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Tonight's Film

UCSB Arts & Lectures presents "L.A. Confidential," a glamorous, wicked film starring Kevin Spacey, Kim Basinger, and Russell Crowe. Showtime is 7 p.m. at Campbell Hall. Tickets (students \$5/general \$6) will be sold starting at 6 p.m., at the door only.

INSIDE:

Hey Bartender, What's in This?

When 19 people died from drinking a special liquor, it was found that the drink company used 13 oz. of methyl alcohol, a cheaper ingredient, per quart of drink. That's 902 times the amount national standards allow! Drink wisely and read AP Wire Shorts.

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Harsh Words Bring Harsh Responses

It's just like your grandma used to say — and no truer anywhere else than in the *Nexus*. See what the latest brouhaha is all about.

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Mama, Send the Kids to Bed

De Niro's got some new body hair, Treat Williams kicks some octopus ass, and Scooby Doo rises from the grave.

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Tame the Tigers

Should the UCSB men's basketball team defeat the University of the Pacific Tigers tonight in the Thunderdome, the squad will only be one game out of first place in the Big West's Western Division. Stop studying and go cheer the Gauchos on!

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Are you interested in working as a peer adviser next year? Come find out more about it! C&CServices 1109 from 5-6 p.m.

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Associated Students and MTD are re-evaluating the current Isla Vista Shuttle service in response to reports of low rider turnout since the beginning of its scheduled two-year tour of duty.

Weak Use Threatens I.V. Route

BY MICHELLE MCLAFFERTY
Reporter

Metropolitan Transit District and Associated Students are wavering in their support of the Isla Vista shuttle because of apparent low ridership.

Last September, a new MTD electric shuttle, funded through an A.S. grant, began running to and from campus throughout Isla Vista, according to A.S. External Vice President for Local Affairs Leila Salazar. The shuttle was scheduled to be in service for two years to provide an alternate source of transportation due to the limited parking on campus. Riders, however, have been scarce, Salazar said.

"In the month of December there were only 2,034 riders, and of that number, only five were faculty and staff members," she said.

Representatives at MTD have expressed alarm at the low number of riders, and are worried that the service is receiving inadequate support, according to MTD Marketing Director Karin Doerschlag.

"Although A.S. had good intentions in wanting to provide additional transportation to and from campus, there is a basic philosophical issue at stake, and this is that most people in Isla Vista will ride their bikes rather than take the

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Performance To Recognize Black Women

BY RAJA SESHADRI
Reporter

In recognition of Black History Month, seven famous African-American women who have made contributions to the fields of human rights, education, literature and politics will be commemorated with a one-woman show tonight.

In a presentation sponsored by the Women's Center, actress Adilah Barnes will perform "I Am That I Am: Woman, Black" this evening at 8 in the MultiCultural Center Theater. By focusing on the lives of Sojourner Truth and Harriet Tubman, two ex-slaves who became abolitionists; Mary McLeod Bethune, an educator and civil rights activist; Zora

Neale Hurston, Lorraine Hansberry and Maya Angelou, all figures in the literary world; and Angela Davis, a former Black Panther Party member and UC Santa Cruz professor, Barnes will illustrate black women's ability to overcome America's racial and gender barriers, according to Jamie Silva, Women's Center office center manager.

"I think that it is important that the Women's Center does something like this to celebrate Black History Month, as well as commemorate the African-American woman's numerous contributions to America," Silva said. "Adilah Barnes is a great performer, and we feel that her performance will be a fitting tribute to famous African-American

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Annual Literary Publication Offers Forum For Creativity

BY KERRI WEBB
Staff Writer

Students wishing to drive the right side of their brains now have a vehicle to do so, with the help of a campus literary arts magazine.

Catalyst is an annual publication that allows students to express themselves creatively. The book features submissions of poetry, short stories, drawings, photographs and screenplays, and provides the campus with a uniquely diverse medium for artistic or literary expression, according to *Catalyst* Editor in Chief Tony Pinto.

"*Catalyst* is an undergrad literary magazine that showcases submissions from students here at UCSB," he said. "We have a cross-section of majors that submit entries, and everyone, from freshmen to seniors, participates."

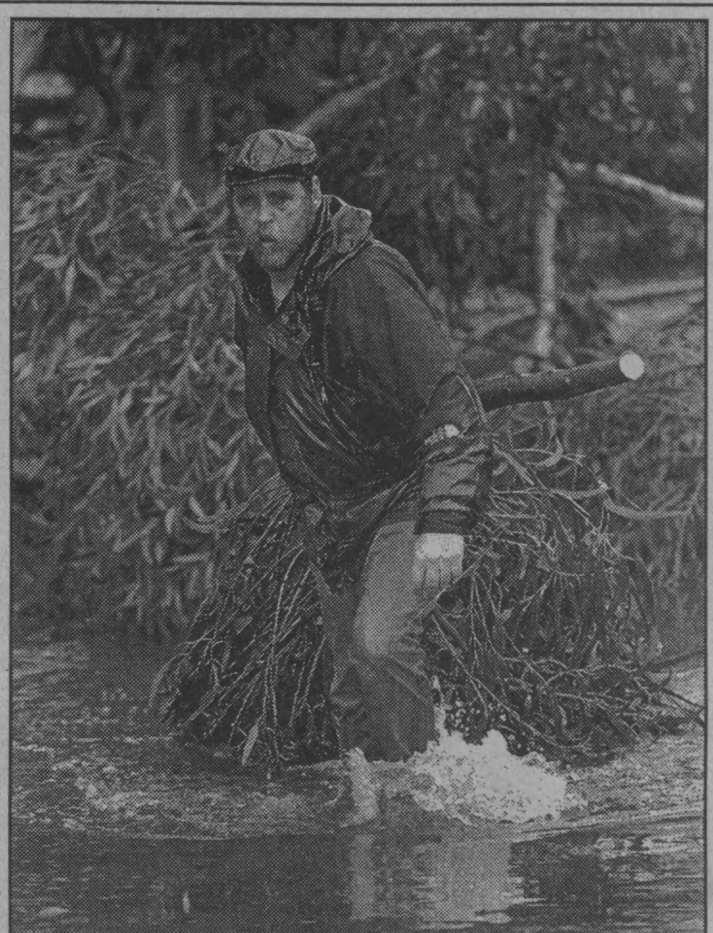
Now in its third year, the magazine advertises for submissions early in Winter Quarter for its spring publication. Senior English major and *Catalyst* editor Allie Shipps says that their staff uses different means to solicit contributions.

