



New Exhibit

The opening reception for an art exhibit by Santa Barraza, a self-identified mestiza painter, will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 tonight in the MultiCultural Center Lounge.

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Manipulation of nicotine levels to twice that of normal tobacco plants has led the Justice Dept. to file a criminal charge against an Oakland-based biotechnology firm. But that's not all.

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Do your part for the ecosystem at the Rainforest Club meeting at 5 tonight in the CAB Room in the UCen.

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Congress Hopefuls Present Platforms in Forum

BY CLAIRE SMITH
Staff Writer

Five congressional candidates or their representatives offered their perspectives on a spectrum of issues Wednesday night at a forum co-sponsored by Associated Students and the Graduate Student Association.

Laura Capps, representing Democratic candidate Lois Capps; Libertarian candidate Todd Rosenberger; Assemblyman Brooks Firestone (R-Los Olivos); Charles Kirkby, representing Assemblyman Tom Bordonaro (R-Paso Robles); and Republican candidate Robert Lovgren delivered 10-minute speeches and fielded questions in the packed-to-capacity GSA lounge.

Laura Capps, who was randomly chosen to begin the forum, broke the ice with her opening statement.

"The pressure's on me a bit — it's a little tough to represent your own mother," she said.

Capps' very personal speech explained her mother's choice to run for the office and outlined why she felt that she was suitable for the

community. She's known back up there [in Washington] for her persistence — she knows how to get the job done."

Rosenberger, calling himself "the common-sense candidate," followed Capps with a speech which attacked the policy-leaders' attitude toward the national debt.

"You guys each owe \$150,000," he said. "Currently they're talking about a surplus in Washington, D.C., but we owe \$5.7 million — money that we owe to other people."

Firestone focused on education and his past achievements in that arena.

"When I went up to Sacramento, I became chair of the Education Committee, a very valuable experience for me," he said.

"One of the obvious problems I found was student debt, and because of fees it was growing. I'm happy to say that in the three years I've been in the Legislature fees

have not been raised."

Kirkby outlined Bordonaro's stance on several major issues.

"He is a conservative — he's not ashamed to admit that," Kirkby said. "One thing Tom is really supportive of is small business. It's something that's very important to a community. One of his biggest priorities is fixing the IRS, and he would not support any tax increase in Congress, plain and simple. And he doesn't want us to get so carried away with environmental rules and regulations that we cannot enjoy our own property and run our own businesses."

Lovgren believes in listening to the people's views in policy-making decisions.

"You get a consensus of opinion from the public, and stay away from chambers of commerce, associations and agencies," he said. "I would imagine there's intelligence

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22nd District seat.

"The choice was simple for my mom to want to continue my dad's work," she said. "Her candidacy is about my father's work, but it's also about her work here in the com-

Environment Sciences School Given Contribution

BY ALISON EDWARDS
Reporter

A generous donation to the University of California is expected to drastically improve the School of Environmental Sciences and Management on campus.

The Bren Foundation, a philanthropic organization operated by Donald Bren, gave \$15 million to the University system to intensify research into environmental problems. According to Jack Peltason, a former president of the UC system and the current president of the Bren Foundation, the money was awarded to the university because of its already advanced program.

"[UCSB] had a strong program in Environmental Science and Management, and Mr. Bren saw an exciting opportunity to build and strengthen that program," Mr. Peltason said.

The donated money will affect other UC campuses as well as UCSB, creating an interdisciplinary program that will combine many departments across the UC system, benefiting UC graduate students, according to Chancellor Yang.

"It will create a significant multi-campus, interdisciplinary program focusing greater resources on the prevention and solution of environmental problems," Yang stated in a faxed response to the *Daily Nexus*. "It will have the ability to be connected with and benefit from the disciplines of law, business management and public policy at other UC campuses."

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DAVID GREGORY / DAILY NEXUS

A car that crashed in Storke Field at 9:45 p.m. last night required the assistance of fire, police and ambulance personnel.

Car Crash in Storke Field; Driver in Critical Condition

BY KERRI WEBB
Staff Writer

for an additional two hours while conducting further inspection.

An injury accident caused the blockage of Embarcadero del Norte and El Colegio roads and left the driver in critical condition as of 1 a.m. today.

The lone victim, a male whose identification has not been released, suffered substantial physical trauma as his late-model black Mitsubishi Eclipse jumped the curb and crashed into a small tree in Storke Field. The car did not come into contact with any other vehicles and no one else was reported hurt.

According to undeclared freshman Will Schaasma, the driver appeared to have been speeding before he entered the intersection and hit the barrier.

"I see this car just zooming down the street — it was going at least like 45, 50 mph down Embarcadero del Norte," he said. "It went over the curb and into the trees down there and I heard a loud bang. The tires all went flat and the air bag came out."

The area was blocked to traffic coming into Isla Vista at the West Gate campus exit and Embarcadero del Norte as police continued the investigation. Traffic resumed close to an hour after the accident.

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. continued treating the area of the collision as a crime scene

Due to the nature of this accident, law enforcement authorities initially considered the likelihood of suicide, according to Deputy Phil Essau.

"Right now we are treating this as a criminal activity," he said. "But we are considering the fact that this could have been an attempt at suicide. We're not completely ruling that out."

Contrary to suspicions of gun use, police investigating the car did not find any firearms in the vehicle. They have concluded, however, that the tire blowout may have been the sound that some witnesses mistook for gunshots.

Biology and psychology major Romik Zadorian said that he saw the victim bleeding profusely as the emergency medical teams rescued him.

"He was severely bleeding from the back of his head," he said. "There was probably damage to the spinal cord."

As of press time, the victim was in critical condition in the intensive care unit at Goleta Valley Hospital, according to supervising nurse William Bates. No further information on the victim was released.

Top of the News

Biotech Co. Found Concentrating Tobacco



WASHINGTON (AP) — A biotechnology company agreed Wednesday to plead guilty to conspiring to grow high-nicotine tobacco secretly in foreign countries so Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. could “control and manipulate the nicotine levels in its cigarettes.”

In the first charges arising from the Justice Dept.’s 3-year-old tobacco investigation, a criminal indictment was filed in Washington against DNA Plant Technology Corp. of Oakland.

