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# **Chamberlin Takes Seat** as 3rd Dist. Supervisor

Rancher Promises 'a Presence' in Isla Vista

By Chris Brown Staff Writer

Less than a day after learning that he had won the race for 3rd District Supervisor, an elated Willy Chamberlin took his seat on the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

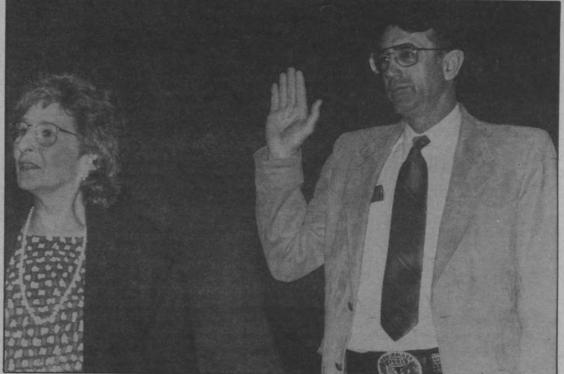
In front of an overflowing boardroom, Chamberlin, 1st District Supervisor Naomi Schwartz and 4th District Supervisor Tim Staffel were sworn in by newly elected Superior Court Judge Rodney

Upon the first introduction of Chamberlin, many of those fortunate enough to have seats rose to give the Los Olivos rancher a

standing ovation. Staffel and Schwartz were also warmly welcomed, but one Schwartz supporter termed the mood "bittersweet," in light of the defeat of in-cumbent and Schwartz ally Bill Wallace, who lost to Chamberlin Monday by five votes.
"It's a great honor and plea-

sure to be here today," Chamber-lin said. Chamberlin's first action on the board was to thank "the entire district and the entire county," for his victory. Cham-berlin received support during the heated campaign from a variety of pro-growth interests throughout Santa Barbara County, including many from outside the 3rd District.

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New 3rd District Supervisor Willy Chamberlin and 1st District Supervisor Naomi Schwartz take the oath of office Tuesday before a meeting that marked a good-natured contrast to a bitter



GSA Academic Vice President Elizabeth Jordan addresses Tuesday's meeting. Some of the session was devoted to addressing allegedly improper use of study cubicles.

# Renegade Sexists Studying in South Hall?

By Anita Miralle Staff Writer

In the past months, teaching assistants and graduate student researchers at several University of California campuses have been upping the ante on

Prior to the close of Fall Semester, members of the Association of Graduate Student Employees/ United Auto Workers at Berkeley withheld grades and reaffirmed an ongoing strike through winter. The Graduate Student Employee Association at UC Santa Cruz is presently debating whether to continue their walkout through the Winter Quarter.

At UCSB Tuesday, representatives of the Graduate Student Association discussed attempts to crackdown on a "black market syndicate" monopolizing Graduate Tower study cubicles.

According to members of the GSA, unknown individuals are maintaining illegal access to cubicles on the fourth floor of the Grad Tower, bypassing proper cubicle procedure and controlling use

"There are two sections on the fourth floor open-access cubicles and private cubicles," said GSA Academic Vice President Elisabeth Jordan. "Graduate students sign up to use the open-access cubicles and get keys from the Graduate Division. After you put in a year in the open-access space, Grad Division will give you a key for your own private cubicle, which you turn in at the end of the

According to Jordan, people who never turn in their private keys are distributing them amongst their acquaintances, denying access to others.

"It's like the Soviet Union where Russians used to have to buy their jeans on the black market, not the open market. Graduate students don't get keys through a legitimate source. [They get keys from] friends passing them down to each other," Jordan said. "This is unfair to the people who put in their time at the open-access cubicles, because they never get a chance to get a private cubicle."

History Dept. representative Yolanda Marquez

See GSA, p.3

# Two Storm Systems Bring Rain; Runoff to Be Slight

By Charles Hornberger Staff Writer

A subtropical storm system was expected Tuesday night to start dumping the first of what could amount to several inches of rain on the South Coast over the next two days.

Forecasts have run the gamut since Monday, as an unusual pair of weather systems — one rising from the southwest and bringing subtropical moisture, the other a cold front descending from the northwest — began heading toward Southern California.

Tuesday night, National Weather Service Meteorologist

Gary Ryan predicted winds up to 35 mph and two to four inches of rain for Santa Barbara, probably not enough to cause the significant flooding or mud slides that some had feared when the two systems were spotted.

"Usually we get one [system]

or the other, but not both together," Ryan said. "That's why we're predicting the heavy rainfall."

Temperatures were expected to top off in the high 50s or low 60s, with nighttime lows in the 40s and mid-50s. Showers are expected to continue through to Thursday morning, Ryan said.

At the Santa Barbara County

See STORM, p.8

### **Bookstore to Be Transplanted to** Old Gym Over Holiday Weekend

By Sal Pizarro Staff Writer

Workers and administrators in the University Center are waiting in anticipation for the first phase of the structure's expansion to begin during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.

Over those three days, the bookstore will be transplanted into the Old Gym, which has been undergoing renovations since the beginning of Fall

Jan. 19, it will be open for busi- the move. The bookstore ness," UCen Director Alan should still carry the same vari Kirby said.

Although Kirby is expecting

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Jan. 15 - bookstore closes; begins move to Old Gym.

Jan. 19 - bookstore opens in Old Gym.

Fall '93 - bookstore re-opens in expanded

SANDRA BRILLIANT/Deily Nez "We're still on schedule to a smooth transition, some move the bookstore, and on additional changes will follow

See UCEN, p.8

# Cool Efficiency During First Legal Hanging Since 1965

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) —First there was silence. Then a sharp crack as a trap door sprang open and the body of Westley Allan Dodd dropped into view at the end of a 7-foot-1-inch rope.

With cool efficiency, the state of Washington executed the child sex killer early Tuesday in America's

first legal hanging in nearly three decades.

The condemned man, who had resisted attempts to appeal his sentence, showed no fear, even "in the last second of his life," said his lawyer, Darrell Lee.

The trap door beneath his feet dropped open at 12:05 a.m. His bound body plunged the length of the rope, a drop officials had calculated would be enough to snap

Dodd, 31, who confessed to murdering three young boys in Vancouver, was pronounced dead at 12:09 a.m. The body was transported to Seattle for an autopsy in the King County medical examiner's office.

