entire week," she said. "The daughters that have been married out return to their husband's parent's home.

little red envelopes.

"The parents and grandparents will give something we call a Hong Bao, which is red paper wrapped with some money inside. They give it to

the youths of the family. They get congratulations from the elder relatives, who say something like, "You made a lot of money this year," Hu said.

"Little kids go around to relatives and get a red envelope. It's like a regular-size envelope cut in half. On top it has printing like, 'Have a nice year,'" she said.

Since the families and food are never far apart, meals are also a major element of the new year. The food is presented in the form of a big banquet, complete with pastry-like dumplings, sweet rice balls and New Year's rice cakes,

“The new year is a new beginning that will bring hope to people.”

Daoxiong Guan
professor
Chinese

Then on the second day of the new year, the daughter spends time with her own family.”

The youths of the family get benefits in the form of

the kids, or the grandson. It's a gift to young people, and it brings some luck to them,” Guan said.

The Hong Bao is mainly a way to lend prosperity to

which are fried in oil, Hu said.

One of the food items is fish, which in the Chinese language is synonymous with another symbol that represents prosperity and bounty, or good fortune, Guan said.

"We think fish brings luck to people, because the pronunciation of fish in Chinese is the same as another character which means there is always something left, you always save something," he said.

"The fish is usually complete with head and tail," Hu added. "Every single year you want 'something left over,' which is the same symbol as for fish."

The new year celebrations typically last only one day, but many people carry on the traditional festivities beyond the actual day. The event sometimes lasts up to 15 days, Guan said.

"Traditionally, to celebrate the new year, many people will never go to sleep. Some people celebrate for seven days, or even 15 days. But certainly new year, and New Year's Eve, are the most important dates," Guan said. "Also, the people will pray around a firecracker, and we eat some traditional food."

The firecrackers symbolize the noise-making of

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is fairly preliminary, but we're beginning to understand what these genes actually do."

Salmonella was the choice disease for the study because of its particular attributes.

"Salmonella was selected to work with because of its invasive properties," Mahan said. "It can invade almost any cell in the body, and it is also a well-characterized genetic system, and similar to many other pathogens."

Salmonella operates much like a trojan horse, he added.

"The bacteria hides inside the immune system of the animal," Mahan said. "Once

it's inside the animal, it turns on. We can't see the genes turning on outside the animal without IVET. With this technique, we've tagged all the genes that survive in the animal and looked at them in the petri plate."

Mahan's research is quite revolutionary, said Douglas Heithoff, a member of the research team.

"IVET has never been used before for this purpose," said Heithoff, a molecular and cellular developmental biology graduate student. "We've been finding genes not found by any other methods."

Mahan and his team's findings were published Feb. 3 in a paper titled "Bacterial Infection as Assessed by In-Vivo Gene Expression" in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

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"We designed it with the environment and community in mind," he said. "They're trying to find a red herring, starting with the traffic concern. Upon finding out there would be no impact, they went on to the airport safety concern. But with a plane at 500 feet, it won't hit you or crash on the site. In reality, the accusations just weren't true," he said. "They tried to create this perception, but the community won't be sucker punched."

There is widespread support for the Camino Real project despite the safety concerns, said Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce President Bob Yost.

"By far, from a community standpoint, the

business and community at large favored the Camino Real project. That development is putting more into the community by replacing the one [existing] softball field with three fields, a proposed ice rink and a lot of green area. It's a community-friendly design," he said.

However, the Los Carneros project would be less threatening to smaller businesses in Goleta, Clough said.

"Old Town Goleta is concerned about the impact of their businesses. Camino Real has 40,000 square feet of small stores which is in direct competition to old town. Los Carneros is exclusively big-box, which is less impact [on] small stores," he said.

But Yost believes the Camino Real project will help overall business interaction in Goleta.

"There is a projected potential for a 10 percent factor of local business lost to the shopping center, but a 35-40 percent raise due to out-of-the-area shoppers returning to the Goleta area. There are no projections for small businesses to go out of business," he said.

Linehan, a UCSB alumnus, said he doesn't care about the Los Carneros project nor concerns it brings up, adding that his priorities lay in the development of the Wynmark project.

"The Los Carneros plans won't affect my business," he said. "Things are going fine. It's a difficult process to develop in Santa Barbara, but as my UCSB professors told me a long time ago, 'You knew what you were getting into.'"

est of the district," said director Diane Conn.

In other events, the board discussed the need for additional members on the Perfect Park Monument Committee and unanimously passed a motion to empower the committee to appoint its own

members, as well as a motion to mail out board meeting agendas at no charge to the individuals who request them. The board also unanimously voted to apply for a grant to purchase carts to aid the Associated Students Recycling Program.

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strict employees such as wage disputes.

Committee applicant Rafael Moscatel, a sophomore law and society and black studies major, stated his concern for increased public participation in the park district.

"People on my block felt that one of us should come to these meetings on behalf of Seville [Road]," Moscatel said.

