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TREKKIES

Rubber Vulcan Ears

The hilarious documentary "Trekies" explores the obsessive world of Star Trek fans tonight at 7 in Campbell Hall.

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Opinion

No booze at the beach? The Santa Barbara City Council may ban alcohol at the beach and in public parks.



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Sports

The Cal Poly Mustangs trampled on the #7 UCSB women's volleyball team Thursday night, defeating the Gauchos in five games.



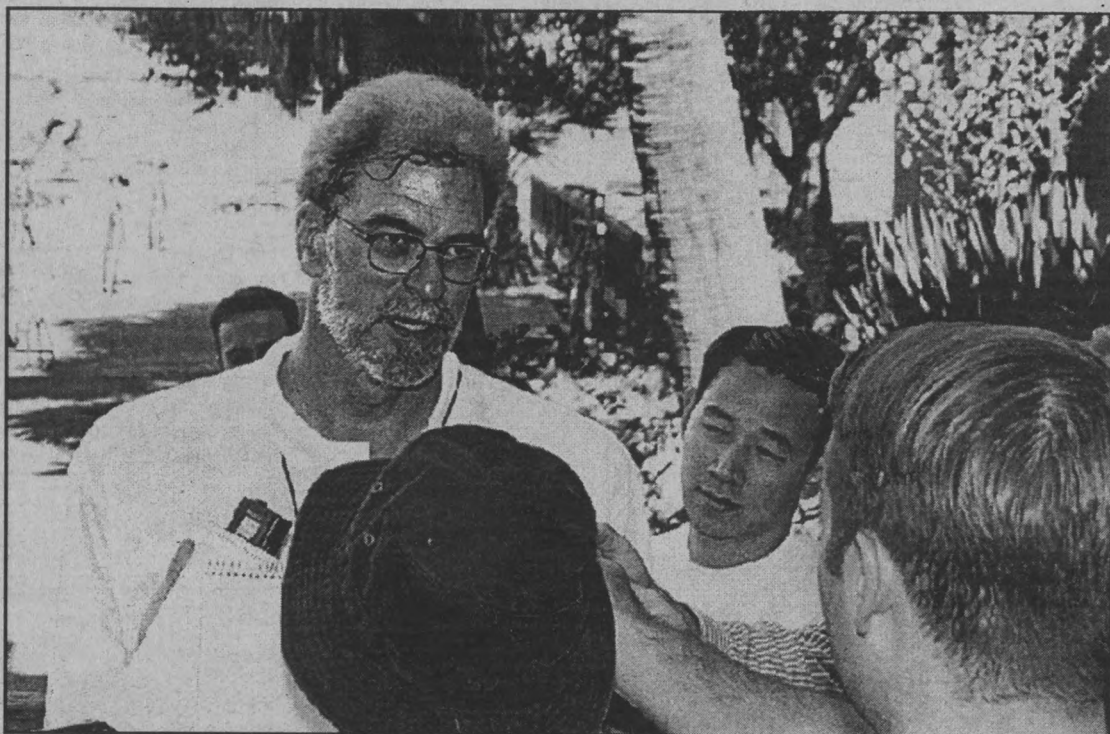
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New Lakers' Head Coach Phil Jackson answers questions from a mob of reporters. Over the course of the week, players and several members of the coaching staff visited lectures and classrooms to talk to students.

Rob Gym Hosts Laker Practices a Final Time

BY MATT HURST
Staff Writer

Throngs of basketball fans gathered outside Robertson Gym this week in hopes of catching a glimpse of the Los Angeles Lakers when the team returned for the second straight season to hold its pre-season practice.

The Lakers will be conducting closed-door workouts twice a day until Monday and will play a public scrimmage in the Thunderdome on Sunday night. Awaiting the December completion of its new practice facility in El Segundo, the team had no problem returning to Santa Barbara, Director of Physical Activities and Recreation Jon Spaventa said. He explained that its experience eight months previous was so positive that the organization decided it would like to return.

Most of the players were happy to return to the laid-back atmosphere and setting that they experienced in February.

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Improved Museum Nears Opening

BY JASON GREEN
Staff Writer

After a string of unexpected delays and almost a year of construction, the Art Museum renovation should reach completion in December.

Difficulty adapting two-dimensional building plans to real-life conditions delayed the project, which was originally slated for an October completion, University Representative and Project Manager Karl Burrelsman said. Construction was also temporarily halted with the addition of underground utilities and the need to re-route an existing sewer line, he added.

"We had to lower some utilities and make electrical changes," Burrelsman said. "The fortunate thing is that we're still on budget."

Art Museum Director Marla Berns said the project drew \$1.2 million in funding from private donors and was matched by a \$1-million grant from the University of California Office of the President. UCSB students did not play a role in financing the project, Assistant Chancellor of Budget and Planning Robert Kuntz said.

According to Berns, the most radical feature of the renovation will be an east entrance facing Storke Plaza. The new entryway will showcase a colonnade and

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TRUC BUI / DAILY NEXUS

Construction progresses on the entrance to the Art Museum. The museum renovation is partly an effort to make the facility a more integral element of UCSB.

MultiCultural Center Showcases African-American Exhibit Illustrating Cultural Influences

BY JARED QUINN
Reporter

Continuing its mission to give artists and performers an opportunity to display their work, the MultiCultural Center presents its first art exhibit of the year, Paintings of African-American Life.

The exhibit by Frank Diaz Escalet, which opened Thursday, Oct. 7, and will show through Dec. 3, expresses African-American history and oppression, according to MCC Director Zaveeni Khan-Marcus. The show includes seven paintings and over a dozen prints that focus on everyday African-American life. Escalet's work features urban and rural settings, as well as historical depictions, like the piece titled Stealing Home, with Brooklyn Dodger Jackie Robinson.

"It's very important to have an exhibition like this," she said. "It makes people

aware and understand the African-American culture. When they come here, it's an opportunity to expand their horizons."

Escalet, 69, has been painting for almost 15 years. He was born in Puerto Rico and moved to New York when he was four. After dropping out of high school to support his family, he served in the Air Force and worked as a mechanic. He designed leather goods in the Greenwich Village area of New York for such high-profile customers as the Rolling Stones, Sly and the Family Stone, and Aretha Franklin. He later began painting at the age of 55 with no formal training in the field.

