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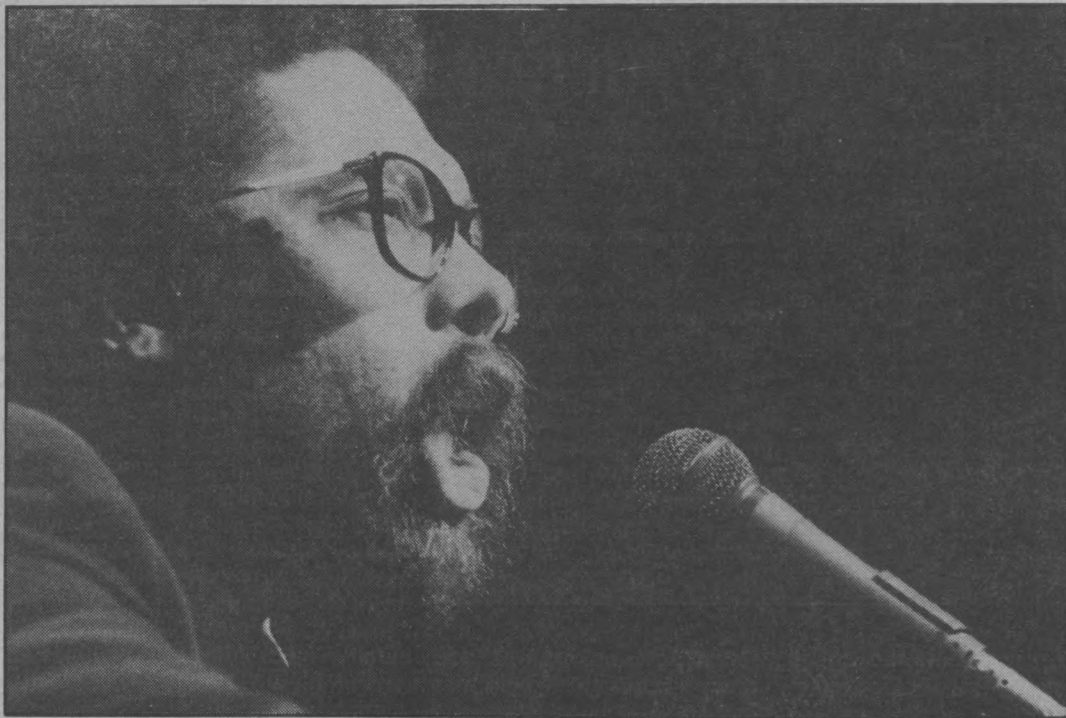
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## Call for Courage



## Renowned Author Speaks on Race Issues

By Rachel Howard  
Reporter

Analyst and scholar Cornel West called on a full Campbell Hall audience Thursday to overcome the absurdities of categori-

zations based on race by remembering their traditions of struggle.

West, a Harvard professor and author of the best-selling book *Race Matters*, advised minority audience members to identify themselves not by their "racial

selfes," but by their shared histories of perseverance.

"Our tradition ... is a tradition of struggle. And this tradition has the audacity to claim that we still can make the world a better place," he said.

West repeatedly criticized what he called American "hotel civilization" as blocking progress in race relations, claiming the country usually takes comfortable stances on race issues rather than look frankly at problems.

"All of us are caught in a market culture," he said. "Non-market cultures like love, caring and service to others are pushed to the margins."

West called on his audience to consider difficult racial questions.

"To talk about race in America is to talk about what?" he asked. "To talk about the problem of evil."

West said the political scapegoating of blacks exemplifies the irrationality of race categorization. "How does it feel to be the fleshification of a problem?" he asked, adding that blacks have been "cast as problem people instead of people with problems."

The grandson of a minister, West is heavily influenced by the Baptist church. Campbell Hall

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Harvard professor and author Cornel West, known for his passionate speaking style, addressed race relations to a packed Campbell Hall Thursday night. Photos by J.E. Anderson

## Program Aims to Open Office Space for Departments

By Tim Molloy  
and Yier Shi  
Staff Writers

A plan to create the only new space for some departments in nearly three decades and bring several buildings up to earthquake codes will enter its \$10.3 million second phase next year.

The plan will move some departments and services to the new Humanities and Social Sciences building and the Student Affairs and Administrative Services building; it will also reshuffle the locations of remaining disciplines. This will create the first new office space for some departments since 1970, according to Martha Levy, director of Capital and Physical Planning.

"This project goes back in and reassigns ... space released by departments relocating to HSSB and SAASB," Levy said.

Roughly 30 departments and services will be affected by the plan, according to Office of Budget and Planning projections.

The plan will mean an increase in space for Ellison, Girvetz, Snidecor, Phelps, North and South halls, according to Juan Beltranena, campus planner.

"Each and every department will see an increase in space," he said. "It will be a chain process in which space will be created by various departments moving out."

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## Professors to Vote on UC Affirmative Action

By Colleen Valles  
Staff Writer

A philosophy professor's recently approved petition will allow all campus faculty to take a stand through the mail on the UC's controversial rollback of Affirmative Action, as well as governance of the system.

Organizers are uncertain when professors will receive the mail ballots, which they hope will enable the Faculty Legislature to gauge opinion on the UC Board of Regents' July 20 decision to end race and gender considerations in admissions, hiring and contracting.

The Faculty Legislature, a group of faculty representatives within the larger Academic Senate, passed a resolution Nov. 2 against the regents' vote, citing support of Affirmative Action and a belief that the board flouted their opinions on the decision, violating the University's tradition of shared governance.

But on Jan. 25, philosophy Professor Nathan Salmon moved to open up the resolution to all campus faculty through a mail ballot. The Legislature tabled the motion.

Salmon, who opposes the Legislature's taking a stand without full faculty input, said tabling the motion prevented necessary opinion-gathering on the controversial resolution.

"I do think that the Legislature spoke in the faculty name on a highly contentious issue, then rejected a bid to let the faculty speak for themselves," he said.

Although tabling typically kills a motion, a petition to put the resolution to all faculty brought it back, according to Academic Senate Executive Director John Douglass.

"Twenty-five members of the Academic Senate can ask that this issue be brought to a full mail ballot," he said. "That petition was filed with, I think, 37 signatures."

Without a secret mail ballot, Salmon said Jan. 25 that the Faculty Legislature's resolution could not credibly speak for all campus faculty, and was inconsistent with their demand that the regents consider the "judgment and will" of the people it represents.

Now that the petition has obtained enough signatures, Academic Senate faculty will soon be able to vote on the resolution, according to Eduardo Orías, Academic Senate Election Committee chair.

"What happens now is faculty on the pro side and on the con side will be asked to submit arguments," he said. "These will be sent to the entire faculty along with the exact wording of the

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## Ecological Concerns Raised by Destruction of Oil Rigs

By Peter Sansom  
Staff Writer

By summer's end, the coastal waters between Santa Barbara and Carpinteria will be clear of four dormant offshore oil rigs, set to be removed after more than three decades in operation.