The government cited the company as an unindicted co-conspirator but refused to name it. Individuals familiar with the investigation said it was Brown & Williamson, the third largest U.S. cigarette company.

Last year, 18 Brazilian farmers admitted to The Associated Press they are

growing high-nicotine leaf by the ton, many for more than five years. The AP reported the high-nicotine tobacco was the offspring of a genetically altered plant

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created in U.S. laboratories for Brown & Williamson.

The government said the goal of the plot between B&W and the biotech firm known as DNAP was to develop a reliable source of high-nicotine tobacco so B&W could “control and manipulate the nicotine levels in its cigarettes.”

In the court documents filed Wednesday, the Justice Dept. charged that DNAP and B&W secretly devised a scheme to improve high-nicotine tobacco in Brazil

and other countries because federal regulations ban commercial growing of high-nicotine tobacco in the United States.

The government charged the tobacco company contracted with DNAP in 1983 and gave it a strain of flue-cured tobacco, code-named

Y-1, that was about 6 percent nicotine — twice the level of most tobacco.

DNAP was charged with a misdemeanor count of conspiracy to violate the Tobacco Seed Export law, which until its repeal in 1991 prohibited export of tobacco seed without a permit.

Numerous times between 1984 and 1991, the Justice Dept. said, employees of the two companies illegally exported Y-1 and other tobacco seeds, seeking good

locations for growing Y-1 tobacco.

The government also charged that during the FDA’s tobacco investigation in 1994, DNAP concealed information about its contract with the tobacco company and the export of tobacco seeds.

In 1994, FDA Commissioner David Kessler told a House subcommittee that federal investigators found Y-1 growing in Brazil and used in some Brown & Williamson brands sold in the U.S. The findings followed B&W’s assertion to the agency that breeding high-nicotine tobacco was not feasible.

Brazilian farmers told the AP last year they still sell high-nicotine tobacco to Souza Cruz — a Brazilian company owned by the same British conglomerate that controls B&W.

Iranian Leader Discusses Relations With West



TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — In a rare interview aimed at easing two decades of hostility between Iran and the United States, President Mohammad Khatami praised Americans and advocated warmer relations between people from the two nations.

In the interview with CNN, broadcast Wednesday evening, he also blamed the U.S. government for the deep rift between Washington and Tehran that developed after the 1979 Islamic revolution.

The interview is the latest step by Khatami, a moderate cleric, toward rapprochement with the West — a position opposed by powerful hard-liners in Iran.

Aides who sat in on the CNN interview late Tuesday did not provide exact quotes, but said the president complimented Americans and was clearly trying to inject some warmth into what have been tense and bitter relations between the nations.

Since winning the presidency, Khatami has made several overtures to the West, particularly the U.S. government, all the while taking care not to offend powerful Iranian clerics who despise the West.

At an Islamic summit in Tehran in December, he said the Muslim world needed to learn from Western civilization, saying its scientific and technological advances could be of

help to the Islamic nation.

The Clinton administration has appeared receptive to Iran’s new posture, though with some provisos.

State Dept. spokesman James P. Rubin said the United States was willing to open such a dialogue. However, he said Washington would take that opportunity to raise concerns about Iran’s development of weapons of mass destruction, its support of terrorism and its opposition to the Middle East peace process.

Khatami’s interview has been billed by his allies as an address to Americans, but the marketing of the interview speaks to the tricky politics involved: By directing his remarks to the American people rather than their government, Khatami gets around Islamic hard-liners’ antipathy for Washington.

The conservatives have demanded that any call for dialogue with Americans be balanced with criticism of their leaders, and Khatami appears to have complied.

The ultraconservative speaker of the Parliament, Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri, told reporters Wednesday: “To send a message to the American people is all right. ... We must speak to the American people and let them know our complaints against the country’s leader.”

Mexican Official Quits After Implication in Slaughter



MEXICO CITY (AP) — The governor of a southern Mexican state submitted his resignation Wednesday after accusations that he was involved in the massacre of 45 Indian peasants by supporters of his government.

Julio Cesar Ruiz Ferro submitted his resignation at noon, and the Chiapas state legislature was meeting to consider it, according to Hugo del Villar, a spokesman for the legislature.

The resignation was prompted by the Dec. 22 massacre of 45 unarmed Indians — most of them women and children — by gunmen allegedly linked to the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, of which Ruiz Ferro is a member.

The killings took place in Acteal. Villagers were praying in their wooden church when the gunmen burst into the hamlet, hunted down the fleeing victims and shot them — almost all in the back.

Officials of the diocese in San Cristobal de las Casas called Ruiz Ferro’s office as the massacre began to report gunfire in the area. Ruiz Ferro’s government secretary said he called

local police, who told him the village was quiet.

Furthermore, opposition Congresswoman Patria Jimenez, who was in the area during the massacre, said she called Ruiz Ferro’s office three times the day before the massacre to warn him about rumors of an impending attack.

She said his secretary took all the calls and said he would get back to her within minutes. He never did.

“There will be other events like it as long as the government doesn’t listen to the clamor and the blood of the people,” the Rev. Daniel Romo, of the San Cristobal diocese, said last week.

The state government also was accused of hurriedly collecting the bodies and rushing them to the state capital in what critics said was an attempt to cover up the scope of the massacre.

Ruiz Ferro had blamed the massacre on a combination of “Chiapas’ history of conflicts between ethnic and community groups, land disputes, political and religious differences.” But critics accuse his government of funding paramilitary groups like the one that committed the attack. It is still unclear where the gunmen from Acteal — all poor Indian peasants — got the money to buy their weapons, which included AK-47s.

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Weather

It’s one thing to say someone is old or that you wish they were out of your life, but to be put on the list of “Who’s Gonna Die This Year?” just seems straight up in poor taste. Believe you me, I am truly a proponent of free speech and sometimes even like to listen to such diarrhea-mouths as Howard Stern, but come on, a list? With points depending on how accurate or how close you predict their expiration date?

Not only that, but the obnoxious DJs were saying how bummed they were that they didn’t get Michael Kennedy, Sonny Bono or Chris Farley on their list soon enough. Talk about kicking a guy when he’s down. Damn.

School Supplies Will Be Collected for Bosnians

BY ZACK MUSA
Staff Writer

Campus Army cadets have been conscripted to fight the war against poverty in the ashes of postwar Eastern Europe.