"I paint people," Escalet said. "I paint life. Disaster or happiness. Nothing is planned. That's how I capture things — in the spur of the moment."

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Philosopher Fred Bellomy and poet/artist Mary Fredricks discuss paintings by Frank Diaz Escalet as part of the African-American art exhibit currently on display in the MCC.

Top of the News

Russia Renews War Against Chechnya



GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian artillery and tanks hammered villages north of Chechnya's capital on Thursday, while waves of warplanes screamed into the sky every 15 minutes to run air raids over the rebellious republic.

Scores of tanks were deployed throughout the northern third of Chechnya, where Russian forces apparently were solidifying their positions. The army appeared to have halted its advance at the Terek River, which separates the northern plains from mountainous terrain.

Commanders in the loosely organized Chechen military were mobilizing volunteers in the mostly deserted Chechen capital of Grozny. The com-

manders, supervising the distribution of uniforms and weapons, said they expected battles that would be as fierce as the previous war with Russia from 1994 to 1996.

We consider this the second stage of the [1994 to '96] war.

— Col. Elbiev

"We consider this the second stage of the same war," said a Chechen commander who gave his name only as Col. Elbiev.

The villages of Chervlyonnaya and Mekenskaya, north of Grozny, came under hours of heavy shelling Thursday.

Pairs of Russian warplanes, meanwhile, took

off at 15-minute intervals from an air base in Mozdok, in the neighboring republic of North Ossetia. Among other targets, the planes bombed the village of Duba-Yurt to the south of Grozny, the news agency Interfax reported, citing Chechen

army operations head Mumadi Saidayev.

Russia sent ground troops into Chechnya last week, after weeks of airstrikes, aiming to wipe out Islamic militants who invaded neighboring Dagestan twice this summer. These militants are also blamed for a series of apartment explosions that killed some 300 people in

Russia in September.

Russia maintains that the campaign is aimed only at the militants, but Chechens charge that civilians are being killed.

The escalation of fighting has raised fears that Russia is on the verge of plunging into another military disaster like the 1994 to '96 war, in which Chechnya fought the Russian army to a standstill.

The fighting has prompted at least 125,000 civilians to flee Chechnya, with most of them heading to the neighboring republic of Ingushetia.

Many of the refugees have been left hungry and unsheltered, leading them to return to Chechnya, despite the fighting.

"I prefer to die here," said Nikolai Kobiasvili, a civilian who fled to Ingushetia, then returned to Grozny.

Flooding Continues to Plague Mexican Villages



VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico (AP) — Furious rains sent swollen rivers raging through the streets of the Gulf coast city of Villahermosa and caused flooding and mudslides which killed 123 people in eastern Mexico's coastal mountain ranges. Rain continued in some areas today.

In low-lying areas, people isolated by rising rivers clung to trees or rooftops awaiting help. More than 800 people were rescued by helicopter in Veracruz state, officials said.

More than 157,000 others were driven from their homes by the rains that flooded 10 states in eastern and southern Mexico.

The Carrizal and Grijalva rivers continued to rise Wednesday in the Tabasco state capital of Villahermosa, pushing into city streets, flooding houses with five feet of water and forcing residents to flee in boats with their belongings.

"Not even the army's efforts have been enough. Unfortunately it is now impossible to control the flow of water," said Georgina Trujillo, mayor of Villahermosa, where 500,000 people live.

A tropical depression in the Gulf of Mexico, which lashed the coast and nearby mountains with rain Monday and Tuesday, mostly dissipated Wednesday. But

forecasters predicted its remnants would continue to bring rain — as would another weather system blowing in from the east.

Seventy people were reported dead in Puebla state, southeast of Mexico City, state Gov. Melquiades Morales said in a radio address today. Most had been killed in mudslides in remote communities and aid workers were struggling to reach the stricken areas.

"We know that it is very probable the figure will grow," as officials reach isolated areas, he said. About 19,000 evacuated their houses in the state, he said.

In Teziutlan alone, officials recorded more than 80 mudslides — one of which swept away 20 houses — said Julieta Perez, secretary-general for the municipality of 180,000.

Veracruz state police reported five additional deaths there today, bringing the storm's toll to 40 in the state. State officials said 48,000 people had been evacuated.

There were four confirmed deaths in the central state of Hidalgo, the city of Tulancingo, 60 miles northeast of Mexico City. The city was ravaged by floodwaters, and about 50,000 people were evacuated.

Some regions had received 2.5 feet of rainfall in two days — a total greater than the average annual rainfall for the Mexico City area, National Water Commission Director Guillermo Guerrero said today.

Saddam Hussein Sends Promises of Reform, Peace to U.S.



AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein has sent a message to President Clinton, promising major political reforms in Iraq and offering to stop threatening Israel, a leading Arabic newspaper reported today.

The London-based Al-Hayat newspaper said the message includes an offer for unconditional talks with the United States and assurances that Iraq will play an effective role in the Middle East peace process.

The message is being carried by Jordan's King Abdullah II, who is scheduled to meet with Clinton on Tuesday in Washington.

Before leaving for London on Wednesday en route to Washington, Abdullah confirmed to Jordanian reporters that he was carrying a message from Saddam to Clinton. He refused to give details.

"I can't comment on that, but I have a message to pass on," Abdullah was quoted as saying by

Jordanian newspapers today.

If the Al-Hayat report is correct, it would mark a major turnaround in Iraq's hard-line policies and show a willingness to mend fences with its main enemies, the United States and Israel.

Iraq wants Washington to drop its threats to put Saddam and his senior aides on trial as war criminals, Al-Hayat said.

Iraq's change of heart could also be linked to its demand that the United States drop its opposition to the lifting of U.N. economic sanctions, imposed

in 1990 after Saddam's forces invaded Kuwait.

Al-Hayat said the Iraqi leadership expressed readiness to start political reforms that would include a new constitution, adopting a multiparty system and respect for human rights.

In his message, Saddam also proposed providing guarantees that it will "play an effective role in the [Middle East] peace process and stop its threats against the Jewish state and neighboring countries."

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Correction

In Oct. 7, 1999 "Current, Future Parking Structures Lead to Permit Hikes," the price of monthly parking permits rose from \$23 to \$30, not from \$7, as was stated.

