

Thank You Mr. Clinton
CalPIRG celebrates another legislative victory by giving out cookies in front of the UCen this afternoon between 10 and 2.



Who Pulled the Plug?
The Nexus looks at the energy crisis and questions whether privatization is in the best interest of the state.
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Volleyball Review
The women's volleyball team had a great run in the tournament coming within one match win and two game victories to advance to the Final Four.
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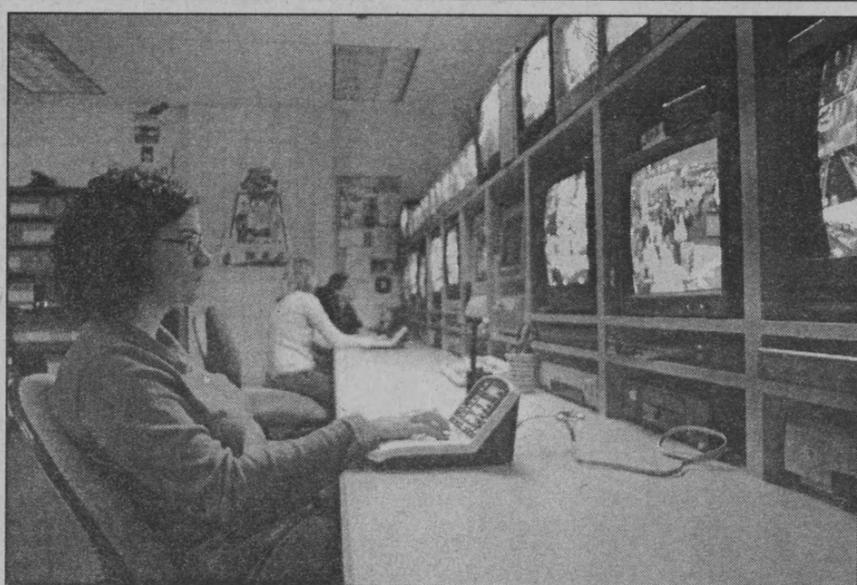
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Senior film studies major Amelia Lister monitors part of the UCen video surveillance system. The cameras help cut money loss from shoplifting and clerical error at the UCSB Bookstore.

UCen Security System Aids in Capture, Arrest of Book Thief

BY SARAH HEALY
Staff Writer

A man attempting to cash in on knowledge tried to steal approximately \$1,400 worth of books from the UCSB Bookstore on Tuesday. UCen workers watched a 56-year-old male put books into boxes through video cameras. Using a luggage trolley, the man stole seven books worth approximately \$700 and left the store. He returned and stole

another seven books also estimated at \$700 before he was confronted by security and arrested, UC Police Officer Bill Van Nieuwenhuize said. The man, later identified as a bookseller, selectively chose the 14 books to sell on the East Coast over the Internet. The man was charged with burglary based on premeditated theft — unlike shoplifting where there is no forethought, Van Nieuwenhuize said. "When you take something from a

store without thinking that's not a burglary," he said. The bookstore installed the video cameras six years ago to decrease shrinkage — money lost to shoplifting and clerical errors. Originally, the bookstore lost \$270,000 per year — 2 percent of its total profit — to theft. Since the security system installation, the bookstore loses close to \$70,000 a year — 1/2 percent of its total profit —

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Student Faces Felony, Misdemeanor Charges

■ Court Case To Address Possession Bookings; Rape Investigation Pending as 3 More Women File Reports

BY TED ANDERSEN
AND JENNIFER B. SIVERTS
Staff Writers

The pipe that authorities detonated in UCSB biopsychology and art studio major senior Slade Morgan Giles' Del Playa Drive apartment last month was found to be empty, but his case has recently been packed with a number of new allegations.

On Dec. 6, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. officers served a search warrant at Giles' 6700 DP residence while investigating a rape allegation. While conducting the search, officers obtained a pipe closed at both ends — which was reported on the sheriff's website to be a pipe bomb — black gun powder, illegal fireworks and under one ounce of Psilocybin (hallucinogenic mushrooms).

Giles' preliminary hearing is scheduled for Jan. 17, where he is being charged for felony possession of mushrooms, possession of bomb-making materials and a misdemeanor charge for unlawful possession of fireworks. The pipe, closed at both ends, was first examined by officers who called the Bomb Squad. The pipe was then taken into Giles' kitchen where the Bomb Squad sandbagged it and destroyed it with a high-pressurized

water cannon. It was then discovered that the pipe, which Giles claimed was an art project, was empty.

Giles, a former Associated Students representative and three-time A.S. presidential candidate, was found in possession of loose gunpowder, which he asserted was intended for his gun, for which he has a concealed weapons permit. Giles' criminal defense attorney Steve Balash said he believes the local media blew the incident out of proportion with information provided by authorities.

"Because they found a pipe and black powder [the prosecution is] putting the two together," he said. "The code says there has to be intent to make a bomb. There is no evidence to suggest this."

Balash said he believes the affidavit, or declaration, for the GHB search warrant, which contains a 19-year-old UCSB student's testimony of the evening of the alleged rape (Dec. 1), could have been obtained without enough supporting evidence. Yet, Balash said if it is deemed legal by a judge, "then anything they see or find in the search is fair game."

The investigation began when the female alleged she felt she had been drugged at Giles' residence, and with no recollection after accepting a mixed drink, woke up naked the next morning in Giles' bed. After she filed a report, the Sheriff's Dept. obtained a search warrant for GHB. No GHB was found during the search.

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. Public Information Officer Lt.