On a mission to spread knowledge and friendship to the beleaguered children of Bosnia, university ROTC cadets and officers will be collecting and shipping school supplies for the next month, according to Captain Joseph Morrow.

"Basically what we're doing is for the whole month of January we're going to be asking for donations in the form of school supplies for these kids in Bosnia," said Morrow, a professor of military science.

The crusade sprang from the compassion of an American soldier currently in Bosnia, who wrote several e-mail messages to friends back home imploring them to send supplies for the impoverished civilian population, said military science Professor Lt. Col. Stephen Melton. The letter eventually snowballed into a virtual chain letter which has amassed support from across the nation.

"It all started on Nov. 24, when I got an e-mail from an old friend of mine whose name is Lt. Col. Mark Littel — he's a commander of a U.S. Army cavalry squad stationed in Bosnia," he said. "So he asked if each of us getting this e-mail could put together a package of school supplies and mail it to Bosnia so he could give it to the Bosnian schoolteachers in his area."

A collection table will be set up in front of the UCen today, so students can liberate themselves of excess notebooks and pencils, according to Melton.

"We're taking whatever ... supplies people can donate, and then if they wanted to donate money we're also accepting cash donations," Melton said. "That would probably pay the costs for shipping."

Despite the proximity of Vandenberg Air Force Base, the military is unable to keep up with all the relief shipments. Moreover, since UPS and Federal Express do not deliver to Bosnia, Melton and his philanthropic counterparts must rely on the United States Postal Service for their deliveries, he said.

U.S. troops have been stationed in the former Yugoslavia since December

1995 to prevent hostilities from flaring up. Marrow, who was one of the first Americans stationed there, still remembers the conflict-ridden country.

"The place is just war-torn," he said. "It's hard to get a feeling for it around here seeing all the nice houses. But just think of a wrecking ball going through a major built-up area like downtown Santa Barbara."

Throughout January, the ROTC will operate a collection table every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. between Girvets Hall and Davidson Library. An additional collection box will be placed in the UCen all day. Donations can also be sent to the Dept. of Military Science, Building 451, UCSB, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

Cadets will rappel off Storke Tower today from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in an effort to simultaneously draw attention to their endeavor and polish their military skills.

"It's a great way to make friends, [and] it's a great way to show the better angles of our nature," Melton said. "And I'm sure the children who receive these school supplies and their parents will never forget the generosity of the American people."

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YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE
BY LINDA C. BLACK

Check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — A lunch date could lead to romance. If you're not in a relationship, get close to someone you'd like to start one with. It's a good afternoon to begin a group project. Try a bigger challenge than ever before. You need something like that to keep you interested.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Make your major decisions as early as possible. Don't procrastinate. Later in the day, your focus shifts to financial matters. It may seem like there's not enough money to do what you want. Remember that old line about necessity being the mother of invention? Necessity is pushing you to try new things. One of them is bound to work.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — If your work's done, you might be able to travel this weekend. How about skiing at Tahoe, or perhaps the Swiss Alps? This won't happen if you've been goofing off. Put in the correction, and next time this condition comes around, it's off to the Alps for you. Meanwhile, back to work.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — A friend can help you solve a difficult problem this morning. Talk it over with one who's more predictable than you are. This person has had the same lifestyle for longer than you can remember. Your problem is that things in your life are changing. If you need a little stability, go to one who has a lot of it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Complete a project this morning. You'll make a good impression on an older person and increase the money coming in. This afternoon, you'll have more chance to socialize. That's also your best opportunity for romance. In fact, it may find you. It looks like your partner is in an aggressive mood. This could be interesting.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Ask for what you want early this morning. Later, everything gets confusing. Your boss or teacher or parent will order you to do one thing, then expect you to have something else done at the same time. Don't you get frazzled too. Instead, help this person get organized. That will make both of your lives a lot easier.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 6 — The morning starts out slow, but the day gets better. By afternoon, you should be doing pretty well. You'll be able to find just the right words, especially with loved ones and children. You'll also be firm and decisive, so watch what you say. You'll have to keep any agreements you make this evening.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — You could get a good opportunity this afternoon. If you have your budget figured out, you'll know how much you can afford to spend. Money is not necessarily tight, but it never hurts to spend it wisely. The time you spend planning earlier in this day will show up as money saved later.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Things will fall together this morning, and money might even fall into your pocket. It's not from winning the lottery. It's from work you've done recently. Celebrate at lunch with your favorite person. Choose a date who can teach you something. It looks like love and learning are linked right now. This could turn out to be something a bit more personal. It's up to you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Your life should start moving faster around the middle of the day. It might seem like you have too much to do, but that's never stopped you before. You're probably finding it exciting. Don't forget to get the clients to sign on the dotted line. If you forget something today, the mistake could be an expensive one.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — A problem you've been struggling with starts to ease around the middle of the day. The solution either becomes obvious, or you simply stop caring. Your interest shifts to romance tonight, and it's about time. You've done without it for long enough. Set up a dinner date. You and your sweetheart have a lot to talk about.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Spend the morning studying, so you can handle a difficult situation this afternoon. It's not as hard as it is confusing. You want to ask everyone else's opinion, but you need to make sure your own interests are protected. You tend to do what everybody else wants. That's admirable, but not really necessary.

Today's Birthday (Jan. 8). Your assignment is tough this year. Master paperwork. If you can do it, the money will come pouring in. Finalize your scheme in January. Put it into action in February. You'll notice returns coming quickly, although you may be too busy to spend them yet. In April, change your living arrangements. In May, take time for love. You'll finally understand in June, although you may not get much else done. By September, you're ready to push forward again. Try something outside your normal routine and unlock a hidden talent. December is full of surprises, not the least of which is news about the past. It's best that you know the whole story.

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ALAN TRAEGER

"It's alive ... it's alive!" — Dr. Frankenstein
When "man" rose out of obscurity, and began to use tools, the very nature of the species changed. With each new tool "discovered," the whole of humanity moved down the timeline of history until we reached the position we currently find ourselves in.

