

SPORTS



SB Takes Offense at Preseason Poll

Gauchos' Improved Attack Aims For Final Four and Respect From Nation

SEASON PREVIEW

By Jenny Kok
Staff Writer

When the Big West volleyball preseason coaches' poll and the national poll made their appearances a few weeks ago, it was like déjà vu all over again.

For the past few years, the UCSB women's volleyball team has been given dismal rankings at the beginning of season only to put those rankings to shame within a few weeks of play. This season is no different.

Only four weeks into the season, UCSB (9-0, 2-0 in the Big West) has already climbed from #12 to #8 nationally and are currently leading the conference after being picked to finish fourth in the coaches' poll. "We were a little shocked with the low ranking," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory admitted. "It was our loss to Minnesota in the NCAA tournament [last year] that did it to us. But this year we're simply not going to let that happen again. We want to be in the Final Four this year and we know we can do it."

With a new and improved squad, UCSB is in

1994 Women's Volleyball Schedule

Sept.

23rd @Pepperdine 7:30

24th v.Alumni 7:30

28th v.UC Irvine 7:30

Oct.

1st v. LBSU 7:30

7th @UOP 7:30

8th @San Jose St. 7:30

11th v.Cal Poly SLO

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14th v.Utah St. 7:30

15th v.Utah St. 7:30

18th @LMU 7:00

21st-22nd @Stanford

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25th @UCLA 7:00

28th @LBSU 7:30

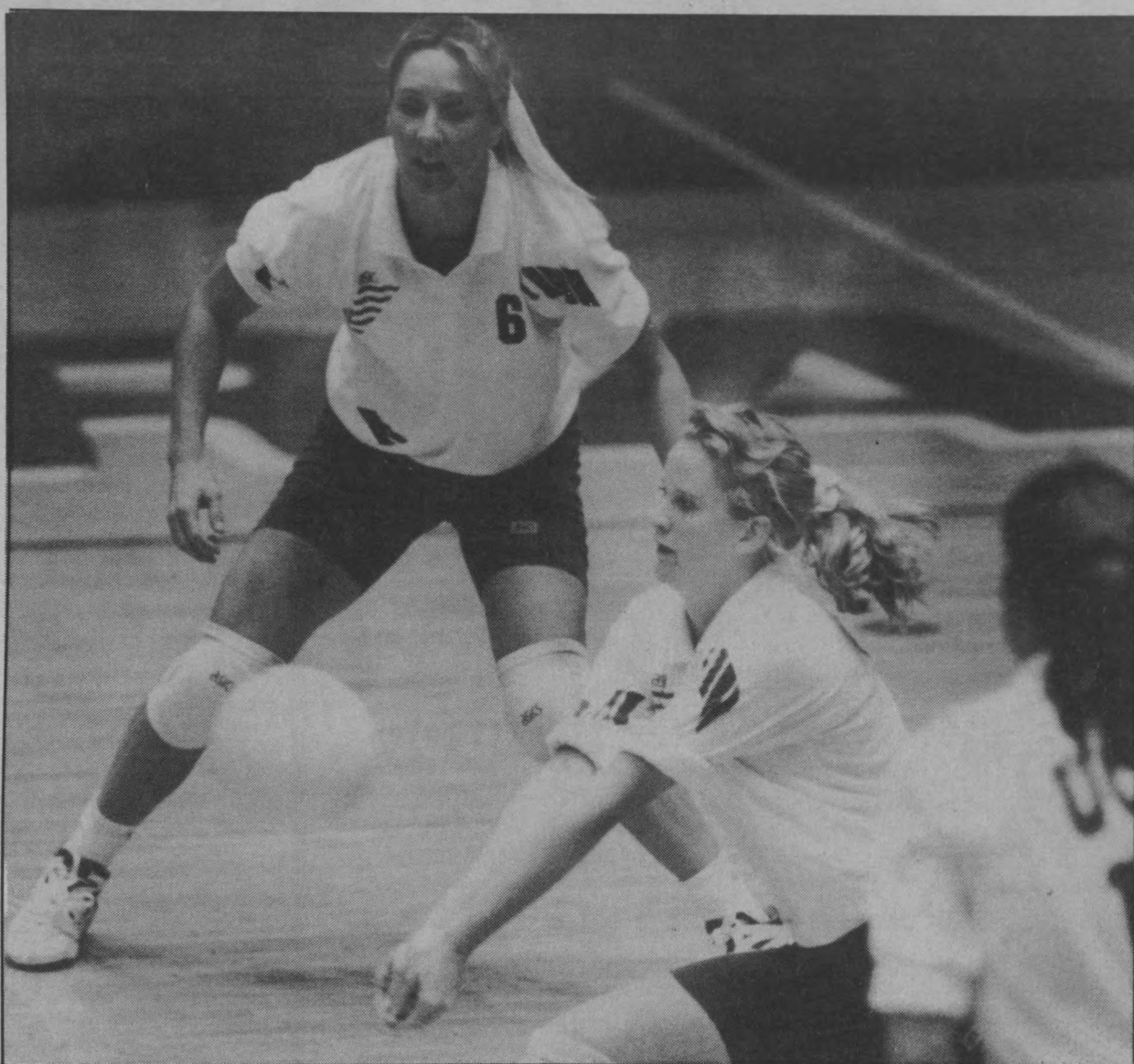
29th @UC Irvine 7:00

31st v.CS Fullerton 7:30

no way setting its goals too high.