Called an "eyesore" by some, four Chevron platforms in the Santa Barbara Channel will be removed by August. Nicknamed Heidi, Hope, Hazel and Hilda, the giant structures have been out of operation for at least two years, and now the daunting task of removing them is all that remains, according to Andy Culwell, vice president of special projects for American Pacific Marine, Chevron's chief contractor for the dismantling effort.

"We will be taking the structures apart and making sure we use precautions to protect marine life in the area," Culwell said. "We are using a ... technique that involves sound that will ward off sea lions and that sort of thing."

Most of the work will be done by huge cranes on barges, but the oil rigs' legs will be destroyed by explosives placed below the mudline, according to Culwell.

While environmental activists are pleased with the structures' removal, some fear the disman-

ting process could be harmful to the environment and hope the company will take adequate precautions.

"It is probably not that safe, but there is nothing you can do about it," said Bob Sollen, offshore oil policy coordinator for the Sierra Club. "The explosives are definitely the most environmentally upsetting part."

To minimize the strain on the environment, Chevron will not use the explosives until summer to avoid the winter whale migration, according to Culwell.

Also, a helicopter will fly around the area to chase away whales and other mammals sighted within 1,000 feet.

Jason Olson, Measure A campaign director for the campus chapter of the California Public Interest Research Group, said the removal is a positive step toward a cleaner coastline.

"It's great, especially if they are not producing any more oil," he said. "As far as I am concerned, they are a major eyesore and the platforms basically litter the coast."

Another concern over the removal is air pollution created by the large machinery, according to Sollen.

"Most of the equipment that

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# HEADLINERS

## Tethered-Satellite Mission Takes Off Into Space

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Seven shuttle astronauts blasted into orbit Thursday to attempt a space age version of Benjamin Franklin's kite experiment — unreeling a satellite on the end of a 12.8-mile cord.

*Columbia*, carrying an international crew, rose from its seaside pad at 3:18 p.m. and sliced through a hazy sky.

"Arrivederci, au revoir, auf Wiedersehen and adios," shuttle commander Andrew Allen said. "We'll see you in a couple of weeks."

On Saturday, in a risky maneuver, the crew will reel out the satellite and try to generate electricity from the half-ton metal ball and its slender cord as they sweep through Earth's magnetic field at five miles per second.

The same U.S.-Italian experiment flopped four years ago; the tether jammed on the reel and the satellite got no farther than 840 feet from the shuttle, producing hardly

any electricity.

All known problems — most notably a protruding bolt on the reel — have been fixed this time.

The astronauts had a scare a few seconds into the flight. A caution light in the cockpit came on, indicating one of the three main engines wasn't providing enough thrust. It

pilot, Scott Horowitz.

If the engine had malfunctioned, the crew probably would have had to attempt a dangerous return to the launch site, something that has never been done.

About 600 European guests were on hand for the launch, including Ferdinando Salleo, the Italian

Scientists hope to generate 5,000 volts of electricity with the tethered satellite and produce some 1,000 watts of power as current flows down the tether to *Columbia*.

Electron guns on the shuttle will shoot the electrons back into space and thereby close the electrical circuit.

"We're going to work and discover the properties of electricity in space very similar, very analogous to Benjamin Franklin sending up the kite with the key at the bottom," Allen said.

The hardest part — and most dangerous — will be the release and retrieval of the satellite. The crew has guillotine-style cutters on board, as well as giant scissors and, if all else fails, a hacksaw to cut the tether.

Among the scariest scenarios: a tethered satellite swinging like a wayward pendulum, bobbing like an out-of-control yo-yo or whirling like a skip rope.

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Arrivederci, au revoir, auf Wiedersehen and adios.

Andrew Allen  
shuttle commander

turned out to be a faulty reading, and Mission Control assured Allen everything was fine after maybe a half-minute of worry.

Later, Mission Control told the crew that the flight controller watching the main engines was "trying to get his heart collected again."

"Tell him to join the club," replied *Columbia's*

ambassador to the United States.

The four Americans, two Italians and one Swiss on board will unreel the satellite nearly 200 miles above Earth. For two days, the ball is supposed to soar above *Columbia* on the end of the tether, which looks like a white boot lace and is made of copper, nylon and Teflon.

## VOTE: Opinions Sought on Senate's Resolution

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ballot."

Faculty discussion about the ballot will follow, according to Orias.

"We plan to hold a town hall meeting to discuss issues about the mail ballot and what the mail ballot is all about," he said. "The final step will be actually mailing the ballots to the faculty."

Once the votes are tallied by the Election Committee, the results of the faculty's position will be sent to Chancellor Henry T. Yang and the Academic Council, the University-wide faculty group, according to Douglass.

"It has no binding power," he said. "It's a statement of position, [but] it's still an important element."

Academic Senate Chair W. Douglas Morgan believes the mail ballot and the resulting position are important because they will enable faculty to consider the Legislature's resolution and the issues it addresses.

"I think the importance is it does give all the faculty the ability to vote on something the Legislature passed," he said. "It'll give us a chance to discuss shared governance. ... Because it was linked to the Affirmative Action resolution the regents passed, there's strong feelings out there."

Salmon, who agreed to write the con argument for the ballot, would like to see a sufficient faculty voter response.

"I just hope a clear majority of the faculty vote," he said. "We might face a lack of participation. I hope the president and regents get a sense of how the UCSB faculty feel on this."

While Salmon expects wide agreement on the issue of shared governance, he is uncertain of the response to Affirmative Action. "I think there's a real question as to how it will go on preferential treatment," he said.

Sociology Professor Richard Flacks believes the faculty will concur with the Legislature's decision.

"There might be something healthy in having the faculty vote on this," he said. "I am confident that when people understand the policy about Affirmative Action that was in place ... and shared governance, they will vote to affirm what the Legislature did originally."

Of other campuses with Faculty Legislatures that took stands against the decision, two have agreed to open their resolutions to the faculty, according to Douglass. Fewer than half of UC San Diego's faculty participated in the recently completed vote, but 57 percent of those voted in favor of their Legislature's actions, Douglass said. UCLA is in the process of voting.

Salmon stressed the importance of including the faculty in the ratification of the resolution.

"This is a time of crisis for the University, so I think it's important that the process be democratized," he said.

## WEST

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took on an almost congregational atmosphere as West delivered a sermon-like oratory. Dramatic pauses drew laughter at some points and emphatic vocal agreement at others.

Many audience members found West's ecclesiastical style as affecting as his message.

"I was fascinated at how he was able to get in so much information in a style that was lyrical and

poetic," said sociology Professor Richard Appelbaum.

Sophomore political science major Nakeisha Cole also appreciated West's speaking style and delivery.

"He was very candid and to the point," she said. "He got to the heart of the issues."

West's directness struck other listeners as well.

"What he said was totally telling the truth, but I think the style in an academic setting was unique," said Santa Barbara

resident Joan Tanner.

Although the lecture was presented as part of the UCSB Arts and Lectures "Struggle for Equality" series of events on Affirmative Action, West kept his comments on the issue brief.