Contemporary American society is the crowning achievement of Western thought, and Americans find themselves at the forefront of the world economically, socially, culturally, and technologically. Our brand of capitalism has guaranteed the population objects that will make their lives easier and more enjoyable, and just as the first tool-using primates took a step from which they could never return, the contemporary American finds himself in a similar position. This unlikely position is the missing link of generations ago — between evolutionary stages. *Homo sapiens* is morphing into "*Homo sapiens-electrus*."

The intricate design (biology) of the personal computer follows the basic rules of Western logic: maximum effectiveness and efficiency at minimum cost and space. Systems are designed to perform the maximum number of operations in the minimum amount of time, and are constructed so each component can "talk" to each other so as to not perform excess, inefficient operations. It is a system that regulates its basic operations while managing its "place" in the larger systems surrounding it.

The most interesting aspect of the computer, however, is that it might just be the holy grail of American culture. As the grail promises eternal life, the computer is life. Let me explain ...

As I stated, computers are organized systems that fit into environments of intricate, intimate, overlapping and intertwining systems that make up the "natural" world around them. The computer itself is a network of high-technology circuitry constructed from an organic base. Electrons power the system, flowing from the wall outlet into the CPU, where they are distributed to necessary areas within the system. Each object that makes up an individual system (i.e. monitor, CD-ROM, modem, keyboard, printer, mouse, etc.) is a unique entity unto itself. But, along with its uniqueness, it is also a part of a larger system, which, in turn, is part of a larger system, and so on and so forth.

Each object — CPU, memory card, modem, etc. — is linked together electronically to form a per-

sonal computer which is then networked to other systems in a variety of ways: 1. to the system's power source; 2. to its surrounding physical environment; 3. to the virtual world.

In order to function, a computer system must have a power source. Humans need ATP, compu-

The modem makes it possible for an individual to link, in real time, to any other system harboring a modem, thus creating a connection so vast it spans throughout space in addition to our entire physical world.

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ters require electrons. To get these, computers are generally attached to the wall, which connects the system with the power company who, in turn, places the system on a point on the power grid that effectively links all non-battery-powered electron-driven systems within a certain area. The more complex approach is achieved through satellite systems.

On a physical level, the computer itself is usually found on a desk at eye level of the user, and with other various manmade constructs within the immediate vicinity. In other words, the computer sits within a physical world and takes up three-dimensional space somewhere in a local environment.

If the computer is fortunate enough to have a modem, the computer then becomes a tool so powerful it can change the most fundamental paradigms regarding space, time, reality and *Homo sapiens*.

that exists within layers of networks and systems (physical and virtual) that compose the contemporary American landscape and have become essential for day-to-day life and the flow of reality — the computer.

On a biological level, computers are used to create better living situations for people. Nobel Prize-winning physicist Stephen Hawking's basic functions, speech and movement are made entirely possible because of computing technologies. Video, linked with computers, aids surgeons through delicate operations to repair or replace faulty biological systems. In the real world, computers assist work in every aspect of daily life. From scanned price tags in a supermarket to a satellite-linked Web site, computers are the method we use to make life move fluidly and efficiently.

"Life" is a noun defined by *The Merriam-Webster Dictionary* as "the quality that distinguishes a vital

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The Reader's Voice

LIBERTARIANISM:

NEW IDEA IN POLITICS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

We have a special election coming up to fill the seat in Congress left by Walter Capps. There are not two but three parties to choose from in this election. Before you decide who to vote for, you should know the basic philosophy of each party. In terms of the size of government there is a profound difference in the three parties.

Recent political pressure has forced politicians to think about reducing the size of government. To a Democrat, this means slowing the annual growth of government from about 14 percent to about 10 percent or 12 percent. To a Republican, reducing the size of government means slowing this growth rate to about 6 percent or 7 percent. To a Libertarian, reducing the size of government means what it says. It means that the government should be smaller next year than it is now. It should have a smaller budget and fewer employees.

What is your philosophy on this subject? Do you want government to continue growing, become more intrusive in your personal life, and tax you even more than it does now? If so, vote for the Democrat and watch our country race down the slippery slope to communism and eventual total loss of freedom and financial ruin. If you want government to stay about the same, and grow slowly toward the eventual destruction of the greatest nation that ever

was, vote for one of the Republicans. However, if you really want to put government on a diet, and regain some of the freedoms that we have lost in recent decades, you can vote for the party of the 21st century, the Libertarian Party.

The Libertarian Party has been around for about 25 years. The philosophy of the Libertarians is much closer to that of the Founding Fathers than the other two parties — Libertarians believe in the Constitution. The purpose of the Constitution is to limit the powers of government, but the other two parties are constantly trying to get around the Constitution. The Libertarian Party believes the Constitution should be the law of the land for government. The power, and the responsibility that goes with it, should belong to the people, not the elite politicians and the wealth, both foreign and domestic, that buys them.

Vote for freedom — vote Libertarian!
JOE FURCINITE

BUY A DICTIONARY, MR. HEMING

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I think that it was great to read the editorial piece "uesday by Mr. Edward Heming (Daily Nexus, "Sexual Orientation Is Not a Non-Issue," Jan. 6). It was refresh-

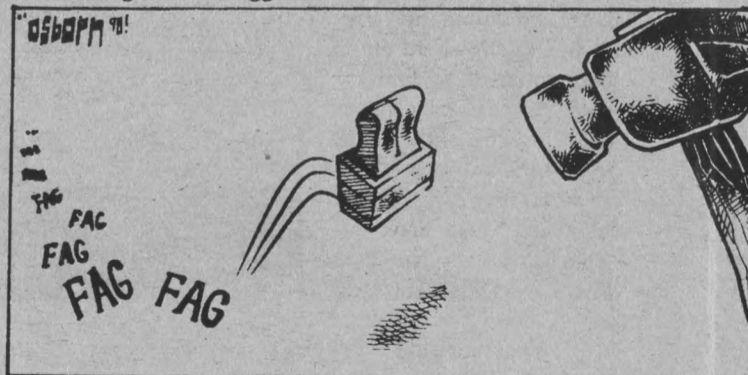
ing to find such a comedic piece of writing among the usually serious columns in the opinion section. The only thing funnier than a bigot's opinions is an ignorant bigot's opinions.

