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Wolf Pack Never in the Hunt Against UCSB in Thunderdome

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Staff Writer

Sheep in wolves' clothing.

On Saturday evening, the Nevada Wolf Pack was shepherded and then slaughtered as the UCSB men's basketball team outplayed, out-hustled and out-shot the sheepish Pack in an 89-65 landslide victory at the Thunderdome.

The Gauchos (5-10 overall, 1-3 in the Big West) earned their first Big West win of the season after scorching the nets on 48.3 percent shooting from the floor and 47.8 percent from behind the three-point line. In contrast, Nevada (4-11, 2-2) shot only 39.3 percent from the field and 23.1 percent from three-point land.

Senior guard Erick Ashe was the hot hand for the Gauchos, as he exploded for a career-high 27 points on 8-16 shooting and 6-11 from behind the

arc. Ashe also dished out a game-high six assists.

"I just kept on shooting it and it started falling for me," said Ashe, who started off the game missing his first four shots. "After I hit a couple of shots, it just starts feeling good and I keep on shooting."

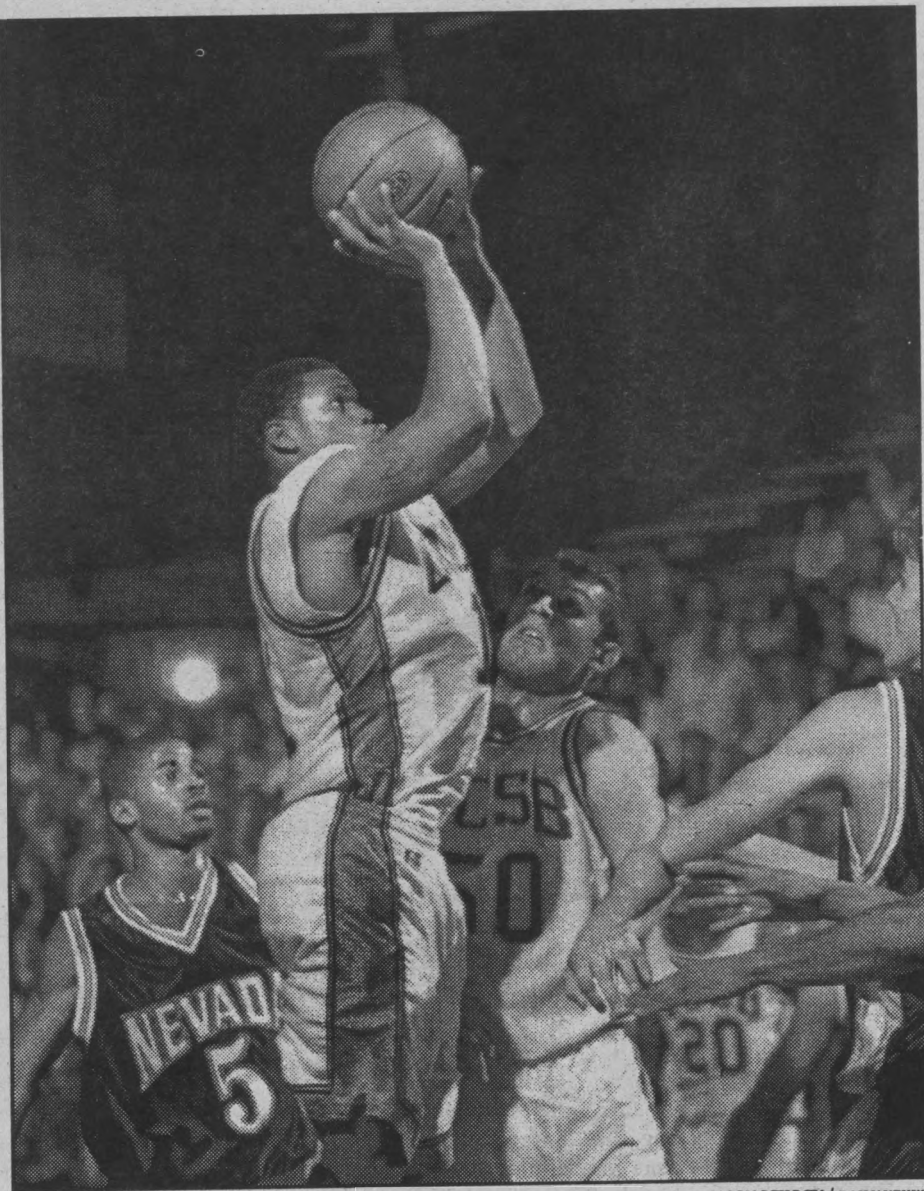
Santa Barbara got off to a quick start in the first half, as it made its first three baskets to go up 6-0 in the first two minutes of play. Then, down 19-15 with 6:58 left to play, the Gauchos caught fire and made a run past the Pack. Junior guard Brandon Payton hit a jumper to take the Gauchos to 19-17 and then Ashe connected on his first three of the game to put the Gauchos ahead 20-19 with 5:57 left to play. From that point on, Santa Barbara never looked back. With 2:56 left in the half, Ashe connected on his second three-point bomb to put UCSB up 30-23. Ashe was not done from behind the arc however, nailing two

