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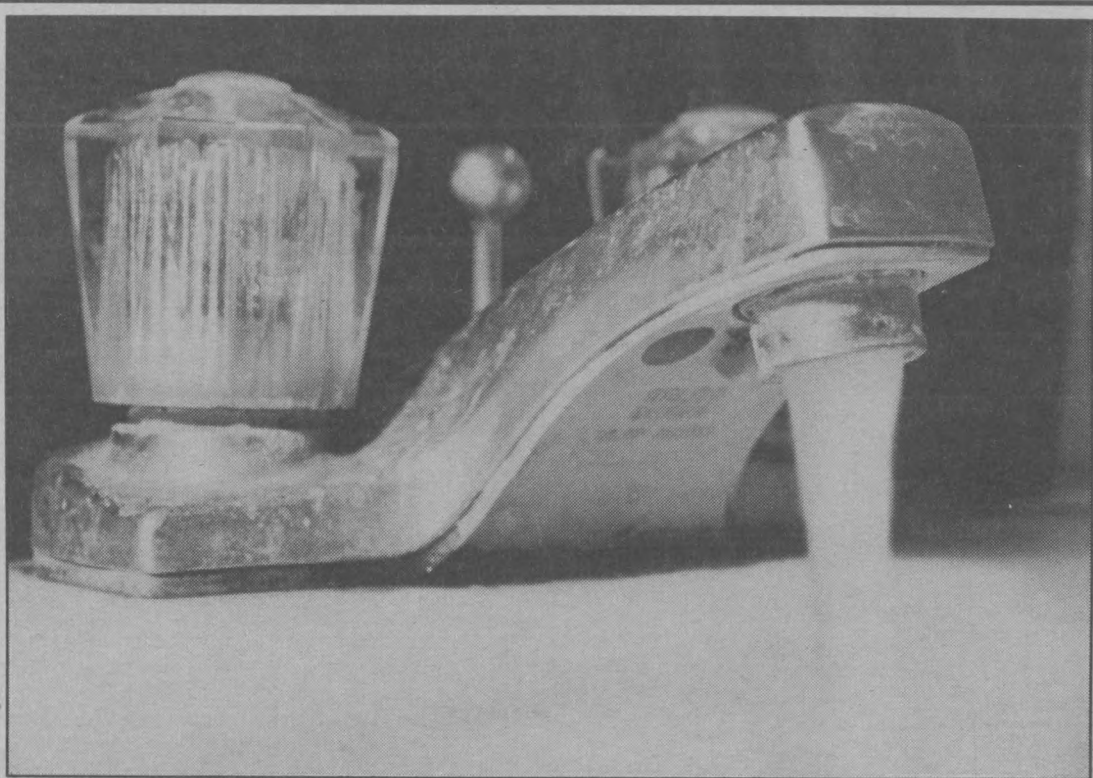
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With the end of water rationing, faucets like this one are gushing throughout Santa Barbara with the once scarce resource. Is it just us, or does looking at this photo too long give you an incredible urge to urinate?

Taps Flow as H2O Rationing Ends

By Jordan Halverson
Reporter

In kitchens and bathrooms along the South Coast, taps are flowing again as heavy winter rains washed away stringent conservation efforts prompted by the county's latest drought cycle.

A year ago, during the seventh year of drought conditions in Santa Barbara County, emergency water rationing and restrictions lowered local consumption by 40%. An increase in rainfall ended rationing last year, however, and usage has increased by one-third, according to water officials.

Isla Vista resident Andrew Shoen believes the jump in water usage is a direct result of the recent rainfall. "During the worst stages of the drought, it

was easy to do all the little things to avoid unnecessary usage," he said.

"People see the rain and think it's an open invitation to waste. I'm sure there are a lot of people thrilled to be able to water their lawns again," Shoen said.

During the drought, fines for overconsumption, a restructuring of water rates and restrictions on usage such as landscaping were enacted by city and county officials to conserve the area's dwindling resources. Most of these measures were lifted by last spring.

Santa Barbara City Water Supply Manager Steve Mack said the increase is a direct response to the end of the restrictions. "The drought emergency response ended 11 months ago," he said. "There is no need now for drastic measures, and

the public seems to be reflecting this."

Conservation measures, such as not flushing the toilet and using buckets in the shower, could now be seen as unnecessary by the public, Mack said. The installation of drip irrigation and low-flow toilets during the height of the drought also steadied water usage, he said.

According to Lyn Anderson of the County Resource Management's Water Agency, a higher rate charged for heavy consumers during the drought has been dropped, but fees may still remain high.

The county will target heavy users with stepped-up fees to partially cover the cost of additional water sources, such as a desalination plant in Santa

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Black Culture, Past Celebrated This Month

By Tracy Wells
Reporter

Many campus organizations are gearing up over the next few weeks to celebrate Black History Month, established to acknowledge and praise the achievements of African-Americans throughout history.

February was chosen as Black History Month to commemorate the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, who were both born in February and have had a significant impact on African-Americans.

"Black History Month is a time when we give tribute to the achievements of Black people who do not get it in history books," said LaShun Washington, president of campus Black women's organization AKANKE.

A number of activities are slated to take place over the next few weeks to celebrate the month, including a series of videos hosted by the MultiCultural Center that will deal with various aspects of Black culture.

The MCC hopes that these videos will be a learning experience, which is desperately needed on a predominantly white campus like Santa Barbara, said Chivy Sok, program assistant for the MCC. "The chancellor's commitment to diversity has not been proven," she said. "It is very important to look deeper into the history to be able to give insights into Black and white communities."

Student groups are also planning activities and tributes to celebrate the month. These include a showcase in the library, designed by Omega Psi Phi fraternity that chronicles the achievements of Black men in their organization.

"These men represent the reaffirming of manhood, scholarship, perseverance and the uplift of the self and of the community," said Mario Davis, Omega Psi Phi secretary.

The display will showcase such people as the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Michael Jordan, Virginia Gov. Douglas Wilder and Charles Drew.

"We need to acknowledge those people of color who have excelled and have built bridges for Black

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High Court: 'Political' Fees Can't Be Charged

Ruling Says UC Students Can Refuse to Pay

By Kevin Carhart
Staff Writer

The state Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that University of California students cannot be forced to pay fees toward campus political groups or causes, although the decision does not provide specific criteria for what is appropriate.

By a vote of 5-2, the court gave permission for students to decline to fund groups for which the educational purpose is incidental to its political goals. Students will be allowed to withhold an amount from the mandatory fee, corresponding to the groups they do not wish to fund.

Currently, UCSB students pay a \$37.15 per quarter fee to Associated Students, which in turn allocates the money to politically active student groups. The ruling may be interpreted to prohibit such action, but University officials are not sure.

"The University is looking at the ruling to understand what it means, to understand what options we have," UC spokesman Mike Alva said. "We are looking at how it would be possible to meet this ruling with actions that are within this ruling."

UCSB Vice Chancellor for

Student Affairs Michael Young expressed concern that the decision may limit student activities.

"The University, where one of the purposes is to push the frontiers of understanding, students must engage very complex, difficult issues," Young said. "I see student organizations as part of the educational process. The purpose is to have all the ideas compete."

"My hope is that the court not muck around in the way student organizations run themselves," he said.

How the ruling will change the funding of student groups from the current system remains to be determined, according to Mark Milstein, member of A.S. Finance Board, which allocates money to student groups. A.S. currently funds organizations whose political nature would make the ruling apply to them, Milstein said.

"We do restrict funding to supply only operational costs" and stipulate that it not go to political candidates, Milstein said.

The possibility of an appeal on the ruling was supported by A.S. President Aaron Jones. "It is unlawful," Jones said. "I hope it goes to the [federal] Supreme

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Student to Lead Workshops on Sex, Race at Conference

By Natasha Hillis
Reporter

A student coordinator of an UCSB alcohol and drug awareness program is traveling to Washington, D.C., today to participate in a conference covering both national and international concerns.

Lisa Webber, one of three Students Teaching Alcohol/Drug Responsibility coordinators, will be facilitating two workshops at the four-day event.

The conference, "New Dimensions in Prevention: Sharing Today, Shaping Tomorrow," is sponsored by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and will cover a range of issues including racism, sexism, HIV and AIDS, spirituality, and culture.

"We will be identifying with different cultures, learning about cultural awareness and how to respect each other. We will be looking at problems like sexism and racism, addressing them and discussing solutions," Webber said.

"I am hoping that everyone who goes to the conference will learn something about them-



Lisa Webber

selves and something about someone else," she said.

The first workshop Webber will lead, "Sex in the '90s: Risky Business," will address the issues of sexually transmitted diseases, date rape and personal values that may be jeopardized under the influence of alcohol, she said.

The second workshop, "Mind, Body and Soul," is one that Webber specifically helped to organize and will fo-

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Governor Silent on Successor for Superintendent Honig

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Pete Wilson refused Thursday to say whom he is considering to replace state schools chief Bill Honig, but said he disagrees emphatically with suggestions that he limit the search to Democrats.

"At this point there are Democrats and Republicans on the list," Wilson said, declining to give or confirm any names of prospective nominees or even say how long his list might be.

In other developments related to Honig's conviction last week on four felony conflict-of-interest charges, two newspapers reported slightly different accounts of how the investigation of his activities started under former Attorney General John Van de Kamp, a Democrat.

But one of those accounts disputed Honig's contention that his prosecution by current Attorney General Dan Lungren, a Republican, was politically motivated, while the other account tended to support the contention of political motives on Lungren's part.

