

Debating Candidates

The Associated Students presidential debates will be held today at noon in the Flying A Studios Room in the UCen, followed by the debates for both external vice president positions at 1 p.m. Also, don't miss part two of the live radio interviews with presidential hopefuls from 5 to 5:30 p.m. on KCSB 91.9 FM.

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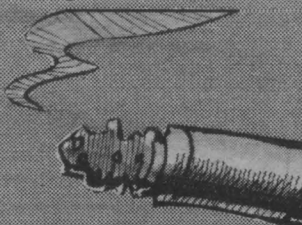
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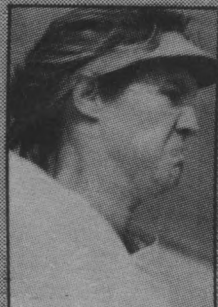
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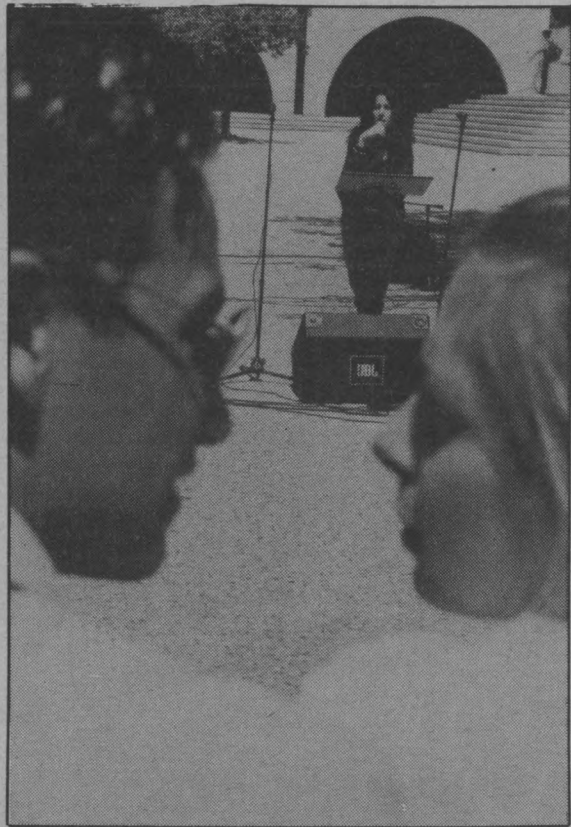
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Tax Time!

Your taxes are due today, so if you forgot, you better get crackin'. And just for all you procrastinators, the Santa Barbara Main Post Office at 836 Anacapa St. will be open until midnight tonight for your convenience.

Daily Nexus

Colloquium Provides Sexual Assault Education



By Kerri Webb
Staff Writer

Trumpets sounded in Storke Plaza as Sexual Violence Awareness Week began Monday with a kickoff rally aimed at raising consciousness about the abuse of women. Preceded by a live performance by the local ska band Henchmyn that drew a crowd of about 100 people, the rally was a forum to help educate the audience on sexual assault and to promote the 13th annual Take Back the Night rally and march.

The domestic and sexual abuse issues Take Back the Night deals with are concerns that include both genders, according to Hillary Walter, Associated Students Women's Commission member and event co-coordinator.

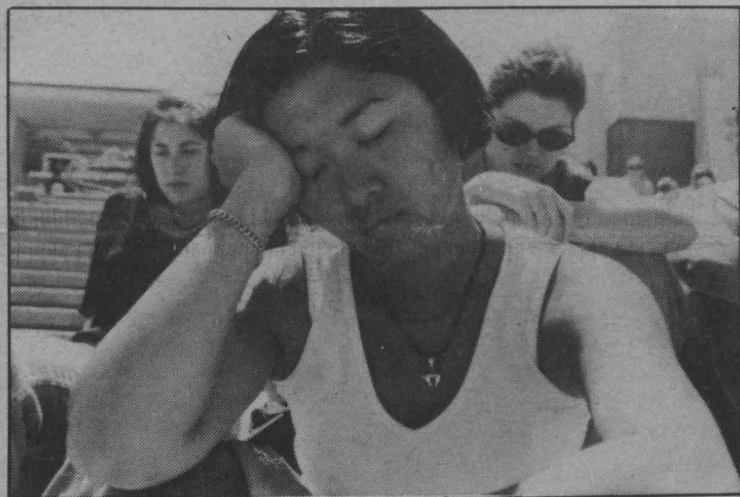
"This is everyone's issue, not just a women's issue. We want men to attend just as much as we want women to attend," she said. "This is not anti-male, we always want to stress that."

Monday's rally featured Maria Ramos, whose mother used their home as a shelter for battered women in New Jersey during the 1970s. Women of the shelter shared accounts about domestic violence against women and children, Ramos said.

"Back then in the '70s very few states had laws that prohibited a husband from raping his wife," she said. "The laws were based on the notion that once a woman enters into a marriage contract she gives up her ability to consent and it's her duty to 'satisfy' any of the demands of her husband."

The issue of date rape and other violent sex crimes is a topic that many people feel uncomfort-

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During a Take Back the Night rally Maria Ramos addressed a crowd in Storke Plaza, asking them to close their eyes and imagine a world without sexual violence.

Photos by Djamel E. Ramoul

Teen Actors Bring Issues to the Stage

By Kristina Holmgren
Reporter

A local theatrical group will use acting skills to enlighten students about sexual violence in a number of presentations today and Wednesday.

In conjunction with Sexual Violence Awareness Week, Planned Parenthood's "Teen Theatre" will perform "Flashbacks," a presentation including short dramatic plays addressing a wide variety of issues in order to help people recognize and discuss the problems associated with sexuality.

The dramatizations are written and acted out by local teenagers and are specifically designed to target young adults, said Teen Theater Director and Coordinator Nadja

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Former Prime Minister Visits UCSB

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

A government official spoke on issues ranging from global ecological awareness to the environmental relations between the United States and Canada for the annual Steven Manley Memorial Lecture on Monday afternoon.

Former Canadian Prime Minister Kim Campbell, the first female to hold that office, delivered the address in front of more than 300 people in Lotte Lehmann Concert Hall.

The intent of her 45-minute presentation was to raise awareness of current issues and allow for collaboration on solutions between all countries, Campbell said.

"Questions about the environment have been really important between the relationship of Canada and United States," she said. "The goal of this lecture is to, perhaps, alert the people that there are wonderful opportunities to cooperate between the countries and that Canada is certainly one of the leaders in these environmental areas."

A native of British Columbia, Campbell is currently serving the first year of her four-year term as the consul general in Los Angeles. She hopes the rest of her term will enable her to better promote these environmental issues on an international level.

"There is a global stake in ecological issues," she said. "There is a clear need for us to have a common agenda on a global level. The U.S. and Canada have the same ecological footprint and we can work together to preserve this continent."

