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SB Volleyball Loaded with Weapons

The UCSB women's volleyball gets top billing in this extravaganza of Gauchoism because, simply put, it is the most successful intercollegiate team sport at UCSB.

The Gauchos are in the midst of a fantastic season that boasts a record of 22-3 overall and 11-1 in the Big West Conference. Despite losing the premier middle blocker in the nation, senior All-American Katie Crawford, to injury (see page 3A), Santa Barbara is currently ranked #7 in the nation by the USA Today/AVCA Coaches Poll.

The Gauchos have relied heavily on junior All-American Roberta Gehlke. Known as "Robbi" to her team, the outside hitter leads the Big West in kills and digs per game. Also

having an outstanding campaign is junior outside hitter Charlene Conley. Conley is hitting at a team-high .381 clip.

Not lost in the shuffle is the stellar all-around play of senior co-captain Erin McCown, the amazing defense of senior Tania Yamashita and the efficiency and exuberance of junior Michelle Christ. Also a plus for UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory has been the brilliance of freshman setter Brooke Rundle, who is second in the Big West in assists.

The Gauchos have tough games soon with #10 Pacific on Thursday followed by #1 Long Beach State on Saturday.
— Steve Wendt

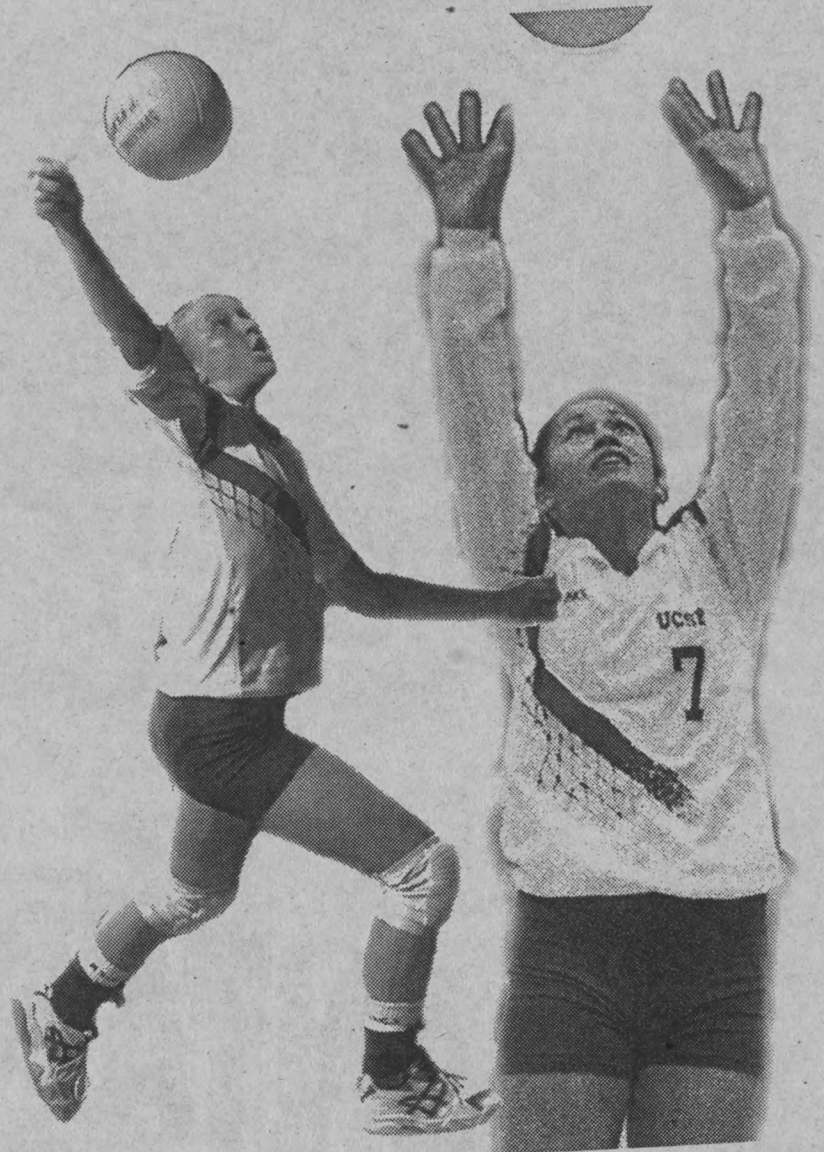
In Focus: Roberta Gehlke



Position: Outside Hitter
Hometown: Huntington Beach
Height: 5' 10"
Major: Communication

Coming off a 1997 campaign that witnessed Roberta Gehlke garner Second-Team All-American honors, the outside hitter has been even better this season. This UCSB junior leads the Big West Conference in kills with 5.22 per game as well as digs with 4.06 per game. Gehlke also surpassed the 1000 career-digs mark this season and is closing in on the school's all-time kills record.