more treys before the half-time buzzer sounded. UCSB led 38-29 at the half.

"I thought we played very, very hard tonight," UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams said. "What I'm probably most proud of is the fact that we came out, scored quick buckets early ... We stayed relentless, we just kept attacking and finally the bucket opened up a little bit. Erick caught on fire and hit four threes."

In the second half of action, Santa Barbara showed no signs of letting up and continued its deadly shooting. Ashe opened the half by connecting on another three. Freshman forward Mark Hull then caught the bug from his teammate and went a perfect 4-4 from three-point land - three coming in the second half. Hull finished the game with 19 points and seven rebounds after starting at the power forward position instead of

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CLEAR THE LANE: Senior guard Derrick Allen had four points, seven rebounds and five assists in the UCSB men's basketball team's 24-point rout of Nevada Saturday night.

Gauchos Too Much for Canadians

By BRITTANY LANGAN
Staff Writer

Aside from Moosehead beer and fine bacon, Canada is not known in America for its great imports, and the Manitoba volleyball team is no exception.

The UCSB men's volleyball team (2-0 overall, 1-0 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) sent Manitoba (6-4) back up north with a four-set loss, 15-3, 12-15, 15-4, 15-7 in an exhibition match Friday at the Thunderdome.

"We played well," freshman outside hitter Brian Nordberg said. "It was a big win for us considering we didn't know anything about them. They are a big, physical team with smart hitters. We came out strong and jumped on them."

Manitoba might be threatening to some teams with its size, but the Gauchos showed no fear on the court when they came out and took the first game, 15-3.

"They were huge," senior setter Blake Cantrell said. "We had no specific game plan. We came out strong and blocked a lot of balls. Even though we didn't match them in size, we came out playing solid."

But, Manitoba didn't let the loss get them down, battling back for a 12-15 win in the second game.

"We had a lapse," sophomore setter Britt Galang said. "We let them get back

into the game and they came back and beat us. We need to work on putting the other team away. We didn't have a killer instinct in the second game."

Killer instinct or not, UCSB silenced Manitoba in the next two games 15-4 and 15-7, sending the Canadian team packing.

"We had to serve tough," Nordberg said. "When we serve tough it weakens their attack and it makes it a lot easier to get two blockers on their hitters."

