A rally intended to draw attention to a proposal permitting new oil drilling leases off the South Coast will begin in Storke Plaza at 2 p.m. The rally will then move to a beach cleanup stretching from Campus Point to Coal Oil and includes short speeches by Get Oil Out Chair Diane Conn and UCSB Ocean and Coastal Policy Director Dr. Michael McGinnis.

UCSB Confesses!
You wrote in with your true confessions of lust, revenge and more lust. The Daily Friday delivers the horrible dirt, again.

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UCSB Confesses!

Park or Parking? IVRPD Seeks Solution

By LASAN MOBENZAI Staff Writer

Jola Vista Recreation and Parks District board members debated the future of the 49 parking spots behind Perfect Park at its meeting Thursday night.

In 1991, the St. Athanasius Church, located on the corner of Embarcadero del Mar and Embarcadero del Norte, proposed an expansion to the church. The Committee to Save Perfect Park, an I.V. activist group created in 1970, opposed the proposed expansion and brought the proposal to the ballot with a signature campaign. The expansion was voted down; however, IVRPD compromised and decided to lease land adjacent to the church to be used as a parking lot for 10 years.

IVRPD’s lease to the church expires December 31, 2001. With lease expiration in mind, board members began discussing various other uses for the land, including a proposal to convert the parking lot into a pay lot. The Committee to Save Perfect Park came before the board last night in opposition to this proposal, claiming that the original plan in 1991 was for the board to revert the land into park space.

Committee to Save Perfect Park member Laura Peters said the committee supports a complete removal of the lot because it relieves little parking congestion in I.V., but has a historical obligation.

See IVRPD, p.3

Environmental Groups Combine Forces to Help Clean Up Coast

By MARIAS LAGOS Staff Writer

A two-week campaign to prevent the proliferation of offshore oil drilling will conclude today with a grooming of local beaches.

A rally, intended to draw attention to a proposal permitting new oil drilling leases off the South Coast and in the Alaskan Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, will begin in Storke Plaza at 2 p.m. The rally will then move to a beach cleanup stretching from Campus Point to Coal Oil.

UCSB Confesses!

The men’s basketball team could not keep pace with Utah State in Thursday night’s game in the Thunderdome.

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Academy Selects UCSB
Physicist for VP Position

Esteeed Professor James Langer To Serve Four-Year Term as National Research Council Chair Starting in July

By JAMIE SIMONS Staff Writer

Physics Professor James Langer, who has taught and researched at UCSB for 18 years, was elected Wednesday as vice president of the National Academy of Sciences, the country’s most influential science organization.

The academy, located in Washington, D.C., has 1,900 members and 300 foreign associates.

Langer, who begins his four-year term in July, will chair the National Research Council, which provides the government with official scientific and technical advice.

Beyond research council duties, Langer said he is interested in the other activities of the academy, including human rights activities, international scientific symposia and helping to shape the scientific policy of the federal government.

“I can confidently say that the entire campus community shares my pride and joy in his election,” Chancellor Henry Yang said. “He is an ideal choice for that post, and he will bring to the task not just the scientific community, but also society as a whole.”

Since his early school days Langer has been interested in science and math. “I realized I was getting my math notebook out and solving problems during breaks, drawing models and things like that,” he said. “I realized I really couldn’t imagine doing something else.”

He spent his undergraduate years at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, now called Carnegie Mellon University. During his senior year there, he took a reading course with Walter Kohn, now a UCSB physics professor and Nobel laureate, and the two developed a friendship that would last a lifetime.

In 1982, Kohn asked Langer to join him at UCSB’s Institute for Theoretical Physics (ITP). “He was so outstanding,” Kohn said, “that one would have had to be both deaf and blind not to notice it.”

“That was the best job in my profession,” Langer said. “Undergraduates don’t recognize this. This was the best place in the world to do physical science research. You can get a huge amount done, you can interact with lots of people, you can learn a lot about different things.”

Kohn said he immediately noticed Langer’s potential. “I knew him as this fairly See LANGER, p.3

Environmental Groups Combine Forces to Help Clean Up Coast

By JENNIFER GAYNOR CalPIRG program director

We do it. Number one, so people can play a role in cleaning up public places. When they help clean, they think twice as hard about littering and where trash ends up.