Death-penalty foes held prayer meetings, vigils and demonstrations across the state. Prison officials ar-

"I was wrong when I said there (0) was no hope, no peace. I've found both in the Lord, Jesus Christ."

> final words of convicted killer Westley Allan Dodd

rested five death-penalty opponents after they climbed a snowy embankment near a guard tower.

About 150 people in favor of Dodd's death gathered outside the prison and cheered his hanging. Some set off firecrackers and sparklers.

Attorneys for triple murderer Charles Rodman Campbell, also on Washington's death row, lost a bid to videotape the hanging to bolster their federal court claim that it's cruel and unusual punishment.

Dodd said he rejected lethal injection because he had hanged one of his victims and wanted the same treatment. Lee also said his client was afraid of needles.

Dodd dropped all appeals and said that unless he were executed, "I will kill and rape again and enjoy every minute of it."

His last words were of a newfound religious faith. "I was wrong when I said there was no hope, no peace," Dodd said. "I've found both in the Lord, Jesus Christ."

After the execution, the father of two of the young victims, Clair Neer, shook hands with Dodd's attorney, who argued in court against any delay or appeal.

On Monday, for the first time, Dodd expressed remorse for the killings. "He was going to ask the child-ren for forgiveness when he saw them in heaven," Lee

In his final hours, Dodd amended his will to direct that his body be turned over to family members for cremation and that any proceeds from his meager estate go to battle child abuse.

### **Tanker Disaster Threatens** Fish, Birds in North Sea

ABERDEEN, Scotland (AP) -Howling winds and crashing seas slammed a tanker onto the rocky coast of the Shetland Islands on Tuesday and frustrated efforts to contain oil



spilling into the waters teeming with sea and bird life. The spill threatened to become one of the worst ever. The nearly 25 million gallons of oil on the tanker was more than double the amount of crude that the Exxon Valdez disaster dumped into Alaskan water.

All 34 crew members were safely evacuated by helicopter after the Liberian-registered tanker Braer lost power. The ship ran aground about five hours later as several crewmen who returned tried to attach tow lines.

"It's the saddest night I remember in Shetland," said Jonathan Wills, a wildlife expert who lives in the

The wreck was buffeted by 63 mph winds late Tuesday with gusts up to 86 mph. The winds blowing from the south threatened to spread oil up the west coast of the island, endangering more bird nesting areas, seal colonies and salmon farms, Wills said.

The Department of Transport said it expected all of

the oil on board to be spilled. But officials said the light crude oil would help minimize the environmental

### Somalia Meeting Extended One Day Despite Disarray

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) -Even though shouting from behind closed doors disrupted a meeting of Somalia's warring factions Tuesday, 14 clan leaders agreed to extend the U.N.-sponsored gathering for another day.

But the largest meeting of Somali leaders since the nation disintegrated into a cycle of clan warfare and famine failed to approve ground rules for a proposed national reconciliation conference.

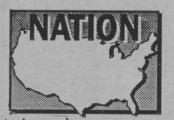
Such an agreement was the main goal of the Addis Ababa gathering, which hopes to stem the effects of a war and drought that has killed more than 350,000 people the past year.

One of the two major clans that control Somalia's capital shocked some of the participants when it accused the United Nations of ignorance about Somali affairs. The clan, led by Mohamed Farah Aidid, charged the United Nations with siding with Aidid's rival, Ali Mahdi Mohamed.

### **Congress Reconvenes With Promises of Quick Action**

WASHINGTON (AP) —The 103rd Congress convened Tuesday with a flood of new faces, including record numbers of women and Blacks, and a promise to move quickly on President-elect Bill Clinton's agenda.

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The newly elected lawmakers "represent a better and more reflective representation of this country ... than any other Congress in our history," declared Rep. Thomas S. Foley, (D-Wash.), who was re-elected House speaker. But, he told them, the voters want action most

"The American people have signaled their impati-ence with the pace of reform and change that they ex-pect this Congress to bring" on issues including the federal deficit and health care, he said. "We are under

Underfoot, meanwhile, were lawmakers' kids, making sure the opening day never got too serious. Family and friends milled around, taking and posing for pictures in the historic halls.

"We all look forward to a busy session with a good working relationship with the new administration," Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell told reporters before Vice President Dan Quayle gaveled the Senate

Congress was called to order in the traditional manner. Senators were sworn into office in small groups, and the House en mass.

### **President Threatening to** Fire Post Office Chiefs

WASHINGTON (AP) —Ignoring President Bush's threat of firing, the Postal Service's governing board restated its autonomy Tuesday and suggested a court settle its extraordinary dispute with the White House.

Bush on Monday ordered the board of governors to

drop a legal fight over rates with the independent Postal Rate Commission. He set a deadline of Wednesday for board members to act or be fired. The governors responded with a three-page letter Tuesday urging Bush not to follow through with his threat, restating their independence and "earnestly and respectfully" asking him to let a court settle the matter.

The letter said that dropping the case would cost the Postal Service \$100 million and would permit the Justice Department rather than the post office to make decisions about when rate cases can be appealed.

### Businessman, Employee **Arrested in Export Deal**

LOS ANGELES (AP) —An Iranian businessman and his U.S. employee were arrested for investigation of trying to illegally export a \$2 million computer to Iran, a U.S. Commerce



Department official said Tuesday. Reza Zandian, the Iranian owner of two Orange County computer firms, and Charles Reger of Huntington Beach, were arrested Monday after agents watched them arrange the shipment of an IBM ES 9000 computer to Paris, said Brooks Ohlson, agent-in-charge of the Commerce Department's export enforcement office in

Investigators believed the men planned to later ship the computer from Paris to Tehran, Iran, said Ohlson.

The computer is on a list of high-technology products whose export is controlled for national security reasons, Ohlson said. Zandian and Reger were held Tuesday in a federal detention center in Los Angeles. Both were scheduled to be arraigned later Tuesday in U.S. District Court.

"We've been basically watching them for quite a while because we had some tips from the industry that

something was going on here," said Ohlson.

The ES 9000 has a broad range of applications, including military, said IBM spokesman Ed Trapaso.

### Air Crash Lawsuit Finally **Reaches Appellate Court**

PASADENA (AP) -Nearly 6 1/2 years after an Aeromexico jet collided with a small plane and crashed in Cerritos, a government lawyer asked an appeals court Tuesday to hold the Mexican airline partly liable for

damages.
U.S. Justice Department attorney Steven Riegel sought to convince a 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal panel that U.S. District Judge David Kenyon erred in absolving the Aeromexico crew from blame.