"There are a lot more pluses this year," starting outside hitter Kim Keys explained. "There is a lot more balance, the starting lineup has a lot of years under their belts, our all-around game is much better and most importantly, the chemistry is better than it has been in the past few years."

The Gauchos have one of the strongest starting lineups they have ever had. Consisting of three seniors — Chrissy Boehle (setter), Heather Collins (outside hitter) and Shirley



Nexus File Photo

Senior Heather Collins demonstrates why she is leading the Big West with 4.48 digs per game. Collins is also making a huge impact offensively, ranking 16th nationally with 4.57 kills per game.

Aboyme (middle blocker); two juniors — Keys and Tammy Stiner (middle blocker) and top recruit freshman Jennifer Stroffe (outside hitter), the team possesses a much bigger threat than in years past. "Losing Ana [Elisa Franca] made us realize how much we depended on her for the kills," Stiner

commented. "With help from a new coaching staff, we have become a much more well-rounded team. People are beginning to notice our offense, not just our defense."

For the first time in a long time, the Gauchos are making an offensive impact on the national level. They are currently ranked

#1 in kills per game, averaging 16.74, and have the seventh-best hitting percentage at .324.

Part of the reason why the Gauchos are hitting so well is because of strong setting from Boehle. Boehle is currently #2-ranked nationally in assists per game averaging 14.83, while the team

together leads the nation with 16.74 per game.

"Chrissy is the best setter out there right now," Gregory said. "She is thriving now that our offense is more balanced."

After leading her team to their second tournament victory of the year

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Veteran Defenders to Lead UCSB Bid for Return to Postseason Play

SEASON PREVIEW

By Curtis Kaiser
Staff Writer

Built around a nucleus of three returning senior defensive starters as well as younger veterans and promising newcomers, this year's UCSB women's soccer team is looking to continue its recent success.

Since the hiring of Head Coach Tad Bobak in 1987, the Gauchos have posted a record of 94 wins and four ties against 36 losses. Santa Barbara has finished among the top 16 teams in the nation in each of those seasons.

"This team's strength is its seniors," Bobak said. "They give us experience and maturity, and have been tough competitors for us in the past years."

Senior defenders Kris Bassler, Kristen Borland and Julie Harris will be counted on to provide leadership and anchor the UCSB defense. Harris has gotten off to a quick start this year, having scored two goals in the first three games of the season.



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Sophomore defender Amy Gutowski shows the intensity that put her in the starting lineup.

The Gauchos (1-2) began the season slowly with a 5-1 loss to the University of San Diego, but came back to beat Pepperdine 2-0. They then suffered a tight 1-0 loss to the University of Southern California.

The team did lose

some valuable players from last year's #16-ranked squad, which narrowly missed the NCAA playoffs. All-American forward Phronsie Franco and Goalkeeper Amy Good-

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A UCSB player fights for the ball against Fresno State. Head Coach Mark Arya is counting on a powerful midfield to be the team's strength.

Revamped Team Ready to Reverse Fortunes for UCSB Men's Soccer

SEASON PREVIEW

By Deborah Raffi
Staff Writer

For UCSB Head Coach Mark Arya, the upcoming soccer season holds more than a chance to make playoffs; it holds an oppor-

tunity to turn the men's soccer program around.

The actual sport of soccer has not changed fundamentally in years; however, UCSB men's soccer is on its way toward a drastic face lift. Arya and new Assistant Coach Cam Ca-

marena have begun the operation and are hopeful that the outcome will receive nothing but praise.

"We have found our magic lineup and have strengthened ourselves

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Top 10

Things To Do This Week at UCSB (for new students, that is)

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Go to Orientation!

If you didn't attend Summer Orientation or a College Advising Session, then this is your big chance! The folks at Orientation have lots of information to help you figure this place out. It will make your life a lot easier — trust me! *Tues., Sept. 27, 9:00am-12:00noon in Broida 1610*

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Start out on the right foot...

If you are a new Transfer student, a Re-Entry student, or a Graduate student, look for (and attend) the events designed just for you and your unique needs! Check the *Discovery Days Calendar* for details. Some of these are "one time only" so don't miss out!

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Stop by the Big Tan Info Van

There you will find helpful and friendly Orientation Staff members (yes, in their green shirts) who can assist you with everything from academic advising to finding the best pizza place in town. *Sept. 26-28, 10:00am-2:00pm, near Storke Tower*

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Learn from other students' mistakes!

Attend this panel, "Survival Tips from Juniors and Seniors" and get the real scoop on what to do and what not to do at UCSB. *Wed., Sept. 28, 1:00-2:00pm, Buchanan 1940*

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Join a club or organization!

There are over 300 clubs and organizations at UCSB for all interests ranging from academic to career and from ethnic to political. Check out the Activities Faire where all the clubs will be in one place to answer your questions and get you signed up. *Wed., Oct. 19, 10:00am-3:00pm, Storke Plaza*

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Check out "I.V." and eat FREE food!

Take a tour of Isla Vista and get free samples of great food and cool products from I.V.'s most popular businesses. Limited to 25 people. *Sept. 26-28, 11:00am and 1:00pm, Leaving from the Big Tan Info Van near Storke Tower by Bldg. 434*

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Discover the many fun fitness opportunities at UCSB. There will be free ice cream and a live performance of "Liquid Sunshine," one of the hottest local bands. And you haven't lived until you've seen the belly dancing demonstration! Lots of great prizes too! *Wed., Sept. 28, 2:00-4:30pm, Robertson Gym Blacktop*

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Sex, Dating & Communicating!