Campbell touched on many of the ecological concerns shared by her country and California, including problems dealing with climate change, endangered spe-

cies, sustainability of salmon stocks, and oil interests in Alaska. She also emphasized Canada's environmental policies regarding its giant-forest industry.

"Environmental soundness has been a top-tier priority in Canada for many years now," she said. "The sustainability of forestry is at the top of our agenda. We have come to realize, as much as Californians, that land is finite. There is a strong sense that we have to be the stewards of our land."

The lecture was co-sponsored by the Environmental Studies Program and Arts & Lectures, which hoped Campbell's speech would raise awareness on ecological issues around the world, said Environmental Studies Program Chair Edward Keller.

"These problems go beyond United States and Canada—it is an international concern," he said. "Canada has been a real leader in these issues of sustainability. It's very fortunate that we have a good relationship with them."

Students took home Campbell's message of cooperation between the two neighboring countries.

"Ms. Campbell brought up very important environmental, social and economic issues," said senior environmental studies major Erin Wilhoit. "I especially enjoyed her optimism about the future of California and Canada's environment."

"She had a very dynamic view about the relationship that Canada and the United States must maintain in order to promote an environmentally sustainable future," said senior business economics major Sean Simonson.

Candidates Speak About Qualifications, Concerns

By Sara Romain
Staff Writer

Five executive-office hopefuls in the Associated Students election are vying for the chance to represent the campus on issues impacting both the university and Isla Vista communities.

Seeking the opportunity to act as the liaison between A.S. and Isla Vista as the external vice president for local affairs are Jackie Jackson, Mark Gorecki, Haady Lashkari, Eduardo Moreno and Leila Salazar.

Junior business economics major Jackson said her qualifications include a year as an off-campus rep, working with Counseling and Career Services and positions on Finance Board, student affairs and an executive position in the Accounting Association. She believes her experience and attitude are her greatest attributes.

"I'm very approachable and I have the patience to deal with student needs," she said.

Gorecki has served in various positions in the greek system, including Fraternity/Sorority Council vice president. Gorecki, a junior biology major, believes his assets are the contacts he has made and people skills.

"I have been involved in different groups and I have the networking set up on the university," he said.

Sophomore communications major Lashkari has done extensive volunteer work for groups such as Environmental Affairs Board and has served as a proxy at Leg Council meetings.

"I feel that I'm really well-rounded. I know the issues that are going around ... the issues you need to know for this position. I would be

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HEADLINERS

McDougal Sentenced in Whitewater Case



LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — James McDougal, the Clintons' former business partner, drew a lenient three-year prison sentence Monday for 18 felonies after the Whitewater prosecutor told the court his cooperation led to information "previously unknown to us."

McDougal could have gotten up to 84 years in prison. He sent an ominous signal to the Clintons by backing away from his statement a year ago that he expected them to be absolved of wrongdoing.

"I wouldn't go to the bank on that," McDougal said, drawing a crowd of reporters outside the courtroom as he has often since emerging as the central figure in the Whitewater affair five years ago.

Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr said McDougal's help has

led to a "fuller, broader, deeper understanding" of the evidence that led to the wide-ranging investigation of the Clintons' finances.

"It has led us to both documents and it has led us to witnesses," Starr

"I take full and complete responsibility for my crimes and misdeeds."

James McDougal
Clinton business partner

said. He added that much of the information has been independently corroborated. What McDougal had to say "was previously unknown to us ... and is known to a very few people," Starr said.

He declined to discuss anything about President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton, citing the secrecy requirements of

an ongoing grand-jury investigation. Published reports say McDougal has reversed himself and now corroborates a story that Clinton, then governor of Arkansas, attended a meeting in 1986 at which an illegal loan was discussed.

In sworn testimony Clinton has denied any

involvement with the loan.

U.S. District Judge George Howard said he was persuaded to give McDougal a light sentence after Starr detailed the extent of the former savings and loan owner's cooperation — some in open court, the rest in sealed documents.

Howard also ordered

McDougal to pay a \$10,000 fine and \$4.27 million in restitution to the federal government and serve three years of probation, including one year of house arrest.

The judge recommended that McDougal be sent to a prison with appropriate medical facilities. McDougal, 56, who has suffered from physical and mental ailments for the last decade, is to report to prison June 16.

Appearing in the same courthouse where Clinton testified by videotape last year during his trial, McDougal made a brief and remorseful statement.

"I take full and complete responsibility for my crimes and misdeeds," McDougal said.

"I've embarrassed the people in my community. I don't know how I can even make amends to them for their goodness and their trust. All I have is to ask humbly for their mercy."

Transportation Survey Lists State Near Bottom



SACRAMENTO (AP) — A new study of America's highway programs says California's highway program has the highest overhead costs in the nation and spends more on administration than maintenance.

The University of North Carolina-Charlotte study also ranked California as worst in traffic congestion and in the bottom third in pavement condition.

A state Transportation Dept. spokesperson responded Monday that the study made flawed comparisons that don't take into account either California's unique traffic problems or the state's more innovative solutions.

Professor David Hartgen, who conducted the study, said California spent one of every seven dollars on administrative expenses and had one manager or supervisor for every four employees. The private-industry standard is one supervisor for every 10-30 employees, Hartgen said.

The comparisons were based on 1994 and 1995 data from the 50 states.

"Relative to the money the state has available, the

highway program does not appear to be performing as it should be," Hartgen told the San Francisco Examiner, noting that California is one of only three states that devotes more money to administration than to road maintenance.

"I don't know whether they're top-heavy or side-heavy, whether they have too many top managers or middle managers or just too much altogether. But it seems like a huge bureaucracy that is very entrenched," Hartgen said.

Caltrans spokesperson Jim Drago told The Associated Press that Hartgen's comparisons were misleading and produced an inaccurate picture of the state's program.

"How can you compare California with a state like North Dakota that has lots of roads but not much traffic? What counts as administration? What they do is compare apples and oranges," Drago said.

"All this report looks at is how much money you spend and how many center-line miles you have. They don't give credit for things that help the efficiency of the system."

That Morning Cup o' Java May Be Healthful



SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — What makes that morning whiff of coffee so alluring? The promise of caffeine? Or is it your nose saying: Wake up, drink your medicine.

Research presented Monday by a University of California chemist suggests the latter.

Takayuki Shibamoto says his preliminary study shows that chemicals in fresh-brewed coffee may form potent antioxidants, similar to Vitamin C or Vitamin E, which are believed to help prevent cancer.

Shibamoto, a professor of environmental toxicology at UC Davis, said the antioxidants in a cup of coffee might be equal to the amount found in three oranges.

"That's not a very scientific comparison, but it makes it easier to under-

stand," cautioned Shibamoto, who was in San Francisco to present his findings at the 213th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society.

