

Tuesday

March 31, 1998



Flowers for Everyone

While the rest of us are complaining about El Niño's now-familiar saturation tactics, these lovely blossoms along the coast found ample moisture to sprout and flourish.

INSIDE:

Caught Red-eyed

A juror in a drug case barely escaped a jail term after he was found guilty of contempt for smoking bowls with the defendants prior to the verdict in their trial.

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Surprise!

The unexpected recent selection of Bob Williams as the new coach of the Gaucho men's basketball team elicits a mention in today's Nexus editorial.



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Everybody Loves Lezak

Senior swimmer Jason Lezak places sixth in the 100-yard freestyle event during the NCAA swimming championships. Lezak's showing was good enough to land UCSB in a tie for 27th place overall.

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Don't forget to attend the Queer Student Union meeting, tonight at 7:15 in the Multicultural Center Theater, rooms 1 and 2. Gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendereds, questions and allies welcome.

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Proposals Presented for Ballot

BY TED ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

With upcoming Associated Students spring elections, students can expect to see campaign signs and posters throughout UCSB and Isla Vista next week.

According to A.S. Election Committee Chair Colin McCarthy, candidates will be allowed to

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use ground-staked posters, billboards and other literature for their campaigns as of Monday, April 6.

"The official campaigning doesn't begin until Monday morning at 12:01 a.m.," McCarthy said.

Students will be able to vote April 21 and 22 on campus, according to McCarthy.

"Any undergraduate can vote with an Access card and a current sticker," he said.

Among the several proposals on this year's A.S. spring ballots are four bills dealing with monetary increases in students' lock-in fees, such as a \$9 increase to bolster UCen operations, according to On-Campus Rep. Erin O'Donnell.

"The UCen doesn't have



Birds of a Feather ...

Pelicans flock together on Stearns Wharf enjoying the sunny, albeit cool days that have recently graced Santa Barbara.

MORGAN BALL / DAILY NEXUS

enough money to function right now," she said. "Every summer they practically go bankrupt. It's not funded at all by the students — only the bookstore and the other businesses inside. If they don't get this money, they will have to cut UCen student wages. But if the measure passes, the money will go toward UCen repairs, student wages and keeping the businesses open later."

Another measure would increase the lock-in fees for the Student Committee on Racial Equality (S.C.O.R.E.), according to A.S. State Affairs Organizing Di-

rector Haady Lashkari.

"The lock-in fee for S.C.O.R.E. hasn't been changed for nine years. S.C.O.R.E. touches a lot of organizations on campus, and by the fees we can fund more groups," he said.

A bill, authored by A.S. Off-Campus Rep. Joe Lee, that would increase student lock-in fees for campus bikepaths, parking and bike lighting, will also be on the ballot after passing unanimously March 4 at an A.S. Legislative Council meeting.

"Bicycle paths on this campus are a disaster. There is not enough

bicycle parking or lighting," Lee said.

Damien Phillips, of A.S. and the Residence Hall Association commented on the I.V. Noise Plebiscite bill, authored by Off-Campus Rep. Justin Glycer. The measure will attempt to make Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers warn residents of noise violations before issuing citations.

"I think that the way the Plebiscite is worded that people will vote for it. It's basically a survey that lets A.S. know how the students feel.

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A.S. Reviews Diverse Bands for Annual Spring Concert

BY MARISA SOTO
Reporter

Crowd surfers and moshers will soon have their day in the sun as planning for the university's annual concert enters its final phases.

The bands performing in the 18th annual Extravaganza concert are to be announced by April 25 and are currently being decided upon. Sponsored by the Associated Students Program Board, the event is scheduled to take place May 16 in Harder Stadium. Since contract negotiations are still being discussed, no performers have been confirmed, according to Concert Coordinator Jennifer Kulonis, a senior communication major.

"Nothing has been finalized quite yet," she said. "The plans are still kind of iffy, but we'll soon know everything for sure."

The A.S. Program Board invited local artists to submit their recordings by March 20 to be reviewed by a concert committee, according to A.S. Program Board Adviser Marilyn Duker. She explained that five local performers will be selected to perform on the second stage.

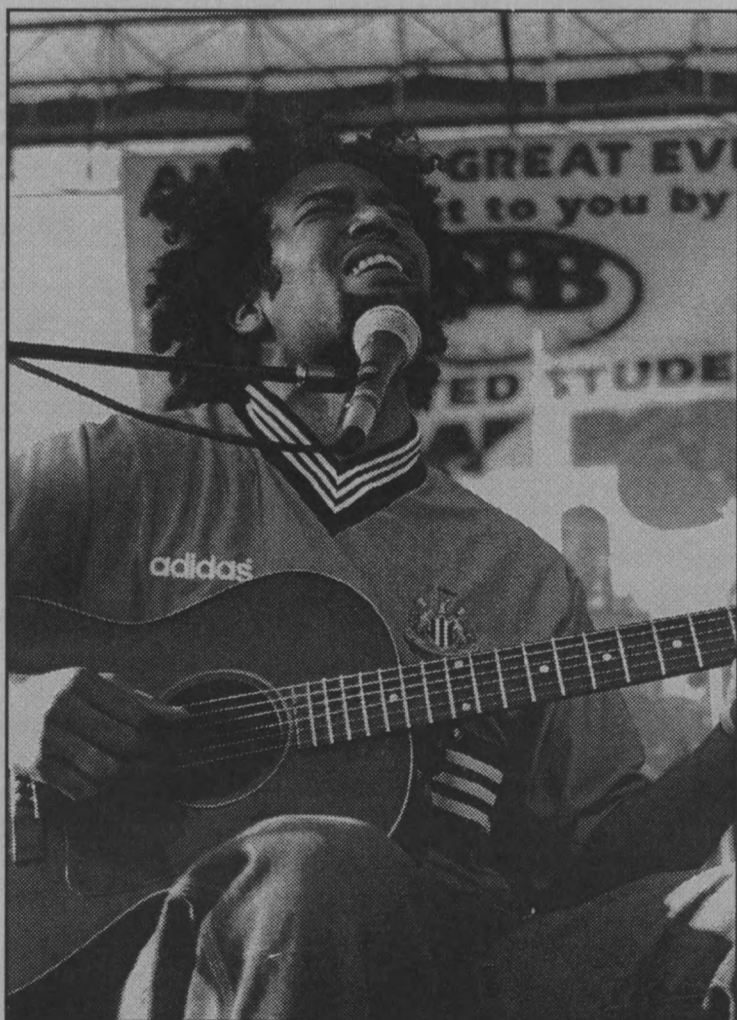
"[The committee] all get together one night, listen to all the tapes, and decide from there," Duker said.

The concert will be held on two stages. The main stage will be reserved for headlining bands, while the second stage will be available for local artists. Kulonis explained that the goal of this year's concert is to include various types of music to appeal to the whole community.

