

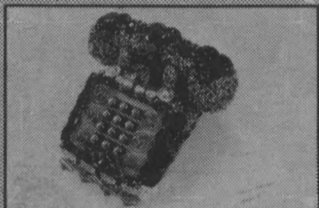


**Save the Rain Forests**

Interested in helping put on a rain forest concert? Then come to the Increase the Peace Rainforest Alliance meeting in the Community Affairs Board office at 5 p.m. today.

**Inside ...**

**Sneaking Around**



Investigating the Honors Art Exhibit, Liam Sneaker Pimp, video stores and all the usual.

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**Holy Hepatitis!**

Traced to frozen strawberries from Mexico, hepatitis has sickened 150 adults and children, raising calls for stricter quality controls.

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**Whimper Fi**

Now that the Marines are looking for a few good women as well, Nexus columnists Shannon Dorgan and Erin Vosti decide they can't cut it in the Corps after all.



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**Tailgate Party?**

Find out what Associated Students had to say about Gaucho football and other topics at Wednesday's Leg Council meeting.

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**Scoring Big**



Junior sprinter Jason Lezak earned All-American status in two individual events at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championship in Minneapolis last week.

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**Park It!**

Come to the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District's meeting tonight at 6:30 at 961 Embarcadero del Mar.

# Daily Nexus

## Introduced Bill Hopes to Deter Tech Charges

**PROPOSAL:** Schools of higher learning encouraged to cover funding.

By Kerri Webb  
Staff Writer

Legislation recommending that California's colleges and universities not levy technology fees on students is awaiting review this month.

Assembly Bill 530, introduced by Assemblyman Ted Lempert (D-Palo Alto), seeks to prohibit California State University and state community colleges from charging student access fees for educational technology. The proposition also asks the UC Regents to provide the University with educational technology access without charging students an additional fee.

The fees are a counterproductive barrier in the pursuit of education and have a negative effect on California's role in the global economy, Lempert said.

"To compete, our students must have easy access to all forms of information and technologies, including equipment, systems and networks," he said. "Fees for using campus computers certainly offers a barrier for many students."

According to the *Legislative Counsel's Digest*, students attending community and state colleges are currently charged \$13 per semester unit for computer access in addition to tuition, health and parking fees. This proposal will eliminate these costs and benefit students who rely on college-owned computers, said Paul Smith, bill spokesperson.

"The significance of the bill is that there will be no barriers for students to have access to technology," Smith said. "Some students do not own computers and can't afford them. These students are at a grave disadvantage when it comes to school work and some even elect not to continue to pursue their education."

Though the bill does request that the University resist imposing technology fees, the legislation cannot require the UC to do so because of state constitutional guidelines allowing the system to govern itself.

The bill comes amid a heated controversy as to who exactly is going to pay for technological resources, said Associated Students External Vice President for Statewide Affairs Colin McCarthy.

"The question is whether or not technology is considered to be part of instruction. If it is, students aren't flipping the bill. ... Instructional technology is not paid for by the students. The fees are paid for by the state. However, the state is not really in the mood to listen to a bill that states that it has to come up with more money for education," he said. "But, if California is supposed to be on the information superhighway, its students must be computer-literate and able to utilize the necessary instruments."

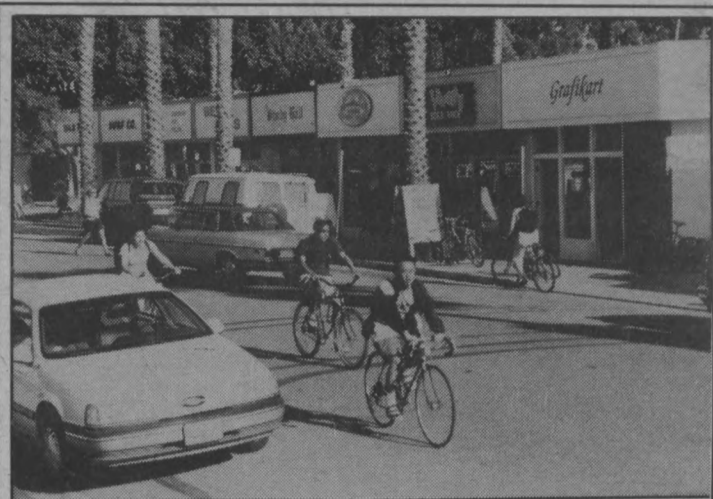
Funds should be spent on the maintenance and improvement of the existing facilities rather than on the purchase of new technology, McCarthy said.

"The \$400,000 used in the budget now for technology services should be used for improving the current access for students," he said. "The [Micro-Computer Lab] right now is a mess. The amount of modems available are ridiculous. Students are waiting in lines to get into Netscape and using e-mail to communicate with their professors and find that they can't even get in. Let's use the available funds to upgrade and fix this now before we get into more advanced things."

MCL director William Koseluk agrees the use of e-mail is a major priority to students and steps should be made to improve its existing condition.

"This is an issue that should involve the students' input," he said. "The rise of the Internet and the World Wide Web has exploded on the scene so quickly

See BILL p.6



BRYAN SILVER/Daily Nexus

With many students away during Spring Break, a majority of I.V. businesses briefly lost customers and employees alike.

## Break Slows I.V. Business

By Susanne Hilty  
Reporter

As the student population returns to Isla Vista after a week away from the seaside hamlet, local commerce begins to recover from a brief slump resulting from the spring holiday.

Although slow business was experienced by some I.V. establishments as residents temporarily vacated the town during last week's break, the presence of overseas students and lack of recreation activity provided some relief.

Students make up over 90 percent of the overall business for Freebird World Burrito, making the depletion of customers apparent as Winter Quarter finals came to an end, said assistant general manager Paul Tognetti.

"Business over the break was much slower than usual weeks. We were pretty busy the Thursday of Finals Week, but that Friday through last Saturday was much slower," he said.

The drop in customers between quarters usually occurs even if the restaurant's patronage increases during its regular operations, Tognetti said.

"It doesn't matter if we serve 50 percent more people Winter Quarter," he said. "We still have the same amount of business at Spring Break."

Regularly open 24 hours,

Freebird compensated for lost business by decreasing employee schedules and operating hours, closing at 10 p.m. during the break, Tognetti said.