At a Capitol news conference, the Republican governor also said he was surprised at remarks by Assembly

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"It was a Democrat who was elected. You ought to replace a Democrat with a Democrat."

Assembly Speaker Willie Brown

Speaker Willie Brown (D-San Francisco) earlier in the week that he would only vote to confirm a Democrat to replace Honig.

"It was a Democrat who was elected," Brown said. "You ought to replace a Democrat with a Democrat." "I disagree emphatically with the speaker on that," Wilson said, objecting that Brown's stance injects partisanship in the officially nonpartisan state superintendent's office.

dent's office.

The state constitution will automatically remove Honig from office when he is formally sentenced on Feb. 26 on his conflict-of-interest conviction last week by a Sacramento jury. Wilson's nominee to replace Honig will be subject to confirmation by both the state Senate and Assembly.

Honig was convicted of steering state contracts to benefit an educational foundation headed by his wife.

While Brown has called on Wilson to name a Democrat, the Democratic leader of the Senate took a slightly different stance Thursday, urging Wilson to appoint a caretaker superintendent to serve the remaining 23 months of Honig's current term and not seek election in 1994.

"I think the governor would be best advised to appoint somebody who is an esteemed educator and not a politician," said Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti (D-Van Nuys), explaining that he had in mind someone who would not seek election to the post after Honig's term expires.

Specialized Helicopter Unit Enforces Somali Cease-Fire

WITH BLACKJACK 15, Over Somalia (AP) — Blackjack 15 is skimming the treetops 25 feet from the ground, his observation helicopter whirling after the warlord, Gen. Morgan.

Blackjack 15, alias Mike Tucker, psychology major turned Army pilot, is one of a small band of pilots trying to enforce a cease-fire among Somalia's warring factions.

Morgan, whose real name is Mohamed Said Hirs, has been attacking the forces of Col. Omar Jess for the past two weeks near the southern port of Kismayu, violating a cease-fire and delaying peace talks.

The Blackjacks are a half dozen OH-58 Scout observation helicopters and a half dozen AH-1 Cobra gunships flying in formations of two or more, with an observation helicopter in the lead and gunships trailing. They are from Bravo Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry. The troop has been around since the turn of the century and so has its name, Blackjack. None of the pilots are sure how the name was acquired.

This past Monday, the Blackjacks knocked out a 5-ton truck, first firing a warning shot to give the 20 Morgan troops aboard a chance to escape the fury of rockets and cannon. A week earlier, they wiped out seven vehicles and several artillery guns.

Their mission is to keep Morgan's forces in recognized neutral zones and to disarm his vehicles if they leave approved areas. Under rules of engagement, the Blackjacks must receive approval from a higher command to attack. Even then, warning shots are fired first.

Capt. John Poppie, 28, of Spokane, Wash., a business major and commander of Bravo Troop, and Tucker, a 29-year-old warrant officer from College Park, Md., briefed the group for their current mission Wednesday.

Pointing at coordinates on a map posted on a large sheet of plywood in the middle of a field, Poppie told the pilots: "Morgan forces are located to the west of Berxaani. Are you all familiar with what's been happening there? Morgan and Jess have been fighting it out on and off. They usually fight in the morning. By the time we get out there, they've disappeared into the woodwork."

He notes that up to 100 men were spotted around a water hole. Morgan reportedly can mobilize up to 200 men at a time.

Tucker then flew over the water hole and spotted 30 to 40 people camped around the area. He did not see any weapons, nor was he fired upon.

Later Tucker flew passes over another area but was ordered back to Berxaani. There were no signs of life.

Mission accomplished, it was back home to Kismayu.



Clinton Nears Decision on Attorney General Nominee

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has narrowed his search for an attorney general to three people and the leading contender is Kimba Wood, the female judge who presided over junk-bond financier Michael Milken's fraud trial, administration officials said Thursday.

A decision is expected within days, they said.

Wood is a Democrat but was appointed to the federal bench in New York by Republican President Reagan nearly five years ago. Her confirmation hearings then were trouble free.

Others said to be finalists are Washington attorney Charles F.C. Ruff and former Virginia Gov. Gerald Baliles, according to two administration officials who discussed the matter on condition of anonymity.

Clinton's search was forced by the abrupt withdrawal last month of his first nominee, Connecticut attorney Zoe Baird, because of intense criticism of her hiring of illegal aliens, a violation of immigration laws the attorney general is charged with enforcing.

A Bush administration appointee, Stuart Gerson, is running the Justice Dept. in the interim.

White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers said Clinton would make his choice known "in the next few days." She declined to name contenders.

Gang Leaders Gather at 'Summit'; Pledge Truce

WASHINGTON (AP) — Street gang leaders from four major cities pledged a truce on Thursday and said they'll convene a broader gathering this spring so others can take the oath.

Their so-called "summit" was set for April 30-May 2 in Kansas City, Mo., timed to coincide with the first anniversary of the Los Angeles riots.

Nine representatives from Black and Latino gangs in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles and Minneapolis met in Washington to pledge peace, pray together and plan the Kansas City meeting.

"We have had 800 killings in Los Angeles County alone, and the majority were Latino brothers," said Daniel Alejandre, director of the California Coalition to End Barrio Warfare. "We have lost brothers and sisters, and we are tired."

"We are not going to buy into the concept of 'Once one, always one,' no more," said Fred Williams, an ex-gang member who helped establish a May 1992 truce between the Crips and the Bloods, the two largest gangs in Los Angeles.

"We must admit we have a problem first and remove the element of fear," Williams said.



Judge Puts Gag Order on Officer's Defense Lawyer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The judge in the Rodney King beating trial slapped a gag order on one defense attorney Thursday saying his inflammatory press comments are angering the community and jeopardizing a fair trial.

U.S. District Court Judge John Davies, in a sharply worded three-page order, said that Harland Braun, who represents Officer Theodore Briseno, is forbidden to publicly discuss the qualifications of prospective jurors or the motives of government prosecutors.

Other lawyers in the case were not mentioned. Braun said he would abide by the judge's order although, "I don't think I said anything wrong."

"The court has observed with great concern that Mr. Harland Braun, notwithstanding his purported interest in the fairness of the trial, has made and continues to make inflammatory comments to the press regarding the jury selection process and the motives of the prosecutors," the judge said.

He cited statements by Braun that prospective jurors who agree to serve in the volatile trial of four police officers have "a hidden agenda" and that Black jurors may be incapable of impartiality in the case.

Man Accused in Carjack Facing Federal Charges

FRESNO (AP) — A man accused of stealing a pickup at gunpoint one week after he got out of prison was indicted Thursday under a tough new federal anti-carjacking statute.

The indictment of Felix Claude Martin, 30, is now only the 10th in the nation under the statute enacted into law last October, said Asst. U.S. Attorney Carl Faller. One of the other indictments was from the San Joaquin Valley — a carjacking in Bakersfield, he added.

The federal law was used because Martin would serve almost all of a 10-year carjacking sentence if convicted instead of half as much as would be likely under California's auto theft law, Faller said.

"The federal sentence is very serious," Faller said. "Hopefully it will act as a deterrent."

In fact, Martin could wind up with a 20-year sentence if convicted — 10 years for carjacking plus an additional 10 years on a companion charge of using a firearm while committing a violent felony.

Martin has prior convictions for stealing autos and possessing weapons and was out of prison just a week before this incident last Christmas Eve, said California Highway Patrol Sgt. Ted Eichman.

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A.S. Approves Bill for Wilson's Recall

By Kevin Carhart
Staff Writer

“*Pete Wilson is to the education system what cavities are to teeth.*”

A bill calling for support of a statewide drive to recall California Gov. Pete Wilson was passed at Wednesday night's meeting of Associated Students Legislative Council.

Describing Wilson as "public enemy number one to the education system," the bill's author, Rep-at-Large Dave Ricks cited the governor's cuts to the University of California budget.

"Pete Wilson is to the education system what cavities are to teeth. It's too late to take care of the problem, you can't brush or floss it. I say the best thing to do is remove the cavity; send a strong message and get rid of the problem," Ricks said.

Some members of Leg Council opposed the bill, believing Wilson's recall would only take blame away from legislators who contributed to education's current decline.

"We're making it sound as though the blame shall be cast entirely on one person and I think that's too easy to do," said Off-Campus Rep Andre Manssourian. "We have to remember that there's a Legislature who's equally responsible, and I can't support this because I cast the blame to both of those areas."

Rep-at-Large Mark Milstein agreed Wilson should not entirely take the fall for the present state

of the educational system.

"California ranked second in public education when Ronald Reagan became governor of California, and when he left we were 48th," Milstein said. "To a large degree this isn't a problem that Wilson created."

The main objective of the bill was to make a statement rather than a personal attack, said the bill's second, Rep-at-Large Debbie Danluck.

Everett King, proxying for On-Campus Rep Jong Pak, suggested regents and chancellors be recalled as well to make the bill more accurate.

King also questioned the wisdom of leaving the governor's position open to a new election, which he thought would be a ballot full of unknown names.

"Don't throw away something you've got if you don't know what they're going to replace it with," he said.

To reach compliance on the council, statements in the position paper holding Wilson completely responsible for the budget and education crisis were removed.

The bill was passed by a vote of 10-6, with two

abstentions.

In other business, an issue from last week re-emerged when a motion to grant A.S. funding to Chicano and Latino Pre-Law Assn. was heard but failed to pass.