"We're looking for a bunch of diverse bands so everyone can get what they want [and] quality music that's cool for people to hear."

Funding for Extravaganza comes from contributions made by sponsors, student registration fees and money made from previous A.S. events throughout the year, according to Kulonis.

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NEXUS FILE PHOTO

A.S. Program Board is currently working out negotiations with bands to play at this year's 18th annual Extravaganza concert. Ben Harper, shown here, was one of the acts to headline on the main stage last year.

Top of the News

House Slows Campaign Finance Reform



WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans steered campaign finance legislation toward defeat in the House on Monday, ignoring outrage from Democrats and dissident GOP lawmakers who were denied a vote on their own plan to clean up a scandal-ridden system.

"I think that's an abomination," said Rep. Christopher Shays (R-Conn.), who has clashed sharply with his own party's leaders in recent days.

"Let's come back with a real vote on campaign finance reform and allow the vote on bipartisan reform," added Rep. Martin Meehan (D-Mass.), who has worked with Shays and other lawmakers on a measure to overhaul the current political finance system.

Republican leaders, maneuvering to maintain control of the issue, were unrelenting.

Despite the protests, they decided to bring the issue to

the floor in a package of four bills, with debate limited to 40 minutes per measure, no amendments allowed and a two-thirds vote required for passage. Such rules are customarily reserved for non-

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— Martin Meehan (D-Mass.)

controversial bills.

The first measure, originally crafted as a comprehensive GOP response to calls for campaign finance reform, would curtail union political activity and ban large, loosely regulated "soft money" donations to the national political parties.

It also would let local election officials seek federal help to verify prospective voters' citizenship and per-

mit individuals and political action committees to donate larger sums to candidates than current law allows.

Democrats and some Republicans criticized the union provision, and advocates of a more comprehensive effort to reduce the money in

campaigns said the soft-money ban included a gaping loophole that would let donations continue to state parties, which could funnel them to congressional campaigns.

The GOP leadership also was bringing three smaller bills to the floor.

One would tighten the prohibition on noncitizens making donations or expen-

ditures in connection with federal elections.

A second would require stronger disclosure of contributions.

The final one, dubbed "paycheck protection," was identical to a portion of the broader bill. It would require unions to obtain written consent from individual members before using their dues for political activity.

Shays, Meehan and others pressed the GOP leadership to permit a vote on their own alternative approach. It includes a soft money ban for federal and state parties and controls on late-campaign attack ads that use a candidate's name or face but aren't covered by existing law.

It also would allow non-union workers who pay agency fees to control the use of their own fees for political purposes, but that would not cover union members.

Mexican Judge Releases Suspect After Confession



MEXICO CITY (AP) — A judge dismissed charges against a man who had confessed to the Dec. 15 killing of a U.S. executive after giving the 2,000 pages of evidence in the case only a few hours' study, local newspapers reported Monday.

The decision, handed down Friday, is the second time the alleged killer has either been freed or had charges against him dismissed in the Dec. 22 shooting death of real estate executive Peter Zarate during an apparent robbery attempt in Mexico City.

The judge in Friday's ruling — which gives prosecutors 18 days to present additional evidence — may have conferred with a colleague who made the first controversial decision to release suspected killer Alfonso Sanchez in January, the

newspaper *La Jornada* reported.

Both judges cited insufficient or contradictory evidence against Sanchez in their rulings. Sanchez, who is being tried on robbery charges in another case, says he was forced to confess to the Zarate killing.

However, *La Jornada* said sources in the prosecutors' office complained that Judge Vicente Hernandez dismissed charges against Sanchez less than 24 hours after receiving the four bound volumes of evidence against him.

Maria Claudia Campusano, the judge who ordered Sanchez released in January, said that the only evidence presented at the time linking the five suspects to Zarate's killing were their confessions, which contradicted one another.

Campusano was suspended for three months without pay by a judicial oversight board for having used inappropriate language in her January ruling, in which she referred to Sanchez as "a modern Robin Hood."

Saudi Officials End Bombing Investigation, Withhold Findings



RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia has finished its investigation into the June 1996 bombing that killed 19 American airmen — but will not announce its findings until the time is right, the kingdom's interior minister said Monday.

U.S. officials have repeatedly complained that the Saudis have refused to share information and are dragging their feet in the investigation.

"All the facts of this crime are with us and our intelligence exerted huge efforts to discover everything about the incident ... we will leave the announcement for its time," Prince Nayef bin Abdul Aziz told reporters in Mecca.

There was no indication when that time might be.

The June 1996 bombing at the Khobar Towers military housing project near Dhahran in eastern Saudi Arabia also injured scores of American soldiers. Saudi officials have several dozen suspects in custody.

FBI Director Louis J. Freeh has traveled to Saudi Arabia several times to try to win permission for his agents to interview the Saudi suspects. The Saudis have rebuffed his efforts but have supplied tapes and transcripts of their interrogations.

Nayef renewed his country's request to the United States to extradite a Saudi suspected in the bombing.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **WHEELING, W.Va. (AP)** — A former juror who smoked marijuana with three defendants the night before he helped convict them in a drug case has been sentenced to six months of home confinement and two years' probation.

Matthew Smith, 28, was sentenced Friday. He pleaded guilty in December to contempt after smoking pot with three defendants in 1993 during the three-week federal trial. The three were convicted; five others were acquitted. Jurors are warned to have no contact with witnesses or others involved in criminal cases.

Smith spoke to one defendant and then to another after retrieving a dollar bill that the defendant had dropped in the parking lot, prosecutors said. After closing arguments, Smith and the three defendants got together and smoked pot.

After the defendants were convicted, their lawyers raised the juror-misconduct allegations on appeal, and Smith was indicted.

• **COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)** — Some people look at abstract art in a gallery and sneer. "My 5-year-old could do that." One Danish man can say it with pride — his 5-year-old did do it.

Paw Rytter Petersen entered three paintings by his son, Virtus, in the spring show at the noted Charlottenborg gallery. Not only were the works accepted, a Danish business liked them so much it bought all three for \$525.

The paintings were among 179 selected out of 3,886 entries in the show of young artists.

There were some raised eyebrows when word got out of exactly how young one artist was.

"Hilarious," art critic Torben Weirup of the newspaper *Berlingske Tidende* wrote Monday.

Selection committee member Maria Lavman said the paintings have true merit. They're "fresh and funny," she said.

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Weather

Kudos and beers to Gringolet for filling in for myself yesterday as yours truly was finishing the last leg of a much-needed vacation in the Bay Area. Luckily, Santa Barbara is so nice to come back to, or else that trip may have been permanent ...