But not all businesses experienced the steady drop of past years. Relief for Java Jones cafe came from students who did not make the trip home and chose to remain in the area, said manager Brett Winslow.

"Business this Spring Break was a little better because of more European enrollment," he said.

While most businesses experience a decrease in commerce of some kind, Emerald Video saw an increase of 10-15 percent overall in video rentals during the week, said store manager William Keightly.

"Business was a little higher than usual because the students still in town had nothing much to do," he said. "Saturdays were slower than usual, but weekday nights were busier than normal."

Despite the downturn, Spring Break doesn't hurt business as much as the longer winter vacation, when students leave town for three weeks, Tognetti said. Summer Break is consistent for businesses since summer school students provide a constant customer base.

"Students don't all leave and then come back at the same time during the summer months," Tognetti said.

## IVRPD Scraps Reliable Team Member for Newer Model

By Eugene Tong  
Staff Writer

The end of an era arrived for a local government agency as a final journey was undertaken by its beloved transport.



**Greenie**

The corporal body of Greenie, the 1972 Dodge work truck the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District used since 1991, was loaded on the back of a trailer and passed on to the rusted-brown pastures of the auto scrap yard in early March.

Greenie's devotion and service to the con-

tinual operation of I.V.'s parks is remembered by IVRPD General Manager Derek Johnson.

"It's been an excellent work truck," he said. "It made people laugh, it made people smile and it got people interested in the parks district. It was kind of like our unadopted and unofficial flag. It had a lot of characteristics of I.V."

Having worked with the undaunted machine, IVRPD grounds worker Terry Nelson recalls Greenie's role in the field.

"Greenie hauled everything and anything. He moved dirt, chips, [and] plenty of people," he said. "He would hit the streets of I.V., he would take three people ... [and] all the equipment. He would oversee everything. He was always on site."

For IVRPD Board of Directors Chair Peegen Soutar, Greenie was more than the sum of his parts.

"Greenie is a fixture in the district. He is very beloved," she said. "It's a piece of equipment with a lot of history. He was more than just a truck. I'm sorry to see him go, but the grounds crew need a better working truck."

A Chevy truck purchased from the Marine

Corps was brought on to succeed Greenie as he entered the twilight of his career, Johnson said.

"Funds were available to buy a new truck," he said. "Greenie was on its last legs. It backfired so loud that it set off car alarms on a regular basis. It doesn't have proper seat belts and the door didn't close and we were worried about safety."

Greenie joined the IVRPD back in 1991 when a past employee recommended his services to the district, Johnson added.

"It was a donation from Kerry Moyer. He was a former grounds manager of IVRPD," he said. "It used to be his old work truck. He got a new one. We needed one really bad and he gave it to us."

Greenie's contributions to the growth of parks in I.V. is acknowledged by Nelson.

"Greenie was IVRPD. He helped build IVRPD," he said. "We were able to grow because of Greenie. He was an icon. He is the foundation of IVRPD. Greenie was the man. If Greenie didn't go, we didn't."



# HEADLINERS

## Bad Berries Hurt Sales, Promote Shots



**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Word that more than 1 million pounds of frozen, processed strawberries shipped to school lunch programs across the country might contain hepatitis A sparked a scramble to inoculate children, send parents into a panic and cut into the market for the fruit Wednesday.

As investigators from several federal agencies worked to track the questionable strawberries to see where they might have been eaten, a top executive resigned from the company that supplied Mexican berries for a program that's supposed to use only U.S. products.

Epitope Inc., of Beaverton, Ore., announced that Fred L. Williamson quit his job as president of Andrew & Williamson Sales Co. in San Diego. Epitope President Adolph J. Ferro

said A&W had "inaccurately described" the berries as domestic, rather than Mexican-grown.

Mexican agriculture officials quickly jumped to their own defense. Baja

**“The school should at least scrutinize the food a little bit more carefully and then none of this would happen.”**

Belinda Hernandez, a parent interviewed outside Los Angeles' Garfield High School. More than 9,000 students and staff at 18 L.A. public schools could

U.S. strawberry crop is grown in California.

At a Ralphs supermarket in Hollywood, 12-ounce baskets of fresh red strawberries were selling well for 59 cents, produce manager Humberto Gonzales said. But shopper Alison Dale changed her mind about buying the berries when questioned by a reporter.

"I didn't even think about it. I was making something for other people. I guess I'll have to think about making something else," she said.

Matthew Kramer, an Epitope vice president who traveled to the San Diego plant Tuesday, said the company was cooperating with state and federal agencies to figure out where the bad berries could have been commercially distributed.

"The strawberries went to brokers from us and then to other customers," he said. He declined to elaborate.

California Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Israel Camacho said he thought it was more likely the berries were contaminated "during processing and packing rather than during cultivation."

The episode shattered a feeling among parents and children that school should be a safe place.

**Belinda Hernandez parent**

have been unsuspecting consumers of four-ounce fruit cups made with contaminated strawberries.

So, too, could children at schools in Iowa, Georgia, Arizona and Tennessee. Already in Michigan, there are at least 150 confirmed cases of hepatitis linked to the berries.

Eighty percent of the

## Controversial Language Bill Dies in Committee



**SACRAMENTO (AP)** — A bill to ban Ebonics-based instruction from California classrooms was soundly rejected Wednesday after a heated hearing that illustrated the deep split over how to help students who speak poor English.

By a 3-8 vote, the Senate Education Committee turned down a bill by Sen. Ray Haynes (R-Temecula) that would have barred the use of state funds or other resources to teach nonstandard English.

Haynes said the bill was an attempt to head off an effort by Oakland schools to incorporate Ebonics, a form of slang English sometimes spoken by African-American students, in English instruction.

"The bill was introduced to prevent the Ebonics program from receiving funding," he said. "What Ebonics instruction does is lower academic standards. Slang should neither be taught in California classrooms or be legitimized by its presence there."

But opponents suggested the bill as an unneeded measure that misrepresented what Oakland educators were attempting to do and that added to the split in the African-American community over teaching tactics.

"You've got people confused about what they really stand for," Sen. Teresa Hughes (D-Inglewood) told Haynes.

