Daily Nexus 1993 Gaucho Fall Sports Preview

WATER POLO



HE SHOOTS: A UCSB men's water polo player fires a blast through a crowd of opposing players. An agressive offense is the key for a winning season.

By Brian Pillsbury Staff Writer

As the UCSB men's water polo 1993 campaign gets under way, one thing Head Coach Pete Snyder can count on is a lot of offense from his team.

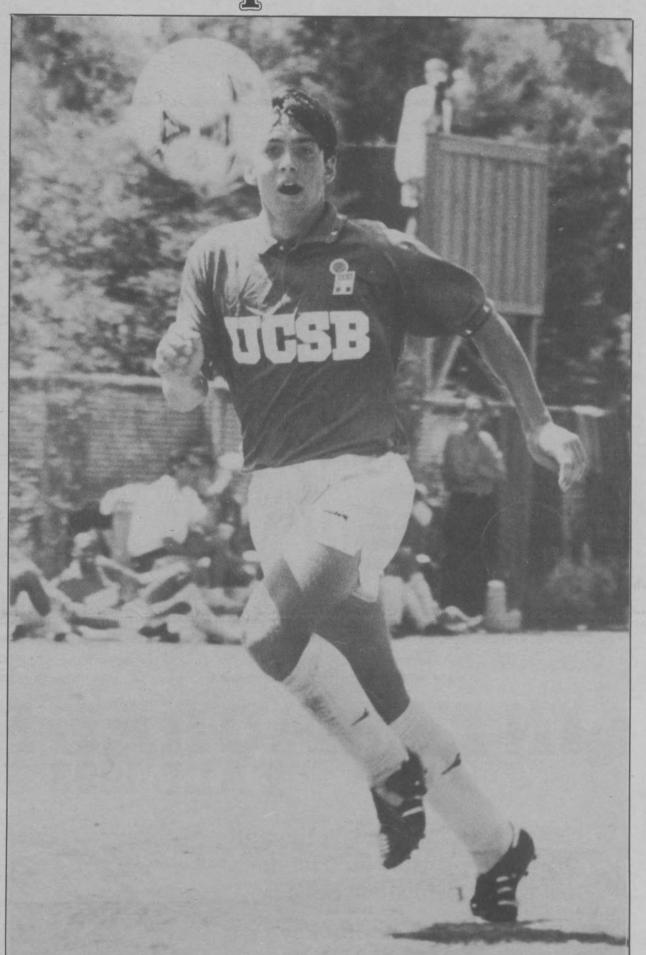
The Gauchos return their leading scorers from both last season and the 1991 season in the shape of senior Steve Kunst and junior Nikola Ivanovich, two players who will look to key UCSB's attack.

"I think it will be a pretty exciting year for us," Snyder explains. "We're stronger than we have been in the last couple of years, we have good swimming speed, and

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MEN'S VC







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DENIED: Heather Collins and Kim Keys teamed up to block an Idaho Vandal spike during the second round of the UCSB Volleyball Classic last weekend. which set the pace for an upset win over USC.

By Jenny Kok Staff Writer

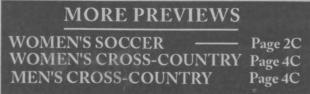
It has been said before and it is about to be said again: the UCSB women's volleyball team has the ability to have not only a winning season, but possibly a recordbreaking one as well.

The future looks bright with a 6-1 preseason record including some brilliant performances by both returning players and freshmen. So with all of the strong players, what is the problem?

The question on the minds of most Lady Gaucho volleyball followers is how the loss of the "Big Three" will affect their performance.

"This season we lost three big players; Kristie Ryan,

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OOP! THERE IT IS: A UCSB player takes a pass during a game with Westmont last weekend. Gaucho skipper Mark Arya hopes to create team chemistry to help the squad gel together.

Soccer Squad Looking for Turnaround

After Dismal '92 Season, UCSB Head Coach, Team Ready to Get out of Cellar

By Deborah Rafii Staff Writer

Last year the UCSB men's soccer team's seasons came close to resembling something of an exercise in futility. However, the 1993 season could very well bring a refreshing change for the program. In his second year at the

helm, Head Coach Mark Arya looks forward to blending a group of young and fresh athletes with a core of returnees.

