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Reps Argue Over Cash

■ Organizations Wrestle for Scarce Funding

BY TED ANDERSEN
and NATHAN BAYS
Staff Writers

The machinery of student government rolled through its first meeting of the school year last night in a marathon of controversy and confusion.

Among the troubles besetting Associated Students Legislative Council was a dispute between the Office of the External Vice President for Statewide Affairs and the Finance Board, the fiscal advisory body of Leg Council. Seven of 16 Finance Board members convened Sunday at Isla Vista Beer Company, where they decided to cut funds previously allocated to the EVPSA, according to Finance Board member Brian Chang.

"I'm a student here, and I organized the meeting at IVBC because I felt we needed to discuss the

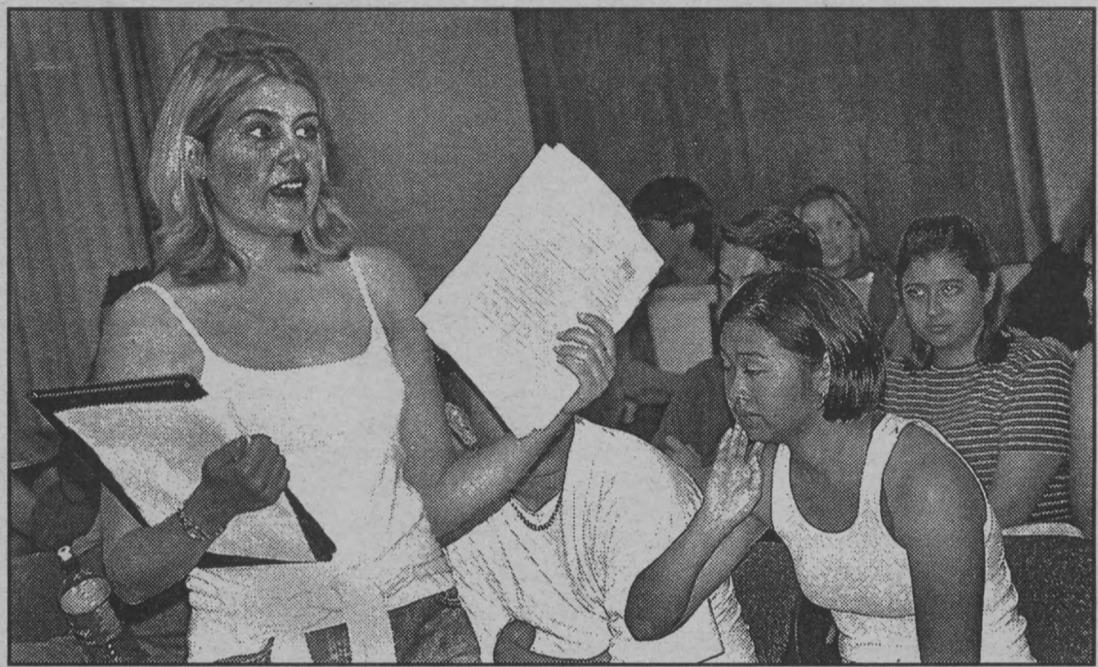
issues," he said. "This was not an attack on the EVPSA. ... All cuts were made in the EVPSA because we didn't receive a run-down on all budget requests."

According to Finance Board Chair Christina Costley, \$2,200 was cut from the EVPSA office, \$700 from the statewide affairs organizing director and \$1,650 from the Women's Commission.

Although Finance Board members gave assurances that the cuts were only until the EVPSA office itemized its budget requests, Off-Campus Rep Sara Azadi was still apprehensive.

"[The EVPSA and SAOD] have done so much for this school," she said. "How can we make them work hard for money? No one should have to work hard for money."

Costley opposed this view, telling the council that Finance Board was in danger of running out of



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Finance Board Chair Christina Costley addresses A.S. budget issues at Wednesday night's Legislative Council meeting.

quarterly funds.

"There are many wonderful programs on this campus, but we can't fund all of them to the extent they want or we will have no money," she said.

Off-Campus Rep Jen Matthews said Finance Board's decision to

cut funding to EVPSA Haady Lashkari and his umbrella organization was procedural.

"We need an itemized list, it's part of policy," Matthews said. "Didn't we just say in our mission statement that we want to be held accountable? How can I hold

someone accountable if I just start throwing money around?"

Leg Council then debated whether to open the minutes of Monday's Finance Board meeting so the council could directly allo-

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ALAN JACOBY / DAILY NEXUS

External Vice President for Statewide Affairs Haady Lashkari speaks in Storke Plaza on Wednesday in support of the CASE Initiative.

A.S. Hosts Gathering to Promote Initiative

BY TED ANDERSON
Staff Writer

A group of students of diverse ethnic backgrounds gathered Wednesday in Storke Plaza to discuss a proposed solution to concerns facing minorities in the University of California.

The California Associated Students Education Initiative (CASE) was introduced to students by student government representatives simultaneously at the UCSB, UC Berkeley and UC Riverside campuses at noon. According to UCSB CASE Initiative Coordinator and On-Campus Representative Mel Fabi, the issue at hand is whether the racial and gender makeup of the student body

should be controlled.

"The CASE Initiative is important to the University of California because it affects diversity and higher education," he said. "We need [students'] help, for it is now time to ensure diversity in the admissions process."

CASE aims to reverse the education portion of Prop 209, and the regent-created SP-1 and SP-2, by forcing the UC admissions process to consider the race and gender of student applicants, according to Executive Vice President of Statewide Affairs Haady Lashkari. He asserted that the initiative will give every ethnic group a chance to attend college.

"[Prop.] 209 is a direct attack against peo-

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Community Members Protest Recent Evictions at I.V. Apartment Buildings

BY IAN BARKER
Staff Writer

Angered Isla Vistans gathered in peaceful demonstration Wednesday at three El Colegio Road apartment buildings to condemn the actions of the buildings' landlords.

Protesters of all ages, carrying signs calling for fair treatment of tenants and leniency for 14 families evicted this summer, marched in front of the Colonial, Balboa and Cortez Apartments, followed by a performance by the dance troupe Danzaa Mexica Cuauhtemoc.

According to Colonial resident Marisol Juarez Moreno, the protesters feel they have been discriminated against because of their racial and socioeconomic status.