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Student Escapes Attack in High School Restroom

A 17-year-old female high school student was physically assaulted Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 8:30 a.m. in a campus bathroom at Righetti High School in Santa Maria. A report from the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Dept. states that an unknown male suspect assaulted the victim as she exited a stall inside a bathroom located on the north end of the school campus. The victim defended herself, and after a brief struggle she was able to escape her attacker. During the struggle, the victim's sweater was torn when the suspect attempted to grab her breast. The victim returned to her classroom where a teacher was informed, who notified campus security. Sheriff's deputies and campus security were dispatched to the area but were unable to locate the suspect. The suspect was described as a Hispanic male, approximately 20 years of age, 6 feet tall with a medium build. He was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt with the hood tightly

pulled around his face and dark blue jeans. The possibility of the attacker being a student has not been ruled out, although the suspect was described as being around 20, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. Public Information Officer Lt. Mike Burrigge said. "This is due to the fact that 20- to 23-year-olds can appear similar in age to high school students. The fact that the suspect was wearing a tightly pulled sweatshirt hood leads us to believe that it could have been a student, and we are not ruling out the possibility," he said. The circumstances of the assault are not typical, Burrigge said. "I have been a public information officer for years, and this is the first daytime school attack that I have come across," he said. Anyone with information regarding the attack is asked to contact the Sheriff's Dept. in Santa Maria at (805) 934-6150. —Shaun P. McGrady



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Head High
Surfers at UCSB have a reason to celebrate the season. Storm-generated swells and relatively warm waters make winter the best time to hit the waves in Southern California.

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Top of the News

Chavez Abandons Nomination to Cabinet



WASHINGTON (AP) — Linda Chavez withdrew her bid to be secretary of labor Tuesday, saying that controversy over an illegal immigrant who once lived with her had become a distraction for President-elect Bush. She called herself a victim of "search-and-destroy" politics.

Chavez told a news conference that it was entirely her own decision to bow out just a week after being named. But three Republican officials involved said she reluctantly stepped aside under pressure from Bush's political team, who made it clear that their willingness to fight for her nomination had waned amid questions about her credibility.

Chavez allowed that she should have been more candid about the circum-

stances surrounding Marta Mercado, the Guatemalan woman who lived with her for about two years in the early 1990s. But she said it was "the politics of personal destruction" that brought down her nomination.

"So long as the game in Washington is a game of search-and-destroy, I think we will have very few people who are willing to do what I did, which was to

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**— Linda Chavez
secretary of labor nominee**

put myself through this in order to serve," she said. "What has happened over the last few days is quite typical of what happens in Washington, D.C."

Over the weekend, questions arose about whether Chavez had paid Mercado for the jobs she did around the house and whether she knew Mercado was in the coun-

try illegally.

"I think I always knew that she was here illegally," Chavez said Tuesday. "I don't check green cards when I see a woman who is battered and who has no place to live and nothing to eat and no way to get on her feet."

But as recently as Sunday, Bush aides said, she told them she did not know Mercado's legal sta-

tus until after she moved out, and they repeated that to reporters. Mercado, meanwhile, was saying publicly that Chavez did in fact know.

Union leaders and some Democrats were already gearing up to try and defeat Chavez's nomination before the immigrant story broke, concerned about her strongly conserv-

ative positions and background, including opposition to Affirmative Action and the raising of minimum wage. On Tuesday, the AFL-CIO released a 17-page analysis of her record and promised to try and stop her confirmation in the Senate.

In light of the new controversy, Senate Democrats also were set to charge hypocrisy, noting that Chavez had criticized Zoe Baird, who was forced to withdraw in 1993 as President Clinton's nominee for attorney general. Baird had illegal aliens as household help and did not pay Social Security taxes on their wages, and Chavez said that the illegal alien aspect of that case was most troubling.

On Tuesday, Chavez said that the Baird case was different from her own, though she said that Baird, too, was treated unfairly.

With less than two weeks left before Bush takes the White House, there was no immediate word of a new nominee.

DA Charges Ex-Respiratory Therapist With Murder



GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — A former respiratory therapist was arrested Tuesday and booked for investigation of murder in the deaths of six patients at Glendale Adventist Medical Center, police said. The arrest capped a nearly three-year investigation.

Officers arrested Efrén Saldivar, 31, as he was arriving at his job as an electrician's apprentice, Police Chief Russell Siverling said. Saldivar did not resist.

Siverling refused to name the victims or divulge any details, referring all questions of evidence to the Los Angeles County district attorney, who was scheduled to receive documents from the suburban police force on Wednesday.

District Attorney Steve Cooley scheduled a news conference for Wednesday.

Siverling would only confirm that all the victims were patients at the hospital. He would not say what led investigators to concentrate on the six cases.

Saldivar, who lives with his parents in the Tujunga area of Los Angeles, was held without bail. His attorney,

Terry Goldberg, did not immediately return a call for comment.

Glendale investigators have been tight-lipped about the case since it surfaced in early 1998.

Saldivar allegedly told police in 1998 that he committed dozens of mercy killings at Glendale Adventist Medical Center between 1989 and 1997. He told police that he considered himself the Angel of Death.

Police said Saldivar told them he was angry at seeing terminally ill patients kept alive and killed them through suffocation or injection of muscle-paralyzing drugs.

In later TV interviews, Saldivar recanted, saying he had lied because he was depressed, suicidal and wanted to be sent to death row.

Saldivar was fired from the hospital and his license was revoked by a state board.

Investigators reviewed the deaths of 171 patients who died while Saldivar was working at the hospital. Fifty-four cases were eliminated because bodies had been cremated, leaving 117 deaths for detectives, medical experts and prosecutors to review. Of those cases, 20 were considered suspicious.

Twenty bodies were exhumed as evidence in lawsuits.

AP Wire Shorts

JERUSALEM (AP) — Despite efforts by the U.S. administration to bring a partial agreement or a statement of principles out of the Israelis and Palestinians before President Clinton leaves office, the chief Palestinian negotiator said Tuesday that Palestinians want a full peace treaty — or nothing.

The declaration by negotiator Yasser Abed Rabbo further dimmed prospects for a diplomatic achievement for Clinton, who finishes his term Jan. 20, and for Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, trailing far behind a hardline rival as a Feb. 6 election looms.

Meanwhile, hostilities persisted in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. A 70-year-old man was shot and killed on his farm near an Israeli settlement in Gaza, although the circumstances were unclear. Palestinian police said there were no clashes there. The Israeli military was checking.

Palestinians say that in recent weeks, Israel has assassinated more than a dozen Palestinians suspected of involvement in attacks on Israelis.

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Intel Corp. and Wall Street were not swayed by Gov. Gray Davis' rescue plan for two huge cash-starved utilities more than \$10 billion in debt that are at the heart of California's electricity crisis.

Intel spokesperson Bill Calder said Tuesday that the world's largest chip maker would not expand manufacturing sites or build new ones in the Golden State because the power supply cannot be ensured.