Kenyon held in 1989 that the Federal Aviation Administration and the pilot of the small plane were equally to blame for the Aug. 31, 1986, collision which killed 82 people.

He faulted an air traffic controller for failing to warn the jet of a blip that appeared on radar and agreed with a jury's finding that the Aeromexico pilots apparently did not see the small plane approaching and were

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Hear the whisper of the raindrops

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### Weather

It didn't rain here yesterday, as was predicted, but those clouds sure were threatening, weren't they? So it's raining today. Reminds me of when I was a kid, when my friends and I would go out in the street dur-ing rain storms and race leaf "boats" in the gutters. The boats would be tossed about in the roaring rainwater, but always seemed to stay upright, never sinking to the black abyss of the gutter bottom. But the part I liked best was when they would pick up steam as they swept towards the storm drain, where they would be cast into the great abyss, never to be seen again. Some great stories about that storm drain. But that's for another day.

Moon rise 3:31p, Thu. Moon rise 6:13a

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# Text Exchange to Axe Middlemen

In an attempt to cut out the middlemen in buying and selling school texts, Associated Students is sponsoring a book swap today in Storke Plaza.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m., students will have the option of exchanging, buying or selling books to one another without going through the bookstore, according to organizer Kim Gates of A.S. Business

"The idea is to let students buy and sell books from each other. The bookstore makes so much money off students who sell back their books and sells them for so much more," Gates said, adding that students will be exchanging books under canopy-covered tables to music

provided by campus radio station

Students interested in taking part should first check into a designated main booth to find a master list of the quarter's courses, Gates said. Swappers will then sign either a buy or a self list and leave a phone number in case they are not around when a prospective deal comes their way

Gates added that sellers will offer a 50% discount rate from the initial cost of the book to potential buyers.

The book swap is scheduled to last until 3:30 p.m.

-Joanna Frazier

## GSA

Continued from p.1 is one of the lucky few to have obtained a private cubicle. At Tuesday's GSA meeting, she reported witnessing people climbing partition walls to get into the study spaces or leaving keys dangling on strings over doors for their friends.

Marquez mentioned that the alleged perpetrators were often men, prompting Jordan to charge the members of the "crime syndicate" of being

"It's men who climb the ate and give their keys to

their male friends. It's a boy's club network," she

GSA Administrative Vice President Ron Dolin could not comment on the accusations of sexism surrounding the unknown suspects, but did note that the problem was serious.

"What it comes down to is graduate students need more space and the university is not providing them with any," he said. "It's sad to me that with all the new buildings going up, that graduate students are losing more and more space. It's unfortunate that it's coming to this."

While this problem has walls, it's men who gradu- been a concern for several years, GSA Internal President Scott Thomas intends to present the Graduate Division with possible remedies to halt any and all illegal behavior taking place with the

"First and foremost, there will be a call for more space. This situation has resulted in and has been exacerbated by a lack of study space," Thomas said. "Secondly, Grad Division needs to account for who is in what cubicle, and if he or she is not allowed on that cubicle, then how they got in there or where they got their keys needs to be investigated."

As of yet, no suspects have been named.



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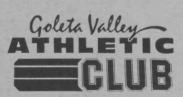
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# Tree Recycling Hits County

By Connie Stevens Staff Writer

Christmas trees are no longer doomed to end up in area landfills after the holidays end thanks to two local agencies' efforts to recycle thousands of the season's mainstays.

For people who need to dispose of cut trees, the Santa Barbara County Solid Waste Dept. will continue its tree recycling program for the third year. This year is the first time, however, the county will offer extensive curb side tree recycling conducted by volunteer garbage companies who will transport the trees to recycling centers.

The county offers schedules for curb side tree pickup times through its information line at 568-3051.

Because of the added convenience of the curb side program, program coordinator Jennifer Le-May hopes to exceed last year's yield of 14,000 discarded tannenbaums.

"This year we expect to get even more," LeMay said. "Response so far has been great. We've definitely collected over a thousand trees already," she said.

I hope they continue the program forever because we always need

Louise Harding
IVRPD grounds
manager

trees and plants.

Old Christmas trees will be ground into mulch and given away to the public and landscapers, with preference given to nonprofit agencies such as parks and schools.

Trees can also be dropped off at the Santa Barbara Transfer Station at 4434 Calle Real and at the Foxen Canyon Landfill in Santa Ynez through Jan. 31, according to Transfer Station assistant Sherry Elker.

"The trees stay here locally from the point of purchase," Elker said.
"People use the tree, it's recycled here and given back to the community."

Residents who have live rooted trees can donate them to the Isla Vista community through the I.V. Recreation and Park District, which will replant them in eight different

parks throughout the seaside town.

IVRPD Grounds Manager Louise Harding instituted the replanting program this year. "Anyone who had a live rooted tree can have it planted in the park." she said.

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Harding's introduction to tree recycling was with the Park and Recreation District in Las Vegas, where the community responded enthusiastically to the program by donating hundreds of trees each year. Isla Vista residents have promised to donate four trees to date, and a few more are expected before the program ends, Harding said.

"I wouldn't expect the same response here in a smaller community... but I would expect it to grow over time," Harding said.

Despite the low number of live tree donations, Harding feels the community has been very responsive. "I've had numerous phone calls on what types of trees are wanted or needed," Harding said. "I hope they continue the program forever because we always need trees and plants. ... Environmentally we can't really plant enough."

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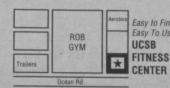
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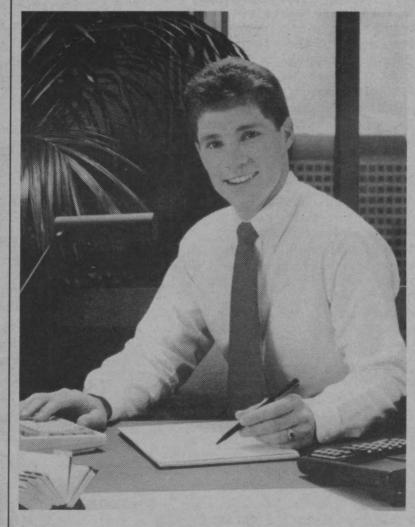
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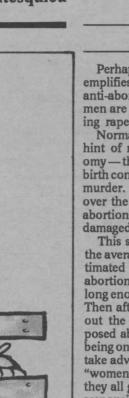
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"Useless laws debilitate those that are neccessary."