"I think they think they might get more money [from student tenants]. Or they just have a preference of students over Mexican families," she said. "It's been so blatant racism. They're not even trying to hide it."

Moreno said the demonstration was an opportunity to draw community attention to the tenants' plight.

"We want to turn this upside down. It's our chance to show what we're made of," she said. "The Latino community is the most important. They're the most valuable."

Colonial resident and Santa Barbara City College student Jose Martinez stressed the importance of sharing what happened with as many people as possible.

"The only thing we can do is tell the com-

munity in general," he said. "[The landlords] want to push this under the rug, they don't want us to be out here. Even if we do have to move out, we want to send a message that we're not going to be pushed around."

According to Moreno, the demonstration is a statement that the Latino community will stand firm.

"They tried to intimidate me last time. They tried to call the police. They know that the Latino community is sometimes easily intimidated," she said. "They're using all these intimidation tactics. They've threatened to call immigration on some that are illegal."

According to El Congreso chair Cruzito Cruz, his organization, though not affiliated with the rally, sympathizes with the demonstrators' goals.

"We'd like to give support and any information that we can provide," he said.

Cruz said the actions of the buildings' landlords, Art Novak of Montecito and Philip Miller of Los Angeles, could set a dangerous example for other local property owners.

"We believe this is a just cause," he said. "This could start a precedent with other landlords to say, 'We can profit from this.' If there's a peaceful demonstration and attention brought to this issue, it can impede and stop other property managers from doing so."

Dancer Claudia Leiva, a 1996 UCSB gra-

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Top of the News

AIDS Exits U.S. Top-Ten Causes of Death



WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans dying of AIDS fell a dramatic 47 percent last year as powerful new drugs kept the disease at bay for thousands of patients.

It's the second-straight year that AIDS deaths have dropped — this time nearly twice as fast as in 1996 and enough to push the disease out of the top-10 causes of death in this country for the first time since 1990, the government said Wednesday.

Still, last year also saw some 40,000 new infections, a number that isn't dropping, meaning more people are living with and potentially spreading AIDS and the virus that causes it.

The drop in AIDS deaths happened across gender and race, although the rate among white men fell most. Overall, 16,685 Americans died of AIDS last year, or about 46 each day. Just two

years earlier, it was 118 per day.

Two years ago, John West was retiring from his job, finalizing his will and arrang-

“If people would look at me, they would have no idea I have a terminal disease.”
— John West
HIV positive

ing for the right disco music at his memorial service.

“I made my plans to die,” said the San Francisco man who contracted HIV in the epidemic's early days and has seen 300 friends and a lover die of AIDS since then.

Then the new drugs, called protease inhibitors, came along.

“Within six months I was feeling absolutely wonderful,” said West, now 49. “If people would look at me, they would have no idea I have a terminal disease.”

He's teaching at a local university, raising money for AIDS services and working on a master's degree in public health.

The news from other nations is much worse: In Africa, home to 90 percent of

AIDS deaths, there is little money for basic medical care, much less the AIDS drugs that cost more than \$10,000 per year, per person. In some areas, one in four adults has the virus that causes AIDS.

In part because of the good news here, government officials and activists worry that Americans will stop seeing the disease as a deadly killer and take fewer precautions against infection.

“They hear about the good results and say, ‘Well

this isn't as much of a problem as it used to be,” said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Fauci said better access to care and more aggressive treatments contributed to the drop, but he gave most credit to the new drugs.

At least 150,000 Americans are now using the powerful protease inhibitors first made available in December 1995.

However, the drugs aren't a simple solution. In addition to their cost, they are tough to take. West takes 48 pills a day.

Also, the protease inhibitors may not work forever. Fearing that people may develop a resistance to them, scientists are feverishly working on other drugs to fight AIDS.

“We may just be seeing a postponement of death,” said Dr. Helene Gayle of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

California Teenager Found Dead at High School



CITRUS HEIGHTS, Calif. (AP) — The bludgeoning death of a 15-year-old Ukrainian refugee at a high school in a Sacramento suburb prompted demands Wednesday for better security at the campus.

The body of Vladimir Gayduchik was discovered face down in a pool of blood Tuesday morning by a shop teacher inside a wooden shed near the wood-shop class on the 39-acre San Juan High School campus. Officers said the teen still had a backpack he normally wore to school on his back.

The boy, who did not attend school Monday, apparently was killed sometime after school sessions ended for the day. Investigators had no suspects and detectives were trying to piece together Gayduchik's final hours.

Parents of students demonstrated in front of the high school Wednesday, carrying signs with slogans such as: “Protect Our Students” and “More Security.” JoAnn Davis,

34, of Citrus Heights said her son, who is a freshman at the school, was attacked at lunchtime about three weeks ago by gang members.

But school officials, citing what they called an extensive safety program for the 1,200 students, said the high school is as safe as any other. Though officials said they would review safety procedures, they called the murder an isolated case that occurred after school hours.

Near the entrance to the school, parents and students set up a makeshift memorial of flowers and candles for the slain student.

Gayduchik was described by friends as a fun-loving sophomore.

Authorities said he had no history of involvement in drugs or gangs but had recently missed at least three days of school.

Sacramento County Sheriff's Sgt. Jim Cooper said detectives have recovered what they believe to be the weapon, but would say only that it was “a heavy object.” Cooper said the killing probably occurred when school was not in session and sometime after Monday morning.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **MEDINA, Ohio (AP)** — A husband and wife have been sentenced for cheating people in at least 21 states in a \$100,000 Beanie Babies scam.

Eldred and Arlene Proctor cheated about 90 people by placing ads in newspapers that offered hard-to-find Beanie Babies for sale, prosecutors said. The couple received \$80,000 to \$100,000 in orders but never sent the toys.

Proctor said he needed the money to pay medical bills. Proctor, 58, who has throat cancer and other illnesses, was sentenced Monday to one year under house arrest. His wife, 55, got one year in prison.

The ads claimed the couple had 20 of every Beanie Baby ever made, still in the packages.

“They said they had daughters who were able to get the Beanie Babies because they worked for Ty (the manufacturer),” county prosecutor Dean Holman said.

• **FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP)** — In the battle to legalize hemp — a crop proponents claim has a wondrous future in medicine, fiber, fuel and food — actor Woody Harrelson considers Kentucky the front line.