Yeah, sure Mr. Heming is entitled to have his own opinion and free speech, blah blah blah ... but the guy needs to take a course in Reality 101. Some specifics:

1) The word FAG does have some similar roots to the British FAG; they are both abbreviations of the word faggot. The Middle English word faggot (or Olde En-

country, no less. The crime in some states, is called "sodomizing animals, as Mr. Heming does (too well), and yes, people are imprisoned for it. In this century United States we so love an-

3) When a sign is up that reads "Gay and Proud," which Mr. Heming's? I really do not know one sign on a kiosk loaded with other signs is shoving any id-



glish, if Mr. Heming doesn't understand the former term) meant a bundle of sticks used in burning things. The connection to cigarettes is obvious, but the connection to our American FAG has one of two possible roots - the verb "to fag" (to exhaust, to toil), or "faggot," because homosexuals were burned at the stake. I would not be surprised if the "to exhaust or toil" part of the word was also a descendant of the "bundle of sticks" definition.

2) Homosexuality IS illegal. In this

Along these same lines, I feel it is important to state that in some sense the arbitrary one's sexual behavior is not cause for a political platform strongly than that, I know that press oneself and the rights that are fundamentally

and functional being from a dead body or inanimate matter." While this definition doesn't take the philosophical considerations of life into account, logically it could be applied to the computer, and the computer could thus be said to have life. (Not to mention that computer systems are designed with a similar internal hierarchy to that of animal biology.)

Contemporary "*Homo sapiens Americanus* is a total abstraction from its original primate form. Structure and form have changed numerous times to create the figure we now recognize as modern man. Adaptation in evolutionary biology is "a parti-

empt. Modern-day American culture is a "techno-natural" world because no generation after the Industrial Revolution has lived in a reality without technology. Artificial light brightens the night, televisions warm and entertain us while feeding us culture, teeth are kept in good repair with silver and gold fillings, failed hearts can be swapped for plastic ones and liposuction can stabilize an individual's insecurities.

Technology affects everyone and there is no escaping it. Americans are no longer whole. According to Donna Haraway, they are a "hybrid of machine and organism," a cyborg.

"Every species has come into existence coincident both in space and time with a pre-existing closely allied species," according to Alfred Russel Wallace.

As technology becomes a more and more powerful tool, and is applied to humans in more and more ways, the effect is the creation of a new, technology-dependent species. A combination of the natural and mechanical will increase the potential of the individual while simultaneously drawing them away from the natural world. No longer will people be confined to their physical limits — any number of functionality upgrades can be managed if you can afford them.

Technology is being fused with the natural to create an individual who visually resembles a human, but is part human and part machine — the bastard offspring of technology and man. (This image has been well documented in movies, television, books, etc.) This has been the unavoidable offshoot of our quest for knowledge — "the traditions of Western science and politics ... the tradition of progress; the tradition of the appropriation of nature as a resource for the production of cultures," as Haraway said.

No matter how you examine it, there are no ways back save two: Humanity could collectively decide to return to its roots and evolve back into the bush, or it can wait 'til nature takes back its own. (Or, at the very least, wait 'til the sun completes its life cycle.)

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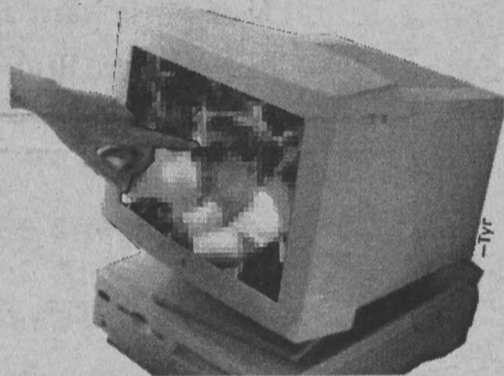


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cular structure, physiological process, or behavior that makes an organism better able to survive and reproduce. [Also] the evolutionary process that leads to the development or persistence of such a trait," according to Purves. Ordinarily, adaptations are physical processes that are selected for, but as a noun it can be applied universally to anything.

Tools were an adaptation that changed the primates fundamentally; they provided something to ponder and initiated the first coherent thoughts. Now, the most social and organized of organisms are once again at the same juncture. We've discovered a tool that can do anything we ask of it, and more importantly, we can appropriate its abilities for ourselves until our abilities become indistinguishable from its. As Donna Haraway, in "A Cyborg Manifesto," states: We are becoming cyborgs.

Technology has integrated itself within the natural world so deeply that no section of society is ex-



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is up on campus that "where does it say, people's minds, specifically really don't think that ask loaded with tens of any ideas in anyone's

Mr. Heming, master of the oblivious, you need to lighten up, dude. And get a dictionary.

NOAH GOLDSTEIN

"GREEN" COPYING: ITS TIME HAS COME

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Last week I was photocopying at the library, and it occurred to me that I could save paper if I made double-sided copies. I went to Copy Services, on the second floor, and was happy to learn that the library does have a few copiers that will do double-sided copies ... unfortunately, they were all out of service.

Then I asked if they had any machines that used recycled paper. Unbelievably, the answer was no. Apparently there have not been enough requests for recycled paper in the copiers for Copy Services to think that it was a needed service. Also, the people at copy services are afraid that if they begin to use recycled paper, which costs more, and copy prices go up one or two cents, there will be a campus outrage.

Frankly, I think that there should be an outrage because they are NOT using recycled paper. I realize that some students are on really tight budgets, and while I

can't see a one- or two-cent increase in copies adding that much financial strain, I will not rule it out. But how about offering students a choice? How about having some copiers with recycled paper and some with new paper, and keeping track of how much paper each uses. That would be the best way to gauge what the actual demand for recycled paper in copies is.

Although there haven't been a lot of people requesting recycled paper in the copiers, I am sure that many have thought about it at least once while photocopying and would definitely use copiers with recycled paper if they had an option. I realize that everyone is not an ardent environmentalist, but I also know that most people are willing to do their part, however little, to help the environment. If that little something is as easy as paying an extra couple of cents and saving some trees, as well as helping to increase the market for recycled paper, most people will do it.

If this is something that you feel strongly about, or even something that interests you, please talk to the people at Copy Services on the second floor of the library, or drop them a note in the suggestion box across from the elevators on the first floor. If enough people show that they care and would like a choice of copy paper, we may be able to change the library's non-recycled-copy-paper policy and do our part to conserve our environment.