-Montesquieu



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# **Scared Quiet**

The Supreme Court May Soon Force Freedom of the Press Into Hiding Over a Florida Case

### **Editorial**

As early as next week, the Supreme Court will decide whether or not to put the lid on a First Amendment case that has come to a boil in Florida. The problem is that if the conservative Rhenquist court gets its hands on this one, the lid could come down on an important tenent of the freedom of the press.

The court is expected to decide whether to hear a case that involves a Florida district attorney's overwhelming need to track down a talkative bureaucratic underling. It seems this unknown leaked the confidential results of a child custody case to a reporter who now feels bound to protect his source. When the reporter refused to tell a prosecutor how he obtained the custody court's decision, he was sentenced to 30 days in jail for contempt. So now it's up to the Supreme Court to decide if Florida is justified in jailing reporters for failing to rat on anonymous sources who break with protocol or state law in revealing information to the public.

If this sounds familiar, that's because it is. Since 1972's Branzburg vs. Hayes decision, reporters have been forced to reveal their sources only if journalism's need to keep sources confidential has been outweighed by the state's need to enforce its laws. This is a careful balancing act that has pitted the press versus the courts in numerous court battles. It's also made for more than one bad made-for-TV movie. But in the past, these battles have been pitched over important crimes. And the Supreme Court has for the most part protected the rights of

The difference now is that a conservative, lawand-order court may redecide the issue over a case that has none of the immediacy of a heinous crime. This one is about tracking down a leak in a custody case. There seem to be several scenarios that could hurt journalists who depend on anonymous sources.

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If the court chooses not to hear the case, then the Florida reporter will be sent to jail. And people in that state will stop talking to the press about sensitive issues. The door will also be open for courts in other states to test the resolve behind press freedoms. This would be bad.

If the court decides to hear the case they could easily uphold the contempt charge. This would establish a federal precedent for throwing those journalists who don't want to be cops in jail. This would be had

The court could do the right thing and overturn the contempt finding. But then it's altogether possible that they could take the opportunity to create a judicial litmus test for state laws concerning source confidentiality. (If you don't believe us, look at the ludicrous way the court treated state anti-abortion laws last year.)

Journalists and their sources have reason to be concerned, and that concern hurts the most crucial news stories: those that inform the public of goings-on that no one wants us to know about. As in this case, many of these controversial stories concern the very government and courts that make the laws under which journalists could be hamstrung. You can guess where, if pressed, their sympathies will lie.

"Is this the wave of the future?" asks Florida editor Thomas E. Weber. "Somebody gives you some important information about the courts or government and the prosecutor can demand to know who gave you that information? And if you don't tell them, they can put you in jail. I hope that's not the future."

We, too, hope not.



# An Anti-Abo

### Pam Rochelle

Perhaps the situation in Bosnia best exemplifies the hypocrisy of the patriarchal anti-abortion mentality. The Moslem women are now allowed abortions after being raped by the Serbs.

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Normally, these women are denied any hint of reproductive and sexual autonomy—their clitoris cut off at the age of 5; birth control denied; and abortion seen as murder. But the men who have power over the women now allow these sinful abortions because their property has been damaged and they feel humiliated.

This situation parallels the lifestyle of the average anti-abortion activist. It is estimated that a large percentage of the abortion protesters put down their signs long enough to have their own abortions. Then afterwards, they cry and moan about the "high-pressure tactics" of supposed abortionists who they describe as being on the prowl for pregnant victims to take advantage of. They form groups like "women wounded by abortion," where they all gather to verify that they are not responsible for their choice. There are also as many male protesters who bring their wives, daughters, friends, to the abortion, men who have no lame excuse as do the "irresponsible" women.

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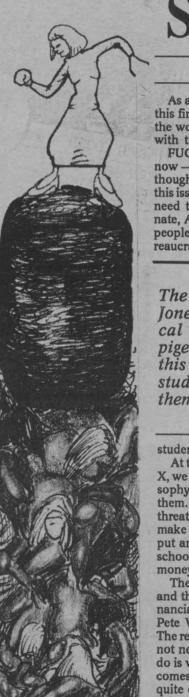
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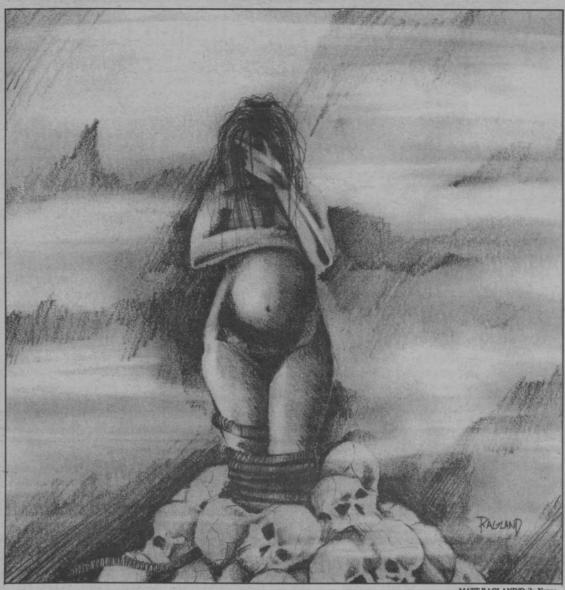
For these reasons and more, I am sick nside when I see people embrace relig-on. It seems that they have a herd mentalty; that they do whatever a preacher tells hem without question. One would think hat a brief glimpse of history would show he spiritual void that dwells in American

I could go on about the Bible preacher sex scandals, the child molester priests, but why bother? Most people will judge others harshly but rationalize their own actions. It's probably due to the human tendency to do what psychologists call "projection;" one lays a foundation for their own virtue by projecting an unwanted thought or action on another per-

Well, enough of my kind explanations. Pro-choice people must empower them-selves. A powerful way to do this is to run to the nearest bookstore and buy A Woman's Book of Choices, the anti-abortionist nightmare come true. In it one finds direct methods to obtain abortion rights, despite the vagaries of the law. There is information about the nationwide network of groups formed to help women obtain safe abortions, including the newly formed "Overground Railroad" which provides grants and loans to help poor women or teenagers in states with parental notification laws. There is information about RU-486 and related abortifacient drugs, an exciting chapter on the controversial method of menstrual extraction, and a host of other techniques that guarantee women everywhere the choice of abortion, despite any future

Instead of tabling, the anti-abortion group on campus should concentrate on stopping their own members from getting

Pam Rochelle is a senior majoring in



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tude cannot be overlooked. If their own children were forced to attend a UC, their blind politicking may be less substantial. But as long as they can send their pampered offspring to a private school, then who cares about the rest of us?