Harrelson, who owns part of a company that markets products made from hemp, planted four industrial hemp seeds in Lee County in June 1996. Since then, he has tried to force the courts to recognize a difference between hemp and its narcotic cousin, marijuana.

His lawyers asked the Kentucky Court of Appeals on Tuesday to overturn the Kentucky law that makes no dif-

ferentiation and makes possession of either a crime.

Harrelson still has a charge of possession of marijuana pending against him in Lee County and could still be tried if the appeals courts refuse to side with him.

“If they make it legal here in Kentucky, then it's going to be grown in Kentucky and we'll fight it out as necessary,” said Harrelson, who sat quietly during the oral arguments, but caused more of a stir outside, where he signed autographs for court personnel and posed for pictures.

• **OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)** — A woman who presided over an all-girl gang of bank robbers was sentenced Tuesday to 10 years in prison.

Virginia Marie Kay, 33, was accused of sending her 14-year-old daughter, two 15-year-old girls and a 20-year-old to hold up a bank July 31. She pleaded guilty to armed robbery and assault.

The robbery was said to be modeled on a holdup in the movie “Set It Off.” Prosecutor Phil Harju said Kay recruited the robbers, planned the crime, decided who would do what while she waited in the woods, and took custody of the loot — \$1,089.

Amber Wood, 20, pleaded guilty to robbery Sept. 15 and was sentenced to 4 years in prison.

Kay's daughter, Tiffany E.J. Sullivan, and two 15-year-olds, who were accused of carrying the guns during the holdup, are awaiting a juvenile court hearing on whether they will be tried as adults on robbery charges.

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The Many Uses of Plastic

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Weather

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Stay tuned tomorrow for more valuable uses! Today's weather: temperatures will decrease slightly to low 80s, high 70s the next few days.

National Depression Screening To Raise Campus Awareness

Students with a case of the blues will have a chance to pinpoint their problems with an event encouraging treatment of depression.

Counseling & Career Services will be sponsoring National Depression Screening Day today from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with informational tables outside C&CS and the UCen. The event, which has been held nationally for the past eight years, is occurring for the second year at UCSB and has proven very effective,

according to C&CS psychologist Dr. Peter Russell.

"Depression is one of the top present issues at C&CS and a common issue that college students deal with," he said.

In addition to the information tables, an educational video illustrating different types of depression will be shown throughout the day, and students will be able to take depression screenings at C&CS. There will also be a lecture from

noon to 1:00 p.m. in C&CS 1340 titled "Depression and Recreational Drugs," followed by a discussion and question session by Marsha Bloom, health educator at Student Health.

Russell said he hopes that the activities will give students valuable information on depression and forms of treatment.

"We hope to help students identify the different types of depression they may not recognize," he said.

According to C&CS As-

sociate Counseling Director Dr. Jane Carlisle, last year's event was successful in terms of student turnout.

"We estimated about 300 to 400 students came to the tables and about 50 students got screened," she said.

Carlisle explained the main goal of holding National Depression Screening Day on campus.

"Through outreach and education it is a way of helping the whole community to stay healthier," she said.

— Jill St. John

CASE

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ple of color and has had a great impact on the admissions of universities, making them less diverse," Lashkari said. "We must see to it that everybody has the right to pursue higher education."

A.S. President Erin O'Donnell opened the press conference at UCSB, informing the audience of the process necessary to place the initiative on an upcoming ballot.

"If we gather 700,000 signatures, we will get it on the 2000 ballot," she said. "The total number of signatures will be equal to eight percent of the voting population in the next gubernatorial election."

The creator and coordinator of the CASE Initia-

tive, A.S. President at Berkeley Irami Osei-Frimpong, said he is confident the required number of signatures will be obtained.

"Proposition 209 didn't get on the ballot the first time. The Equal Education Opportunity Initiative that failed to pass last year wasn't organized very well. They got 400,000 when they just threw it together; it was impressive. If everybody does a little bit of work, we can get this on the ballot," he said.

"With Gray Davis probably winning as governor, five new regents will be appointed right off the bat. Once we pass it on the 2000 election, getting the regents to adhere shouldn't be a problem."

Not all who attended the press conference agreed with the initiative. Freshman nu-

clear physics and comparative literature major Paul Coker spoke against the proposal. Coker said Prop 209 was passed because voters wanted to eliminate segregation.

"How many of you consider yourself a race? Well, I don't, I consider myself a student at this university," he said. "Prop 209 was passed to eliminate any racism on campus. Prop 209 isn't racist, it eliminates racism."

Junior music major Nick Hall said UCSB's stated goals appear imbalanced when looking at the racial makeup of the student body.

"I come here as a straight white man, the oppressor and many other stereotypes. But I want to come here as the ally," he said. "This campus is 63 percent white right

now. This is not right, this is fucked up! Where are the twin goals? Academic excellence, maybe, but diversity, no."

Lashkari informed those in attendance of a planned Oct. 21 and 22 statewide UC student and faculty walkout to oppose 209, SP-1, SP-2 and the proposed elimination of ethnic studies by UC Regent Ward Connerly. Lashkari invited everyone to a meeting Thursday night in the A.S. office.

"We are now meeting twice a week for [the walkout]. The strategy we are using is similar to the one the Black Panther party did when they were trying to organize — each of us bring 10 people. That's what it will take to shut down this university for two days," he said.

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RUSTY YATES / DAILY NEXUS

Random Fights In I.V. Are Adding to Danger

Is I.V. Losing its College Charm to Scary Streets?

CRYSTAL BARRON

There is nothing like going away for a summer and returning to find Isla Vista in worse shape than when I left it. I had only been back in town a week when I was informed that there was already a stabbing, an attempted rape, a friend got jumped by eight guys and someone set a car afire in a friend of mine's driveway. This was, however, one of three arson incidents that had been brought to my attention.

I began to question my own safety in this town for the first time since I set foot on campus in 1996. And I have one question for the residents of Isla Vista: WHAT THE FUCK IS GOING ON IN OUR TOWN?

The big shocker happened last Friday night, the first weekend of school. It was the usual scene. Hundreds of people in the streets in search of the endless keg that didn't have a crowd waiting impatiently. Everyone, drunk and sober, was looking for some free lovin'. Some friends of mine that live on Del Playa had a party (big surprise), and this is where my night began. Later, around midnight or so I decided to return home to grub on some food. When I was about to venture out again to return to the party, a fire engine zoomed by with its lights flashing, soon followed by an ambulance.