Arya, a recent head coach at Foothill Junior College, feels that the team will undergo a radical change this season. A for-

mer player for the San Jose Earthquakes, Arya also hopes to accomplish what no other UCSB men's soccer team has done in the past - earn a trip to the playoffs.

"The biggest difference between last year's team and this year's team is the overall chemistry," Arya said. "A certain passion needs to exist and it was lacking last season. This year, the players all have the positive attitude needed at this level."

Only two players, senior midfielder Mike Schaupp and senior defender Mike Glaspey, are returning starters, which leaves Arya with nine openings in the

field

With the loss of last season's team MVP, Jason West, the young team will need to spark a flame that has been almost nonexistent for several years.

The Gauchos are also looking to improve on last year's dismal record of 2-14 and add some punch to an offense that managed to score just 15 goals all season.

"I think we have the ability to get forward and score goals," Arya said. "In preseason alone we have exceeded four goals."

UCSB can look forward to some help from a couple of transfer players. Sophomore Ralph Robertson

joins the team from DeAnza College and is expected to accompany junior transfer Matt Arya, a transfer from Santa Clara, in the midfield. Arya was a major factor in leading Santa Clara to the NCAA finals. Another transfer who can be expected to help out is junior Ronnie Simpson, from Cal State Northridge. Senior Sean Redmond returns to the team at forward after sitting out last year. He will pair up with Ryan Fell, who is also coming back to the team after a year's absence.

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But the team will have

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sive effort versus Sonoma State last Sunday at Harder Stadium. The women hope to achieve the ranking from last year as they have posted three consecutive shutouts.

By Brian Pillsbury

Young talent usually brings with it a fresh excitement and enthusiasm to the field. And this year's UCSB women's soc-cer team has a good amount of it from a talented group of newcomers.

Added to the mixture are a group of ex-perienced veteran players, a solid goalk-eeper and Head Coach Tad Bobak, someone who has worked wonders with an underfinanced program and has turned it into a team to be reckoned with in the West. After a 9-8 finish last year and a #14 ranking nationally (#4 in the West), the squad is off to a healthy 3-0 start to the

"In some ways, this is a similar team to the one we had last year," Bobak said. "We have a mixture of young and veteran players. But this year's team has more scoring punch, it's more powerful on

One player who can be expected to do her share of scoring is forward Phronsie Franco. A senior from Thousand Oaks, Franco possesses good speed and agility, two elements which make her one of the top goal scoring threats for the Gauchos. Franco has scored a goal in each of the first two UCSB wins and has become the fifth-leading all-time scorer at UCSB. She currently shares the spot with former All-

American Lisa Busch at 77 points apiece. "[Phronsie's] main strength is her desire to bust through the defense," Bobak said. "She has the sheer will power to achieve the objective and put the ball in the back of the net." Another forward who will be one of the

top offensive guns for UCSB is freshman Kim Campbell. Twice the Orange County Player of the Year, Campbell had an assist and scored a goal in the 3-1 win over USD on Sept. 5. Bobak describes her as a tremendous goal scoring threat. Freshman

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CHANGE: Arya Lands Key Transfers

Continued from p.1C to overcome the loss of Pat Griffin in the midfield. Griffin, himself a former Bronco, was injured in a game against Santa Clara and will be unable to play the rest of the season.

Another concern to Arya is the practice limitations imposed by the NCAA on collegiate teams.

"We're definitely re-stricted in time," he said. "The team needs to blend and grow to be competi-tive and the NCAA's restrictions on practice during the summer months, as well as competing in club soccer has stifled the

"We definitely need depth up front and because we are a young team and it will take time to reach our maximum ca-pacity and potential."

Both goalkeepers are newcomers to the squad and are eager to challenge the competitive Mountain Pacific Sports Federation conference teams. Arya feels that both Joe Cannon, a freshman, and Tra-vis Harding, a junior transfer from Cal State Northridge, are already excellent goalies and has no doubt that either could play soc-cer anywhere in the important team goal — to country.

Cannon, the MVP of the Arya said.

National Tournament and one of the top five keepers in the country — is one of the many solid re-cruits added to this season's roster.

"It was a great recruiting year and we're confident about the season ahead," Arya commented.