Anyhow, I was thinking (no radio for the drive down) in the spirit of spring and the turning over of the proverbial leaf, it was time to re-evaluate some of life's priorities and take another one of those personal inventories. Don't worry, no extreme existential crises (at least for now), but I do recommend reading Kahlil Gibran's *The Prophet* for thoughtful insight.

Forecast: Patchy morning clouds, with mild winds and sunshine during the day, highs in the upper 60s, lows in the mid 50s. The time is now!

This Week in UCSB History

Henry T. Yang Selected as New Chancellor 1994

An aerospace engineer dedicated to academics was given the nod to replace Chancellor Barbara Uehling as UCSB's chief executive officer.

Yang received his Ph.D. in engineering from Cornell University in 1968 and went on to Purdue University from there.

"Teaching is a cornerstone of research," Yang said. "The role ... of a research institution [is] to build human resources through teaching and research."

In a March 5 *Santa Barbara News-Press* report, Academic Senate Chair Larry Iannaccone said the appointment of one of the final four chancellor candidates, who was reportedly a Latino bilingual educator, would have been based on politics and race, not qualifications. He also implied that the appointment of Uehling in 1987 was

based on politics and gender, the report stated.

Uehling, who was not involved in the selection process for the new chancellor, was angered by the senate president's reported comments.

"What's offensive about the Iannaccone statement is that the introduction of ethnicity is inappropriate," she said. "People are being selected on their abilities."

Uehling said she is impressed by Yang's resume, which includes a *U.S. News and World Report* ranking — Purdue's engineering department has climbed to fifth in the nation during his decade-long tenure as dean.

UCen/RecCen Project Commences 1993

Crowds of students, campus officials and alumni kicked off the quarter with a ground-breaking celebration for UCSB's \$12.7 million University Center/Recreation Cen-

ter project.

Former students who had worked on the project's approval, administrators, and staff were in attendance at both festivities, which featured a cake model of the UCen, a mini-Frisbee toss and a funk/brass fusion band.

Chancellor Barbara Uehling spoke on the tumultuous history and future of the project, which should be completed in the summer of 1994.

"We'll have some days in the middle that will strain us," Uehling said. "Let's keep the glow of this moment through the construction and its inconvenience," she said.

The reasons for the RecCen project's delay had to do with the architect and the environmental impact report. There was an earthquake fault running through the middle of the original RecCen proposal. The solution was to build two structures instead of one and to put a courtyard in between them.

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★ **Aries** (March 21-April 19)—Today is a 7—You want to buy tools and equipment, and possibly some books to teach you how to use them. You want to push forward as fast as possible, but it's almost as if you've still got the emergency brake on. Relax. It's just part of the phase you're in. It's probably designed to teach you patience.

★ **Taurus** (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 6—The pressure's on. Instead of trying to resist, learn how to drive this vehicle in the right direction. You've got up a head of steam, so use it to your advantage. There's no point in trying to pull the emergency brake. Pay attention to where you're going and have a great time.

★ **Gemini** (May 21-June 21)—Today is a 9—You're going to be more successful if you let some of your teammates carry the ball for a while. Some of them can move more quickly than you. Your partner will be in a better position to make the shot later on this evening. Provide the support and let the other person do what's necessary.

★ **Cancer** (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 5—The opportunities are appearing and disappearing so quickly it's hard to tell which one to take. Just watch, and eventually a pattern should emerge. Stay calm. That will give you the advantage. Let your conscience be your guide and you'll be fine.

★ **Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22)—Today is a 6—Don't let a burdensome individual weigh you down this morning. Your friends will come up with a creative solution to a problem this afternoon. Organize your team now, so you won't have to worry about it later. Remember, you'll be able to do more if you delegate some chores to others.

★ **Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is a 6—Make a decision you've been thinking about this morning. There will be changes soon, which will continue for the next two days. You can shift things around to your advantage, but first you have to know what that is. Otherwise, certain folks will shift things around to your disadvantage.

★ **Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is a 9—If you and your mate have planned ahead, you could be starting your vacation right now. If not, start planning. Get some travel brochures on your lunch hour. If you launch into the project right now, it'll be easier than if you wait. Don't hesitate a moment longer.

★ **Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 5—You're a very determined person. If you've got a determined partner working with you, you can't lose. It looks like that's the situation this morning. A little wheeling and dealing may be required, but that's OK. That's your area of expertise. The money you need should become available this afternoon.

★ **Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is a 7—It's time to take on a partner—either romantic or business. It could even be somebody that you're hiring to work for you, like an attorney or accountant. Don't strain your brain trying to do something when someone else can do it better.

★ **Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 6—A job you've been avoiding will demand your full attention by the middle of the day. Better give it some thought. You can get into almost as much trouble for things you forgot to do as for things you did wrong. Start by paying a debt you owe a co-worker.

★ **Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is a 7—Your hidden poetic streak may come out today. Be expressive, but don't take your sweetheart to a party tonight and then spend the evening talking to somebody else, even if it's for business reasons. The impact on your private life would be terrible.

★ **Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 5—Even if you and your roommates are getting along well, there are issues to be discussed and people's nerves may be on edge. Do what you can to keep things mellow. Cut out the stimulants from your diet. On days like this one, the more serenity you can generate, the better.

★ **Today's Birthday** (March 31). Once you've got the money handled, the rest will be easy. Set your overall objectives in April. Gather the financing in May. All you have to do is let the right people know what you want and what you mean to accomplish. In June, you'll get the information you need and acquire the skills. You'll be using everything you've ever learned by September. December's confrontational, but that's OK. You look forward to the challenge. By February you've broken through to a new level, and it shows. You have new friends to go along with it. Celebrate in March.