A huge crowd had gathered under the balcony of my apartment making a hell of a lot of commotion, and I figured it was probably not the best time to walk around in the street by myself. Considering that I was pretty much uninterested in the swarms of freaks that were out and about and since I was done partying for the evening, I called it a night.

However, this is not the end of the story. I was rudely awakened from my snug slumber on the couch at about 2:30 a.m. by my roommate, who informed me that our friend had been jumped in the street by three guys and they were taking him to the hospital. Needless to say, I was wide awake all of a sudden. My roommate returned around 4:30 in the morning. I inquired about our friend, and she replied that, "They broke his jaw in two places. He is going into surgery at 7 a.m. He

has to have his jaw wired shut for the next six to eight weeks; he is on a liquid diet now." My only reply was, "HOLY SHIT! Are you serious?"

It sickens me to think that people go out at night looking for a fight, which is exactly what the pansy asses who beat up my friend were doing. The obvious reasoning behind this being that the entire incident was for no particular reason. My friend had been alone, walking back to the party we were at all night from another party, and he asked some guys if he could bum a smoke. They all started talking shit to him, and like anyone else would reply, he said, "What's your problem?" The only answer he got was a swinging fist. And like anyone else, he tried to defend himself and fight back, and that is when the other two jumped in.

Is this what some of you boys think is a fair and honorable way to get your kicks? Is this *fun* to most of you? How does six to eight weeks with your jaw wired shut sound — fun? Is a liquid diet that amusing to you little cowards?

It has been known that women should never walk alone, especially at night for fear of being raped or attacked. I myself have walked streets of I.V. alone at night. Who hasn't? There are just times when you are going the opposite direction as your friends, and it is too much to ask for them to walk you home to the 6500 block before they return to their home on the 6800 block.

My freshman and sophomore years I just hoped that I didn't run into the flasher guy that was seen on my block a few times. Or remember the coffee house masturbator? But what is this town coming to when even guys cannot walk the streets by themselves for fear of being jumped by any number of other guys?

In my opinion, which I'm sure no one cares about (too bad I'm gonna tell you anyway), you boys should take some pride in yourselves and not fight about stupid shit. However, if you are going to fight, I think that you need to at least *pretend* that you are *men* and fight one on one, hand to hand. No friends allowed to interfere and no weapons.

The thing that makes me upset the most is that this type of crap happens to the nicest people. My friend who got jumped is the type of guy that would walk you home just so you got there safe. Next time you cowardly idiots (meaning all of those that like to gang up on and jump the underdog) are looking for a fight, how about you do us all a favor and beat the shit out of each other ... repeatedly! I have one last thing to say to you assholes: Karma is a bitch, and she knows *everything*. Oh yeah, and she *never* forgets. I'm sure you'll meet her soon enough!

Crystal Barron is a junior communication major.

The Reader's Voice

ADVENTURE PASS ISN'T A CONSPIRACY ...

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I read with disdain the ignorant and distorted letter to the *Nexus* published about the National Forest Adventure Pass written by Leonard Dhein.

Mr. Dhein seems to think that the Adventure Pass is some sort of elite passport to our National Forests designed to keep poor people out. He then continues his tirade by supporting a boycott against a local store that sells the pass. All the pass does is to allow ANY car (be it a Rolls-Royce or a Yugo) to park on National Forest land. This is to raise revenue for the maintenance of our forests, which are in very sad shape because the people who go into them DRIVE there.

The Adventure Pass is a U.S. Government program, not some private concession for profit, so boycotting a local business is not only foolish, but it deprives citizens of the ability to purchase a pass so they may enjoy the forest legally.

The most outrageous and insulting part of the letter is when Mr. Dhein invokes the memory of those who died in the World

Wars and says that they died for freedom and the Forest Pass belittles those enormous sacrifices. What is this man thinking? The Constitution is still the law, and we are free people. I have never seen an amendment to the Constitution that says that you have the right to park for free in a National Forest.

As to his assertion that the "Federal Government can afford" to handle the cost required to repair and upkeep our forests, he is quite wrong. The Forest Service has nothing approaching the resources required to take care of so much land, as the U.S. Government is the world's largest landowner. The Federal Government is getting some additional income though, from a new program called the Adventure Pass.

THAD MITCHELL GEGNER

YEAS ON K, NOT ON O IS THE WAY TO GO

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Trickery, manipulation and deception. They are an unfortunate part of politics. Yeah, it sucks, but it's how the game is played. This, however, doesn't mean we have to be victims of the system. The way out is to

empower ourselves. Knowledge is power. We cannot be fooled if we know the truth. We cannot be used if we know what is really going on. We cannot be manipulated if we know the story behind the issues.

On November 3, Isla Vista and the UCSB community will play a crucial role in determining both the fates of Isla Vista open space and the now legendary oak forests in the Santa Ynez Valley. The first vote, Measure M, is simple. To prevent our parks from becoming concrete jungles, we need only to mark 'yes' on our scantrons. This will give us, the living, breathing and functioning residents of Isla Vista free choice in determining our living conditions. The second measure, however, is where things get tricky.

This initiative shouldn't be complicated. We all want to save the oak forests, don't we? After all, 20,000-plus of us voiced our heartfelt desires to save our historic trees in favor of a couple of grapes. And we were rewarded with the oak-preserving Measure K. Yet, we were all completely disregarded, as was the democratic process, when six wealthy supporters of deforestation used their wallets to get their self-serving agendas on the ballots.

That's right, there was no vote. Twenty thousand of us were simply stepped and spit

upon by six. Hmmmm ... 20,000 to 6? The last time I checked my math, 20,000 did not equal six. But again, I was a communication major. Maybe the value of certain numbers changed since the last time I had a math class.

Okay, so the manner with which Measure O got on the ballot was unethical. But, if we know the issues, we can still prevent unethical motives from becoming an unethical law. Measure O seeks only to confuse voters. Measure O aims to take advantage of the uninformed. Measure O claims to save the oaks, but it merely copies Measure K and adds loopholes to allow for clearcutting.