Last week, new Attorney General Jennifer Duke explained \$439 was granted by A.S. Finance Board to send the group north to visit different law schools. Funding for trips of a personal, social or academic nature are prohibited by the Finance Board manual, however, she said, adding that final approval must be obtained from Leg Council.

"I think you should rescind that allotment," Duke said.

After debate last week, the allotment was overturned by a vote of 12-3.

The matter was revisited Wednesday, when members of the group came to protest the decision and explain the trip was not academic in nature.

"We make contact with the universities and bring information back to students who don't go on that trip. Basically it's a pre-professional conference," said Pre-Law member Manuel Douglas.

A.S. Business Services Committee Chair Damon Sun backed them up. "Any Finance Board allocation could be seen as academic, social or personal," he said.

Douglas cited examples of comparable trips given monies, including an allocation for Women Engineers to visit professional schools.

"Where's the discrepancy in the two? I feel like we are being singled out," Douglas said. "Due to the fact that we don't have a lot of representation on this board right here, students of color, we could make the case that it is because we are minority students and no one speaks up for us."

Some members of Leg Council were upset Douglas held these sentiments, but Milstein said the council is presently reviewing unfair policies which may have led to decisions in the past but no longer hold ground.

"You've got to understand that some of those other trips probably shouldn't have been funded by A.S. too. We have to decide if A.S. is going to fund trips to graduate schools across the board, or not," Milstein said.

"I totally agree with you that it sucks that this is immediate, and that we're trying to formulate the policy halfway through the year. It obviously reflects a section of the manual that

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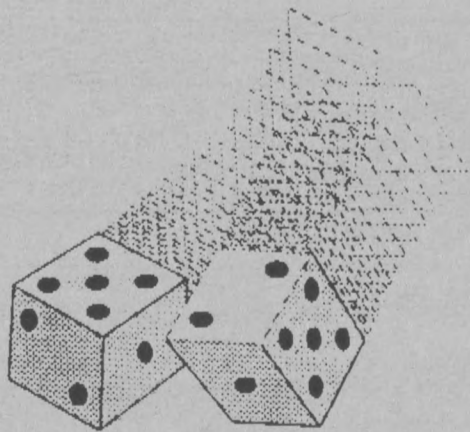
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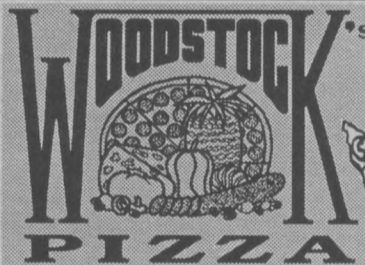
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Salesman Arrested for Tactics

By Edward Acevedo
Staff Writer

A magazine subscription solicitor was arrested Wednesday after residents of an Isla Vista apartment complex complained about his sales tactics.

Joseph Cahill, 22, was booked into the Santa Barbara County Jail for trespassing and soliciting without a permit, according to UCSB police.

"Every year we get complaints of solicitors selling magazines who frequently use hard-sale tactics and happen to be 'transient-looking,'" said UCSB Police Lt. Tony Alvarez.

Cahill allegedly knocked on the door of a third-year graduate student Monday and introduced himself as a communications major. He proceeded to ask her questions, while assuring her that he was not a salesperson, she said.

According to the resident, who requested anonymity, the suspect seemed "very threatening," as he aggressively leaned into the residence while making sexual innuendos.

"He asked me where my roommate was, when she would be back, 'five minutes, 10 minutes?'" she said. "I was feeling quite

“*We are bombarded with solicitors.*”

John Holloway
Santa Ynez
Apartments

nervous at this point wondering what this guy was going to do.”

The resident said she became concerned when Cahill repeatedly ignored her refusal to buy any magazines. "I said 'No' four times. 'No' should mean 'No,'" she said. "Then he said, 'Maybe I'll get more from your roommate.'"

Some believe Cahill has delivered his sales pitch to residents of other apartment complexes in I.V. "This person, based on his description, has also been at [the] El Dorado" apartment complex on El Colegio, said John Holloway, complex coordinator of the Santa Ynez Apartments. "Because of his approach and physical appearance he was very intimidating."

"He told one of our staff members ... that he worked for the university," Holloway said. "Some people say they're granted

permission [to solicit] from our office, which is a farce, because we don't give permission."

Holloway said he isn't surprised at the incident, since he believes I.V. is a haven for salespeople. "We are bombarded with solicitors," he said.

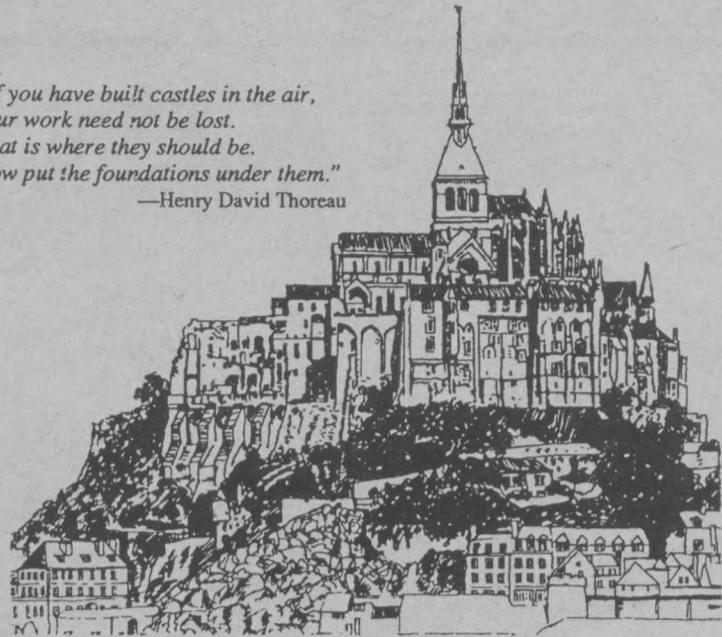
Although management at Santa Ynez already posts "No Solicitors" signs, Holloway said he will distribute notices throughout the complex warning residents to take precautions when dealing with salespeople. "We need to create a safe environment," he said.

According to police, solicitors without permits frequently find their way into town. "When we encounter them, we investigate complaints, and check their credentials and who they represent," Alvarez said. "I think if people encounter individuals that they find suspicious, they have every right to ask for their credentials in Santa Barbara County."

A phone call to Cahill's employer, Summit Publisher's Service in Houston, Texas, was answered with a recording that offered a post office box number for complaints and said they would be answered in 10 working days.

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As the rest of the world continues to gear up for next year's U.S.-hosted World Cup Soccer Tournament, Santa Barbara will get an early glimpse of the home favorites this weekend.

The United States National Team will be looking to prepare for the prestigious World Cup when it takes on Romania tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Harder Stadium. Overall, the U.S. and Romania have played only once before—a 1991 match in Brazov, Romania, which was won by the Americans, 2-0.

A number of U.S. players should feel right at home playing here in the Golden State, as seven of them are California natives—including 1990 World Cup veterans Marcelo Balboa, Paul Caligiuri and John Doyle.

According to U.S. National Team Press Officer Dean C. Linke, the Americans will have a full roster of players available tomorrow.

"It's going to be a big game in that we're bringing our full team into town, [especially] with the addition of Eric Wynalda," Linke said.

Wynalda, one of the top players for Team USA, will join the team on Saturday after playing half of a league season with a club team in Germany.

—Michael Dobbs

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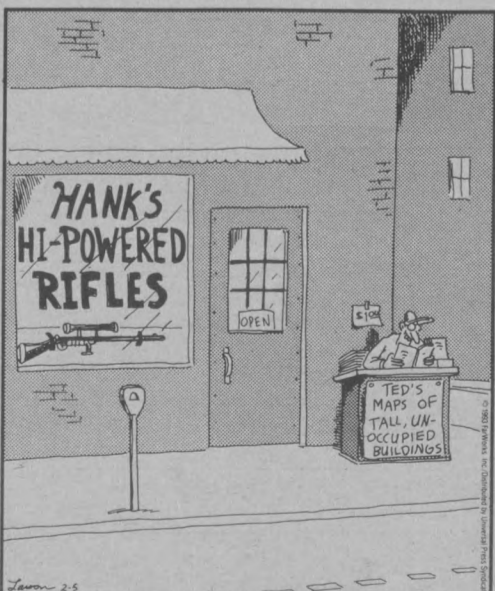
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OPINION

"Public opinion is stronger than the legislature, and nearly as strong as the ten commandments."

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Toro, Washington

Clinton's First Days Have Him Dancing Around His Enemies Rather than Locking Horns

Editorial

Two weeks into his administration, most of what we've heard about President Bill Clinton is how he's breaking promises right and left and staking his first political showdowns in Washington on issues like the military's gay ban, which are putting him through the congressional wringer. We've also heard that there will be no middle class tax cut, maybe even a hike, and that his health plan will not get off the ground in the first 100 days. All of those were either explicit or tacit Clinton campaign promises. In short, after throwing a big inaugural media party for our new leader, the press is now going after him.

This may be because congressional, military and world leaders are going after him. Senator Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and a fellow Democrat, has gone head-to-head with the man from Hope and won concessions for the military's institutionalized homophobia. Clinton has been blasted by beleaguered peace-makers in former Yugoslavia. His own Democrats on the Hill don't like his plan for campaign spending reform. The list goes on. It might also be because a trail of broken promises is a good story, and makes good copy for editorials.

In any case, Clinton's "honeymoon," if there was such a thing at all, is over.