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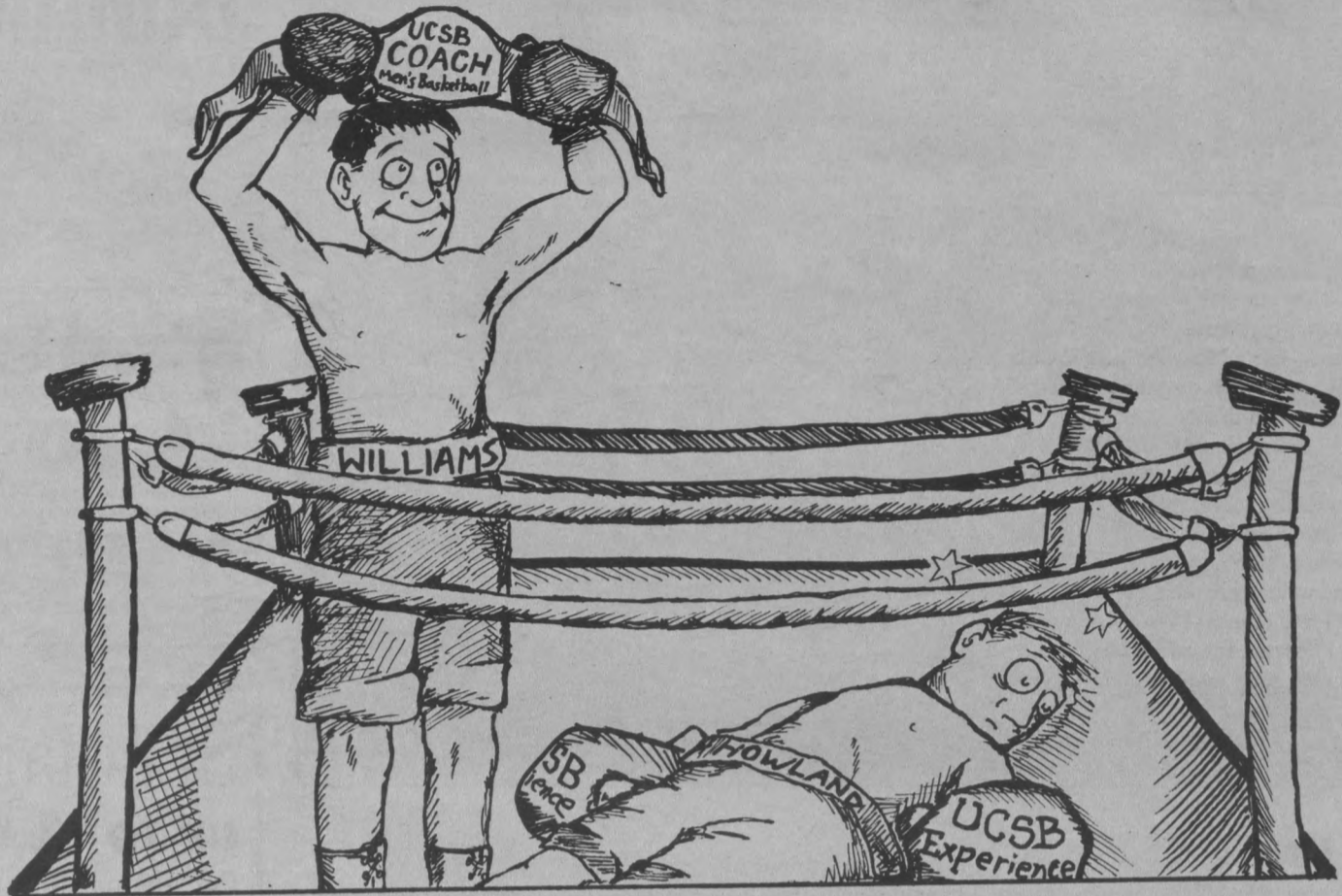
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Staff Editorial



Wait a Minute ... Coach Who?

Williams' Selection as Pimm's Replacement May Surprise Some

Bob Williams' accession to the throne so recently left empty by departing men's basketball coach Jerry Pimm is a fine thing to be sure — but a few people are scratching their heads over it nonetheless.

While it certainly doesn't hurt to have the NCAA Division II Coach of the Year heading up the UCSB program, there are those who wonder whether there might not have been a better man for the job. Since Pimm's retirement, it had been widely noised about that Ben Howland, currently head coach at Northern Arizona University, was the shoo-in to fill Pimm's shoes, so to speak. Williams' appointment as head coach therefore comes as a surprise in certain circles.

Utah's head coach, Rick Majerus, is probably trying to figure it out, for one. He named Howland "the obvious choice for Santa Barbara" in a recent press conference — and he had his reasons.

Howland is a native of Goleta. He has a long and fruitful history with the Gauchos, having been Pimm's assistant coach for 12 years during which time he met with great success in recruiting top talent to play in UCSB jerseys. Since then, he's spent the last two years at NAU, leading the Lumberjacks to back-

back 21-7 seasons. Last season, NAU took the Big Sky Conference Championship and, although they lost to Cincinnati in the first round of the NCAA tournament, they came dangerously close to upsetting that #2-seeded team.

Now, it's not as if Williams lacks credentials of his own. His eight years coaching UC Davis have resulted in a 158-76 total record — and the last four years have been his best four years: four consecutive Northern California Athletic Conference championships and a 95-28 record. To top it all off, Williams is just coming off of a school-high 31-2 season, during which the Aggies soared to an NCAA Division II National Championship.

Still, it seems a little bit odd that a fellow with better than a decade's prior experience at UCSB — and a quality performance record during those years — has been passed over in favor of a man who has no such history.

It seems doubtless that Williams has the experience and the skill to lead the Gauchos to any number of highly successful seasons, and we all look forward to UCSB's forthcoming preeminence in college basketball, but we can't help but wonder at the strange turn the head coach selection process has taken.

A Reader's Voice

TAM S. PHAM

Political "watchdog" is one important function that the press serves. It deters political corruption by monitoring and reporting any public official's wrongdoing to the massive populace. Politicians would have to think twice before deciding to overstep their legitimacy. Besides politicians, journalists also abuse their power by going too far in presenting their information. The following writing is not about the media going out of control concerning the zealous coverage of President Clinton's scandal with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, rather it's about the press publicly scrutinizing the Asian identity by printing derogative and racially insensitive information.

Our *Daily Nexus* published its front-page article, "Number of Dogs Present in Classes Declining This Year" by one of its staff writers, Nick Soboleski, on Wednesday, March 4, 1998. The article used Dianna Halliburton, an I.V. Foot Patrol office manager, as an authoritative and credible source to support its claim as to why there has been a decline in the number of dogs taken to classes. Dianna said, "The problem disappeared after the

Vietnam War when the state subsidized housing for Vietnamese and the Mongs (notice that "Hmongs" is misspelled) in I.V. Not only did the packs disappear, but you couldn't keep your dog out. You never wanted to look in a dumpster 'cause you would commonly find heads and other discarded portions [of animals]. Since then the dog population in I.V. has been under wraps."

This is an overt and deliberate racist claim and it is irrelevant to the article! First, Dianna's assumption, not fact, is derogative and targets two specific ethnic groups (the Vietnamese and the Hmong). Second, I don't see any connection between her hypothesis and the university's canine policy — thus the quote is without a valid context. The only connection that comes to my mind is that the criticism is a vicious attack on the Vietnamese and the Hmongs as dog eaters!

The fact that the remark is made from a supposed public official, using a public media, in an academic community is totally unacceptable! Does the theory imply that this institution, backed by the government, supports and encourages racism? Nonetheless, the *Daily Nexus* staff allowed such ignorant and racial slander to

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be printed on the front page as "newsworthy."