Furthermore, the addition of O makes the voting process more difficult than it should be. Now, instead of simply voting YES on Measure K (which saves the Oaks), voters must now also vote NO on O (Which will prevent the destruction of the Oaks).

Do not be fooled! We must do both to save the forests. Read the fine lines and don't be an innocent victim. If enough voters are confused, and both measures pass, the one with the most votes wins. If that's Measure O, we will lose the oaks. Remember, vote YES on K and NO on O.

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Voting Rights Not a Privilege

Look at College Voter Apathy, Activism, and Voting ...

HENRY SARRIA

Well, it's close to that time once again when we as Americans get to perform our civic duty deciding who we should vote for, or against, in the upcoming November elections. The whole voting process to me has always been an experiment in Darwinism with a Faustian end result that has lasting repercussions for at least two more years, and then it starts all over again. The sad part of the whole voting process is the "apathy factor," and due to the complexities the voter must undergo, it's no wonder this category exists. Let's take a look at the process the average voter must undertake in order to practice the right to vote. First thing that has to be decided by the voters is what party affiliation they belong to, and while it may seem easy, it's not.

Ever since "Reagan Democrats" came onto the political landscape, voting demographics have never been the same. Litmus tests of party loyalty don't work anymore, especially when organizations like "Republicans for Choice" have been established. Even Independents don't have a clearly defined platform, and when they do it's usually ignored anyway along with the Green Party.

So you finally decide which party to belong to, but does this mean you have to vote along party lines or stick to the party's agenda? Forget about it. The above-mentioned demographics don't allow for rigidity within party lines. It's a political free for all!

The one thing that does decide which way the voters will go is a function of how much mudslinging takes place by candidates. Negative campaigning, while it may have worked in the 80s, doesn't have the same effect these days. American voters have actually adopted a sense of civility when it comes to this ugly issue. Still, some candidates will walk a fine line and call their campaign ads comparative, even though the comparison tends to lean towards the negative.

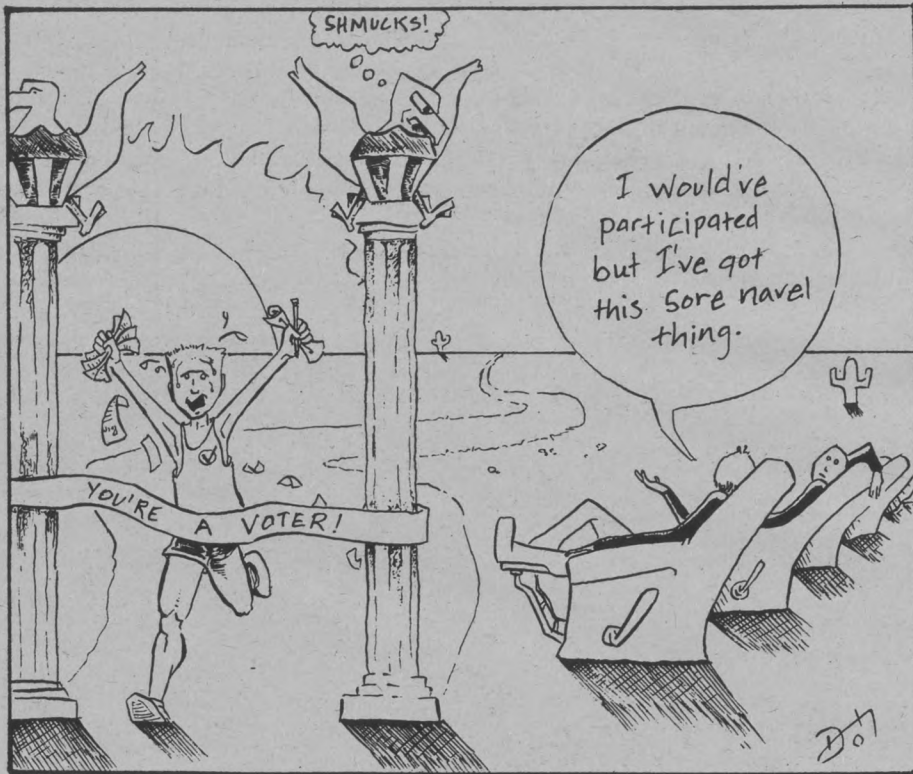
Then there's the issue of propositions. By the time it's all said and done, the voters are ready to vote NO on YES or YES on NO. These can be rather confusing and even when an explanation of these propositions makes it to the public, it's so sidetracked by all the double-talk and legal jargon that maintaining the interest of the voters becomes quite the task.

So with your party, your candidate and what propositions to back decided (keep in mind that there's still the chance of wavering on the latter of the two), the next thing is voter registration. One practice by "Get Out The Vote" volunteers that I consider quite unethical and sneaky is when one of these folks comes up to me and asks "Are you registered to vote for [I in name of candidate here] in the upcoming election?" when the registration process has NOTHING to do with who you vote for, just your party affiliation and, as mentioned before, party affiliation means nothing anymore. This tactic will only cause more voter disaffection the long run.

So you're now registered and it's voting day. Time to practice your Constitutional right as an American citizen so you start making your way down to the polling place.

This could get a little tricky because you must remain in your precinct, and in the past here at Isla Vista there has been much confusion with regard to this. Does anyone here remember the infamous case of Bill Wallace versus Willy Chamberlin for the 3rd district supervisor race where the final decision was decided by 10 or so votes? All because voters were sent to the WRONG precincts.

So you've now voted, and it's all over but the crying. If you've made it this far, then congratulations, you're a voter, which means you're now in the 35 to 38 percentile group that makes



it out to the polls on election day. That's a pretty sad figure, considering that voting is a right, not a privilege and that it does make a difference. But hey, it's also your right to choose NOT to vote. Our Constitution guarantees this.

Disaffections with the government, no worthwhile candidates, not enough time or membership in a militia are usually the valid reasons for voter apathy, a symptom of society that has no validity. Maybe 63 percent of all eligible voters take this right for granted so they choose not to vote, but the funny part of this crowd, regardless of the excuse, is that they're usually the first ones to complain about how shitty the political situation is and how much better things would be if they were in charge.

Hey, we all have lots to do in our busy schedules and sure there's plenty of reasons to be disgruntled with the government, but there's no real excuse to not vote.