## AP WIRE SHORTS

• **SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)** — A federal jury deadlocked Wednesday on charges that three white separatists carried out bombings and bank robberies in the Spokane area, but convicted them of lesser charges carrying up to 35 years in prison.

Prosecutors did not immediately say if they would retry the Idaho men.

Verne Jay Merrell, Charles Barbee and Robert Berry were each convicted of conspiracy, interstate transportation of stolen vehicles and possession of hand grenades. They face sentencing June 30.

After four days of deliberations, the jury deadlocked on charges related to the bombing of a Spokane-area Planned Parenthood office and *The Spokesman-Review* newspaper, along with charges of robbing and bombing a U.S. Bank branch in a Spokane suburb.

• **MOSCOW (AP)** — Russia and Belarus signed a treaty Wednesday meant to bring their people, economies and armies closer together, in a first step toward reintegration by two former Soviet republics.

President Boris Yeltsin, who signed the accord with his Belarusian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko, stressed the two Slavic nations will remain sovereign and separate.

"We'll not transform our community into a unified state for now, but a union of two states," Yeltsin said at the signing ceremony in a gilded Kremlin hall.

Although Russian hardliners hailed the treaty as a step toward the revival of a mighty state, Belarusian opponents expressed fear their country of 10 million people would lose its independence to much larger Russia.

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## Weather

As mentioned in yesterday's Weather, the desire to advance to the next level of spirituality, whatever that may be, is a common belief at large in our society. Many people want or at least have some belief in an eternal resting place, whether that is a heaven/hell scenario or an afterlife or whatever. The people at the Heaven's Gate mansion wanted this sort of satisfaction, but just went about attaining it in a more drastic fashion than what is considered traditional.

One of the main points of ire I have is the way many media sources, as well as general attitudes of those around this area, mishmashed the disheartening tragedy of lost lives with a constant hype of the "dangers of eccentricity" and "warnings of reinterpreted Biblical apocrypha," but could not seem to fathom that this is what this group truly wanted.

I thought in America you couldn't be persecuted for different beliefs. Worse yet, the persecution is posthumous.



## Police Report

### Foul-Mouthed Drunk

Officers encountered a profane, inebriated male Saturday night on the 6500 block of Del Playa Drive.

"[The subject] was repeatedly yelling 'fuck' as he and his friends walked west in the roadway. [He] had a strong odor of alcohol coming from him," reports state. "I was told by [his] friends that they would look out for [him] and take him home."

The suspected drunk was again sighted by Foot Patrol officers later that evening as he continued to yell profusely, according to police reports.

"Approximately 10 minutes later I contacted him on Embarcadero Del Norte. [He] was yelling while standing on the sidewalk. I told [him] that I believed he was unable to care for himself. [His] friends told me that [he] would immediately be taken home," reports state.

IVFP officers saw the man again that evening inside an Isla Vista establishment, still appearing intoxicated. He was then taken into custody for public intoxication.

### Sleeping Drunks

Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers responded to a trespassing call at 2:59 p.m. Monday afternoon on the 6600 block of Abrego Road, where they found two intoxicated men sleeping inside an apartment.

"[The property owner] said that two

male subjects had removed one of the screens and entered the apartment through the living room's sliding window. [He] said that both male subjects had been drinking beer all day," reports state.

"[One subject] immediately became belligerent and refused to answer my questions regarding his presence in the apartment. [He] did say that he was not on any lease for the apartment," reports state.

After an altercation with the officers, the two men were transported to the Foot Patrol office and then to Santa Barbara County Jail where they were booked, reports state.

### Runaway Drunk

Deputies responded to the 800 block of Embarcadero Del Mar early Wednesday morning to end a noisy party.

Contact was attempted with one male who was standing in the public parking lot behind the apartment building, reports state.

"As I approached [the subject, he] turned away from me and another deputy and ran away. After a short chase [he] was detained and taken into custody," reports state.

The subject was initially arrested for public intoxication and was later found to have a marijuana pipe in his pant pocket.

—Compiled by Anthony Galloway from Isla Vista Foot Patrol Reports

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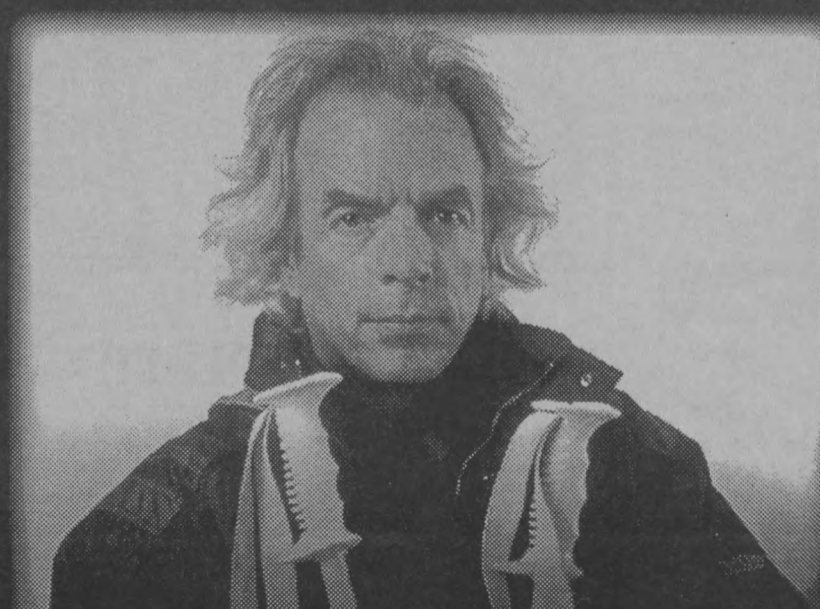
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ERIC HICKS/Daily Nexus

## "I'll Take a Hotel on Park Place ..."

UCSB Shouldn't Treat the Community Like a Monopoly<sup>®</sup> Board

It almost seemed as if April Fools' had come one day early this Monday, when UCSB gave the masses an opportunity to have their say on the latest phase of university development.

Office of Budget and Planning officials unveiled blueprints to build 513 instead of the previously planned 315 faculty and student homes in the open fields of West and North Campus. The increase, as it turns out, was neither a typist's error nor a joke, and environmentalists at the meeting weren't laughing.