PG&E and SoCal Edison, serving 25 million people between them, said Monday that the governor's proposals to bring peace to the state's turbulent deregulated electricity market contained no short-term relief.

Both utilities, stung by a five-fold increase in wholesale prices since June and blocked by capped rates from passing them on to their customers, say they face insolvency in weeks if they don't get more cash.

They seek rate increases beyond what was approved last week by state regulators.

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How Was Your Break?

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Weather

"How was your break?"

If I have to answer that question one more time, I think I might throw up. Don't get me wrong, I like to hear how people's vacations went, but having to go through the "How was your break" routine 30 times a day can be a little taxing. You really want to know how my break was? The weathermate broke up with me, the weathermother nagged me, and the Christmas tree fell on the weatherbrother's head. How was yours?

Wednesday's forecast: Scattered small talk, followed by a 100 percent chance of awkward silence.

Police Report



Stories from the files of Isla Vista Foot Patrol.

Punch Drunk

At approximately 1:15 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 7, Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers patrolling the intersection of Embarcadero Del Mar and Pardall Road observed a 19-year-old male walking with two other male subjects.

The suspect tripped stepping off the curb and stumbled into the roadway. The suspect was arguing with one of the subjects, and the two started fighting in the street. The two had to be pulled apart and separated.

Upon being taken into custody the suspect had a bloody lip. He immediately said to the officers, "Why did one of you cops hit me in the mouth?" The officers advised the suspect that he received the bloody lip from fighting with his friend.

The suspect was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the Santa Barbara County Jail, where he was housed, pending sobriety.

Memory Lapse

At approximately 10:15 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 25, a 27-year-old male walked into the IVFP station and said in Spanish he was looking for his brother, who was supposed to be shopping in the area.

The suspect showed signs of extreme intoxication while speaking to the officers. When asked by the officers where he lived, the suspect said he couldn't remember. The suspect later remembered he lived on Embarcadero Del Mar, apartment number seven. However, he couldn't remember the address.

The suspect was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the

Santa Barbara County Jail, where he was housed, pending sobriety.

He's My Imaginary Brother

At approximately 12:35 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 1, IVFP officers, responding to assist with a large bonfire in the roadway of the 6700 block of Del Playa Drive, observed a 17-year-old female holding a clear plastic "Bud Light" cup which was half full.

Based on the severity of the fire and the crowd of approximately 100 people yelling and fueling the fire, the officers walked past the suspect and continued toward the fire. When the Santa Barbara County Fire Dept. arrived and moved the crowd back, the officers walked back to the suspect and saw she was still holding the cup of beer.

The officers took hold of the suspect's left arm and escorted her to the curb. When asked by the officers how old she was, the suspect said 18 years old. The suspect's eyes were bloodshot and watery, and her speech was slurred.

The suspect told the officers she was going to walk home. When asked by the officers where she lived, the suspect said, "Palmdale." She also said, "My brother is a cop just like you." During the completion of booking paperwork, the suspect told the officers her date of birth was 08-06-83, making her 17 years old.

The suspect initially told the officers she was 18 years old to avoid being arrested. The officers telephoned the suspect's mother, who was under the impression her daughter was at an unknown location with a female friend and was surprised her daughter was in

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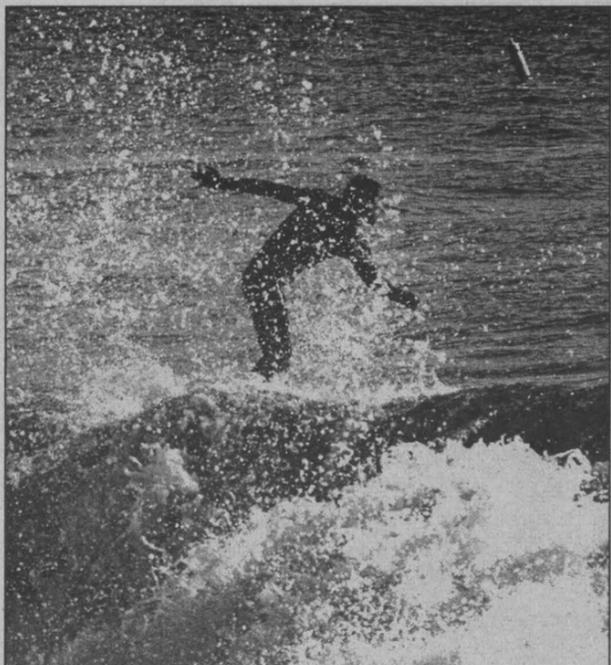
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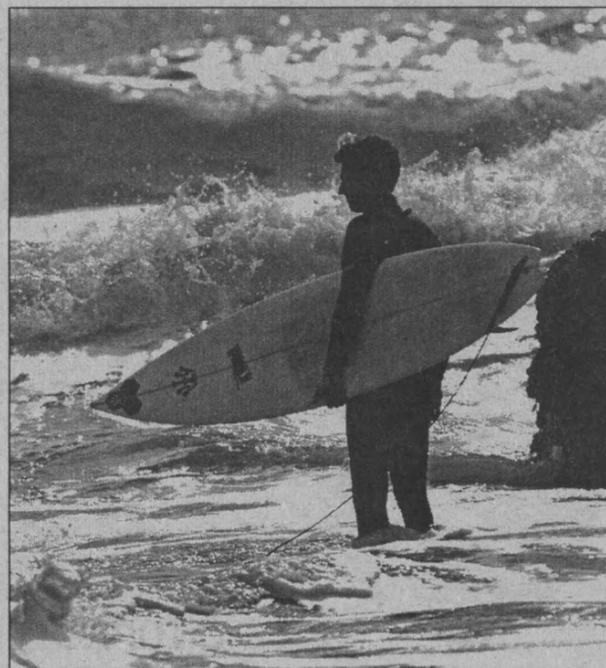
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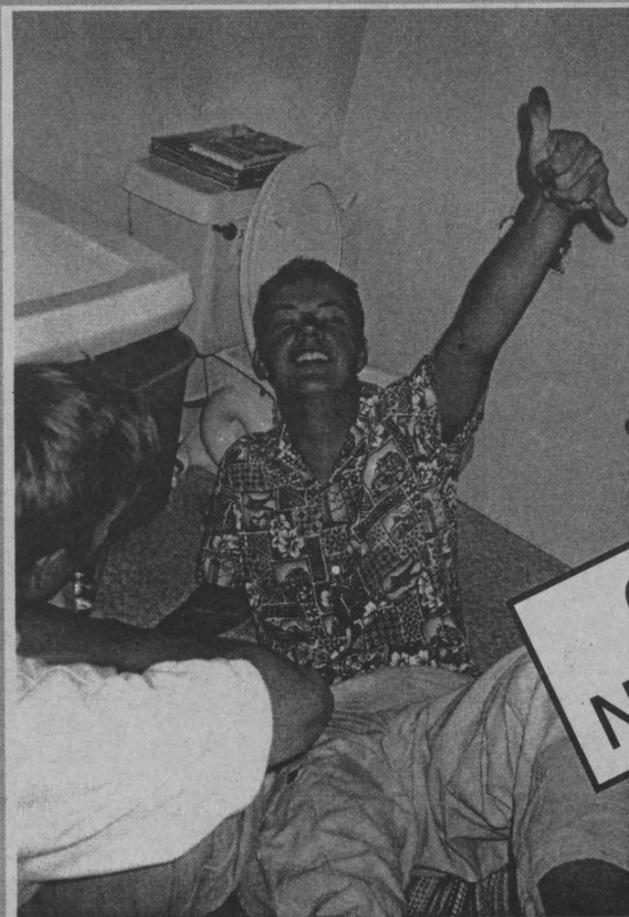


