CHRISTMAS PRESENCE:
Top newcomers Paul Johnson (top) and Lucius Davis, both freshmen, are ready to give...
Hoops Edges Colorado 71-70, Plays Loyola Tonight in 'Dome

By Scott Lawrence
Staff Writer

If you were to peek through the Thunderdome doors between 3 and 6 p.m. any day this week, you would have seen one thing: Playing— a lot of it.

And all week, UCSB's basketball squad has been doing it a bunch of different ways: around the perimeter, inside the Thunderdome, running and gunning balls off the backboards, throwing and boun­ ding balls off the backboards, for the next guy to do the same, and sprint-style in 30 second intervals back and forth between designated lines on the floor.

Besides just being a vehicle through which the Gauchos get in shape for the 1988-89 season, the endurance sessions are helping UCSB prepare for today's 9 p.m. bout inside the Thunderdome with Loyola-Marymount, a team now known for its run­ and-gun style offense, averaging a field goal attempt about every five seconds.

"It's like coach said," UCSB senior point guard Carlton Davenport said during his semi-private shooting session after Tuesday's practice, "you can't get caught up in their game— that's their game: running. Watching them on film in the room today— man, it's amazing; it's something amazing to watch."

Monday, Loyola took on Arizona Pacific on the road and beat up the Gauchos by a score of 164-138, tying an NCAA record for most points in a game. Loyola had fifteen players score in the contest, six in double figures, with just one player scoring more than 80 minutes. "We don't want to run with them," UCSB junior guard Carrick DeHart said. "We want to be the ones controlling the tempo; we're just gonna execute our game plan and play hard."

The game will be the first of four games televised on ESPN and will come six days after the Gauchos played and won their first game of the season, squeaking by the Univ. of Colorado, 71-70.

Carlton Davenport Senior point guard's free throw with :00 left put UCSB over the top.

In that contest, UCSB failed to execute effectively in the first half, falling behind 39-34 at the break, but got it together in the second half, eventually tying the game at 70 on a three-pointer by Dellart.

Colorado put up and missed a field goal with four seconds left, with junior forward Eric McArthur rebounding the miss and outletting to Davenport, who was fouled just past the half-court line right as time expired.

Standing at the free throw line, eyeballing the rim, Davenport hit the gift and UCSB left town with a 1-0 mark in '88.

"I was just trying to catch my breath 'cause everyone was having trouble breathing because of the altitude," he said. "I was relaxed; it felt good. When it left my hands, I knew it was money — it felt real good."

Davenport finished with three points and his free throw marked the first lead the Gauchos had all night. Dellart poured in a game-high 26 points on 10 of 21 shooting, with McArthur (12 rebounds, 3-4 from the line) and Mike Doyle adding 17 and 10 points respectively. Freshmen Paul Johnson and Lucius Davis contributed seven and six points respectively.

Student tickets for the next three home games are still available, but must now be purchased at half price on game night.

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**With '88 Done, Runners Are Optimistic**

**Men Are 4th in League, Gain Notoriety, Women Show Character, Finish 5th**

*By Carlena Gower — Staff Writer*

In days of old, the UCSB men's cross country team was known around the conference running circle as the “...and also running...” squad. At meets, when the participating teams were introduced, the Gauchos usually heard: “And also running, the UCSB Gauchos.” But according to Coach Pete Dolan, wallowing in mediocrity is a thing of the past and he says the highlight of 1988 was his team’s third-place finish at the prestigious Stanford Invitational.

“This team had a season of great accomplishments,” Dolan said recently. “The results were rewarding and although our goal of third or better in the Big West wasn’t accomplished, we came close and worked real hard. Individually, each returning runner improved greatly and not by just a few seconds either, most by at least a minute.”

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After starting the campaign off with a home-course victory over Westmont (Sept. 15), the Gauchos traveled to San Diego for the Aztec Invitational (Sept. 24) where senior Jeff Jacobs took seventh overall in leading UCSB to an eighth-place finish out of a 16-team field.

“We had a great season overall,” Jacobs said. “Individually, we all had good times, but never all on the same day, so if we were to put them all together, we would have had a great race.”

After a week’s break, San Luis Obispo was the venue for the Gauchos’ last invitational before the Big West championships (Oct. 29). Bringing home a second-place finish, the race decided who the top seven men will be for the conference meet.

Although the top seven saw several changes leading up to the championships, the team was stably content with its results in the league meet, finishing fourth with 85 points.