This type of oblivious and unprofessional journalism not only dwells in our local community, but also lurks at a national level. On Feb. 20, 1998, MSNBC (a Microsoft Internet news venture with NBC) published this headline after Tara Lipinski won the gold medal in the 1998 Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan: "American Beats Out Kwan" to millions of people worldwide. The blatant headline has a racial overtone that implies Michelle Kwan is not an American. Michelle Kwan is a U.S. citizen who represented the United States; she was favored to win the gold medal. Anyone who tuned into the Olympics coverage knew that Michelle Kwan is a famous figure skating champion, who has been called an American Superstar.

Such stupidity from the press continues to reinforce and perpetuate negative stereotypes and prejudices of Asian Americans as foreigners no matter what they do. When we allow such racial insults from the press to alienate the diversity of our local and national community, we are inevitably jeopardizing the integrity of our society. Therefore, we should abolish the existing practices of journalism and adopt

a more suitable approach to information!

CRAIG BUR

Enough is enough. "Pro-motory Article Continues this going to linger on? I initially sympathetic are opinion.

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Fear Not: Housing Crunch Solutions Are in the Works

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Details UCSB Administration's Battle Against the Yearly Frenzy

MICHAEL D. YOUNG

Winter is the season when college students all over the state scramble to secure housing for next year. Until recently, students have perhaps not felt the statewide housing crunch as acutely as students at other urban campuses because of UCSB's relatively slow enrollment growth during the 1990s. But now UCSB's enrollment is no different; like their counterparts on other campuses, students can find the searching frustrating and the rental market tight. After the fall of 1989-90, with 19,082 students at UCSB, enrollment actually declined during the early and mid-1990s. Over the last few years, enrollments decreased by 1,248, reaching a low in 1995 of 17,834 students. The trend reversed in 1996-97 when UCSB enrolled 18,531 students. For 1998-99, we are projecting an enrollment the same as 1989-90 and well within the enrollment ceiling approved in the Long-Range Development Plan.

Anticipating future enrollment increases, the campus has undertaken several long- and short-term measures that we hope will ease the pinch for students. First, we are moving ahead as quickly as possible with construction of an addition to San Rafael Residence Hall that will provide 800 new, on-campus bed spaces and a new type of living for our residents. We are envisioning smaller living units designed to accommodate between 20 and 50 students each. We expect these units will offer a more "human-scale" housing option and will be developed around academic or shared-interest themes. They are scheduled to open in the fall of 2000.

Another long-term solution is the development of the North Campus. This residential building project (located on land just north of our West Campus Apartments) will yield a total of 144 units — 90 family student housing units in the first phase and 54 units for single students in the second phase.

In addition, some short-term relief should come from a new streamlined process for allocating residence hall spaces to freshmen. A special committee established last year brought together university-owned and university-affiliated (privately owned) resi-

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Residence halls to work out a simplified, coordinated and centralized mechanism for awarding residence hall contracts and eliminating the uncertainty for freshmen early in the summer. The commitment is to offer a housing contract to each of the 3,700 new freshmen anticipated to enter UCSB in the fall of 1998.

Currently, working hand-in-hand with the residence halls, the cam-



pus's Community Housing Office (CHO) plans to take the same aggressive approach to helping continuing students find housing that it took for the current year. For example, despite a tight market, CHO has been successful in maintaining an active list of vacancies throughout this academic year. The Community Housing Office will not only collect and distribute information about housing, apartment and roommate availability, it will also actively recruit rental opportunities, hoping to expand the market for students.

Concern over housing is often coupled with concern over parking. Anyone who has been to UCSB lately is aware that a parking structure is being built on the north side of campus. Although the project has created a temporary parking squeeze, the structure's completion next fall will open up 800 new parking spaces on campus. What's more, preliminary discussions of a second parking structure are already underway. Additionally, the San Rafael Residence Hall project will involve construction of a companion 400-space student parking lot near Harder Stadium.

While the campus community still faces many challenges in addressing the current student housing and campus parking crunch, we should all be encouraged by our recent gains. Most importantly, we have developed a plan that promises to minimize housing uncertainty for entering freshmen, and we look forward to a significant expansion in UCSB's housing inventory for both single students and student families.

We will continue to explore both campus and community resources as we wrestle with additional short- and long-term solutions to these difficult issues, and we look forward to an open dialogue about the best path to take toward the future. We urge the entire campus community to participate in the good faith effort to make these important changes.

More information on housing is available from the following sources:

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Michael D. Young is the UCSB vice chancellor for student affairs.

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TAM S. PHAM

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ough. "Protests of Inflammation Continue." How long is it going to last? People who were protesting are changing their

due to the fact that as an exercise my right to free speech in news publications everywhere is threatened. Freed from protests? Ironic!

"protest" was understood. Now it seems to have become disconnected from the original concern. This "protest" has sprung up on its own, and to give it credit, it is a fire that is best extinguished. People get caught up in the original concern is lost in the protest for protest's sake.

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logy major Constance reported as saying that the original concern was false. However,

there are police reports of dogs being taken and eaten. Whether or not it is mostly a certain segment of our population is open to debate and personal opinion. Constance Chang concedes that eating dog is part of some cultures. Therefore, the fact that someone may accuse certain cultures of having a hand in the decrease in dog population does not seem unreasonable.

In any event, the First Amendment of the Constitution protects freedom of speech. In this case, a white woman's opinion. (It is very sad that "labeling theory" runs so rampant, increasing the problems we all seek to bring to an end.) This amendment protects the supporter of Louis Farrakhan as much as it does a member of the KKK. While this fact seems disheartening to many, we cannot apply free speech selectively. The apology has been made, let's move on.

At the risk of being "insensitive," can't we just "let sleeping dogs lie?" I say this in the spirit that at times, laughter is the best start at getting over pain. It is time to put this behind us, or the wounds will not heal.

SUSAN KOSHY

This is in response to the *Daily Nexus* article "Number of Dogs Present in Classes Declining This Year" (Mar. 4), the editorial staff apology ("An Apology," Mar. 6), and the *Santa Barbara News-Press* report on the controversy (Mar. 7). There are two major issues here: first, the publication of racist comments in the *Daily Nexus*, and second, the circumscribed terms in which responsibility has been accepted. As the events have unfolded, the second problem has exacerbated the damage caused by the first.

In the *Santa Barbara News-Press* report, UCSB Ombudsman Geoffrey Wallace is quoted as saying that there were unsubstantiated and bigoted rumors that circulated in I.V. in the '70s about Asian residents and their eating habits, and he seems to suggest that Dianna Halliburton was merely repeating these rumors. But surely that is the problem. The rumor is grotesque and patently absurd.

One wonders how any reporter could have found fit to use such statements and exalt them to the level of a "theory," how any editor could have missed the obviously un-newsworthy and offensive content of

the statements, and then compounded the damage by running the story on the first page.