A proposal for the incorporation of Isla Vista into Goleta cityhood was also discussed by the board.

"Within five years, it will go to a vote of the people ... I was hoping to not take a position this soon," Soutar said.

The board unanimously passed a motion not to take a position on the proposal, which would give committee members time to further understand the financial advantages and possible consequences of the conjunction.

"We will continue to analyze it in the best inter-

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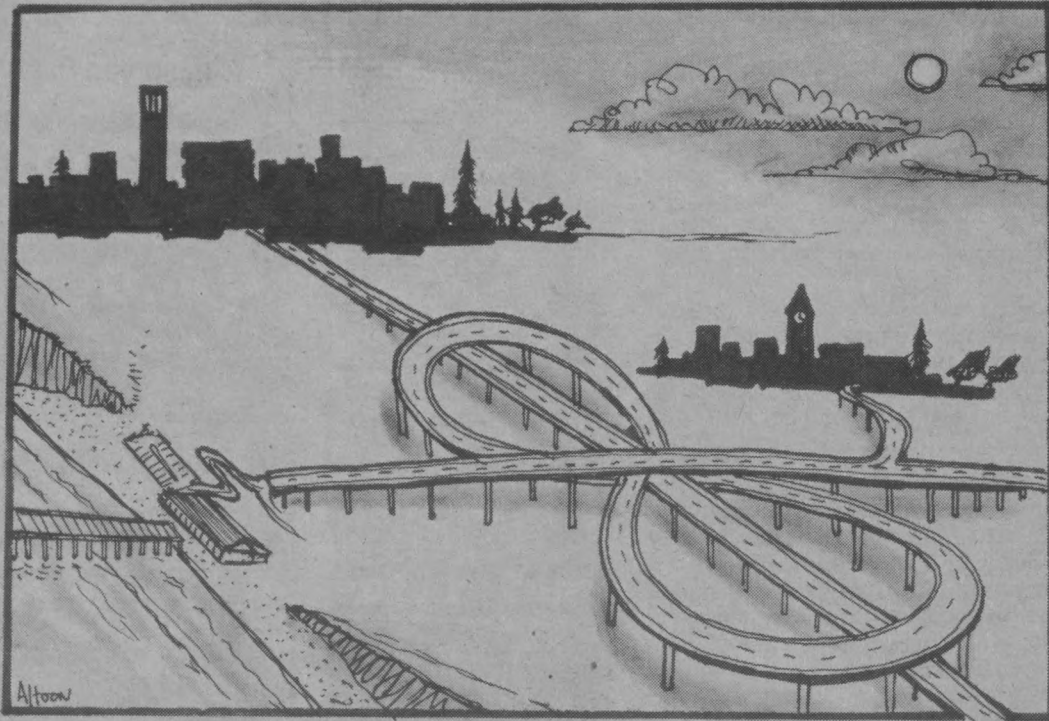
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STAFF EDITORIAL



Going the Long Way ... Slowly

Plan for Highway 217 May Be Good for Goleta, But We'll Get Horned

Highway 217 has always been one of the more pleasant roads to drive — the beautiful views of the ocean near UCSB's east gate entrance, the gentle curve of the bridge over Hollister Avenue, and, for the wannabe drag racer in all of us, the half-mile straight shot into campus.

Mario Andretti would be proud of the speeds often reached by students, staff and faculty who are beckoned by 217's Siren of Speed. And since very few actual sirens mar Ward Memorial Boulevard, it becomes all the more important to get to class on time, or alternately, see precisely how fast your car can go.

But your need for speed may soon be crushed by a multimillion-dollar project in the works to install traffic signals on UCSB's main commuter artery. The county plans to convert the highway into an expressway with 45-55 mph speed limits. In addition, they will build new intersections at Kellogg Avenue and Ekwill Street in Goleta.

It's all part and parcel of a master plan to give Old Town Goleta a shot of sorely needed life. Strange as the county's thinking may seem, it is convinced that by rerouting traffic on 217 through the center of Goleta, more shoppers will decide to stop off and refill the dwindling coffers of Old Town businesses.

Simultaneously, the county will clean up the existing structures and construct new attractions (possibly a movie theater) in Old Town to make it more beguiling to passers-by. The lower speed limits and construction of traffic lights will also supposedly add to the consumer's desire to meander off the expressway.

As positive as a cleanup of the run-down portion of Goleta may be, the county's plans for 217 will come at the cost of UCSB — not only students who want to arrive to class on time, but its employees as well. The university is the

largest employer in the county, which translates into a serious number of commuters heading into work on campus every day. As it stands now, Ward Memorial Boulevard is the only route by which employees and students can arrive at UCSB via an express route from Santa Barbara and cities further south.