"We use fliers and word of mouth to get the news out about the magazine," she said. "I do class announcements a lot of the time, since a lot of my classes are English classes. We've gone to large lecture halls like Campbell Hall and spread the word that way."

Submissions that eventually get published must undergo an extensive selection process involving various committees made up of the magazine's 30 staff members, who read all entries. In order to ensure fairness, the names and perm numbers of the submitters are concealed during the entire selection process, according to former *Catalyst* Editor in Chief Aleksey Lazaryev.

"What we do is make a copy of every submission for all of the editors and we take them home to read," he said. "We then rate them and have a discussion about what we think should make it into the magazine."

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Wake Of The Flood

Residents brave the flooded downtown streets in their attempts to clean up the debris left behind in the aftermath of the recent storms.

Top of the News

Iranian VP Addresses Role in Revolution



TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The top woman in the Iranian government acknowledged Wednesday her part in the U.S. Embassy takeover in Tehran nearly two decades ago, saying that many Iranian officials had been active during the 1979 revolution.

"The generation that is in executive and policy-making jobs is a revolutionary generation that played an active role in every stage of the revolution," Vice President Massoumeh Ebtekar told reporters in Tehran.

She was responding to an article in the *New York Times*

last month exposing her as the strident interpreter and spokesperson for the militants who stormed the U.S.

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officials promoting the moderate image of President Mohammad Khatami's government.

In an interview with CNN last month, Khatami appealed for "a crack in the

— Massoumeh Ebtekar Iranian vice president

Embassy in Tehran and held 52 Americans hostage for 444 days.

"The report of the *New York Times* correspondent was made in a way that it seems the writer had made a new discovery," said Ebtekar, who is among the senior

wall of mistrust" between Iran and the United States; and proposed exchanges of scholars, artists, writers and tourists.

Ebtekar's past is in sharp contrast to her comments these days promoting a dialogue with America.

Night after night during the hostage crisis, Ebtekar would appear on U.S. television and list the "crimes" of America against Iran, denouncing the hostages as "spies" and calling for their trial.

She identified herself then only as Sister Mary.

The *New York Times* recounted an instance when Ebtekar was asked by an American television reporter whether she could see herself picking up a gun and killing the hostages. She was quoted as saying: "Yes. When I've seen an American gun being lifted up and killing my brothers and sisters in the streets, of course."

U.S. Proposes 'Paramilitary' To Help Bosnian Police



LONDON (AP) — The United States is proposing a 1,600-strong "paramilitary" force to help police Bosnia, taking on tasks such as crowd control, *Jane's Defense Weekly* reported.

The new force would be armed with light weapons and tactical vehicles and would be separate from the U.S.-led NATO peace-keeping force in Bosnia, the respected military magazine said Tuesday.

In Washington, a Pentagon official said that "this is something that the U.S. is definitely proposing." The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, stressed that the plan was still being discussed within NATO.

Washington wants European countries to take a leading

role in the paramilitary force, which the Clinton administration sees as similar to a National Guard.

The mandate of the 32,000-strong force currently in Bosnia runs out in June, but NATO is already planning a follow-up force. The current force is mostly from NATO countries and includes about 8,500 American soldiers.

President Clinton announced in December that U.S. troops will remain in Bosnia as part of a follow-up force, although no figures or timetables have been announced.

The paramilitary force would arrive at the same time as the follow-up force and initially report to the NATO commander, *Jane's* said.

The United States wants the paramilitary force to serve as a bridge joining NATO with local police units and the unarmed 2,000-member U.N. International Police Task Force, which is training local police in Western law enforcement practices, *Jane's* said.

Siberian Hunger Strike Reaches 2nd Day



MOSCOW (AP) — 106 Siberian coal workers owed more than a year of back wages went without food for a second day Wednesday, using a hunger strike to press their bosses to pay up, a news agency reported.

The Russian government says that it has paid out money to cover wages owed to all state workers, and blames local officials for failing to deliver all the funds as promised.

The strikers acknow-

ledged receiving some funds before the end of last year, but said the token payments were far from the amount owed and they've received nothing more, Interfax said.

The hunger strikers were supported by scores of other protesters, who demonstrated outside the building and provided officials with a list of 2,500 women they said had failed to receive government child support subsidies.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **BEIJING (AP)** — Liquor spiked with industrial alcohol killed 19 people and sickened 142 others around the Lunar New Year holiday in central China, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Wednesday.

Investigators have traced the bad brew to "illegal elements" in Wenshui county, Shanxi province. To every quart of the clear fiery spirits, they added just under 13 ounces of cheaper methyl alcohol — 902 times more than national standards allow, Xinhua said.

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Weather

Enjoy what's left of the clear skies left over from yesterday's brief hiatus, because the rains will be coming back sooner than you can say "possibly disillusioned but entertaining male playing the accordion on Sueño during the power outage."

Anyhow, the possibly-mild-to-probably-wild fury of this storm front may not even lash out until later today or even tonight. Prepare for the worst and hope for the best, as they say. And remember, the rain does bring out the wonders of nature — cruise Sueño if you don't believe me.

IVRPD Acknowledges Recent Seawall Approval

By ADAM DEL CASTILLO
Reporter

The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District Board of Directors met in a closed-session meeting this week to determine their response to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors' approval of the Del Playa seawall.

Following the Monday night meeting of directors and attorneys, IVRPD General Manager Derek Johnson indicated that the IVRPD's decision was to take no immediate action.

"The board will monitor the process of the seawall's construction, and there will be an ongoing evaluation of this process," said Johnson. "The board will take action where they see fit."

Although the IVRPD has never formally opposed the construction of the seawall, they maintain their position that alternatives to the plan need to be pursued, according to IVRPD Director Pegeen Soutar.

"We believe alternatives to the seawall need to be looked at in order to protect our parks, as well as beach recreation, here in Isla Vista," she said.

Since the original proposal of the seawall by I.V. property owners, the IVRPD has attempted to create a forum where alternatives to the plan could be discussed, Johnson said.

"County codes actually mandate that alternatives be pursued before this type of structure can be placed," he said. "Unfortunately, negotiations with property owners have not been successful, and the type of forum we desire in order to

examine alternatives has not been there."

Some of the alternatives which the IVRPD would like the county to consider include a French drain system and increased native vegetation, both of which the board believes would help curtail cliff erosion, according to Johnson.