Sure, 35 to 38 percent of us put these jokers in there, no help from the apathetic contingent, but imagine if ALL of us actually took the time to educate ourselves and to vote with the knowledge. If it makes a difference now, imagine how much more of a difference it could make.

Maybe the message will get through to the candidate(s) that they have been put there by their constituents to do a good job, and if they don't do it right, we will fire them next time around.

So if you're disgruntled, this is your chance to "throw the bums out" and make a difference instead of cowering away from a process that has a proven to make a difference long before voter apathy became the statistically accepted norm.

So come November, please take the time to vote and please do so with the facts, even if they are as you perceive them to be. At least apathy won't be rule, but rather the exception. And if you still choose to not vote, well, I'm sure there are plenty of underground militia movements you can become a part of in places like Montana, Idaho or Utah. The only problem is that there's no beaches there. Do the right thing and VOTE!

Henry Sarria is a longtime Isla Vista resident and a Nexus columnist.

Letters to the editor MUST include the author's FULL name, phone number, year and major.

NEWS BIAS AFTER THE MARINE ENCOUNTER

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The I.V. party scene has become ludicrous. As a junior, I have been up and down the most infamous streets of Isla Vista enough times to know. Returning after a year away, I have been introduced to a new crowd of party-goers.

What's up with all this nonsense? Where did all this fighting come from? Maybe I've been gone for too long. I'm replying to the article in Monday's *Nexus*, "I.V. Party Results in Injuries; Police Continue Investigation." It's a shame that a massive fight had to break out on the busiest street of I.V. Innocent bystanders could have been hurt. Beyond that, being a student and a Marine, I can relate to both parties involved, whereas the journalist could not, and did not.

It's easy to point fingers and blame the outsiders, yet I think the article was a bit biased. In the article, the reporter did not bother to investigate how the fight began beyond the one-sided opinion that the students provided.

As described in her persuasive article, a

couple of students were injured, but what about the Marines? Were any of them injured? Does anybody care? Had it been another student, would both sides be heard? Did anybody bother to question the four Marines that were detained? Doesn't every good journalist get both sides of the story?

Marines have been made out to be the bad guys; this is made more than clear in the article when Lt. Butch Arnoldi suggests, "If you're going to have a party you don't invite a bunch of people who are going to beat up on people," (i.e. the Marines). From personal experience, not all Marines are harmful. Yes, there are a few bad apples in our bunch, just as with any group. A few Marines have already made mistakes that have caused the Marine Corps to acquire a bad reputation in certain parts of the world. I'm hoping that you, the reader, will not let this past incident influence you in believing that we're all 'trained killers' out to destroy everyone.

Many people have a misinterpretation that all we do is drink and fight. Although this past incident doesn't in any way help my corps, believe me, there are more good Marines than there are bad.

I'm not in any way defending those few Marines that took part in that fight, but I am defending the U.S. Marine Corps. When

you run into a Marine, don't judge him/her because of what happened at this DP party, or by the negative portrayal of the Marines made evident by the irresponsible journalism of Claire Smith. Remember instead the good they have done for our country and our community. As far as the students who were injured, let me be the first Marine to apologize for what my brothers did. You are definitely victims and your justice will come. Believe me they will be dealt with in the most serious manner. Please remember that the Marine Corps is a tight band of brothers and sisters, that do more good than harm.

ROSIE RIVERA
Lance corporal, USMCR

ARTS AND LECTURES IS NOT JUST SMALL TIME

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I thank the *Nexus* for calling students' attention to the opening of Arts & Lectures 40th anniversary season, and I am grateful for the many ways the paper helps us keep campus audiences aware of A&L's diverse program of films, lectures and performances. However, I would like all to understand that Arts & Lectures does not, as was stated in

the Oct. 7 story, present "local acts in the community."

Arts & Lectures presents touring artists of international stature from all over the world. Our mission requires that we shape and present an enriching and entertaining program of cultural events that are not otherwise available on campus or in the Santa Barbara community.

With respect to A&L's presenting "performance groups passing through the area," we do coordinate book-ins with other arts presenters in California. This collaboration, which makes the touring of artists and companies feasible, is a significantly less opportunistic process than netting a butterfly. A&L does not just catch performing artists as they pass through; we work with other presenters to make it possible for companies to come to California so that their work can be viewed and enjoyed in multiple communities.

SUSAN GWYNNE

Thanks to the letter writers, for taking time out to keep the conversation up, Continue to Be Heard ...

HOT LINE

Why You Should Be Drunk Right Now:

"It's Chevy Chase's birthday, he's turning 50 today."
- Just in case you need an excuse to party

Wouldn't It Be Neat if:

"There was a giant slide that went from the top of the I.V. bluffs down into the ocean ..."
- Nick Robertson
Swiped From Someone

Tales From the Stoned:

At one point in your college career you should try to get stoned in the library ...
Quietly.

Top Five Reasons You Should Call the Hotline:

1. It's Fun and Easy
2. You can say basically anything you want
3. It's a good way to get in the infamous *Daily Nexus*
4. Everyone has some I.V. advice for the masses
5. Where else can your drunken ramblings be published in a daily newspaper?

Game of the Day:

Trivial Pursuit, it's fun and a real mind twister, (even sober)

BEST DATE SPOT: IF YOU FIND ONE, LET US KNOW ... HERE'S HOW TO GET THIS AND OTHER IDEAS IN:

How to Play:

Give us a ring at (805) 893-2692. Leave your idea or fact, full name and phone number (without which we won't let you appear in the Hot Line). Thanks.

COUNCIL

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cate the disputed funds. Finance Board member and Off-Campus Rep. Mariah Hoskins opposed opening the minutes.

"If you have problems with the minutes, send it back to Finance Board," she said. "It is not Leg Council's job to change minutes or allocate funds."

After three hours of discussion, Leg Council voted 14-6, with one abstention, to send the minutes back to Finance Board for amendment.

Leg Council also considered revoking its boycott of RP Printing, a local printing company. According to RP representative Mar-

ciel Antonino, the boycott originated when the company declined to print the student publication *Herstory*.

"The material was given to us. ... as it went through the executive staff in our office it was decided that we could not print this material, the reason being that it was very sexually explicit," she said.

Women's Commission representative Rebecca Prather argued that the university should not support a company that she perceived was practicing censorship.

"We need to do business solely with people who respect public institutions and the U.S. Constitution," she said.