Despite claims at the Democratic National Convention last summer and at the inauguration two weeks ago that a Democratic congress and president could coalesce for change, the marriage between Congress and the Clinton administration seems to be on shaky ground already. Nunn has said in the past that he hasn't run for president because he already has all the power he needs in the Senate.

He proved this recently by staring the president in the face until Clinton blinked, allowing the military six more months to prosecute (persecute?) and reassign gays in the military. This is the first big confrontation the president has faced with Congress since moving to town, and many say he put too much trust in his illusory mandate from voters and expected Congress to back up his decision to let gays in the military. Now he is being laughed at on late-night TV and in his new home town.

Clinton declined to go on the offensive. Early on, he could have fired Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell, and raised hell to lift the ban. The commander in chief can do those sorts of things, and past presidents have. He also could run Sam Nunn's pants up a flagpole (or a flagpole up his pants). But Clinton is where he is because he is a good politician. He has bigger agendas than just the military, and he will need his political capital to push through his budgetary and tax policies on Capitol Hill.

And despite the broken promises, which voters should be well accustomed to by now, Clinton has made some changes. He lifted Bush's gag rule on abortion clinics that receive federal funding, and he installed his wife as the leader of the formulation of his health plan. Fetal tissue can now be used to help cure diabetes. There is little hope that any real change can happen when Democratic senators like Nunn are estranged from the Coalition for Change, and maybe Clinton is keeping that in mind. And perhaps he should be allowed a little time to live up to some of his promises.

The honeymoon should be given some time so that Clinton can get acquainted with his new post. After all, in Washington the best plans are not always the most obvious ones.

A few words on the raging debate about allowing gays into the military — which seems to have prompted more self-righteous moralism on the part of faux-concerned buttinskies than anything since Woody Allen's midlife crisis.

First, since everybody in this silly conversation seems compelled to indicate his or her firsthand knowledge of military service, let me state that I am an insider: one semester of ROTC at Notre Dame, from which I walked away real fast, and then five years avoiding having to serve in a war that was, and is, a national disgrace. (So was Desert Storm, by the bye — but that's another story.) Do I know the military? Goddamn right I do.

Mr. Wormald, Mr. Marks and their hundreds of cohorts around the country writing in support of the ban, all come, eventually, to one central theme: that the inclusion of gays would undermine what Mr. Marks calls "the mutual trust that binds this force" — i.e. the military — "together."

Now, in the first place, that "mutual trust" is pure bullshit. Any veteran of real combat (not the video game that was Desert Storm) will tell you that under fire, everybody in a platoon is just one poor terrified son of a bitch who is sure he is going to die in the next five minutes. In any army. At any time. The "mutual trust," the sacred bonding, the toasts of Semper Fi, come when you get back stateside and gather in a nice warm bar, in the nice warm seductive glow of memory. Furthermore, every combat soldier I know says that in a given company there are guys you like and guys you wouldn't give a rat's ass if they were blown away in the next assault. Sort of like life itself, dig? And, if you're a big boy — isn't that what a good soldier is supposed to be? — you learn to work with the other people in your cadre whether or not you despise the way they talk, the way they act, the way they smell or the way they get their jollies. Or have I been getting it all wrong, and are the armed forces just a big, blustering and cowardly fraternity for guys who can't afford college tuition?

I was born in 1942. Most of the folks who read this

The Reader's Voice

The Real Orlin

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Recently, I was shocked to discover a letter in the Nexus indicating that I was a homosexual (Daily Nexus, Reader's Voice, Feb. 1). This is not my sexual orientation. The letter printed was false and slanderous.

Although the person who wrote the letter has been identified, the incident is not entirely his fault. This occurrence has made it very clear that the editor in chief at the very least, if not the entire Nexus staff, cannot be trusted with the responsibility of running a paper. The lack of professionalism and ignorance of basic safeguards (i.e. verifying sources) is unacceptable. The letter fit in perfectly with the prevailing liberal anthem the Nexus has proclaimed time and time again and this was clearly the reason it was printed without the usual precautions. The letter was submitted without a perm number or phone number. A paper run by irresponsible, supposed adults making rash and unprofessional decisions performs a disservice to itself, the university and all the people who are associated with it.

RYAN ORLIN

OK...What!?!

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I was walking back from class the other day noticing the anti-rape slogans written on the floor. *No means no.* "Without question," I thought. *One in three women will be raped.* "It's a serious and all-encompassing problem," I thought. *Dead men don't rape.* "What!?!"

My first reaction was chills running down my spine. Not because I was afraid for my life or that of other men but because I was shocked and disgusted that anyone was ignorant enough to write such garbage. If it was

meant as a joke, uncalled for, amidst of Rape A. If it was a serious pressing the senator, then I have ask of you. What do you think? You're probably an extreme person. You've been ignored and your views must be taken very well be true. There's a difference between effective and extreme attitudes like yours. In more anger and not saying that tolerance is justified shot. I'm just saying the way to go about the problem. Have the types of reaction will get from men? People to read that and that's true isn't it to make them a problem. It's not them in the right hands solving the not going to solve rape. It will do. I dare you to the public and ity for your w breeds hatred.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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Words on The Ban

were born much later. But we have one, crucial experience in common. NOT ONE OF US KNOWS WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO LIVE IN AN AMERICA THAT WAS NOT PRIMARILY ORGANIZED FOR WARFARE. This is, above all else, why the armed forces have acquired an almost divine status in the national psyche, why their adolescent cult of machismo goes so generally unquestioned and why anyone who criticizes them can be so easily labelled either a comic or a faggot (make no mistake, folks — that word, and all it implies, is what this is all about).

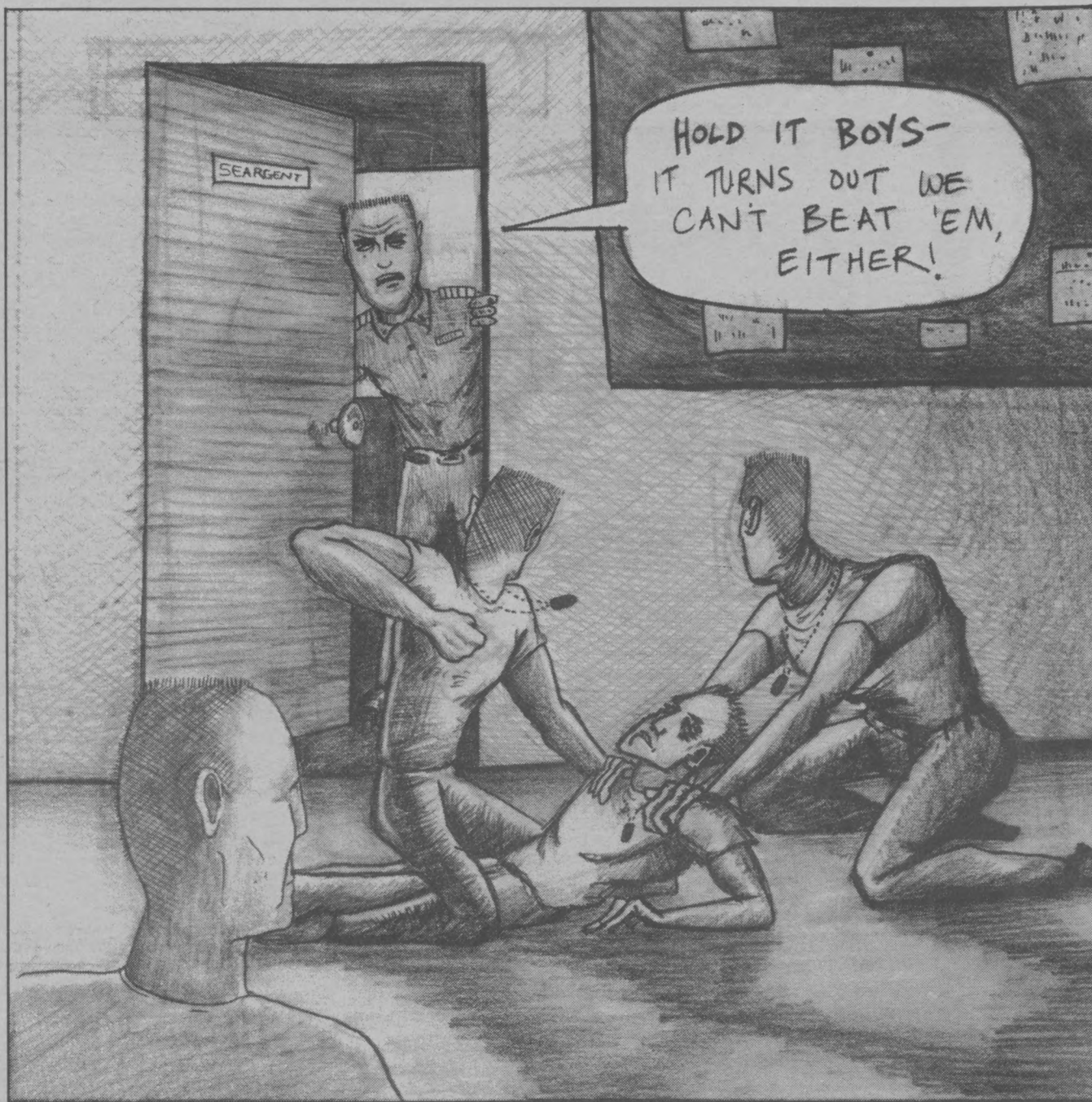
Let's admit that Razorback Bill Clinton was — to be generous — dumb in making this issue the first test of his administration. But let's also for God's sake observe that Razorback Bill, though dumb, is right. And that the real scandal of the whole affair is that the Joint Chiefs, backed by the Republicans in Congress and the goofy hoards of homophobic America, have the arrogance — almost insurrectionary, I'd say — to tell the elected commander-in-chief that he can only be commander-in-chief as long as he doesn't make straights do things like (gaah!) take showers or (GAAH!) use the john with queers, lesbos, faggots, pansies, 69ers and the ugly sad list goes on and on ... Oh yeah! I forgot dikes.