EVA ALVAREZ

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My Year in Review

➤ Everyone Else Does It, Why Not Me?

ELIJAH SIEGLER

The worst thing for me about the end of the year is not the joyless hedonism of New Year's Eve, the scads of inane "another year gone, eh" chatter, or even the realization that I'm no closer this year than last year to anything resembling a real life. No, the worst thing is the flood of "Year in Review" non-stories in magazines, newspapers and on TV.

The media either spins the events of the past 12 months into some kind of theme ("The year the news turned emotional") — as if a year has some shape other than the one we impose on it ourselves — and/or comes out with a glossy "Year in Images" content-free spectacular (God forbid anyone should take the time to read, or write, a "Year in Words").

To prove just how dumb these lists are, I wrote one myself. There's no theme here — these are not the 10 most important events of 1997, or the most spectacular or even the funniest. Just 10 things I remember about 1997 — most of them cool, some of them annoying or scary. In no particular order, here are 10 moments that made an impression on me (not counting deaths, which I'll write about next week).

These are all moments from movies and TV, of course, things that made 1997 a common memory to me and a million strangers. You don't have to tell me that the really important stuff happened off-screen, in private.

1. The look on Bobby Bonilla's face every time he missed an easy play at third (which was quite often) during the World Series. A grimace of pain and determination — mustn't let the team down despite my bad leg, don't you know. All performed for the cameras, which ate it up. Bobby Bo, you're a wuss. Yet another reason to dislike the undeserving Marlins and to root for the Tribe.

2. The look on Prince Charles' face as the Union Jack was lowered for the last time in Hong Kong. Did he hide his grief with a British stiff upper lip — or was it the other way around? Why was he so glum, anyway? He got to leave town in a luxury yacht and never has to go back.

3. The look on Kevin Spacey's face in his last scene of *L.A. Confidential* — a combination of surprise, pain, smugness and fatigue that only Spacey could pull off.

4. The last scene of *Boogie Nights*, when we see the star of the movie for the first time. Computer-generated? Prosthetically enhanced? Whichever it is, I bet Marky Mark has no trouble getting dates Saturday nights anymore.

5. In the movie *Titanic*, the stern of the huge ship sticking out vertically from the waters of the North Atlantic, the rudder as menacing as the jaws of a great white shark. Stars twinkle above and bodies shiver below. Hell has never been as beautifully rendered. The special effect was a work of art.

6. Corpses stacked in cots, covered in purple sheets, and shod in black Nikes in Rancho Santa Fe. Mass suicide as a fashion statement. An instant classic in the late century's canon of horror-show images, and not, one hopes, a preview of the millennium.

7. The video feed from NASA's Pathfinder Mars landing. The dumb names for rocks (Yogi? Scooby? This is rocket scientist humor?) and the fact that the landscape was kind of drab did nothing to take away from the fact that what we were watching on cable or on the Web was taking place almost 120 million miles away ON ANOTHER PLANET.

8. On ABC, *Ellen* finally comes out to the woman she has a crush on, accidentally broadcasting the news over a loudspeaker. Get it? The world was watching. OK, I haven't seen the show since. And yes, the whole public/private publicity machine and the Anne Heche debate grew quite tiresome. But the episode was light and giggly, full of good feeling. And it was important: before Morgan/DeGeneres came out, gays in mainstream TV could be neighbors, friends or victims, but not stars of their own show.

9. Sportsman of the year Mike Tyson bit Evander Holyfield's ear TWICE. Tyson nibbled once, went to his corner, took a few minutes and then went back into the ring and did it AGAIN — taking a chunk out of Evander's right ear that a photographer later found lying on the mat.

10. Three Buddhist nuns from a Chinese temple near L.A. testifying before the Senate subcommittee charged with digging up dirt on campaign fund raising. I'm probably alone on this one, but it had me transfixed in front of C-SPAN for hours. The dialogue between honey-voiced, well-fed white men and bald Chinese nuns, all in the name of politically spanking Al Gore, was sublimely surreal. Politics, religion and money: a powerful combination that makes for powerful TV.

Next week's column: Celebrity deaths '97 — a banner year.

Happy new year.

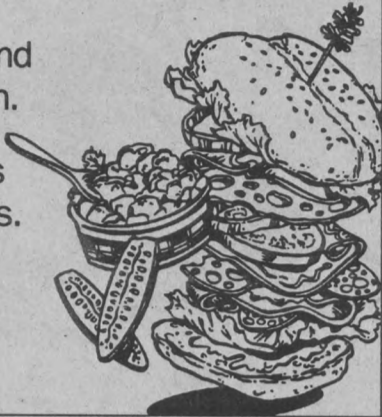
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The donation will facilitate some change among programs on campus. Along with renaming the school the "Bren School of Environmental Sciences and Management," the extra resources will add degree programs in courses such as Law and Business Management and hire additional faculty, according to Jeff Dozier, the new dean of the Bren School.

"The donation will enable the school to add to the curriculum by offering courses taught in coordination with faculty from other campuses," Dozier said. "The provision of funding for endowed professorships will help UCSB attract 'superstar' faculty."

One of the reasons that Dozier is pleased with the dona-

tion is that the school relies on grants and gifts for half of the funds necessary to run the university.

"The combination of state funding and student fees pays only about half the cost of running the university. The remaining half comes from research grants and gifts from foundations and individuals," Dozier said.

Bren's gift is much appreciated by those involved and will benefit not only the school, but the environment as well, said Yang.

"The lasting impact of his generous gift will help elevate our Bren School and UCSB to be the world's leading institution in environmental teaching, research and service," he said. "It will help make our environment a better place to live for tomorrow."

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enough in this room to run the country right now. Social Security is one of the most important issues to people in this room, since most people don't think they're going to get it. There's a time coming when

that's going to change."

Chemistry graduate student Katia Pravia brought up a controversial topic in the open-question period at the end of the forum.

"I'd like to know how each of you feel on the pro-choice/pro-life issue," she said.

Capps responded quickly.

"My mom is 100 percent pro-choice and is very proud to have that choice," she said.

Rosenberger and Firestone also expressed pro-choice views, whereas Bordonaro and Lovgren were pro-life.

"He is pro-life and proud to be," said Kirkby for Bordonaro.

Lovgren took a more moderate stance.