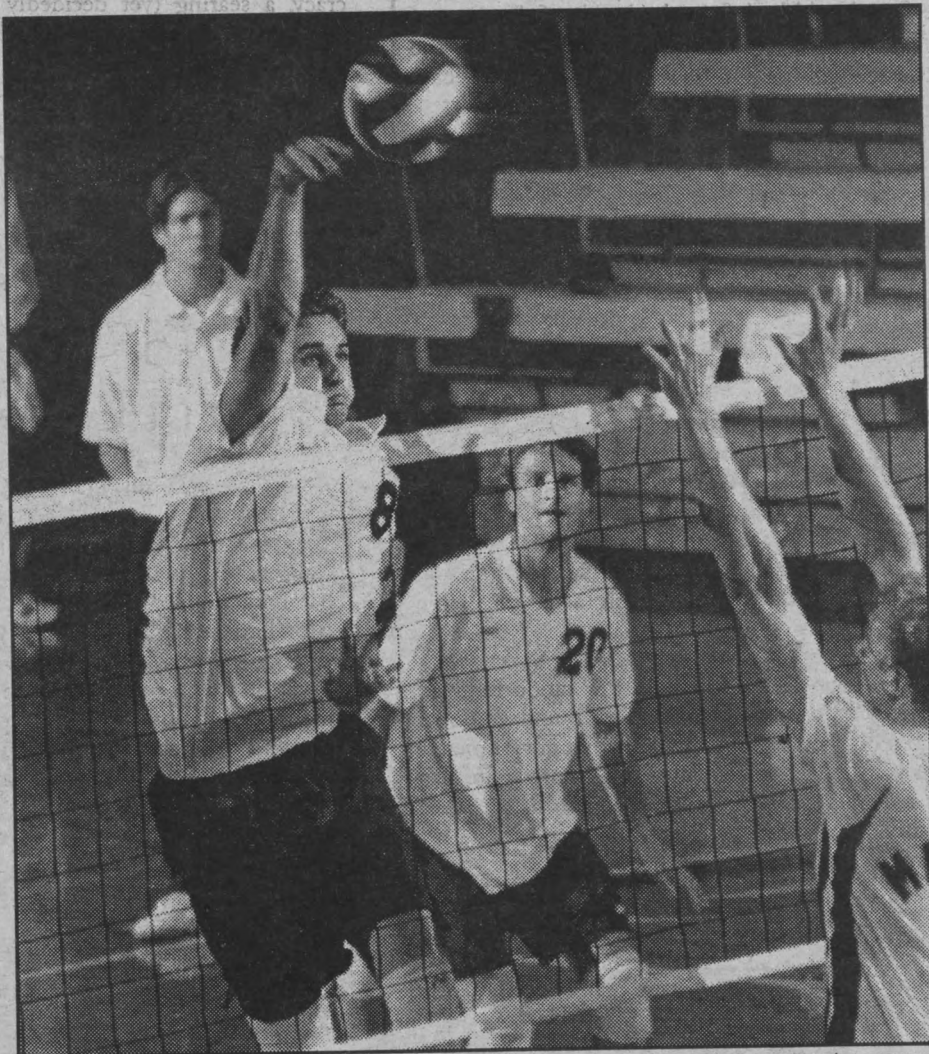
The Gauchos served up nine aces with only 14 errors. Senior opposite Kevin Collins once again led UCSB, knocking down 20 kills as well as leading the Gauchos in digs with 10. Sophomore outside hitter Andy Rivera led the team with nine block assists and chipped in 11 kills.

"Andy played great," Cantrell said. "He was blocking and serving well. His jump serves were out of this world."

UCSB has dominated its opponents in hitting thus far, and the Gauchos' win over Manitoba was no exception. Santa Barbara out-hit Manitoba .336 to .192. Such a statistic is even more impressive when considering Manitoba is a very highly regarded team throughout Canada.

"This was a real good club team from Canada which is ranked in the top five up

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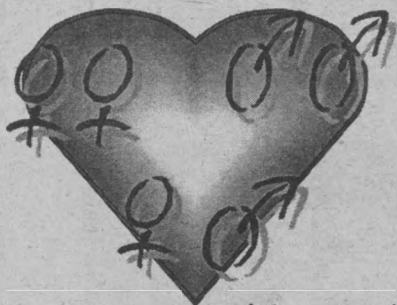
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STICK TO HOCKEY, MOOSEHEAD: Junior middle blocker Wes Badorek gets one past the Manitoba defense in the UCSB men's volleyball team's four-set win over Manitoba Friday night.