"It's important not to make a fetish of Affirmative Action and not to ascribe magical powers to it," he said.

Appelbaum concurred with West's decision to sideline the controversial issue.

"I agree we shouldn't overemphasize the importance of Affirmative Action," he said. "I think that his most important message was that life is a struggle, and that history is a struggle."

West ended his discussion with a call for courage.

"But more than courage, we need a sense of hope. But by hope, I by no means mean optimism," he said. "There's a difference."

## CHEVRON

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will be used is diesel, so it will create some temporary ... pollution," he said.

Before the effort can begin, the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District must grant a permit allowing Chevron to start the removal process. Chevron expects to

receive the permit by April.

In the future, more and more oil rigs will be removed as coastal reserves run dry, according to

Olson.

Oil wells usually last about 30 years, and these four rigs have been around since the late 1950s and early 1960s, according to Sollen.

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## Weather

This has been the longest short week I can remember.

For some reason I had become accustomed to thinking of winter in Santa Barbara as being a season known primarily for its annoying rain and the occasional flood. I had forgotten that the real winter experience around here is gorgeous sunshine for the golf tournament TV cameras to beam across the frozen north (I presume, at any rate, that the only reason to watch golf on TV is to see good weather on the box when there ain't none outside). Gorgeous sunshine in that the rays of light coming down are unobstructed — tempered by the reality that the rays of warmth coming down are being blown away by the bone-chilling breath of Boreas.

In other words, enjoy the scenery as revealed in its glory, but wear your mittens or don't expect anybody to be welcoming your touch on their flesh. (And wouldn't that just be too bad?)

On another front, while attempting to check up on the completion the I-thought-they-only-built-wings-onto-things-that-flew humanities building I discovered that the university has found a new way to deter trespassing. It's called "leaving the fire alarm on all day," and it works!

Lo: 39. That's not a misprint, as you probably felt last night. Hi: 63. Clear skies should be holding through the weekend, but there's a chance of morning fog. I plan to sleep late, myself, but be advised.

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## Bands to Rock the Vote at Anisq' Oyo' Concert

Capping a weeklong drive to register voters on campus and in Isla Vista, Associated Students and the Yes on Measure A campaign are sponsoring a Saturday concert in I.V. to raise political awareness among students.

The event, to be held in Anisq' Oyo' Park, will feature several local bands, vendors and guest speakers in an effort to get students registered to vote in the March 26 primary election before the Monday deadline, according to Geoff Green, event organizer.

"It's basically the big push at the end of the week to get people registered to vote," he said.

Candidates for the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors are also expected to speak to students and help increase the voter rolls, according to Green.

"All of the 3rd District have been invited," he said. "So far, we know Gail Marshall and Grace Florez will be there to speak."

Marshall and Florez are facing off against Willy Chamberlin and Carol Anders for the seat of the 3rd District,

which includes I.V.

Religious studies Professor Walter Capps, the Democratic candidate in November for the 22nd District House of Representatives seat, is also scheduled to appear. Capps intends to help students register and plans to officially announce his support for Measure A, the Voter Approval initiative on the March ballot, according to Bryant Weineke, Capps campaign coordinator.

If passed next month, Measure A would require certain new oil and gas developments approved by the Board of Supervisors to be put to a vote of county residents.

"It's a good opportunity for him to show he supports environmentally protective measures," Weineke said. "But it's still important to get students registered — for the democratic process itself ... and to get students starting to vote so they'll vote when it becomes even more critical in November."

—Michael Ball

## REMODEL: Plans Include Building Renovations

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The departure of several departments from Ellison Hall will mean more space and new facilities for the Film Studies Program, according to Chair Charles Wolfe.

"We'll gain some new offices and an additional screening room," he said.

The new screening room will be the size of three combined offices, according to Wolfe. The addition will benefit the department because smaller classes will no longer need to use the large Buchanan Hall screening facilities, he said.

"Our main goal as a de-

partment is to gain the Buchanan classrooms," Wolfe said. "These rooms are much desired on campus. We want to use them for large classes."

Current space limitations mean some departments have offices in three different buildings, according to Beltranena. Each department's offices will be physically close under the new plan, he said.

"One of the main goals of this project is to consolidate all the departments so that their offices can be united," he said. "What you might have is some departments spilling over to

another floor on a building, but there will always be a connection."

The plan will also involve bringing five of the six buildings up to California earthquake codes. State standards now rank all of the buildings except Girvetz Hall as "poor" in weathering quakes, according to Levy.

"[They] now have a seismic rating of 'poor' and they'll be moving up to 'good,'" she said. Ratings are based on how easy it is for people to leave buildings during severe earthquakes, Levy added.

But voters in November could hinder plans for the

earthquake renovation.

Most of the \$10.3 million for the project will come from the state, if voters in November pass Prop 203, which would give a total of \$28 million for seismic renovations on campus, according to the Office of Budget and Planning.

While roughly \$934,000 has gone into planning the renovations, some \$9,383,000 from Prop 203 monies is still needed for construction equipment, according to Levy.

"If the proposal doesn't pass, the construction funds are in jeopardy," she said.

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# OPINION

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—Groucho Marx



## Forced Out

Utahan High School Board Bans All Clubs to Disband One

### Editorial

All high school Bible club meetings have been canceled in Salt Lake City, Utah.

And not only has the Bible club been shut down, but the chess club, the ski club, the Latino club, the Frisbee club and every other after-school club. The mass cancellations stem from the Salt Lake City Board of Education's efforts to curtail the existence of a single group, the Gay/Straight Alliance, a gay and lesbian support system formed last December.

The school board voted 4-3 to ban the club, but to do so, it had to outlaw *all* after-school organizations immediately to avoid violating the federal Equal Access Act. Now, with the start of next fall's school year, there won't be any after-school clubs permitted throughout the entire system.

While many Californians may chuckle at those "crazy Utah people" for taking such drastic action in order to ban a group started by a single high school senior, the situation reveals a frightening reality. This rash paranoia in Utah illustrates the lengths to which some will go to suppress homosexuality, and the fear it engenders in a large portion of America.

A growing conservative movement is rolling across the country, and many groups in its way are becoming endangered.

Although it has officially existed for only little more than two months, the Salt Lake City high school club has ignited controversy all across Utah — from rural neighborhoods to the state Senate, which considered passing its own resolution against the club if the school system did not.

Regardless of the fact that organizing a homosexual club should be a constitutional right, to ban all clubs for the sake of one is ludicrous. In this case, the Utah school board had to forbid all clubs because the Equal Access Act prohibited it from denying a particular club the right to public school facilities. Ironically, this act was created in order to protect the ability of Christian Bible clubs to use the facilities. Now, those very same proponents have done away with all groups to curtail the one they don't like.

After-school clubs in high school provide students with a sense of identity, and to eliminate all clubs can very well cut out the heart of the educational community. To do away with any club, and certainly all of them, is only a short-range, gut reaction to what the board sees as a problem.