This fact alone does not bode well for the impact of upcoming changes for 217 on UCSB, and a number of nasty traffic problems are foreseeable in the future. Traffic signals and under-55 speed limits may make some of the ugliest traffic days for UCSB — such as graduation and move-in day — a frequent reality. The highway-turned-expressway could become a clogged mess of stalled cars, inch-by-inch progress and harried commuters.

Most of us would prefer to start off a long day of work or school on a more positive note than arriving late, stressed, and grimly certain that Santa Barbara becomes more like Los Angeles daily. The revamping of 217 during construction and after may increase the bulk of traffic coming off the Los Carneros exit through Isla Vista to get to campus — and more cars is clearly not something I.V. needs.

Even UCSB's Assistant Chancellor of Budget and Planning Robert Kuntz agreed this plan will create "disastrous impacts on traffic flows." This will tend to make people angry, not wanting to shop. Perhaps the county needs to focus less on physically directing consumers to Old Town, and concentrate on what will bring people into town — shops that we will want to spend money in and services that people need.

If Old Town offers that which one cannot get in Santa Barbara, county residents, including Isla Vistans, will head down to Old Town instead of spending their hard-earned cash downtown — without the forced detours.

The Reader's Voice

WE ARE KNOWN TO MAKE MISTAKES, FROM TIME TO TIME

Editor, Daily Nexus:
While I do not desire to waste more precious paper devoted to the discussion of O.J. Simpson, I do feel it necessary to point out an error on your behalf. Since my sister's birthday happened to fall upon the day of the Bronco chase, I clearly am aware of the date. It was June 13, 1994. This occurred a little over 2½ years ago, not the "more than three years" ago as referred to numerous in

the staff editorial (Daily Nexus, "Pulp (Non)Fiction," Feb. 6). It is my impression that a newspaper should be concerned with an accurate representation of facts in all sections, even the opinions page.

AMY TRULOCK

TAKE DEMOCRACY BACK FROM THE RICH

Editor, Daily Nexus:
Reading the article concerning President Clinton's questionable fundraising tactics (Daily Nexus, "Clinton Insists Donors Had Little Clout," Jan. 29), I was infuriated. It angers me to

know that the most powerful man in our country may have received millions of dollars from people who are only after their own concerns.

What most people fail to understand is that not only is this happening on a national level, but statewide and locally as well. Much of the money politicians receive comes from outside their district, even out of their state! Our own House representative, Walter Capps, received 17 percent of his money from out-of-state contributors. Money is obviously the deciding factor in an election. On average, 96 percent of candidates who raise the most money in their campaign win. This needs to change!

Democracy is being ripped from our hands by big-money politics. That is

why we, as a nation, must rally against the "corporateocracy" democracy back where it belongs in the hands of the people!

There are numerous ways to solve the problem of corruption. Many ideas were presented at the time of the '96 election, such as making it mandatory for at least 75 percent of contributions to come from the candidate's district and banning corporate contributions. They force candidates to raise money from the people they represent, not from corporate lobbyists who buy votes.

One person's vote should be as important and influential as the corporate CEO. To change this, it is essential that we act now, make

"Popular religion is the one space where we can be ourselves."

Mario T. Garcia

Father Virgilio Elizondo will be Regents' Lecturer in the Chicano Studies Dept. at UCSB from Feb. 10-21. A founder of the Mexican-American Cultural Center in San Antonio, Texas, Father Elizondo is a leading theologian concerning the Latino presence in the American Catholic Church and on the application of Liberation Theology, first developed in Latin America, to a U.S. Latino context. He received a doctorate in Theological Studies from the Institut Catholique in Paris in 1978. He is the author of various books, including *Galilean Journey: The Mexican American Promise* and *The Future is Mestizo*.

During his visit to UCSB, Father Elizondo will deliver two public lectures. The first is on "Liberation Theology and U.S. Latinos" on Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. in Lotte Lehmann Concert Hall. The second lecture will be on "Contemporary Culture and Christianity" on Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. in Girvetz Theater. I would encourage attendance at these free lectures — we are extremely lucky to have a scholar of Father Elizondo's caliber at UCSB.

The following is an interview I recently conducted over the phone with Father Elizondo. It gives a taste of the issues he will be discussing in the upcoming lectures, ranging from the problems of family deterioration in the Catholic Church to the intervention of economics in religion.

Q: What is some of your personal background?

A: I was born in San Antonio, went to schools there and finished a degree in chemistry at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. After my ordination, I became increasingly involved in Mexican-American Catholic issues. Some of us, as Mexican-American priests, felt that the church was not adequately responding to the needs of our people. This was in

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Campus Comment

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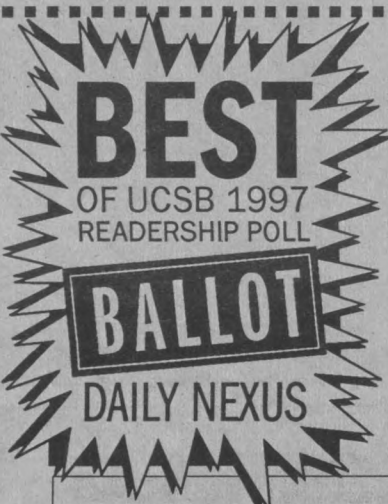
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IDAHO

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come a one-person wrecking crew. Nieman is averaging 17.8 points per game and also pulls in a team-high 9.7 rebounds a game.