This is the stuff your parents are worried about, and you're probably not (but maybe should be). These are things all college students need to know about, especially to decrease the chance of sexual assault happening to you or a friend. These workshops are fun, informative, and very different from the ones your high school made you go to. *In ALL residence halls (ask your RA for dates and locations)*

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Panic!

Well, not really — but don't you think you should make sure you're ready for college academics? Attend the "Aiming for Excellence" workshops offered by CLAS. Most "A" and "B" students at UCSB utilize the services of CLAS, so join the crowd and attend one or all of the following (*all in Broida 1610*):

Time Management	Mon., Sept. 26	10:30-11:30am
Study Skills	Mon., Sept. 26	3:00-4:00pm
Writing Skills	Tues., Sept. 27	12:30-1:30pm
Test Taking Skills	Wed., Sept. 28	2:00-3:00pm

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Eat FREE Ice Cream Sundaes!

That got your attention. Come to the Chancellor's Convocation (fancy word meaning official welcome ceremony) and eat lots of ice cream sundaes. Also meet Chancellor Henry Yang, the head honcho, and lots of other cool people including the rest of the Class of 1998 (that's you)! *Tues., Sept. 27, 2:00pm, Lagoon Lawn (behind the UCen)*

Highly Regarded Polo Team Still Has Some Work to Do

SEASON PREVIEW

By Michael Cadilli
Staff Writer

Ranked #6 in the College Water Polo Coaches Association preseason poll, the 1994 UCSB men's water polo squad had high expectations from its peers.

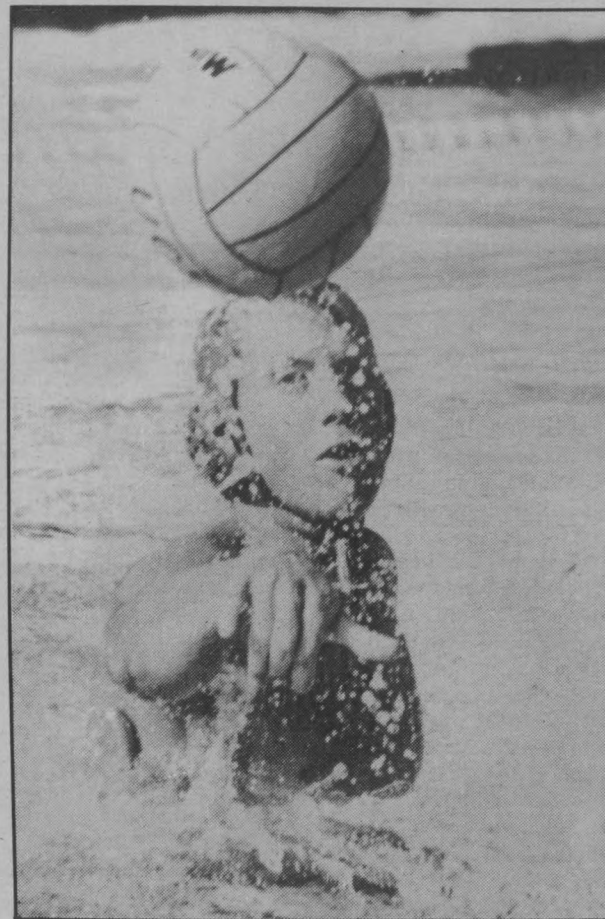
Eleven days into the Gauchos' 2-3 season and one coaches poll later, slipping to #8, first-year Head Coach Joe O'Brien knows there is much work to do.

"Working as a group is important and we're coming together a little bit better," O'Brien said. "Two of the three we lost were close contests. If we can improve on our mistakes we'll get better, but nobody's sitting at home eating pie."

To the Gauchos' defense, the three losses were to teams ranked higher and the wins came against teams lower in the poll. At the tough Southern California Tournament, where the nation's top teams duke it out, Santa Barbara took losses from #4 Pepperdine, #5 UC Irvine and fell victim to the nation's #1 team from Stanford, 12-3.

"What we learned was it was the second game of the year and that we had some things to take care of," O'Brien said. "The thing that was difficult was we hadn't had any games before [the tournament], everyone else had six games under their belt."

The UCSB wins came over #14 Navy in the tour-



Nexus File Photo

The #8-ranked Gauchos are hoping to climb back up to the top of the Water Polo polls.

ney and over then-#8 Long Beach State in a regular season game last Saturday.

"Working as a group is important and we're coming together a little bit better," O'Brien added.

The Gauchos travel to UC San Diego to take on the #12 Titans on Saturday. The game plan for UCSB is a pressuring offense and defense and to clean up on the six-on-five

opportunities. However, UCSB will make Santa Barbara work for the win.

"They will work their brains out for every loose ball, they'll be scrappy," O'Brien said. "They are not the best skilled team but anything can happen."

The Gauchos will count on the efforts from senior drivers Doug Wierenga

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Carlson Named as Assistant

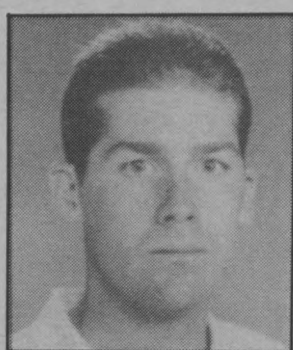
Former Team Manager Fills Final Assistant Coaching Spot

Chris Carlson, the UCSB basketball program's manager from 1988 to 1993, has been named as assistant coach to the team.