Arya has confidence that a team which includes two All-Americans and a midfield which played together on a regional team can make it to the playoffs.

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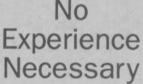
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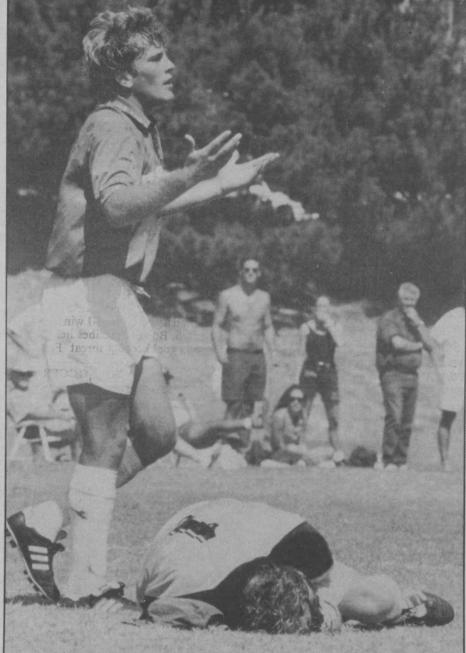


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FOUL PLAY: A UCSB player was caught with his hand in the proverbial cookie jar as the referee blew the whistle on him. The Gauchos look to improve upon last

year's disappointing season with the development of the younger players combined with the veterans.

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Women Adjusting to New Coach; Men Draw on Experience



WATCH THAT STEP: First year Head Coach Pete Dolan will help guide the women to finish in the top two in the Big West again this year.

cross country team prepares to finish as one of the top two squads in the Big West again this year, they must do it under a new head coach.

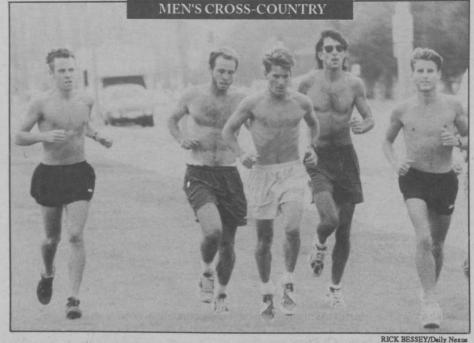
Pete Dolan, men's head coach, replaces Jim Triplett, who was the women's

As the UCSB women's head coach for 10 years, becoming the head coach of both teams. "I've had two weeks

with them and they're hard working, open-minded and have given me respect early which gives me an opportunity to coach," Dolan said.

"Some are sad he [Triplett] left, and I gave them space to adjust and they have re-sponded well."

advantage of being the coach for both the men's and women's squads is the



STRIDE: The Gauchos are predicted to take second this year behind experienced runners, Matt Haugen and Damion Lewin.

By Michael Cadilli Staff Writer

The UCSB men's cross country team has steadily improved over the last two years placing fifth and third respectively. And now Head Coach Pete Dolan has his squad as the

odds-on-favorite to take second this season. The Gauchos are led by senior standouts Damion Lewin, who earned All-Big West honors by placing ninth overall last year,

onded well." and team captain Matt Dolan indicated that an Haugen who finished first for the Gauchos in all but one meet last season. "Experience is a big dif-

See WOMEN, p.7C ference this year with both Haugen and Lewin ready

to lead and the sophomores have now developed," Dolan said. UCSB's biggest obstacle

is Utah State who is projected to take first because of two big-time recruits from Kenya.

"We have a shot at beat-ing them because we have a good team spirit and work ethic developing in our own runners," Dolan said. "Utah State won't have that same camaraderie."

Adding to the depth of the squad are sophomores Dave Cullum, Brad Glosser, Froylan Sanchez and junior Gus Harper. Dolan must rely on developing the younger runners because he had not us better and faster - but signed any new runners

for his team during the offseason.

The team has already established their place near the top by placing second at the Cal State Fullerton Invitational last Saturday behind Utah St. with their powerful Kenyan runners who placed first and third. Rounding out the top five were host CSUF, Fresno St. and fifth place Point Loma.