"[Idaho] has some real strength," said UCSB Assistant Coach Tony Newnan. "Both Nieman and [junior Kathryn] Gussett are strong, big kids."

Aside from Nieman, the Vandals will look to senior center Michelle Greenwood (9.3 ppg) and Gussett (8.4 ppg, 5.7 rpg).

Boise State also owns an advantage against the Gauchos in the all-time series. The Broncos cruised to a 96-75 victory during the 1992-93 season to claim the only win in the one-

game history.

Freshman guard Heide Umthum has emerged as BSU's offensive threat in recent games. Although Umthum has started just two games, she leads Boise State with 12.1 ppg. Junior guard Kellie Lewis and freshman guard Reyna Fortenberry also contribute for the Broncos. Lewis pours in 11.1 ppg while Fortenberry leads the team with 6.0 rebounds per contest.

"Boise State will play intense pressure defense," Newnan said. "They will try to pick us up at half court and play similar to the way Irvine played us."

After its unexpected loss to UC Irvine three weeks ago, Santa Barbara has responded by crushing its opposition. UCSB has recorded an average margin of victory of 27.33 points dur-

ing the three-game stretch.

One reason for the recent success has been balanced scoring. Since the Big West season began, the team has had four players average 10 or more points. Senior guard Erin Alexander leads all players with 19.0 ppg while senior forward Amy Smith is second on the team with 14.9 ppg. Clinesmith (11.1) and freshman forward Kristi Rohr (10.6) are also producing double-digit averages.

While the UCI loss may have temporarily halted the Gauchos' progress in the national polls, the voters have recovered and given Santa Barbara 11 votes — their highest amount this season. In the polls, UCSB still trails the University of Colorado and the University of Utah, two team the Gauchos handily defeated this year.

SJSU

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"Jennifer is doing a good job for us," said UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly.

Tolton is not the only Gaucho who has started the season with a hot bat. Freshman center fielder Tonya Dias has already belted two home runs this young season. She also leads the team with four RBI.

"Tonya has a lot of power and speed," Kelly said. "I suspect she is capable of doing that any time at the plate."

Dias and Tolton have had the good fortune of often having runners on base when they step to the plate. This is partly due to the fact that freshman Mandy Edwards

has been effective at the leadoff spot. She is batting .308 and leads the team with four runs scored.

"Mandy is doing a real good job of getting on base," Kelly said.

Kelly says that her team matches up well with its upcoming opponents. San Jose State (1-1) is led by infielder Valeri Quintero. Last season she batted .332 with eight triples. Oregon State has not started play this season, but Kelly expects tough competition from the Pac-10 squad. Santa Clara is 0-2 this year and has never beaten the Gauchos.

"I think our team is playing really well," Diaz said. "Everyone is working well together and coming through when we need it."

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - An agreement formed today will be strong enough to stand the test of time. The hard part will be going along with the other person's program. Listen to your supervisor or teacher's suggestions. Although it may be hard to admit, a new way might work.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 10 - The urge to travel is almost overwhelming. If you're not careful, you're apt to join the Navy today, or at least sign up for classes at your local university. There are still a few things you don't know. Both those routes are good ways to find out.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - Get started on paperwork concerning money that's owed to somebody else. Yes, that could be your taxes. Chores may get in the way of your romantic rendezvous tonight. Schedule it for tomorrow and/or the next day instead.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - Consult with an expert. Don't even try to solve the problem you're facing by yourself. Another person has a much better chance of winning - both for you and against you. Go along with what your sweetheart wants, too. Sit out this round.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 4 - Don't think about anything but the job that needs to be done. You don't have time. It'll be just one thing after another all day long. By tonight, you may be ready to fall into a heap. Thank heaven it's Friday. Tomorrow will be better.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 9 - Not only do you feel great, you look marvelous. Make contact with an attractive, intelligent person you'd like to get to know better. This relationship will be good for you in more ways than you can possibly imagine.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - Others are blinded by the smokescreen of what they want to have happen. That could make them miss what's actually going on. Your job is to point out reality. Your best bet for romance is to wait out a person who's playing hard to get.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 9 - This is an excellent day for you to begin an educational project. Either enroll in a class or get together with a smart friend, or both. There is some pressure, however, for you to buy something you've been wanting for a long time. Do that first.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - You will get to help manage the next phase of a big project, so study up. Focus on saving valuable resources, including money. A close friend or sibling may be worried unnecessarily. Call tonight and offer your shoulder.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 10 - You're awesome again today. You can solve problems that have never been solved before. Just don't get so involved in global issues you forget a person who loves you. And clean up a mess involving confidential information.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 - You know that more can be accomplished through faith in five minutes than can be built with scientific reasons in a thousand years. Teach that by your own example. Your attention is valuable. Offer it where it will do the most good.

