Almost one year after teaching assistants were recognized by the University of California as employees with bargaining rights, an agreement, which hopes to improve the systemwide conditions of graduate student workers, is nearing completion. Negotiations between the University and the United Auto Workers — the union elected to represent UC graduate student employees — are expected to be concluded by Dec. 16, according to bargaining committee delegate for UCSB Philip Zwerling. If the UAW and the University reach an agreement on labor contract terms, it will be circulated in January to all UC graduate students for ratification, he said.

UC To Close Contract Negotiations with TAs

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An early gift to the community had its big red bow cut Wednesday night at the opening of a Santa Barbara permanent winter emergency shelter.

The Coalition to Provide Shelter and Support to Santa Barbara Homeless bought the facility at 816 Cacique St. in August, with the goal of opening the emergency shelter on Dec. 1. Neighbors, supporters, officials and homeless gathered for the ceremony and a dinner provided by the Community Kitchen, which will be serving meals at the shelter.

Coalition member and neighbor Pat de Ruza opened the ceremony with a brief speech.

"I welcome this facility and the people who will take part in the services," he said.

"It's important to realize this is a welcome addition to this neighborhood. [It's a good site], and I think it's going to be a better site because of the involvement of community people, such as John Dixon."

Dixon chaired the East Coast Kitchen Committee. The Community Kitchen provided 475 dinners for the debut of the winter shelter on Dec. 1. The facility plans to remain open until mid-March.

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Independent Theater Troupe Brings Pulp Drama to Girvetz

"This is a group of actors that love to work together. ... They all share the same passion for this material — the same vision. That's what makes good theater happen."

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Board partially aided the play. Board member Lindsay Dunn said the board was happy to provide the grant to the players.

"They sounded like a great group. They were very enthusiastic about their project, so we decided to give them a funding grant," she said.

"David Gary, who plays Dwight McCarthy, said the pieces come together to create a live movie effect. The story revolves around McCarthy, an ex-photographer, and his quest to avenge past evil, when his ex-girlfriend, Ava Lord, who is played by Katie Long, tries to frame him for murder."

"You'll get a better idea of all those mediums coming together," Gary said. "Dwight is this devastating man who tries to contain this monster."

"They all share the same passion for this material — the same vision. That's what makes good theater happen."

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The efforts of the brave WTO protesters in Seattle will not go without notice. Read why.
Falling Value of Euro Raises Economic Concerns

LONDON (AP) — Europe's fledgling single currency, the euro, tumbled below $1.00 for the first time ever Thursday. Less than a year after it was launched, a symbolic benchmark in the fall of a currency some new as a new challenger to the dollar.

By breaching the psychologically-important barrier, the euro heightened concerns about its long-term viability. Eleven European nations formed the euro on Jan. 1 in an ambitious effort to create a regional economic and monetary union.

The euro, which reached parity at 4:47 p.m. EST, slipped as low as 99.97 cents, and then rose to just above 99.99 cents. At one point, the currency dropped below 99 cents.

The euro's decline extended a ragged retreat over worrisome global economic issues. Economists and currency traders have said the euro's value could undermine public confidence in it as a hard currency. In the worst case, the euro's collapse could set off deflationary spirals that would spread throughout the world economy.

Crossing such a highly visible threshold, the euro has given a black eye to supporters who had hoped the currency would challenge the dollar's supremacy in global financial markets. That dream now seems a distant memory for those who viewed the euro not just as a hard currency, but as a step toward the ultimate political unity of Europe.

On a more practical level, a weaker euro increases the risk of inflation. It also makes imports, including crude oil and other necessities, more expensive for European consumers.

As a result, the European Central Bank might come under more pressure to raise interest rates, a move that would discourage borrowing, thereby Eurpe's already stressful economic recovery and aggravate chronically high unemployment.

Further erosion in the euro's value could undermine public confidence in it as a hard currency. In the worst case, a debased euro might even lead to calls for member countries to junk it, and sever their individual national currencies.