"Various professors on campus have indicated that they believe that 50 percent to 85 percent of bluff erosion is due to non-marine sources," he said. "Factors such as water going over the cliff and exotic vegetation pulling the cliff face down are a couple of a host of reasons for cliff erosion other than wave action."

Johnson said that while property owners have not completely ruled out these methods, they have stated that they will consider the proposed alternatives only after the seawall is in place.

"The logic of the property owners is that in order to look at alternatives they first need to protect the toe of the cliff," he said. "We believe the first step is looking at alternatives, and looking at the problem from a comprehensive standpoint."

Because of the closed-session nature of the meeting, board members declined to elaborate on the specific details of IVRPD's future involvement with the seawall. However, IVRPD Director Diane Conn stated that the group will remain active in all future phases of the issue.

"Our role is to make sure the community and property owners are getting accurate information, and can therefore properly evaluate the cost and future effects of the Del Playa seawall," she said.

SHOW

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women throughout America's history."

Contributors to the event are hoping that Barnes' show, which tours nationally, will encourage a lively discussion to follow the presentation, which enlightens and educates audiences

through a medley of acting and song, according to MCC Programming Director Daria Yudacufski.

"It is going to be a wonderful opportunity to learn about some of the many contributions that African-American women have made to our culture ... in a way that is both educational and entertaining," Yuda-

cufski said.

The program comes as a much-appreciated tribute to African-American women, according to senior business-economics major Paula Small.

"I feel that Adilah Barnes' performance is going to give some long-deserved recognition to seven key women in American history," she

said. "This is basically a testament to what we as black women have done for this country."

Tickets for the performance, which starts at 8 p.m., are available at the Associated Students Ticket Office. Prices are \$5 for students and \$8 for the general public. For more information, call 893-2064.

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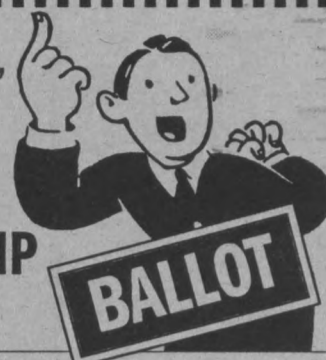


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"Maxim: Shun all those who take part in the hypocritical race hoax."

— Friedrich Nietzsche

Opinion

Weather Report: Santa Barbara Dreaming

➤ Rainstorm, Reaction Show the True Impermanence of Our Paradise by the Sea

ELIJAH SIEGLER

Two things always happen during inclement weather in Southern California. First, people overreact. Schools and offices close. The bad weather leads the news, bumping even stories even as important as who gives the president his blow jobs. Our recent storm was on the front page of both Wednesday's *L.A. Times* and the *News-Press*. TV features shots of big waves, traffic backed up on the freeway, creeks overflowing. There's the brave reporter in the raincoat, live on the scene, talking mindlessly to the anchor, who can barely conceal his joy at not being there himself.

Second, Midwestern or Northeastern expatriates overreact to the overreaction. The people who moved to California from Chicago or Pittsburgh or Boston, which at times seems to be just about everyone, like to smirk at their native friends and colleagues. People here just don't know how to drive in the rain, they say. So, it's drizzling, what's the big deal, they grumble.

Now, while I find both of these behaviors — California wussiness and expat smarminess — more annoying than the weather that brought them on in the first place, I must admit I have engaged in both of them myself. I'll also admit that California does have some screwy weather, different from "Back East."

Back there, weather was variable, but also predictable, manageable. The weather was like a regular guy you knew pretty well, someone who had ups and downs, but was basically stable.

Out here in California, it can be 75 and sunny for months on end, then one day rainstorms paralyze the state. The weather is like one of your friends who turns psycho on you — an easygoing, laid-back guy who one day stabs you in the throat with a salad fork.

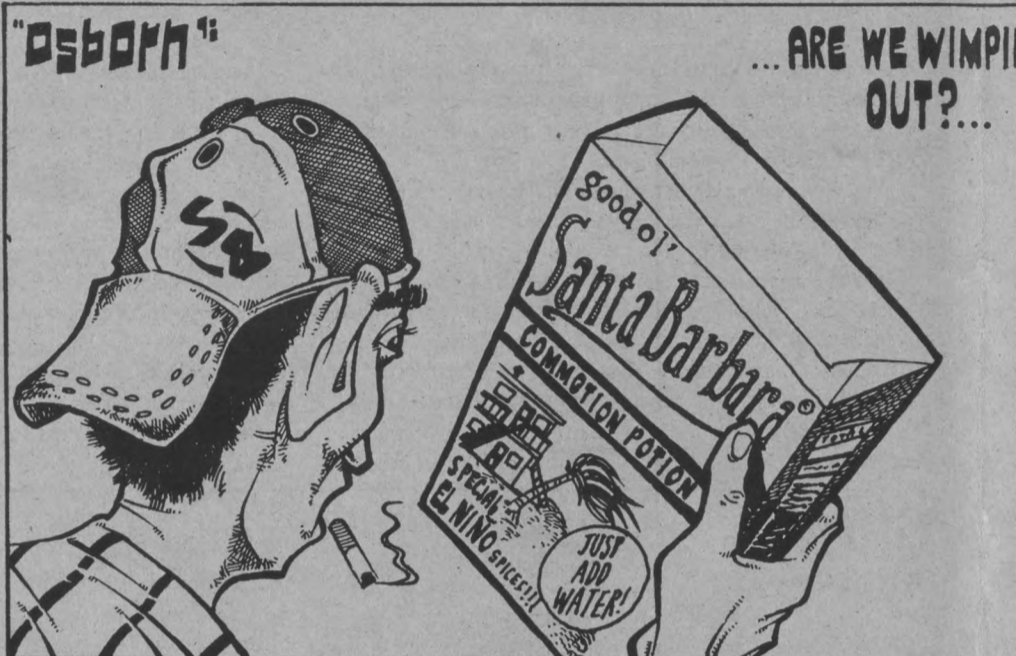
Santa Barbara, as usual, is a special case. I bought a postcard a few years ago, picturing the four seasons of L.A.: earthquakes, riots, fires and mudslides. In the two years I've been here, Santa Barbara has had none of the above.

The thunderstorm we had Monday evening and its aftereffects are a perfect metaphor for Santa Barbara. It rained for, what, a few hours? In that time, roads closed, power lines went down, and city intersections began to look like the bottom of a waterslide. Our pa-

radise-is built on shaky foundations.