I've learned from many beloved gay and lesbian friends that homophobia is just that. It's the nagging fear — especially in males — that maybe, with the right guy, at the right time, you — even you — might — well, you know. As if it Really. Fucking. Mattered.

The Cold War is over. We need no longer venerate our armed forces as the one and only pure expression of what is best in the American soul. Nor need we validate male "mutual trust" based on heterosexuality — esprit de corps — at the expense of elemental human dignity. If the three Marines who last weekend nearly killed a gay guy in a bar, hollering "Clinton must pay!" are what Wormald's and Marks' esprit de corps is all about, then I seriously suggest we trash the concept altogether.

Or else, can't we just all grow for Christ's sake up? If not, the Army wins. And the idea of the republic perishes.

Professor Frank McConnell teaches in the UCSB English Department.



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Nu Nu Chapter

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., the oldest Greek-letter organization established by and for African-American women in America, was formed in 1908 by nine Howard University students. Led by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, the group formed a sisterhood that has lasted through the years and continues to thrive with each passing day. Alpha Kappa Alpha serves many purposes in today's world, primarily that of being supreme in service to all mankind. In staying true to the aspirations of our founding women, the ladies of Nu Nu chapter at UCSB have made and will continue to make outstanding efforts in community service, high scholarship, leadership, sisterhood and exemplary character.

It is no secret that the women of Nu Nu chapter believe in quality as opposed to quantity in regards to membership. Nu Nu has implemented various services to the Santa Barbara community such as: the Friendship Manor Bike Watch, participating in the Santa Barbara AIDS Walk, clothing and canned food drives, tutorials, literacy campaigns at the Wake Center, in addition to countless awareness panels for the UCSB student population.

The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Nu Nu chapter continue on the path to true community service involvement by expanding our membership with women of high caliber and quality to further enhance the unique bond of AKA sisterhood. Alpha Kappa Alpha represents one of the many positive forces in our lives and society with which individuals, consciously or unconsciously, desire to be identified.

FAITH M. BATTLES

The Pimple On Our Collective Backs

J. Clayton Frech

President Clinton has a self-imposed deadline of Feb. 17 to produce a plan which would simultaneously reduce the federal budget deficit and stimulate the economy. How's he going to do this, you ask?

Well first of all, let's look at the economy. With reported growth of 3.8%, our economy is picking up just fine. Not exactly stellar growth, but we have definitely left the recession in the wake of recovery (except for a lagging California). Do we still need a short-term, make-work economic stimulus?

I don't think so. What is being planned is a \$50 billion increase in public works spending. This \$50 billion is basically just a hairy little pimple on the back of our \$6 trillion economy. It would mostly go unnoticed, except for

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the select few uneducated fellows who might luck into a high-paying public sector job for a year or two. Extrapolating this "stimulus" down to the student's level, it would be equivalent to getting an extra hundred bucks to spend for school next year. You might get a couple big spending nights at the Beach Shack out of it, but nothing to write home about. Let's pray that Clinton doesn't even bother placing the pimple on our back, so we can all save on Oxy-10 cream.

The other task Clinton must deal with is reducing the large and growing federal deficit. This will be much trickier than simply inheriting a recovering economy from George Bush. This is especially true since the stock market is expecting Clinton to hold somewhat close to the last promise he has reneged on, which was to halve the deficit in

four years. After abandoning the idea of a middle class tax cut, the Clinton team is now tossing around the idea of an energy tax to come up with the revenue shortfall.

Although I'm not much of a Clinton fan, I'll be the first to admit that an energy tax is probably a good idea. There are many versions of an energy tax, like a gasoline tax, an oil import fee, a tax based on heat content or a broad based tax either on a percentage of the price or carbon content. If he sticks to the tax related to the carbon content of energy, which Al Gore supports, we could realize many environmental benefits while reducing the deficit. Taxing the amount of carbon released into the atmosphere provides incentives for people and businesses to reduce that amount through energy efficiency. Improved energy efficiency is a good step towards slowing global warming, in case that becomes a serious threat in the future.

Even if you think global warming is an elitist plot by rich environmentalists to condemn the poor majority of the world to hunting and gathering, there are other benefits to a carbon tax. It would reduce road congestion, as gas prices rise and many people choose to drive less. I, for one, will drive less when gas prices hit \$2 per gallon or more. People will also switch to more efficient cars, like they've already done in Europe. Urban air quality stands to benefit also, as people drive (and pollute) less and, more importantly, congestion is reduced (since idling or slow moving cars pollute more than cars driving at normal speed).

Reduce the deficit, slow global warming, reduce traffic congestion and clean up urban air in one fell swoop. Sound too good to be true? Realistically, a carbon tax isn't all peaches and cream. Oil companies might feel profits squeezed, and a few thousand coal miners could be out of work, but the real problem I have with it is that poor people will be adversely affected. The poorest 20% of Americans spend about 21.7% of their incomes on energy, while the richest 20% spend only about 4.1%. Basically poor people will take the biggest hit to their standard of living, while rich people will barely notice the tax and the middle class will pay the

majority of the bill. Clinton has indicated that he would compensate the poor with increased welfare benefits and food stamps. Maybe this would work, or maybe poor people would simply turn off the heat, buy some blankets and pocket the extra change.

I personally would like to see the government try to reduce the cost of housing and food, as a method of compensating the poor. If we rationalize land zoning laws, and allow more houses to be built, the poor would benefit from cheaper housing. Also we could eliminate agricultural tariffs, marketing orders and any other government interference in getting food to the supermarkets. This would bring the price of food down, which would really help the poor, who spend at least 30% of their income on food.

A carbon tax is an idea that has support among environmentalists and eco-

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nomists alike. Once we've decided that burning carbon is "bad," then a tax is a simple way to discourage the activity. Ideally, the carbon tax would offset income taxes (so as not to further inflate Uncle Sam), since earning income is a "good," relative to burning carbon. Unfortunately a combined carbon tax implementation/income tax reduction is not likely given the deficit. Clinton should work into his economic plan a long-term commitment to reducing income taxes once we've done away with the deficit. Given the voter mandate for deficit-reduction, our best option is to get out another roll of red tape in the form of a carbon tax. Let's just hope Clinton doesn't wrap us up in a long-term commitment to bigger government.

J. Clayton Frech is a senior economics major.

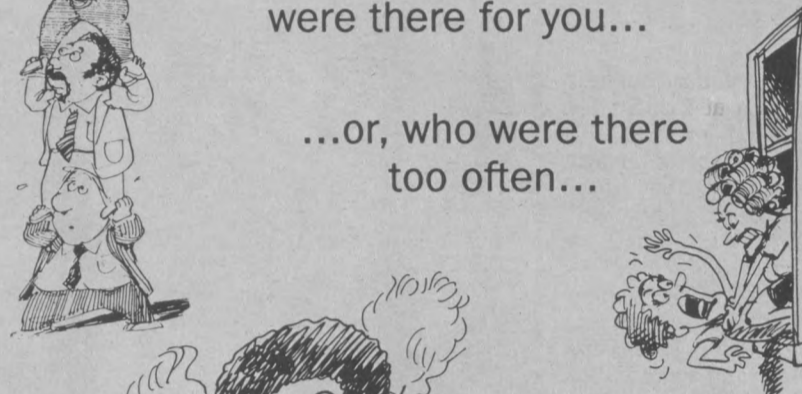
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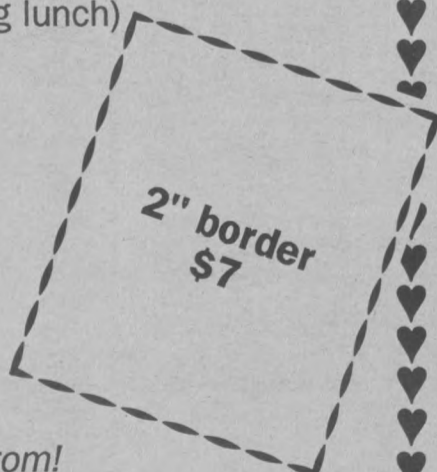
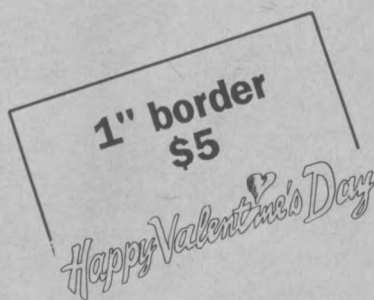
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cus on how racism, sexism and violence are portrayed in musical lyrics, messages and video images.

Although she has not heard an official answer yet, Webber hopes that rap group Arrested Development will be on hand to help her with the second workshop.

"I strongly recommended them," she said. "They have good lyrics and would be a positive role model in discussing views."

Webber was also pleased that there would be a lot of focus on minority groups and cultural awareness at the conference. On Sunday, during the international symposium, participants will be dressed in cultural

clothing.