— Staff Writer Zack Musa also contributed to this article.

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duate, said she felt obligated to make a statement through her dance.

"It's from Mexico. It's a form of showing preservation of history and tradition," she said. "The community came to ask for our support. It's obvious that the goal is to make this an only college [student] community."

Colonial resident Robert Fields, 65, said he was marching in solidarity, although he had not been evicted.

"I just march in sympathy. It looks like discrimination," he said. "They haven't been bothering me, maybe because of my age."

A Santa Barbara Sheriff's patrol unit ar-

rived in response to a complaint from complex manager Sharon Lianzo, though the deputies found the activities to be within the law, according to Sgt. Mike Harling.

"People can be in protest. It's been going on for a month or so," he said. "Our main purpose is to make sure no one gets hurt."

Harling said the noise generated by the dance troupe's chanting and drum would be the only potential legal issue.

"If people complain about the noise, we are obligated to ensure that procedure is carried out," he said.

Lianzo, the manager of the Colonial, Balboa and Cortez Apartments, was present but declined comment. The landlord, Novak, could not be reached for comment.

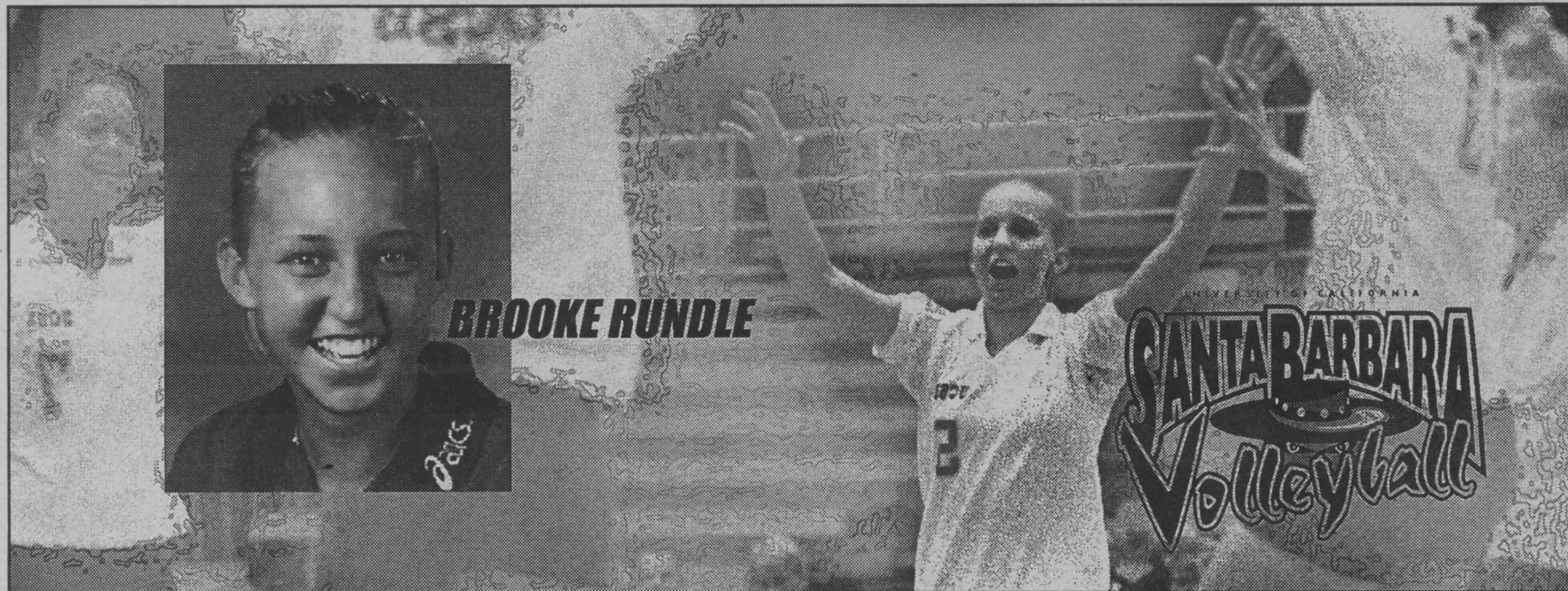
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Brooke Rundle's Heart, Game Are Off the Growth Charts

BY SCOTT HENNESSEE
Staff Writer

Brooke Rundle is no stranger to having massive amounts of weight placed on her shoulders — she squats 385 pounds — but many thought the responsibilities of succeeding an olympian and guiding one of the nation's most lethal attacks would be too much for the 5'6" freshman to handle.

The skeptics should have known better.

It comes as no surprise to UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory that her team hasn't missed a beat with its new pint-sized setter in charge of the offense. Gregory was one of the few collegiate volleyball coaches who believed in Rundle despite her lack of size. She saw something in the Westlake Village native that everyone else is just now beginning to realize. Rundle has heart.

"She gives you 100 percent on every play," Gregory said. "She plays much taller than her size, that was the only drawback. Nobody questioned anything about her technically. They just try to look at players and think that players who are small aren't good enough. But my expectations were that we could win with her. I knew that she was a good enough setter."

Rundle has proved to be more

than just *good enough*. She has exceeded just about everyone's expectations in leading the #4-ranked Gauchos to a 14-1 record heading into tonight's matchup at Boise State. Rundle is tops in the Big West Conference with 14.13 assists per game and is also among the top 10 in digs per game with 2.88.

When you take the time to read her bio, Rundle's success doesn't seem so farfetched. She was named player of the year by the *Los Angeles Times* in 1997 while leading her Westlake High School team to a CIF championship, and she was also an All-American selection at the 1998 Junior Olympics.

Rundle may as well have been born with a volleyball spinning off her fingertips. Her father Larry is a member of the Nike Legends of Beach Volleyball, and her mother Christine, who coached her at Westlake, was also a top beach player — not to mention a UCSB volleyball alum. Brooke says her parents instilled in her a will to win that has stayed with her to this day.

"They taught me the skills, but they also taught me how to compete," Rundle said. "How to never give up and to work hard. They taught me how hard work pays off, and that's what got me here."

Santa Barbara, with its competitive beach volleyball scene, good academics and pleasant surround-

ings, was Rundle's #1 choice of schools, but that doesn't mean she doesn't take pleasure in showing those who doubted her what they may have missed.