The rains churned the ground up. Trees fell — on a classroom portable, in parking lots and in construction sites. Most trees in Santa Barbara, like most people, have shallow roots. Imported eucalyptus trees, perhaps the messiest trees in the world, let fall their

dies by its image. (Don't listen to Sprite: Imagine everything.) Santa Barbara's image as a paradise is a steady supply of tourists to eat in the overpriced restaurants and a constant flow of new residents are willing to pay ridiculous rent for apartments.



bark, leaves, and branches, with a few gusts of wind. The smell of downed eucalyptus is pleasant, kind of lemon-grassy, like Thai Hurricane soup, but it quickly turns overpowering and fetid.

I notice this all the more because I grew up in Toronto, Canada. Our maple trees could handle gale-force winds and not lose so much as a leaf. It could rain for days and the roads, while wet, remained unflooded. I walked to my red-brick junior high in three feet of snow.

Bad weather in Toronto only reinforced how solid and plodding my hometown is. Rains here make us realize how tenuous Santa Barbara, and our own lives in it, really are. I am reminded of this every time I stroll down State Street and see a new restaurant or boutique opening and then closing. A lot of floating capital cannot cover for a suspiciously high vacancy rate. Santa Barbara has no real industry — it lives and

My sense of impermanence only increases. I'm in my office here on campus. It's in the new humanities and social sciences building, imagined and titled the Humanities and Social Sciences Building (HSSB). Since the building opened in Fall 1997, already begun falling apart: ceiling panels have broken off from one corner, floors permanently scuffed. Yesterday, I think the whole building's made of papier-mâché. Give me a hatchet and two hours and I'll level the thing. Like a eucalyptus tree, it looks solid but is ready to fall apart.

Wednesday was warm and sunny. Everyone went outside again, the previous day's storm forgotten. I am reminded we live in a town built between the desert and the ocean — charming, but a little temperamental, like a fickle friend.*

Elijah Siegler is a graduate student in religious studies and a regular contributor to the Daily Nexus.

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A Reader's Voice Special Feature:

THERE ARE NONE SO BLIND AS ...

Editor, Daily Nexus:

HEY BRO. This is a term of "endearment" among me and my friends, and I'm sorry if it offends you and yours.

This letter is in response to Mr. Lampkin's humorous letter about the "blond-haired, blue-eyed sea of Nazi poster people" here in Santa Barbara (*The Reader's Voice*, "Just Don't Ever Call Me 'Bro,' All Right?" Jan. 29). Obviously, my first reaction was, "Fuck off! Where do you get off labeling all of the white population as such?" How does this sound? "I got off the bus and all these dangerous-looking niggers approached my car. They were playing that 'gangster rap' that all of them listen to."

Never have I called a black person a nigger, and never will I, either. I do not have the ability to summon up such a vile term. Yet you have no difficulty in labeling us as Nazis. Your letter really had me smiling for a major portion of it. Who do you think whites are? When I run into a black guy (maybe like ... MY FRIENDS AT HOME!!!), my first attempt at conversation isn't about rap music, an afro pick, Louis Farrakhan or "Soul-Glo." Maybe I'll ask what they're doing tonight or if they want to smoke a bowl later.

I admire you for your last paragraph's

attempt to try to pass the letter off as a neutral piece of work, but the racist impact was made nonetheless. I could go on forever, but I think I'll just let this go having said one thing. Why don't you get off your racist high horse and just let down your guard for one second? You might actually realize that there is more than just "... a small percentage [that] are actually nice." Open your eyes.

J.P. PATTERSON

WILL THE REAL RACIST PLEASE STAND UP

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This letter is in response to Keenan Lampkin's *Reader's Voice* letter entitled "Just Don't Ever Call Me 'Bro,' All Right?" in the Jan. 29 *Nexus*. I never once responded to an article in my 4 1/2 years at UCSB, but this one I couldn't refuse.

I was simply disgusted when I read this trash. You refer in your article to white people as if we were all some hideous monsters from hell. You know, maybe some of us are. But you have no right to remotely generalize that we are all that way. You tried to cover yourself and say "that not all whites are bad." Damn right they're not, not any more than all blacks, Hispanics, Asians, etc.

You say that most whites you have encountered are racist. What a crock of shit. You base this on the fact that most whites

ask you if you play basketball or listen to rap music. I think if you stepped back and looked at the situation for a minute, you would think differently. Have you ever thought about the fact that the majority of students at UCSB have never been exposed to any ethnic diversity? Maybe they freeze up a little bit when talking to somebody of a different race, and ask questions which they feel will best start a conversation.

I really do not believe that most of the white people at UCSB mean any harm, nor do I believe that they intentionally stereotype minorities. Because of the relaxed and casual atmosphere at UCSB, I really don't think any white people care about racial issues. I have found most of the white people here to be very open and understanding toward a whole range of racial issues.

To me, you seem like you have a lot of anger built up in you, Keenan. You have made it clear in your letter that you want no white man calling you their "brother." If you had gotten out enough in your years at Santa Barbara, I think you would have found that the words "bro" or "brother" have become blended into our dialect, probably just as much as the words "dude" and "like." It seems to me that you are trying your best to separate yourself from all white people instead of trying to understand them. You insist in your letter that white people should focus more on themselves instead of blacks. Just what this

world needs — let's have more groups even more so socialize.

Keenan, I am as white as most I.V. houses. I like



as being as far from racism as even mentioning the word. Hardly any whites share UCSB, I assure you. Hardly any whites refer to "demons," as you refer to what whites at this school

The Reader's Voice

I.V. TOWN MEETING STORY INACCURATE

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The article in Monday's *Nexus* reporting last week's I.V. town meeting ("I.V. Residents Address Inspections, Lighting," Feb. 2) sadly misrepresented the actual event. While it acknowledged the diversity of the crowd, it only reported comments made by Gail Marshall's staff and Dave Fortson. But much more was said at this meeting — by students, landlords, the new Foot Patrol lieutenant, and youth representing the new I.V. Teen Center.

The *Nexus* also failed to report the belligerent attitude taken by John Buttny toward questions raised by one landlord. Frankly, the problems of I.V. will not be addressed by Mr. Buttny's confrontational approach, which amounted to little more than finger-pointing and name-calling. Regardless of the history between the county and the landlords, we need leaders who can bring people together, not drive them apart.

One person remarked, "In 30 years, the stories have stayed the same ... only the storytellers have changed." We must work together to finally change the story. There are students, landlords, and year-round I.V. residents who are willing to work cooperatively for the common good of I.V. If you are one of them, call Gail Marshall's office to obtain an application for membership on the I.V. Community Advisory Committee. This committee will also have a number of subcommittees, and these will be open to ALL interested parties, whether or not they are I.V. residents.