By banning all clubs, the school board has opened the door to other problems. For one thing, it will likely spur divisiveness between the homosexual community and greater society. Homosexuals could very well be blamed for causing the ban on all clubs.

What the Utah school board has contributed to its adolescents' social environment is not moral sanctity but prejudice and hatred. Hopefully, the few who started the club in the first place will continue their efforts to create change, even in the face of such overwhelming resistance.

While seemingly ridiculous, the drastic measures taken by this school board do not reflect an uncommon attitude. Those working for tolerance cannot but take it seriously, as a movement to "restore" cultural values is gaining momentum.

## At Any Rate

Nick Robertson

The idea first came to me, as many of my best ones do, on a drunken Thursday night. After making a few calls, I had managed to find a lightly attended Red Wolf keg and was enjoying the fruits of my labor on the front deck of a Sabado Tarde hovel when it happened.

About eight or nine students, wearing funny hats and all playing various acoustic instruments, trooped down the darkened street playing whatever came to mind. It was obvious that some of them were good musicians and that some had no experience whatsoever, but they were all contributing to a great sound with no reservations over how they looked or what others thought of them.

It was great. Various stray dogs had joined the procession along with other late-night beer hunters, who twirled sticks and clapped in time with the haphazard tunes. For a few moments I wondered if this was actually happening; spontaneous public outbursts haven't been common in Isla Vista since its much more creative and acid-drenched days during the '70s.

But sure enough, the revelers were real, and had soon passed on toward other I.V. horizons. Although their traveling impromptu gathering was far from organized, the spirit behind their display motivated me to think of why something this simple had moved me so much. They represented an aspect of our seaside ghetto that is missing, and their solution was perfect.

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## The Reader's Voice

### Answer Me

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing this letter in response to the seawall debate currently circulating around Isla Vista (Daily Nexus, "Despite Dwindling Debate, Seawalls Still Controversial," Feb. 20).

There are so many questions surrounding this controversial issue. The first that

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comes to mind is "Do the cliffside property owners have the legal (if not ethical) right to construct such an extensive eyegore (the length of I.V.!)?" I do not understand how property rights can extend to ridding an entire community of sandy beach. Is it ethical or legal to construct such a structure to scar an entire cliffside view?

Environmental experts have testified to the uncertainty of this attempt to stop cliff retreat. In other words, the seawall barrier may not even be effective in saving the Del Playa property. I would like to know if the owners' property rights can justify this extensive, massive alteration of the natural seaside environment that countless com-

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



# I.V. Parade Would Be Perfect

Isla Vista needs a parade. Think about it. Our little town is unique within the UC system in being small, heavily populated and totally severed from the rest of society. We can develop and embrace any culture that our collected energies create, but right now, *I.V. has no culture.* Well, that's not totally true; there

forget just how many other people are out there. We have no one day when all of us can feel free to hoof it through town with our friends and interact in the spirit of a community.

Once, we had Halloween as our chance to come out in full force and express our individuality as an Isla Vistan. But after thousands of people came in from out of town to join the fun, the cops ended the festivities with the skill of a Saudi Arabian executioner. Now, Halloween is the last day when anyone would want to express themselves in the street, as 11 bored peace officers would quickly

could range from elaborate attire to total nudity.

A sound unlike any other would fill the air as the live music interweaved with stereos blaring Rick Derringer. Crowds would amass on

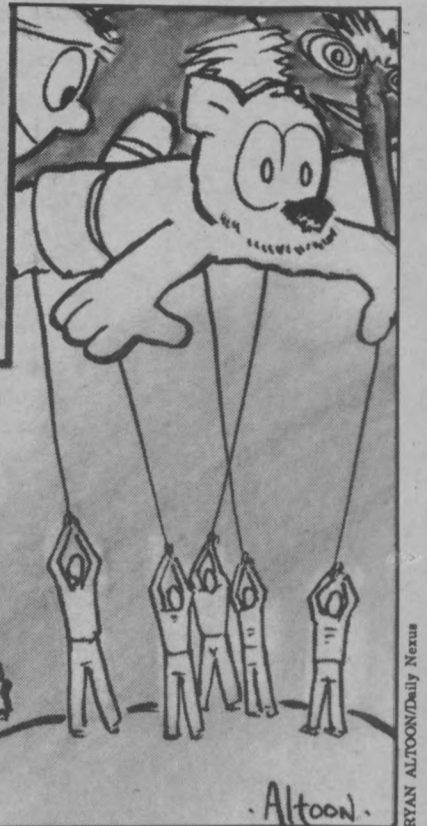
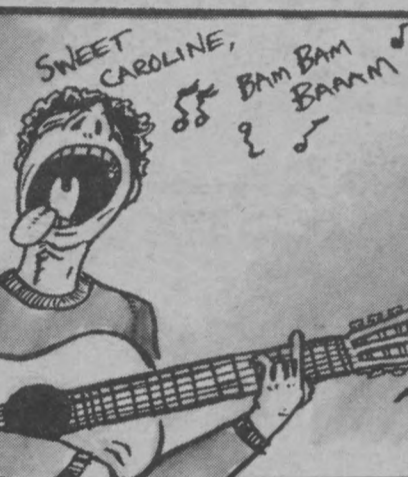
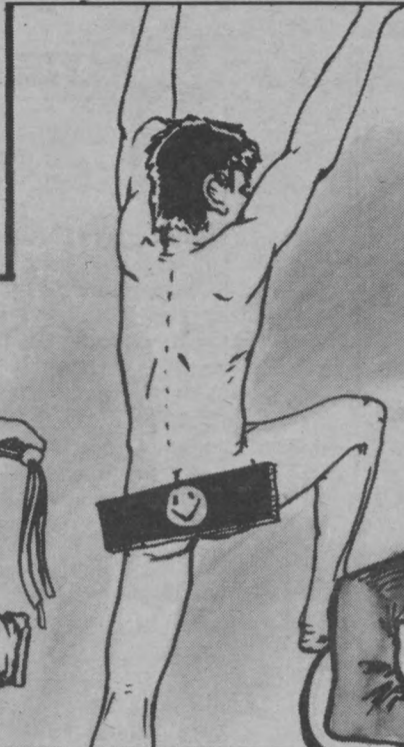
that?

Of course, we could approach this from a more organized angle. We could register certain groups to perform in the parade and cordon off specific roads so the festivities could move along expediently and with no conflicts from observers. But why would we want that?

Santa Barbara's Fiesta, one of the most inebriated and inspired annual celebrations on the West Coast, started out the same way that I propose we start an I.V. parade — drunken, disorderly and driven by spirit. We don't need organizers to figure out the most efficient way to

However, this is the most integral part of the parade — no matter how we do it, people need to abandon all

and practice routines to your favorite Frampton hits! I didn't write this column to put forth an impossible hypothetical situation — *this can actually happen.* All we need are a few thousand cases of brew and the will of the people.



are many small cultural communities in Isla Vista, but for the most part they stay pretty well contained within themselves. What our town needs is a day when we can all hit the streets and express whatever we feel like saying, through music, costumes, a political message or even a smile.