Since the early 1970’s, the Surfrider Foundation and Environmental Affairs Board (EAB), who all sponsored the event, collaborated in the past two weeks on the “Save Our Coast Campaign,” gathering signatures opposing new oil drilling contracts. The California Public Interest Research Group (CalPIRG), the Surfrider Foundation and Environmental Affairs Board (EAB), who all sponsored the event, collaborated in the past two weeks on the “Save Our Coast Campaign,” gathering signatures opposing new oil drilling contracts.

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SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — A law forcing California's severely men­ tally ill into treatment would have unpredictable results and might not improve their well-being, according to a study released Thursday.

Lack of state data makes it hard to even determine how many people might be affected by court-ordered outpatient treatment, according to the Rand Corp. study.

The Santa Monica think-tank prepared the research review for the state Senate Committee on Rules. It was contract­ ed after the legislation was intro­ duced last year after an Assembly measure to create a for­ profit outpatient treatment program stalled in the Senate.

State Senate Leader John Burton (D-San Francisco) said he would consider a pilot project to study required outpatient treatment but not a wide­ spread program.

Rand researchers looked at the state's clinical records on the mentally ill and ana­ lyzed the impact of court-ordered outpatient treatment programs in eight states. They were unable to conclude whether forced outpatient treatment worked better than volun­ tary treatment programs.

“There is no evidence that a court order is neces­ sary to achieve compliance and good outcomes, or that it is necessary to, in itself, have any independent effect on outcomes,” according to the study's research brief.

There are an estimated 5.2 million California adults with some form of mental illness, and about 1.3 million of them are severely mentally ill, according to a November report by the Little Hoover Commission. The state watchdog agency conclud­ ed that 1.5 million people are not getting the treat­ ment they need and that the state's mental health system is severely underfunded.

Critics have long sug­ gested that the state's de­ institutionalization of men­ tally ill patients three decades ago has left many on the street, where they fail to seek help. But efforts to make compulsive­ ly homeless and leave three missing in the ocean.

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A federal court in Puerto Rico has awarded $130,000 in compensation to two abortion clinics who claimed harassment by anti-abortion activists.

The judgment, handed down by a federal judge, Fed­ 9, is believed to be the first to order compensation for emotional and physical injury stemming from anti­ abortion protests.

“A woman who is unable to keep her appointment for an abortion because of a blockade suffers tremen­ dous physical and emotional harm,” Judge Antonio Fuentes of the U.S. District Court for Puerto Rico said in the ruling. “The women who were unable to obtain timely medical care ... are entitled to com­ pensation for their injuries.”

The plaintiffs — two unidentified patients, two clinics, two clinic employees and an anti-abortion group — won a default judgment because the defen­ dant, Carlos Sanchez of the anti-abortion group Pro­ Vida, did not show up in court and did not defend him­ self against the charges.

Anti-abortion activists blocked the women and their doctors from entering the building during a series of protests in 1992 and 1993, court documents said.

Weather

Although there are plenty of places in town to watch brilliantly sophisticated social interactions take place between people cheaper than you, I have to nominate Thursday night rides on Bill's Bus as the best.

Every time I step on that magical, moving dance­ hall, I see the same thing. Drunken girls dancing wildly in the aisles, and drunken guys staggering after them with a crazy, glazed-over look in their eyes as they try to figure out the best way to "throw the mask down" on a moving target in cramped quarters.

Just so I don't give underagers the wrong idea, there isn't the extent of passenger behavior.

Some poke in large bags, while others try to make out with the pukers between sessions.

I'm no college guy. So Friday's forecast: If only your Mom could see you now ... oh, how proud she'd be.
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rare combination of an excellent scientist and also an excellent person, with very broad views, and very well-organized and an ability to implement those ideas that he thought he was suggesting about," Kohn said. "When he came, I must say it was pretty obvious to me that he was going to go a lot further in both directions."

In 1989, Langer brought those skills to a new job as director of the ITP, a position he held for six years. As his administrative career progressed, Langer also continued researching. He is a theoretical physicist, which he said means "if you get me too close to a laboratory equipment starts to break."