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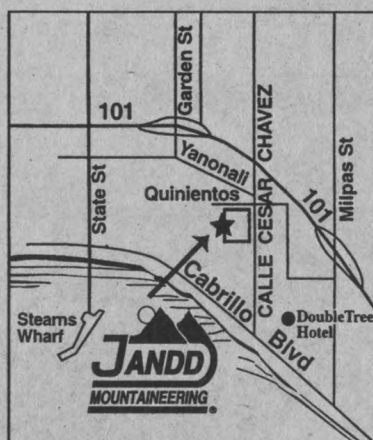
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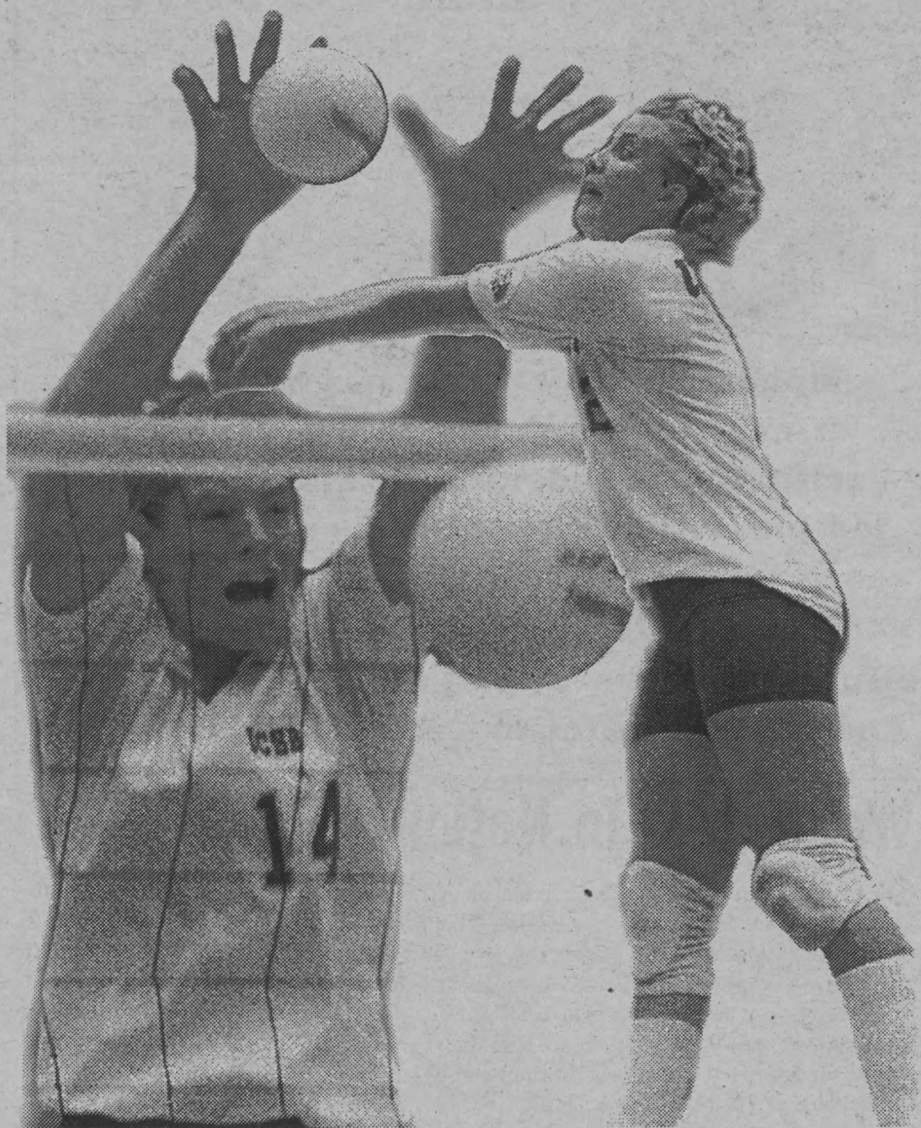
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Injury Casting Shadow for V-ball

UCSB junior middle blocker Katie Crawford has been cooling her 6'3" jets for the past 10 games and will miss this week's crucial Big West heavyweight bouts with #9 Pacific and #1 Long Beach State due to an injured right hand.