Today's Birthday (Feb. 7). This should be a marvelous year. Follow strict guidelines and make your grade even higher. List your objectives now, with love as your motivation. Your experience pays in April. Form a partnership with an energetic, creative type in August. Go back to your favorite place in September. December's exam time. Wrap up a big assignment and make sure it's done right. By next February, you'll be the person you've always wanted to be.

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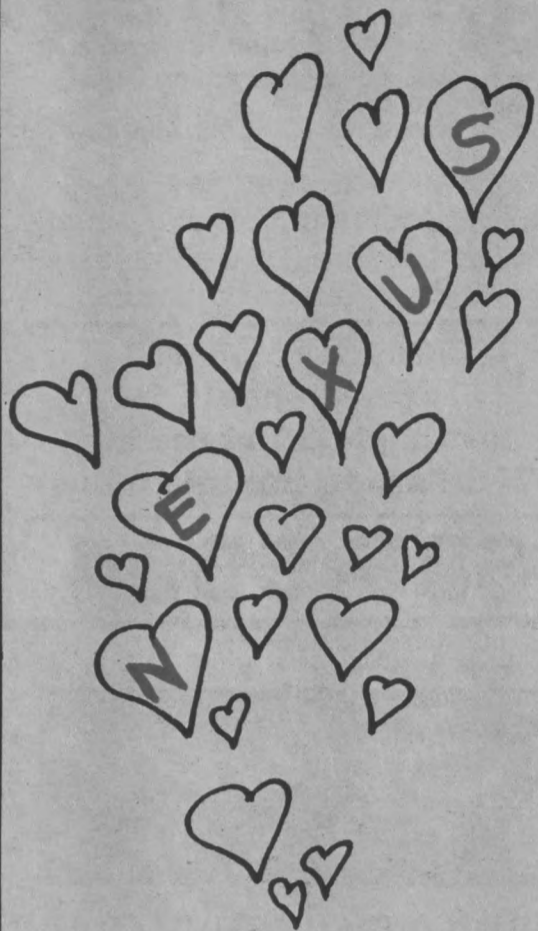
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the village, to keep away the dragon, monster or mythical beast, Hu said.

"It's the most important holiday for us. We call it the Supreme Festival," Guan explained.

One aspect of the festival is a lion dance, where martial arts dancers synchronize their movements to create a fluidity to the lion's undulations, said Martial Arts Club President and lion dance team member David Fong.

"Chinese lion dancing is known to bring good luck," he said. "Right now I'm a tail. The tail is easier, because there aren't as many functions. The head has a lot of mechanical movements, such as the eyes."

Besides the movement of the body, the dancers must follow certain footsteps to ensure that the creature moves in unison, Fong said.

"There is a set technique as to how to walk, and you have to follow the head's movement," he said. "You have to make circular steps, and you have to point the head in the same direction as the feet. In other words, if you lead with the right foot, the head goes right."

The lion dance provides a chance to show off the culture, said Martial Arts Club founder Ettai Shiu.

"It's great to perform here in Santa Barbara, because the lion dance is more of a surprise," he said.

The dance incorporates martial arts style and animalistic movements, Shiu said.

"Lion dancing is very acrobatic. It requires a lot of balance, and you have to move like an animal in both martial arts and lion dancing," he said.

The significance of the lion dance could have many different interpretations, but mainly it is folklore or

myth, said Hu.

"There's been different stories. One is that an evil dragon comes down to the village to eat the villagers. One day an old, wise woman suggests the villagers make a huge racket to scare the dragon. The lion dance is to scare the dragon. It's a fairy tale or myth. The village is cursed," Hu said.

The date of the Chinese New Year doesn't coincide with the West's new year because the Chinese use a lunar calendar. Each Chinese year has a zodiac sign represented by an animal. This is the year of the ox, which carries with it steadfastness and conscientious thought. Historically, the ox helped workers in the fields, and thus provided many people with their livelihood, Guan said.

"When we look at the universe, we see many things, but the moon is the closest. We use the lunar calendar, and this year is the year of the ox. Hard work will bring harvest. The year of the ox is a good year. Generally speaking, we think of the ox as bringing some luck with the hard workers," Guan said.

Some people view the zodiac signs as more representative of the new year, said CSU Secretary William Wong. Wong was born in the year of the snake, which is sly, charming and practical, compared to the ox, which is steadfast and strong.

"I'm more traditional. Some people just see the new year as the red envelope. To me [the new year] is more an aspect of the zodiac. I try to compare myself and my zodiac to this year's," he said. "I was born in the year of the snake, so I try to contrast and see whether it's a good year or a bad year."

The tradition of the new year is to promote hope, luck and prosperity in the new year, Guan said.