Carlson's new responsibilities will include coaching on the floor, scouting opponents and recruiting.

"Chris has a great deal of experience in our program," UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm said. "We're looking forward to him joining our staff. The players feel very confident in Chris and his genuine concern for their improvement."

Carlson served as an assistant coach for Dos Pueblos High School in Santa



Chris Carlson

Barbara from 1991-1993. Over the past two seasons, he has also been a game management assistant at the National Association of Basketball Coaches Final Four All-Star Game. Carlson worked the

past two years as an assistant in UCSB's Athletic Media Relations Office, and was the radio and television color commentator for Gaucho basketball last season. He also co-hosted the postgame call-in show for men's games.

The 24-year-old Carlson graduated from UCSB in 1993 with a BA in history in addition to earning his Athletic Coaching Certification.

With Carlson's addition, the Gaucho coaching staff is complete. He joins Pimm as well as assistant coaches Bobby Castagna and Virgil Watson on the staff.

—Curtis Kaiser

GAUCHOS

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win graduated, while midfielder Julie Bushman and defender Olivia Salvador transferred.

Bobak is looking to junior midfielder Amy Hunter and sophomore defender Amy Gutowski to play important roles for UCSB.

"Amy [Hunter] has developed a lot of confidence and security with her ex-

perience," Bobak said. "Gutowski made a big impact as a freshman, and hopefully she will come on strong as a sophomore."

With the team's mix of veterans and newcomers, Bobak acknowledges that there may be some early-season difficulties.

"Some first-year players will need to make a lot of adjustments as the season goes along," Bobak said. "They will have to overcome a lack of awareness

and experience for what they're facing."

Assisting Bobak with coaching duties will be sixth-year coach Aaron Heifetz. Ryan Sparre will be in his second season as goalkeeper coach.

"This team is a group of united and focused young women," Bobak said. "They are working very hard towards our objectives and goals."

1994 Women's Soccer Schedule

Sept.	19th v.CSFullerton 4:00
23rd v.Dominguez Hills 7:30	23rd v.UCIrvine 2:00
Oct.	26th v.Loyola Marymount 2:30
1st v.Cal Poly SLO 7:00	30th v.Stanford 2:00
2nd v.UofMass 4:00	31st v.UofHawaii 2:00
7th v.Santa Clara 8:00	
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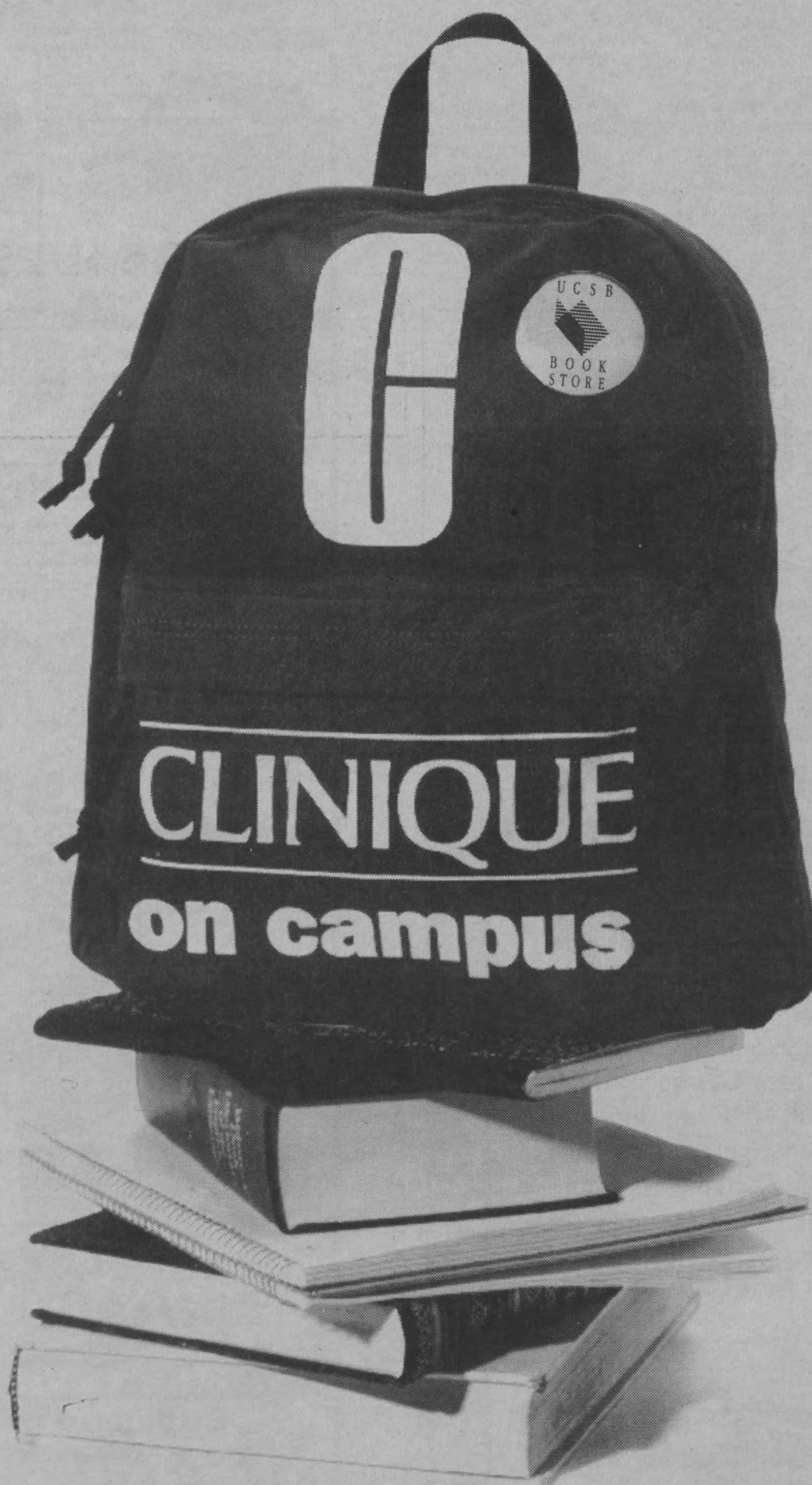
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New Recruits, Returnees to Guide Gauchos to Greater Goals in '94