THE 1988 MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM — Coached by Pete Dolan (back row, far right), the Gauchos built a foundation for the positive growth of the program. The women’s team also built up its strength as the season progressed and accompanied the men to the District 8 Championships at Fresno.

The goal was to finish in the top three, but fourth was good enough to earn a trip to the District 8 Championships at Fresno, where the men finished 12th out of 15 complete teams, and no one’s complaining about the accomplishments won from all the hard work and time the men put in this season.

“We came a long way this season,” sophomore Tim Corbin said. “We established a lot in the running world and proved that we can run with the best of ‘em. The ‘transition team’ — that’s what we are.”

Uneven like UCSB’s lagoon course, the Gaacho women saw ups and downs from the start of the season. Starting off on the right foot with a strong effort against Westmont (Sept. 17), the team was in for a shock the following week at the Aztec.

Finishing a disastrous last in San Diego, Coach Jim Triplett thought it was the end. But the women decided not to give up, working and striving toward improvement and turning the season into a productive one.

“This cross country team had a certain personality and a unique character which made them the ideal team to coach,” said Jacobs (COACH CROSS COUNTRY, p.7A).
**Poloists' 1988 Season: Disappointing**

**Snyder Blames a Lack of Discipline, Gauchos Start and Finish 7th in Nation**

By Craig Wong  
Staff Writer

Spending the Thanksgiving weekend at home was not on the UCSB water polo squad's menu at the beginning of the 1988 season. Instead of feasting on NCAA playoff opponents, the Gauchos had to settle for a turkey stuffing three sessions.

If there was a theme encompassing the team's problems during the course of its schedule this year, it might be discipline — or lack thereof. Coach Pete Snyder said at the team banquet Monday that discipline was the problem in 1988.

"If we want to win next year, we have to work hard," he said. "It's gotta start in January. I don't mean to sound like a broken record, but it ain't gonna be easy. We need to have discipline. Discipline wins ball games; it wins championships. I look at our turnover rate this year and I don't know what to say. It perplexes me."

1988 saw UCSB on the cutting edge of becoming one of the nation's elite water polo powers. Santa Barbara started the year ranked 9th in the nation, but ended the year in the same position. You could say the Gauchos were literally in a class by themselves. They played the top-six teams in the nation tough, but did not win a contest against them while pum­meling the teams who were ranked lower. The end result was a 17-13 overall record and a 5-5 mark in the tough Big West.

The Gauchos started off like rabbits, racing out to a 9-0 record before really getting used to the water. Outscoring its opponents 123-54 during that streak, the team was feeling confident. The first conference game of the year was against Fresno State on the road and it appeared UCSB had developed the grit and determination to take that giant step toward the NCAA tournament. Trailing 8-7 in the fourth quarter, Gaucho junior Ed Weldon played Superman in the period, scoring three goals to win the game.

Next up was Pacific and UCSB showed up as flat as Grace Jones' haircut. The Tigers shocked UCSB 5-3, sending the Gauchos back to Stockton with a loss that would have serious repercussions later in the year.

The squad bounced back with victories over Santa Clara and UC Davis to bring the Gauchos to their first real test of the year. The midterm examination was against #1 Stanford and in a 9-8 loss to the Cardinal, UCSB gave a gutsy per­formance. Freshman Scott Burt scored five times for UCSB and sophomore Pete Zamoyski would later say that the Stanford game was "one of the best we played all year."

After a 13-6 loss to Fresno, UCSB came back to build a three-game win streak, highlighted by a rematch victory over UOP (9-7) and a satisfying 11-7 whipping of Pepperdine, in which seniors Dave Phreaner and Steve Sorkin had out­standing games. Phreaner had a season-high five goals and Sorkin tended goal well, thwarting 18 shots.

But the smiles and good times disappeared in a hurry. The Gauchos embarked on a losing odyssey, dropping seven of their next eight contests with all seven losses to the top six teams in the nation but despite the losing spell, UCSB had a chance to win four of them. Poor first quarters against #4 Long Beach State, #5 UC Irvine and at UCLA cost the team the down the stretch.