AP Wire Shorts

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — The nation's second-largest cigarette maker announced Thursday that it will begin making cigarettes with less of a compound noted to cause cancer.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., the maker of Camel and Winston, said it won't make any health claims, but will begin using the new blend in its cigarettes "as soon as practical." Gary Burger, RJRT's senior vice president of research and development, said autonomy, also known as TNSA, has been identified as a cancer risk in high doses in some animal experiments.

"RJRT's product stewardship philosophy dictates that we switch to lower-TNSA-flavored cigarettes in our cigarettes blends as soon as we feasibly can," Burger said Thursday, though he added, "There is no reason to speculate at this time to conclude that reducing TPMs (tar and nicotine single class of compounds) will reduce the risk associated with the blend.

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Fights for the "double w."
**Locals View Community Center Design Options**

By Jeff Lupi  
Staff Writer

Models for the proposed Isla Vista Community Center at Estero Park were displayed at Thursday’s Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District meeting. The assembly was held at the University Religious Center, and gave community members a chance to view and comment on various representations of the center, which were designed by architecture students from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. According to junior architecture major Mandi Roberts, the models were built with specific uses of the community center in mind.

“We wanted to design a community center that could be used for teens, and have a multi-purpose room that could be used for weddings and other big events held there, because we were told that there really isn’t anything like that in Isla Vista currently,” she said. “Since there already is a teen center, we’re incorporating that into the design.”

Roberts said the models were also devised with community participation, but hopefully, within a few years, “we’ll have a great center for the community to use.”

A Cal Poly student explains her model of the community center.

An idea of what we want in the community center has been floating around for about one year, she said. “We started talking to residents and asking what they would want in a community center. We then took the students to the site, and they just kind of ran with it from there.”

Kotruch said construction of the center is dependent on a decision by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors about whether to continue funding to the Isla Vista Redevelopment Agency.

“If they decide to extend the Redevelopment Agency, we’ll get about $1 million to build the center,” she said. “This board is absolutely committed to the building of a center. It’s going to take some money, some work and community participation, but hopefully, within a few years, we’ll have a great center for the community to use.”

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How do you plan to party like it’s 1999?

Sharon Kirby  
Freshman Biology

I’m going to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I’m going to be getting drunk in the corn fields.

Mary Matheson  
Sophomore Undeclared

I will be in Lake Tahoe with all my friends getting very drunk, with no parents … and maybe some innocent drugs.

Kim Rocco-Shields  
Freshman Film Studies

I want to make myself so messed up that I will explode like a bomb. People will have to get in bomb shelters to get away from me.

Dave Irving  
Senior Psychology

I am going to boogie down with my closest 50,000 friends.

Jason Reukema  
Freshman Mechanical Engineering

I’m going to hang out in the woods with a bunch of friends and some shotguns for Y2K.

Greg Jones  
Graduate Student Engineering

I plan to party like there’s no tomorrow, like everything about life is all good. And that’s pretty much a bunch of bullshit.

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Giving Tree Program Encourages Donations

BY KELLY BURGGDN

Reporter

During a time when the spirit of Christmas is easily lost in crowded malls, a program sponsored by the National Mortar Board Honor Society still provides holiday joy with the gift of giving.

The Giving Tree Program invites students and the community to purchase an ornament in order to decorate the giving tree. Each ornament describes the gift that has been purchased for a person with mental disabilities, who will not be spending Christmas with family members. The tree will be located outside of the UCen between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. until Dec. 15.

The program reached its goal of contributing 250 gifts last year, and expects equal success this year, according to president Christina Costley. "If a couple dozen UCSB students can help out kids who would otherwise not have gifts, that would be great."

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Purposeful Protests

Most WTO Protesters Made Significant Headway WhileMaintaining the Peace in Seattle

How does a person get his or her voice heard? Sit down, and demand attention. Protesters realized this, and went to Seattle this week with the intention of being heard at the World Trade Organization meeting. Some of the 50,000 protesters found their way to Seattle to form human chains, get arrested and make their point to the WTO. These efforts were tremendously successful.