Now in her second year at UCSB, Webber initially got involved with the STAR program through a sociology class the first quarter of her freshman year. STAR is one of the many peer health education programs offered on campus and has been active since 1980, according to Judy Hearsom, educational coordinator for the Alcohol/Drug Awareness Program at Student Health Services.

The group gives presentations at campus residence halls, sororities and fraternities, and even local high school classrooms. STAR addresses alcohol and drug use, its consequences and the alternatives, Hearsom said.

"But STAR is not a prohibitionist group," she said. "Its main purpose is to educate students about

alcohol and drug use."

Hearsom was contacted last fall by CSAP and was asked to send a student to a planning meeting for the event. She said she chose Webber because she fit the criteria and was a good candidate for the conference.

Webber, who attended the planning meeting in October and was named an "Ambassador of Prevention," was then invited back to Washington for the conference this week, Hearsom said.

"I think it will be a great chance for Lisa to work with other people who all share the same goals," said Darian Blecher, another of STAR's coordinators.

Webber will be able to bring ideas back from the conference while giving STAR more exposure in D.C., Blecher said.

MONTH

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people," said Davis.

AKANKE will be hosting a series of discussions throughout the month. One of the topics they will address will be "The Real Cost of Higher Education" which deals with what Blacks have to give up for the sake of higher education. AKANKE will also have a retreat at the end of February where they will discuss other issues pertinent to the Black community.

The Black Student Un-

ion and 100 Black Men will also participate in this month's celebrations. The highlight for 100 Black Men will be a "blast-from-the-past" movie series, while BSU will be sponsoring a picnic at the end of the month among other events.

"Black people need to recognize where they come from in order to establish where they are going to go," said Sean Breaux, vice president of 100 Black Men and political chair of BSU.

Many people expressed the point that while having a Black History Month is a

good thing it only scratches the surface of the achievements of Black people.

"This should not just be one designated month, it should be incorporated into every month because Black people did not make their achievements in just one month," Washington said.

These organizations and many more will show recognition of African-American achievements throughout the month. The events are open to all who are interested in learning about African-American culture.

RULING

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Court. It will affect lots of groups we fund."

Members of some groups that could be affected by the ruling found it a restrictive measure. "It seems like someone is trying to say that students aren't capable of electing officials who are capable of deciding where their money should be spent,"

said CARAL coordinator Richard Lee. "It's vetoing student power. ... You can't get anything done in politics without money."

The precedent this ruling sets is dangerous, said Joe Allegretti, co-chair of the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Alliance. "It effectively says that students are allowed to choose whether or not they want to be exposed to diversity on campus," he said. "If you want

a University of California education, you should be prepared to encounter views that are different from your own."

"Should students also be allowed to choose whether or not their fees fund the Chicano Studies or Black Studies departments, or political science or economics ... if those departments have instructors who are pushing political agendas?" he said.

WATER

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Barbara and the State Water Project, which will bring water by pipeline from Northern California, she said.

"With the construction of the desalination plant,

rates will be increased on the high-tier level to offset those costs," Anderson said.

Recent rainfall and construction of the desalination plant are signs that the drought is over, Anderson said, but she stressed the importance of continued support for

conservation.

"All indications are that with the recent addition to our water supply and the building of the plant, we are safely out of drought conditions. But we should continue to take the necessary precautions to avoid the waste of such a valuable resource," she said.

COUNCIL

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needs to be reworked," he said. "There's no reason to break the rules when you can change them."

Douglas indicated that due to the immediacy of the trip and failure of fundraising efforts, the trip would be cancelled if the allocation was not reinstated.

"You do have this in

your power, you can bring this up, you can make another vote," Douglas said.

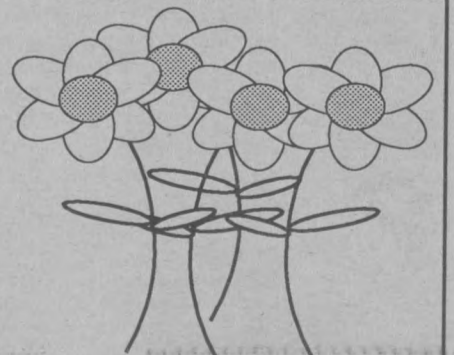
After deciding not to revoke on the issue, Leg Council suggested the group appeal the decision to A.S. Judicial Council, the judicial branch of the government.

Internal Vice President Audra Pratcher spoke angrily at the end of the meeting, embarrassed that the Pre-Law representatives

witnessed what she believed to be an inattentive tone at the council.

She also defended her own performance, citing negative comments she had heard from others about attitudes toward her recent decision to occasionally turn the chairing of meetings over to First Pro Tem Cliff Johnson in order to do outreach and attend other meetings on Wednesdays.

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WEEKEND SPORTS PREVIEW

Lady Netters Get Back to Business, Face CSUF

By Michael Cadilli
Staff Writer

It's going to be business as usual for the UCSB women's tennis team this weekend.

The lady netters take on Big West Conference foe Cal State Fullerton today at 2 p.m. and face Loyola Marymount Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Rob Gym courts. The Santa Barbara squad is coming off a prosperous weekend in which they went 2-1 during three days of competition at Arizona, and hopes to increase the win column by two this weekend.

The Gauchos beat CSUF convincingly 9-0 last year, and LMU didn't fare any better, also losing badly to UCSB. Santa Barbara hasn't lost a

conference match two years running.

"Although we won easily last year, I want to look at this in a business-like fashion," Head Coach Chris Russell said. "No matter what the team you face, you have to play it like it's for a championship."

The singles lineup will have Laura Rutledge at #1, Lynn Coakley at #2, Amelia White in the three spot, Jean Okada at #4, Kelly Spencer at #5, and Courtney Strauss rounding out the sixth slot.

Kathy Peterson, who won a key match in UCSB's win over Rice University last weekend, is missing from the list due to a wrist injury in her right hand. Also banged up is Okada, Peterson's doubles partner, who is playing through the injury

this weekend.

Okada indicated that she has to try not to think about playing hurt and to think positively.

"I have to learn to play with what I have. It's frustrating but in the long run it will teach me that if something's not working that I have to pick up what will," Okada said.

After facing the #10 and #30 teams in the country last weekend, one might think that the UCSB squad will be a bit more relaxed going into these two meets. But sophomore Coakley indicated this is not the case.

"Everyone has been working on staying grooved," Coakley said. "We've been playing more points in singles and doubles than we usually do to stay in match shape."

Lowry Sends 'Younger Guys' to SD Tournament

By Brian Pillsbury
Staff Writer

Three members of the UCSB men's tennis team will head south to take part in the 22nd Annual San Diego Intercollegiate Tournament, which begins today at the University of San Diego.

Though they are not among the starting top-6 in the Gauchos lineup, UCSB Head Coach Don Lowry made the decision to enter junior Gil Monteaux, freshman Andy Joseph and freshman Ryan Radtke in the tournament to give them a little more seasoning and experience playing Division I tennis. Also, some of the regulars in the Gauchos lineup could use some well-deserved rest. Number-two singles player John Fox has been bothered by tendinitis in

his knee and has not practiced much since Monday's victory against San Jose State. Number-three singles player Henrik Rosvall has also been ailing as of late, suffering from a sprain in his back as well elbow problems, while junior Mike Shea has been hampered by tendinitis in his elbow.

"We want to give some of the younger guys a little more match experience," Lowry said. "We may have to use them at some point and they'll need to be ready."

Monteaux is a junior from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and is currently ranked in the top-10 in the men's open division in Brazil. Armed with a powerful forehand, Monteaux needs more experience in order to be a factor for UCSB. Joseph is a freshman from Santa Fe, New Mexico,

and survived one of the toughest walk-on tryouts ever at UCSB after being ranked as high as #6 in the Southwest Tennis Association last year. A freshman from Larkspur, Radtke plays an all-court game and could factor into the UCSB lineup in the years to come.

The three players will face some stiff competition in this tournament. The University of Texas, Rice, Pepperdine, San Diego and a handful of PAC-10 schools all have players entered in the draw. Texas' Anders Eriksson, a top-10 player, will most likely be the #1-seed.

"We played in the Rolex Tournament during the fall, but we haven't played in any of the three matches so far, so this will be a good opportunity to give us some match play," Radtke said.

Northridge Meet a Tuneup for Swimmers, Divers

By Michelle Imperial
Staff Writer

Traveling to Cal State Northridge this weekend for a dual meet won't be the highlight of the season for the UCSB swimming and diving teams, but it will be yet another opportunity to get both the Gauchos swimmers and divers ready for Big West competition at the end of this month.

"I'm focusing more on Big West than Northridge because I don't think we will be challenged by Northridge," UCSB swimmer Tim Gair said. "It is always good to get the practice in before Big West."

The Santa Barbara swimmers

have never had problems with the Matadors, as the Gauchos have always come out on top of dual meet competitions. This weekend should prove no different, as both the UCSB men and women are coming off huge dual meet victories the past few weeks over conference rival UNLV and Division II UC Davis.

"I'm not anticipating any problems, especially because we have always beat Northridge," UCSB Head Coach Gregg Wilson said. "They've got a good coach, but they don't have a very big or strong team."

One problem the Lady Gauchos might run into this weekend is the top distance swimmer for the Matadors, freshman Heather Ballard.

Ballard, who leads the Northridge women's squad in distance events, has set a record best time in six events.

"They always seem to have two or three standout swimmers, and Heather Ballard is one of those standout swimmers that they have on their side," Wilson said. "She is an excellent distance swimmer and our women will just have to contend with her."