The increase, a proposed amendment to 1990's Long Range Development Plan, has yet to be approved by the state coastal commission.

We would ask that the university reconsider its decision to build so many more housing units than it had previously agreed to. While we understand and sympathize with UCSB officials' drive to increase the prestige of our cam-

pus, growth should not come at the expense of that which truly makes this university one of the most precious in the nation and even the world — the beauty and expanse of our natural surroundings.

If university officials in their zeal for expansion fail to strike a balance between growth and the preservation of the unique character of our community, the cozy campus by the sea will fast degenerate into an overcrowded urban sprawl on the level of UC Berkeley or UCLA — except that our experiment in urban planning would pack even more people into the already burgeoning youth slum that is Isla Vista.

All in all, the potential is not a pretty picture, and one that university officials should think twice about before foisting another inflated plan for expansion on a community weary of development.



ERIC HICKS/Daily Nexus

## Temporarily Permanent

For How Long Will Letters and Science Have an Acting Provost?

If "acting" precedes your job title, unless you acquired it in a people's revolution, logic dictates that you would find yourself in a temporary position. That is, unless you work in the administration of a certain campus by the sea.

This university has been without an official dean of students for nearly three years, and the College of Letters and Science has been so struck by disappearing administrators that the search for a new dean and associate dean was suspended when Letters and Science Provost Gretchen Bataille announced her resignation in January. Pending her departure, Dr. Everett Zimmerman has been named acting provost.

While we don't doubt that any of the "acting" administrators are doing a fine job, at the rate that UCSB's bureaucracy is crawling along, they'll have been "act-

ing" in their capacities longer than their predecessors ever did. All the more reason to take the administration's dubbing of the eminently qualified Dr. Zimmerman as Bataille's "temporary" replacement with a truckload of salt.

While students may not realize its immediate effects, the practice of allowing "temps" to remain in supposedly interim positions despite their qualifications has a ripple effect on the consistency of services provided by a particular office or division of this university — especially if these services need a change that can only be addressed through long-term commitment.

Here's hoping for a speedy search for a permanent provost. And we hope that the appointment of an interim administrator doesn't hinder in any way the continuing search for the final official.

# G.I. J.A.

Shannon Dorgan and Erin Vosti

Semper fi! From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Goleta Beach — er, Tripoli — the hills are alive with the sound of women grunting and moaning.

Get your mind out of the gutter — this isn't a pornographic article. Rather, it's about the first women to undergo Marine combat training under the same battle conditions as their male counterparts have in the past. The *New York Times* reported Tuesday: "For more than 100 female Marine Corps privates on Monday, shooting a bull's eyes was no small step. In the fall of yet another barrier limiting the role of women in the military, enlistees women for the first time shot live ammunition from heavy weapons in the Marine combat training that follows boot camp."

Asked about her accomplishment, Pvt. Tabatha Kittleson of Charleston, S.C., remarked after unloading her M240G machine gun on an array of targets: "I love playing in the dirt and getting dirty." Thank God that women have finally been given an equal chance to play in the mud — it's about time, if you ask us.

One small rocket-launching step for Pvt. Tabatha, one gigantic leap for womankind. Every day, in every way, women trudge forth, shattering the boundaries that have once excluded them from male-dominated fields. This is not only a momentous day for the armed forces of

## The Reader's Voice

### A CHALLENGE TO ALL A.S. CANDIDATES

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The beginning of Spring Quarter marks the start of the Associated Students elections season. During the first four weeks of the quarter, campaigning becomes the soul and heart of those who run for office. But how far should each candidate go in order to get into office?

Four weeks ago the A.S. Legislative Council, representing the undergraduate student population, passed a resolution calling for all candidates to limit their campaign expenditures. The reasons behind the bill were several, but most importantly, there was a deep-rooted belief within the 1996-97 elected officials that when it came to elections time, students were putting too much emphasis on political money rather than issues.

You have to ask yourself, are you one of those people who believe that spending thousands of dollars will get you elected? If you are one of them, we feel sorry for you, because UCSB students are intelligent enough to not vote for you.

If you remember, we are students, and we should behave as so. Money is not the answer for getting into office. Instead we, as candidates, must learn what the issues are and what the solutions to those issues may be, and then appeal to the students that we are the best choice for their needs. We should no longer rely on name recognition — we should no longer rely on spending money just to put our name out there. Your name is not what carries you off to office — it's your good intentions and your public-service inclinations.

It is within this belief of student empowerment, and as the only current A.S. executive officers facing the voters, that we call for all candidates to follow the advice of our student senate and voluntarily limit our campaign expenditures, including donations, to no more than \$600. There will be a list posted at the Associated Students main office, so you can sign your name and agree to this limit. The deadline to sign up is this coming Friday.

Good luck!

FRANK ORELLANA  
COLIN MCCARTHY

### KEEP LEAFLETS OUT OF THE RES HALLS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Thank you for printing such a wonderful editorial regarding the election season already in full swing (*Daily Nexus*, "And They're Off," Mar. 31). However, I would like to expand on your *helpful hints* in this open letter to all A.S. candidates:

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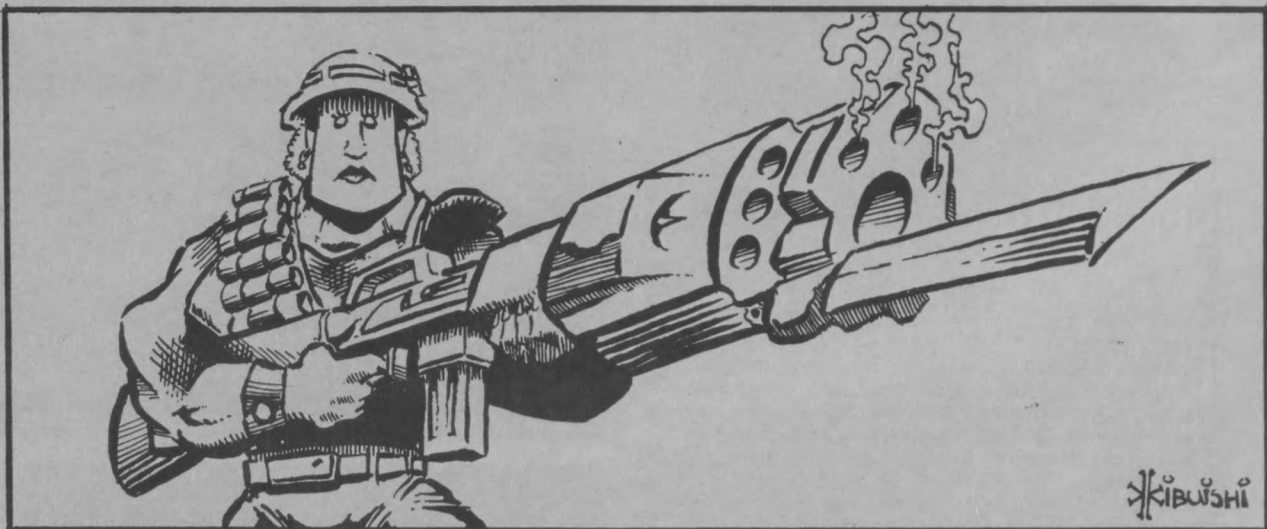
# MARINES?