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- Mike BurrIDGE
Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept.
public information officer lieutenant

GILES

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Mike BurrIDGE said since the initial rape investigation, three more women have come forward with similar reports.

"As far as the rape victims go, there were originally four rape reports filed by four different girls, and three of those rape cases are still currently under investigation," he said. "There was the first girl, and almost immediately after reading the *Nexus* article about that girl, two other girls came forward. Then one girl came forward a short period of

time afterwards."

However, Balash said Giles has yet to be formally charged with a rape or sexual assault offense. "The charges are not too serious," he said. "There is no evidence of him raping anybody."

Amid all allegations, Giles continues to maintain his innocence and an optimistic outlook on his situation.

"I haven't had one negative person come up to me, and I believe that is because people know the type of person I am. Everyone keeps telling me, to know me is to know I am innocent and incapable

of the lies that the police are trying to say," he said.

Giles said he is eager to get past the pending criminal charges, which he says have left a permanent stain on his reputation.

"It really messed up my finals, and my [Arts Bridge] scholarship is suspended right now," he said. "They took a lot of my stuff. They took my computer — a lot of my classroom-related equipment. They took my cameras and broke one of them. They took my money. ... They took everything. Psychologically they destroyed me."

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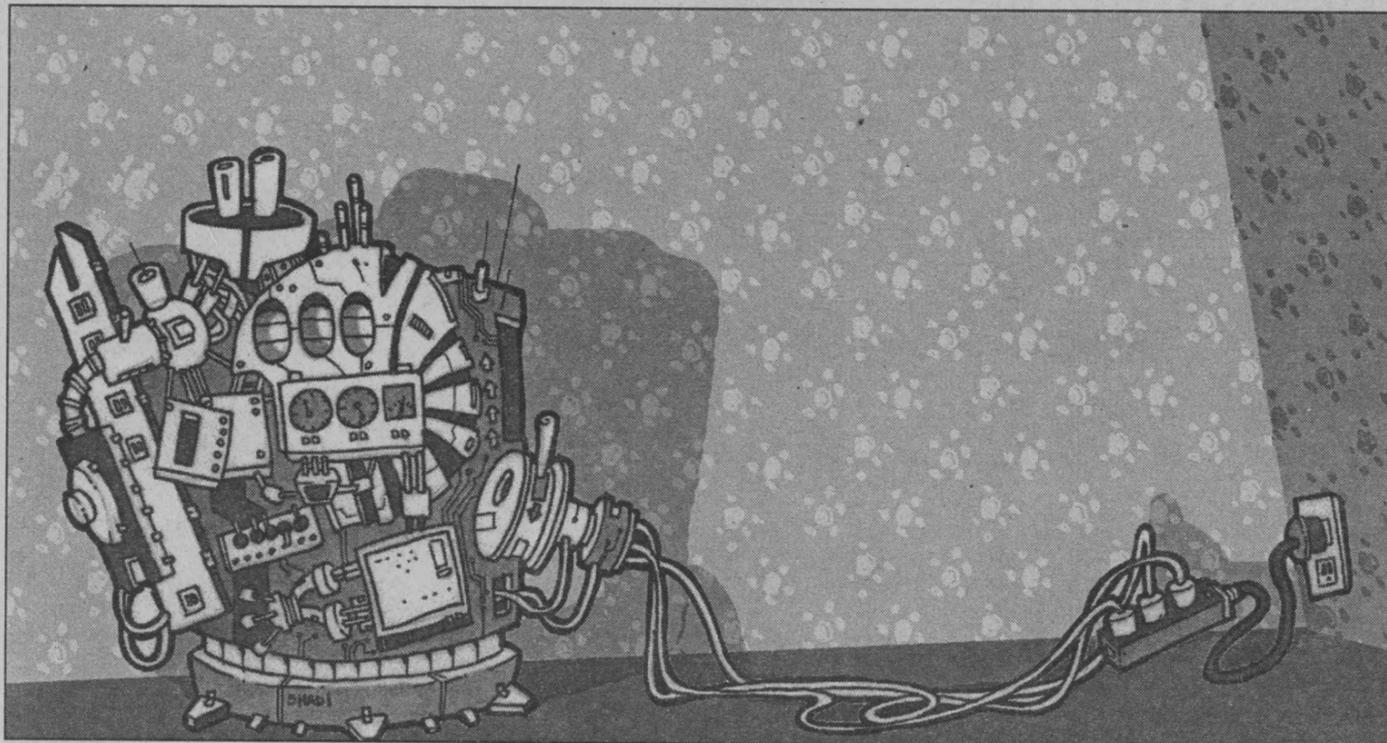
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SHADI MUKLASHY / DAILY NEXUS

Lights Out

California's Troubled Electrical Industry Belongs Back in the Hands of State Government

From Rockefeller to Gates, the 20th century instilled American consumers with a deadly fear of the corporate monopoly. Those lessons were well learned, and trust busting has protected the economy from the deleterious consequences of cartels. However, privatization of government-controlled industries during the 1990s proved that some advantageous natural monopolies do exist. In Monday night's "State of State" speech, Gov. Gray Davis finally acknowledged this fact by sounding the call to take California's crippled electrical industry back into public hands.