The UC system was thoughtfully created to provide affordable, high-quality education for those of us who qualify. Well, now, the only people who qualify are going to be those whose fathers can affect the vote, and then ignore the policy. This new proposal is going to eliminate those the system originally intended to benefit. There are those who say that is their intention, but the regents are not racist, are they? Why then, are minorities, and economically disadvantaged students suffering the most from their cold, selfish, inability to recognize the problems? With fee increases three years running as the basis, it is clear that their political agenda is way off to the right, and way down the drain. Pete Wilson has them in his posterior to be

It became clear that the regents really are a political body arranged strictly to fatten their own wallets, and their own heads, when the students were "excused" from the regents meeting last quarter.

If I wanted to go to an elitist institution, I would have gone to Harvard, not UCSB. The old cliché about needing '60s style activism and leadership really applies here, but with '90s modifications. Our economy has trickled down so far that the students now have to accept the tax and fiscal burden for those who are running our school. This dy-

namic must stop.

How would they feel when they excuse us right out of the system, and they don't have us to pay their fees for them anymore?

What steps are being taken by our campus, so a nobody like me can start to reclaim our school? I want to be heard.

Damon Uriarte is a junior majoring in





# Legalize What Is Not Evil good, modern country like ours you'll

**Don Frances** 

My friend Mike has marijuana. Constantly. Stop gawking, it was easy. The stuff grows like ... well, like a weed. Hence the name. A few seeds nonchalantly tossed into Uehling's flower garden and in three weeks the chancellor would be watering her tulips. And her pot! Ha, ha. Get it? Satan's vegetable!

Ha, ha, ha. You don't know from funny.
The point is, you throw marijuana on the ground and it grows, hassle-free. Small wonder the government has to spend so many millions trying to rid the state of its biggest cash crop. So much toil and trouble would be avoided if they would quit what they refer to as a war against cannabis and come to grips with the fact that there's nothing wrong with it. Pot is not evil.

It's quite harmless, really. No matter what academic standpoint you couch it in — socioeconomic, political, anthropological, biological there are many excellent arguments in favor of the legalization of marijuana, none of which I'll go into. Instead I'd like to take a humanistic approach to the issue, using Mike and myself as examples of my point. Many will argue that we are actually proof that mari-juana should stay illegal, but c'mon, get to know us first.

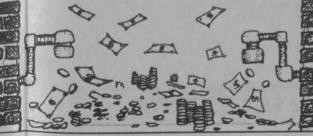
Last quarter Mike and I were virtual chimneys. Not only that, nothing bad happened. We just got stoned a lot, is all, and talked. Over the course of three months Mike and I solidified many vague and rattling feelings into a philosophy that is still vague but no longer rattling. This philosophy goes something like:

Although categorization is wrong, it is presently a means to an end, and so there are three types of people in this world: those that take orders, those who give them and those that want only to be left alone, that they may pursue their lives in the peace they deserve. Most minds are filled with ideas that are not theirs, and to such people life is a game that they invent daily though they deny playing it. The planet harbors perhaps 10,000 people who ultimately and consciously propagate this game — the Pentagon officials and corporate CEOs and since they make the rules they are the leaders. They spend their lives making rules that are completely arbitrary, rules like "marijuana is bad," or "you need a college degree" or "to be in a

have to become industrialized, so sacrifice social and environmental health to the World Bank that we have set up on the backs of poor countries like yours, and we'll let you grow tobacco." Such victims and victimizers are the Wei, those that resist the Tao, or natural flow of the universe. We must be allowed and allow ourselves to pass through life as water passes over the stones in the riverbed, and in this way may we learn to peak. When I catch my breath at an Isla Vista sunset, or enjoy excellent conversation over coffee, so might I peak. To peak is to realize the too-rare moment that enriches and distills the soul. It is the only time we truly learn. Wine surges through the veins. Eyes flicker wildly. We grow. We grow even though science fails to document it, and of course the notion that only through science may we know the "Truth" is false, as there is no "Truth" with a capital "T". A new age of thought is upon us, one that does not mourn the death of God or pine the loss of what passed for focus in human life, but has it come too late? Can a new philosophy that reduces the constant, violent impositions of the Wei be transplanted to humanity's mind soon enough, that we may (instead of fighting for our lives) work on transcending our present rigidity of thought and dissolving these harmful categories? I think not. Soon, perhaps in my lifetime, the Earth will collapse under the tremendous weight of our stupidity, and I can only hope and prepare for the violence and upheaval that will follow. None of this shit you see before you, therefore, matters. God has failed to create meaning, and love has failed and marijuana, too. The very concept of meaning must change, before there is nothing left to be meant. The television broadcasts, the cars and freeways, the churches and the rest of this game that all the Wei hold so dear will someday end in a global shrug, followed by sorrow and silence and a return to the way things were before humanity got too smart for its own soul. A return to hunting and gathering and community that which, in the short eon of mankind's existence, makes this population explosion that we live in seem like a

I received a 2.75 GPA to boot. Mike got a 3.1. And that's all that happened. We both feel just fine. Really.

Don Frances is a Nexus opinions



# Would-Be Voters Lament Shut Case vs. County

By Brooke Nelson Staff Writer

Local elections officials have closed the case of several area residents who say they registered to vote but who were turned away from the polls Nov. 3 when their names never appeared on election rolls.

Several UCSB students complained in November that although they registered to vote through oncampus and Isla Vista get-out-the-vote drives, their registration forms never reached the Santa Barbara County Elections Division.

According to County Elections assistant Stephanie Hull, however, her office has not received a sufficient number of complaints of lost voter registration forms to warrant an investigation.

"We didn't have enough information to pinpoint one particular group or area where it was happening," she said.

Hull said that although the Elections Division has received a sizable number of complaints about unprocessed voter registration forms, the increase was due primarily to the record number of area residents who registered to vote last year rather than a discernible pattern of sabotage.

In November, UCSB student Marissa Landa lodged a complaint with Assistant District Attorney Allan Kaplan that alleged that members of a campus political group intentionally destroyed her registration form to

prevent her from voting.