Against the #1 squad in the nation, defending NCAA champion Cal Berkeley, the Gauchos battled to a 6-6 halftime tie, but ran out of gas at the end with Cal winning, 13-6. After the Long Beach Invite, UCSB came out of Halloween weekend with a real-life horror story. The Gauchos' only chance at making the NCAA Tournament was catching UC Irvine to claim second place in the Big West. The solution was as clear as day, win the final four league games of the year, no ifs, ands, or buts. The first obstacle was Pepperdine and the Gauchos gave (See WATER POLO, p.7A).
Spikers Looking to Nix NCAA Playoff Jinx, Will Face Pacific in First Round at Stockton

By Steve Zaaban
Staff Writer

When it comes to making the NCAA playoffs, UCSB women's volleyball coach Kathy Gregory has it down pat. After all, when her squad travels to Stockton Saturday to take on Pacific in the first round, it will mark the 14th straight post season appearance in Gregory's 14 years as head coach of the Gauchos.

But finding the playoffs has rarely been the problem. Advancing in them usually is. The last time UCSB won a playoff match was in 1983, and it's won consecutive playoff matches only once in its history (1980). Santa Barbara is a combined 4-19 lifetime with the blue chips on the table.

This time the Gauchos are just glad the NCAA even let them in on the action. In one of their most difficult years, they Gauchos finished 17-16 (9-9 Big West) in '88 and slipped into the playoffs with just one win over Irvine in their final conference match.

But neither squad will be worrying too much about how anybody got invited to the 32-team free-for-all since, like their last game at UCLA we went in a bit too relaxed. "It's been a problem before, like our last game at UCLA we went in a bit too relaxed," defensive specialist Stephanie Cox said. "I don't think we'll have that problem this time just because it's the NCAA. We should have the right attitude and a competitive attitude, it's just a matter of doing it.

"Seeing it" against Pacific will mean getting balanced offense to neutralize the tremendous front-court blocking of the Tigers' 6'1" Cathey Scotian and 6'1" Elaina Oden. Oden, a two-time All-American, returned this season following nearly two years of knee problems, and provides the Tigers with added confidence. Oden and UCSB II are not as dominant as the past, where they were so invincible it took a perfect game (to beat them). "They're not the UOP of the past, where they were so invincible it took a perfect game (to beat them)," Gregory said. "Still, it would take a good offensive effort along with some smart blocking to win, it'll almost have to go five games. To be honest, on paper I'd say it's 70-30 in their favor."

And if the Tigers weren't enough to worry about, the Gauchos will have to win the battle of the books before winning the battle on the court. The timing of final exams has always been an added burden to the team come playoff time.

"Thinking about the game, I'm starting to feel nervous already, but I don't know if everybody else is yet," outside hitter LeAnna Hebert said. "And having finals coming up doesn't help either. Hopefully, I'll play out of it by the end of the week."

UCSB II will be Hebert, Maria Reyes and Cookie Kill leaders: UCSB (Hebert 12); UOP (Scottian 13)

"VOLLEYTALK:
Get Well Dear: Tiger Head Coach John Finning underwent an emergency appendectomy last weekend. It's expected to be well enough to coach by Saturday -- UCSB setter Liz Powers was named Second Team All-Big West Tuesday ... in order to shake up practice routines, Gregory has been inviting ex-Gauchos such as Charlotte Mitchell, as well as players from nearby Santa Clara University, to practice with the team this week ... the starting lineup for UCSB will be Hebert, Maria Reyes and Jill Horning at outside hitters, Susan Bakker and Nooney Young at middle blockers and Tawny at setter ... the Gauchos swept the Tigers at Stockton (3) Pacific; (4) SDSU at (5) San Jose State.
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Ticket Distribution Plan Put Into Action
Still a Little Flawed, New Scheme is Better and Like the Ones the Pros Utilize

I was sitting in my history class last week, eyeballing a slide of the young Lenin and noting how much he looked like George Michael, when this trio behind me started talking about the athletic department’s new ticket distribution scheme for home basketball games.

“It’s horse sh—,” one of them says to another. “You can’t get seats to your friend showing the same updated reg card and receiving reserved-seat tickets for the next three or so home games. And as a result, student penchant to sleep all night on the sidewalk in an attempt at the best seat is gone too—or is it?

“People will probably still stay over night here to get their tickets,” said sophomore Dave—

But Romeo says scalping is “unlikely” because students will have to get in line again, which would entail getting behind about 300 or more people. That may be true for the big games like UNLV or Utah State, but what about the smaller ones like Pacific or Fullerton, when 2,500 students isn’t necessarily a huge number. Dave—

And there remain those diehards who recall the ‘Utah State sleepover’ last year when students slept...
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WATER POLO

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Whatcha waitin' for? Stop the darn flimflamming and get on with it. Or somebody else will grab this journalistic goat and you'll just have to keep on watching from the pack in back. Shadoobey.