Too often, we Isla Vistans get so caught up in our little circles that we

apprehend the reveler with deadly speed and accuracy.

So let's pick a new day (preferably a late spring Saturday just after midterms) when we can all dress up, grab a drum and walk down Del Playa for everyone to see. People with a message to spread can wave signs promoting their cause. Makeshift floats could be constructed using papier mâché and a pickup truck. Costumes

the driveways and patios bordering the streets to watch the moving show, as early afternoon kegs were tapped and steaks were thrown on the barbie. Those who didn't walk in the parade would be just as involved observing it, singing along with whatever songs they knew and joining into the mobile crowd after a few beers had lowered inhibitions. Can you think of anything better than

fear and join the celebration. If everybody expects other people to do it or is too busy "being cool" to be seen with the masses, no parade will ever develop, and the few diehards who were willing to change this community will look like fools.

So please, if you think this is a good idea, start talking about the parade with friends and spread the word! Get your roommates together

At any rate, feel free to write in if you are interested in starting this up, or at least walking in the parade. Lord knows I'll be there dancing up a storm in celebration of my belligerence, so c'mon down and join me! Don't you think it's time we made I.V. a real town?

Nick Robertson is a Nexus opinions editor.

## Opinion

ty members enjoy who not live on cliffside Del or who do not have an interest in that property. The second major question the Nexus article did not address is "Who will pay for the lengthy barrier against the property?" Will the property owners themselves? I believe the answer is no. Most of the cost will come out of taxpayers.

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Or an eyesore? Do you want to pay for this abstraction of the natural processes of the ocean and the intertidal system? Do the people who are not cliffside residents want to pay for a bad property and a last-ditch effort to save a mistake?

am not opposed to the proposed seawall project in order to punish the owners of the Del Playa property. This is an "anti-development" project. I just believe in the right of nature to be unobscured and the rights of Isla Vista, and of future Isla Vista residents, to have a beautiful and nice walk on the beach.

KRISTIN EBERWEIN

# Professors Need to Remember Those They Are Paid to Teach

Sam Garchik

Now, I love school as much as the next guy. I go to class (mostly), do a little bit of homework and study for tests. You know, all the things that are pretty much expected of me.

And like most students, I wouldn't consider myself a huge fan of what people refer to as "the system." In this context, the system is academic life, which seems to dictate that what is taught in classes be as far removed from any sort of reality as possible. Professors have seemed to rise to this paradigm.

By agreeing to come here, we sign a contract with the state of California. We, as students of UCSB, are expected to pay about 4,000 bucks to the school. In return, we receive an education. In that sense, the system is set up more like a store than a public high school, which we can attend for free. There is a higher echelon of managers and administrators whom we never get to meet and because of this, our sole interaction with the salespeople of the Great American Dream, called the College Education, is with the professors, who in a normal business would be the salespeople.

But it seems few if any students are converted to the academic life. Professors repeatedly state that they are not here to entertain us. At times it even seems that they might even go so far as to punish us via report cards. That's not how I would like to see the ideal educational experience, and I don't think people realize that just a few minor changes could make our world that much better.

First of all, teachers need to be great communicators. I've taken many classes in which the teachers speak at a level incommensurate with the students' ability to comprehend verbal communication. Perhaps this is a symptom of my poor grammar and English skills, but more important, I believe it is a symptom of the professor's academic background. Teachers, I implore you: We are not people with college degrees, we are people who are trying to get them. Speak English, clearly.

Second, teachers need to show up to their office hours. I can't name a professor, even ones whom I've liked in every respect, who has shown up for office hours consistently. Because this is the only time that we can talk to them, it is mandatory that they do so.

Furthermore, teachers need to know what to reasonably expect from their students. They should understand that we are not necessarily as interested in their topic as they are, and they should make amends to remedy that. A final, a midterm and two papers totaling 15 pages are a little overdoing it for a four-credit class,



especially if the teacher is woefully unprepared for his subject, as is the case in one of my classes this quarter.

Finally, teachers need to do their homework, and I'm not just talking about academic research. We spend hours doing their assigned reading, often from books that have been written by them. We spend hours in class taking notes on things we know we will forget the second the ink dries. We spend hours studying for midterms and finals and researching papers we care nothing about. The least professors could do is to make sure that their lectures are fluid and comprehensible. This is more important than you think, and it is the main difference between professors who have been around for years and professors who are new.

Perhaps some support system needs to be established that will help freshman and sophomore professors get acquainted with teaching. Something must be changed about those novice professors who think that they can enter a classroom, throw around some work, toss out some rhetoric about the topic and then think they can walk away while we kids acquire some good knowledge.

The best and most experienced professors of mine have: 1. shown me aspects of this university that I wouldn't have seen otherwise, 2. given lectures that are clear, structured and easy to take notes on and 3. taken subjects that I know nothing about and care nothing about and made them interesting.

Star professors constantly relate their lectures to clear, central themes of their course. Because these individuals take a personal approach to teaching, I will walk out of a classroom thinking, "Wow, I've actually learned something today."

I'm sick of going off to class and sitting in a room with a teacher who thinks he knows more than I do, entitling him to put us down for being poor students because we aren't doing his boring-as-all-hell reading. Who thinks that his 15 years or whatever of academic research entitles him to give me a test that is more of a check to see what I haven't done for him lately? Who thinks that he can talk to himself for an hour and 15 minutes and that I'm going to find him brilliantly interesting?

I can't make the threat that I will take my business elsewhere. Hell, I shouldn't have to. I wouldn't stand for this behavior from a salesperson, and I shouldn't have to suffer the indignity of being treated like this by someone with a Ph.D.

Sam Garchik is a Nexus columnist.

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**YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE**  
BY LINDA C. BLACK

★ **Aries (March 21-April 19).** You'll be a little less on edge today. That should make your workday go more easily. The results could be quite profitable. You're especially charming right now, and that should help if you've ruffled anybody's feathers recently. Kiss and make up.

★ **Taurus (April 20-May 20).** You should be in a fine mood today. Do something nice — for yourself! A gathering with friends around lunch-time should be especially productive. You'll get lots of good ideas for solving a problem. Go to a favorite place for dinner tonight.

★ **Gemini (May 21-June 21).** All the stuff you didn't have time to do yesterday now demands your attention. If you can't handle it all, say so. They may be able to make other arrangements. An excursion tonight could be more expensive than you had hoped.

★ **Cancer (June 22-July 22).** Today's as easy as yesterday was tough. Celebrate by joining a few pals for lunch. Seafood overlooking water would be perfect, if you can arrange it. Later, split costs with a friend to get something you both want.

★ **Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).** Go along with a strong authority figure's wishes today, especially if you want to keep your job. Sometimes you get to call the shots, but probably not right now. It's back to the old drawing board. Find a way to cut expenses.

★ **Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Things should be much easier for you today. You might even get a new opportunity. It's because you've done such a good job lately. Travel's favored today and tomorrow. Take a little jaunt to celebrate having made it through a tough week.