WILLIAM CORK
Campus Minister
St. Mark's Catholic Church

FIGHT FALSE FINANCE REFORM LEGISLATION

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The much-ballyhooed yet misguided crusade for so-called "campaign finance reform" legislation is once again rearing its ugly head. It's anticipated that as early as next week, the McCain-Feingold bill (S25) will be back on

the floor of the U.S. Senate. Passage of this bill would severely restrict any group from communicating critical election information to its membership by cutting off its ability to provide its members with Political Preference Charts — such as those offered by the League of Women Voters, the League of Conservation Voters, etc. S25 exempts labor unions, and is nothing more than an attack on the First Amendment, an attempt to silence voices outside of the political party process!

I urge you to make known to your elected representatives your opposition to this outrageous attack on our U.S. Constitution. With a vote now imminent, I ask you to contact our U.S. Senators at (202) 224-3121. Urge them to oppose S25, the McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Reform Bill. Tell them that you expect them to hold all of the Constitution inviolate — including the First Amendment!

JIM GREAVES

HOW TO FIGHT GLOBAL WARMING WITH A CUP

Editor, Daily Nexus:

What's happenin', UCSB? Associated Students Recycling here once again to relay a few recycling pointers in the cup category. I'm sure you all purchase various beverages while on campus to quench that thirst of yours. The issue here isn't what you purchase, but rather the containers the store gives you to hold that drink.

Have you ever checked out the bottom of a container fairly closely and noticed a little number with "recycling arrows" around it? Well, that signifies how easily the container can be recycled, since only certain plastics can be re-manufactured into new recycled products.

That's why on the recycle bins we say "plastic #1 and #2." That means that if the bottom of the cup or container has a recycling logo and a #6, for example, we unfortunately can't recycle it, because Santa Barbara County doesn't have a facility to recycle those types of containers.

This is where you come into the game. Once you finish your tasty drink and go to recycle it, check out the bottom and make

sure it has a #1 or #2 before you toss it into your bins. This will be wonderful, because then our hard-working riders won't have to sort out the nonrecyclables from the recyclables.

Now, if you are feeling extra cool and come to the conclusion that these campus stores are making a big mistake by selling you plastic containers that can't be recycled in our area, then bring a reusable plastic mug to school. Bringing a plastic mug is cleverly convenient, because you never waste any sort of containers for a one-time beverage adventure.

If you reuse your plastic mug, you are not only making it easier for A.S. Recycling, but you are doing yourself and your fellow humans a favor by decreasing your waste output. Now, I know you'll have to put out some extra effort to keep track of that mug, and you might think you look dorky with a mug hanging from your backpack. Oh well, this is UCSB, not Barbizon Fashion School or Sequoia Institute! We're all smart people here — let's demonstrate our intelligence by trying to decrease the amount of wasted beverage containers we create every day. In case you didn't know, there is a 5 cent discount on your drink if you do have a mug, and that does add up.

Do the recycling thing.

P.S. You can toss this *Nexus* into any of our recycling bins on campus that say "NEWSPAPER."

MATTHEW POWERS

WEATHERHUMAN'S STYLE NEEDS WORK

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I read a letter the other day that was in protest toward the Weatherhuman (*The Reader's Voice*, "Whither Our Dear Weatherhuman?" Jan. 29). I just wanted to voice my opinion against the Weatherhuman as well. Such a person of esteemed status should refrain from the vernacular of the hoi polloi and keep his or her little amusing anecdotes and activities to themselves. Do the words "dissin" and "hella" actually invoke an introspective look into the everyday events we encounter daily?

ERIC LYMAN

REGISTER TO VOTE — THEN VOTE FOR CAPPS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Wake up, UCSB! I know it has been raining outside and it is enough work just to make it to class, but something important is happening right now. You need to register to vote! If you already have, great, but I know that a lot of you have not registered in Santa Barbara.

For many of us, Santa Barbara is not just our home for four years — we plan to stay after graduation. For those of you who are here for four years, or those people out there on the six-year plan, this still is your home, and you should participate in making Isla Vista a better place to live. The deadline to register to vote for the upcoming congressional election is Monday, Feb. 9. Time is running out, so act now!

We are electing a new member of Congress for our district on Tuesday, March 10. This is the Tuesday of Dead Week, so make sure you sign up for an absentee ballot, so you can show your face in the class you haven't been to since the midterm and not worry about not making it to the polls.

When voting, keep in mind who actually cared about the students' vote in the primary election on Jan. 13. For those of you paying attention that day, it was Lois Capps. Capps was on campus and in Isla Vista meeting and talking to students. I respect the fact that she actually took the time to come to UCSB on election day, even though students traditionally have been, and continue to be, apathetic voters.

Besides that, she is on the right side of the issues. She cares about education and will support funding for those student loans many of us are taking out right now. Also, Capps is pro-environment and will work for cleaner beaches and water and to limit offshore oil drilling. So take advantage of your privilege to vote.

Isla Vista's vote helped bring Walter Capps, our former religious studies professor, into office. Now let's make sure Lois Capps represents us in Washington.

AMY BLUMBERG

"THE KEENAN LAMPKIN CONTROVERSY"

— let's separate all racial more so that we can't even

am as white as the walls in uses. I like to think of myself

part? We are really nice kids from all over the country looking to have a good time for four or five years and get an education. I think if you changed your poor attitude a little bit, this would become clear to you.

iversity of Kenya. If I hated Asian people, I would never go to the University of Japan. And if I hated white people, I would never go to UCSB.

I recommend to you, Keenan, taking Sociology 139A, the Sociology of Black and White Relations. I learned a ton in that course, and I think you could too. I am not at all trying to deny that there are racist white people here at UCSB — there most definitely are. But very few. I think you need to sit down and ask yourself who the racist person in your article really is.

RYAN R. GOULD

GIVE US A FEW POINTS FOR TRYING, HUH?

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in response to Keenan Lampkin's letter "Just Don't Ever Call Me 'Bro,' All Right?" (*The Reader's Voice*, Jan. 29) First off, I would like to make it clear that I understand that your letter was directed toward "white" people who try to ignore the fact that they are racist by going out of their way to be "down" or "cool." I would also like to point out that I felt offended by some of the things that you said.