The Santa Barbara star sustained torn ligaments and an evulsion fracture of the right thumb in pregame activities before the Boise State match on Oct. 8. Crawford, a Fallbrook, Calif., native had the Gauchos positioned at #3 in the nation at the moment of her injury.

Crawford was put into a hard cast and her status for the rest of the season was questionable. The prognosis has improved, however.

While she will miss this week's action, Crawford could be out of the cast next week and may possibly see the floor against UC Irvine on Nov. 13 and Cal State Fullerton on Nov. 14 in the Thunderdome.

In the meantime, UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory has stressed the importance of a quick offensive attack. The Gauchos have sped up their game and have been able to spread the ball around quite effectively in Crawford's absence, but it will be a welcome sight for UCSB volleyball fans — and a fearful one for UCSB volleyball opponents — when #13 strolls back onto the court in uniform rather than street clothes.

— Steve Wendt

In Focus: Kathy Gregory



Position: Head Coach

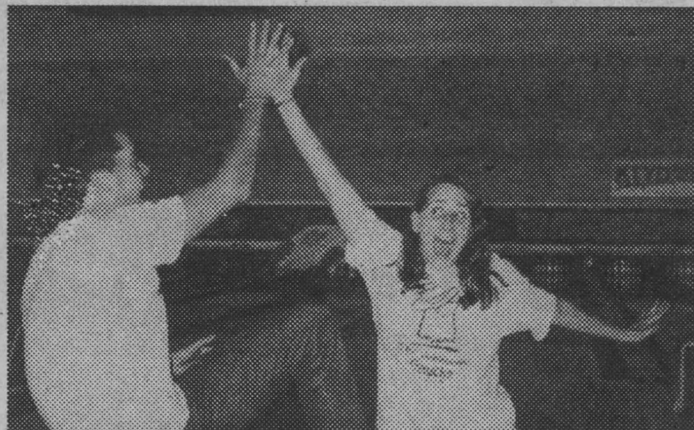
Tenure: 24 Seasons

Record: 593-260

Nickname: "The Queen"

Kathy Gregory has guided the Gauchos to one of their best seasons in history, but success is nothing new to Gregory. She has led UCSB volleyball to 20-win seasons 21 times. As a player, Gregory is a legend. She was Women's Beach' Tournament MVP in 1976, 1977, 1978, 1981 and 1983. She was inducted into the Volleyball Hall of Fame in 1989.