Langer was first elected as a member of the National Academy in 1985 for his research of nonequilibrium pattern formation — how objects, like snowflakes, get their shape. He was nominated for vice president for his research and commitment to the National Academy of Sciences. Recently, he has turned to more unconventional subjects, like earthquakes and how solids break. He is also involved with UCSB's Materials Research Lab.

The new position would not force Langer to give up his research, which he said could be done on airplanes. It might, however, force him to teach less. He has just returned to teaching after several years as president of the American Physical Society, and is teaching two graduate courses in physics this quarter.

"I suspect the students have a completely different take on this, but I'm enjoying it a lot," he said.

Kohn said he was not surprised by Langer's election. "He's a very well-balanced person. Very thoughtful, a friend very dependable, a wonderful family... I feel very fortunate," Kohn said. "At my age, old friends are one of the most wonderful things. To have the Langers as good friends for something approaching half a century is a great thing in my life."
Juvenile Justice
Court's Decision to Nullify Section of Prop 21 Wisely Denies Lawyers Discretion to Try Youths as Adults

Last week, the California Court of Appeals struck a major blow to Proposition 21 — passed overwhelmingly by voters in the March 2000 primary election. The proposition aims to curb gang crime by treating juveniles more as adults and transferring juvenile cases to the adult judicial system. Prop 21 has been criticized for its far-reaching powers, including a "writ-large" provision for suspected gang members — potentially breaching the 4th Amendment. The measure came under heavy fire from civil rights organizations for giving too much discretion to prosecutors. And apparently the courts agreed.

A three-member panel of the 4th District Court of Appeals in San Diego said key components of Prop 21 violate state law and federal separation of power doctrines by giving judicial powers to prosecutors. The section struck down by the appellate panel allowed prosecutors, instead of judges, to decide whether teenagers facing serious charges should be tried as adults or juveniles. While the decision to take the teeth out of this measure was a wise move by the judiciary, its initial popularity — passing with a 68 percent majority — shows California voters' desire to embrace any potential solution, however naive or myopic.

The case that prompted the ruling was a particularly barbaric incident. Five youths, aged between 14- and 17, allegedly chased and beat five Mexican immigrants to death last year. Four of the victims were in their 60s. Prosecutors charged the defendants with robbery, assault, forced labor abuse. These teenagers were not upstanding members of society; their actions were sickening, but as a society we must decide how to handle those crimes.

There is no question that gang and juvenile crime has increased in the past few years; however, Prop 21 provides nothing more than a Band-Aid solution to this problem; it merely sweeps young offenders off the streets and out of sight by locking them into the adult penal system. California's prisons are literally bursting at the seams, and every year we spend more money building detention facilities than schools. Prop 21 is estimated to cost the state an extra $330 million per year, with ongoing annual costs for local governments ranging from tens of millions to more than $100 million.

Locking up 16-year-olds with hardened adult criminals is not the answer; it just creates another problem. What happens to these children once they have been robbed of their education, then thrust back into a society that has already written them off? All the proposition does is institutionalize them — condemning them to a life constantly in and out of jail.

Proposition 21 cannot be exercised fairly and impartially. It provides far too much power and discretion to prosecutors and law enforcement. The measure went into effect the day after it was approved in March 2000, and while some county prosecutors may have used the new discretion sparingly, 25 percent more teenagers were tried as adults in Los Angeles County last year.

The juvenile justice system has distinct advantages. It provides services to rehabilitate offenders and requires that all juveniles be released by the age of 25. That is not to suggest that it is necessarily the best option for all teenage perpetrators. Some juveniles, who commit particularly heinous crimes, are and should be tried as adults. But, an impartial judge should decide this, not prosecutors who wish to appear hard on crime and are clearly motivated by political agendas.

It remains to be seen whether this case will be appealed to the California Supreme Court. If justice prevails, this decision will be upheld and the rest of Prop 21 will be challenged. While prosecutors may have hailed the discretion that this measure afforded, claiming that serious cases could be tried more efficiently, one has to question whether this is the role of the judicial system. Surely, the goal is not to produce a desired effect with minimum effort, but rather to impartially distribute justice.

When TV Goes Bad — ‘Reality’ Shows Push Outer Limits

There are three things that I find addictive: chocolate, cigarettes and reality TV. The first two are understand-able, but I question my moral character when I find myself sitting in front of the television on Wednesday nights watching the idiots on "Temptation Island" trying to work through their serious commitment issues.