Sporting Events Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
No events scheduled	Women's basketball vs. Vanderbilt Thunderdome 7 p.m.	No events scheduled	Women's basketball vs. Cal Poly Thunderdome 7 p.m. Men's basketball @ Pacific 9 p.m.	Baseball vs. Utah @ Cal Poly noon Men's, women's tennis vs. Hawai'i RecCen Courts 1 p.m. Men's Volleyball vs. UC San Diego Thunderdome 7 p.m.	Men's, women's swimming vs. Northridge 11 a.m. Women's Basketball @ NMSU. 2:30 p.m. Baseball vs. Centenary @ Cal Poly 5 p.m. Women's gym. vs. UCDavis Rob Gym 7 p.m.	No events scheduled (Saturday Cont.) Men's volleyball vs. San Diego St. Thunderdome 7 p.m. Men's gymnastics @ Stanford 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball @ LBSU 7:30 p.m.

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by Linda C. Black

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Somebody likes you. He or she will make it easier for you to advance in your career. The work has to be done perfectly, too, of course. Do that, and everybody will be satisfied.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — You are lucky in love, and you will be for several weeks. You could be lucky with games, too. It may be hard to say what's on your mind, but that's OK. You might not have to say a thing!

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Finish firming up a partnership. After that's done, the next assignment is to manage your money wisely. It'll be easier to see how once you're sure who's on your side.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — What investments should you make to get the best return? Where can you cut costs and increase your income? You could almost write a book on this subject, but today reading one's the smarter move.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — You can figure out what other people need. That's the easy part. Providing it is the challenge. It's supposed to be the way to become successful in business, though, so give it a try.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You're getting luckier. You've got an underlying sense of security and confidence. Even if things don't appear to be going your way, you know otherwise. Well, your attitude helps, too.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 8 — You should have the opportunity to do some interesting things around your home for the next few weeks. Are you having company over? If not, why not? People love your parties, so don't hold back! Get lavish!

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — If you're looking for love, try taking a class. Not only will you learn something, you may also find a person you'd like to get to know better. Meanwhile, reschedule a boring task for later.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — You're probably noticing it's easier to accomplish what you want. Now that you have the confidence, go after the money. Making friends is easy, but closing the sale can be a challenge. Go for it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — How long has it been since you took a road trip? You may be sick and tired of the same old dull routine. Could you get away for just the evening? Visit dear friends, and you'll feel rejuvenated.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You're a powerful person. You love coming up with the good ideas, but selling them can be a struggle. Take care of business now and save yourself some trouble later.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — You're scurrying about, trying to figure out exactly what to do, without much room for slack. Your friends are there to help if you need them. Don't worry if you can't get everything done now. You'll have time for more tomorrow.

Today's Birthday (Jan. 24). This year hard work's the secret to your success — and maybe to finding true love, too. Your imagination runs rampant in February. Money runs through your fingers in March. Your curiosity is racing in April, and you're more likely stuck at home in May. Let an expert point you in the right direction in August. Spend so you can save in September. Completion's the name of the game in December.

Santa Barbara Gymnasts Edged by BSU at Rob Gym

BY BECKY FREEMAN
Reporter

The UCSB women's gymnastics team was successful in its attempts to improve and land tougher skills in its routines, but came up short in a loss to Boise State on Saturday.

At Rob Gym, the Gauchos lost in overall team score to the Broncos: 186.1 to 190.375, but improved on their prior performances through the accomplishments of a few individuals. The loss dropped the team to 0-4, but UCSB Head Coach Megan Fenton was satisfied with her team's performance despite the final outcome.

"The nice thing about gymnastics is that wins and losses mean nothing," Fenton said. "It's all about your team's score. Boise State was ranked ahead of us so we weren't expecting to win the meet."

Leading the way for the Gauchos was freshman RYANNE STROHM, who overcame sickness earlier in the week causing her to miss a couple practices, to take third overall and first for UCSB in the all-around competition.

"I was really happy with my performance," Strohm said. "It was great to hit four for four."

Along with Strohm, the team also got many strong routines from freshman CARA SIMKINS and sophomore SONIA MONDKAR. Simkins got the top score for both teams on the balance beam with a 9.8, while Mondkar placed third in the vault with a 9.525.