HOLIDAY HOOP SLATE

MEN

December 3:
Univ. of San Diego, Thunderdome, 7:30 p.m.

December 4:
So. Utah State, Thunderdome, 7:30 p.m.

December 16:
Pepperdine, Malibu, 7:30 p.m.

December 17:
Santa Clara, Thunderdome, 7:30 p.m.

December 20:
Univ. of Oregon, Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

December 28:
Kactus Classic, Iowa State, Temple, AZ, T.B.A. (If UCSB wins UCI will play the winner of USF/Airic State Game).

WOMEN

December 2:
Sacramento St., Sacramento, 7 p.m.

December 3:
Univ. of San Francisco, S.F., 5 p.m.

December 17:
Chapman, Hurridome (IEcen), 5 p.m.

December 18:
Long Beach St., Long Beach, 7:30 p.m.

December 17:
UNLV, Las Vegas, 7:30 p.m.

December 20:
Pepperdine, Hurridome, 7:30 p.m.

December 27:
Cal Poly Pomona, Hurridome, 7:30 p.m.

December 28:
Santa Clara, Santa Clara, 5:15 p.m.

December 29:
St. Mary's, Moraga, 7:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

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Triplett said: "The key for next year will be all of the returners who are still young and inexperienced, which will allow them to grow and improve."

Both Gauchos squads came out of the San Luis Obispo Invitational (Oct. 15) with exceptional efforts, registering seconds overall, and with their last regular-season meet coming up on the lagoon course, the men's top seven were finally decided and ran strong at the conference championships, finishing fifth. Racing against the best in the west, the women also qualified for the Nov. 12 regionals and, coming home from Fresno with an 11th-place finish, were pleased with how their season turned out.

"This team could have given up, but we were hard-working and we overcame a lot of obstacles," sophomore Tony Harlau said. "This season was a real positive experience and we're happy with the outcome."

"No one has the inside track to the NCAA Championships yet; we've just got to put our shoulders to the grindstone and work hard."

WATER POLO

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the Waven the knockout punch early, cruised to a 14-6 win. Obstacle number-two was the rubber match with Fresno in UCSB's home finale at Campus Pool. In the twilight, the Gauchos rallied to win 9-7 as Carl Swan tallied the game-winner.

With two down and two to go, Long Beach was the next victim, but the Gauchos threw down the iron flat, closing the door on all of UCSB's postseason hopes. The next two contests against UCI and UCI were rendered meaningless by the Long Beach loss and though the Gauchos played tough, they lost both contests.

But despite the disappointments, the '88 season had its bright spots. Burt racked up 35 goals (6th on the all-time UCSB season list), providing Snyder with a strong two-meter man for the future. Phreaner had his best season ever at UCSB with a career-high 39 goals, contributing excellent defense at two meters. Zamoyski showed a sign of what to come in the next two years, scoring 31 goals while leading the team in assists with 31.

Swan blossomed in the second half of the season and ended up fourth on the team in scoring with 21 goals. With in-cumbent goalie Mike Day redshirting the '88 campaign, Sorkin emerged as the starter and responded with a goals-against-per-game average of around six.

Snyder can be optimistic about 1989, as Day returns along with Jason Likan and Ryan Todd, all of whom redshirted last year. Add in Burt, Zamoyski and Swan with a much more experienced team and UCSB should be a force next season.

"No one knows that more than Snyder."

"No one has the inside track to the NCAA Championships yet; we've just got to put our shoulders to the grindstone and work hard."

POLO NOTES:


Roth: Zamoyski, 28, 28, 32, 20, 18.

Big West: Neushul, Matt Pataky, Dave Phreaner, Greg Theis, Steve Sorkin.

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Women’s Hoops Slips By SLO in Overtime, 70-63

Anthofler Leads Way With 26 Points, Lady Gauchos Sign Three High School Standouts for ’89-90

Tuesday night in Santa Barbara, the Gauchos' starting lineup poured in 11 points of her way with 26 points and 13 rebounds, with freshman forward Erika Kienast pouring in 11 points of her own. Senior Kira Anthofler led the Gauchos' starting lineup in scoring lead pouring in 13.0 points per game while snatching 1.9 rebounds per game (which placed her 12th among the NCAA's best board bangers).