Shibamoto said he found that the beguiling smell of freshly brewed coffee is caused by at least 300 different chemicals. Many belong to a large family of molecules called volatile heterocyclic compounds.

Individually, he said, those chemicals are not potent. But when combined, as in brewed coffee, the activity increases and is comparable to antioxidants found in many fruits and vegetables, which are believed to block undesirable effects of oxygen radicals on living tissue.

But smell alone isn't enough. Shibamoto said

that while the possibly healthy chemicals are detectable in coffee's aroma, they escape rapidly into the air.

"[So] you have to drink it in about 20 minutes after it is brewed," Shibamoto said.

Shibamoto warned that the research is preliminary, and restricted to test-tube analysis. Pending funding, he hopes to take a look at how animals might be affected by coffee.

Sara Risch, a Chicago-based consultant who has studied antioxidants and holds a doctorate in food science, called Shibamoto's work "an exciting start."

"It's fascinating that he's found a new category of compounds that can serve as antioxidants," she said. "If there's a caution, it's that this is a laboratory study."

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP)** — After nearly 21 years on death row, a man was executed by injection Monday night for raping a woman and then beating her to death with a frying pan.

Billy Joe Woods, 50, declined a final statement before the lethal dose of drugs was administered. He coughed twice, gasped, and then stopped breathing.

Woods was just 29 in 1975 when he broke into the Houston apartment of 62-year-old Mabel Ehatt, who had cancer and needed a walker to get around. Neighbors heard a disturbance, and when police arrived they found Ehatt dead and Woods carrying her TV, her bracelet and a bottle of her pain medication.

Evidence showed he sexually assaulted the woman and crushed her head flat with a frying pan.

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Weather

I woke this morning with that special feeling deep within my gut — today will be exceptional.

As I bounded out of the top bunk and warm fortress of my slumber, gracefully landing on all fours like a nimble feline, I looked toward the south terrace window and saw the usually cluttered view free of the ordinary mnemonics of our transient urbanization. Someone had taken down the sneakers that have been hanging from the telephone wires.

Either one of the houses somewhere around mine had discontinued its illicit substance distribution (I've heard that shoes on a wire are a telltale sign of a "house.") or someone had taken the time and pride to clean up the neighborhood. Actually, I thought, maybe that's the same thing. A profound revelation at 6:07 a.m.! Already the day was rolling smooth!

Nothing much else happened that was out of the ordinary, except maybe the toothpaste was especially minty fresh, but sometimes all it takes is a minor revelation to open the day to more wonders.

Rush Experiment Meets With Success

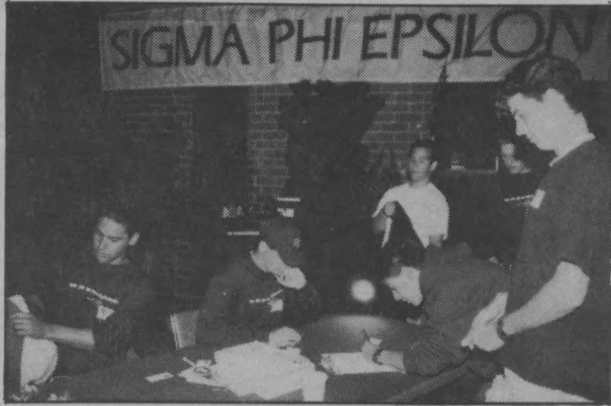
By Nate Streeper
Reporter

The rush of frenzied fraternity and sorority hopefuls toward that perfect house concluded with improvements in greek membership and diversity Friday.

The experiment with a new, more structured rush proved successful for greek organizations as turnout increased and the ethnic makeup of the houses became more diverse.

Sorority recruitment efforts drew a sizable crowd, though statistics for fraternity rush attendance were unavailable, according to Fraternity/Sorority Council greek adviser Mitch Joslin.

"We had a really good spring open house. I'd say around 170 women showed up, which is good



Sigma Phi Epsilon pledges fill out paperwork in hopes of being accepted into the fraternity.

for the spring," he said. "I'm not sure about the men. Their process was a little less organized."

The new sorority rush format proved to be a plus to recruitment efforts, said Panhellenic Rush Chair Deborah Flinn.

"This was definitely one of the most successful rushes as far as the sheer

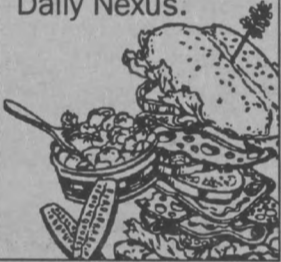
number of women who went through it," she said. "We tried a lot of new things. Like for instance, we had check-in points for them to get name tags and passports ahead of time."

Alpha Phi President Gina Tenace said Spring Rush activities brought

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Hungry Hunter

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BY LINDA C. BLACK

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Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - Today it will be easier for you to stop and think about what you're doing before - rather than after you do it. That can be handy. You're pretty lucky, but remember to exercise caution, especially with finances. In other words, don't gamble with the rent money.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - There's some sort of barrier or blockage in your home. This could mean the plumbing's going to get backed up tonight. Or it could simply be that one of your roommates wants to ask you something, and gets tongue-tied. Be careful making decisions, too.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - You're not a very shy person anyway, but today you could be downright blatant. That's OK - people enjoy watching and listening to you. Your naturally bubbly and vivacious personality, mixed with that Leo confidence, makes for a good show.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 4 - You might as well expect more missed appointments, overlooked birthdays and all sorts of similar social errors in the next few weeks. If you're working on a big project with a group, be even more careful. Little mistakes can get magnified out of proportion.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - You should do pretty well today. There are difficulties to deal with, but that's OK. Your energy level is high; you're also enthusiastic, not to mention just plain lucky. Even with Mercury retrograde, you can get a lot done. Complete old business rather than starting new.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - If you have a feeling somebody's looking over your shoulder, you're right. Not to worry. You're probably doing the job perfectly. If you're not, just thank your personal quality control inspector for the feedback and put in the correction. Don't bother to argue.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 7 - This should be a fun day for you. Your friends will be in a festive frame of mind. You're somewhat limited by financial considerations, but that's OK. If you must make changes regarding finances, just go back to the way things were before.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - It might appear that the other side is winning, but this is an optical illusion. If you can manage to stall for about a week, events will turn in your favor. In the meantime, listen and learn. The other side has a couple of very good points it's making.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - This is a much better day for you. You'll still have complications on the job, but they won't bother you nearly as much as they might have. That's because you've got a couple of aces in the hole: your excellent attitude and your bubbling sense of humor.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - You may be able to get the money that's coming to you. Ask for it again. The person who owes you is feeling flush right now. It's also a pretty good day to buy something you need for the house. You should be careful to read the fine print, though.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - This would be a good day to start building something, if it weren't for that retrograde Mercury in Taurus. Everything will take longer and cost more than you estimated. If you haven't already begun, postpone construction. Finishing a project will be OK.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 - This is a difficult day for you, but don't worry. Your luck is getting much better soon. In the meantime, take care of business. The work you're doing will prove valuable for years to come. It could even lead to a nice promotion.