Yet these questions are not adequately addressed in the editorial apology that scrupulously avoids any mention of racism and takes up the problem primarily in terms of truth and accuracy. But it is important to recognize that racist stereotypes masquerade as forms of objective knowledge about others and achieve credibility and authority despite their inaccuracy or verifiability. The editorial proceeds by subjecting its readers to a long lecture on the ethics of journalism and the existence of stringent standards of journalistic practice. It is surely redundant to lecture the public on these standards, when it was the public's insistence on these standards that fueled the protest in the first place.

On the point of accountability, it is revealing to see the difference in the way several individuals involved in the controversy responded to the concerns raised about the article and Halliburton's statements. While the *Daily Nexus* editorial constructs the problem as a lapse in journalistic standards and Dianna Halliburton explains it as the product of misquotation (*Santa Barbara News-Press*), the UCSB

Police Chief John MacPherson Jr. appears to be the only one willing to deal with the issues head-on, by offering an unqualified apology that does not take cover under technicalities. He has agreed to appear in Storke Plaza and initiate sensitivity training for his staff. It remains for the *Daily Nexus* and Dianna Halliburton to accept full accountability for their actions.

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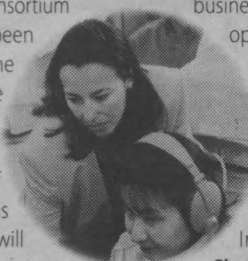
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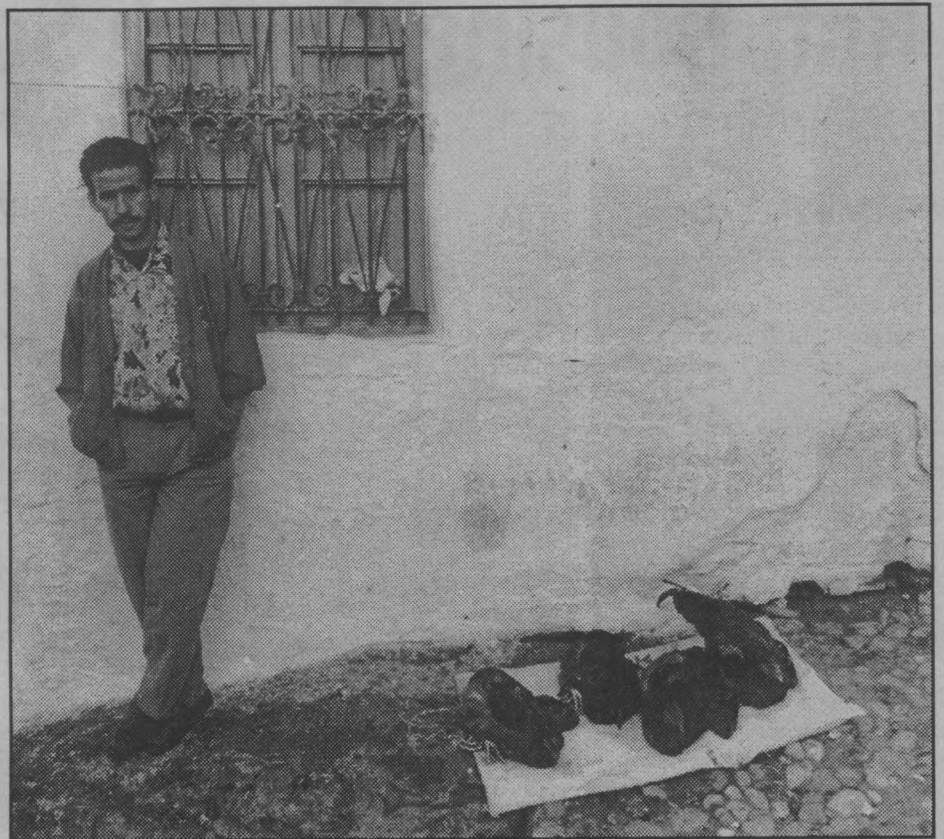
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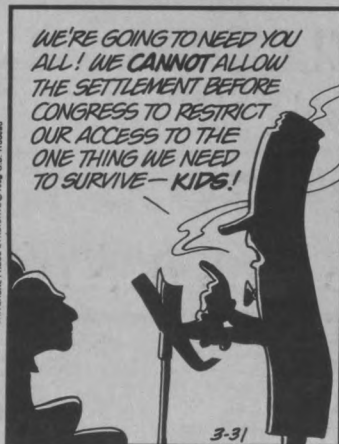
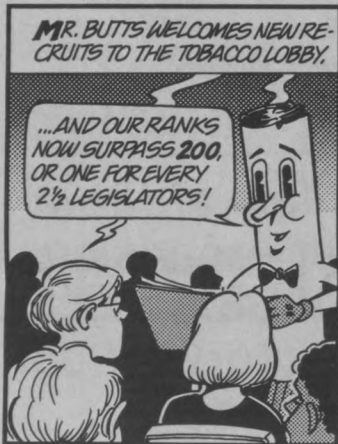
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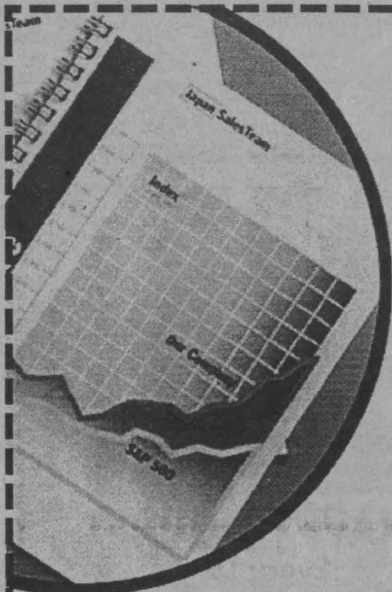




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"Much of the money comes from profits from the year's shows," she said.

Events with expected crowds exceeding 12,000 people involve the Office of Student Life in order to regulate parking, environmental health and security issues. According to Capt. Bill Bean of the UCSB Campus Police Dept., the concert will be patrolled by professional security companies and student staff security organizations such as the A.S. Security Staff and the Community Service Organization.

"[The objective is to have] a safe event [and] to have an adequate number of staff to deal with issues as they come up," Bean said.

Admission to the concert will be free. For more information call the Associated Students hotline at 893-2833.

CAMPAIGN

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Even if it passes it won't do anything. Our elections have nothing to do with IVFP — they don't have to listen to us one way or another," Phillips said.

Off-Campus Rep. Lindsay Condict gave her evaluation of this year's elections.

"We have a lot more people running than last year. I'm really excited about elections because it gives us a chance to get some school spirit with a political twist."

Several debates are planned to inform student voters on the positions of the various candidates, according to McCarthy.

"There will be three presidential debates. The first presidential debate will be held Tuesday, April 7, from 12 to 1 p.m. in the UCen Harbor room. ... The Internal Vice President debate [will be] from 1 to 2 p.m. ... Wednesday there will be the second presidential debate from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Harbor room, which will be followed up by the debate for External Vice President for Statewide Affairs."