"This country makes resolutions. In China we may make some wish, a good luck for the future," he said.

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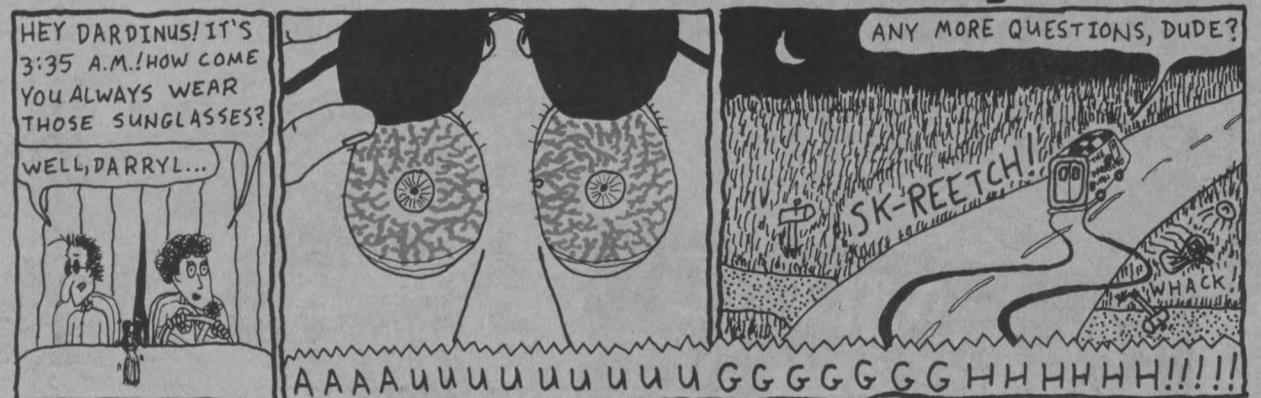


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SB Breaks Losing Skid, Defeats Vandals 69-54

■ Fewer Turnovers Helps Gaucho Cause

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

It wasn't done in any flashy style, but the Santa Barbara men's basketball team finally ended its losing ways by soundly defeating the University of Idaho 69-54 on Thursday night.

The Gauchos (8-11 overall, 3-6 in the Big West) dominated all aspects of the game and also took care of the ball en route to ending their four-game losing streak.

"It's one of the best offensive games we've played," said UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm. "We had single-digit turnovers — it's been a while since that happened. We really did take care of the ball."

UCSB committed a total of just eight turnovers for the game, nine fewer than its season average. It was the squad's lowest total on the year in that category.

Besides the reduced turnovers, the Gauchos were also superior in most statistical categories for the night. The squad out-rebounded the Vandals 44-36 and out-shot them from the field .411-.339. Santa Barbara had a .556-.083 advantage from behind the three-point line, and they proved their accuracy from the free-throw line by shooting .857 as compared to .556 by Idaho.

"We let our offense affect our defense," said Vandals Head Coach Kermit Davis. "We ha-

ven't been that soundly beaten in a while. We got beat today in every aspect of the game."

The loss snapped a three-game winning streak for Idaho (10-12, 3-6).

Junior guard Raymond Tutt again led the Gauchos with 24 points and eight rebounds, including his usual surge in the second half (17 points). Tutt shot 8-17 from the field and 7-7 from the free-throw line.

The star of the game, however, was junior forward Dwayne Williams, who finished with 13 points and seven rebounds.

Williams, a usual reserve, got more playing time because of senior forward Bakir Allen's fractured nose.

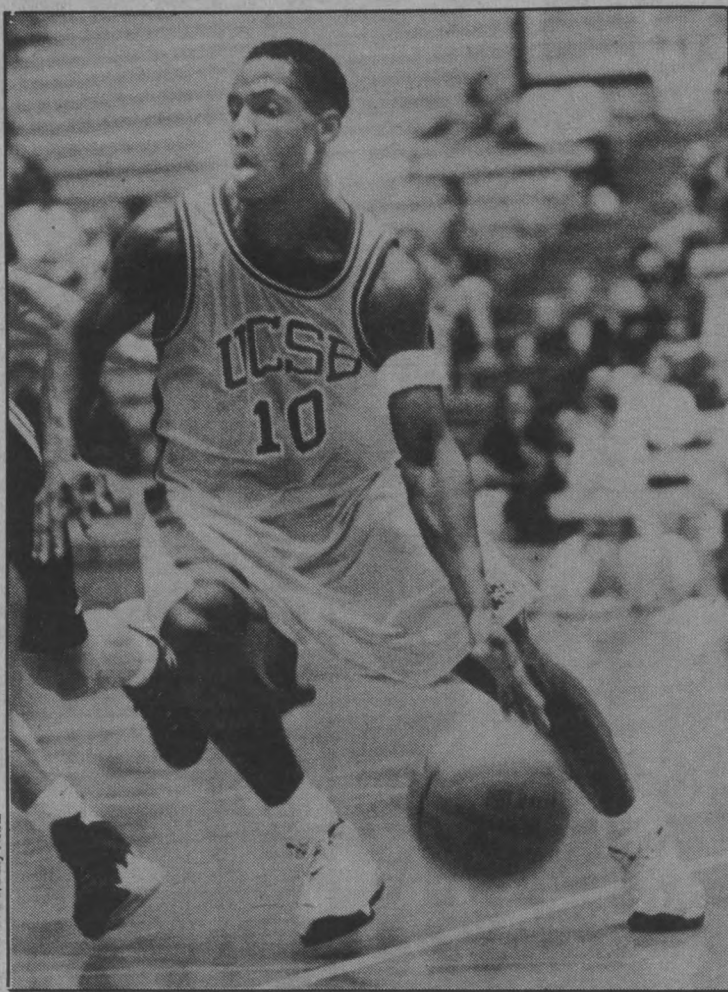
Allen did play — with a protective mask — and scored six points in 17 minutes.