The *Nexus* regrets this error.

Delicious Event Benefits Local Food Bank

Starving students with a spare five bucks can get a taste of Isla Vista and possibly score some free stuff this weekend.

Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity will hold its third annual A Taste of Isla Vista benefit starting at noon Saturday, Oct. 9. Admission is \$5 and will include free food from a variety of local eateries and a raffle for numerous complimentary gifts, ranging from gift certificates to free CDs. A Taste of I.V. coordinator

Josh Margulies said AEP is holding the event to raise money for a local charity.

"It's not a rush tool. This is a way to earn money and also expose students to some of our

great local food," he said. "The money we make will be donated to the Santa Barbara Food Bank."

According to Margulies, KRUZ 103.3 will be broadcasting live, and local restaurants, such as Woodstock Pizza, Bagel Café, Silver Greens, and Giovanni's, will have booths for students to sample food. Also in attendance will be I.V. Foot Patrol officers answering questions about how they work in the community.

"Last year we bought a dozen donuts for the cops, as sort of a joke, and they were really cool about it. They've been generous enough to donate a bike [that] they've

impounded for this year's raffle," Margulies said.

The \$5 admission will also enter students in a raffle to win donated prizes.

"We have free dinners for two at a few downtown restaurants and free CDs from The Warehouse and Morninglory Music. We are also raffling free membership to the Goleta Valley Athletic Club," he said.

Between five and six hundred people attended last year's A Taste of I.V., and AEP hopes to have over 1,000 people this time. Its goal is to raise over \$3,000 for its philanthropy.

-David Downs

BUILDING

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cypress tree-lined plaza, and a concrete inlay of varying colors will depict a larger-than-life nautilus shell, she said. The nearly completed interior of the museum will include five galleries, hardwood floors and a large pyramid-shaped skylight.

"We hope that with the new entrance to the museum that students will be encouraged to attend openings, lectures, films, exhibits and performances," Berns said. "We're really excited about making this an exciting place to come when the Art Museum reopens."

Kuntz believes that the new entrance

will benefit the entire university community because it ends an era in which the Art Museum has been hidden away from view of the general public. "It really makes the Art Museum far more accessible to students, faculty and all visitors to the university," he said.

Some students are beginning to question the seemingly interminable renovation project. Though the construction does not block his regular route to classes, sophomore business economics major Ryan Stone felt that progress has been slow.

"I wonder what they're doing there," he said. "Construction seems to take a long time around here."

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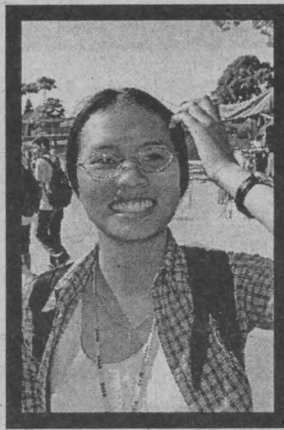
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How can you spot a freshman?



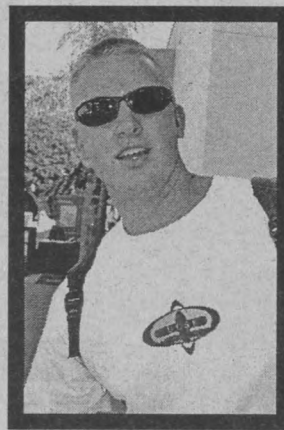
You can smell them.

Rick Kitchen
junior
mechanical
engineering



They're lost and walking in circles.

Theresa Bui
sophomore
bio-chem



It takes them 10 minutes to put their bike lock on.

Nate Faber
junior
mechanical
engineering



It's not something you have to think about — you just see them.

Robb McCallum
junior
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LAKERS

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"I love Santa Barbara," guard Kobe Bryant said. "There's a lot of nice, young kids out here — college students. I like Santa Barbara, I really do. I like coming back here. Last year when we came here and scrimmaged, the support here was just incredible. I'm really looking forward to Sunday and getting back out there for the people."

Head Coach Phil Jackson, who led the Chicago Bulls to six NBA Championships, said the team does not plan on returning to Robertson Gym in favor of the new El Segundo facility with its superior features.

"What we want is a total program for our players," he said. "You need a facility so that they can continue to maintain that particular strength. It gets players prepared — it maintains their strength during the course of the season. As an organization we have to say this is a necessity to us."

Some of the Lakers staff decided to take to the classroom and talk to the UCSB students during their visit. General Manager Mitch Kupchak, Athletic Trainer Gary Vitti and Director

of Public Relations John Black, amongst others, spoke to students in Sports Appreciation and similar classes. Vitti said, "I enjoy [speaking with students]," he said. "I taught for three years at the college level. I really feel [that] that's more my calling than [athletic trainer]."

Spaventa said that the students in the classes responded well to the guest speakers.

"They're real honest in the classroom, and they share a lot of interesting experiences that people might be hesitant to bring up in a classroom setting, but they've all been very endearing and very positive with the students," he said.

Although the practices are closed to the public, tickets for Sunday's scrimmage are available through the RecCen, Santa Barbara Boys and Girls Clubs and the Santa Barbara City Recreation building in McKenzie Park. Twelve hundred tickets will go up for grabs today at 3 p.m. at the RecCen.

"I wish that we had the capacity to meet the demand for this event. I wish we had tickets for every student, every faculty member, every community member, every staff member, every child that wanted to attend," he said. "Unfortunately, there will be a limited number of tickets."

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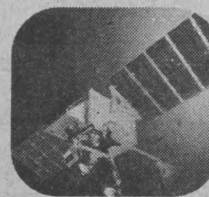
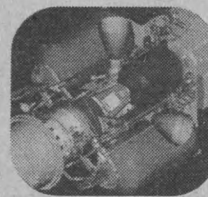
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Staff Editorial



Let Them Have Beer

The City of Santa Barbara May Unjustly Ban Drinking on the Beach and in Parks

The City of Santa Barbara is threatening to become the latest branch of the state to pass a law designed to protect private citizens from themselves. The law in question would ban alcohol consumption at the city's public beaches and waterfront parks, with a few exceptions. The proposed ban is completely unnecessary and unjust in a number of ways: it seems designed to target the homeless, a group maligned enough as it is, and it punishes all citizens for the irresponsible actions of a few.