Today's Birthday (April 15) - You'll excel athletically this year by practicing what you already know. Gain inspiration in April. Gain funding in May. Your family's support means everything in July. Take a risk in August. Focus on details in September - especially historical ones. Blast through old barriers in late November. In February, get involved in a team effort that will change the world. Review your successes in March.

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able to represent all students at the university," he said.

Eduardo Moreno has worked with AIESEC, the Association of International Students in Business and Commerce, as well as volunteer organizations.

"I've been in so many situations and had so many friends that I know the way to coexist and survive ... to make a compromise," said the senior English major.

Salazar, a senior environmental studies and political science major, has been working with environmental issues and has held various positions on EAB, including chair of the group.

"I really feel that I am the most qualified person," she said. "I have dedicated the last three years to the community."

The candidates' goals span a wide spectrum of issues, as do their methods for accomplishing these aims.

Fixing up I.V. and extending the town's recycling program are among the areas Moreno hopes to address.

"Basically, open conversations with the supervisors to get that kind of thing going," he said. "You can't accomplish everything by yourself. ... I'd work with the people in power to make the changes."

Salazar also cited I.V. improvements as a project she would tackle, but her main goal would be to

bring the community and campus together as a cohesive group to better address various issues.

"I want to work with [3rd District Supervisor] Gail Marshall and John Delgado [of the I.V./UCSB Community Services Center] on doing housing inspections and making sure they are carried out," she said.

Jackson's primary goals are to create a larger A.S. book exchange, to bring back the Gaucho Housing Guide and to create a campuswide career fair.

"I want to bring back the student housing guide and add a supplement with tenant and landlord rights and also your rights with the law," she said. "I want to create a book exchange where you can sell your books back to A.S. for more money and buy them at a lesser cost."

Gorecki said he hopes to put A.S. notes on the World Wide Web and improve local parking and housing.

"My first thing, that we've already started, is to put A.S. notes on the Internet and make them more accessible," he said.

Lashkari is primarily concerned with increasing relations between students and the I.V. Foot Patrol while promoting safety in I.V.

"I feel that students and I.V. Foot Patrol have been working against each other and not with one another. What I propose to do is invite the I.V. Foot Patrol to meetings where I.V., as a community, can bring up problems that they have," he said.

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able about, and thus embarrassment and shame are among the main reasons why victims do not to report these crimes, Ramos said.

"People don't want to talk about it. People think that it is something that only happens to 'those' women," she said. "There are still a lot of beliefs in society that a woman [who] dresses a certain way, that looks a certain way... or gets drunk or is a 'loose woman' deserves to get raped because she is asking for it."

The victims' denial of these crimes also contributes to many of the negative perspectives of raped women. Urging victims of these crimes to report them, or at least discuss them, helps to combat these ideas and re-establish personal control, according to Ramos.

"In addition to the stereotypes and misconceptions about rape, there's also a denial on the part of women that are victims of acquaintance rape or date rape," she said. "They mistakenly think that if they've gone out with somebody once or twice, if

they've kissed, if they've slept with them, that automatically means that they are required to sleep with them again."

Take Back the Night has many male supporters, including the members of Henchmyn, according to trumpet player Hector Zuniga.

"From a male's perspective I think that it's important that men also get involved with Take Back the Night because it's not just a women's thing," he said. "We are all very supportive of their cause."

Many other members of the campus community seemed supportive of the effort and expressed their views and compassion for the event. Freshmen biology major Matt Davidson didn't like the type of music played but appreciated the band's effort for the cause.

"I don't like ska myself, but I think it's great that it's bringing people together," he said. "It's good for getting people behind a certain cause like this one."

Senior biology major Katy Freeman appreciated the fact that males also attended the event.

"I think this is great," she said. "It makes guys more aware. Guys need to

be aware that this is not just a girl thing."

The Take Back the Night rally and candlelight march is scheduled to be held in Storke Plaza on Thursday, April 17, at 5:30 p.m.



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Read the Fine Print

> Fee Raise Could Be All for Naught

Tom Beers

In seven days, you will be asked to decide whether or not to establish a lock-in fee for the Intercollegiate Athletics Dept. The issue looks very similar to other lock-ins on the ballot, but is really quite different. Regretfully, whether or not you approve of giving more money to the Intercollegiate Athletics Dept. is not the issue here.

Other lock-ins on the ballot are for entities currently receiving no funding or limited funding from the university. The Intercollegiate Athletics Dept. is not a student group — it is a department. Much like the Biological Sci-



ences Dept. or the Economics Dept., the Intercollegiate Athletics Dept. is funded almost entirely through the university.

This poses a serious problem. If you have seen the fliers circulating that support the fee initiative, the claim is made that, if passed, the lock-in is untouchable by the administration. This is untrue, and it is the fundamental problem with this initiative.

Let me explain to you how this fee initiative for intercollegiate sports will become nothing more than a general fee increase, and how the athletes pushing this ini-

tiative will never see one dime of the extra money they are so diligently campaigning to receive.

Hypothetically, let's say that next week you and 66 percent of the campus vote to approve the lock-in for ICA. If the lock-in is \$21 per student per year, we would expect the budget of ICA to grow by \$378,000.

Just to warn you all: It's not going to happen. The budget of this university is tight. If you were in charge of the budget, and one department received a rather large gift from an outside source, what would you do? You would reduce the funding for that department and spread out the money to other needy programs.

If we approve this "rather large gift" to ICA, the money from the lock-in will indeed go to ICA, but the money taken from the current budget of ICA can go anywhere. In essence, we are simply voting to raise our own fees. The net benefit, if any, that ICA receives from the lock-in will be a decision left to the administration, not you and me.

Some may argue that the university would not employ such tactics. I argue that it has before and will again. Need proof? In 1992-93, the campus voted to approve a lock-in for intramurals, an activity previously funded by the university. Intramurals' budget was severely cut by the university after the passage of the lock-in. The money taken from the program ended up in other programs on campus.

Consequently, intramurals were no better off financially after the lock-in — their source of funding simply changed. Currently, intramurals are completely funded by the lock-in, except for the money that comes from the university to pay for salaries — the only thing that lock-in revenues can't be used for.

In short, the students got ripped off in 1992-93, and if we're not careful, we'll get ripped off again.