Environmentalists, organized labor activists, students and others trekked to Seattle to protest activities currently performed by the WTO or activities that protesters feel should be performed by the WTO. The WTO is an international organization in which countries are invited to join, as long as they meet certain criteria. Its mission is to regulate international trade and promote free trade, but critics claim it promotes business interests at the expense of American workers, global human rights and the environment. With the exception of isolated bands of anarchists who hailed downtown Seattle, the protesters utilized the tools of civil disobedience perfectly, disrupting the WTO without resorting to violence.

Due to the huge number of people present in a confined area, police action was inevitable and necessary. Protesters intended to hold up the meetings, and succeeded in delaying the beginning of the meeting's opening ceremonies. After this success, police stepped in the next day to keep things under control. A curfew was instated, and police resorted to the use of rubber bullets and tear gas to stifle unrest. Before utilizing these weapons, police did warn the protesters. After two days of protests, around 400 arrests had been made, and instances of police brutality do not seem to have occurred.

On the first day of protests, only 17 injuries were reported, none of whom were serious, in the protest-filled 1960s, serious injuries, including fatalities, occurred as a result of militant police and protesters. The lack of major injuries this week illustrates another success.

The protests seemed successful across the board. The most visible success was that the protesters' views were heard and acknowledged, something that could probably not have been achieved without such a forceful and disruptive protest. United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan also embraced some of the same positions as the protesters, criticizing rich nations for unfair agriculture exporting. Furthermore, President Bill Clinton praised the protesters for exercising their freedom of expression. The protesters made front-page headlines across the nation and the world, which is an accomplishment in itself.

The WTO was trying to peacefully assemble for its annual meeting, while the protesters also maintained a right to peacefully assemble. Seattle police allowed the protesters to get their message across, and then stepped in to allow the WTO to also conduct its own assembly. The protesters came to get arrested and make a statement, but the police had to act to enable the WTO meeting to commence, albeit a day late.

Finally, praise is due to the 30 or so UCSC students who went to Seattle to protest. They had a firm grip on the issues, and knew exactly what they were protesting, while also realizing the potential consequences of their actions.

The Reader's Voice

**NEXUS WAS WRONG AND MEAN-SPRITED**

Editor, Daily Nexus:

It is difficult to know exactly how to respond to the Nexus editorial, "Appointment Difficulties" (Dec. 1) because it is so problematically, so wrongheaded, so mean-spirited and so unnecessary. And it is time for us to put all of this behind us, and just move on. However, I feel I must respond out of concern for my coworkers and for A.S. President Jason Nazar.

First, let us be clear about the status of Associate Students career staff at this university. While we do work for the students, we are not serfs without employee rights or recourse who are at the pleasure of the president of Associated Students. In fact, Legal Code of Associated Students states the following:

"The selection and job description of the executive director of the Associated Students shall be the responsibility of the Legislative Council. The executive director's term shall be indefinite, and shall be terminated by written notice of either the executive director or the Legislative Council in accordance with current UCSB personnel policies and procedures."

Even if the Legislative Council should ask for an executive director's resignation, a formal request would have to go to Human Resources (formerly called "Personal") asking that department to carry out the termination. That requirement exists precisely so that employee rights might be protected.

Given the above, one could argue that this entire process should have been handled by Legislative Council. However, it was not necessary to follow the legal code or any other written personnel policy because this is a temporary appointment. To paraphrase the University Administration in this regard, there is no policy governing temporary appointments, so the process could be as convoluted as one wishes to fill out such a vacancy.

So, as your editorial states, the initial appointment was "legitimate." However, I challenge you as good investigative journalists to do the following: 1. At least question whether what was legal was also fair, morally acceptable, and behavior that you would want used for you. 2. Do a serious investigation into how many people in high places on this campus first got their positions through such "temporary" appointments. This is very significant because it shows permanent appointment processes in favor of those temporary appointees. It is also important because it often means that there is never a truly open job search, which might allow for more of the diversity this university says it values so highly. (A historical footnote: Former Chancellor Vernon Chauncey, for whom Cheadle Hall named, apparently had a policy which prohibited temporary appointees from applying for the permanent position they were filling. Thus, the temporary appointee assumed caretaker role forever from self-interest.)