You stated in your article that people should "stop prejudging," and yet you opened your article with your arrival at UCSB and "plunging into a blond-haired, blue-eyed sea of Nazi poster people." After I got over the fact that I was a Nazi

poster child, I felt better about myself and my color when you stated, "I've learned that not all whites are bad. Truthfully, a small percentage are actually nice." I can't tell you how elated I was to find out that a few of us are nice people.

I have many friends of different races and different cultures, and I know that when I first became friends with these different people, I was hesitant upon how I should act or what I should say around them. I came to realize it is very hard to not notice color, with the media or other things pointing out, every day, the difference in skin color. I had this feeling that I had to treat them very specially because the color that I am associated with oppressed them in the past. It wasn't until my friend pointed out the way in which I treated him differently that I realized I was trying to make up, in the present, for the past deeds my color had done.

I urge you, and others that feel the same way that you do, to take this in perspective, and to try to look at those whites around you as not being racist, but people struggling to present themselves to you and other minority cultures as not being racist.

SEAN FRY

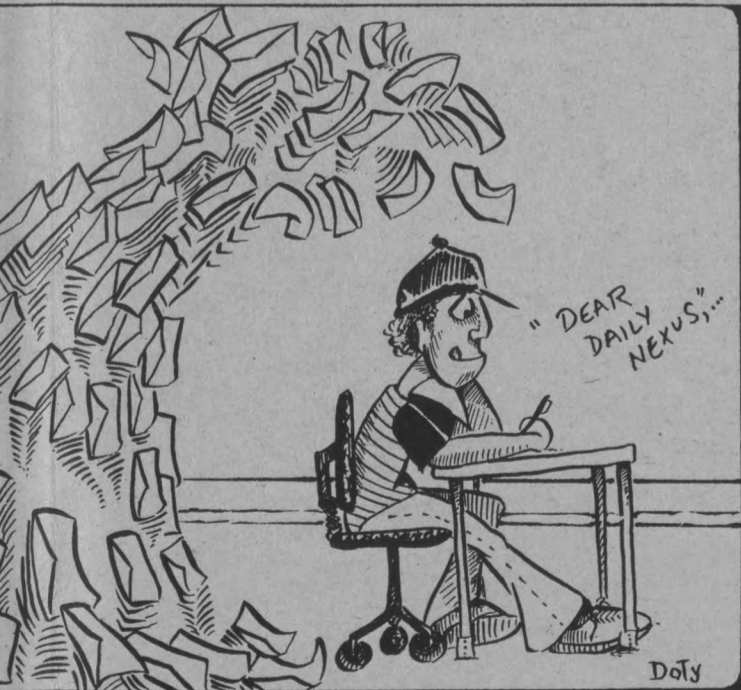
YOU'LL ALWAYS FIND WHAT YOU LOOK FOR

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Hey, "Bro": The letter you wrote (*The Reader's Voice*, "Just Don't Ever Call Me 'Bro,' All Right?" Jan. 29) was so incredibly appalling and ignorant. For you to totally base your view of "white" people on generalizations you made before you were even truly exposed to them — as you even said, in ignorance — is exactly what you are accusing white people of doing to you. This makes you just as much of a racist as anyone I have ever heard speak.

Ignorant people seem to think that you have to be white to be a racist and that you have to be nonwhite to experience the hatred. Well, that's a bunch of bullshit! My family wasn't even on this continent until after the fact, but yet, myself and my family are blamed because of our skin color! Isn't that just as unfair as what happens to you? I think racism and discrimination and oppression and the "glass ceiling" and all that really sucks (for lack of a better word), but I think that the sooner we stop expecting these things to be around, the sooner they might start going away.

JEN CHECCHIO



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from racist as possible. Your using the word "Nazi" in relation here at UCSB disgusts me. Whites share "Nazi" beliefs at you. Hardly any whites are you refer to them. You know this school are, for the most

As you stated, you knew when you came to UCSB that you were entering a predominantly white college. I am trying to figure out why any person would want to be around so many people whom they categorize as "demons" and "Nazis." If I hated black people, I would never go to the Uni-

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SHUTTLE

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 shuttle simply out of convenience," she said. Salazar is concerned primarily with the problem of extending information on the shuttle throughout the community.

"I really feel there needs to be more advertisement and more outreach to faculty, students and staff," she said. "The shuttle runs twice an hour from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. If people knew where and when the shuttle stopped then there would be more riders."

According to Salazar, adjustments were made after Winter Break in order to provide extra incentives for faculty and staff to ride.

"The shuttle was already free to students with their Access card, and A.S. was able to work out a deal with MTD that would allow faculty and staff to ride for free as well," she said.

MTD's primary concern is whether their services are useful, convenient and beneficial to the community, Doerschlag said.

"We want to make sure that if we supply transportation service, it will be provided in the most effective manner possible," she said. "Aspects to consider are where the

shuttle goes, when it runs, and how many people are riding it. It always takes a while for routes to become known and for people to feel comfortable riding, but it is certainly not effective to be running something if it is not drawing people to want to use it."

Mindy Norris, UCSB Parking and Transportation Services' alternative transportation coordinator, stressed PTS' commitment to the shuttle.

"Parking services supports the shuttle because it gives students and faculty an option on days when they do not ride their bikes, since there is limited parking on campus," she said.

Senior sociology major and I.V. resident Alen Aydinian said that he doesn't ride the shuttle because of the lack of clear schedule information.

"I have seen the shuttle at the North Hall Bus Loop but have never taken it because I do not know where it stops," he said. "For me, it is more convenient to take the regular MTD bus, which I have been riding for the past two years."

Additional shuttle information and schedules are available at the A.S. office or on the shuttle.

MAGAZINE

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 According to Shipp, most of the time is spent trying to decide which of the many qualified submissions will be published in the next *Catalyst* magazine.

"It's not really about quality, because most of them are so good," she said. "It's just that we only have so many pages and we want to make sure that no one person dominates. We look for creativity and originality."

According to Lazaryev, the magazine is available to students free of charge, therefore requiring the staff members to solicit funds from on-campus departments, local organizations and Associated Students. He suggests a yearly fee for all students to alleviate this task.

"We figured that if every

student would agree to a 15 cent lock-in fee, *Catalyst* could cover production cost, allowing more time devoted toward recruiting artists and reviewing submissions," Lazaryev said.

According to Pinto, the growing success of *Catalyst* reflects evidence of the university's blooming intellectuals.