"Because three players in the starting line-up played their first minutes of NCAA basketball against Cal-Poly, it's gonna be a while until they really hit their stride."

Because all the new people, putting things in on offense and defense has been pretty slow. We're really only accomplished about half of what I thought we would by this time.

Although the Gauchos are a bit behind what French expected, having three of the first four games against Division II teams should allow for early adjustments to be made smoothly.

"I think playing a lot of exhibition games early is an advantage. They could go in only one direction: up.

Kienast and freshman forward Barbara Beauty are two newcomers who will be expected to make big contributions to the rest of the year. Also new to the scene is SBCR transfer Rika Bering who will start at the point.

The two elders in the starting five will be the 6-4 center Anthofler and off-guard Anna Dossy. For both, this season will be their last hopscotch on the ECAC hardwood. Anthofler finished last season tied for the team scoring lead pouring in 13.0 points per game while snatching 1.9 rebounds per game (which placed her 12th among the NCAA's best board bangers).

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French said. "There's always the danger that young people can lose confidence in the system and then we lose early."

The team, which is composed of a unique blend of five-year seniors along with eight first-year players, will need to have every athlete respond to her various roles in order to be successful. According to French, that means the seniors need to provide leadership, while the younger players need to keep up intensity and enthusiasm.

Late last month, French continued to lay the foundation needed to make UCSB competitive by announcing the signing of three prep stars to letter's of intent. Point guard Curt Close (Milpitas High School, 17 pts., 7 reb., 6 asts.), forward Becky Brown (Benicia High, 19 pts., 13 reb., 8 asts.) and forward Ellen Precouser (Miramonte High, 14 pts., 11 reb., 8 asts.) will all be in Gauchos uniforms during the ’89-90 season.

The influx of quality athletes, leadership, and enthusiasm should help keep the Gauchos on the Bentsen's record. Taking the Big West title, however, still a long, long way away."

"We're on the way up," Donnelly said. "Obviously we're in a really tough conference since the Big West was ranked fourth in a pre-season poll of conference toughm. Long Beach State is ranked number one in the nation in most polls, so we're hoping to go 500 in league and win a majority of our games in the conference."

"We want to get some people scared and get a few upsets," Bering said. "We want to pull off some big wins and maybe even the team come close to upsetting last year."

Asbestos Found in Old Gym, No Danger Posed Environmental Health And Safety Concludes

By Frank Gage

Laying to rest concerns by employees that it posed an asbestos health risk, the Old Gym recently passed a safety inspection conducted by Environmental Health and Safety Industrial Hygienist Ben Grayson.

Workers at the gym refused to comment on the facility's status, but according to Grayson's informal field survey the gym is "in general, much better than many buildings on the campus" with regards to asbestos levels.

Built in 1949 as a never-used air base gymnasium, the brown, barn-shaped, wooded structure adjacent to Campus Pool was built with Transite, a fireproof asbestos/concrete mixture valued for its fibrous quality which lends structural integrity to buildings.

The asbestos content in Transite has been proven to cause respiratory diseases such as asbestosis (a scarring of the lungs), and there is some concern it may also cause cancer. Nonetheless, Transite is still used today and can be found in thousands of products and wall panelings.

Transite products pose no serious health risks unless broken or destroyed, Grayson explained. In the Old Gym, wall panels have been damaged, exposing the asbestos/concrete underneath. Breaks in the asbestos/concrete have already occurred in places, although Grayson notes these broken sections should no longer pose exposure risks because it is only inside at the time the material breaks. The key now, he said, is to protect against further damage.

The future of the gym has been in doubt since the construction of the campus Events Center in 1979. At that point, the Old Gym was targeted for termination and the land on which it sits was proposed as the site for an art museum or some other building.

But because of complications arising from the proximity of Campus Pool, the high cost of new pathways, utilities and an expensive phased or removal project that could be undertaken, the gym remains in everyday use. Despite some broken rafters, the gym seems to have a clean bill of health.

However, the same cannot be said for many other campus structures. According to Grayson, a number of university buildings, including the library and several dormitories, utilize asbestos in some form or another and in some cases, pose significant health risks. The situation has helped initiate a campus asbestos management program, with a department head to be named soon.

"You've gone to have a real ugly team next year judging by those two guys sitting next to you, Pete."