Finally, I urge you to change your making a vilification of Marilyn Dukes and Jason Nazar for having had the audacity to correct a bad process. For the record, I was the first person to complain in writing about the process, and I was not interested in the position. There were many student concerns about the process. And while I don't need to go into the specifics, believe me, it was quite obviously and seriously flawed.

Dukes was certainly not "completely out of line" in filing a complaint (part of a confidential process, by the way, so consider your counsel), she was merely to do so to protect the university's own interests.

Christopher Brown

**GRADUATE DEGREE A DEGREE OF DIVERSITY**

What a waste of resources! A student at my university is certainly not the first to "report a diversity issue." What about the millions of dollars allocated in the history of the University. On Dec. 3, 1964, Mario Savio, an undergraduate at the University of California, Berkeley, incited students to civil disobedience. Storming Berkeley's administration building, Savio and supporters precipitated one of the 60's most publicized protests. At stake for these students was the right to speak their minds, express opinions and associate politically without the threat of reprisal from the University. By this time, the Free Speech Movement was well on its way, but this event, more than any other, marked the student solidarity that would see the FSM movement to its necessary end.

As most people not of that era, I took for granted the diversity stage for granted. I believed the university respected diversity. The University of California — was a bastion of free speech. To a large extent, it is. One is free to express any opinion, so long as it is officially sanctioned and supports the status quo.

Over the last 35 years, we have failed to realize that any liberty requires vigilance. Readers may already be familiar with my dispute with the UCSB administration ("Grad Student's Dated Provokes Suit," Nov. 15, or www.dailyxue

Unfortunately, I made all documents publicly available. Since June, the Materials Dept., the
Acatholosics Are Not Powerless to Better Themselves

Henry Sarria

The holidays are upon us, and with the holidays come many opportuni-

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Henry Sarria is a Daily Nexus

columnist and a long-time Ilsa Vesta resi-

ent.
SHELTER
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Beach Coalition, a collection of business owners and neighbors who had expressed concern over the placement of the largest shelter in Santa Barbara. The coalition appealed the opening of the shelter to the Santa Barbara City Council in October, but dropped its appeal after concessions were made to the size and management of the shelter. Dixon barbered trip at the opening of the shelter.

The Community Kitchen had previously served meals every day at noon out of its building on Hope Avenue, but will relocate to the new shelter. Past president and current Community Kitchen volunteer Don Zahl said the 475 meals served Wednesday night all came into the Community Kitchen that morning like its regular meals.

"Every bit of food came through the front doors of the Community Kitchen between 7 and 9 a.m. [Tuesday]," he said. "Barbecue—that's the only thing special; the rest is what we normally serve."

The Community Kitchen relies heavily on volunteers, and Zahl introduced one of the newest members during the dinner.

[Charlie] has been homeless since the house he rented was sold. He came to me [Thursday]," he said. "He's a symbol of the people who are homeless these days—not what you and I think—people who can't find affordable housing."

Homeless Coalition Chair Sue Adams thanked the many individuals and organizations involved in the project, including churches, community providers, homeless advocates and city, county and state officials. "What a family; what a town! It really is an emo­tional moment for us on the board to be here," she said. "This whole project just took any breath away."

Coalition member Rev. Peggy Bentholtz also recog­nized the dedication and cooperation behind the quick progress.

"What a grand, glorious day this is. I can't believe we're here," she said. "People who might have been adversaries coming together, . . . organizations grafted on piece by piece."

Eddie Rogers and David Skyre shared a table at the opening. Rogers said he enjoyed his meal, and hopes to stay at the shelter "probably longer than tonight." Both agreed that the shelter was an improvement on the tem­porary shelters past winters.

The emergency shelter will be open nights until mid-March, and the coalition intends to open a day center that will include services such as drug and alcohol counseling and job placement. Skyre said he looks for­ward to a day center, and hopes to see showers and laun­dry facilities.