SEASON PREVIEW

In its quest to establish NCAA div. I status, the UCSB women's field hockey program has made every effort to make this season a successful one.

Along with seven returning players, the team will also boast three very talented young freshmen: Kristie Ward, Anne Beitler and Kim Carlson.

"We were very lucky to get the three recruits to join our program," team advisor Paul Ramsey said. "One of the coaches went out to national field hockey tournament to do some recruiting. Basically, he sold the program to the girls."

With the new recruits, five other possible freshmen walk-ons, and a more competitive schedule, the team is confident that they can beat last year's 2-3-3 record.

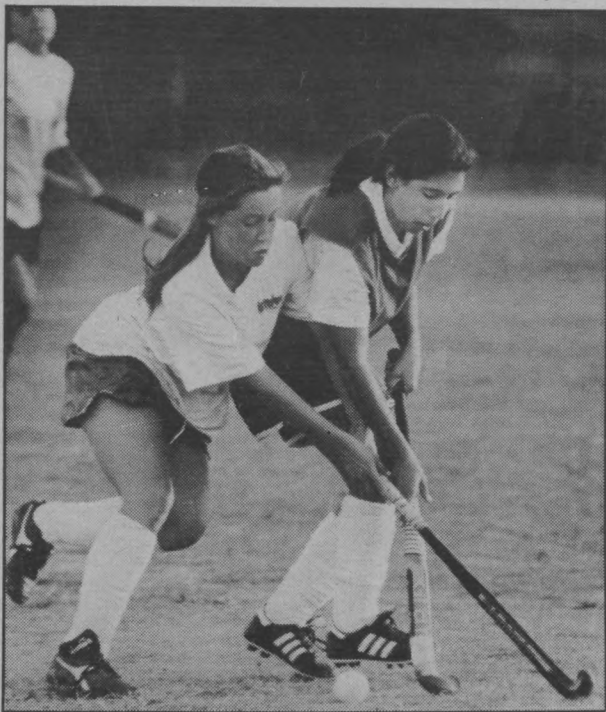
"UC Davis and Santa Clara University have just added club teams," Ramsey said. "Last year we had to play only division I schools, which was really tough on us. But with Davis and Santa Clara adding

teams, we should see some pretty balanced competition."

The field hockey team would like to invite any female UCSB student to at-

tend their first practice on Sept. 27 at 4 p.m. at the field behind the baseball stadium, or call Paul Ramsey at 893-2336.

—Jenny Kok



GERRY MELENDEZ/Daily Nexus

Women's field hockey prepares for the new season. The team hopes to better last year's 2-3-3 mark.

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NCAA DIV. IA FOOTBALL

1. U. of Florida (10)
2. Florida St. (3)
3. Michigan (7)
4. Nebraska
5. U. of Miami
- Notre Dame
- UCLA
- U. of Wisconsin
- Colorado
10. Arizona

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

1. S.F. 49ers (12)
2. L.A. Raiders (7)
3. Dallas Cowboys (1)
4. Miami Dolphins
5. Arizona Cardinals
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Cross Country Seeking Success by Pushing Performance Up a Notch

SEASON PREVIEW

By Jenny Kok
Staff Writer

1994 Cross Country Schedule

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24th v. Fullerton &
Westmont 10:00

Oct.
1st @ Stanford
Invitational 3:30
8th @ Pomona
Invitational 9:00
15th @ SLO
Invitational 8:30
29th Big West
Championships
@ Utah St. 10:00

Nov.
12th NCAA
Region 8
Championships
@ Tuscon 10:00

After a successful season for both the men's and women's cross country teams in 1993, a new sense of determination is pushing the program to take their performances to the next level.

Finishing the season as Big West champions last season and the top pick again this year, the women runners have been pushing themselves harder than ever to maintain their high ranking.

"The girls have had a great summer," UCSB assistant coach Geoff Manaset said. "They are more determined than ever to succeed and that was definitely apparent in their training the past few months."

Not only did the Gaucho women run their normal route, they also took on the challenge of running with the men's

team. It was those longer runs that have put the women's squad in quite possibly the best shape they have ever been in.

"It's really great to see everyone working so hard," senior Kara Bradbury commented. "We have become a lot stronger as a group. Everyone has high scores and could rank right up there with the best of them."

Bradbury is one of the top runners for UCSB. She finished fifth overall at the Big West Championships last October. Along with teammates Beckie Levy and Eliza Alexander, Bradbury competed in NCAA regionals at the end of last season.

"I've been feeling very good out there lately," Bradbury said. "Lately, Eliza Alexander and Gabi Rodriguez have been making their marks. They are looking to be really strong competition out there this year. It's going to be a great season."

Being picked just below Utah State in the preseason coaches poll, the men runners are more determined than ever to take the conference title.