Kaplan referred the matter to the Elections Division for consideration, and was informed that an investigation was unwarranted. "The indication we've received is that they didn't discern a significant problem," Kaplan said.

Landa, however, is not satisfied. Although she had saved her proof of voter registration stub, which allowed her to vote with a provisional ballot, her friend Robert Rockhold, who also registered on campus, was denied a ballot when he was unable to produce verification that he had registered.

The problem is especially irksome because the election for 3rd District Supervisor between Bill Wallace and eventual winner Willy Chamberlin was decided by a slim five-vote margin, Landa said.

"It was an awfully close election. I don't know why they wouldn't look into an election that was that close," she said. "I know at least one person who would have voted for Wallace, and that would have made it a four-vote difference."

### **UCEN**

Continued from p.1 ety of services that students, faculty and staff have grown accustomed to, but the limited space in the gym may mean fewer things on the floor, he said.

"There's going to be a lot more trips to the offsite warehouse than there were before," Kirby said.

Computer department sales associates don't expect the changes to affect business very much, however. "Sales have been going up in spite of things like the recession, so I don't think this is going to do much," Chris Gerbing

said, although he admitted that less stock on the premises may mean more delays.

Workers in the textbook department face the daunting task of moving nearly a full quarter's load of textbooks to the gym over the three-day break.

"We're hoping it will go smoothly," said Andrew Sexton, textbook floor coordinator. "The toughest thing is making sure you move the right books at the right times. ... It will still probably be hectic."

Sexton said about 16

Sexton said about 16 workers, the department's full complement, will be working to move the books. "We're hoping to get it done in time to still

enjoy the holiday Monday," he said.

Even though the bookstore move is coming in on schedule, Kirby said that the actual start of construction has been delayed. "We slipped slightly. We're not finishing the bid process until the 19th, and that's something we originally planned to do next week," Kirby said. "Still, that doesn't put us terribly off schedule."

When construction does begin in late January or early February, the Pub and the Pavilion rooms will be closed off. Not everything previously found in The Pub will be part of the move, however.

"Word got out," Kirby said. "I think people took it upon themselves to hit the UCen hard. At the end of the quarter, there were a lot of thefts." Various Pub memorabilia was lifted, Kirby said, ranging from chairs to some of the flags

As for the centerpiece tree that has been around since The Pub opened in 1981, Kirby said Pub-goers may have seen it for the last time.

that decorated the railings.

He added that while he hopes to still have some kind of auction for some remaining Pub items, if the UCen gets a tough bid this month, they may have to hold on to every stick of furniture they can.

### **STORM**

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Flood Control District,
employees said they were
ready for the rain. "The
rainfall amounts have
been downgraded enough
that we're not really worried," said Assistant Director Rolf Ohlemutz.

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"All our staff are rested and our equipment is in working order," he said.

Because Lake Cachuma

Because Lake Cachuma still needs about an additional foot of rainfall before it fills, water and flood officials do not expect any spillage. Until the ground in the Santa Ynez Mountains is saturated, which won't happen until several more inches of rain fall, runoff will most likely be minimal.

The only flooding Ohlemutz saw as possible was on streets in the area. He also noted that the new underpasses beneath U.S. 101 in downtown Santa Barbara haven't yet been tested under a real deluge, and might fill with heavy rains.

As far as topping off the area's water supply goes, that will also have to wait until the ground is saturated. Matt Naftaly, a hydrologist with the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, said another four

to five inches of rain will have to soak into the ground of the watershed before runoff begins in earnest.

"We are beginning to see some runoff into the reservoirs, but I don't expect [this storm] to change the overall picture very much," Naftaly said.

The main beneficiaries of recent storms will be Southern California residents, who rely on water pumped by the State Water Project from the Sierra Nevadas. Storms last week dumped nine feet of snow on the Sierras, but coming weather patterns are not expected to result in major snowfall, although they should deposit another layer of fresh powder.

Both Ohlemutz and Naftaly were agreed on one thing: They're definitely not sure of exactly how much rain will fall on Santa Barbara sidewalks by the time the two systems make their exit.

"A lot of different sour-

"A lot of different sources have a lot of different ways of saying whether it's going to be dry or wet, and I really haven't seen one that's consistently correct," Naftaly said.

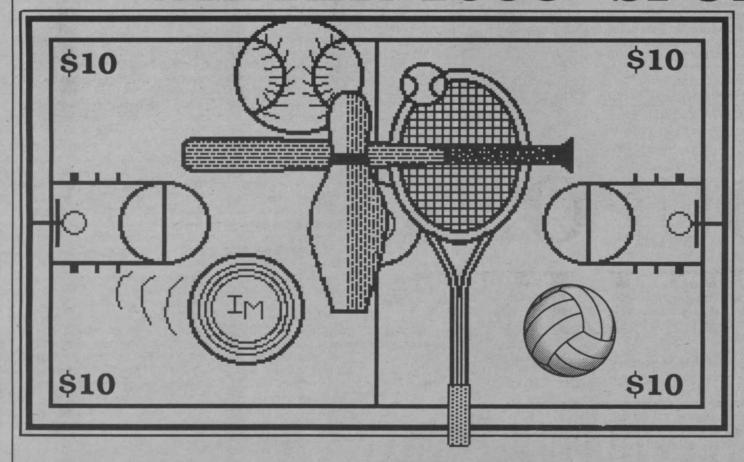
"The entire spectrum has been forecasted," Ohelmutz said. "This is the kind of storm that is basically hard to forecast."

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# I.V. Can Donations Top Recent Levels

By Kimberly Epler Staff Writer

Isla Vistans generously supported local relief agencies' efforts to brighten this year's holiday season for the needy of Santa Barbara County, bringing food donations to their highest levels in two

The Community Affairs Board Hunger Homeless Project and Let Isla Vista Eat banded together throughout last month for door-to-door and storefront food collections.

"We did well this year due to more volunteers. When we can get to students, they give what they can. It just depends on how many doors we can knock on," said Hunger Homeless Project Coordinator Sasha Morgan.

Isla Vista residents do-nated 4,300 pounds of food to relief efforts this year, up from 3,000 pounds in each of the last two years, but down from the Hunger Homeless Pro-ject's first-year yield of 5,000 pounds in 1989.