"Every time we play one of the schools that told me I was too short to play for them, it adds a little something extra," she said.

Rundle is the only freshman in a starting lineup that consists of two juniors and three seniors, with two returning All-Americans in the mix. Gregory said it didn't take long for Rundle to find a niche amongst her teammates.

"She earned the respect of the team by her effort," Gregory said. "In every practice and every drill, she goes for every ball no matter what the sacrifices are. I think that's the statement the team sees every day, and that's why they believe in her."

Not only does junior outside hitter Roberta Gehlke believe in Rundle, she's motivated by her.

"We have way more excitement this year than I think we've had in the past, and that has a lot to do with Brooke coming into our program," Gehlke said. "Just her enthusiasm about volleyball and about being at UCSB is an inspiration to all of us."

Rundle admitted she did feel pressure coming in to replace last season's setter Tanja Hart, who returned to play for the German national team after setting the Gauchos to the Elite Eight while playing just one year in Santa Barbara.

"I watched her play a few times last year and her sets were perfect every time, and I didn't think I could do that," Rundle said. "I thought I could contribute in other areas like maybe with my work ethic, pushing them all, trying with my digging and showing more emotion on the court — playing with my heart."

Gehlke hasn't seemed to miss a beat with Rundle giving out the sets. The Big West leader in kills per game said Rundle possesses a feel for where people are that allows her to get the ball to where it needs to be at the right time.

"It's a tough job being a setter. You have to have peripheral vision and see what's going on on the other side of the court as well as your own, and Brooke is excellent at that," Gehlke said. "She's learned how to see where the middle's going, and know what hitters are on for that night, what hitters are open, and exactly what set to set."

Rundle has worked hard to become an all-around player, spending the summer on the sand of East Beach and in the weight room to improve her leg strength. Opposing hitters would be wise not to take Rundle and her incredible leaping ability lightly at the net. Sarah McFarlund of Loyola Marymount learned the hard way when she had her 6'6" stuff put back on the floor by the pogo-jumping freshman.

"I think that when they look across the net and see someone who's like 5'5" they think they'll just go over me," Rundle said. "I think it does surprise them sometimes when they get blocked and don't expect it."

Gregory says she is having more fun coaching this team than she did during last year's record-breaking campaign, and some of the credit for that has to be given to the youthful setter.

"The philosophy of this team is we can find a way to win," Gregory said. "We can beat any team we want if we're tougher, more aggressive, and go all out, and Brooke exemplifies that. She makes everybody play harder."

Maybe size does matter after all. The size of a person's heart.

UCSB Aims to Mash Boise Minus Crawford

BY STEVE WENDT
Staff Writer

While the #4 UCSB women's volleyball team will come inside from *the cold* tonight at 7:30 in Boise State's Bronco Gym, that doesn't mean the team will be able to get away from a *cold*.

The Gauchos (14-1 overall, 3-1 in the Big West Conference) are not at full strength tonight due to the illness of senior All-American middle blocker Katie Crawford, who has the flu and sat out practices all week.

"Katie has not been physically ready to play in practice," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "But she will play [at Boise] — how much, we don't know."

The Gauchos, sans a healthy 6'3" Crawford, face a Boise State team (10-5, 3-1) led by its own middle blocker, junior Becky Meek. The 6'2" Bakersfield native leads the Broncos in kills per game (3.89), blocks per game (1.29) and hitting percentage at .263.

"She hits a slide very well," Gregory said. "We'll probably have to block the line on the slide with her. We'll be serving to take her out of the slide."

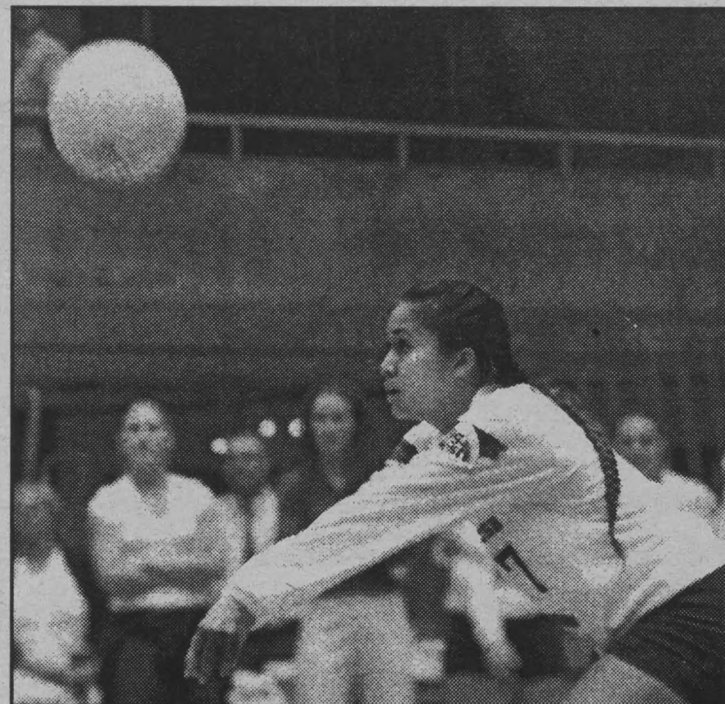
Santa Barbara may be without Crawford, but one player who's the picture of health, much to the chagrin of the opposition, is junior Roberta Gehlke.

The outside hitter averaged 6.31 kills and 4.69 digs per game last week, including career-highs in kills (32) and digs (25) against #1 Long Beach State last Friday. The Huntington Beach native was Big West Player of the Week for the second-straight week. Gregory, however, had some choice words for the panel who chooses national player of the week.

"I was very upset that it wasn't given to [Gehlke]," Gregory said. "I haven't seen anyone in my career play three matches back-to-back under pressure like that, especially [against #9 University of Pacific] where in the fourth game alone she had 14 kills. It was the best individual performance — with pressure — that I've ever seen. I don't fight much for honors for players, but this one was well-deserved and they were totally unfair."

Gehlke was a little more diplomatic.

"It was an honor to be nominated for the award," Gehlke said. "The only reason I wish I might have gotten it is that it's recognition for the whole team."



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DEFENSE WINS CHAMPIONSHIPS: Senior defensive specialist Tania Yamashita and her Gauchos dig in tonight in Boise, Idaho.