Although the Big West Championships are weighing heavily in the minds of many of the swimmers, the upcoming meet against Northridge is very important to many of the swimmers who have set goals for the dual meet season.

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Pimm said. "When Paul's out, Mike [Meyer] will be on him and he'll have to have help. When he starts to drive we need to collapse on him, when he's in the post we need to collapse on him."

The Gauchos have gone 2-1 so far on their road swing, winning at both

Long Beach and Irvine. With the Big West season now halfway completed, the squad will look to up its league mark to an even .500 with a win at the city of sun, sand and sin.

"It should be fun," said center Kyle Milling, one of four UCSB freshmen who will be making their first trip to UNLV with the Gauchos. "They're the best team we've faced all year. We're playing well

right now, so hopefully we've caught them at a good time."

The Gauchos are indeed playing well. After losing badly at New Mexico State, the team came from behind to topple Long Beach State by shooting 81% in the second half and also came back from an eight-point deficit at Irvine.

Although Pimm indicated that the annual trip

to Las Vegas was a serious one, he added that the players and coaching staff would be having fun this weekend.

"I think it's fun," said the 10th year head coach. "I'd rather go during the summer when I can relax, play golf and enjoy Las Vegas. We don't take it as a pleasure trip, we take it as a real business trip, but we do have fun while we're there."

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Men Grateful for Week Off, Host San Jose St.

By Michael Kohn
Staff Writer

This past week has been a godsend for the UCSB men's gymnastics squad.

After fighting illness and injury, the Gauchos have used the last six days off to recuperate. With nearly all squad members now back into competitive form, the team now appears ready to face San Jose State on Saturday in Rob Gym (7 p.m.) with enough force to set a season-high score.

Last weekend saw the 20th-ranked Gauchos split back to back road meets. On Friday UC Berkeley downed UCSB by a score of 272-252. The 252 score was the highest mark UCSB has achieved this season, although it was well short of topping the #3 Golden Bears.

The following night at San Jose the Gauchos nipped the 19th-ranked Spartans in a nail-biter. The 243.2-242.8 score just doesn't get any closer.

"We were behind going into the last event," junior Jeb Brandon said of the narrow win. "Then Reed Lovan gave us a pep talk, and we hit the parallel bars well and won the meet."

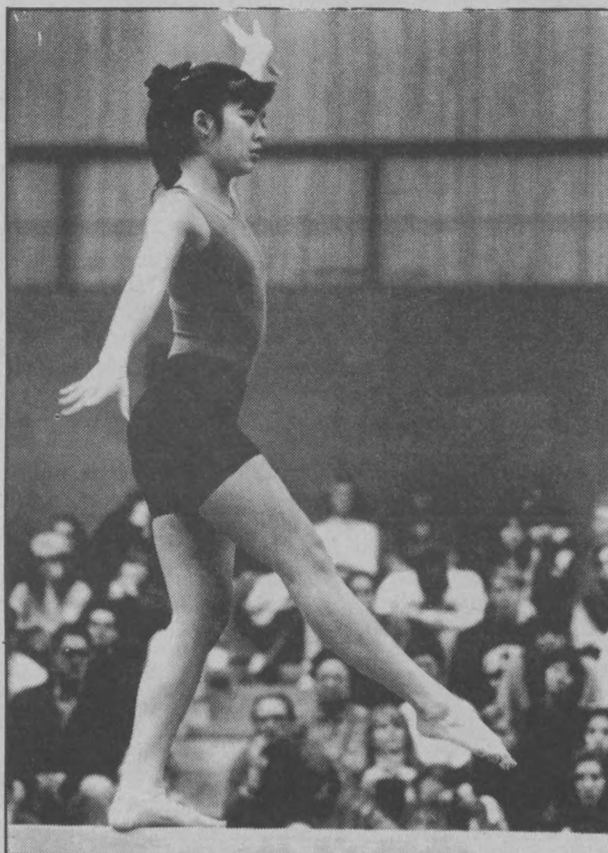
Brandon was the leader among Gaucho scorers as he tallied a 48.4 all-around score. Brandon and team captain Chris Bosso were the lone team members to achieve a nine or better in an event. Brandon received a 9.05 on his floor exercise and Bosso scored a 9.0 on parallel bars.

The Spartans (0-1) will attempt to avenge the heart-breaker tomorrow night as they take their act to Rob Gym. The SJSU squad, composed mostly of upper classmen, is led by senior Chris Swircek. The San Jose all-arounder won four individual events last weekend and his total score of 54.1 earned top honors as well.

"We are coming down to win," SJSU Head Coach Ted Edwards said. "I am sure trying to fire [the Spartans] up for this meet."

UCSB Head Coach Mircea Badulescu indicated that tomorrow's meet will be easier than last weekend's.

GYMNASTICS



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BALANCING ACT: Lauren Yee, one of UCSB's top gymnasts, remains sidelined because of injury.

"We are very determined to hit our best meet of the season, and to score a minimum of 260," Badulescu said.

UCSB's Reid Holbrook indicated that this should be a more relaxed event, as it will be a dual meet with the women's squad. Holbrook, who scored a much needed 8.55 on the rings at San Jose, did not practice for the better part of the week due to sickness. Badulescu indicated that the sophomore will most likely be limited to two events this weekend.

Women Face Pair of Weekend Opponents

By Julie Hursey
Reporter

Fans of gymnastics will be able to see the Gaucho squad in action this weekend, as the UCSB women's gymnastics team will host meets Friday and Saturday at Rob Gym.

The competition begins tonight at 7 p.m. when the women compete against Texas Women's University, the top-ranked Division II squad, as well as Sacramento State. Tomorrow at 7 p.m. the fun continues in a coed meet with the UCSB men against Texas Women's University and UC Davis, ranked second among Division II squads.

Meanwhile, the Gauchos are currently ranked 18th nationally after beginning the season at #35. The fact that the squad has managed to jump up so far in the rankings after only four meets has impressed even Head Coach Tim Rivera.

"We are not just doing gymnastics," Rivera said. "The girls here do a lot of big things like they do on television."

Emily Tripiano, Melody Jones and possibly Dana Faircloth will be competing all-around for UCSB. With Lauren Yee still absent due to an injury and Sarah Lucas not competing in the floor exercise, the women will have extra yardage to make up.

Yee, the squad's top all-arounder, broke nearly every school record last year and was an emotional leader for the squad.

"We're going to struggle without her," Lucas said of Yee.

Despite the numerous injuries plaguing the team, the consensus among the athletes is that the weekend meets will be good ones. According to Jones, the team is gaining momentum because this is the first home meet of the season.

"I'm excited because our presentation in meets has improved consistently and we are always doing better," Jones said.

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Cont. from back page Saturday and lefty Mike Wolger on Sunday. The Toreros will counter with a trio of sophomores during the series — right-

hander Pat James on Friday, southpaw Travis Burgus on Saturday and righty Mike Saipe in the finale.

According to USD Head Coach John Cunningham, his squad — which defeated Cal Poly

Pomona 13-7 in its only game of record — has suffered with lack of practice time because of the recent rain, and added that pitching will definitely be a key this weekend.

"We're looking at [the

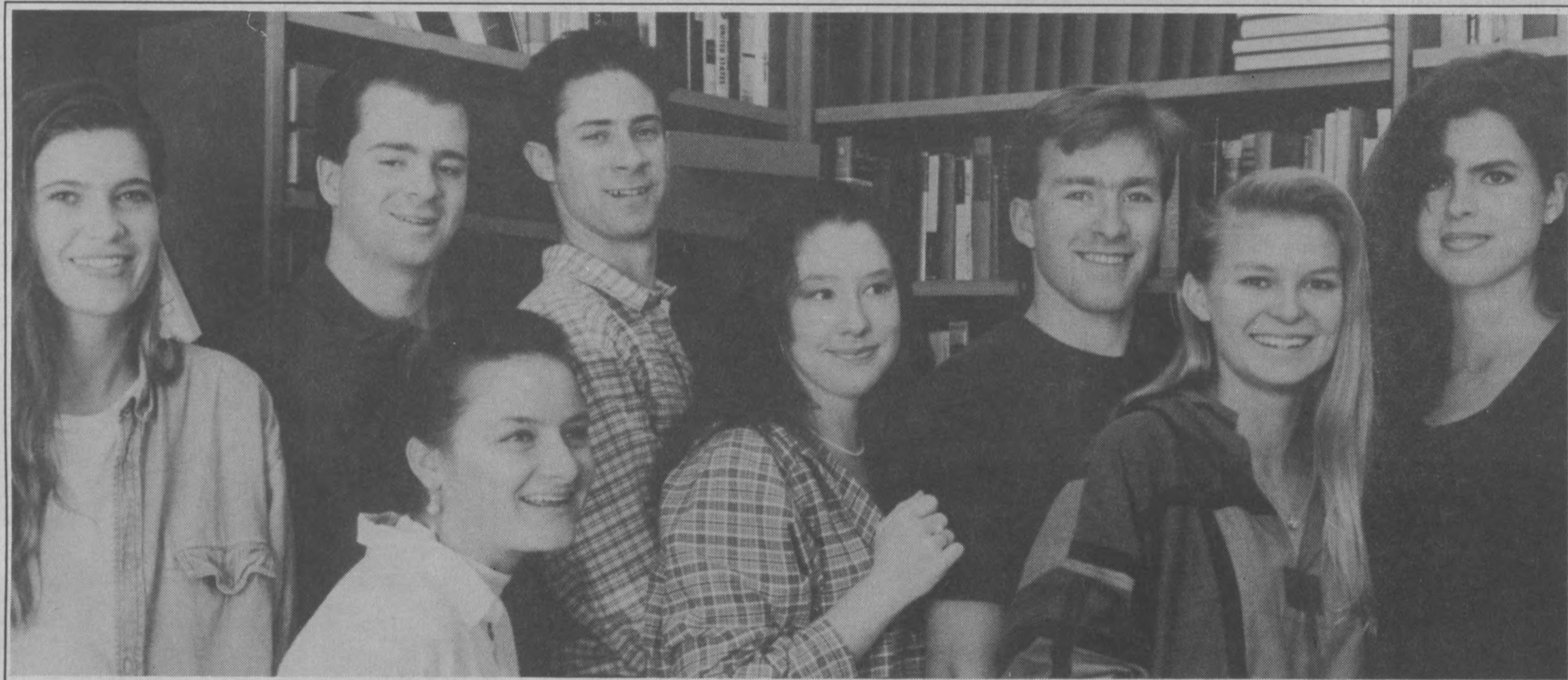
Gauchos] as the best team in the country at this point in time because the last time we played, they were superb," Cunningham said. "We know Santa Barbara is always a team that is good. They can swing the bat, they run the bases

and Al does a good job with them. I hope we're ready."