★ **Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Work hard today; you need the money. If you haven't already started saving toward a big domestic purchase, do that now. It may take a while, but you can do it. For more immediate gratification, make a date with a person you love and hate.

★ **Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll be more effective today if you're working with a partner. That may be difficult, however. The two of you are coming from very different perspectives. Enlist an impartial third party to act as referee. A Pisces could do the job.

★ **Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** It's time to get serious. Your job demands your full attention today, so no more goofing off! A co-worker can also give you some good advice, if you'll listen. A Taurus can help you save money and get something you want for the home.

★ **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Things should mellow out today, thank Heaven! Something that seemed terribly significant yesterday may fall into a different perspective. That's because you're less tense. Ignore what went before, and relax with a romantic dinner in your favorite setting.

★ **Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Be careful first thing this morning, at home. Something that's stuck could cause an overreaction, and even breakage. The rest of the day's much easier, although you still may have to contend with a stubborn roommate.

★ **Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20).** You should be able to see more clearly today. Consult an expert about career options. With a little more training, you might qualify for a much better position. A visit with friends tonight could be downright inspirational.

★ **Today's Birthday (Feb. 23).** By the end of March, figure out what you need to learn to get where you want to go. In April, love could take up all your spare time, and then some! Make your scholastic commitment by May. Push through with the program all year; it'll be fun. Tests come in December, with a possible promotion, too. Celebrate in January with a group excursion. A dream may come true by next February, in a way you never expected.

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# UCSB Sluggers Boast 9-2 Mark in 1996

By Curtis Kaiser  
Staff Writer

By combining powerful hitting, solid pitching and fundamentally sound defense, the UCSB baseball team has raced out to its best start in 12 years.

With a 9-2 mark in the young 1996 season, which includes two wins over Santa Clara University and a victory over Pepperdine University, the #29 Gauchos have also moved into *Collegiate Baseball's* national rankings for the first time since 1990.

Santa Barbara will put its ranking on the line when it takes on the University of San Diego Toreros (2-6) this weekend at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium. Wet field conditions have forced the teams to push today's game to Saturday, when the squads will play a doubleheader starting at noon. Sunday's game will begin at 1 p.m.

No current Gaucho was on the squad in 1990 — the last time UCSB was nationally ranked and reached post-season play — so understandably, there is some enthusiasm among the players.

"It's very exciting," said junior starting pitcher Jorvic Salazar, who has struck out 16 batters in 17.2 innings this season. "I wish we could have played UCLA [Wednesday] to further prove ourselves. It's a great feeling to

know what we're capable of doing and to see how others do it."

However, Salazar (1-1, 3.06 ERA) makes it clear that the team won't be resting on its laurels.

"Just because we're ranked doesn't mean we're a great team. We still have to play hard and pull together as a team to win," he said.

The Toreros, who have won 18 games to the Gauchos' 20 in the all-time series between the two teams, have gotten off to a slow start this season due to some bad pitching.

The squad does boast a relief ace in Brian Springer (two saves, 0.63 ERA) and a couple of solid starters in Chad Halliburton (3.00 ERA) and Brian Mazone (4.05 ERA), but there isn't much good news after that. Spot starters/relievers Ben Bubeck (0-2, 13.50 ERA) and Juan Garcia (0-1, 16.62 ERA) have been especially hard hit.

The Toreros do feature a fairly solid offensive attack led by Garcia (.625 in eight at-bats), who doubles as a pinch hitter, Kevin Schraam (.414) and David Wright (.375). USD's lineup features almost no power, however, as the team has combined for only two homers and holds an anemic .329 team slugging percentage. The Gauchos, on the other hand, have blasted 15 homers and boast a .514 team slugging percentage.

## Softball Update

Trying to extend a two-game winning streak, the UCSB women's softball team will compete in its first Big West Conference game today, as the Gauchos travel south to take on Cal State Fullerton.

Santa Barbara (3-5 overall) is finally starting to get its bats going, tallying 13 hits in the last outing. Leading the way at the plate for the Gauchos are juniors Danelle Lovetro and Michelle Ray and senior Stacy Atwood.

Lovetro currently leads the team with a .375 bat-

ting average, while Ray is second with .348. Atwood, coming off her best game of the season, ranks third in batting at .333 while leading the team in runs (3), doubles (2), RBI (3) and slugging percentage (.542).

"We definitely have to score some runs — it's the name of the game," said UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly. "We have been swinging our bats well lately and there's no one on [Fullerton's] pitching staff that we can't hit."

—Alex Nugent

## Sports Events

The UCSB women's gymnastics squad travels to the Bay Area this weekend to compete against San Jose State at 7 tonight and against Stanford University on Sunday at 2 p.m.

The men's gymnastics team will be in action against UC Berkeley tonight, then will cross the bay to challenge both Stanford and San Jose State on Saturday. Both meets are set for 7:30 p.m.

The UCSB women's wa-

ter polo team will take to the pool Saturday, as the Gauchos match up with UCLA in Los Angeles at noon. The Bruins won the UC San Diego Tournament last weekend, in which Santa Barbara lost four of its five contests.

Both the UCSB men's and women's track and field teams will compete in the Northridge Invitational on Saturday. The all-day meet will be hosted by Cal State Northridge.

—Brian Berger

## UCSB Women's Tennis Weekend Home Matches

The UCSB women's tennis team has proven it can beat top 20 schools this season. The question is, can it attain similar success against less imposing teams in Division I?

The Gauchos (5-7) play host to UC Irvine today and San Diego State Saturday; neither team is ranked.

Unranked Santa Barbara is coming off two straight victories against top 20 schools. The Gauchos defeated #20 University of San Diego last Thursday and #13 Brigham Young University the previous Thursday to gain some confidence.

But prior to the two top 20 victories, the Gauchos had held a 3-7 record, with most of the losses coming against unranked teams.

Santa Barbara seems to have a tendency to play to the ability of its opponents, meaning that when it plays lesser teams, it sometimes sinks to their level. Kirkwood is weary of that label.

"We'll see in the Irvine match [if that's still true]," Kirkwood said.

—Steven Large

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tic Conference — on a winning note.

"I felt we could win; there was still time. We got down eight, but there was still time if we got two at a time. We had to make some baskets and we did," said SJSU Head Coach and former UCSB Athletic Director Stan Morrison. "I would like to keep a relationship with UCSB and play, but the fact that I was the athletic director here has no extra meaning. It's all about trying to get to Reno, that's all — nothing more, nothing less. I'm sure it's the same thing for Jerry [Pimm]."

The Gauchos made only one basket in the final 6:20 of play, while San Jose nailed four jumpers and two free throws down the stretch.

"It really puts a lot of pressure on you when you cannot stop the other team. We did not stop the other team one time down to the wire," Pimm said.

UCSB shot a solid .491 from the floor behind Flick's 21-point performance, including 5-for-10 from three-point range. Three other Gauchos also scored in double figures — sophomore forward Kealon Wallace (12 points) and senior guards Phillip Turner (10) and Lelan McDougal (10).