America — this is a milestone for all of femaledom. But we thought to ourselves, upon hearing the news, is it merely enough to revere these trailblazing women? No — we wanted to be *just like them*. This wasn't like the time in third grade when Shannon wanted to emulate Madonna by wearing lace tops and rubber bracelets half-way up her arm. Nor was it like the time Erin wanted to celebrate the triumph of Mary Lou Retton by joining a gymnastics team, even though she was way over the height requirement. This time was different — this time, we really meant it.

We decided that even though we couldn't join the Marines at this time, we would create our very own basic training regime for implementation into our own lives. Hell, we once did a sit-up: We were ready to take on the world. At the end of our training, we knew we'd be prepared to invade any Third World country at a moment's notice (look out, Canada!).

We started our combat training by getting up at the crack of dawn — we're not used to waking up at 0800 hours (8 a.m. for civilians). We then ate a sensible breakfast. Martinis were certainly out! We both dressed appropriately in muted earth tones to better blend in with the terrain. We didn't have any fatigues lying around, so we made a quick stop at Banana Republic and bought up a few pairs of khakis. OK, so it wasn't like we were on safari, but Supply Sergeant was closed.

We borrowed our friend's utility vehicle and drove to school. Immediately off Highway 217, Shannon got out



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of the car and ran alongside while Erin timed her for speed and checked her endurance. At the bus depot Shannon got in the car and we drove to Lot 22, knowing that we had a class all the way in Phelps Hall — walking that distance with heavy backpacks would be a test of anyone's mettle. While passing by the library, we noticed an enemy at 12 o'clock — it was the people who scream Bible passages at passers-by.

Knowing we could now put our training to the test, we quickly dropped to the ground and proceeded to crawl on our bellies through the picnic tables and grass to make our way around unnoticed. Mission accomplished.

On the grass by the Eternal Flame, we were met with another harrowing skirmish that would test our courage and valor. A large beast suddenly leapt out at us from the sky, sending fur and khakis flying. Regaining our military maneuvering prowess, we subdued the canine menace, aka "Sparky," by grabbing his collar, and returned the

frisbee to his owner. We smiled, knowing our tactical expertise had saved a multitude of innocent civilians.

Finally at Phelps, we dropped and gave each other 40 push-ups to celebrate our patriotic feminist endeavors. OK, so we only made it to five, but we can dream. Regardless of our adventure, we still think it is important to venerate the accomplishments of our fellow sisters in combat training. Even though we are not enlisted, we can still appreciate the efforts of these female Marines to level out the playing field — their work helps open doors for women everywhere, and they should serve as role models for us all. It should come as no surprise that women can be as capable as men in any endeavor they choose to undertake. Not all women are fit for the Marine Corps, but neither are all men.

Columnists Shannon Dorgan and Erin Vosti will enlist in the Marines as soon as Versace starts making fatigues.

Letters to the editor should be no longer than 500 words and MUST include the author's name and phone number.

As a student who lives in the residence halls, I wish to inform all candidates that leafleting, the unrequested distribution of printed material from door to door, is illegal per Residence Halls Association guidelines. I do not think that you would appreciate hav-

people like Jackie Jackson, who otherwise would never win, the opportunity for an upset victory. I cannot allow the chance of a candidate other than Mark Gorecki winning the office of A.S. external v.p. simply because I had too much ambition. As such, I did not choose to run in this year's election. I am deeply sorry to the people who demanded I run, however, the cost of a potential vote-split is too great.

A.S. external vice president is the most important position because this individual is the voice of those students who live off campus, i.e. we in Isla Vista. This position should be held by only the most impressive candidate — that is why I shudder to imagine anyone other than Mark in that office. At this time I would like to briefly touch upon some of Mark Gorecki's more arousing proposals. Mr. Gorecki is planning to have FREE A.S. Notes on the Internet. Now I find that particularly exciting — not only are the A.S. Notes going to be free, but also there will be no paper wasted!

Another smashing idea is Mark Gorecki's proposal to get rid of all those silly red curbs and turn them into parking spaces. I would be remiss if I failed to mention Mark's stunning involvement in "Take Back the Night" while he served as Fraternity/Sorority Council's vice president of public relations.

Lastly, many kudos are in order for citizen Gorecki's politically daring plan to eliminate discrimination of homosexual/homosexual couples in UCSB's married student housing. Hopefully you, gentle reader, can begin to see why a vote-split would have dire consequences to UCSB, thus, I hereby throw all my support to Mark Gorecki's campaign. I hope

you do too. Thank you, and I shall see you at the polls.

DAVID K. BARRETT

## WOODY BLITZED BY BYRD BOOSTER

Editor, Daily Nexus:

So Woody Clark, the head of the College Republicans, is running for A.S. president with the promise of bringing back the football team? Well, Woody, you remind me of another lying Republican, you know, "NO NEW TAXES" Bush — probably a hero of yours, right?

I am utterly baffled that you would actually stoop so low as to assume that the students of this university are such imbeciles that they would fall for such an empty promise. And how are you, or should I say the rest of us, going to pay for this team, Woody?