"I knew once I got into the game, I'd need to perform," Williams said. "I think we let the game come to us tonight. No one forced the issue. We just wanted to get things done."

With Santa Barbara down 21-19 in the first half, Williams stepped up to nail his first three-pointer of the match to give UCSB its first lead in the game.

After that bucket, the Gauchos never gave back the lead, embarking on a 13-4 run to close out the half, 34-23. Williams scored five of those 13 points.

"Matt [Stock], Dewey, and Paul [Chavez] all did a good job off the bench," Pimm said.



LOOK OUT: Junior point guard Les Bean tries to find an open man during the Gauchos' 69-54 victory over Idaho.

"We're a little different dimension with Stock, Williams and Tutt in the lineup at the same time."

Stock, a junior, hit two key three-point baskets in the first half to get UCSB back in the game. Chavez had four assists in his 14 minutes of action.

The Gauchos will take on Boise State University tomorrow night at the Thunderdome. The Broncos also come to Santa Barbara on a hot streak after beating

the Cal Poly Mustangs on Thursday. Tip-off will be at 7:30 p.m.

With Cal Poly, Cal State Fullerton and Long Beach State all losing on Thursday, UCSB suddenly finds itself tied with these teams for second place in the division.

"The league is crazy," Pimm said. "Other than [University of the] Pacific, I think the rest of it is a mad scramble. Anybody has a good chance at that second spot."

Women's Hoops Travels to Idaho For Two Games

By Brian Berger
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's basketball team will find out just how great Southern California weather is this weekend when it travels to Boise and Moscow, Idaho.

The Gauchos (13-5 overall, 6-1 in the Big West) will meet both the University of Idaho (9-10, 4-3) and Boise State University (7-11, 5-2) for the first time since the two schools joined the Big West Conference this season.

The trip to the Pacific Northwest also marks the homecoming of freshmen Stacy Clinesmith and Carmel Lampson. Both guards grew up in nearby Washington state and expect large support from family and friends at the game.

"I am so excited, but I am a little nervous too," Clinesmith said. "My parents have chartered a bus, so I know at least 50 people are coming, but there might be close to 100."

Santa Barbara will square off against Idaho tonight in Moscow. The Vandals currently sit in second place in the conference's Eastern Division. The only time the two squads met was in 1985, when Idaho crushed UCSB 88-44.

Idaho is led by freshman forward Alli Nieman, who has be-

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Santa Barbara Offense Comes Alive Again, Scores 14 Runs in Victory Over Westmont

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

The UCSB baseball team's offensive output was supposedly down from last season — at least that was what the coaching staff led the opposition to believe.

However, despite five new batters in the lineup, Santa Barbara (5-3) has not let up from last season's scoring pace. The Gauchos' bats once again erupted Thursday afternoon, when they beat nearby Westmont College 14-7.

UCSB's 14 runs and 17 hits against the Warriors (2-1) both tied its season highs. The Gauchos also hit three home runs in the game while scoring at least one run in every inning except the seventh.

"They are good hitters," said Santa Barbara Head Coach Bob Brontsema. "They just haven't had the hits fall for them. But now they are falling, and that's nice."

With the exception of sophomore catcher Justin Lehr, all UCSB players who made a plate appearance collected at least one hit. Leading the way was junior designated hitter Justin Balsler, who went 4-5 with a home run and two RBI.

Balsler is now batting a sizzling .563 on the season, including an impressive 1.06 slugging percentage.

"I tell my players I don't make the lineup, they do," Brontsema said. "It's tough not to play Justin when he's swinging the bat so well."

With Balsler manning the DH spot, senior David Willis has been played more at first base and has regained his hitting prowess. Willis went 2-4 on Tuesday, including his second home run of the season in the third inning, which put the Gauchos ahead for good. In the last three games, Willis has

had 10 hits to raise his average to .406 on the year.

"I kind of changed my approach the last few games," Willis said. "I've tried to hit the ball to the other field more. I've been able to hit really well."