According to the City Council's Ordinance Committee, which recommended the proposal Tuesday, the ban is needed because alcohol-related problems at beaches have been mounting. However, it seems like more than a coincidence that the Ordinance Committee should approve the ban at this time. The City Planning Commission also recommended a drinking ban when they approved a 230-bed homeless shelter and support center near the waterfront last week.

The ban on booze came at the request of the East Beach Coalition, a group that opposed the shelter, apparently because it is afraid of homeless people in the area. The East Beach Coalition failed to persuade the Planning Commission to reject the shelter, but its demonization of the homeless seems to have resulted in the proposed alcohol ban. The proposal includes a number of exceptions, none of which could be utilized by homeless people. Considering both the timing of the proposal and the exceptions, homeless people become the target.

While an alcohol ban may, in pragmatic terms, be an acceptable trade-off for the shelter, that does not make it right. People should be free to enjoy the beach any way they see fit, so long as they do not interfere with the enjoyment of others. It is unclear how someone peacefully drinking a beer is infringing on anyone else's rights. The behavior that the Ordinance Committee is concerned with — public intoxication, disturbing the peace and urinating in public —

is already against the law. There is no reason to outlaw drinking itself to curtail these activities.

Since this proposal came about as a result of the homeless shelter, it is likely that police would enforce it more stringently against the homeless than against tourists drinking margaritas. It is true that alcoholism is a common problem among the homeless, and it is understandable that some people might support this proposal to help those with drinking problems. However, banning alcohol at beaches and waterfront parks is neither a practical nor a morally defensible solution.

First of all, 15 non-waterfront parks would not be covered by the ordinance. The homeless could simply go to these parks to drink, which would bring them farther from the homeless shelter, and therefore, farther from counseling for their problems.

Second, alcoholism is a serious problem that needs professional help, and a citation (especially to

someone with no money to pay it) is unlikely to motivate anyone to seek treatment. Police power is a poor tool to combat substance abuse.

Third, while alcoholism is self-destructive behavior, it is not illegal. An alcoholic who does not violate laws regarding disturbing the peace, urinating in public and the like, is hurting only himself. Treatment, not punishment, is the solution. Additionally, many homeless people are not alcoholics and should not be hassled for enjoying a drink in their own home — because after all, the park is home for many of them.

Santa Barbara County's open-container law stems from the excesses of past fiestas, just as Isla Vista's noise ordinance was a reaction to our Halloween debauchery. The proposed ban on beachside drinking is another attempt to punish the many for the transgressions of the few. It should be strongly resisted by the public and soundly rejected by the City Council.

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As if you haven't picked up on the sarcasm, yes, one of those bitter seniors that is tired of the whole scene." Actually, it became old rather early in my life here. Although I have at times felt "uncool" because I would like to complete my years at UCSB in a relatively sober state, I have found fulfillment in interacting with this community in a different light. After 10 years in I.V., I refer to it less as a "party town" or "place where I live," and more as my home. Seeing I.V. this way gives me a sense of pride for the community and a feeling of responsibility to make it better.

There is much to like about I.V. The location and amenities are ideal, with beaches, mountains and wildlife surrounding us. All of life's necessities, from getting a haircut to buying groceries, are only a short walk or bike ride away. Although I.V. is said to be the most densely populated square-mile west of the Mississippi, we are fortunate to have over 20 well-kept parks with opportunities for all sorts of recreational activities, including ballparks, children's playgrounds and a new Frisbee course.

In recent years we have seen a fair amount of mom-and-pop chain stores replacing local businesses, but unlike other towns we still at least have a choice to put our money into small, locally owned businesses. For example, Starbucks has a history of forcing mom-and-pop coffee houses out of business with cruel business practices, not to mention many reports of abuse of cocoa bean workers by its suppliers. On the other hand, Java Jones holds various fundraisers for the community and, hey, it has pretty walls!

Isla Vista hosts various festivals throughout the year, such as Dia de los Muertos and Halloween, which can be celebrated simultaneously this year in an effort

The Reader's Voice

PLEASE HAVE A GREEK-FREE PAPER

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I resent opening up my school newspaper and seeing 11 pages full of dumb-ass frat flyers. Are you a newspaper or a frat flyer? More news and less geek — oops, I mean greek — life.

DAVID BENSOUSSAN

REMEMBER WHAT ROTC STANDS FOR

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Once again our campus ROTC repels from the top of Storke Tower, attracting the student body's attention. Why? Perhaps to assure the student population of the ROTC's integral function in our campus community. Maybe it is an attempt to fuse the icon of UCSB to this military presence, warming our hearts to the ROTC. More than likely, this is recruitment.

Step back. Look again. It may also be recognized that these soldiers strewn about our clock tower reveal the ROTC's most prominent role as 'university canker.' As our university provides an environment for intellectual growth, the ROTC propagates an environment of discrimination and prejudice.

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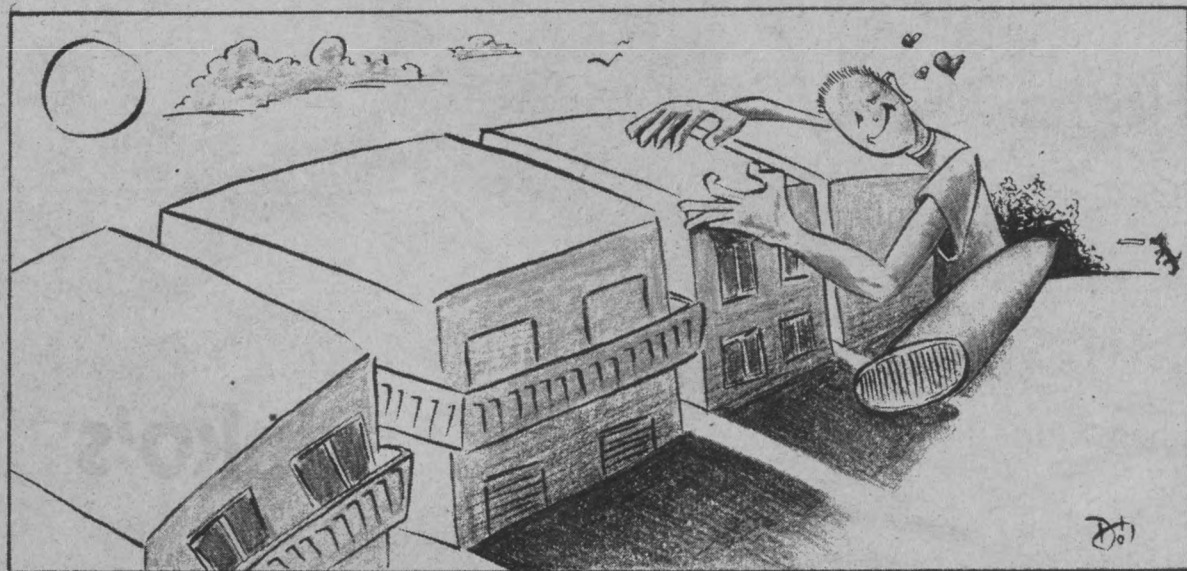
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bring student and nonstudent Isla Vistans together. Other I.V. assets to be aware of are the member-owned Isla Vista Food Cooperative, several housing co-ops, murals, a community garden, the medical clinic, a teen center and a tenants' union.