"You've gotta have clean clothes if you want to go to an interview," he said. The coalition's financial advisor Marshall Rose said the shelter has come a long way since its days as a furni­ture store, but it will still need volunteers and donations.

"I see a room full of worker bees, and I couldn't see this happen without a 12-hour day. We don't pay for this, but we have a good start," he said. "We're come a long way. If you saw this place in October, you wouldn't recognize it. We've got a giant step forward, and a year from now we hope to be another giant step."

PLAY
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would happen if you fell to the lowest low, and came back up only to discover your past is back to haunt you again?"

Ava Lord is the "dame to kill for," who has lots of experience in the kitchen and serving food," she said. "He's a symbol of the people who are homeless these days—not what you and I think—people who can't find affordable housing."

Although Ava may appear to be mad, she said. "She's manipulative and multi­faceted. Her distinct style makes her very under­standing her extremes."

"A Dame to Kill For" will show Dec. 3, 4 and 5 at 8:30 p.m. in Girvetz 1004.

UNIONS
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UCSB's union, Academic Student Employees, has encoun­tered difficulties with the UAW because of differing opinions about the role of constituents in the bargai­ning process since negotiations began two years ago, according to former ASE-UAW representative Raul Bush.

"Bargaining here on campus has had a his­tory of having problems with the UAW because we've always been con­cerned about a democratic union on our campus," she said. "A lot of the UAW will put efficiency above democracy."

According to Bush, when talks began, the UAW assured the UCSB team that any issues not agreed upon by the UC campuses on a sys­temwide level could be brought back to the local level. Bush said representa­tives discovered this was not the case when they were asked to come to the right to strike. Although the other seven UC campuses agreed to forgo the right to strike in exchange for arbitration in future dis­putes with the University, the UCSB team refused. Its desire to maintain local control over this issue led to the team's resignation on Oct. 25.

"We hope that [resignation] will send a message to the university that they have to represent the workers," Bush said. "We resigned because we weren't able to represent our members in the way we wanted to."

Political science TA William Ford, appointed along with Zwerling by the UAW, said he disagreed with the original representatives' reason for quitting. Ford said he right to strike should be decided at the systemwide level.

"People who are activists tend to be a bit more extreme. I got a sense in my department that people felt [the original UAW bargaining team] was too much of an extreme," he said. "I think I represent those who want a good con­tract."

McCarty reported that some graduate stu­dents are concerned that the two newly appointed representatives were not involved with the process from the beginning and have undertaken responsi­bilities that used to be divided by eight. He said the fact that the UAW appointed the representa­tives does not ease gradu­ate workers' mistrust of the national union.

"The last gradu­ates that were supportive of the UAW was the bar­gaining team. They were the stalwart diehards, and they finally got pissed off and walked off," he said. "Now we have two people who are appointed bar­gainers that did not partici­pate in the strike, were not original organizers on campus, and we were not even told they were appointed for us until after bargaining had resumed."

McCarty is part of United Student Labor, a small but growing group with the goal of replacing UAW as UCSB's bargai­ning agent. According to McCarty, the USL needs the support of 30 percent of enrolled graduate stu­dents to be placed on the ballot for the next union election.

"USL members really value having local control over union poli­ciyo What the UAW has shown, in the last year and a half is that the [UC sys­temwide] interests have been put before UCSB worker's interests," said John Baranski, USL co­founder. "They're more concerned about their own interests than about UC workers and giving UC workers a true voice at the bargaining table."

Although Ford recognizes USL's efforts and intent, he believes the group lacks the strength and experience needed to be effective at the bargai­ning table.

"I know that they're interested in being our union, but the UAW has the resources, organiza­tion and experience to get us a good contract," he said. "I have a lot more faith in the UAW to get us a good contract than the alternative."
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Others, such as freshman music major Alex Pasternak, were not only working for the case of Abu-Jamal, but for the larger issue of state execution.

"I believe that he was framed," he said. "More so, I believe capital punishment is wrong.... Talk about cruel
and unusual punishment."

Because there have been questions raised about the trial, Pasternak said it is obvious that Abu-Jamal is not guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. He said there is evi­dence that was not heard at the 1982 trial, and that other information has surfaced since then.