"Our goal was to keep 50% of the donations [distributed] in the Isla Vista area. Fifty percent went to the Santa Barbara Food Bank, 30% to Let Isla Vista Eat and the remaining 20% went to two local churches," Morgan said.

LIVE, however, is suffering the consequences of a community hit hard by

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year. Fifth District Super-

visor Mike Stoker was unanimously voted in as chairman after being nom-

inated by 2nd District Supervisor Tom Rogers, a

longtime political foe.
Stoker, Chamberlin and
Staffel, all hailing from the

less-populous northern

areas of the county, now

command a majority on

the five-member board.

Stoker attempted to

downplay the ideological

and geographical rift in the

The board acted quickly to heal the wounds of a long and bitter campaign

Sasha Morgan shows off photos of this winter's successful can drive for the needy.

the recession. Its shelves have been emptied throughout the year by the growing demands of local residents, some of them UCSB students.

"People need to understand there is a difference between being hungry and being homeless. Isla Vistans that receive food are not always homeless. Some people have houses, they just don't earn enough to buy food or their families are too large," said LIVE intern

and UCSB student Patty

According to Louise Polis, SB Food Bank public relations coordinator, the north county is one of the poorest areas in California, and long lines for food assistance in Lompoc and Santa Maria are commonplace.

"The need for assistance in Santa Barbara County is definitely growing. We were told that the recession was over last March but we really aren't seeing

it," Polis said.

Forty thousand people in Santa Barbara County depend on the 92 agencies that use Food Bank donations, Polis said, adding that 50,000 people, or 15% of the county's total population, live at or below the poverty line. Last year, the Food Bank collected 3.7 million pounds of food during the holiday season, but this year's figures have not yet been tallied, she said.

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### The year of the campaign is over. The year of cooperative government is here.

Naomi Schwartz 1st District supervisor

board, however, by stress-ing unity and shared goals. "We all need to work together and work as a team," he said.

Schwartz agreed that the conflicts of the past year should remain in the past. "The year of the campaign is over. The year of cooperative government is here," she said.

In an apparent effort to offset concerns that the pro-business majority on the board will ignore opposing viewpoints, Stoker promised that he would be fair to all board members. "Each one of my colleagues ... will be treated with equal respect and courtesy because they deserve it," he said.

Chamberlin named Jim Youngston as his administrative assistant and appointed David Thompson to represent him on the Planning Commission. Thompson and the two other newly selected planning commissioners were officially appointed by the board and will take their positions at today's

meeting.
While unable to come up with specifics when asked what he would do for Isla Vista, Chamberlin said he "definitely will have a presence in I.V." He noted that Youngston is a UCSB graduate and is "familiar with a lot of things at UCSB and Isla Vista.'

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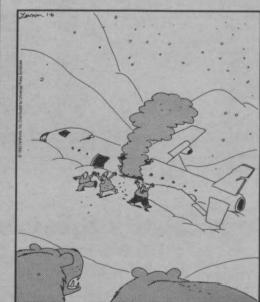
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Cont. from back page greatest strength — her vision — to feed her teammates the ball. The record is mostly a symbol of her effectiveness.

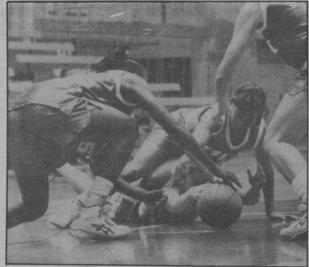
"She has a good mindset for a point guard," UCSB Head Coach Mark French said. "She knows when to dish and when to shoot."

'To beat the record held by Barbara, one of my good friends, has more meaning than anything," Close said.

Just don't tell that to the former assist queen.

"I told Cori not to pass the ball tonight, but she didn't listen," joked Beainy, who is visiting Santa Barbara and just happened to come to the game in which she was erased from the record book.

Close, still upset Tuesday night at her own performance, is preoccupied



GROUND GAME: Gaucho guard Anna McConnell (on floor) fights for a loose ball Tuesday night.

with cutting down her mistakes. She said the record meant "nothing" to her at this point, although that will surely change when she reflects back on the accomplishment. Some career records are inevitable with plenty of playing

time, but the assist mark is the result of constant practice and working perfectly within the coach's system.

Someday in the nottoo-distant-future, Close will understand this and be the recipient of welldeserved accolades. It will

be one instant in which it feels better to receive than to give.



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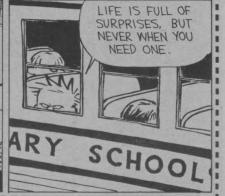


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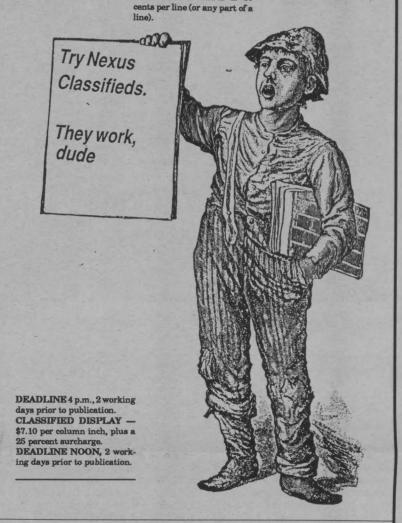
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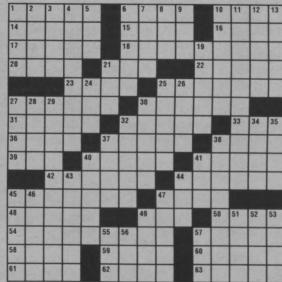
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# SPORTS



BLAME IT ON DIO: UCSB guard Dio Aguinaldo soars for two of her 12 points against UC Irvine.

### Cori Close Dishes Off One for the Books

By Brian Banks Staff Writer

It may have been one of Cori Close's worst games as the Gaucho point guard, but it will be one of her most memorable once her UCSB career is over.

Eight turnovers and four personal fouls would be nothing to smile about on any other night, but Tuesday Close added eight

Close is now tops on a list which includes some of the greatest players ever to wear a UCSB uniform - Erika Kienast, Kristen Nicholson and Barbara Beainy, whose career total of 404 Close surpassed with a quick dish to Christa Gannon in the first half.

After the game, Close was pre-

assists, the first of which broke the program record for assists in a career.

dictably modest about her achievement, displaying the kind of selflessness which has to date produced 412 career assists.

"I would never have the record without great teammates," she said. "I'm a role player, the floor leader. I just want to be a mistake-free point guard."