I don't feel any connection to the characters. I don't like them and find them all incredibly stupid, but for the life of me I can't figure out why I keep watching. Maybe it's to see what the morons will do this week; maybe it's because I have nothing better to do. After the show's over, I look at my clock and realize I just wasted an hour of my life doing something I wouldn't even confess to a psychology major.

When you sign up for a show called "Temptation Island," "The Mole," "Fear," "Survivor II" and I don't have too much sympathy for them. What do you expect when you sign up for a show called "Temptation Island"? What we really need to do is make sure that this stuff doesn't get out of hand.

As his last wish, Timothy McVeigh asked for his execution to be televised nationwide. The request was rejected, but you know there was some suit (read: Fox's Rupert Murdoch) in Hollywood drooling over the prospect of a live death on prime time. And I'd put money down that there would've been a large audience for it. We want to be shocked, disgusted and grossed out; it's a guilty pleasure that I would say most of us have.

Reality TV right now is pushing decency to the edge, but you expect when you sign up for a show called "Temptation Island"? What we really need to do is make sure that this stuff doesn't get out of hand.
What did you do for Valentine’s Day?

I stayed home and mopped. I have no Valentine.

I was on a plane all day to see someone who goes here.

I practiced my boxing skills.

My girlfriend lives in Orange County, so I sent her a giant stuffed monkey.

I called my boyfriend. He lives in Torrance.

I played Singled Out in the dorm.

Jenny Leliieur
sophomore environmental studies

Mike Usrey
grad student
University of Louisville

Sabeena Khan
sophomore
bio-psychology

Jeremy Goins
freshman
undeclared

Jamie Kurosaki
freshman

Leck Intharath
freshman
business administration

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offers a needed solution to I.V.’s major parking problem.

“As a community, there is currently a 500-parking space deficit, and the conversion of Embarcadero Hall into a 300-person seating lecture hall will only add to the need for parking,” he said. “The parking lot offers some help to the inadequate parking in I.V.”

Committee to Save the Parks member Scott Wexler said the parking lot does not belong in Perfect Park.

“When we were fighting for keeping Perfect Park in the ‘70s, we were not fighting for a parking lot. The parking lot should not be there. If the IVRPD has financial trouble getting it out, I’d come out here myself with a pick and wheelbarrow and take it out,” he said. “The whole point of parks is to add to the common good. Paying for parks is not only expensive to residents, but it also encourages the use of cars.”

IVRPD Chair Peggin Soutar said the board must consider a variety of options before making a final decision.

“We’re still in the process of figuring it all out. It’s not an easy decision. None of us are crazy about the parking lot, but I don’t want the church to lose any of its operation if we take it out. That is a problem for me,” she said. “All of us also have a long-term goal of putting in a community center. This would be a good way to generate funds. I know it’s not an easy decision.”

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al agency of the Department of the Interior, which oversees private use of natural resource proposals — is currently accepting public comment and petitions before granting new leases from 2002 to 2007, CalPIRG Program Director Jennette Gayer said.
"At 2 p.m. we're going to gather and have a rally around keeping oil drills off of the [South Coast]," she said. "Three groups, CalPIRG, Surfrider and EAB are petitioning against this. We're aiming for about 2,500 signatures. We've basically been taking clipboards all over campus and we've also been announcing it in classes. The public comment deadline is next Wednesday, the 21st."
Gayer said the Surfrider Foundation, EAB and CalPIRG decided to work together in order to attract more participants.
"[CalPIRG] has done two cleanups already this year. Surfrider and EAB do a lot individually. We combined forces so a lot of people will come and learn about what's going on," she said. "We do it, number one, so people can play a role in cleaning up public places. When they help cleanup, they think twice as hard about littering and where trash ends up."
Conn said she plans to address the extension of existing oil drilling leases off the South Coast and the importance of the public opinion concerning these leases to the MMS.
"Part of what I'm going to talk about is not the new leases happening, but what is being developed on the existing 36 federal leases and new oil leasing proposes by Veneco, Nuevo and Arguello Inc.," she said. "Basically, in order to stop or reverse oil development. People need to communicate with the MMS and [government] representatives to say that they oppose oil and it shouldn't be a long-term investment."