Woody, you are such a product of the selfish '80s that it makes me sick to think about what your Reaganesque regime could do to this school! But I guess it doesn't matter since your tuition will be paid for as a result of such an unfortunate election, huh? Woody Clark, why would I vote for a CONSERVATIVE to represent me while the current CONSERVATIVE Hussel Barfallover you hasn't done a damn thing about any real issues?

Woody, my fees are going up, my friends are being beaten up by cops, there is open racism on the streets of Isla Vista, corporations are controlling our cash, our rents are through the roof, and you have the nerve to try to con us with promises of a football

team?

I beg all Gauchos to go to the polls, this time remembering that we are only idealists for a short time, that we don't have to turn Republican and yuppie so soon.

So to our own Jack Kemp, I hope someone throws you a long one off the bluffs. Pass the word, for student empowerment, vote WAYNE BYRD.

RAFAEL MOSCATEL

## WHERE TO GO FOR CHEAP CONDOMS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Dear UCSB students, Are you sexually active? Do you use a condom every time you have sex? Do you protect yourself from the risk of pregnancy and disease?

Statistics have shown that one out of every 10 teenage girls gets pregnant each year. This is astounding, because birth control is readily accessible and relatively inexpensive.

I wish that more people would take it upon themselves to get educated. Fortunately, on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Women's Center, the UCSB chapter of NOW (the National Organization for Women) is holding a talk on birth control and the services Student Health Services provides. If you are interested in birth control options here on campus that are cheap and accessible, please come. All are welcome.

JENNIFER KAMEL  
UCSB NOW CO-CHAIR



ing business cards or fliers pushed into your bedroom, so please think of the consequences and how your actions appear to students — i.e. the voters — who live in the residence halls.

When a candidate leaflets, this shows me and other residents that not only is the candidate ignorant of school policies, but that he or she is inconsiderate of others as well. The only name recognition a candidate receives by this illegal action is negative.

On the other hand, in the week before the election, door-to-door campaigning is permitted per RHA rules. So by all means go ahead and knock on my door and introduce yourself. You just might get my vote.

JENNIFER TOBKIN

## "GO GORECKI!" SEZ BRILLIANT BOY

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am known on campus for my brilliant wit and handsome good looks. For these two reasons several people have asked me why I am not running for a position in Associated Students. Please allow me, my dear friends, to address this question in full.

I am not running for A.S. because the most important job, A.S. external vice president, is being sought by an equally intelligent candidate who is perhaps almost as attractive. This man is known by many as Mark Gorecki — I know him as the candidate most qualified in a sea of unqualified challengers.

I, David K. Barrett, will not seek the position of A.S. external vice president because I would in effect split the UCSB vote of women and of the intelligent student population. The likely vote-split would give unqualified

## THINK by LUCIDO





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## PRESENTS YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE BY LINDA C. BLACK

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 9 - Don't start any new projects right now. All you need to do is to follow through, which ought to keep you plenty busy. If you did nothing but write down all the good ideas people had yesterday, you'd have little time left for anything else. Start with that.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 4 - The good news is that you don't have to worry. Whatever was eating at you probably won't come to pass. The bad news is that you shouldn't start any new projects. And since you're the one who knows this and the others don't, you get to tell them.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 9 - The quest you began yesterday may take a little longer than anticipated. If there are a few things to finish up, put those on your list for today. If completing an old project leads you to a new one, that's fine. It's the natural order of things, actually. Get going.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is a 6 - Doing research? Today you may finally reach the conclusions you've been seeking. Bought a new computer? Today you get to learn how to make the contraption work. Don't start new projects, however. They won't amount to a hill of beans.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is an 8 - Instead of plunging boldly forward, look around. Is there something within arm's reach you should have done by now? That's your assignment for today. Start with the nearest one and keep working until you've cleared out the whole area. Also, do something you promised for your true love.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 5 - This is a good time to review old material or search through the archives for information. Don't invest in anything until next week. It's not a very good day to travel, either, unless you're going back to a place you've been before.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** - Today is an 8 - Instead of making waves, enjoy what you've accomplished thus far. You've had several days of acceleration; now you need to coast. Let some of the new information sink into your brain. Practice new skills. Try on a couple of new ideas and see if they fit. Relax.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 5 - If there's something you're thinking about buying for the house, think about it a little longer. If you buy it now, you'll only have to take it back. It won't work right. If you'd bought it yesterday, it would have been fine, but now your best bet is to wait until Tuesday.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is an 8 - This is a marvelous day to practice. Do research. Do your filing. Answer all your old phone messages. Run errands. Call your brothers and sisters and get the latest gossip about dearly beloved family members. Don't take a risk until Sunday.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is a 5 - If you can stay home in bed, do it. If you're sick, you can blame all the hassles you've had to endure lately. Are you involved in a renovation project? If not, maybe you should be. You can give the matter some serious thought today, but don't get started on it yet.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is an 8 - Cool your heels for 24 hours. There may be changes underway you know nothing about. By the time you look again, which probably should be next Monday, you'll have a different perspective. Otherwise, you could rush into a situation that isn't good for you.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 6 - If you don't make much noise, nobody will even know you're there. People will be so self-absorbed, they'll freely discuss matters in your presence you shouldn't know about. You could learn all kinds of interesting stuff. Don't tell anybody but your sweetie.

**Today's Birthday (April 3)**. Keep practicing the game you play best. You and your team will be more successful than ever before. Make a decision in May that will bring in more money. Clean up old messes this summer. Your work may involve more of the same in September, in even greater detail. December's best for a romantic excursion back to a favorite place. Patience is required in January and imagination's necessary in February. Love finds a way in March.