We cannot take these things for granted, especially since almost everything I mentioned (except for maybe the beach and the weather) is a direct result of community involvement and activism. Ever since Governor Reagan called protesting Isla Vistans "hoodlums" during the Vietnam War, I.V. has had a history of progressive political activism. Over the years, activists have fought to make I.V. a city, protested against police brutality, demanded that the university take more responsibility in I.V., blocked Del Playa landlords from building a big, ugly seawall and organized against discriminatory mass evictions of Latino families.

While it is important that we recognize past struggles and appreciate the benefits, we must also realize the challenges that we face in I.V. today. Lack of affordable housing and tenants' rights violations are a concern to students and nonstudents alike. Many of you may remember last year, when 33 Latino families were evicted from the Colonial, Balboa and Cortez apartments and promptly replaced by incoming students. As the

university continues to expand to its cap of 20,000 (this year is the largest freshmen class ever), it fails to provide housing for students once they leave the dorms. This increases the density of I.V., driving rents up and forcing many lower-income residents to find another place to live. Finding housing is a near-impossible task in Santa Barbara County, especially for families with children.

One of the biggest misconceptions of I.V. is that this is a "student town." We act as if we are the only ones here, when in fact students only make up a little more than half of I.V. residents. Our actions have adverse effects on the community. Take a look at who is out Saturday morning cleaning up the beer cans littered across DP. Trash and disrespect for the community does not only create problems that everyone has to deal with, but it sets a very poor example for the several thousand children in I.V. of what a college student is.

Isla Vista is a very stratified place, racially and economically. Students paying higher rents live primarily on the five blocks closest to the beach, while families mostly live in the half of I.V. closer to the mountains. Fortunately, we are starting to see more collaboration between the Dia de los Muertos festivities, the I.V.

Community Advisory Committee and the Isla Vista Tenants Union.

Collaboration and community action are also urgently needed in response to rape and sexual assault in our community. Although there were some high-profile stranger rapes over the summer, we must recognize that almost all rapes are by someone the victim knows and trusts, and many go unreported.

Perhaps more visible is the rape culture that exists in our town and how many men seem to feel entitled to women's bodies. This can be seen by incessant catcalls and harassment of women from DP balconies, by the language that men often use in talking about having sex with women and by how the media and Foot Patrol tend to blame victims of sexual assault. Men, in particular, have a responsibility to change the rape culture in I.V. and can do so by challenging sexist-objectifying comments and advertisements, recognizing our own privilege and acting as allies for female empowerment and assertiveness.

It is time that we stop taking our community for granted. Many of us even have difficulty seeing Isla Vista as a "community," but rather a place to crash for four years before moving out into the "real world." But when you look beneath the stereotypes, Isla Vista has its own harsh reality, a reality that is desperate for broad-based community involvement.

Not only does the community benefit from our positive actions, but we do as well. By tutoring at the Isla Vista Teen Center, getting involved in the politics of I.V. through Gail Marshall's Community Advisory Committee or researching and counseling on tenants' rights law, you may be able to gain valuable experience for a future career or develop a passion that you never knew you had. In the process, you will meet some inspiring people working to transform I.V. into something more than the beer capital of the world.

Some places to start are the Associated Students Community Affairs Board, the I.V. Teen Center, the I.V. Recreation and Park District, the I.V. Tenants' Union and the I.V./UCSB Community Service Center. As students, we have an incredible opportunity to contribute to the community of Isla Vista. We can change the way we think of Isla Vista by expanding beyond the insulated college bubble and into the community.

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homosexuals. Under the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, the military won't allow gay men and women to serve openly. What opportunities the military does offer require gay service members to perform under a guise that compromises their personal values of honor and courage — values highly touted by the military as intricate to a ser-

ism. Throughout this year you'll see our ROTC marching, running, inspecting and repelling. Do not be enticed by their paltry recruitment. Understand that those uniforms are the conduit of bigotry. Those uniforms molest our campus. Let us hope the next cadet exercise to repel from our campus apex inspires these students to shed the cloth of ignorance.

DAVID RALEIGH

SPEND MONEY ON WHAT WILL WORK

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The staff editorial about ballistic missile defense (BMD) of October 5 (*Daily Nexus*, "Exploding Missiles") was just plain wrong. You guys have no grasp of sound military or foreign policy. Even if it's not like Ronald Reagan's "Star Wars," with laser-armed satellites ready to kill incoming Soviet missiles, BMD is still a massive boondoggle.

BMD has been a technical nightmare to develop. The test parameters were altered to make the task of the antimissile really easy, and the test results were altered. That's where the \$120 billion has been going.

And furthermore, there are a lot of ways to fool the system. An aggressor can launch decoy missiles, or the real missiles can carry radar-reflective chaff or balloons to foil the guidance systems of the interceptor rocket. A mass attack could of course overwhelm

any anti-missile network, and even one or two rockets getting through would inflict unacceptable damage to the United States. Another possible trick is mounting multiple warheads on one missile. True, we signed a treaty with Russia forbidding such weapons, but that doesn't apply to other countries.