As she continues to work on ball handling, Close uses her

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# **UCSB** Avoids Hazards to Defeat UCI, 76-51

Teams Total 62 Turnovers and 51 Fouls

By Jason Masini Staff Writer

It was ugly. Real ugly.

There were tons of loose balls, lots of turnovers, way too many fouls and bodies strewn out on the floor, and yet despite these ha-

zards, the UCSB women's basketball team came away with a win.

The Gauchos (3-6 overall, 2-0 in the Big West) outlasted UC Irvine 76-51 Tuesday night in the Events Center despite their most lackluster performance of the year.

The two teams combined for a total of 51 personal fouls and 62 turnovers and the only possible bright spot came in the first half when senior point guard Cori Close dished off to junior forward Christa Gannon for her 405th career assist, passing Barbara Beainy for first place on the Gauchos all-time list. Close finished with 10 points and

The game was close early on with the lead exchanging hands three times. With 3:13 left in the first half UCI closed to within three points of the Gaucho lead, 21-18, but Santa Barbara went on a tear in the last few minutes, outscoring the Anteaters 11-2 to take a 32-20 half-

"We were very disappointed about our first half because we felt we came out not ready to play," UCSB Head Coach Mark French said. "I felt that our emotion and our intensity wasn't there and we looked slow and lethargic. We're very lucky this wasn't UNLV or Hawaii or we could have been down 20 in this game against a quality

One of the Anteaters' major problems could have been the fact that they play with eight freshmen, and for much of the last part of the

game, they played an all-freshmen lineup.
"It was a very ugly game," UC Irvine's Head Coach Colleen Matsuhara said. "One thing that hurt us was that sophomore Cher Scanlon recently sprained her ankle in practice and she was one of our better shooters and rebounders."

In the second half, the game took on more of a wrestling atmosphere as it seemed neither team could go down the floor without committing a foul. Through it all, Gannon seemed the only player who could assert herself down in the low post and finished with a game-high 14 points and eight rebounds. Senior center Becky Brown led the Gauchos with 10 rebounds.

"Irvine has some great post players, they're a real physical team, and for some reason the refs just let it go tonight," Gannon said. "Our point guards, especially Dio [Aguinaldo], did a real good job of getting us the ball inside, and I was impressed that everyone could step

In the second half, UCSB outscored Irvine 44-31 with 24 of those 44 points coming from the free throw line. Santa Barbara shot 79% from the line for the game as compared to Irvine's 45%.

# Rivalry With a Brief, Rich History

NMSU and UCSB Have Played Their Share of Classics

By Scott McPherson Staff Writer

While perennial conference vada, Las Vegas is the team that inspires an annual spectacle of hype and enthusiasm among Gaucho basketball fans, a new rivalry has developed over the past few years that may come to rival the historic UCSB-UNLV 'Duels in the 'Dome'.

Formerly a division known only for featuring the UNLV Runnin' Rebels, the Big West has gained respect in the NCAA as an improving conference. Helping lead the way to that respectability has been New Mexico State and UCSB, both of whom have sent teams to the NCAA or NIT Tournament in four of the past five years. And while the Aggies have held a 7-3 advantage over the Gauchos in face-to-face meetings during that time, the matchups between the two have often been classic games.

When New Mexico State comes to the Thunderdome this Thursday, the Aggies will be looking to avenge a 64-59 loss at Santa Barbara a year ago that ended a three-year NMSU winning streak over UCSB.

The game helped propel the Gauchos to a 13-5 conference mark and second place in the Big West, while the Aggies had to settle for a 12-6 third-place

"It's the first time we've beaten them in three years, so it's a fitting way to end the seniors' season at home," Gaucho Head Coach Jerry Pimm said after the Feb. 24 game, the final home appearance of the season for UCSB. "We didn't have our focus in the beginning, but we put it together, especially in the second half, and I'm proud of this team. A big win for us, no question."

The last time the Gauchos had beaten the Aggies was in 1988, when both teams were on their way to becoming top NCAA programs. UCSB held on for a 66-63 win after the Aggies erased a 10-point Gaucho lead. After a long road swing, the home win upped UCSB's record to 14-3 on its way to the

NCAA Tournament.
"We've been feeling good playing on the road," explained Gaucho guard Brian Shaw, now of the NBA's Miami Heat, after the win. "Coming back, we were a lot more businesslike and we knew we just had something to prove to ourselves at

New Mexico State became the first team to beat the Gauchos at home during the 1988-89 season, escaping the

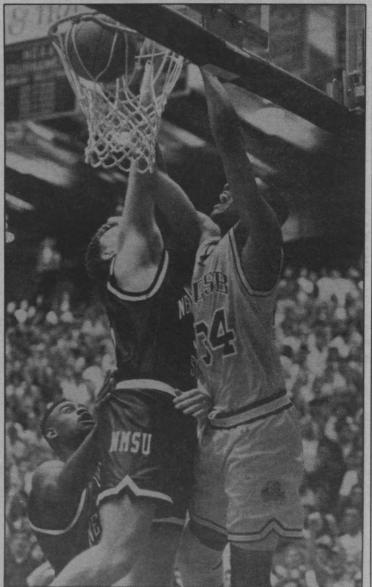
Thunderdome with a 82-81 win. Both teams eventually reached the NIT.

The teams met again at Las Cruces on Feb. 10, 1990, with postseason hopes on the line for both squads. The Gauchos jumped out to a 39-25 lead at the half, and it looked as though UCSB would pull the upset and secure itself a spot in the NCAA Tournament. But 28 UCSB turnovers and a NMSU three-pointer in the closing minute gave New Mexico State a 66-64 win.

"You can't turn the ball over 28 times against anybody on their home court and expect to win," Pimm said after the game. "They were feeding like piranha off of our mistakes." Despite the loss, however, UCSB joined New Mexico State and UNLV in the NCAA Tournament.

The next season featured another close Aggie win over the Gauchos, as #12-ranked NMSU came to Santa Barbara and took a 67-64 decision. The visitors were leading by only a point with 41 seconds remaining, but the Gauchos could come no closer.

"It was a tremendous effort from our fellas, they played their hearts out," Pimm said at the time. "They had great character to come back in the second half against a good top-20 team. I thought we were right there to win."



Last season, Lucius Davis (right) and the Gauchos defeated the New Mexico State Aggies in the Thunderdome, 64-59 in one of the many classic games between the teams.