In shortly under a decade, California has dug itself into one big, electrical hole and now lacks the juice to crawl out. Shortly after the power industry was privatized in 1996, the state forced Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric to sell portions of their generator holdings. Now, residents are facing the threat of large-scale brownouts and the even more ominous reality of electric rates going through the roof. How did this happen? California's electrical industry was simply not prepared for deregulation.

The state has not constructed a significant power plant in 10 years. Private generators such as PG&E are forced to buy energy wholesale from out-of-state power grids, which are charging exorbitant prices. The state allows these purchases to be made piecemeal, instead of on the basis of long-term contracts. This renders operators susceptible to violent price fluctuations and, recently, the courts upheld the industry's right to pass these costs on to consumers so long as purchases are made responsibly. But purchases are not being made responsibly and attempts to install rate caps have not yet worked.

Most consumers believe that PG&E, Edison and SDG&E have

intentionally withheld energy in order to artificially inflate prices, but as yet, there is very little evidence that this is true. Proponents of privatization have pointed out states such as Ohio and Texas, which have successfully deregulated their respective industries. These states, however, contained a sufficient supply of power generators when the transition was made, and have since taken steps to oversee the power trade. Yes, California could pull this off as well, but there is really no need.

Certain industries, such as telephone and general utilities are best left in state hands because they require large amounts of infrastructure and oversight. These services are simply not meant for the competitive market; they require a higher level of stability. It takes a lot of hardware to keep California wired properly, and service disintegrates when there are too many cooks in the kitchen. People must not be forced to gamble with light and heat; the government has a duty to ensure that these things turn on when the switch is thrown.

Davis' plan to regain control of electrical generators in California is characteristically political and lacks details, but he has the right idea. Of immediate importance, Davis made the crucial decision that the government will not allow PG&E, Edison and SDG&E to go bankrupt. Such an occurrence would deal a serious blow to the state economy. The governor also called for more state authority to purchase and construct power plants, earmarking \$250 million for conservation efforts, cutting government electricity consumption and overhauling the board that oversees the power grid.

It remains to be seen, of course, how the government will achieve these ends. But the most important aspect for the time being is that the objective of moving back toward public control be firmly established.

The Low Down

Waging

A UCSB Student

DAVID DOWNS

Dear Gov. Bush,

Let me begin my application for Drug Czar by saying that these are dark times, Mr. Bush, and you know it. The country is in a state of confusion. Empty words of "reconciliation and healing" cannot change the minds of millions who'd strayed down a dark alley if no one was looking.

Millions of patriotic, God-fearing Americans have been swindled and duped, and their frustration is palpable. Crooks and jackals ran this election like a scam, sucking, Third World rent-a-democracy. U.S. veterans are rolling in their graves.

Here we are in 2001 — satellites, GPS trackers in cars, fiber-optic wire up the walls — and we can't properly elect a president? Cazz! Simpson, we all know who should've won. I know how it really went down.

Surround yourself with as many oil companies as you can find, Gov. Bush, but it's not enough. Here in California, most voters would rather have the cantankerous loins of a Venice Beach bodybuilder than face four years with you near the top of the ticket. My personal fear lies with that Supreme Court you've inherited, but I'll leave that to the lawyers.

Gov. Bush, at heart I think you're still a college boy, and I can identify with that. After four years at UC Santa Barbara's student body, you were labeled "rich college boy," and many people thought you were on cocaine. I understand the psyche and the need to deal with here — I've come to respect it. You flew jets and dodged that senseless massacre called Vietnam. I call that a good move. You started a baseball club and made millions — also a good move.

Aside from being wholly unqualified for the position of President of the United States, I think you're an admirable guy, and you genuinely want to do what's best for America. With that kernel of faith in hand, I offer my expertise for the position of National Drug Czar.

The outgoing Drug Czar Gen. Barry M. McCrory is a worthless fool, and the pathetic state of California's Drugs is a testament to his incompetence.

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The Reader's Voice

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Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

Ah, the joy of living in Isla Vista. I love you, about you, but I enjoy the potholes, the terrible food places that lovely I.V.

This is exactly the reason why I don't understand the need for a contest to [Re]vision. I noticed that four out of the five finalists, even from Santa Barbara — have th

The Op

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\$100 billion of America's money away during the last four years and has zero improvement to show for it.

Don't listen to his doctored numbers, Gov. Bush, Swine McAffrey is a liar and his statisticians are drunks. Drug use is up. D.A.R.E. didn't work. D.A.R.E. did more than fail: it lied to and encouraged a generation who is munching ecstasy like Pez.

My National Drug Plan will save America at least one trillion dollars within the first two years and untold trillions over the decade. It will make you the most beloved American since Elvis, and history will note you with honor. I, myself, expect to receive a harem of Swedish models for my efforts, but this is negotiable.

What you must come to terms with, Mr. Bush, is the fundamental reality that all Americans are avid drug users: alcohol, nicotine, Prozac, caffeine — these legal drugs kill millions and cost billions, and yet they remain on the market. Americans consume more pharmaceuticals per capita than all the Asians combined. Billions of dollars are made, taxed, regulated and controlled because of a simple distinction between legal and illegal. Tobacco and alcohol lobbies, very keen on avoiding competition in the market of altered reality, heavily protect this distinction.

As Drug Czar, my first two referendums would be: 1) to nullify all legal/illegal drug distinctions, except those based on genuine harm to a person's health, and 2) the release of the 1.2 million nonviolent offenders wasting taxpayer money in this nation's prisons.

This sudden influx of poor minorities would be offered work, building thousands of new public colleges, which this nation could afford upon their

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Also, by nullifying all legal/illegal distinctions in drugs we could begin production of cocaine, heroin and all other drugs currently supporting foreign cartels. Madness, you say. But it isn't. Four hundred billion dollars leaves

America every year in the form of drug money. That money goes to wars and dictatorships and no small amount of trouble for global endeavors.