While no squad is in top form in early February, UCSB first baseman Chris Johnson explained that the Gauchos are slowly

rounding into shape.

"Everybody's still going to get better," Johnson said. "People are starting to develop again and people are starting to get back on track. There's a lot of nerves the first week, I think."



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UCSB at Las Vegas to Face #10 UNLV

By Scott McPherson
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's basketball team has gone through Las Cruces, Long Beach and Irvine during its current four-game road trip, and tomorrow the squad will travel to the toughest Big West city of them all: Las Vegas.

The Gauchos and Runnin'

Rebels will square off at UNLV's Thomas and Mack center Saturday at 8 p.m. (KCSB-FM, 91.9). The game will be the first meeting of the year between UCSB (11-6 overall, 4-5 Big West) and conference-leading Las Vegas (14-1, 7-1), which is currently ranked 10th and is led by first-year Head Coach Rollie Massamio.

"They have good talent, good quickness, good speed and a very good style of play for the quickness and speed that they have," UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm said of the Rebels. "They

change defenses continually through the game, and they do that to keep you off-balance and also to get some turnovers and keep the ball from going inside."

UNLV features the 4th-highest-scoring offense in the nation, averaging 92.6 points a game heading into last night's contest at Pacific. The Rebels' main man is forward J.R. Rider, who leads the Big West in scoring with 28.9 points a game and tallied over 30 in six consecutive games last month, including a 40-point night in a win over Georgetown. Rider also leads

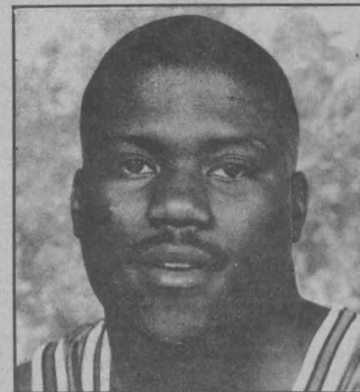
UNLV with 8.6 rebounds a game.

"He's a [NBA draft] lottery pick in my opinion," Pimm said of Rider, the leading candidate for Big West Player of the Year honors. "With his strength, his size and durability, he is really hard for one guy to cover."

Pimm added that his squad will need to help out the Gaucha players that will guard the UNLV star.

"Paul Johnson will start out [guarding Rider], getting help,"

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J.R. Rider

UCSB Women Stomp Nevada Wolf Pack

By Jason Masini
Staff Writer

Getting back on the right track was the foremost thing on the mind of the UCSB women's basketball team after losing to UNLV last Saturday. Thursday, the team accomplished its mission.

The Gauchos (10-8 overall, 8-2 in the Big West) crushed the University of Nevada, 76-49, last night in the Events Center using an incredible 43-17 first half advantage and some hot shooting from sophomore Anna McConnell.

McConnell scored a career-high 20 points, most of them coming on outside jump shots. In a 10-minute span from the end of the first half to the opening minutes of the second, McConnell took advantage of the Wolf Pack's zone defense and drained eight straight jumpers.

"They played zone on us the whole second half and we just reversed the ball a few times and they were leaving her wide open," said freshman Sasha Scardino.

"I thought we came out with some nice defensive intensity," UCSB Head Coach Mark French said. "We wanted to come out and re-establish our feeling of dominance defensively. I liked our intensity — we scored 30 points off the fast break and I think that, whoever we're playing, if we can play with that intensity and be aggressive, we have a chance to be a real good basketball team."

Losers of eight straight, the Wolf Pack (1-13, 1-9) dressed only seven players for last



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THE HOT HAND: Sophomore Anna McConnell scored a career-high 20 points Thursday during UCSB's win over Nevada.

night's game, and two of Nevada's best players did not make the trip. Tiffany Shaw was ill and Kelli Dufficy, along with reserve forward Katie Meier, were suspended for the game after missing curfew during last week's trip to Hawaii.

Nevada was forced into 17 first-half turnovers and shot just 28% from the field. More importantly, the Gauchos shut down the Wolf Pack's main gun, senior forward Ann Barry, for most of the game. Barry came in averaging 16.2 points per game and tallied only nine points against the stingy Santa Barbara defense. However, she did pull down a game-high 16 rebounds.

UCSB used a 15-0 run early

in the first half to extend an 8-5 lead to 23-5. Besides McConnell, senior point guard Cori Close was also putting up some impressive numbers, scoring 14 points and adding eight assists to her Big West-leading total.

Nevada did try to make it interesting in the second half. After the Gauchos had pushed their lead to 33 points at 60-27 with 11:52 remaining in the game, the Wolf Pack went on a 15-2 run while Santa Barbara was experimenting with a couple of different defenses. French got tired of what he was seeing and quickly changed back to the normal man-to-man defense, and Nevada never got any closer.

Softball Team Travels South to Visit 14th-Ranked CSUN

After opening up the season in San Luis Obispo against Cal Poly this week, the UCSB softball squad will be on the road again this weekend to take on the #14 Matadors of Cal State Northridge.

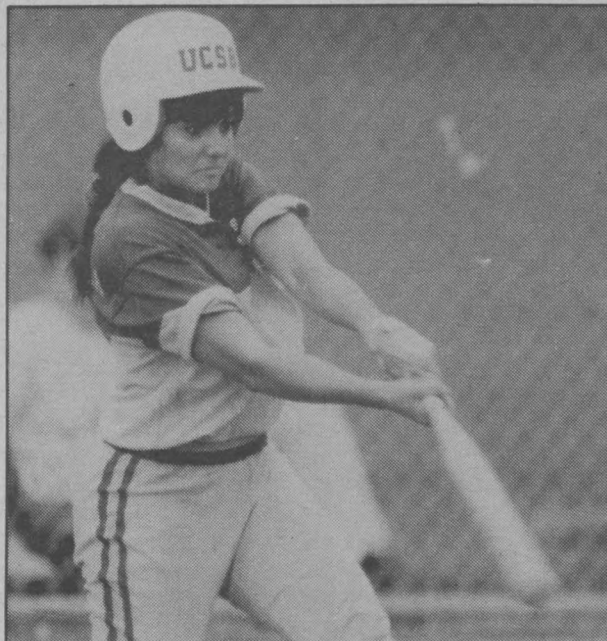
"We know that Northridge is really tough, but we feel really good about the opening games against Cal Poly," UCSB Head Coach Sandy Pearce said, referring to her team's split at San Luis Obispo Wednesday. "We are just looking to play our game and basically need to work on pulling everything together."

The Santa Barbara sluggers split their doubleheader last year with the Matadors, and many of the members of the team look to this matchup with the Northridge team as a serious nonconference rivalry.

"We are very competitive with Northridge because many of our team members have personal relationships with their players," Pearce said. "We think this is what makes things so much fun for both teams."

By playing a team of the caliber of the Matadors this early in the season, the UCSB squad is able to get tuned-up for tough conference opponents such as Cal State Fullerton and UNLV.

"We know this is going to be a tough game, but this weekend will be a very good warm up for our team," Pearce added. "Northridge is very sound fundamentally and this is what we face in our conference."



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BACK IN THE SWING OF THINGS: Krissy Kyriazis will help lead the UCSB offense at Cal State Northridge.

The Gauchos will be starting Becca Berline on the mound in the first game and will probably either go with Margo Melendrez or Stacy Atwood in the twilight game.

—Michelle Imperial

Sluggers Have History on Their Side vs. USD

By Rob Carpio
Staff Writer

If history repeats itself, the UCSB baseball team should have an easy time with the University of San Diego in this weekend's three-game nonconference series at San Diego.

The last time these two squads met, the Gauchos cruised to a 12-0 victory in 1990. While the Toreros of USD (1-0) have traditionally not been as strong as Big West squads, UCSB Head Coach Al Ferrer feels that pre-season competitions are mere tune-ups for the more significant conference games which begin in mid-March.

"The important thing is that we get better all the time and that we're learning," Ferrer said. "Since I've been here, we've had tremendous pre-seasons and a couple of mediocre league seasons, [and] we've had some mediocre pre-seasons and just dominating conference seasons. There's no question about which one's better. Dominating conference is what makes it all worthwhile."

UCSB (1-2) will start right-handed senior Armando Delsi on Friday, sophomore right-hander Steve Lane on

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