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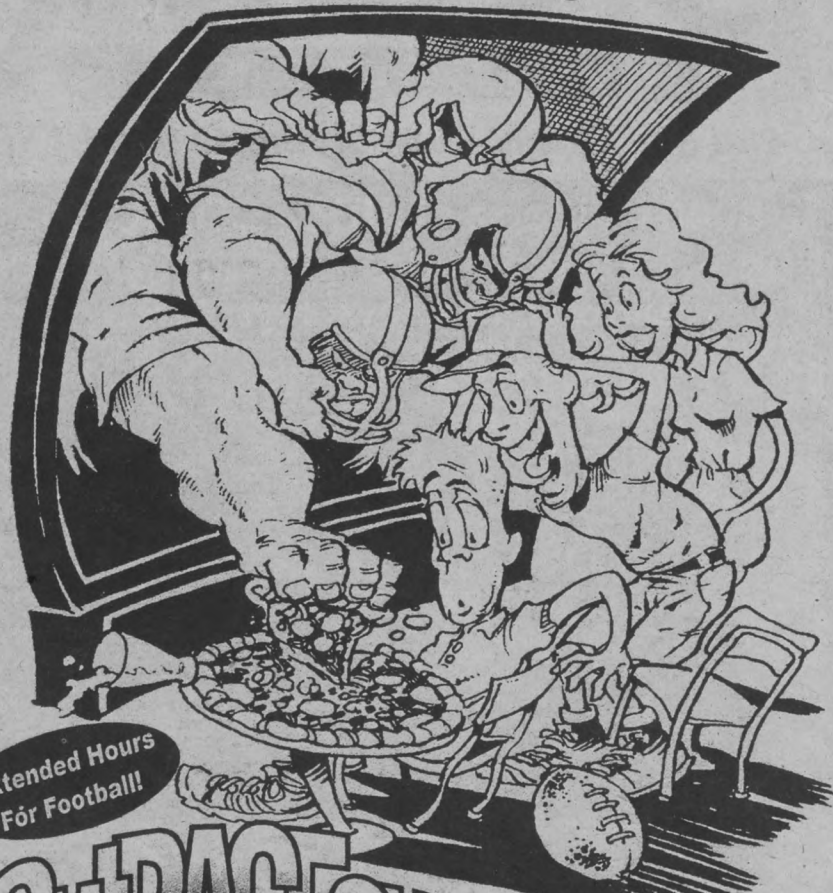
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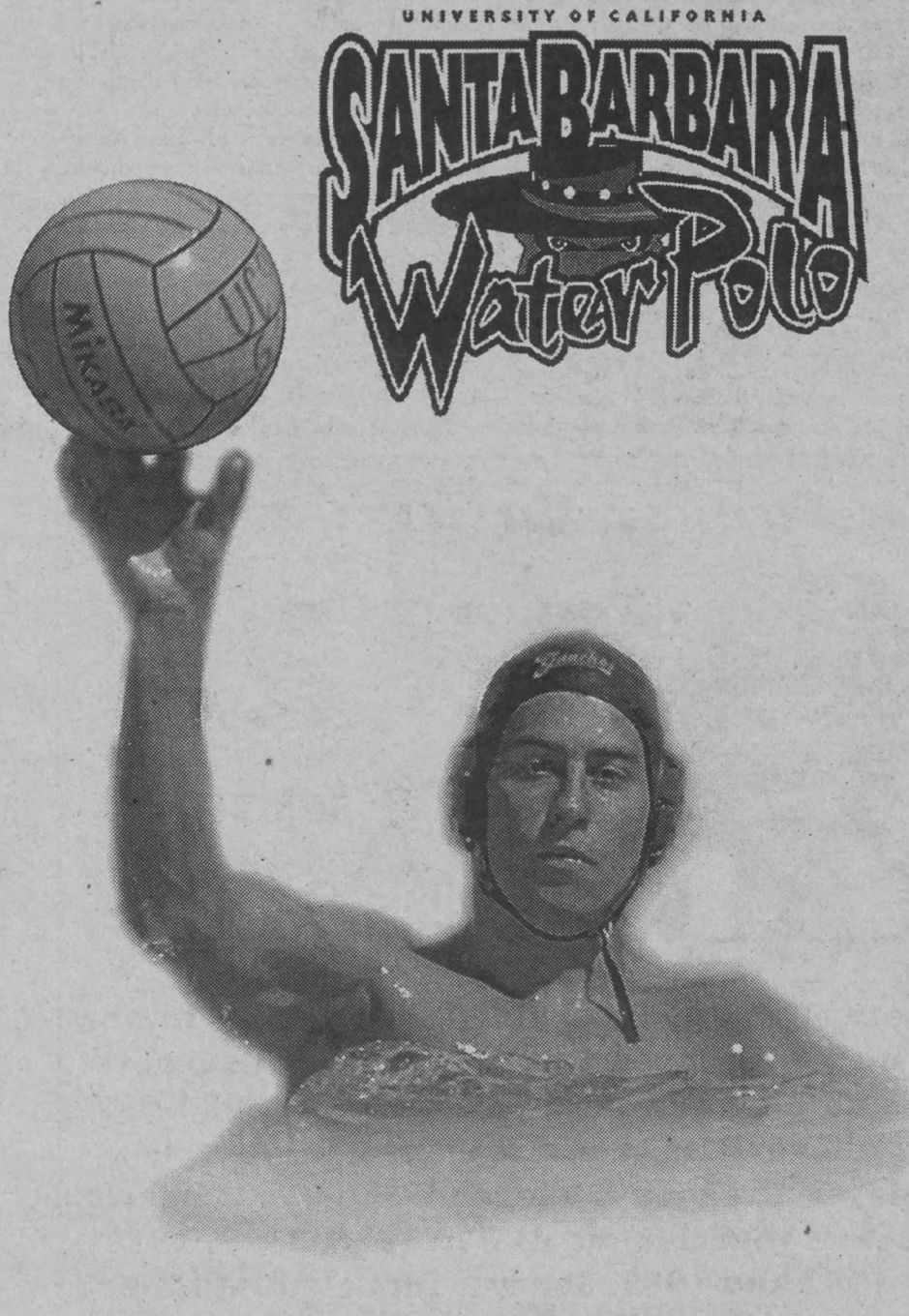


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In Focus: Joey Pacelli



Position: Driver
Hometown: Orange, CA
Height: 5' 11"
Major: Biology

Sophomore Joey Pacelli has become an offensive powerhouse in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. This Gaucho has led Joe O'Brien's squad in scoring much of the year. He currently has 33 goals, which is good enough for sixth in the conference. His efforts have been strong enough to propel he and his teammates to a #9 national ranking.

Water Polo in Nation's Top Ten

The UCSB men's water polo team has not fared as well as hoped this season. The team, however, has turned in an outstanding collective effort, and by virtue of its exceptionally hard schedule, has earned the respect of the water polo world and a national ranking of #9.