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scraping out a win or by other teams losing, the Gauchos will still need to gain some intensity that just seems to be lacking right now. Traditionally, it has been the teams with momentum that have accomplished anything in the tournament, and at this point UCSB would be lucky to get past the first round — that is, if Santa Barbara makes it to the postseason.

The Gauchos will have to come out strong in Saturday's game against University of the Pacific. They will need to play as if it

were the final game of the year and as if a win will clinch them a spot in Reno, where the tournament will be played.

If ever there was a game that UCSB will simply have to dominate, this is it. Because if the Gauchos don't, they will have to face conference leader Long Beach State in the last game of the season that could very well determine whether the Gauchos will stay home and study for finals or pack their bags for the Biggest Little City in the World.

Hopefully, it won't come down to that, but with the way things have been going for the squad, anything is possible.

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## UCSB Slips to Spartans in Thunderdome, 69-66

■ Gauchos Hope to Rebound Saturday vs. UOP

By Michael Cadilli  
Staff Writer

Paul Simon may have been referring to the UCSB men's basketball team when he sang: "Slip-sliding away, slip-sliding away, the nearer your destination, the more you're slip-sliding away."

The Gauchos dropped the fourth of their last five games Thursday night to the San Jose Spartans, 69-66, in front of a sparse 2,347 in the Thunderdome. The defeat hurts Santa Barbara's (11-13 overall, 8-8 in the Big West) chances of reaching the conference tournament in Reno, Nev., in March.

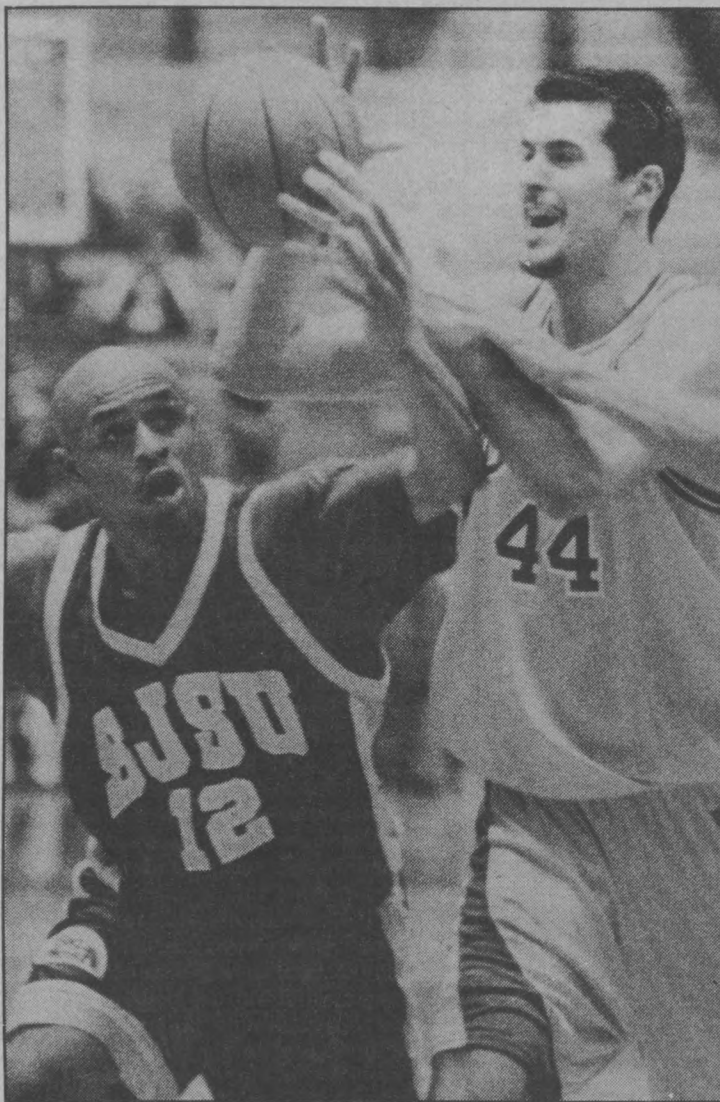
"It's a tough loss because we were competing for one of the top two positions, and now there's a possibility that we could drop out of the top six," said senior forward Mark Flick. "We have to do everything in our power not to let that happen. We need to win our next two games and make sure we get into the Big West Tournament, because that's the key to our season right now."

UCSB will take on the University of the Pacific Tigers (12-11, 8-7) at 7:30 p.m. in the 'Dome Saturday and, by losing to SJSU (8-15, 7-8), the Gauchos have put themselves in a must-win situation.

Santa Barbara led 64-56 with 6:20 left in the game, when the Spartans took control by going on an 11-2 run, using their inside play to get second-chance put-backs.

"Offensive rebounds, offensive rebounds, offensive rebounds and offensive rebounds, that's what happened. Too many offensive rebounds — no question about it," Santa Barbara Head Coach Jerry Pimm said sternly. "They got too many second shots. That killed us. They went and got, and I give them credit."

With 1:24 left in the game, San Jose guard Marmet Williams missed a layup, but got his own miss for one of 19 offensive rebounds and put it right back in to give his team the lead, 67-66. UCSB had a chance to take the lead, but Flick's long-range attempt rimmed off with just over a minute on the clock, sealing the Gauchos' fate and sending off the Spartans — who are moving into the Western Athle-



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**FIRST!:** Senior forward Mark Flick (right) battles San Jose's Tito Addison for a rebound. The Spartans won the battle of the boards 39-31, 19 of which were offensive.

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## Will They Stay or Will They Go?

Chris Oyama

If the UCSB men's basketball team doesn't reach postseason play, it will have nothing to blame except its recent play down the stretch.

The team has gone 1-4 in the last five games, losing three of them by fewer than five points. Thursday night's 69-66 loss to San Jose State was typical in a series of games that the Gauchos could've, should've, but didn't, win.

Santa Barbara led practically the entire game, but costly turnovers and lack of rebounding once again hurt the team. The Spartans grabbed more than twice as many offensive rebounds as UCSB (19-8) and simply out-muscled the Gauchos in the inside paint. UCSB did shoot a higher percentage from the floor, .491 to San Jose's .426, but during the last seven minutes Santa Barbara was outscored 15-4, not exactly characteristic for a team that needs only one more win to reach the Big West Tournament.

But even if the squad makes it to the tournament, either by

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## #5 UCSB Kicks Off Weekend Homestand Spikers Hope to Roll Over Waves, Cardinal

By Jenny Kok  
Staff Writer

Trying to stay on the winning track, the #5 UCSB men's volleyball team will have to come up big this weekend, as it hosts in Rob Gym #6 Pepperdine University at 7:05 tonight and #4 Stanford Sunday at 5 p.m.

The Gauchos (6-3 overall, 6-2 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) know they are fully capable of winning both matches this weekend, but the question is whether or not they

can do it without their two starting middle blockers, Amaury Velasco and Robert Treahy.