So the main technical problems facing an antimissile system are as follows: (1) To detect where it's coming from so as to aim the interceptor missile in the right direction, (2) Sort through enemy countermeasures to find out which are the decoys and which are the real thing, and (3) To hit the actual missile(s) before they release multiple warheads or hits directly. Sound easy? It ain't.

Furthermore, BMD does not do anything to stop terrorists armed with chemical or biological weapons. No one is going to heave an intercontinental missile at the United States — not at the only power that has actually used nuclear weapons for war. The retaliatory blow would wipe the aggressor off the planet. But it would be easy enough to make or smuggle in some anthrax or botulinum. High-tech BMD would be utterly useless against such an attack.

From a foreign policy standpoint, this is a dumb idea. If we go through with a BMD program for the United States, we would be abrogating the 1970s treaty with Russia that allows each country one site and forbids further research into such systems.

You might wonder why we should care what the Russians think, since they can't even squash insurrectionists in Chechnya

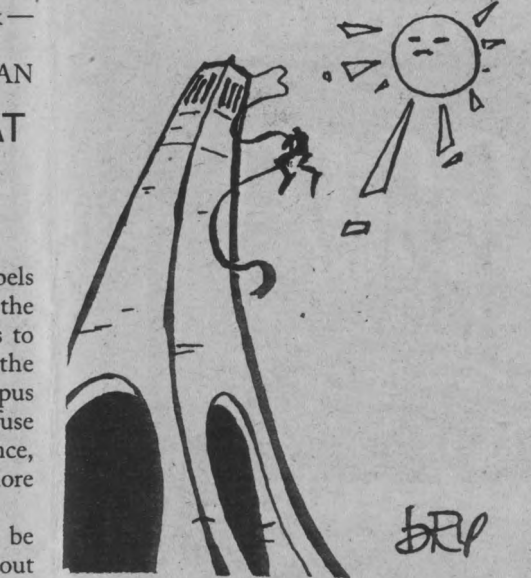
and Dagestan. The reason is that Yeltsen's generally pro-Western government is on very shaky ground, and a coup d'etat or election replacing pro-Western reformers with maniacal nationalists like Vladimir Zhirinovskiy would ruin almost everything we've tried to get Russia to do in the years since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

China also is very leery of U.S. BMD efforts, mostly because some members of Congress want the U.S. to install such a shield around Taiwan. The official Chinese attitude is that Taiwan is a "renegade province," not an independent state. The issue of whether Taiwan is in fact an independent state is a very delicate one.

Offending the Chinese is the wrong thing to do. American businesses would lose a source of customers, and the Chinese might go on a militarist kick. Anti-U.S. sentiment still runs high thanks to NATO's clumsy bombing of the Chinese embassy, and a BMD around what the Chinese consider a part of their homeland would, in their eyes, brand the U.S. as an enemy.

So, BMD is a silly idea. The *Nexus* is correct in saying that a Reagan-style system with orbiting lasers will not work. But that's the only part they got right. BMD with rockets instead of lasers is a bad idea, too. Let's stick with Mutually Assured Destruction, and spend that BMD money and expertise on stopping biological and chemical terrorism instead.

MICHAEL JABBRA



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vice member's character. A university could have the potential to foster the progression of humanity. A discriminatory institution, such as the ROTC, can only besmirch the campus potential for individuality, the free thinking of individuals, which is the catalyst in humanitarian-

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Escalet said the Bohemians of Greenwich and their ideals of equality greatly influenced his work. "I look at people as a whole without reservations," he said. "All walks of people fitted in and that was euphoria to me. Anyone could fit in."

Escalet has created art using Latin American themes, which he attributes to the cultural influences during his childhood. His work has been displayed in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., the Art Museum of Americas, Rutgers and Penn State.

Sophomore art studio major Xin Jin said the exhibit is important for the campus community.

"UCSB students are getting more diverse," he

said. "It's really important for UCSB to have activities like this."

MCC student assistant Kate Randall said the art serves as an educational tool that can help people learn more about other cultures.

"The exhibit will make people aware of this culture because it breaks away stereotypes of one-sided ideas of African-American culture," she said.