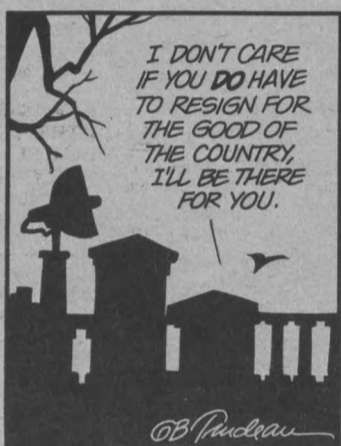
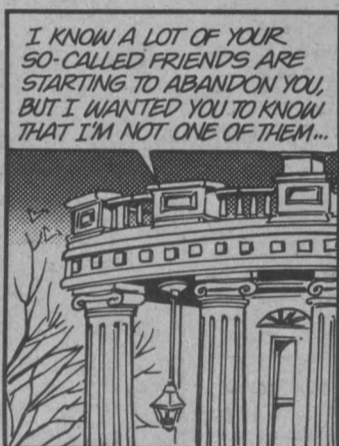
"*Catalyst* helps to advance the reputation of UCSB as a serious academic institution," he said. "I believe that it increases the value of everyone's degree and helps to balance out the tortilla-throwing reputation we may have."

The deadline for submissions to this year's *Catalyst* is Feb. 14, and entries may include poetry, essays, pen-and-ink drawings and various other works of art. For more information, call Tony Pinto at 685-1223.

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Then I realized I was envious of what he seemed to have. So I did something I swore I'd never do. I went. And it was the best thing I ever did. I met other people just like me. We all shared an experience so deep and meaningful I can't imagine we will ever be out of contact with one another.

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Sports

Gauchos Battle UOP Tonight With Eyes on Big West Lead

■ Game Important to UCSB's Postseason Aspirations

BY SCOTT HENNESSEE
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's basketball team has moved itself to the top of the second tier of the Big West Conference's Western Division, and tonight it's time to see if the squad can move up to the head of the class.

Although a win tonight against division leader University of the Pacific (13-8 overall, 6-4 in the Big West) would not give Santa Barbara (7-11, 4-4) first-place standing, it would certainly boost the team's confidence and position it for a high seed in the conference tournament.

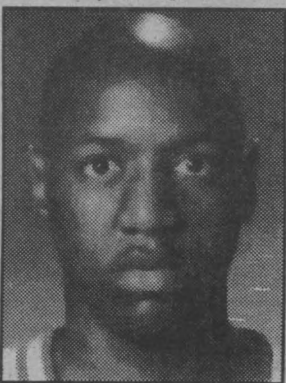
"If we win this one there's trouble [for other teams]; we win this one, it's all good," freshman guard Brandon Payton said. "We need to win this one. We want to have a high seed to go to Reno [site of the Big West Tournament], so we want to beat this team."

In order for UCSB to do that, it's going to have to find a way to slow down 7'1" Pacific center Michael Olowokandi. The 265-pound

senior is leading the Big West in scoring (20.7), rebounds (10.6), and blocks (2.6) per game.

UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm knows the key to stopping the Tigers is slowing down Olowokandi.

"He's probably the best big man to play in this league since I've been in this conference, which is 15 years now," Pimm said. "He's a legit seven-footer with athletic ability and good timing



Raymond Tutt

on both rebounding and blocked shots. And he has improved as an offensive player over the last two seasons."

If there is a weakness in Olowokandi's game, it lies in his free-throw shooting, as he is only converting 42

percent of his attempts.

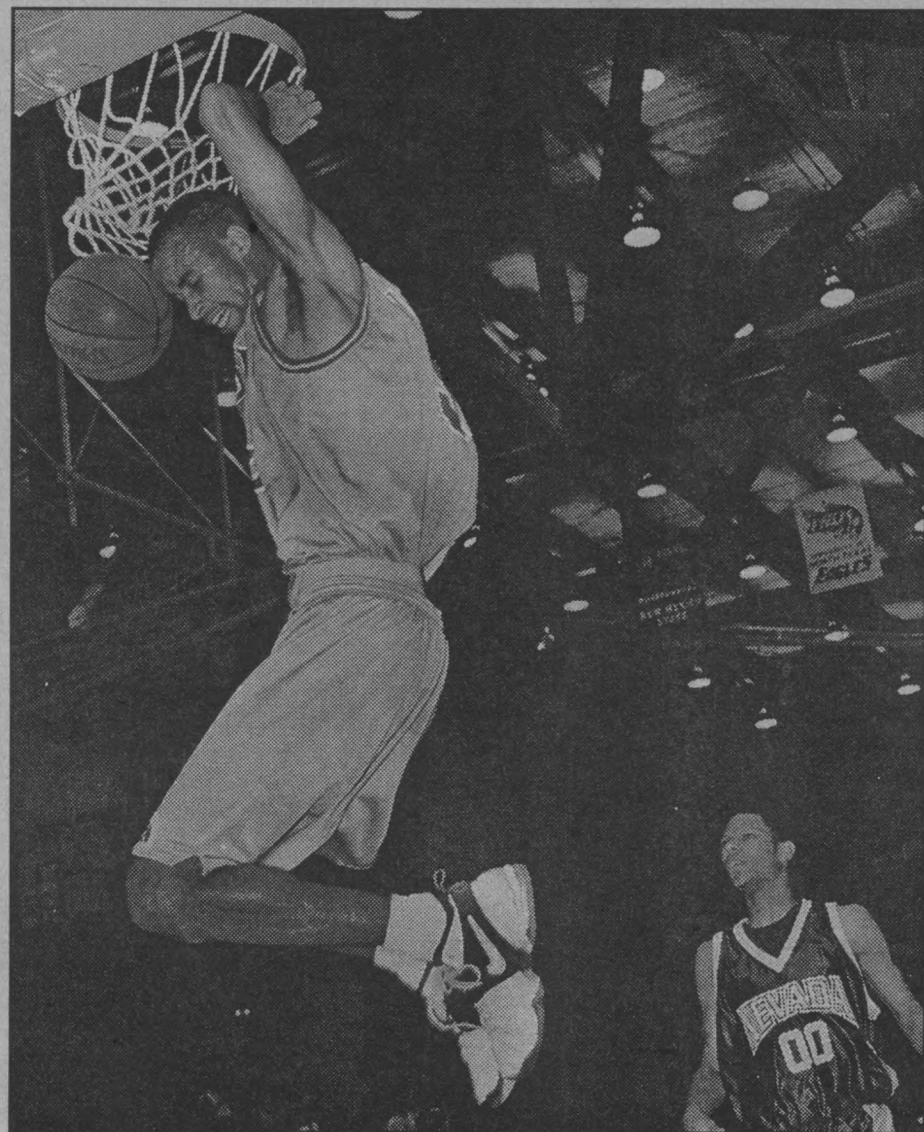
"It makes sense to foul him some, but how much can you foul him and keep your own guys in the game?" Pimm said. "So there comes a time when fouling for profit is not a profit — when you're getting your own guys fouled out of games. There's only so much fouling you can do."