The athletes campaigning for the ICA lock-in are getting played by the university and don't even realize it. My advice to these athletes is to secure, in writing, a contract with the university that explicitly prohibits the administration from cutting the budget of the Intercollegiate Athletics Dept. without a vote from the students. If this contract is signed before the election, by all means, vote for the initiative if you believe the \$162 per year you currently pay for ICA is not enough. If such a contract is not finalized, then my advice is that no student should ever vote to raise their own fees without knowing where the money is going.

We need to be very cautious when voting to impose new taxes on ourselves. Every time we vote for a new lock-in, the state Legislature, the governor and the regents see it as evidence that UC students are well-off financially and can handle increased tuition fees. Most of us know that this is not the case by any means. So, in regards to all the fee initiatives on the ballot this year, make sure you are know what you are voting for, and make sure you are conscious of the message you send when you vote to make your BARC statement larger than it already is.

Tom Beers is a Daily Nexus columnist.

The Reader's Voice

SMOKE TAX SUCKS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I couldn't agree more with your editorial supporting the proposed 43-cent federal cigarette tax (*Daily Nexus*, "We're All Lit Up ...," April 9). It's high time for Washington to assert itself as the government of the people in the war on cigarettes by propagating the well-established tradition of halfhearted opposition to the cultivation and sale of tobacco and wholehearted embrace of its fiscal benefits.

Why take steps to eradicate the sale of a drug which has been canonically proven carcinogenic when we can enjoy all its fiscal benefits: the rampant graft the tobacco lobby infuses into our political system, a more favorable trade balance, and now, a quick, easy moneymaking scheme for balancing the federal budget and for "discretionary funds" (Senator Hatch is, coincidentally, on the Senate Finance Committee).

The proposed tax is rendered novel and laudable by its lofty transcendence of constitutionality and democracy. While most previous tax schemes that singled out specific groups used their income to offset some cost to society introduced by the group (e.g., small cigarette taxes going toward anti-smoking campaigns), the new Kennedy-Hatch tax would single out a specific group, take its money, and — here's the ingenious part — get away with it because of the intense unpopularity of smokers in our country.

These senators have crossed demographic and partisan lines to bring us a way to punish the unpopular and raise oodles of money without the electoral misfortune introduced by raising the average citizen's taxes. Why don't we levy a hefty tax on the UCSB parking people? Nobody likes them, and I'm sure they have plenty of money. They deserve to pay.

Your article makes some arguments about smokers and smoking in support of its point, however, with which I take issue. In 1997, smoking is no longer a rampant evil that "can drift across the room and ruin somebody else's health"; it has been restricted to the point of being something a person engages in

in the privacy of his own plastic bag.

But more disturbing to me was your assertion that the tax's propensity to make miserly smokers quit. The Corner Store sells packs of cigarettes for a full 70 cents more than stores in Goleta, but people still buy them. A lot. Why? Because smokers are addicted to one of the most irresistible drugs in the history of



man: nicotine.

Sens. Kennedy and Hatch are on to a brilliant and popular idea: Why bother to deal with the actual problem of cigarette use or to balance the budget by curbing excessive government expenditures when you can save yourself the work?

STEVEN RICHMAN

No SHENANIGANS HERE

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I've gotten the impression from talking to

people around the campus that there has been some concern about the amount of money I am spending on my campaign. If you had asked me three weeks ago whether I thought I would be the top spender at this point in the campaign, I would have said, "Of course not!" In the April 7 debate, I explained that the only reason I've spent more than I expected to at this point is because of the great number of signs I've had torn down.

I am a financial aid student who, aside from my A.S. commitment, works part time to help pay the rent. However, I am taking this campaign very seriously and I want to do whatever it takes, ethically and legally, to win this election.

The issue of campaign finance in this election came up over a month ago when a bill, strongly supported by myself, was presented to Leg Council proposing stricter measures for campaign finance reform. This bill would have penalized individuals who went over the cap. I was a strong proponent of this bill and was highly disappointed in other Leg Council members when they chose not to pass it into law. That same day, a different bill was passed that was much weaker, offering nothing more than a mere recommendation for the amount candidates should spend.

Essentially, the bill that failed (the one I supported) would have put bold restrictions on what the candidates should spend. Thus, in this election, the campaign "cap" is only a suggestion, not a restriction. Nevertheless, I hope it's clear from my past actions that I support campaign finance reform.

When I saw over \$8,500 go into the winning candidate's campaign last year, and heard that other candidates had up to \$6,000 to spend on this year's election, I was intimidated. I knew that if I was to win this election I was going to have to find a way to raise some money, and I'd have to be creative about how I spent it.

I have never taken a single dime from Gail Marshall, nor has she ever offered me a cent. I am not a wealthy individual by any means. My mom is a high-school English teacher and my dad is a firefighter. When they recommended to me that I ask our extended family for funds, I immediately dismissed the notion because I thought it would be inappropriate. However,

It'll Grow Old

> Give the SAASB Time

Greg Prill

Taste is a matter best left to those who understand the difference between baroque and classical, even though I am never able to remember the reference is, I'd still like to posit the following: architecture, like wine, tends to get progressively better.

When Frank Lloyd Wright created the Guggenheim Museum in New York, I'd be willing to bet you were unimpressed with his decision to use a prescholar's unsuccessful design. Yet when one wishes to point to an example of the experimental nature of one of the most renowned architects, we need to look no further than the Guggenheim.

UCSB faces the same sort of problem. As campus planners so many years ago in New York, we have come to grips with a building that may be called "Rock," "Joseph Stalin Hall," "The P," or simply, "Los Angeles Men's Central Jail Division"?

While I was searching for an answer to this question, I was struck by a song playing on the radio (ally, but it sounds neat!). The Eagles' "Hotel California" has my soul with the sort of prescient, sophisticated oneness with the universe that Moses, Muhammad, the Dalai Lama and Jesus felt when they heard "The Calling."

In essence, the SAASB isn't going to last long. And unless Tim McVeigh is acquitted, it's likely to be a need for a replacement.

Thus, much like the feckless greengrocer who advertently received an extra shipment of lemons, students of UCSB make themselves a class of lemonade to quench the growing thirst over the SAASB. As difficult as it may be, there are really better things that we can be doing instead of beating this issue well after it has become *corpus mortis*.

Could a better design have been chosen? Maybe. Should a different architect have been chosen? Perhaps. And most significantly, could a better job be done? Be honest. (Your answer is yes.)

These are significant questions, and the answer is not as obvious. However, we need time to investigate what the architect of the SAASB was, we find that it has accomplished what it was intended to do: namely, to build the SAASB is the signature building of the university. Before anyone attempts a semi-hol-

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tempt to pummel the people responsible for the new building, we should all take the time to tour the SAASB, get to know all of its myriad nooks and crannies, and then realize that there is a reason why you are having the reaction that you are having. Let your imagination be challenged by the building's seeming incongruity, and think about what the architect was attempting to say. This is what you are supposed to do. That is what good architecture is supposed to do to you.