The Gauchos have been led this year by a duo of players, sophomore Joey Pacelli and senior Lance Wahlert. The two have opposite roles for Santa Barbara with

Pacelli relied on to shoot and score while Wahlert is in to guard the net and keep would-be goals just that — would-be.

Santa Barbara is currently 6-11 overall and 0-7 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. While the conference record is not much on the eyes, one should remember that each team in the MPSF is ranked in the top 10 in the country, including the mighty #1 USC Trojans.

Pacelli is sixth in the conference in scoring at 2.0 points per game. Wahlert ranks seventh in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation with 7.81 saves per contest.

The Gauchos have five more matches before the MPSF tournament starts on Nov. 27 at Long Beach State. UCSB's next home match in Campus Pool is Nov. 21 against #3 UC Irvine.

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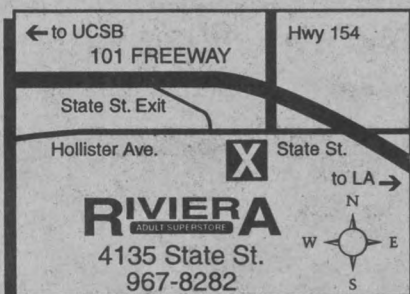
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Gauchos Just Can't Get Ball in Net

This season has been a trying one for the UCSB soccer programs.

The Gaucho men's and women's soccer teams have struggled to just a handful of wins, but those wins have been vindicating because most have come against better-funded squads.

The men's team has had a rough go of it and has limped to a 2-15 record. The Gauchos did, however, open a can of whoop-ass on Menlo College for their first win of the season. Santa Barbara punished the Bay

Area school for 13 goals. The shutout was a baker's dozen to remember.

The Gauchos seemed to be snake-bitten from the start. Junior Sean Herrity went down early to injury as did sophomore Steven Sosa, AKA "the Maestro." Sosa is a gifted playmaker with international experience and was sorely missed.

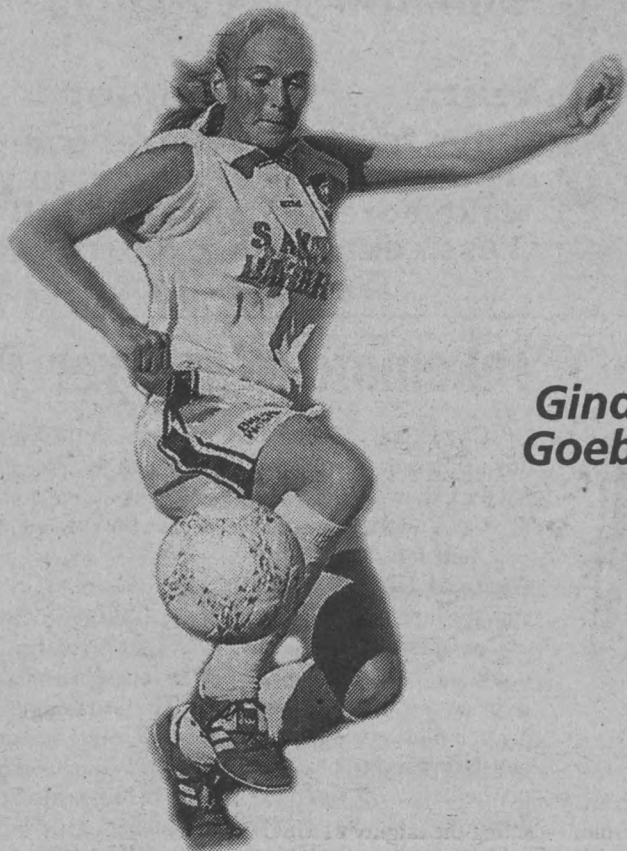
The women's squad was a defense/ball control team that just couldn't get the ball in the net. The Gauchos finished 4-14-1 overall and 1-7 in the Big West under

second-year Head Coach Kris Bassler-Horn.

Junior Cindy Goebel was the high scorer with three goals.

While the women's team has wrapped up its season (on a winning note, too, because the Gauchos handled WAC leading UTEP) the men's squad still has games left on the docket. UCSB will have home matches on Nov. 6, 8 and 13 in Harder Stadium.

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Gindy Goebel

In Focus: Aron Wellman



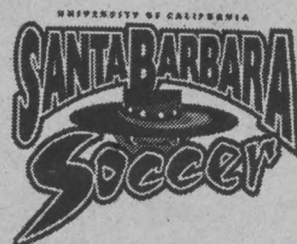
Position: Forward

Hometown: Beverly Hills

Height: 5' 7"

Major: Political Science

Senior Aron Wellman is currently leading the UCSB men's soccer team in goals. The forward who started his career at UC Davis has five goals for 10 points on the season. He has been on fire lately, netting all five goals in the Gauchos' last seven matches.