"It was only my second collegiate meet, so I was really pleased," Simkins said. "I was going for a 9.5 or above so a 9.8 was great. I wanted to duplicate what I do in practice."

It was a meet of new heights, as both freshman DEVON EVERETT and senior ALLANA TRIMBLE performed skills they'd never before done in competition. Everett vaulted for the very first time Saturday, but the highlight of the meet for the Gauchos came from Trimble who landed her first double-back ever during her floor routine.

"It felt great [to land the flip] it's something I've been working on for awhile," Trimble said. "I haven't felt that feeling of accomplishment for awhile, and now I can't wait to increase the difficulty even more."

UCSB's next meet will be against UC Davis this Saturday in Rob Gym.

"We have a lot of room to improve," Trimble said. "It's exciting to know that we have so much potential."

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No Financial Logic

STEVE WENDT

What the hell was that?

A few years ago, the National Football League, in its infinite wisdom, instituted a salary cap to ensure "competitiveness and parity." Instead, we are left with two teams in Super Bowl XXXIV that have more to do with parody than parity.

My own pain in witnessing the downfall of the San Francisco 49ers notwithstanding, the salary cap has ruined the NFL. The Buccaneers, Rams, Titans, Jaguars, Seahawks and Redskins in the playoffs ... forgive me. I'd rather watch reruns of Bea Arthur giving Estelle Getty backrubs on Lifetime than this year's playoffs, and if not for all the clever commercials, the Super Bowl would get lower ratings than an encore episode of IVTV.

Because the National Football League is set on having a franchise in every city with more than 40,000 people (note to Goleta: Annex Isla Vista and you'll get one), it makes sense to have a salary cap. No San Francisco, Dallas, Green Bay, or any team from a worthy market like Chicago, New York or Denver in the Super Bowl hunt however, is directly related to the fact that they have been penalized for trying to put a winner on the field. Okay, maybe not Chicago or New York.

To legislate fairness in dollar amounts hurts teams who draft better than others and can cultivate talent. Many people would say that without a cap, smaller market teams lose their stars and, to a certain degree, they may be right. But what a cap does is water down the entire league. Why reward a bad GM and horrible organization with a system that allows limitations on more savvy competitors? The current system of a salary cap hurts good teams. Why handicap talent?

It's not like the owners thought that they were trying to hurt the game. They were not. It is also probably true that I'm guilty of thinking like a TV exec that worries about what will be a good matchup on the tube. But mull this over.

In baseball, the Yankees outspend every team and make it to the World Series. They are consistently good, though they don't slash and burn like the Marlins did. You had to have an opinion on the Yankees. Love them or hate them, the Yankees made you watch. The 49ers made you watch, as did the Packers and Cowboys. The Titans, Bucs, Rams and Jaguars, however, can be skipped without much sleep lost. Having dynasties is good for the game. It is that simple.

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his usual small forward spot.

"It didn't feel much different, I started a couple games at the four [position] this year," Hull said of his start as power forward.

ward. "It's more comfortable for me now, playing the four. We needed some more enthusiasm, and aggressive play. That's what we wanted to do tonight ... play aggressive." Ashe and Hull were not alone in the bloodletting, as 11 of 12 Gauchos

scored at least one bucket in the game and outscored the Wolf Pack 51-36 in the second half. Payton chipped in with 12 points in 18 minutes while senior guard Derrick Allen and junior forward Adama Ndiaye each pulled down seven boards.

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there," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "This was their fourth match in a row, and I think we caught them a little tired. But we played an excellent match. These

results are very encouraging for us."

The Gauchos' win over Canada was an exhibition match and does not count towards their record. However, Santa Barbara's win over Manitoba has laid a solid foundation for UCSB's six-game homes-

tand that will conclude Feb. 11 against the University of Hawai'i.

Four of these matches will be against MPSF teams, including two this weekend against UC San Diego on Friday and San Diego State on Saturday.

Attention, UCSB Soccer Players:

The UCSB men's soccer team is looking for players to practice against every Thursday night this spring.