Perhaps the SAASB is not the sort of signature building that many were looking for. And perhaps these same people believe that the signature left is an unintelligible mass of chicken scratch instead of the careful calligraphy one would expect to find on a college campus.

I contend, however, that the SAASB is probably the most appropriate building constructed for this campus over the past few years. Once the landscaping surrounding it finally grows in, and all of the minor structural problems are remedied, I'm sure that most will begin to grudgingly admit that the SAASB fits in quite nicely with the rest of the campus.

Look at the materials that have been used to construct it, and you'll see shades of Girvetz, Phelps and Buchanan halls, as well as most of the rest of the structures on campus. Go to the SAASB at night, get an impression of what you see, combine that with your impression of what you see during the day, and I believe that you'll be swayed into believing that we have a truly unique, and, dare I say, visually challenging building on this campus. And that, again, is what good architecture is supposed to

accomplish. I understand that some people are prone to liking the faux-Palm Beach style of the RecCen, the HSSB and the new Physics Building. And I can respect this thinking. But seeing as how some of these same people are those who are attacking the SAASB because it doesn't happen to meet their own personal standards of architectural beauty, I would like to think that they would be big enough to admit that perhaps it is the buildings that they champion that are the true campus "monstrosities."

In the end, each student is going to have to make up his or her own mind, and there is nothing that I can do to convince those who have some sort of preternatural hatred of the SAASB to deal with whatever apprehensions they may have in a far more productive manner. And this is what I recommend that the entire student body do in the next couple of months, especially my fellow seniors.

Don't let your last memories of UCSB be obscured by a filter of unnecessary loathing — accept the SAASB and start to take pride in YOUR building. Much like the students of UC Santa Cruz have learned to accept (and from what I hear, defend to the death!) the banana slug as their mascot, we too must come to the defense of the SAASB.

Greg Prill is a senior political science major and an Associated Students off-campus rep.



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Vote Wisely

➤ Grad Students, Listen Up!

Travis Dixon

This election season, graduate students will be asked how they want to pay for access to Student Health Service. Currently, SHS has two primary sources of funding — both student-fee based. They include student lock-in fees and user fees (i.e. initial visit, specialist, X-ray and lab fees). Lock-in fees are self-imposed by students, while Student Health Service has direct control over the timing and amount of user fees.

For example, when there was a budget shortfall this year, undergraduates who were already paying these user fees suddenly faced a steep increase — that's how SHS dealt with its budget problem.

On April 8, the Graduate Students Association General Council unanimously endorsed the \$9 increase for our Student Health Service lock-in fee. Their reasoning was the same as that of the more than 20 percent of graduate students who voted for an increase three years ago: It just makes good economic sense. Any graduate student who visits SHS once in a quarter would benefit from this plan because he or she would avoid cumbersome user fees.

The number of graduate students who would benefit from the proposed \$9 increase is dramatically high. Approximately 92 per-

“It just makes good economic sense.”

cent of graduate students on campus use Student Health Service. During the '95-'96 year, 2,320 graduate students used SHS for a total of 8,375 visits. The average number of graduate students seen per quarter was 1,003, for an average of 2,341 visits per quarter.

Since our 1994 lock-in fee vote, graduate students have been paying \$20 per quarter and do not pay the internal user fees that undergraduates currently pay. Graduate students voted for a lock-in fee increase in 1994 because it was more cost-effective. They realized that it is much better to pay a fixed amount up front than to be “nickel and dimed to death” every time they want to use Student Health Service.

In order for graduate students to maintain this logical arrangement, they will need to vote for a \$9 increase in their SHS lock-in fee between April 15 and April 23. There are two main reasons why an increase is sought at this time. First, the SHS has run a significant structural deficit due to \$44,000 of annual permanent budget cuts to the service that have been mandated by the governor. Second, the Student Health Service building currently has a \$1.2 million deferred maintenance problem of asbestos removal.

If students do not vote for a fee increase, SHS will institute a first-time visitor's fee of \$20 in addition to several other user fees. Graduate students will have no control over how much or how often these fees increase in the future.

In order for graduate students to avoid any future user fees, they will have to get out there and vote. Unless at least 20 percent of graduate students vote in the election, ALL graduate students who use Student Health Service will have new user fees introduced — something we have avoided for the last three years. Have a voice and take control! The future of graduate-student health at UCSB is in your hands!

Travis L. Dixon is the GSA internal president.

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

nce I was faced with the challenge of having take on other candidates with much bigger budgets, I figured I had no choice.

So I sent out a letter to my eight aunts and uncles, 20 of my elder cousins, and many close family friends. I figured at most I would raise possibly \$300. However, my family's response has been amazing. I have raised over \$600 and the money keeps coming.

Before the campaign began, I had planned on spending maybe \$400. However, after the first night of campaigning, in which all 23 of my banners on campus were destroyed (65 have been torn down to date), I decided that because I believed I was the best person for the job of A.S. president, and because of my

careful to only post in the designated areas, unlike many other candidates. Not one of my signs has been posted illegally.

As most of you know, there are strict rules against posting on specific buildings, inside classrooms and on certain railings. I'm sure everyone knows which candidates have overdone it, posting everywhere you look, tattooing our campus with their trashy signs. It's amazing to me that these other candidates claim they are spending under the recommended cap with all the posting they're doing.

In summary, I wanted to make it clear that the Nexus report on my campaign spending (Daily Nexus, "What the Candidates Say

They're Spending," April 8) was not entirely correct. I only plan on spending just about the suggested amount of \$600 and the only reason I've had to spend this much is because of all the signs which have been torn down.

I have a history of support for campaign finance reform, and as president will work to get a stricter campaign finance law enacted. But in order to do this I must get elected first. Although I've had to spend more than I expected, I will continue to run a grassroots campaign. The core of my campaign is still reaching out to students and discussing the important issues. Thanks for your time.

DAN SCHNEIDER
CANDIDATE FOR A.S. PRESIDENT

REC SPORTS: RAH RAH!

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing to you in support of the Rec Sports fee initiative coming up on the spring '97 ballot. I am currently an employee of the Recreational Sports program in the intramural department, as well as an active participant on an intramural sports team.

By contributing funds to the intramural program, sport clubs and the Adventure program, the fee initiative promises great benefits for all of Recreational Sports. By having more funds, the intramural department can reduce the sign-up costs for teams to participate in the various sport leagues, thereby allowing UCSB students — especially those who couldn't afford to play before — to take advantage of this great opportunity to play competitive sports in a friendly atmosphere.

In addition to contributing to lower sign-up costs, the fee initiative would help provide a better work environment for student employees like myself. It would also create more jobs for those on work study, providing new employees with money to finance their education and the opportunity to work for a quality organization where they can gain valuable work experience.

Please consider voting in favor of this initiative to maintain the quality of services this program is currently providing.