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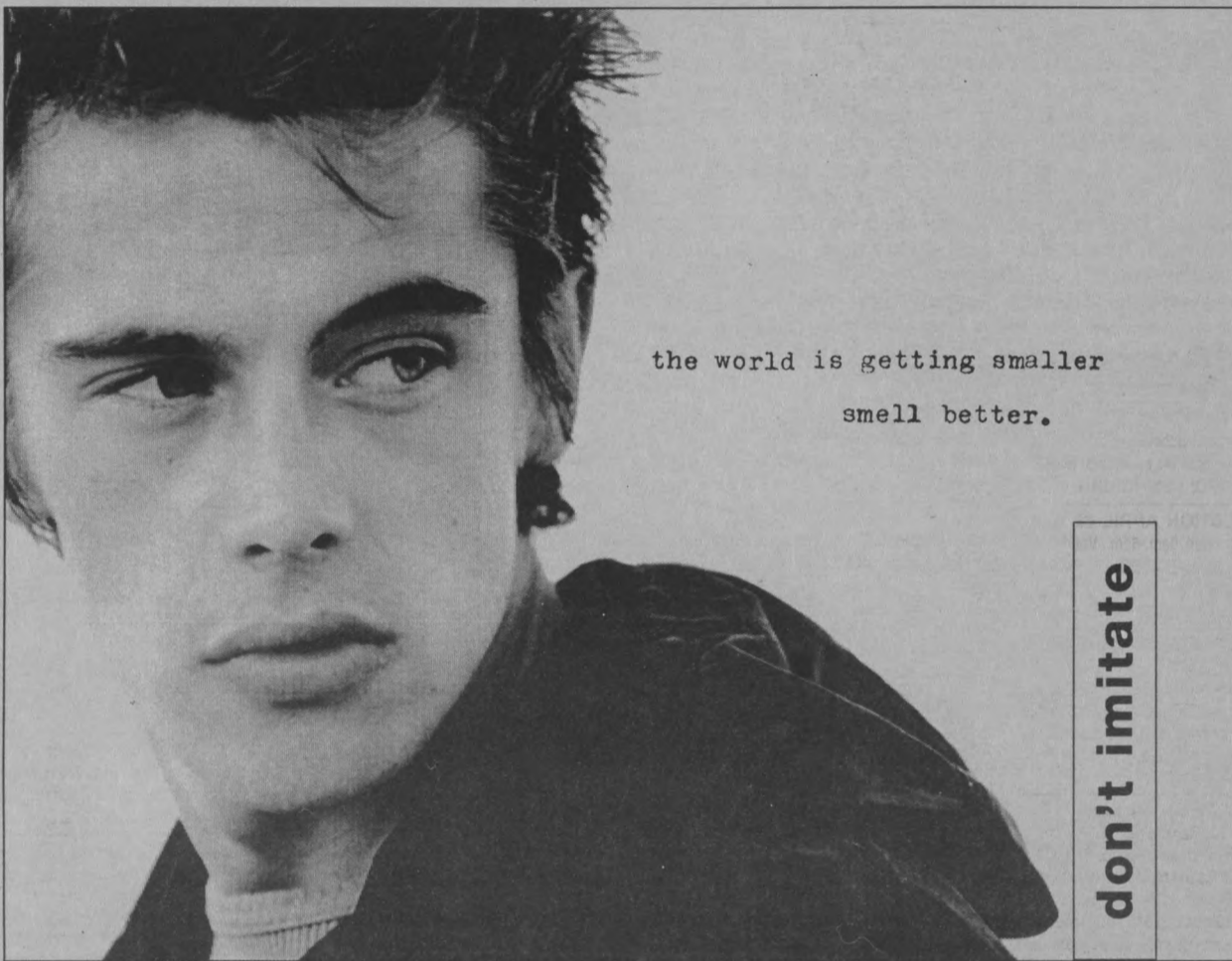
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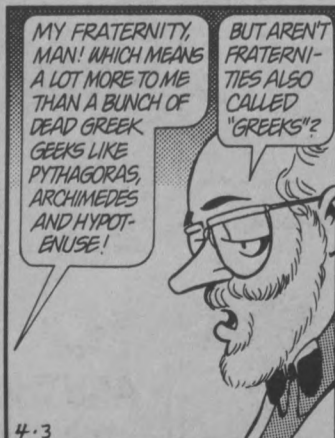
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## UCSB Swimmer Earns All-American Honors

■ Top Finishes for Lezak at NAAs

By Scott Hennessee  
Staff Writer

In the fall, UCSB swimming and diving Coach Gregg Wilson said he wanted his team to be nationally recognized. Thanks to a strong performance at the NCAA championship meet by junior sprinter Jason Lezak, Wilson got what he wished for.

Last week the Gauchos finished off their season by finishing 30th in the nation after the three-day competition in Minneapolis, Minn.

Senior diver Toby Reclusado and Lezak were the only two members of the Santa Barbara squad who qualified for the meet. Lezak certainly did not fall to the pressure. He scored all of Santa Barbara's points by placing fifth in the 50-yard freestyle and tying for sixth in the 100 free. The performances were good enough to land Lezak First Team All-American honors in both events.

"He was spectacular at the meet," Wilson said. "He definitely caught the attention of everybody in the arena."

Lezak's time of 19.67 in the

50-free preliminaries set a new school record for that event. In the afternoon finals, he swam a time of 19.70 — the third fastest time by an American in the race.

Lezak swam the preliminary for the 100 free in 43.39, which broke his own school record that he set only two weeks before at the Big West Championships. He swam the finals in 43.41.

"I was really happy with the times and the placing," Lezak said. "When I started the season I wanted to make the top eight [nationally] and I did a little better than that — you know, that's great."

Reclusado, however, had a much tougher time than Lezak in Minnesota. He placed 31st in the one-meter diving event, 29th in the three-meter and 20th in the 10-meter platform. Overall, it was a subpar performance for Reclusado, who was expected to place higher.

"We all [expected him to finish higher]," Wilson said. "He expected to, so did his coach [UCSB diving Coach Scott Anthony]. The 10-meter platform was his best event. We thought he'd take it to the top 16."

Although Reclusado didn't



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**A FISH CALLED JASON:** Junior swimmer Jason Lezak set two school records en route to finishing fifth and sixth in two events at the NCAA swimming championships.

finish off his career in grand fashion, Wilson knows how good a diver he is and how tough the competition was.

"In 21 years he is the best diver I've ever represented at UCSB," Wilson said. "It's pretty tough. The divers there were really, re-

ally good."

As for Lezak, he expects to only get better in the future. The sprinter has already been to the Olympic trials, and Wilson expects to see him there again. Lezak said the experience he gained awhile ago by competing

against prospective Olympians helped him in the NCAA.

"Swimming up with the big names was really hard," Lezak said. "I have to tell myself, 'I am one of these guys and there's nothing to be worried about.'"