Double-teaming the big guy can also be a problem, because UOP has an arsenal of three-point shooters led by guard Adam Jacobsen. The 6'2" senior converts on 42 percent of his shots from behind the arc.

"They can all shoot the three, so you have to be careful who you come off of, or you do allow a lot of open looks at the three," Pimm said. "I think you've got to switch it up."

Payton certainly isn't intimidated by last year's conference champions or their dominating center.

"I'm juiced. I'm going right at them," Payton said. "Nothing's going to stop us, or myself, from going at the big tall guy and the rest of them. We're going to take it



SWEETNESS: Senior forward Dwayne Williams, still recovering from an ankle injury, figures prominently in tonight's showdown with University of the Pacific.

at them."

Santa Barbara's leading scorer, senior Raymond Tutt (17.7 ppg), is fired up

for the game as well.

"We're tied for second place, playing the first-place team at our house — the

Thunderdome. Who could ask for more?" Tutt said. "That's what we want. This is right where we want to be right now."

Santa Barbara Women's Water Polo Plans To Make Big Waves in 1998

BY DAMON DAMELE
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's water polo team is ready to make its move into the sport's elite level.

Coming off of a 1997 campaign in which the Gauchos finished #5 in the nation with a 20-15 overall record (2-4 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) and ad-

vanced to the national championships, Santa Barbara experienced a taste of success. The squad is still hungry.

"Our goal is to remain in the top five and continue to improve, so that we play our best polo in May as opposed to right now," senior co-captain Kristen Slater said. "And, of course, we want to make nationals again."

Such lofty aspirations are im-

pressive for a team beginning only its third season competing at the intercollegiate level. And with a #5 preseason ranking, UCSB shows no signs of slowing down. The Gauchos feature a strong core of veteran players to build around, bolstered by the addition of several transfers and freshmen.

"Our weakness is that we have some new players who might have a hard time adjusting to playing a new style and playing with new people," junior driver Monica Gregory said. "But we graduated only four players, so we are going to have a really strong team."

Santa Barbara shows promising depth at every position. Junior goaltender Angie Seto begins her third year as a starter after recording 206 saves last year and dropping her goals-against average from 8.0 to 5.23 per game. Backing her up will be freshman Catherine Hayden.

On the offensive side, UCSB looks to find a replacement for All-American Keri Santos (46 goals in 1997), who graduated last year. Fortunately, sophomores Kara Watkins (35 goals) and Danelle Little (25 goals) are anxious to fill the void.

Also expected to be an important contributor is Katie Hill, a transfer from Merced, Calif. So impressed were the Gauchos with Hill that she was named a co-captain.

"Katie Hill is a real leader," Little said. "She also brings a ton of skills."

The team is not only rich with talent and exuberance, but is physically stronger than last season.

"Everyone is stronger and fas-



Kara Watkins

ter," Slater said. "We are in much better shape than at this time last year. We are just all-around faster, better, and stronger."

Third-year Head Coach Joe O'Brien agrees.

"We are returning an All-American [Watkins] and five starters, but we have six or seven players who started at one point," he

said. "We are not really young any more. We have more balance ... I feel really good about this team."

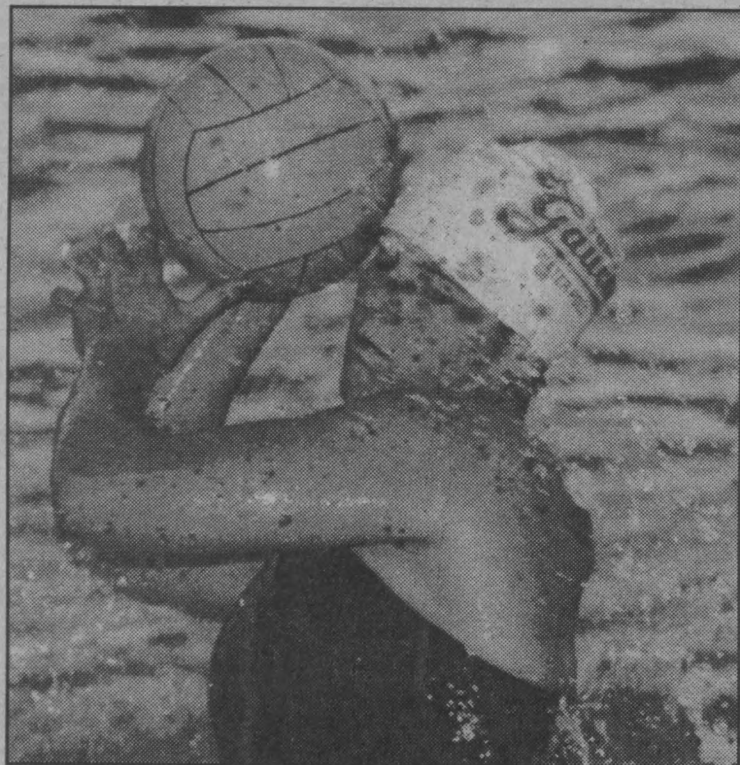
UCSB's talent and strength will be needed in abundance this season, which will not be a walk in the park by any means. The MPSF is a very deep conference, including such perennial powers as Stanford and defending champion UCLA. Santa Barbara starts off the season at Pepperdine this Saturday, in a tournament in which all of the participants will be top-10 teams.

O'Brien knows his squad must play at the top of its game to defeat the premier teams.

"The bottom line is we have to be in better shape and play to a higher level of our potential than them," he said. "If we're in games consistently, it will come down to who wants it more."

The Gauchos are ready for whatever challenges they will face this season, and look forward to testing themselves against the best teams in the nation.

"Basically, our goal is to play as a unified team, have fun, and make it back to the nationals," Little said.



NEXUS FILE PHOTO

SPLISH-SPLASH: The Gauchos are poised to improve upon their 20-15 record and fifth-place national finish last season.

Surf's Up!!!

The UCSB "Vector," "Gaucha" and "Victor" surfing teams placed first, second and third respectively at last weekend's National Scholastic Surfing Association meet in San Clemente, Calif. Congrats, wave riders!