ERICA STEVENSON



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family's generous contributions, I knew I had spend more than I had expected to in order stay competitive. This is what's forced me spend more than I wished to.

With creativity and lots of support from friends, I have saved a great deal of money on my campaign. The Web page www.rain.org/dan4prez cost nothing — I'm lucky to have it set up by a friend. The buttons were the best deal: Since my mom's a teacher, she was able to borrow the toner from my town's elementary school. All I had to pay for was the printing and I was able to make the buttons myself over Spring Break.

From day one I have vowed to run a completely ethical campaign. I am very concerned about not polluting the campus, so I have been

The Nexus Eds

Rec Sports Fee Initiative

Scoreboard

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Keep on sending 'em in!

ELECTIONS INFO!!!

Associated Students Spring General Elections 1997 has been scheduled for April 22nd and 23rd from 9am - 6 pm at six polling stations: UCen, Arbor, Buchanan, Humanities, Rec. Center, and de la Guerra Plaza the 4th week of Spring Quarter in accordance with the Legal Code of A.S. There are 55 candidates, 7 A.S. Constitutional Lock-Ins to be reaffirmed, new fee initiatives, and a plebiscite. A.S. Elections Committee is charged with **coordinating the mechanics** of the election. However, the 1997 Election Committee **wants to do more** than just coordinate the mechanics, we want to be sure that the 1997 election is about more than flash and sound bites. We want you and the candidates to deal with the issues.

So Hey U.C.S.B. -- Pay Attention to the Issues!

The A.S. Elections Committee has scheduled and arranged the following opportunities for you to meet, question, and listen to the candidates.

DEBATES: Each candidate will be given an equal amount of time to answer & rebuttal questions.

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Pro/Con Statements for the Spring Election are being solicited and should be turned into the Elections Office by Wednesday, April 16th at 12:00. If you have any concerns about the following, please feel free to submit a statement.

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Keep those cards and letters and phone calls coming.
A.S. Elections Committee, UCen Room 2527, 893-2053

RUSH

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quality members to her house.

"We put a lot into it," she said. "So far, we've got seven excellent women."

Better preparation led to the success of Sigma Phi Epsilon's recruitment efforts, according to chapter President Steve Loscialpo.

"I'd say this was probably the best quarter. We had more time to prepare than in the fall," he said. "This was probably the biggest rush we've had in three or four years."

Though the greek system has traditionally been populated by caucasians, Loscialpo noted the emergence of a more diverse incoming generation

of fraternity members.

"In this class, there was a lot of variety. The reason they came here to our house is because of the diversity of the people here," he said. "Generally, fraternities have a lot of white males in them. ... People tend to stick with their own culture. But here, everyone gets along with everyone else really well."

Trends toward diversity are apparently having an impact on the sorority population as well, Tenace said.

"I suppose there used to be a particular type of person who would try to join sororities way back when," she said. "I wouldn't say there's a particular type anymore. All kinds of people show up."



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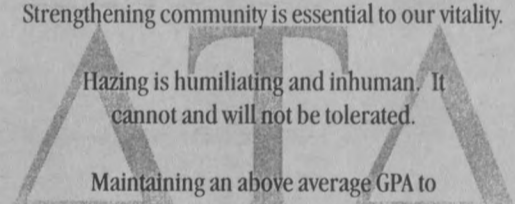
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These presentations are part of the Sexual Violence Awareness Week activities on campus, said Planned Parenthood public affairs director Terri Thorfinnson.

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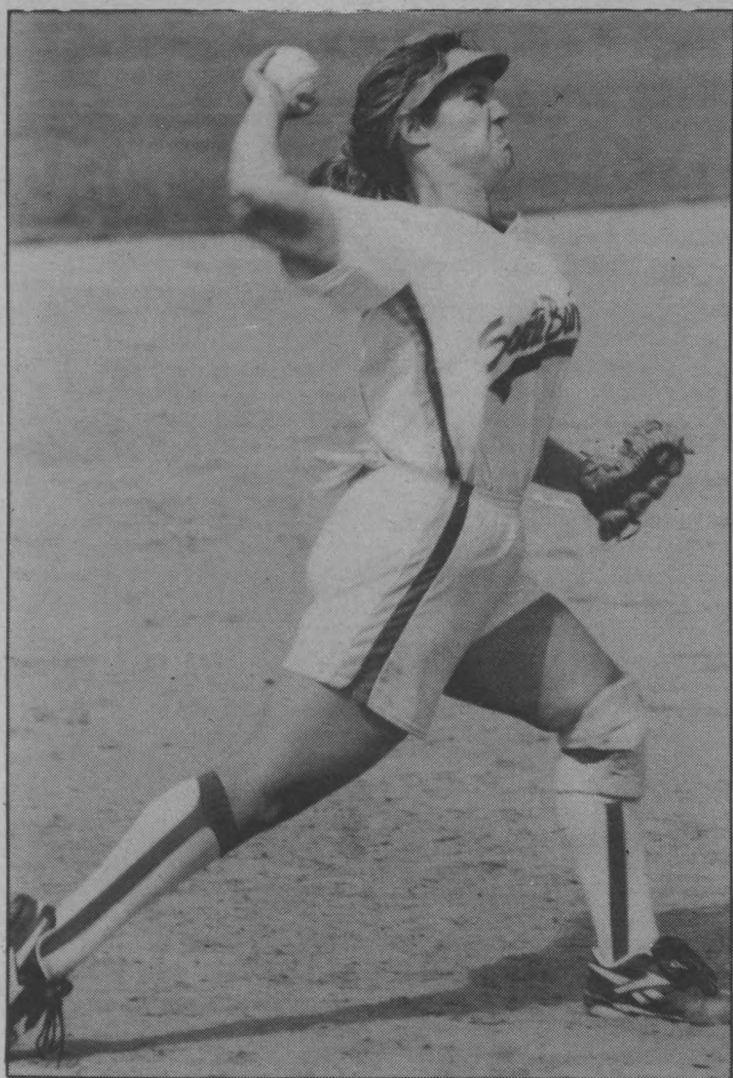
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UCSB Loses Two Games at NMSU, Star Catcher Injured in Collision

■ Santa Barbara Loses Fourth-Straight Game on the Road

By Scott Hennessee
Staff Writer

The UCSB softball team has hit a wall — and it has hit it hard.

After getting off to one of the best starts in school history, the squad has dropped four in a row and 11 out of its last 13. The future does not look much brighter for the Gauchos, as they still have some tough conference opponents to play. The squad also lost its star catcher to a serious injury.

On Saturday, Santa Barbara (21-24, 5-15 in the Big West) was defeated twice by New Mexico State (24-15, 13-7) in Las Cruces, N.M. The first game saw the Gauchos shut out 3-0, and in game two of the doubleheader they suffered a heartbreaking 5-4 loss after the Roadrunners scored in their last at-bat.