As if drug use doesn't cost America enough, does the money have to leave our economy and be pitted against us? Of course not. Lightly tax and regulate the new income, and your Republican cronies would have billions to pork barrel for all their pet projects. Help keep America strong, Gov. Bush. Change the motto from "Just Say No" to "Do American drugs, and Americans' work."

These first two referenda must be accompanied by a billion-dollar advertising media blitz, showing clearly and persuasively how much money we're saving and how it will work.



The people believe the TV, and no media company could stand the whiff of cold hard cash when it comes to advertorials. More than that, Gov. Bush, we would be doing right in the eyes of God, and He would be on our side.

My qualifications for Drug Czar include several years of field study with major-drug-using populations and extensive experimentation, for research purposes. I've also received the Santa Barbara Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse's Tree of Light Award for my brilliant anti-drug tactics.

I'm ready to commit to the War to End the War, and if you're ready to trust your gut, we can go down in history as geniuses. Your other option is to ignore my words, play patsy to Satan's special interests and be chased from office by a nation on the verge of mass homicide.

Stick with me, Gov. Bush, or stay away from any poorly lit alleys. The choice is yours.

David Downs is the *Daily Nexus* Features editor and *Daily Friday* editor. Once appointed U.S. Drug Czar, he will be referred to as his High-ness.

Voice

I.V.?

Not to name names, but how could someone propose a light rail? I'm sorry, but we are not in Orlando. We do not need to get from Disney World to Epcot Center. Most of us have cars, or friends with cars, who can drive us to the Santa Barbara airport; we don't need a light rail to get us there. In addition, a bluff-top park was proposed by relocating houses and other structures to create a "more natural and scenic edge in Isla Vista." I don't know about you, but when has I.V. been natural and scenic? How do you make it more natural and scenic?

A proposed pier for a variety of "leisure activities?" Do these "leisure activities" include getting drunk and puking off the pier? I can't imagine fellow students participating in leisure activities unless they include drinking. Can we please forget the idea of a park? People who live in I.V. are mainly students, I don't think too many students will frolic in the jungle gym and have picnics in the park next to the homeless people in I.V.

My last gripe is about the proposed "remote satellite parking structure" and metered 90-minute parking along Del Playa for the year 2050. I guess the

Letters to the editor MUST include the author's FULL name, phone number, year and major.

students going to school in 2050 will be further screwed over by expensive parking permits and tickets from expired meters. What I'm wondering is how do we get rid of the smell of the lagoon? Who knows what is in that thing? I wish an architect would take care of that smell right now.

So in conclusion, I propose we move out of I.V., drop a small nuke on it and wait 50 years to rebuild I.V. and move students back in.

KAREN SCHENNUM

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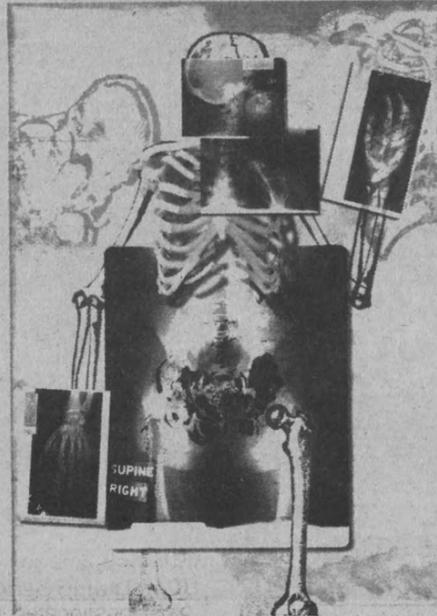
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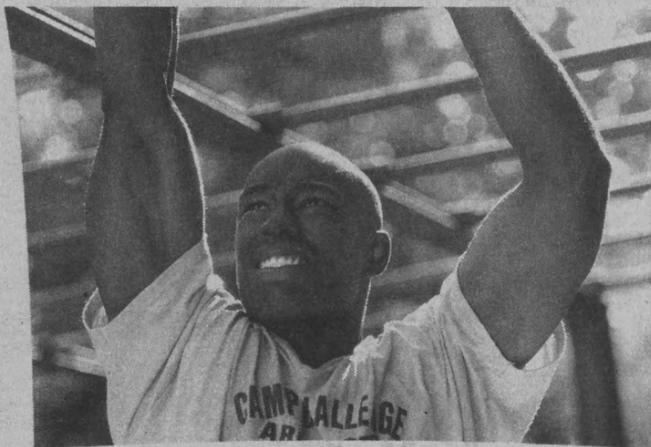
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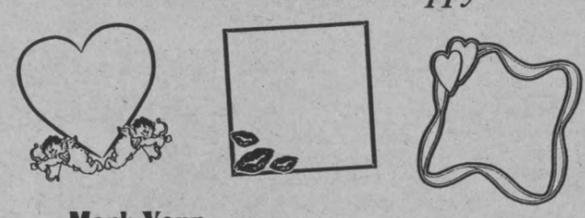
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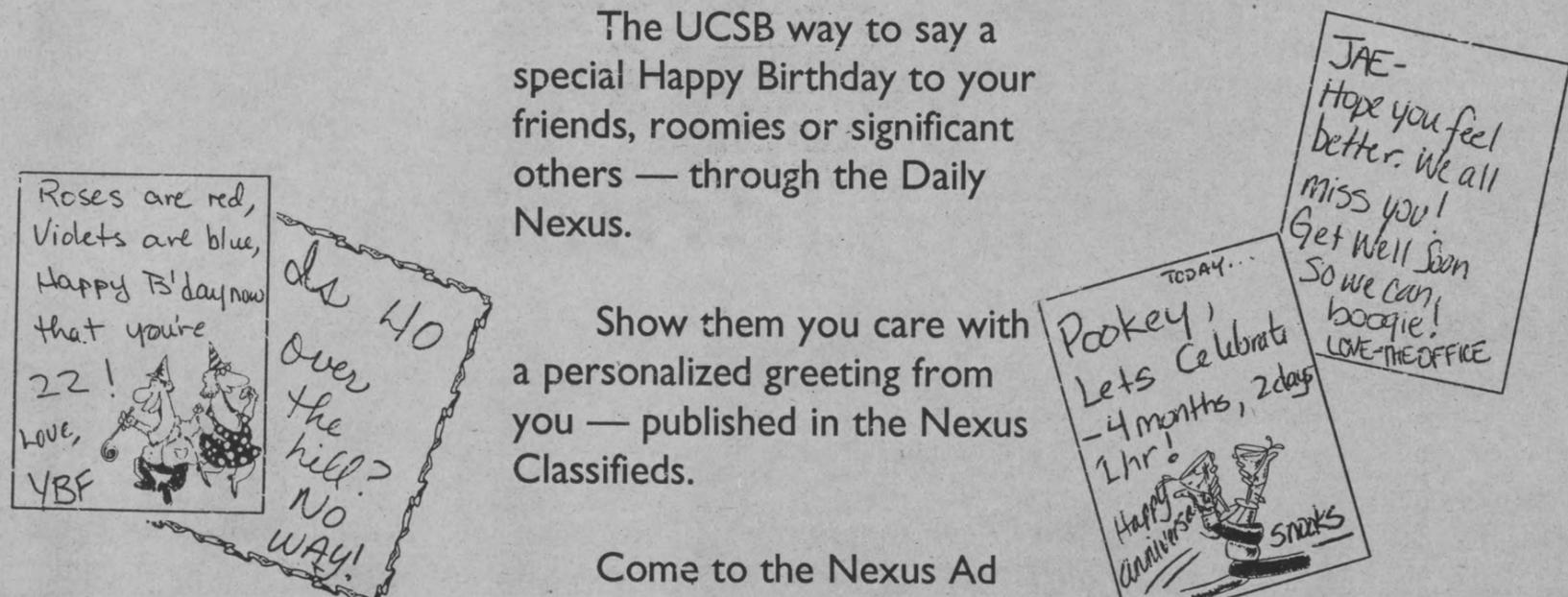
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Retrospection of UCSB's Season: W's, Elite Eight