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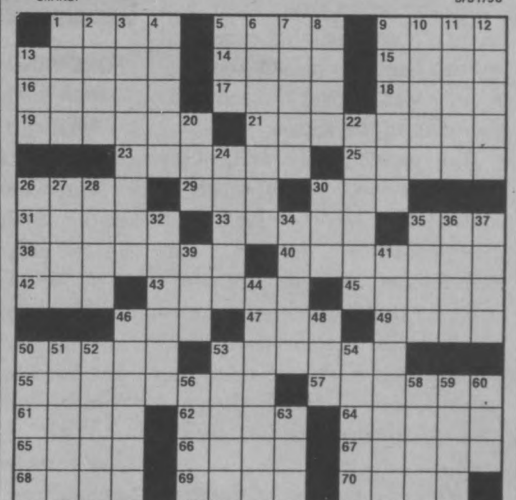
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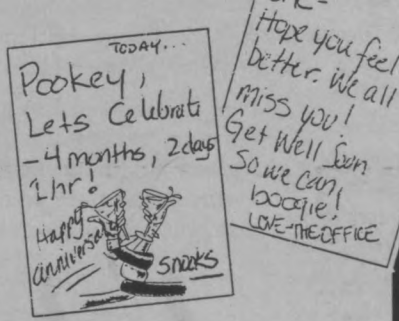
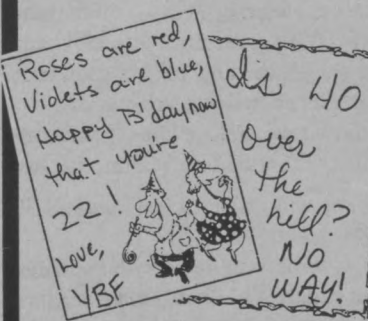
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Sports

Lezak Places Sixth in 100 Free at NCAA's

BY DAMON DAMELE
Staff Writer

For one of the first times this year, a Santa Barbara men's sport story has a happy ending. At the NCAA Swimming Championships last Saturday, UCSB star swimmer Jason Lezak finished sixth in the 100-yard freestyle.

Lezak, the Gauchos' lone participant in the NAAs, had an excellent meet. In the preliminaries, he swam a time of 43.44, only .08 off of his personal best in the event. The time was good enough to put Lezak in a three-way tie for sixth and allowed him to advance. In the finals, the senior sprinter posted a time of 43.70.

"It was really an honor to represent the school," Lezak said. "I was disappointed that our relay teams didn't make it. They only missed it by a couple of schools. But it was an awesome experience."

Despite being represented by

only one swimmer, Santa Barbara still finished tied with Kansas for 27th place in the tournament. Lezak scored 16 points swimming in the 50 and the 100 freestyle, which placed UCSB ahead of some swimming powers such as UNLV.

"We beat a lot of teams — a lot



Jason Lezak

of fully funded teams," said UCSB Head Coach Gregg Wilson. "It was real exciting. We now have our work cut out for us next year. We have to replace him."

Replacing Lezak will be no easy task. With his performance in the

championships, Lezak earned his fourth NCAA All-American award. He was also the 1997-98 Big West co-Swimmer of the Year and holds several school and conference records. At last year's NCAA's, Lezak finished in a tie for sixth place in the 100.

After handling the competition in the Big West, Lezak was left on his own to train for the NAAs, which made preparing for the meet in Auburn more difficult.

"It's been really hard training by myself," explained Lezak. "I worked with my coach doing a lot of little things like starts and turns, and I think that that really helped."

Coach Wilson didn't seem to think that the solo preparation hurt Lezak at all.

"Jason came in here seeded fifth, and we thought he had a shot at going after it," Wilson said. "I was very encouraged by Jason standing up and doing it again."

UCSB Tennis Nets Some Big Performances, Beating OSU and Baylor in Gaucho Classic

BY NICK SOBOLESKI
Staff Writer

Facing adverse weather conditions and stiff competition, the UCSB men's tennis team hosted the third annual Gaucho Tennis Classic last weekend. Expectations were high for UCSB, that is riding a seven-match winning streak.

Early in the tournament the Gauchos showed a fervor to win by narrowly defeating Oklahoma State 4-2 in a match that lasted five hours. Three of the four singles contests went to three sets, and both of the doubles matches went down to the wire.

Sophomore Jong-Min Lee started the tournament by defeating the Cowboys' Pavel Kudrncak, currently the #1 player in the nation, 1-6, 6-4, 7-5.

"It was a great win," Lee said. "We played a long game in the second set with the score at four all. Once I knew I could break his serve, I knew I could pull it out."

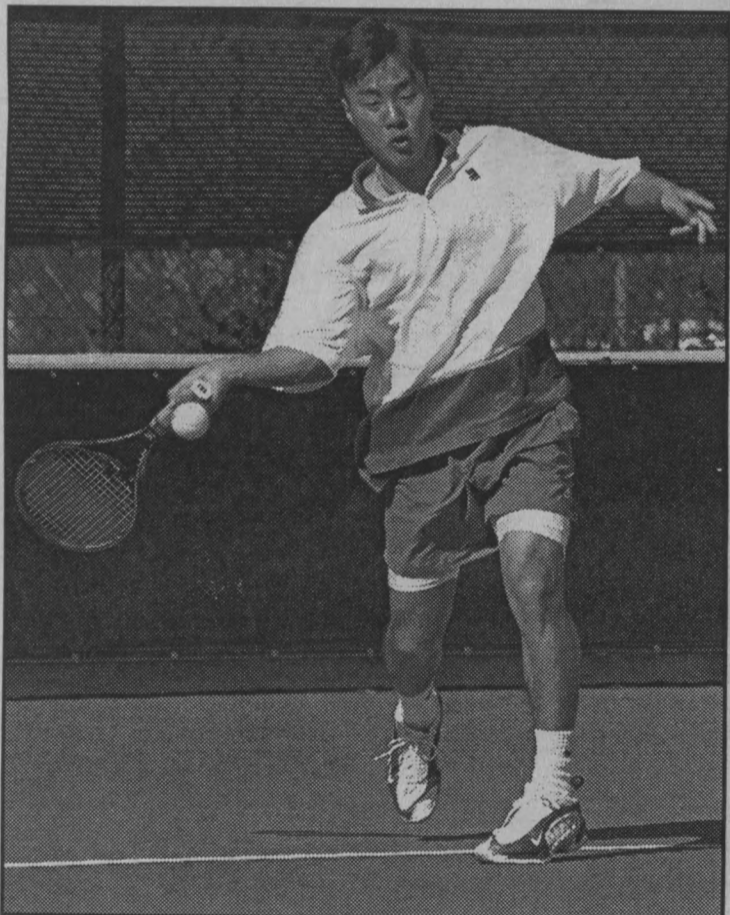
In case beating the #1 singles player was not enough, Lee teamed up with junior Cory Guy and produced a victory over the top doubles team in the nation.