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL YEAR IN REVIEW

### Veteran Leadership and Freshman Talents Produce Another Successful Hoop Season

By Brian Berger  
Staff Writer

With seniors Amy Smith and Erin Alexander returning to the UCSB women's basketball team this past season, good things were expected. After all, the duo helped guide the team to the Big West title in 1996 and both had been three-time All-Big West selections. No one, however, could possibly have guessed how good this team would end up being.

The Gauchos finished the season with an overall record of 24-6 and a Big West mark of 14-1. The team dominated conference foes throughout the Big West Tournament, winning the title with an average margin of victory of 19.3 points. The tournament championship gave Santa Barbara its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament since 1993, but the team was defeated by Tulane University in the first round.

UCSB opened the year with its toughest non-league schedule in history. In its first nine games the team faced six opponents that were ranked in the top 25 sometime during the season. After tough losses to the University of Kansas, USC and then-#1 University of Connecticut, the Gauchos pieced together a five-game winning streak before being upset by UC Irvine in overtime. The Gauchos would then bounce back by following the loss with a 14-game winning streak that ended against Tulane.

"I am grateful to work with the women in this program," said UCSB Head Coach Mark French, who was named Big West Coach of the Year. "We had a great season."

While Smith returned to the form of her sophomore season, and Alexander became the greatest three-point shooter in league history, it was the help of a talented freshman class that guided UCSB to the next level. Freshmen Stacy Clinesmith and Kristi Rohr started every game for Santa Barbara this season and made their presence felt. The two were named to the Big West All-Freshman team as well as earning second team All-Big West honors.

From the squad's first game against the University of Missouri, Kansas City, Rohr proved that she would be a force. The forward led the team in both points and rebounds while recording the first of four double-doubles. Like Rohr, Clinesmith wasted no time establishing herself as an offensive weapon in the early season. The point guard from Spokane, Wash., scored in double fig-

ures in the first five games of the year, including an 18-point, 10-assist performance against the University of Wisconsin.

"Sometimes it's hard for me to believe that they are freshmen," French said. "I am pleased that I have three more years to watch them play."

Although it was the freshmen who gave UCSB the extra support, it was Smith and Alexander who caused most of the damage all season. Smith, who struggled as a junior, opened the season with just four points against UMKC — her lowest total of the season. She then responded with 23 against Kansas and 34 vs. Wisconsin two games later.

During the 30-game season, Smith scored in double figures 28 times and scored over 20 points in 15 games, including a stretch of seven straight. The forward finished the year with 578 points, making her the single-season points leader in school history.

Smith's best efforts came during the Big West Tournament, where she averaged 27.6 points and eight rebounds during the three games — on way to being named tournament MVP. During the year she set personal bests for points (34), rebounds (20 vs. USC), free throws (16 vs. University of San Diego), three-pointers (three), and assists (five vs. Long Beach State).

Not to be outdone by Smith, Alexander continued to score at will in 1997. The guard became the Big West's all-time leader in three-pointers and finished her career with 233 treys. Alexander was second on the team with an 18.8 points-per-game average and led the team in three-pointers (80) and steals (58). The co-captain's career was highlighted by a 40-point effort against USC on Dec. 19, which broke the UCSB single-game scoring record. In the game Alexander was 8-12 from behind the arc, also a school mark.

Senior Michelle Duckworth took over the starting small forward position midway through the season and became one of the toughest defenders in the Big West. While Duckworth was not a large offensive threat (4.7 ppg) her intensity added an extra spark to the team.

Sophomores Sheila Frial and Stephanie Shadwell joined freshmen Tawnée Cooper, Carmel Lampson and Rachel Mahar as the primary contributors off the bench. The five players combined for 20.5 points and 13.4 rebounds per game. Lampson secured her role as the team's future long-range specialist, hitting 23 three-pointers on the season while Mahar led the team with 41 blocked shots.

## Women's Volleyball Hosts Annual Preseason Tourney

By Yier Shi  
Staff Writer

With the regular season still five months away, the Santa Barbara women's volleyball team will look to gauge its level of play Saturday, when the squad hosts the annual UCSB Spring Volleyball Tournament.

The Gauchos, who underwent some minor roster changes in the offseason, will try to use this 10-team tourney as an opportunity to test out some different lineups for the upcoming year.

"This is a great opportunity to see where you are," said UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory. "We have almost everyone back from last season, so this will get some playing experience in for a lot of our players."

The tournament will draw some preseason powerhouses from all areas of the country, including teams from Texas A&M, Arkansas and Oklahoma. In-state teams include Long Beach State, USC, UCLA, Pepperdine, Fresno State and Loyola Marymount.

The teams will play four matches each — the winner only needs to win two of three games.

"We want to win," said sophomore opposite hitter Katie Crawford, who was a First Team All-Big West selection last season. "Kathy has been switching the lineups a lot lately. We're hoping to get into a groove and see how things will go in the fall."

Although the squad lost three players in the offseason — starting setter Maile Mortensen, outside hitter Kathrine Maaseide and middle blocker Rachel O'Connell (all left for personal reasons) — the team will not be short on talent.

With a core nucleus back for the 1997 season — including Crawford and Big West Freshman of the Year Roberta Gehlke — the squad will look to contend for the conference title.

Gregory also landed the setter for the German National Team, which finished eighth in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. Sophomore Tanja Hart will enroll at UCSB beginning next fall and will immediately compete for the starting setter spot with freshman Vicki Viso.

"Bringing her in definitely improves our chances," Gregory said. "There is not one Olympic player that I know of in the country, and definitely none in the Big West."

Hart, 20, will be the first Olympian to join the UCSB volleyball team.

Also rejoining the team will be junior Jennifer Strofte, who is making a comeback from a torn anterior cruciate ligament injury. Strofte, the expected leader of last season's squad, was out of action for all but one match of the year. It was the second-straight season in which she missed the majority of the year due to a severe injury.

"She is really determined to play," Gregory said. "I look at her mentally and I think she can get back. Her conditioning is better than anytime I've seen her. How effective she'll be will be the question mark."

Strofte is still not able to jump off the ground and will sit out this weekend's matches.

The tournament will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday and continue through the late afternoon in the Thunderdome.