In Focus: Alison Lott



Position: Midfield

Hometown: Claremont

Height: 5' 8"

Major: Biology

Senior Alison Lott was the steady influence on a young UCSB women's soccer team. The midfielder patrolled the midfield with abandon. Lott was not called upon to score but led a stingy defense.

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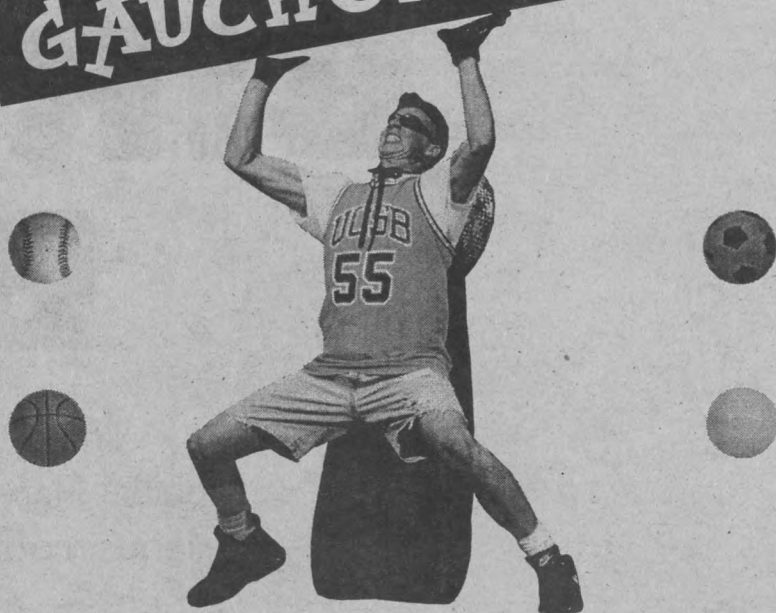


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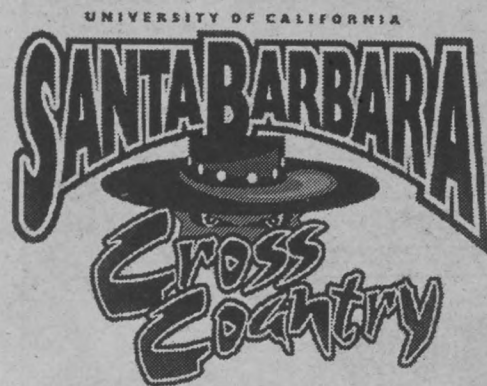
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UCSB X-Country Wraps

The UCSB men's and women's cross country teams hovered in the middle of the pack this season, but the year wasn't without its share of strong performances.

The Gaucho men's team was led by junior Brett Strahan, who transferred from Wake Forest University this past fall. Senior Jason Kolb from Whittier, Calif., also came on with a late season push.

UCSB Head Coach Pete Dolan was lucky to have dedicated runners, especially Gabriela Rodriguez, who

redshirted a year ago but led the team in every race this season. Rodriguez fought illness and injury but was able to become the top Gaucho women's finisher at the Big West Championships hosted by the University of North Texas.

The men's team was seeded fourth in the Big West Championships and finished in that same position. The women's team came in seeded fourth but slid to sixth place after all was said and done.

— Steve Wendt

In Focus: Gaby Rodriguez



Hometown: Oxnard

Year: Senior

Senior Gabriela Rodriguez was the best runner for UCSB Head Coach Pete Dolan's Gaucho squad this year despite illness and injury at season's end.

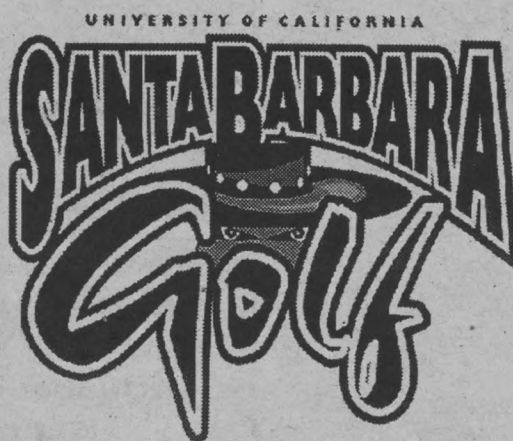
In Focus: Brett Strahan



Hometown: Valencia

Year: Senior

Junior Brett Strahan returned to his home state after starting at Wake Forest. Strahan led UCSB cross country to a fourth place Big West finish.