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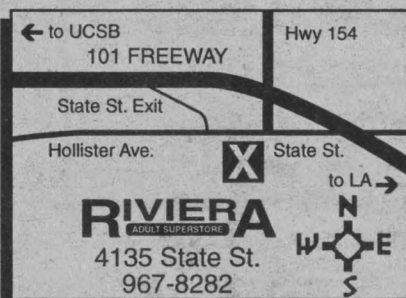
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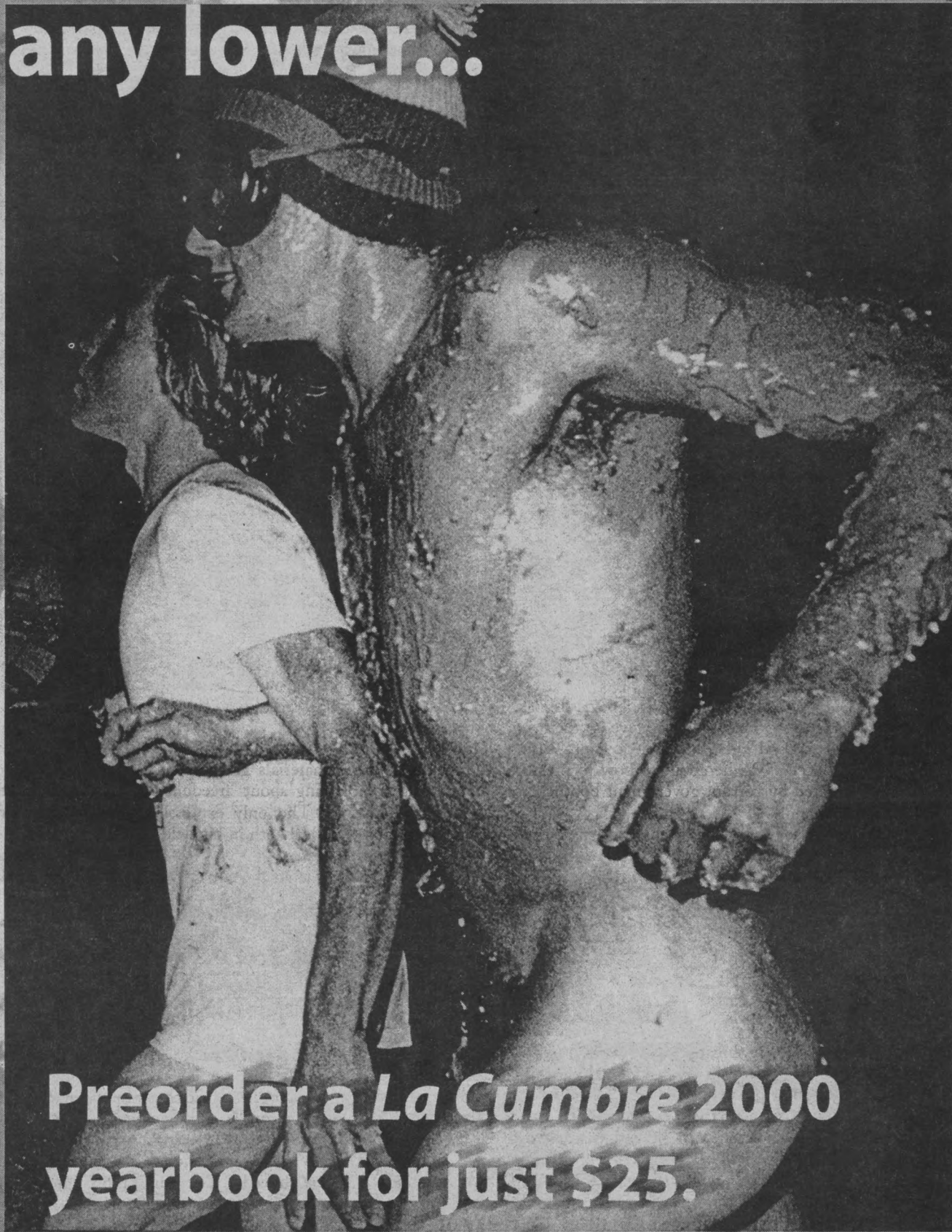


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