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In a season that began with low expectations from the public, the UCSB women's volleyball team made believers out of everyone, toppling national power after national power en route to its third appearance in the Elite Eight in the last four seasons and an impressive 25-8 final record.

The Gauchos opened their season in San Diego with an ugly, yet impressive win over #10 Arizona, and then went on to post victories in four of their next five matches. But Santa Barbara could not continue its winning ways forever. Two of the next three matches would pit the team against #7 Colorado State and #2 Hawai'i, and UCSB could not muster a win in either match.

However, on Sept. 22, the entire course of the Gauchos' season changed. On consecutive nights, Santa Barbara knocked off arch rivals #6 Long Beach State and #16 Pacific. The weekend sweep at the Thunderdome was the first back-to-back wins UCSB had notched against its two greatest league foes since 1994.

"Those two matches were what really got us going this season," junior setter Brooke Rundle said. "Beating either of those teams by themselves is huge, but to beat them back-to-back was even sweeter."

Santa Barbara hit another bump in the road on Sept. 30 when unranked, but much improved Utah State swept the Gauchos in three games. UCSB would rebound and defeat #22

Loyola Marymount and #5 Pepperdine in the following week to put them back on track. One weekend later Santa Barbara dropped a match to #14 UOP in three straight, but then traveled to the Pyramid and again beat #19 Long Beach State in five games.

On Oct. 24 in the Thunderdome, USC shocked all in attendance by coming back from a two-games-to-none deficit to pull out a five-game victory and hand the Gauchos their first home loss of the season. Santa Barbara then went on its longest winning streak of the season, notching victories over #19 Utah State, #16 Santa Clara, and two wins over Central Coast rival Cal Poly in seven days as they amassed eight straight wins.

The Gauchos dropped a meaningless match at the end of the season to #16 Brigham Young University, but received a bid to host the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament. After dispatching a pesky Texas-San Antonio squad in three games in the first round, Santa Barbara prepared for its battle with #19 Stanford. The Cardinal had knocked UCSB out of the tournament two of the last three years, and the Gauchos wanted some retribution. Behind steady offense and some outstanding individual performances by Rundle and junior outside hitter Brianna Lampe, Santa Barbara outlasted the Farm and prevailed in an unbelievable 9-15, 16-14, 15-8, 14-16, 16-14 victory.

The emotion after the Stanford match was too much for even Head Coach Kathy Gregory, who has been at the helm of Gaucho women's volleyball for 26 seasons. After the

win, she had this to say: "In 26 years, I have never been involved in such an exciting, tension-filled match ... Does this say what kind of heart and soul our team has? You bet it does."

Santa Barbara would dethrone another team yet, as it dispatched #9 Minnesota in the third round. But its Cinderella run would stop one match short of the Final Four, as Hawai'i proved too strong and sent the Gauchos packing.

UCSB could retain all six starters next season if freshman middle blocker Simone Kuhn can arrange to return from Switzerland for a second year. Kuhn, along with leading