Takemoto Way Over Par

UCSB's golf team was driving for show and putting for, well, show, I guess. Due to NCAA rules the Gauchos can't putt for dough, but if they could, UCSB would be atop the money board.

One player has been nearly automatic for Santa Barbara this season. That player is none other than junior Naoya Takemoto. The mathematics major has dominated the scene this year by capturing the top

spot at both the 49er Intercollegiate in Long Beach and the Country Wide Home Loan Intercollegiate in Simi Valley.

In addition to the two wins, Takemoto has been UCSB's top finisher in each of its four tournaments thus far. The Gauchos are on hiatus until spring where Takemoto and his UCSB playing partners will try to keep the ball rolling ... at the cup.

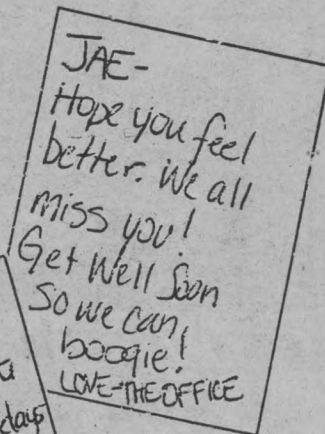
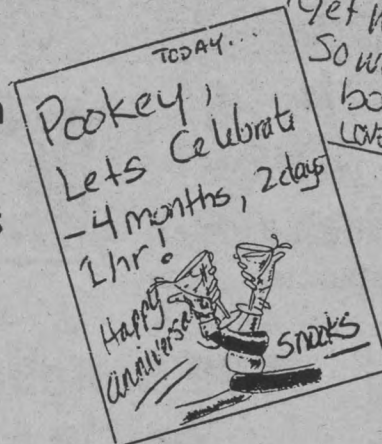
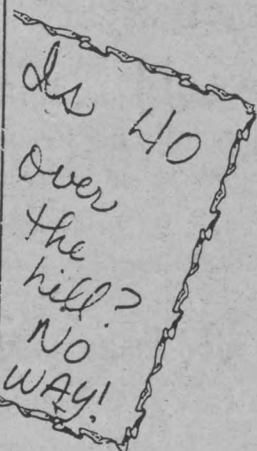
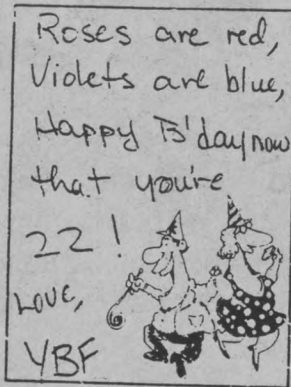
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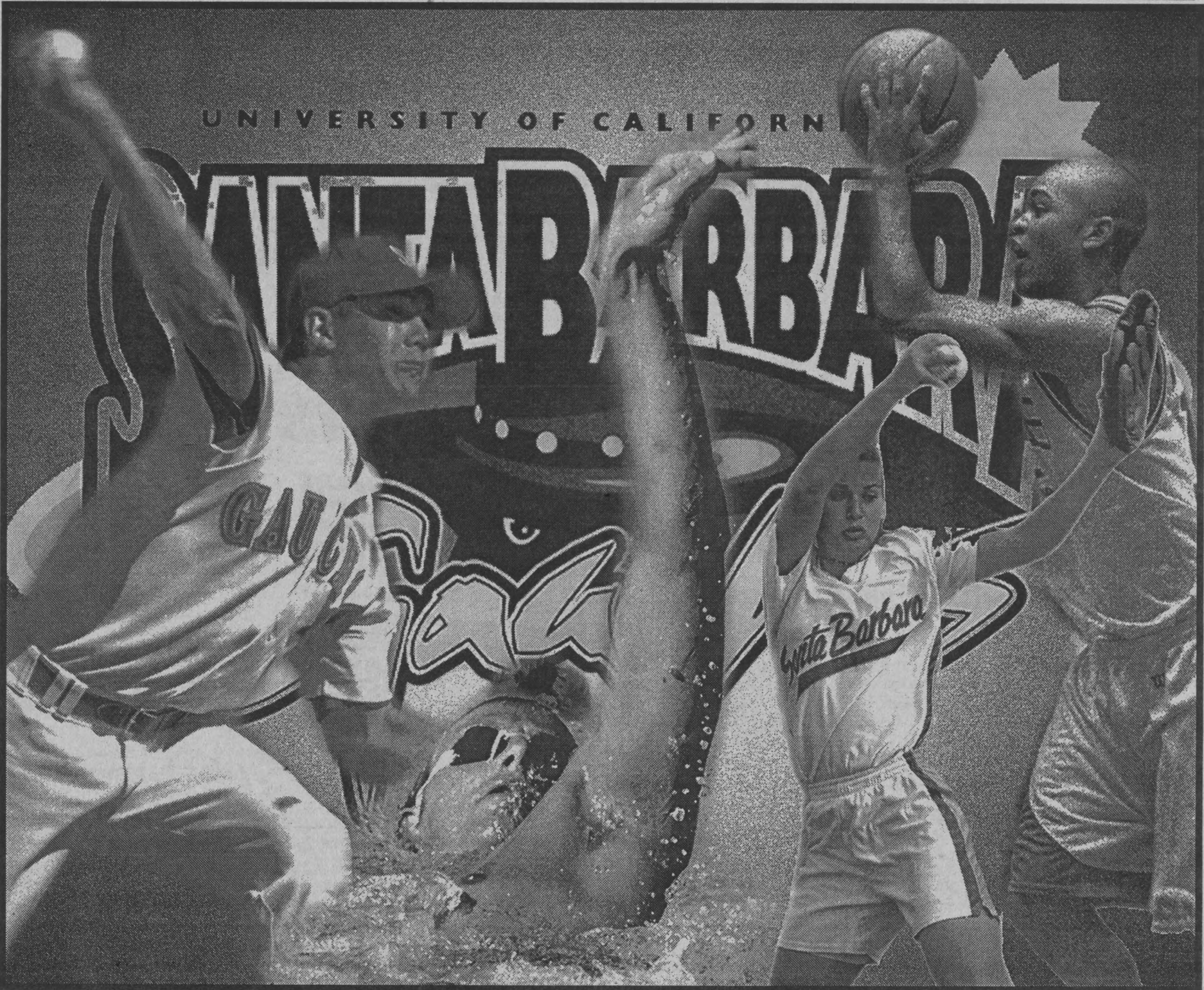