"The guys are really eager to get a chance to prove themselves," Manaset explained. "They recently completed a lot of training in Tahoe to get used to

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Taking a lap around The Lagoon, Cross Country has been training hard for this season. The women's team is the defending Big West Champions.

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SPIKERS

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against #24-ranked Loyola Marymount at the UCSB Classic, Boehle was given tournament MVP honors and was then named national player of the week.

Not being well known for their blocking these past few years, the Gauchos appeared to have made a successful effort to improve in that area. Leading the team is Aboyme, who has

amassed 45 blocks, including seven solos, and is second-best in the Big West averaging 1.67 per game. Teammates Keys and Stiner are ranked 7th and 10th, respectively.

"We have received a lot of great coaching in the blocking area so far," Stiner explained. "We are learning how to think for ourselves, how to gamble and go for the strong hitters. It has been working great so far. Just look at how well Shirley is doing."

On the defensive end of the game, the Gauchos are doing as well, if not better,

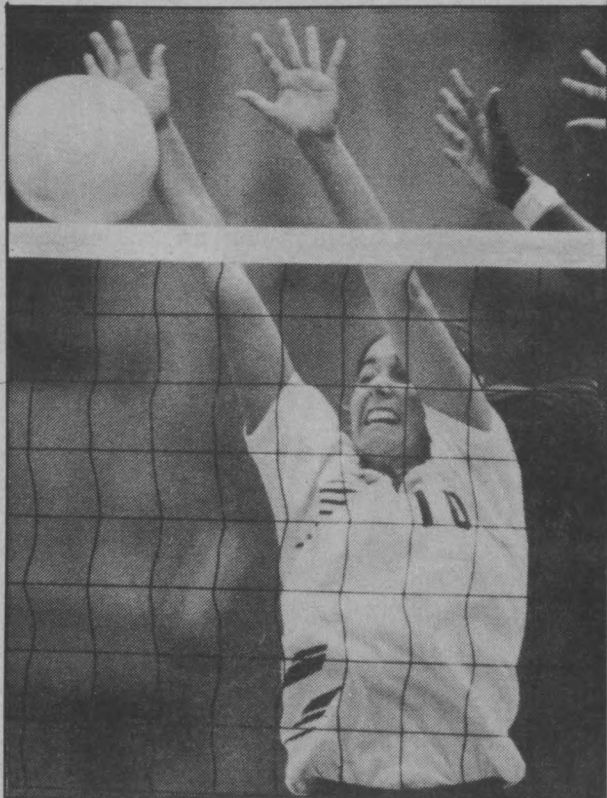
than they ever have. At the top of the ranks is Collins who is leading the conference with 130 digs, averaging 4.48 per game, which is also 11th best in the nation. She also earned tournament MVP honors in San Diego after defeating USD in the finals (15-9, 15-8, 15-10).

Also making an impact on the defense is newcomer Stroffe. Stroffe is third in the Big West, averaging 3.30 digs per game.

"Jennifer already has the mental strength that it takes to be a good volleyball player," Gregory commented. "She is a great passer and has good defensive skills. Shannon [Meixsell] and freshman Lara Montgomery provide a lot of consistency for us in the back row also."

Although the team has made a lot of improvements this year, the road to the Final Four, let alone the road to the Big West Championships, will not be an easy one. With teams like the University of the Pacific, University of Hawaii and last year's national championship team, Long Beach State, in the same conference, competition will be fierce.

"We have really had to step back and look at how badly we want to get to the next level, and this year, we aren't going to settle for a loss in the second round of NCAAAs," Gregory said. "This year will be a lot more successful for us because we are working harder than we ever have. We're just going to have to take it one game at a time."



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Senior Gaucho setter Chrissy Boehle ranks second nationally with her 14.83 assists per game.

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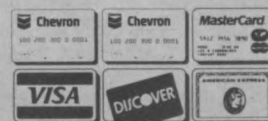
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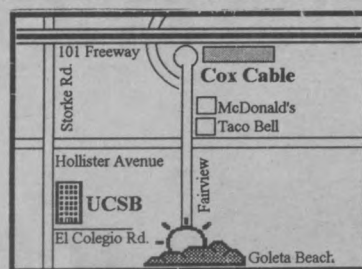
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GOAL

Continued from p.1B considerably," Arya said. "This will be a year of embracing between the coaching staff and the community and we're positive that there is a big need for soccer in Santa Barbara."

The team has 12 returning players and eight fresh, talented athletes eager to contribute to the program's efforts. With senior Travis Harding in the goal, the Gauchos look forward to a strong defensive game as well as tremendous scoring abilities.

Matt Arya returns to aid the offense in the midfield along with Ralph Robertson, whose golden left foot should once again strengthen the offense. Senior Patrick Griffin returns after a year on the bench due to injury to take the sweeper position alongside former redshirt and stopper Danny Sparks.

The Gauchos (1-3) were defeated 2-1 against Cal Poly San Luis Obispo at the beginning of the season but immediately re-

sponded with a spectacular 4-0 win against Loyola Marymount on the Sept. 9.

"The Cal Poly game was our last Gaucho jinx game," Arya said. "We out-shot them and had more dangerous opportunities, but were just unlucky and could not convert five to six of our goal opportunities."

The win over LMU allowed the team to come off with confidence in their skills and teamwork abilities. The coaching staff is working at a man-marking/zonal defense incorporated with a mentality that is suited for a more complex team.