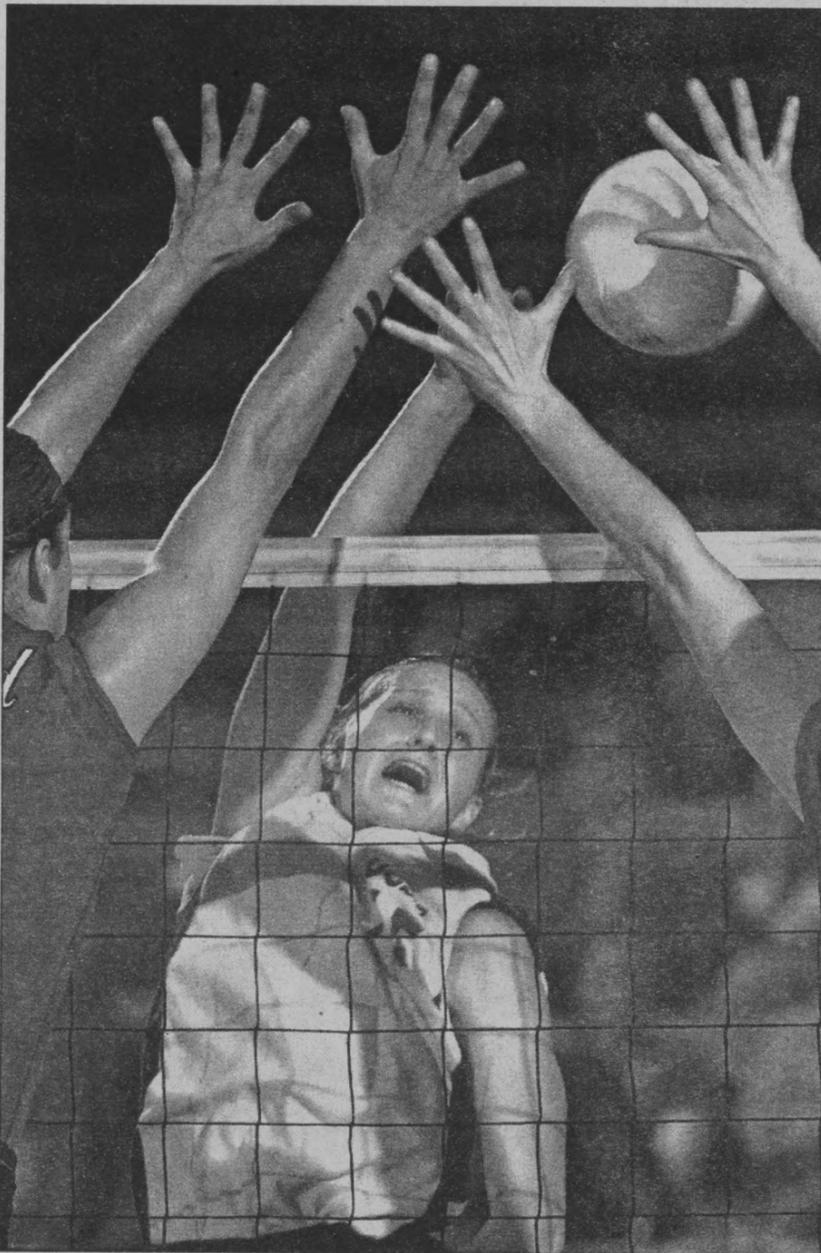
offensive threat sophomore middle blocker Danielle Bauer and a much-improved Brianna Lampe, Santa Barbara will again be looking towards its first ever date with the Final Four. Add to that mix of players the tremendous ball control and intelligence of sophomore outside hitter

Brooke Niles and the consistent play of sophomore outside hitter Courtney Guerra, and the Gauchos could possibly be a top five team all season long.

Rundle, who was named a Second Team AVCA All-American for her efforts this

season, put it best when she said:

"We had a terrific year, and no one on our team has any regrets. But we all know that there is unfinished business yet, and we can't take care of that until we make it to the Final Four."



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Freshman middle blocker Simone Kuhn and the Gauchos had another excellent year behind Head Coach Kathy Gregory, finishing 25-8 on the year, going deep in the tourney.

Santa Barbara Wallops Titans in Big West Opener to Tie Consecutive Win Mark

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After struggling at times through a rough preseason against several Top 25 teams, including rugged Oregon and Penn State, the Gauchos may have put their 6-6 season behind them.

The UCSB women's basketball team sank Cal State Fullerton's ship Tuesday night in a commanding 74-51 victory at Titan Gym to open the Big West competition. Santa Barbara has now won 43 consecutive regular season games in its conference to tie the Big West record with the 1986-89 Long Beach State teams, one of which went to the Final Four. The Gauchos are looking to break the record Saturday night at 7 against Cal Poly at the Thunderdome. Santa Barbara also won 52 games in a row in the Big West overall.

UCSB was never in any danger of relinquishing the game and streak against the Titans (0-13, 0-1 in the Big West), who set their own record for futility.

The Gauchos were led by a formidable frontline of junior forward Kayte Christensen, senior forward Nicole Greathouse and freshman center Lindsay Taylor. Christensen made eight of nine field goals from the field for 19 points and six rebounds. Greathouse pumped home 11 points, while shooting a perfect 6-6 from the charity stripe.

The big offensive outburst from Taylor, who used her

size and nimbleness down in the post to garner a career and game-high 20 points in only 15 minutes of play, was a welcome surprise for Santa Barbara. Taylor also made all eight of her free throws and grabbed five rebounds.

The game was reasonably close for the first 10 minutes, yet the Gauchos quickly toppled Fullerton, outscoring the Titans 44-19 in the first half of play.

"We've really been working on our defense, and I felt like we played really good defense tonight," Christensen said on 1220 AM radio. "We played tough, and we're trying really hard, and at least our effort is there."

The two key statistics of the night for the team was 81.3 percent shooting at the free throw stripe on 26-32 shots, and out-rebounding the Titans 41-23. In comparison with the 32 free-throw attempts by Santa Barbara, the host Titans shot only 18 free throws.

Though the Gauchos dominated Fullerton, UCSB Head Coach Mark French was searching for more consistent play from his players to get ready for what might be the season in which the Gauchos get knocked off their perch atop the Big West.

"We were trying to work on our turnovers," French said on 1220 AM radio. "We set a team goal of less than 15 turnovers, and we wanted to hold them under 40 points, and we wanted to out-rebound them by 20 [UCSB outrebounded CSFU by 18] ... I don't think we accomplished any of those goals."

French's biggest concern stems from the team's lack of

taking care of the ball. Santa Barbara committed 23 turnovers despite dishing out 21 assists on 23 field goals.

"Our turnover situation has to get better, and we're all very frustrated about that," French said. "I'm not sure what we need to do. If I was sure what we needed to do, we'd have probably been doing it for the past month, and we wouldn't be turning the ball over the way we are. We're pretty skilled players, generally. We just seem to be up and down ... If we can get to the point where every night out no matter who we're playing we're averaging 14-15 turnovers, we're going to be a good basketball team. If not, we're going to be a team that defends and rebounds pretty well, wins 20 games, and maybe has a quick, unhappy end to our season."

The freshmen on the team, besides the offensive exploits of Taylor, did a very good job contributing to UCSB's victory after being nurtured slowly at the start of the season; the players have begun to come into their own, especially in the past couple games.

Guard Lisa Willett scored six points, including a driving hook shot made while being fouled, and she had a steal and two rebounds in 18 minutes of play. Forward Jessica Combs scored six points and gathered six rebounds in 19 minutes of action.

"I thought the freshmen played well," French said. "Jessica Combs in particular I thought played really good defense, and got around in the low post ... they played well tonight."