The opening game marked the fifth time in eight games that Santa Barbara was unable to put a run on the board. The squad could only muster two singles in the contest.

"In the first game, we hit right to somebody every time," said

UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly. "We just couldn't find a hole."

Game two proved to be a much more competitive contest, with the score being tied until the bottom of the seventh. Both teams got on the board early,



Kendra Wood

each scoring two runs in the first frame. The Roadrunners would score two more in the bottom of the third to take a 4-2 lead, only to see the Gauchos counter with two runs of their own in the top of the fourth. The score remained tied at four until the final frame, when NMSU third baseman Stephanie Bonillas hit a solo home run to end the

contest.

Bonillas feasted on Santa Barbara pitching all day, going a combined 6-7 with three home runs and two doubles in the two games.

The two losses may not prove to be as important as the loss of catcher Kendra Wood for at least the next two weeks, due to a knee injury that occurred while she was blocking home plate. The freshman cleanup hitter had started every game and led the Big West Conference in RBIs with 34. She is also second on the team in home runs (7), doubles (6) and hits (42).

"Someone else has to step it up," Kelly said. "We need to get some more production from the bottom of our lineup."

The Gauchos begin a four-day homestand this Friday at 1 p.m. against University of the Pacific.

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GaUCHO Spikers Conclude Regular Season With Away Match Against CSUN Matadors

By Steven Large
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's volleyball team will close out its regular season tonight on the road against Cal State Northridge.

The Gauchos (15-8 overall, 12-6 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) have already clinched a playoff spot, but were unable to keep their hopes for home-court advantage alive when the team lost a nail-biter to UCLA on Saturday night.

Santa Barbara, however, can still have some control over its destiny. If UCSB beats the Matadors (14-12 overall, 8-10 in the MPSF) tonight, it will travel to #8 Long Beach for the first round of the MPSF playoffs Saturday. If the Gauchos lose, they will head to Stanford, ranked #3 in the nation and third in the conference. The Gauchos lost to both the 49ers and the Cardinal during the regular season.

"This game is really big for us," said UCSB Head

Coach Ken Preston. "I think we should consider the playoffs starting right now. We need to play well on the road starting now."

"I want to beat them in three," Preston said. "I don't want to mess around."

Northridge is not planning on messing around, either. A playoff appearance is still a faint possibility for the Matadors, and with tonight's match being CSUN's last one at home, Preston expects them to be fired up.

The Matadors were able to stretch Santa Barbara to five games in a loss to UCSB earlier this season in Rob Gym.

"Northridge is a really good team," he said. "They're playing for their lives right now. I just want us to focus in. This match is as big as last Saturday's match for us."

Santa Barbara will be playing without the services of senior outside hitter Jason Crone tonight, and might not have him in the lineup for some of the playoff matches as well.

Freshman outside hitter Rick Rauth will take his place against Northridge.

Santa Barbara Reluctantly Travels to Wichita State; Squad Scheduled to Play 2 Non-Conference Games

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

It's a trip that the team doesn't really want to take, but the UCSB baseball team will stick to its schedule and travel all the way to Wichita, Kan., today for two games with the Wichita State Shockers.

The non-conference games, which will start at 5 p.m. at Eck Stadium, come between two crucial Big West battles for the club.

"It's not a good trip for us," said Santa Barbara Head Coach Bob Brontsema. "We're going to miss school, and those games are really not as important as our conference games."

The Gauchos (18-20 overall, 8-10 in the Big West) will at least head east with momentum on their side — the squad has won its last three series, taking two of

three games each from Cal Poly SLO, New Mexico State and University of Nevada.

With the emerging dominance of the starting pitching and the continual effectiveness of its offense, UCSB has excelled in recent games at home.

The Santa Barbara offense has been a well-tuned machine lately. Besides senior center fielder Joe Kemper — who is batting .296 — every regular-position player is hitting above .300.

"Hitting is contagious," Brontsema said. "I thought our approach to hitting has been outstanding. We didn't try to do too much and we took what they gave us."

The Shockers are a perennial powerhouse in college baseball, and are showing no signs of letting down this year — indicated by their impressive 28-8 record.

Wichita State is led by Nathan Reese, who is batting .391 with

eight home runs and 40 RBIs. The pitching staff is headed by two starters, both of whom the Gauchos will face in the next two days.

Ben Thomas (5-0, 2.83 ERA) and Steve Foral (7-2, 3.63) will be given the task of restraining the UCSB offense.

The Gauchos will counter with all of their starters throwing for a few innings.

"We are short on pitching as it is," Brontsema said. "There is no way we are going to be able to make the two games with only four pitchers. So we're going to throw all our starters for a few innings. They are scheduled to throw on the side during those days anyway."

Santa Barbara will return home Friday to open its last home series of the year when the squad takes on Sacramento State over the weekend.

Men's and Women's Track Both Finish Third at FSU

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The UCSB track and field teams traveled to Fresno over the weekend and left with a third-place showing on both the men's and women's sides.

Fresno State dominated the weekend, with its men's and women's squads capturing first place with 173 and 245 points, respectively. Santa Barbara's men garnered 86 points while the women finished at 136.

UCSB Head Coach Pete Dolan had mixed emotions about the results.

"In the women's we ran pretty well," Dolan said. "The men's was a little disappointing, losing to San Francisco State — we should not let that happen to us. [The men] lacked in the sprint area. All of the other teams have six or seven sprinters. On the women's side we have them — on the men's side we don't."

Despite the less-than-outstanding team results, there were many UCSB individuals who performed at peak levels.

In the women's 800 meters, sophomore Sabrina Caplis came from behind in the last 200 meters to pull out the victory with a time of 2:12.5.

Caplis was disappointed with her position at the outset, but fought through the conditions to win the race.

"I was frustrated with the race because I was boxed in until the end," Caplis said. "I think I'm definitely ready to run a [personal best], but I need to go out a lot faster so the time will go down."

It was all Gauchos in the women's 1,500 meters, as the top four finishers hailed from UCSB. Junior Gabriela Rodriguez crossed the finish line first in 4:42.87. Freshman Jessica Lunt was not far behind with a time of 4:43.1. In third place was senior Eliza Alexander at 4:44.4, and rounding out the top four was senior Laurie Murphy, coming in at 4:51.1.

In women's field events, senior Mary Wilson captured first place in the javelin with a throw of 140'8". Wilson's fling of 141'4" in the discus was good enough for third.

On the men's side, the Santa Barbara had two triple jumpers in the top four. Junior Plez Crawford placed second with his leap of 44'1¼". Sophomore Josh Stevens came in fourth with 41'3¼".

Senior Andy Richen high-jumped 6'8", giving him second place in the meet.

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