"We played really well," Guy said. "We were pretty much in control the whole time. Even though the score was 9-8, I was confident we were going to win."

Friday didn't start off quite as well for UCSB as it lost the doubles point to Baylor. According to Assistant Coach Darren Potkey, the team quickly regrouped to take the match.

"We came out flat in the doubles, which was disappointing," Potkey said. "But our guys put it together and won. It was a good solid match."

UCSB faced Harvard in the semifinal match and although it fell a little short, the team put up quite a fight. Lee summed up the eventual champion's effort.



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FOREHAND OF FURY: Sophomore Jong-Min Lee defeated the nation's #1 player in the Gaucho Tennis Classic last week.

"Harvard was just too good on that day," he said.

Guy won a huge match over one of the top five players in the nation in the only Gaucho victory, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5. Guy found inspiration within the actions of his opponent.

"He was real cocky," Guy said. "I got fired up and wanted to beat him 'cause he was talking a lot."

With the outcome decided, Lee's match ended only a few points from completion. Lee was only two points from making a victim of another top five player.

"Our top four guys played real well," Lee said. "[Senior] Ross [Duncan] was coming back. If we were able to play the match out, it could have been 4-3."

According to junior Simon Shen, the inclement weather and

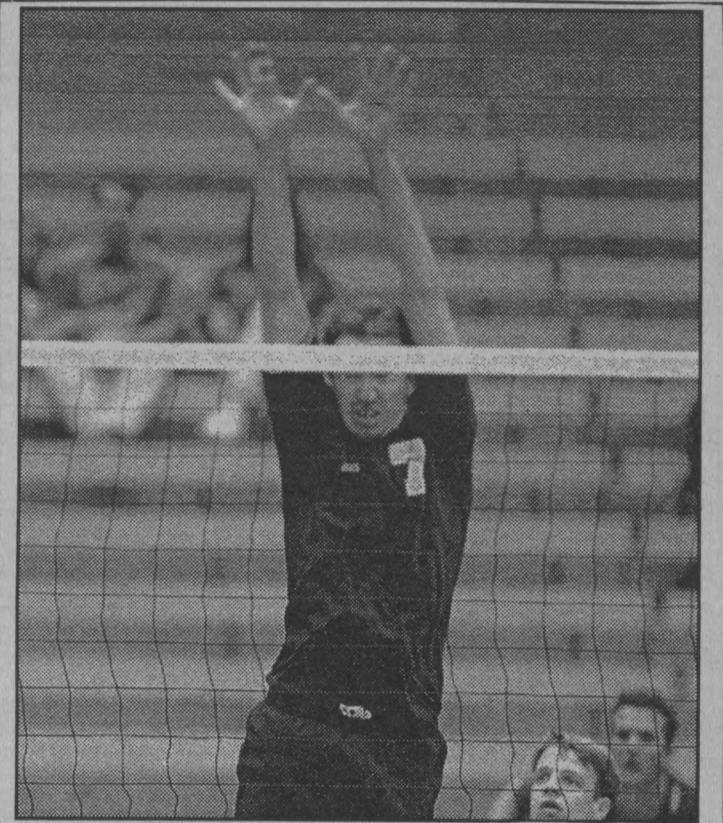
home-court advantage contributed to some of the team's success.

"Weather actually helped us in a way," Shen said. "A lot of these teams are indoor teams. We play in the wind all the time and were used to it."

The tournament itself was a huge success. Potkey sang the praises of all who contributed.

"Our [tournament] staff did a great job allowing [Head Coach]

Don [Lowry] and I to just coach the team," Potkey said. "It's amazing how big [the tournament] has gotten in just three years. All 25 matches featured good teams."



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BLINDED: Senior Jeremy Darner did his part to pull out a win against USC, but his 28 kills were not enough to tame the Trojans.

Volleyball Wins 2 of 3 But Loss to SC Hurts

BY SHANE CULBERTSON
Staff Writer

It was business as usual for the UCSB men's volleyball team last week as they took on Harvard, UC San Diego and USC on consecutive days during the break while UCSB students took a break from their usual routine. The Gauchos (8-9 overall, 6-8 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) breezed through their first two matches, sweeping both Harvard and UCSD in straight sets, before being shut down in four games by USC on Friday.

The Harvard match served as a sort of an exhibition for the Gauchos in which UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston was able to grant some playing time to all but one of the players on the team's 16-man roster. The Santa Barbara reserves responded well, helping to put together a .317 team-hitting percentage while only being blocked five times in the nonconference match.

"The games increased in difficulty and we knew that the Harvard match would be less of a test than SC or San Diego," Preston said. "I wanted to play everybody in the match and it was a good opportunity to do that."

Having warmed up against Harvard, UCSB passed the test of beating UCSD with flying colors. Led by 13 kills from sophomore Kevin Collins and senior Alike Williams' five digs, the Gauchos hastily did away with the Tritons 15-1, 15-11, 15-3.

"We knew we had to win going in and that we would have to play well to beat UCSD," senior Jeremy Darner said. "We played with a lot of confidence and we did a good job of positioning ourselves on the court."

It appeared as though Santa Barbara was going to carry the momentum of its previous two victories into the USC match when it took the first set from the Trojans 15-12. UCSB's efforts dwindled as the match progressed however, relinquishing its early lead to the Trojans, who would win the next three sets. Although Darner had 28 put-aways in the match, it was not enough to stave off the superb play of USC freshman Eli Fairfield and senior Szilard Kovacs, who had 27 and 29 kills respectively.

Preston felt that UCSB could have done a better job of fending off the Trojan attack.

"We didn't play very well against USC and it stemmed from us not being able to block the ball very well," he said. "We didn't defend the court as well as I thought we could have and basically just got outplayed. They out-served us, out-blocked us, out-dug us. They also touched balls to key players during transition and we didn't do that."

Preston said the loss was a big one and could come back to haunt the Gauchos. Entering the final month of the season, UCSB is on the cusp of qualifying for the MPSF playoffs. With conference foes USC and Loyola Marymount also seeking to snatch the final playoff spot, each of the Gauchos' few remaining conference matches are crucial.

"As far as playoffs are concerned, that was a huge loss for us," Preston said. "If we end up tied with SC at the end of the season, that loss could be detrimental. By winning we could have all but knocked SC out of the playoffs."

Adding to Santa Barbara's woes, Collins went down with a sprained ankle in the first game of the Trojan match. The Gauchos' kill leader is currently listed as day-to-day with hopes of returning in time for this Friday's match against Loyola Marymount University.