"Velasco sprained his ankle, so he'll be out this weekend, and Treahy is questionable with a strained knee," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "We'll just have to try to put something together. Doug Hughes and Bob Hefty will definitely be starting in the middle."

Although the loss of Velasco and Treahy may seem like it couldn't have come at a worse time, Hughes and Hefty are coming off their strongest perfor-

mances of the year. At Loyola Marymount University on Tuesday, Hefty, only a sophomore, led UCSB at the net with 10 blocks while pounding out 11 kills at .321. Offensively, Hughes, a senior, set the pace for the Gauchos with 16 kills at a .500 clip, while notching eight digs and eight blocks.

"Hughes and Hefty really came through at Loyola," Preston said. "Now we just have to take this weekend one game at a time. We know what Pepperdine is capable of. They've had a tough time so far, but they're a good team. [George] Romaine is back in the lineup and as far as I'm concerned, they've got one of the best hitters in the league in Kevin Barnett."

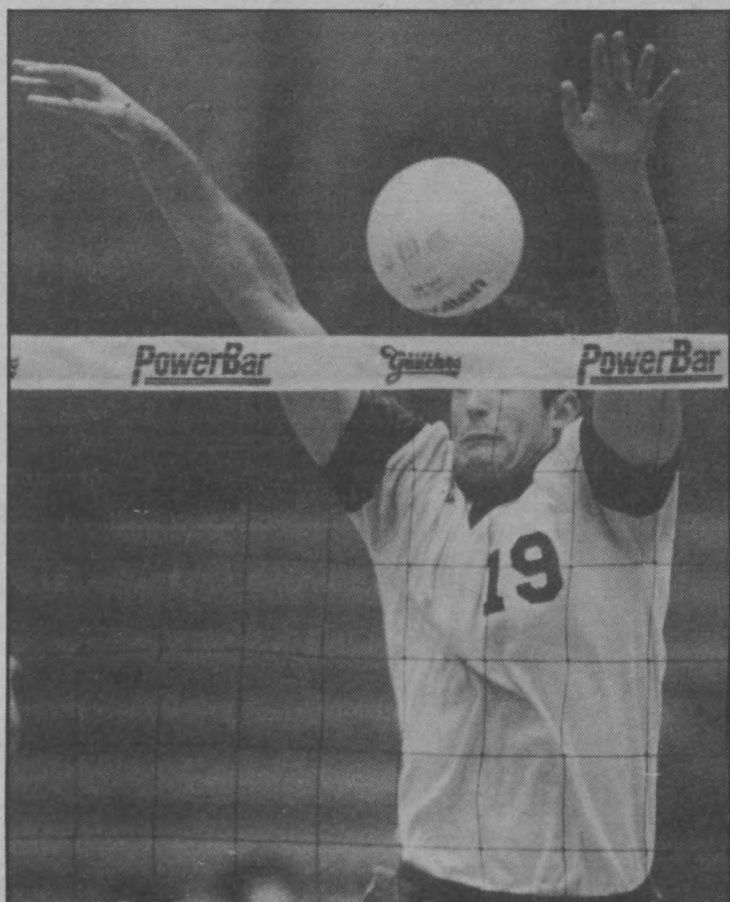
In league play, Barnett is averaging 7.93 kills per game, second best in the MPSF. Defensively, he also leads the Waves (6-4 overall, 1-3 MPSF), averaging 1.54 digs a game.

The Gauchos certainly know what Pepperdine is capable of, having played the Waves Jan. 25, but UCSB hasn't seen Stanford (7-1 overall, 6-1 MPSF) yet this season.

"Stanford is one of the biggest teams out there," Preston said. "I know they have some of the best talent in the league, but I'm not sure who's on the court when the match starts yet. We'll just have to see what happens."

Brian Moore and Matt Fuerbringer are the heavy hitters for the Cardinal. Fuerbringer averages 5.5 kills per game to lead the offense and adds 1.7 digs per game on defense. Moore pounds out 4.8 kpg and is an all-around leader on defense, averaging 1.2 digs and 1.5 blocks per game.

"If we can keep our heads in it, we can come out on top this weekend," Preston said. "We need to keep the ball on our side of the court and play our game."



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**HEADACHE:** Usually middle blocker Rob Treahy gives the opposition headaches, but will be sidelined with a knee injury against Pepperdine and possibly Stanford as well.

## UCSB Women Sit Atop of Big West, Look to Control Its Destiny This Weekend

By Brian Berger  
Staff Writer

Sitting alone atop the Big West Conference standings and riding a nine-game win streak, the UCSB women's basketball team seems to have everything under control.

After defeating the University of Hawai'i last Friday night in the Thunderdome, Santa Barbara earned a tie for the league's top spot. However, after an unexpected Wahine loss to Long Beach State on Sunday, UCSB grabbed sole possession of first place, a spot it has not held all season.

With just three games left in the 1995-96 regular season, the Gauchos (19-5 overall, 14-1 in the Big West) have the advantage of controlling their own destiny, on the road to the team's first regular-season conference title since 1991-92. This weekend, however, two of the conference's tougher opponents will look to dethrone Santa Barbara.

UCSB visits the University of Nevada-Reno (8-14, 5-9) tonight and will take on University of the Pacific (14-9, 9-5) Sunday.

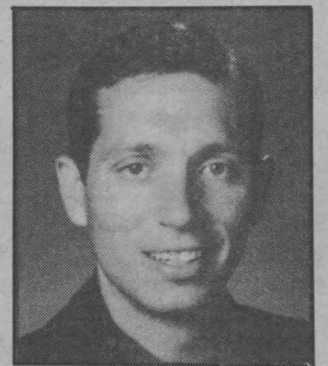
"For combined competition, this is our toughest trip," said UCSB Assistant Coach Tony Newnan. "Hawai'i and New Mexico [State] are tougher places to play, but these are our toughest back-to-back."

The Wolf Pack, tied with UC Irvine for the sixth and final tournament slot, struggled earlier this season against the Gauchos, falling to Santa Barbara 69-52 in the Thunderdome. Junior forward Katrina Crenshaw paced UNR in that

matchup, scoring 24 points and grabbing eight rebounds as she single-handedly kept Nevada in the game.

"We have to work on controlling what Crenshaw likes to do," Newnan said. "We obviously can't stop her from getting the ball, but we can prevent her from doing what she wants with it."

Sunday, UCSB faces the tougher task of taking on UOP in Stockton. The Gauchos have won four of the last five against the Tigers, including a



Tony Newnan

74-57 victory Jan. 26.

UOP's offense is dominated by the play of its frontline, which has punished conference opponents all season. Junior center Kate McAllister leads the attack with 18 points per game. The last time UCSB and UOP met, the two-time Big West Player of the Week connected for 21 points.

Although Santa Barbara has been playing near-perfect basketball in recent weeks, winning 17 of its last 18, the squad is not taking things lightly.

"We're not concentrating on last year," said senior forward Lauren Goldstine.