The MCC was founded in 1987 to provide a welcome environment and space for events and programs to help the community understand the differences about under-appreciated groups and their way of life. The exhibit can be viewed during MCC hours, Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday only until 5 p.m.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — You may be hurting today. Is there a habit you could change that would help you to feel better? Consult a professional. Don't try to figure it out all by yourself. If you'd known how to fix it, you'd already have done it by now, right?
Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 10 — You're incredibly lucky today. Launch new projects now — personal, work-related, romantic. Make it happen. This is the kind of day when dreams could come true. What they are and what that will look like when it happens is up to you. Get busy!
Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — You love to take care of others, but you're under a bit of stress today. People you love don't want to go along with your plans, which are probably good for them. Why can't they see that? There's no point in beating around the bush. Come right out and say it.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — It's time for you to learn something new. Or, if you already know everything, you should teach. This is not an option; it's a requirement. Amazing as it sounds, you could become a stronger person as a result of what you must do now.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You really want to do something, possibly a class, that's put a dent in your budget. You may have slightly overextended yourself. Don't worry. If you hustle, you can have it all. Nothing like a little pressure to get you going, and this time you caused it yourself!
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is an 8 — You're powerful and good looking. You're a creative person, and your talents are enhanced right now. You're easily distracted, though. Does a special relationship need a bit of work? How about a private conversation to get the thorn out.
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — If you're worried about something, it's just about driving you crazy now. You can't stand loose ends, so why not tie them up? Is there something left dangling out there? A class you never finished or a thank-you card you forgot to send? Get it handled!
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Your team is important in your life right now. This might be a sports team or the group you work with. Today you'll gain a lot through them, so let them know what you need. You may be a little shy about asking for what you want, but you can get over that.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — This is a good day to try something radical. Something you've been thinking about doing, but didn't quite know how. In other words, it's time to climb up to the next level. It's a risk, but a highly calculated one. You could be very successful.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Higher education, philosophy and travel are your themes today. You always like to try new and different things. Well, why not? A pen pal from far away could help you get a fabulous job, for example. Or, maybe you'll get into the college of your dreams. Give it a try.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — This would be a good day to apply for a loan for education. The money's not coming in quite yet, but odds are good it will later. Your energy and your commitment to yourself are required. If you decide to make it happen, you can.
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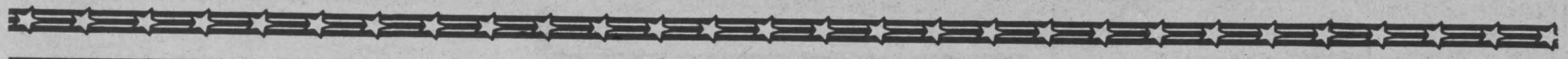
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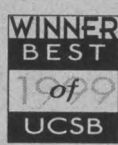
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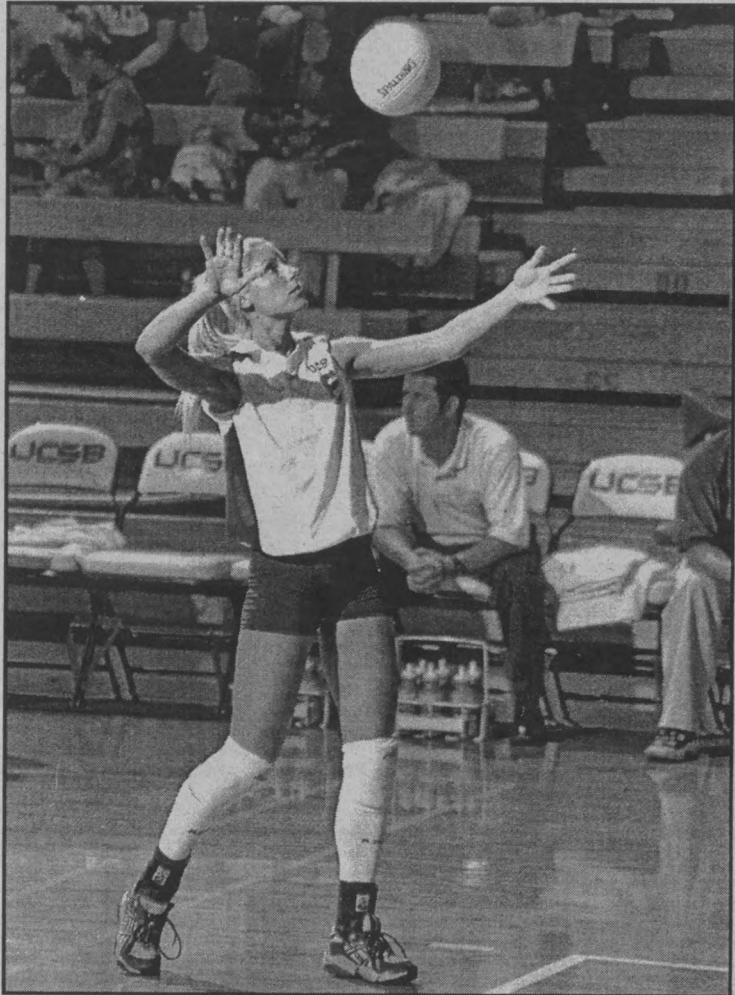
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Sports



RING BELL FOR SERVICE: All-American outside hitter Roberta Gehlke was on top of her game Thursday, but the Gauchos still fell in five games to Cal Poly.

UCSB Volleyball Stunned at Cal Poly

BY MARVIN GAPULTOS
Staff Writer

CAL POLY, CA — After handing former #1 University of Pacific a 3-0 sweep last week to earn the #7 ranking in the nation, the UCSB women's volleyball team was floating above the clouds coming into Cal Poly's Mott Gym on Thursday evening. However, the Mustangs trampled all over the Gauchos' high spirits and brought them back down to earth, beating Santa Barbara in a five-game match, 4-15, 15-11, 15-7, 8-15 and 15-13.

UCSB (12-3, 3-2) got off to a great start against Cal Poly (11-4, 3-2), easily winning game one, 15-4. The Gauchos out-hit Cal Poly in the first game with a .375 hitting percentage compared to the Mustangs' measly .139 clip. However, it was a different match after game one.

In game two the Mustangs gathered themselves and hit at a .320 clip, while UCSB hit at .238. On the strength of 22 kills, the Mustangs won the second game, 15-11. Cal Poly was led by senior Kari DeSoto, who recorded a career-tying 24 kills with only two errors on 46 swings for a .478 hitting percentage in the match.

"[UCSB] double-teamed her; they even triple-teamed her," Cal Poly Head Coach Steve Schlick said. "But she still found a way to put it away. She just played a great match."

After their loss in the first match, the Mustangs

were aware that they could beat the Gauchos, according to DeSoto.

"We knew we weren't playing how we were supposed to," DeSoto said. "We knew we had to pick it up and we knew we could beat them. I think we came together as a team."

After a demoralizing 7-15 loss in the third game, the Gauchos looked to be their old selves again in game four, jumping out to a 9-0 lead before taking the fourth game 15-8, to tie the match at two games apiece.

Santa Barbara fought an uphill battle throughout the final game as the Mustangs were on the brink of victory with a 14-8 advantage. UCSB would not give up, however, as they took five straight points to inch closer, tightening the gap at 14-13. However, it was Cal Poly who would get the next side out and ultimately prevail, taking the fifth game and the match, 15-13.

The Gauchos were led by Big West Player of the Week Roberta Gehlke, who recorded match highs with 29 kills and 27 digs. Also playing well for UCSB was sophomore middle outside hitter Brianna Lampe, who recorded six kills to go along with 16 digs.

"I tried to prepare my team [for] this to happen after we beat UOP 3-0," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "It just happens sometimes after you have a big win. We respected Cal Poly, we saw they were a good team, but we just didn't rise to the occasion."

GaUCHO Soccer Team Kicking an Old Habit

BY ZACK O'NEILL
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's soccer team begins its final homestand of the year today at Harder Stadium, with a Big West conference game against the UC Irvine Anteaters. The Gauchos (5-5-1, 3-1) are currently in second place in the Big West, only trailing undefeated Pacific, last year's Big West champion. At this point in the season, Santa Barbara is already enjoying a success far beyond that of last year, when it had only one win in conference play and finished ninth in a 10-team division.

"I think when you win a few games, things become more fun," UCSB Head Coach Paul Stumpf said. "We've gained a lot more confidence, which has been huge for us. We're getting more difficult to be scored on, and we've been better at attacking. We're thinking more dangerously."