George Savage scored the first goal, followed by a goal by Matt Arya with the assist from Robertson. Johnson scored an unassisted goal just before Arya scored the final goal from an assist by Blair Erbstoesser; the one player who has everybody pleasantly surprised after joining the team as a walk-on two years ago.

"The LMU game was good training ground and it was great to get a shutout and build on the positives," Harding said.

"I made a lot of overlap-

ping runs and was having mental lapses toward the end of the game, but we rebounded and all the guys played well, especially those off the bench," Johnson added.

After LMU, the team travelled north to face Saint Mary's and San Jose State.

The game against St. Mary's was flat, slow and rough. The squad could not capitalize on scoring opportunities and lost 1-0.

Against San Jose, Arya and his team dominated but were unable to beat the Spartans. San Jose won 2-1 after a fast-paced game in which the Gauchos missed several goals and hit the post once in the first half and twice in the second.

"We are playing brilliant soccer," Mark Arya said. "But although we shut them out defensively and created numerous scoring opportunities, we just keep facing misfortune and bad luck."

"It definitely wasn't due to a lack of effort. Both the team and the coaching staff were emotionally and physically drained after the game," he added.

Last season, the team

(6-11-0) was unable to keep its intensity at a high level in order to overcome obstacles and win games. But both Arya and Camarena are devoted to tackling the problem at its root and vow that they are rising above.

"We're manufacturing balls," Camarena said. "It's not by luck alone, and you could see our play develop."

It's a tough road ahead for the Gauchos, but Arya's team has the tools needed to take the program off the ground and is ready to make a new name for UCSB men's soccer.

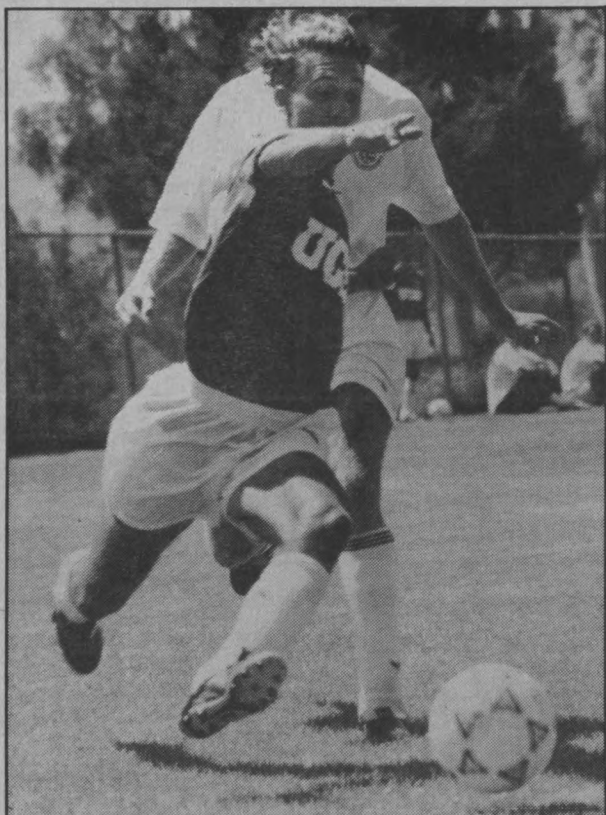
1994 Men's Soccer Schedule

Sept.

25th v. Cal Poly 2:00
27th v. Westmont 7:00
30th v. Chapman 7:00

Oct.

7th v. CS Fullerton 6:00
9th v. SDSU 2:00
14th @ UCLA 8:00
16th @ UC Irvine 2:00
21st v. UNLV 7:00
23rd @ U of New Mexico 2:00
28th @ CSUN 7:00
30th @ Fresno State 3:00



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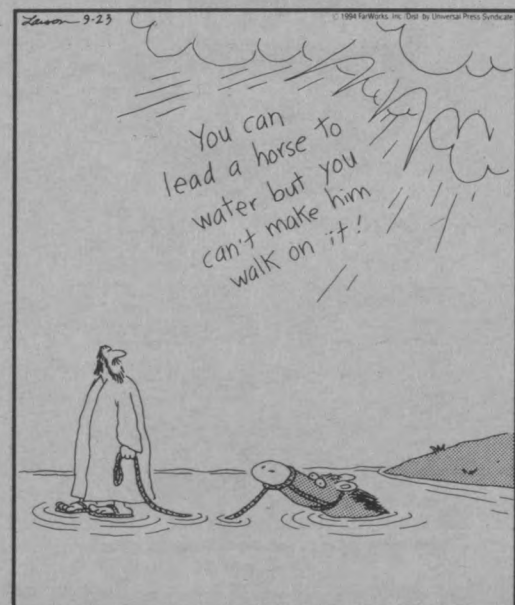
The UCSB men's soccer program continues to improve in its quest to become more competitive.



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Continued from p.2B and Nicola Ivanovic. Wierenga is a returning all-American, who possesses explosiveness and speed in the water and poses a constant counterattack threat. Ivanovic is a returning all-conference player, who brings much-needed experience to the team. His ability to play offense and defense combined with his intelligence is a strong combination.

• Junior two-meter man Colum Ravelle will also need to put pressure on defenses and goalies. Known for his work ethic and improved skills Ravelle has developed into a big threat.

• In the goal stands senior

transfer student from Fresno St. Brian McMillan. McMillan brings over a large range and a vocal presence on defense.

• Local product from Dos Pueblos High is Adam Estabrook, who will be called on to back-up Ravelle at the two-meter position and for his versatility in the water.