"I'm pro-life, but it's not for an old white guy to decide what a 15- or 16-year-old girl should do for the rest of her life," Lovgren said.



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Sports

Gauchos Head to Idaho To Start Second Season

BY SCOTT HENNESSEE
Staff Writer

Not that the ten games before this one didn't matter, but the UCSB men's basketball team gets a new lease on life when it begins Big West Conference play tonight at 6 in Moscow, Idaho.

The Gauchos (3-7) have had a rough going in the preseason, but are looking to turn things around with the start of conference play tonight.

"We're trying to look at it as a new beginning," senior forward Kealon Wallace said. "We want to start off good."

Santa Barbara Head Coach Jerry Pimm said his team is a bit behind where he would like it to be heading into the conference opener, but he thinks that things may make a turn for the better in the near future.

"We're getting there, but we are not there yet," Pimm said. "I think we're two or three weeks behind where we should be because we weren't playing well early. We weren't playing quite as hard, and we weren't playing quite as deter-

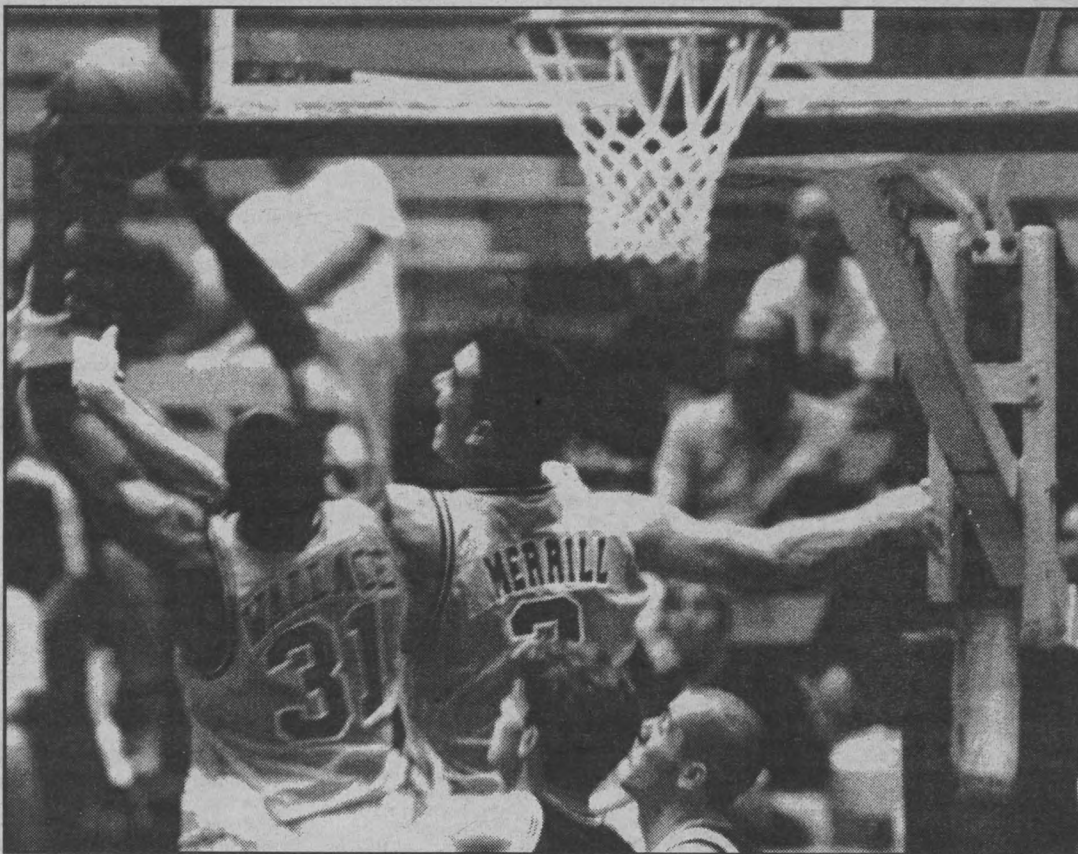
mined, but I think we are now. Now we've just got to brush up on the little things."

A few of the things the Gauchos need a bit of work on are free-throw shooting and ball handling. UCSB is shooting a meager .648 from the charity stripe, including a 9-of-18 performance in last Saturday's three-point loss to Pepperdine. Santa Barbara is also struggling to keep possession of the ball — the team is averaging 18.3 turnovers to 16.4 assists per game.

Even though the Gauchos haven't performed up to expectations this year, Idaho Head Coach David Farrar is wary of UCSB's talent.

"I think they're a legitimate team that is picked in their side reasonably well," Farrar said in reference to UCSB being picked second in a preseason coaches' poll. "I would expect us to have to play one of our better games to counteract some of the abilities they have."

The Vandals have been one team which has played beyond its perceived ability. Idaho was picked to finish near the bottom of the



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IT'S MINE: Senior Kealon Wallace and junior Josh Merrill can't fight for rebounds if the UCSB men's basketball team is to be successful against the University of Idaho Vandals tonight.

Eastern Division of the conference, but has posted a respectable 6-4 record. Even more impressive is the fact that Idaho is a perfect 5-0 in its home arena.

On the plus side, Santa Barbara will have a rare height advantage over the opposition. Idaho starts

three players who are 6'3" or less, and its center is only 6'6". That fact should bode well for the Gaucho frontcourt of 6'6" Wallace, 6'7" junior B.J. Bunton, and senior Dwayne Williams, who also stands 6'7". The trio has been hard to stop when they take aim at the rim, shooting a combined 59.9 percent

from the field.

The Vandals are led by the backcourt tandem of senior Kris Baumann (11.1 ppg) and junior Avery Curry (16.1 ppg). Junior Clifford Gray is Idaho's biggest threat in the frontcourt, averaging 10.9 points and 6.0 rebounds per game.

Nation's Best Squads Converge on Santa Barbara for Weekend Tourney

BY SHANE CULBERTSON
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's volleyball team will get a preview of how this year's squad performs when it hosts the 34th Annual UCSB/Elephant Bar and Restaurant Collegiate Invitational Tournament this weekend.