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THE DAILY HOMORSCOPE
By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Feb. 18). Explore new territory and start where others have been. Your friends are friendly, so anything can stop you. You're in charge of preparing the appear­ance in February and reminding others of their commitments. Your partners may or may not be as helpful as promised. You may be spending more than usual. You may not want to share your new outfit in public. This is your moment to shine. Your friends and family will be there to help you. You're in charge of defending or protecting your interests. May is your month to shine. Your friends may be over the top in December."
To get the advantage, check the day's rating. 10 is the eas­i­est day of the month. 1 is the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8. If your heart has been broken, today is the day to heal. The Sun in your sign means that you are in control. You may be too hard or may not be yourself.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5. You're not very much of a go-getter, but today you could get lucky on a get-rich-quick scheme. If you can make it work for you, you could benefit from this and it promises more soon.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - Let somebody else take the control of the situation and trust you like royalty. Let your feet wait on you hand and foot. Somebody else wants to give the orders, so let them have the responsibility. Too rotten and greedy.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 10 - Communicate to your partner for an outing this weekend. If you don't already have one planned, schedule something for Sunday. You'll have something to celebrate. And if you can't think of anything new, don't worry, you will have a lot.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 10 - Your sweetheart may surprise you with a bold suggestion. You are up for just about anything. But a lifetime commitment? More kids? This is a great week to look it over. The twosome looks great.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - Your place looks as if it's been hit by a cyclone. Are you doing any spring cleaning? It looks like you're throwing out a bunch of stuff. Anything you've got, you've got. If you can make it work for you, you could benefit from this and it promises more soon.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 10 - Every so often you get the mood to work or play but all day with a really good friend, a really good book, or both. And that's all the suggestion I need. You take care of the rest.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5. - If you're not careful it's a fine misadventure, you've got to be for the time this project is over. On the perfect thing for your home - a treasure that you don't have to work, you can get it in a lot or once it's done, although you may not want to wait with it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - Your own plans may surprise you. You must wait on your partner. You must wait on your partner. You can solve this puzzle, too, even if it takes all day and nearly all night. But you can do it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5. You keep tak­ing on more jobs, but are you doing them efficiently? Look for ways to cut the waste: wasted effort, wasted material, wasted energy. That's money you're losing down the drain - and losing a fortune.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is 8 - You and your friends ought to have a big party tonight. The project you've been involved with is almost finished. Sometimes you look and sometimes you won't, but you always had a good time. Celebrate!

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) - Today is a 6. You may be working on more jobs, but are you doing them efficiently? Look for ways to cut the waste: wasted effort, wasted material, wasted energy. That's money you're losing down the drain - and losing a fortune.
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Aggies Bounce Gauchos’ Streak

By ELIY APPELBAUM
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The UCSB baseball team heads back into action this weekend, facing off against Santa Clara in its first home series of the season.

The Gauchos are coming off a disheartening 14-inning loss to UCLA, in which UCSB was one out away from victory. Following the defeat, UCSB is eager to get back on the field so it can finally play up to its capabilities.

“Our team is aware and confident in our ability,” Head Coach Bob Brontsema said. “But we haven’t played to our ability and we haven’t been consistent yet.”

The UCSB offense was rusty before it confronted the Bruins, having not scored five pitching in four days. The Gauchos averaged over 10 runs a game after their series against San Jose State, but the normally powerful Santa Barbara lineup struggled against the Bruins, scoring only five runs. Yet Brontsema was hesitant to make excuses for the lack of production.

“We missed a lot of bats,” Brontsema said. “We were pulling off a lot of pitches. I attribute some of that to not seeing any live arms. But we don’t need excuses and we should have made some game adjustments.”

With the offense stymied at the plate, it was the pitching staff that kept the Gauchos close to the Bruins. UCSB will send hurley Kyle Ogle, Jim Bullard and James Garcia to the mound this weekend at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium. All three pitched well at UCLA, allowing a combined three runs in eight innings of work. Garcia, a transfer from El Camino Junior College, hurled six one of the eight innings and allowed only one run.

“My philosophy is the same as the team’s,” Garcia said. “We stay down in the zone and make them put the ball in play. We always just go compete and be aggressive.”