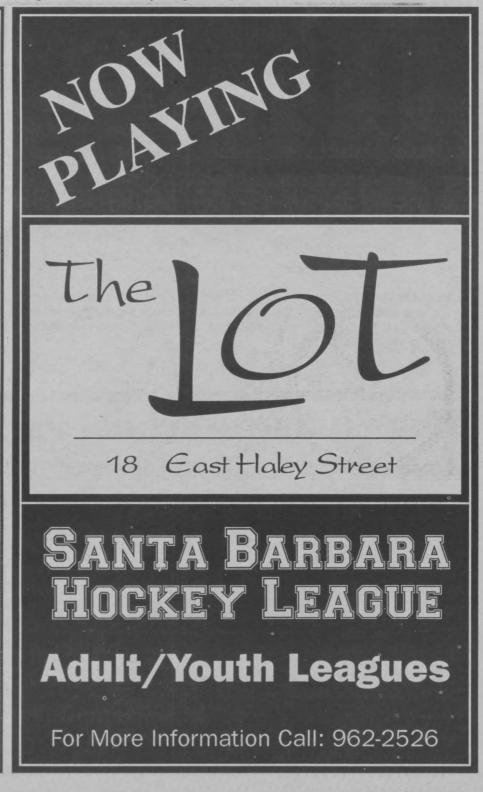
"I'm happy with our finish considering the time of year, and we beat two good schools," Dolan said. "I hope the trend [Utah St. started] doesn't continue, but it will make will we win.

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POLO: Defense is Key to Success

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we're going to score." Kunst, a third team All-American last season, will be the Gauchos' top driver. He scored 23 goals last year to lead UCSB in scoring and also notched eight assists. The junior from Costa Mesa also was a member of the 1993 Alamo Cup "B" team. Ivanovich, a junior from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, is back on the roster after sitting out last year as a redshirt. Playing at the two-meter position, Ivanovich netted 40 goals in 1991 to lead UCSB in scoring and earned second team All Big West honors.

Several other impact players will also be returning to the Gaucho lineup from last year. Junior Doug Wierenga was the third leading scorer on the team last season with 27 goals and will be a strong player at the driver position. Kevin Eggert will also see action at driver. The sophomore from Mission Viejo tallied 28 goals in his freshman season and was regarded as one of the best freshman in the nation. Redshirt senior Martin Asplund will be counted on at the two-meter spot. Asp-lund was a first team All-State selection from Foothill Junior College.

Other players expected to contribute in the pool are juniors Colum Lavelle and Adam Estabrook.

With an offense that should probably take care of itself, Snyder's main concern in preparing the team for the season has naments which include most of those been the defense.

another newcomer who is

scored her first goal for

UCSB in Sunday's 1-0 vic-

tory against Sonoma State.

Freshman defender Ad-

us this season. We've been working hard and we're going to need to limit our oppo-nents' scoring." Ivanovich, Wierenga and sophomore Jeff Geary look to be UCSB's main stoppers.

Snyder also indicated that the right two-meter position might be of worry. "It's reasonably good, but it really could stand to be stronger," he said. In goal for the Gauchos' will be senior

Matt Flanders. Last season Flanders split time with Scott Taylor and had 48 saves and a 7.6 goals against average. Backing up Flanders will be junior Ryan McMil-len, a transfer from Fresno State.

"I think Matt is going to be a solid goalie," Snyder said. "He has experience and he has a strong presence in goal."

Two freshman left-handers, Baran Dilaver and Ofer Horn, could also make a big splash for UCSB this season. Horn, a driver from Fountain Valley, played in the Maccabian Games this summer and is strong offensively. Dilaver comes to the Gauchos from Turkey and possesses size

(6-foot-4, 200) and a good shooting arm. As always, UCSB plays a top-notch schedule and this year is no different. The Gauchos play the likes of Cal, USC, UCLA, Pepperdine and UC Irvine among other top water polo programs. The squad will also take part in both the Southern and Northern California Toursame programs.

UCSB opened their season with two "We want to emphasize our defense," overpowering wins over Claremont-Snyder said. "Defense will be the key for Mudd and UC Riverside.

> she's gaining confidence and she's going to be able to contribute a lot."

Bobak is also counting

on junior defenders Julie Harris and Kristen Bor-

land to make an impact on

the field as well as play

In goal for UCSB is se-

nior Amy Goodwin, who has yet to have a ball slip

past her so far this season.

She tallied six saves

leadership roles.