The best collegiate teams in the country will be coming to Santa Barbara to participate in what is touted as the nation's premiere volleyball tournament. Amongst those teams will be defending national champion Stanford University and top-ranked Brigham Young University. It was BYU who knocked off the Gauchos in last year's tournament championship match. Also featured in the tournament will be Winnipeg University, one of Canada's elite collegiate volleyball

teams.

UCSB assistant coach Lee Nelson believes UCSB will be a team to be reckoned with in the tournament despite having lost several key players.

"We're definitely going into the tournament looking to win," Nelson said. "We can't really say this is a building season. Although we've lost some big players we should still be alright. We've got five returning seniors, so we still have quite a bit of experience on the team."

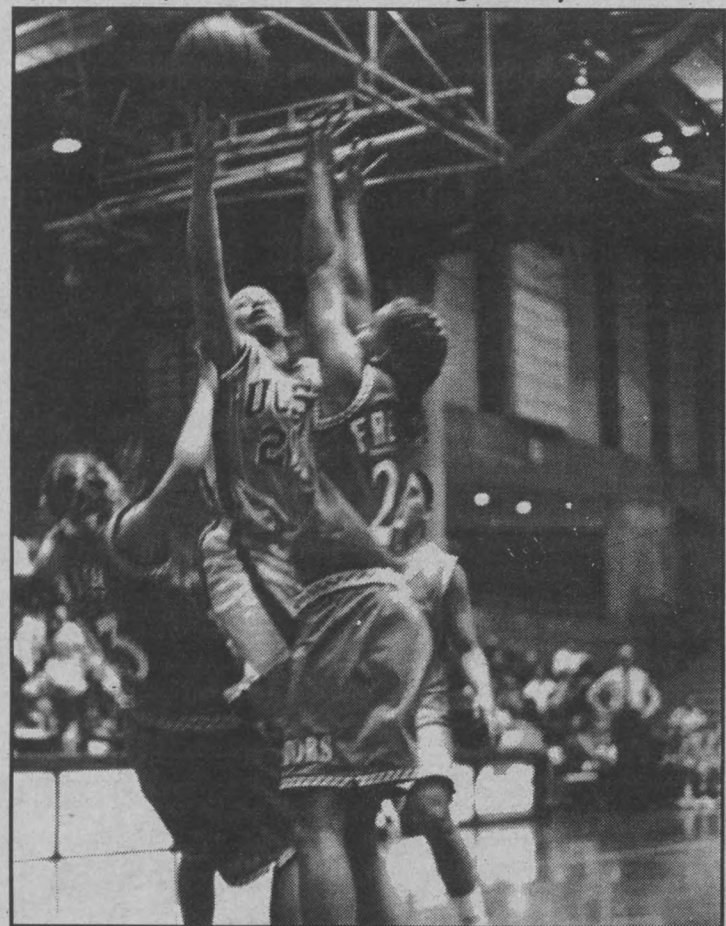
The biggest shoes for the Gauchos to fill will be those of All-American outside hitter Donny Harris. Sophomore Kevin Collins has been entrusted to take over the void left as a result of Harris graduating last spring.

Santa Barbara senior middle blocker Bob Hefty feels that in some ways the Gauchos may actually be able to benefit from Harris' absence.

"Donny was awesome," Hefty said. "There is no way that one player is going to fill his spot. But having an even distribution of talent might work for us. This way we will all be expected to step up for the team. This tournament should give us a good idea of how well we are going to be able to do that."

UCSB will enter the tournament as the #1 seed in its pool, which includes UC Irvine, UC San Diego and Santa Clara University. The Gauchos will open play Friday at 10:15 a.m. against Santa Clara. They will then take on UCSD at 11:30 a.m. and finish the day with a match against Irvine at 2 p.m. All of Santa Barbara's Friday matches will be in the Events Center.

The 24-team tournament will conclude on Saturday, with the championship match being played at 7 p.m. in the Events Center.



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SPLIT THE DEFENDERS: Stacy Clinesmith will take her Big West-leading 5.7 assists per game into tonight's game with Idaho.

SB Looks to Mash Teams From Spud State

BY BEN ALKALY
Staff Writer

The #32 UCSB women's basketball team begins its quest for a second consecutive Big West Conference title tonight at 7 when it hosts the University of Idaho in the Thunderdome.

While the conference season will signal a drop-off in competition for the Gauchos from their grueling preseason schedule, during which the squad faced four top-25 programs, Head Coach Mark French warns against overconfidence. Santa Barbara (9-4) ranks last in the Big West in points allowed (81.5 per game), and is coming off a game in which it surrendered 84 points to a mediocre Loyola Marymount University team.

"We are unlikely to repeat as Big West champions if we don't continue to improve on defense," French said. "Part of that is taking the time in practice to get the repetitions and feedback we need on our technique, and part of it is just our players deciding it's important to try as hard as they can on the defensive end of the court."

Sophomore forward Kristi Rohr, who leads the team at 15.7 points per game, is one player who has re-committed herself to preventing her opponents from scoring.

"Defense is our focus through all of Big West," she said. "I have to work on pressuring the ball and staying out of foul trouble because that's been a problem this year."

Rohr and company will try to shut down an Idaho squad that has stumbled to a 4-9 nonconference record, placing them last in the Big West Eastern Division. UCSB defeated the Vandals twice last season.

Idaho, however, features one of the conference's better players — sophomore forward Alli Nieman. The Sandpoint, Idaho, native averages 15 points and 5.3 rebounds per game and lit up the Gauchos for 26 in the teams' second meeting last year.

"I certainly think Alli Nieman is one of the premier players in our conference," French said. "We had a very difficult time dealing with her last year and I'm sure she's improved tremendously over that. She does a lot of things really well."

The task of guarding Nieman in the paint will be handed to Rohr and freshman swing player Erin Buescher, who was inserted into the starting lineup Dec. 28 against Colorado State. Buescher has emerged as Santa Barbara's defensive force, leading UCSB in both steals (25) and blocks (10).

French also plans on making a number of substitutions in order to keep his depleted squad fresh. Junior reserve forward Yasmeen Benjamin is out four to six weeks while recovering from a knee injury, while sophomore backup center Jennifer Gardner has left the team to concentrate on academics.

"We would certainly like to continue to have our players be as fresh as they can so they can run and rebound and defend at full speed," he said.

The Idaho game will be followed by a Sunday afternoon contest against Boise State University.