Despite losing to UCLA, the Gauchos have many positives to take from the game. Santa Barbara committed only one error against the Bruins, after making 12 in three games versus SJSU. Cutting down on fielding miscues was a welcomed improvement for Santa Barbara, according to senior second basemen Chad Peshke.

“I think it was a lot of help working on defense last week in practice,” Peshke said. “I think we’re focusing a lot more out there now too.”

UCSB has been unable to put it together in all three phases of the game thus far, and even though Santa Clara (1-6) is not on equal par with UCLA, the Gauchos know that they still have to play well to come away with a couple of wins.

“Santa Clara’s losses came against some good competition,” Garcia said. “We’re both competitive teams that can win on any given day. But, we’d love to run up the score and bury them all three days.”

UCSB Hopes to Make Waves in Hawaii’i Tournament After Dreadful Weather Hits California

By MATT HETTNER
Staff Writer

UCSB’s advantage then quickly evaporated from an Aggie club that effectively chased away at the lead, and controlled the tempo of a young Gauchos squad.

“They’re 2-2 and we’re 10-12, and they’re a Big West basketball team,” UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams said. “They have four seniors starting and one junior. We have three freshmen and one sophomore. They’re more experienced, stronger and better. I think our guys got dejected.”

The referees also allowed the game to revert to a milder form of football with players lunging at each other and bodies constantly being flung across the floor. When junior forward Mike Vukovich grappled the ball away from Aggie senior center Dimitri Jorssen, Jorssen by running into Vukovich on the Aggies next offensive position and steam blew out of his ears. Vukovich, who finished with 10 points, followed with an offensive foul of his own against Jorssen, heating the physicality of the game even further.

“We weren’t tough enough,” said Vukovich, who essentially ended his first half by picking up his second offensive foul with 10:21 and was a nonfactor until the game was decided. “They’re a really good team.”

The Gauchos had no rhythm offensively, clinging up shots and settling for rushed jump shots instead of milking the possession clock for the best possible shot. Santa Barbara shot .366 from the floor. We played little stagnant on offense,” said Williams. “We talked about moving ball on the perimeter and getting it inside, but we didn’t do a good job of that. We didn’t get many stops on defense, either.”

When Daniels scored his first four points of the night to tie the game at 15-15 with 12:55, Santa Barbara never took another lead in the contest. Though he attempted only two field goals in the second half, Daniels was content to hurt the Gauchos by passing out of double teams and luring perimeter defenders to challenge him, opening the spacious half-court Aggie offense, and destroying UCSB.

“The great thing about Shawn Daniels is that he doesn’t care about shot attempts,” Morrow said. “I thought tonight we moved the ball better than all year long. The kids were really healthy. He doesn’t care how many shots he takes, he just cares about winning.”

The Gauchos now must recover from their 7-5 fragile third-place standing in the Big West, and hope to maintain their competitive edge in the weeks leading up to the conference tournament, and more pertinent this Saturday at 7 against Riverside.

“Hopefully, we’ll come out with better effort this weekend,” Williams said.

Santa Barbara Prepares for Opening Homestand

The UCSB baseball team will attempt to get back on the winning track against Santa Clara this weekend at home.

UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly said. “This will be like opening the season again. We were disappointed not to play in the Bay Area. We just need to play some games and get ourselves back on track.”

Over the weekend, UCSB will match up against California (7-7), the team from the 4-16 Cal State Fullerton and host Hawaii. The team hopes that the tournament will enable it to continue building in team chemistry and the competition will serve as a springboard for the individual players to showcase their talents. Since the team will lack a permanent starting lineup or defensive make-up, players’ performances could decide who rides the pine and who gets to shine.

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Maybe a vacation to Hawaii is just what the doctor ordered for the UCSB softball team. It’s a letdown from a disappointing season-opening doubleheader loss to Loyola Marymount, the Gauchos will take part in the Hawaiian Tournament, a two-day affair that will pit them against some solid opponents.

Santa Barbara’s trip to the Bay Area last weekend went up in smoke, with all five games against University of California-Berkeley, St. Mary’s and Santa Clara being rained out. Most importantly, the Gauchos lost the opportunity of gausing valuable playing time and learning experience for this young team.

UCSB hopes to make waves in the Hawaiian Tournament After Dreadful Weather Hits California.