POISED: UCSB player Sam Allevato catches a pass during Satudays Round Robin Tournament here at the campus pool.

against Sonoma State on Sunday in posting her third consecutive shutout.

Though the Gauchos have gotten off to a good start, Bobak is nevertheless concerned about the adjustments his younger players need to make in order to be successful at the collegiate level.

"The key for them will be their ability to incorporate powerful, flowing soccer and mold together with the more experienced players," Bobak explained.



DRIBBLING: A UCSB player splits the Sanoma defense in a 1-0 victory last Sunday.





upon to help shut down opposing teams' offenses. The hopes of the squad Continued from p.1C

are also buoyed by the re-turn of midfielder Julie defender Amy Gutowski is Bushman. A freshman Allmaking waves for the American in 1991, Bush-Gauchos. A strong and man was redshirted last physical player, Gutowski year after a season-ending

knee injury. "She is definitely a key player for us," Bobak said. "She is very strong attackrian Alshin will be called ing from the midfield,

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V-BALL

Continued from p.1C Tina van Loon and Julie Pitois," Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "What we need to find now is new leadership and not dwell on the loss."

That is exactly what the young team has done. Unlike last year's team, this group is having less of a problem finding team chemistry. "It is a younger team so they have a lot more energy and a much fresher attitude than last year," Gregory explained. With this new attitude,

With this new attitude, the Gauchos have turned into a more balanced team.

"The weaknesses we have now, besides the loss of three big players, are our blocking skills," Gregory said. "Our offensive skills are OK, though, so that somewhat makes up for that deficiency."

On the offensive end, senior Ana Elisa Franca is quickly making a strong move to secure a spot on one of the All-America teams. She has already pounded out 133 kills and is ranked in the top four in the Big West with 4.750 kills per game. Franca led the team in kills with 22 against Arizona and 21 against USC in the final of the UCSB Invitational.

For the Gaucho defense, junior Heather Collins has been spreading her abilities all over the court. At the UCSB Invitational where she was named the tournament's MVP, Collins performed exquisitely during the team's title run posting 10 aces, 11 blocks, 65 kills and 75 digs.

"I believe that Heather is going to be the best all around player this season," Gregory said.

On the down side, the Gauchos have already been hit with an injury, losing starting setter Chrissy Boehle to a sprained ankle. The team has relied on freshmen Maile Mortensen to fill the void. Mortensen has performed well stepping into the starting lineup and is averaging 11.278 assists

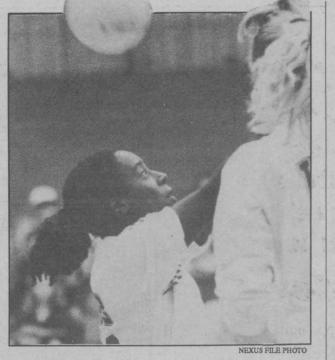
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Continued from p.4C camaraderie and closeness between the squads. Dolan predicts that Santa Barbara will finish second in the Big West behind top runners Kristin Von Teuber, Elisa Alexander and Kara Bradbury. Joining them are the team's top runners from last year, Julie Thomas and Becky Levy. In addition Laura Hodnett has improved becoming cocaptain with Thomas. "Right now by results so far Kristin and Elisa are tops but this team is so deep," Dolan said. The squad placed third in the Cal State Fullerton Invitational last Saturday behind Fresno St. and the surprise team, Cal State L.A., who won the event. Coming up next, the women will join the men Sept. 25, in a home meet against cross-town rival Westmont and Cal State Fullerton. However, Dolan's short term goal for UCSB is preparing for the Stanford Invitational on Oct. 2. -Michael Cadilli

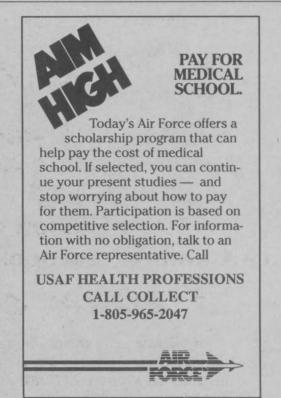
and 1.944 digs per game. "Chrissy is going to be a key part to the success of the team," said Gregory. "With Chrissy being injured, Maile has done a good job filling in. She is going to be a powerful asset for us throughout the

year." At the middle blocker spot is Kim Keys. The other starter, Tammy Stiner, leads the Gaucho blockers by averaging 1.421 per game. Junior Shirley Aboyme has also been a pleasant surprise to the team with a .313 hitting percentage and 2.278 digs per game.