Senior center fielder Joe Kemper also had a stellar day, with two hits and three RBI. Kemper also hit his second dinger of the year.

Shortstop Michael Young added three hits and two RBI.

Overshadowed by all the good individual offensive performances was the pitching of freshman Barry Zito, who made his first collegiate start.

Zito struggled early but settled down to effectively pitch six strong innings. He gave up four runs — only one earned — and allowed just three hits while walking four batters. Zito also continued his strikeout pace with six K's on the afternoon. He now has 22 strikeouts in 14 innings.

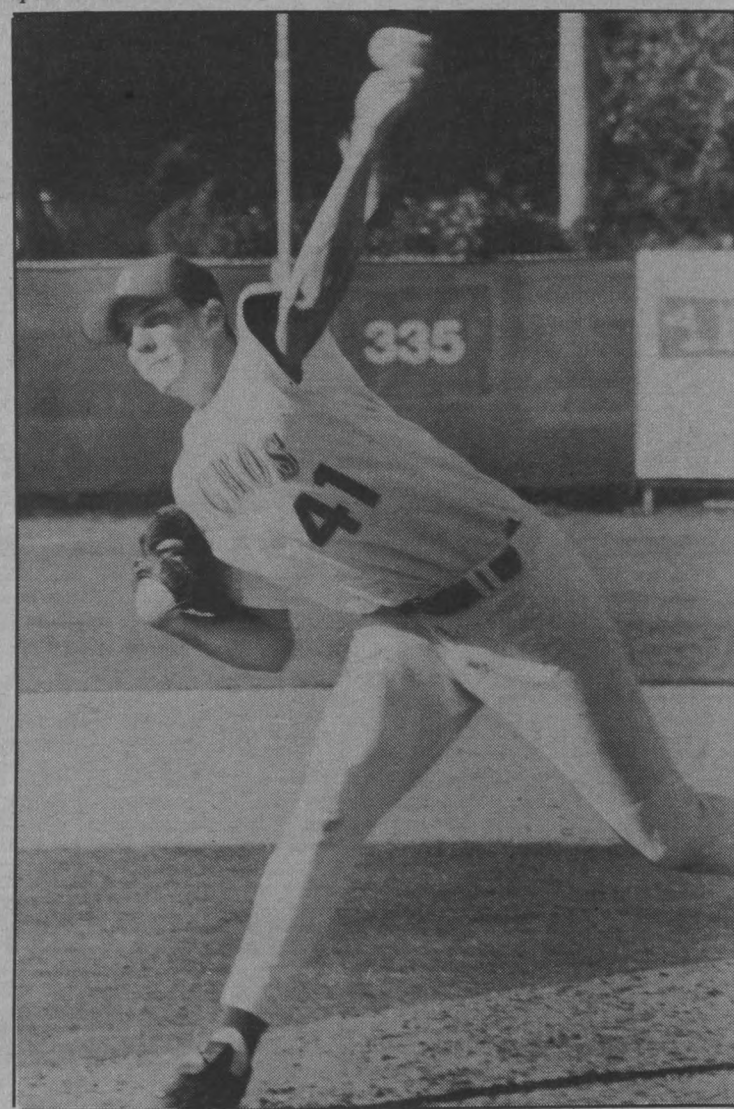
"I was a little hesitant early," he said. "I didn't really go after them. But once I got relaxed, I just tried to throw strikes and we got some runs on the board."

The expectations for the freshman southpaw are gradually building as he becomes more effective on the mound.

"I kinda feel like I have something to live up to now," Zito said. "But if I think like that, it'll ruin me. I'm just going to pitch for myself. I don't want to be out there for anyone else."

Senior Brian Noyes came in to relieve Zito and gave up three runs in two innings. Senior John Minton came in to close out the game with a perfect ninth.

Defensively, the left side of the infield was shaky once again, as sophomore third baseman Bryan LaCour made two errors and Young committed one.



FIRST START: Freshman Barry Zito made an impressive starting debut on Thursday, striking out six in six innings.

Softball Looks to Continue Good Play With San Jose and Santa Clara

By Scott Hennessee
Staff Writer

The UCSB softball team will attempt to continue its winning ways this weekend, when it takes on a trio of teams.

The Gauchos (3-1) travel north to San Jose State University to face the Spartans on Saturday at 11 a.m. Immediately after that contest, they will take on Oregon State University. Santa Barbara will finish off its weekend with a doubleheader

against Santa Clara University on Sunday.

UCSB's successful start is due in large part to the play of freshman pitcher Jennifer Tolton. On the mound she has compiled a 2-0 record, allowing only two earned runs in 15.2 innings

pitched while striking out 16. Tolton has also proven herself to be a force at the plate. Batting in the third position, she has amassed five hits in 14 at-bats for a .357 average.

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The UCSB men's volleyball team lost to the University of Hawai'i on Wednesday, 15-13, 15-7, 15-3.