• Also filling the driver positions are junior Kevin Eggert and senior Mike Strohecker, who are both quick in the water and can shoot the ball well.

• Key players coming off the bench for the Gauchos are seniors Keith Farnsworth and Jeff Geary, and freshman standouts Tom Norton and Eric Scholton.

1994 Men's Water Polo Schedule

Sept.	16th v.CAL Noon
24th @San Diego 6:00	22nd-23rd Baldy View
29th @Stanford 3:00	Tourney @Claremont
30th @UOP 3:00	29th v.LBSU Noon
Oct.	Ulumni Game 2:00
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RUN

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higher altitudes. On average, they started at about 6,000 feet and climbed sometimes as high as 9,000-9,500 feet. This training will really help us when we face the high elevations in Utah."

"We are a lot more of a team this year," runner Nathan Jobe explained. "We got rid of a lot of loose ends and put more restrictions on who can be on the team as far as times are concerned. These changes have already helped our chances of earning the conference title."

Although visions of appearances in regionals and nationals are in the back of their minds, the men are keeping their focus on the

conference title.

"It can be hard to not think about regionals and nationals, but we are trying to take this season one step at a time," Jobe said. "Once we reach our initial goal, then we will start concentrating on regionals and nationals."

For the men, Dave Col-lum has shown his strength — running UCSB's course in 24:29, the 10th all-time best run on that course. Also returning from last year, Brad Glosser and Nate Weber are helping to set a high pace for the team.

"Right now our mind-set is really confident," Manaset said. "We want both conference titles and we know we are capable of taking them as long as we keep our focus."

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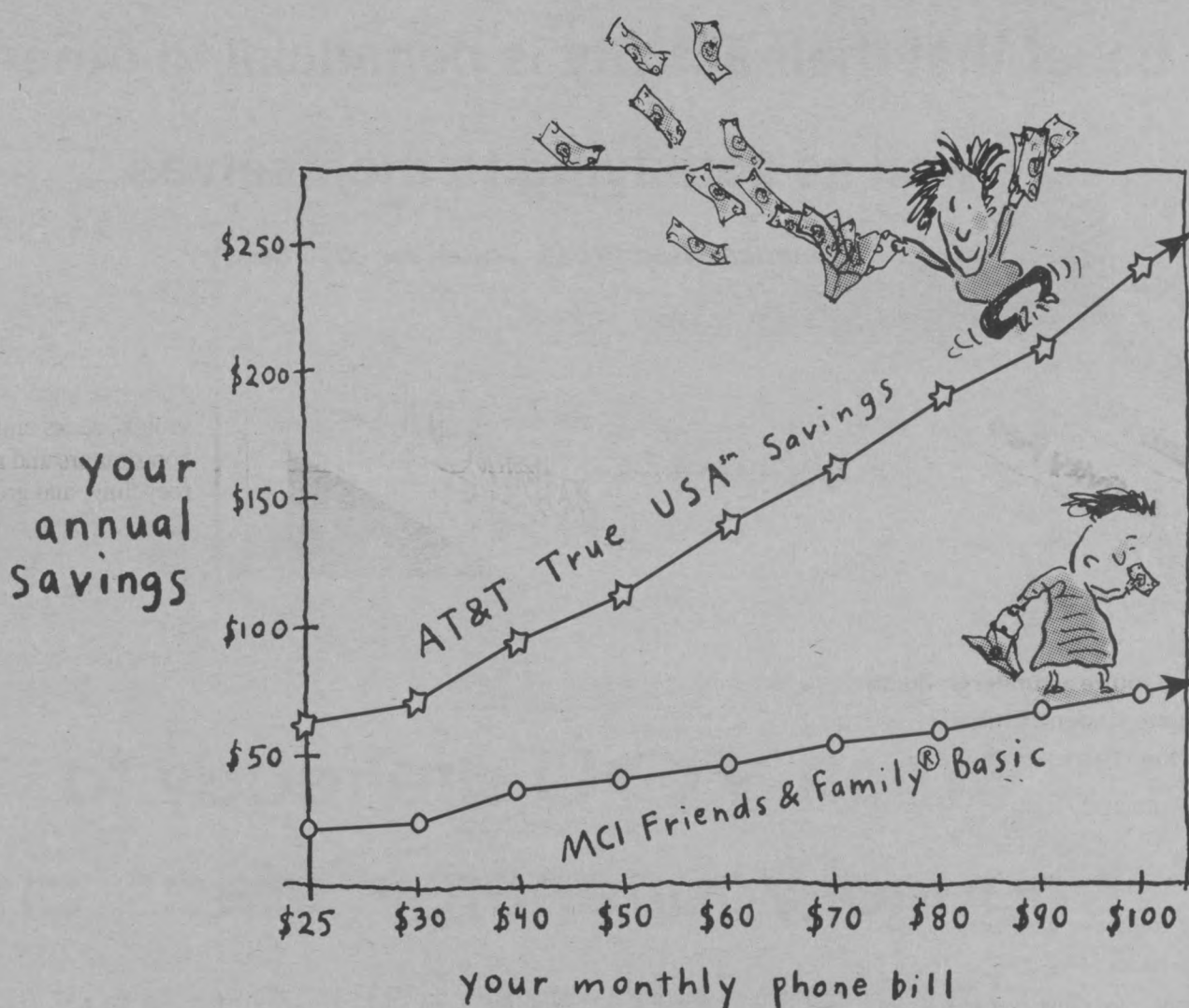
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