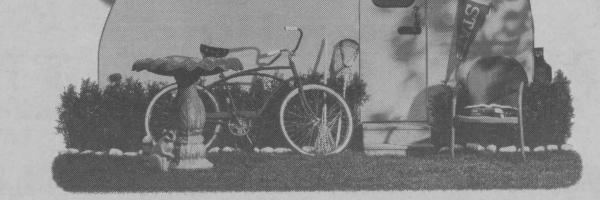
The team as a whole has managed to defy the odds already. The Gauchos won the UCSB Invitational last weekend by beating #6 USC after being down 2-0 in games.



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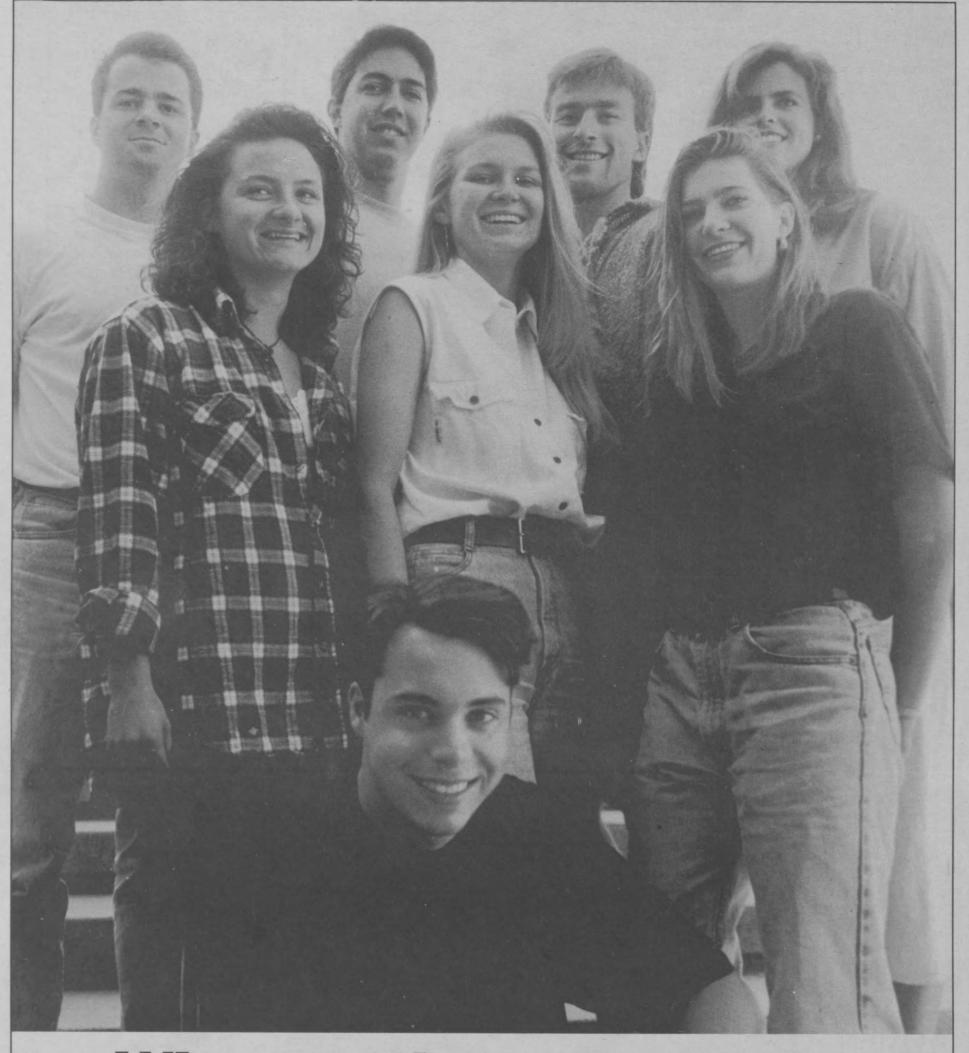
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