This season UC Irvine is 1-0-1 and in sixth place in the Big

West, five points behind the Gauchos. Santa Barbara would rather forget the last time they played the Anteaters, a game that took place a year ago almost to the date. UCSB was in the midst of an eight-game losing streak and an even more unflattering run of five straight games without a goal. Playing on the road, the Gauchos were bested 2-0 by Irvine on Oct. 11, 1998, dropping to 3-10 overall. Irvine, in contrast, went 14-3-3 that year, and finished second from the top in the Big West.

"At one point last year, a lot of players didn't even care," said junior April Loveland, an All-Big West defender. "But this year, things are different. Losing isn't okay anymore. We have a winning attitude this year, and I can't see us not being able to compete with any team in league."

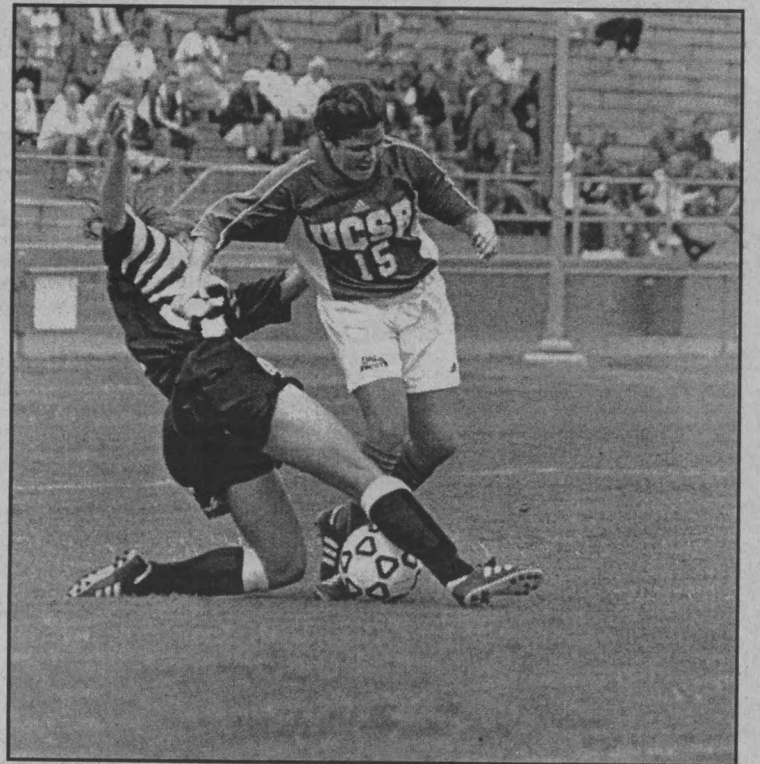
Despite the loss, UCSB still owns the Anteaters in the all-time series between the two schools. In their previous 14 meetings, the Gauchos have defeated Irvine 10 times, one of

their best records against any opponent. Given Santa Barbara's complete turnaround between the '98 and '99 seasons, expecting number 11 today is not out of the question.

"We're still having a few problems offensively," Loveland said. "But our defense is solid, and I think as long as we start the game fired up and stay fired up, we'll be okay."

"Irvine is a team we would like to beat," sophomore goalkeeper Mary Gleason added. "There's a little rivalry there between us, but really our main motivation for winning is that we've been doing well in league, and we just want to keep doing well. I think we have a very good chance this weekend if we play up to our potential."

The Gauchos' second game of the weekend will also take place at Harder Stadium on Sunday against Cal State Fullerton at 1 p.m. Currently the Titans are winless in Big West play, joining Boise State as the only two teams in the conference without any points. However, Fullerton



NO SLICED ORANGES FOR YOU: Freshman midfielder Jennifer Codington humiliates another Big West opponent attempting to guard her.

was another culprit in Santa Barbara's miserable '98 season, something the Gauchos will not soon forget.

"They're both very good teams," Stumpf said of UCSB's

two weekend opponents. "Both games are going to be tight. All our games really have been tight because we're still not scoring in bunches. We're a good team, but we're not going to blow anyone out."

It's Sink or Swim for UCSB Water Polo Team in Palo Alto this Weekend

BY BRITTANY LANGAN
Reporter

While surfers hit the waves in Santa Barbara this weekend, the #7 UCSB men's water polo team plans to make some waves of its own in Palo Alto against some of the nation's top-ranked teams. The Annual No Cal Tournament at Stanford University will host 16 teams, including UCLA, USC and UC Berkeley, who will duke it out for the gold in single-elimination competition.

GaUCHO poloists will try to extend their two-game winning streak against #10 UC San Diego, a team they beat in a preseason scrimmage. According to sophomore driver Scott Miller, endurance and consistency are necessary for a tournament victory over San Diego.

"We need to be patient on offense as well as defense,"

Miller said. "We should play as a team and play good from the get-go and set the tone. Solid defense will lead to transition offense."

With the entire starting squad returning from last year, as well as a few new players, the Gauchos hope to repeat last year's 6-4 victory over UC San Diego at the same tournament. Senior driver Kevin Ricks maps out the strategy for this weekend's competition.

"The key to winning [against] San Diego is to be patient but aggressive," Ricks said. "When they played oppressed defense, we were successful in scoring, but when they played drop defense, we weren't patient, which allowed them the offensive opportunity. If we play our game, we can control our destiny."

A victory over UCSD will place the Gauchos against #2 Stanford in the next game, while a loss will put them in the pool with #15 UC Santa Cruz. UCSB Head

Coach Joe O'Brien is confident that the team will succeed if the Gauchos play top-notch water polo.

"We're the best team no one's heard of. We have good shooters and drivers and sound 2-meter men," O'Brien said. "San Diego is fast and big. We need to make sure we have good matchups, and we will be in good shape. If we make a defensive mistake, they will take advantage of it. Anytime we do not play smart, we'll be in trouble."

According to senior 2-meter man Chris Driscoll, a close 9-8 victory over Long Beach State was huge in what has been a rollercoaster season for Santa Barbara. Driscoll hopes the Gauchos can build on their modest winning streak.

"We have had our ups and downs," Driscoll said. "But if we play our best, we will be beating people."