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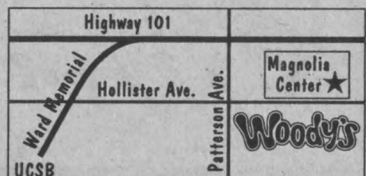
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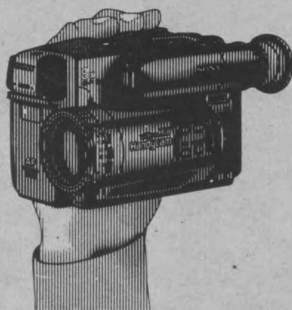
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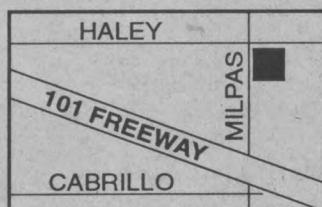
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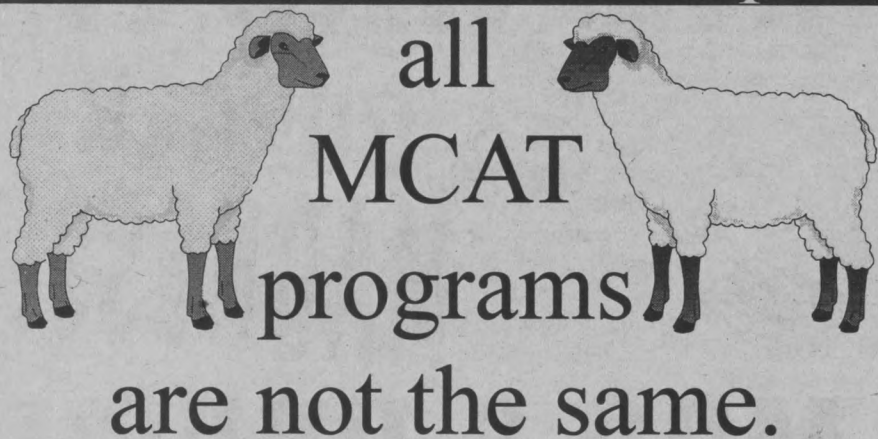


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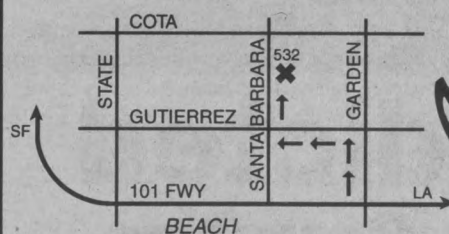
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