"Whether anyone knows the facts of whether or not he's guilty, they should agree that he should have the right to a fair trial," he said.

Mumia has attracted international support, including from former South African President Nelson Mandela, the British Parliament and Amnesty International, according to Coe. He said because Abu-Jamal had been critical of the Philadelphia police on the radio, there might have been a strong motive to frame him for the officer's murder.

Coe added that Abu-Jamal was convicted of first-degree murder, which requires that it be premeditated, but the evidence does not back this up. Coe said he believed in the campaign because, "I couldn't rest at night without trying to do something."

Junior sociology major Eric Wong bought a T-shirt and wrote a letter to show his support. He said the courts are more interested with going through the motions of the trial than finding the truth.

"I wrote a letter because I think there are injustices in the legal system," he said. "They shouldn't even be thinking twice about giving him a fair re-trial."

As he collected signatures, freshman history major Justin Regel showed students the information that was posted throughout the UCen and the basics of what activists were working on. He pointed to the letter that Abu-Jamal filed in Federal District Court that lists 29 constitutional violations in his trial.

"He had a pretty messed up trial," he said. "Basically, we are just working so he can get a re-trial and a fair trial."

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CHANUKAH AT UCSB!

Friday, December 3
First Night:
Light One Candle
6:00 p.m. at Hillel, 777 Camino Pescadero in Isla Vista, followed by Shabbat Services and Free Dinner

Sunday, December 5
Gala Candle-Lighting
7:30 p.m. in Storke Plaza

CHANUKAH DANCE!
in the Hub
at 8:00 p.m.

Monday, December 6
Candle-Lighting 7:00 p.m.
Santa Rosa Formal Lounge

Tuesday, December 7
Candle-Lighting 7:00 p.m.
F.T. Food Lounge (Free Pizza!)

Wednesday, December 8
Candle-Lighting 7:00 p.m.
Santa Cruz Formal Lounge (Jelly Donuts!)

Friday, December 10
Shabbat & Candles 6:00 p.m. Hillel
Every successful college coach knows that constant recruiting is what a program needs to remain competitive. With this in mind, the UCSB swim teams have been working to bring in new talent. The women's and men's teams will head to the Speedo Cup Invitational in Long Beach this weekend, and with the men's and women's teams featuring a strong crop of freshmen and sophomores, the result of two years of successful recruiting by the swimming program.

"This, to me, is the best team I've had with an incoming class in about a decade," UCSB Head Coach Greg Wilson said. "Some of the most important swimmers across both of our teams are freshmen.

The women's team held their first meet at Campus Pool against UCLA, a meet that they lost 165-92. However, Wilson points to the fact that UCSB has suspended its diving program as a factor that should be considered when looking at results of its meets.

"Before we even compete in an event, we're behind," Wilson said. "Because we don't have a diving team, we've had to substitute freshmen into the pool to cover the necessities of the programs."

The first meet, which both teams competed in was the USC Invitational, held in Long Angeles on Oct. 3. In a meet that was dominated by the Trojans, the Gauchos placed respectively in several categories. In the women's 100-meter backstroke, sophomore Shelley Chandler placed fourth overall in the event, with a time of 59.16.

One event at USC in which both teams performed well was the 800-meter freestyle relay. The women placed fifth overall in the event, with a time of 7:50.82. Swimming on UCSB's four-person team were sophomores Kira Prig and Karin Finger, and freshmen Kristal Haesler and Romina Mosquera. In the same event, the men's team — made up of sophomores Seth Derrick, Kevin Herlihy and David Madfish, and freshman Matt Wheeler — finished sixth overall, with a time of 6:59.33.

The last meet that both teams competed in was the Big West Shootout, held from November 5-6 at UC Irvine. For both the men and the women, the meet was a major success.

The men finished first in several categories. Sophomore Jeremy Sutherland won the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 0:21.11. In the 100-meter freestyle, senior Mike Scaresdi finished first with a time of 0:46.41. Wheeler enjoyed multiple wins in the 200-meter backstroke and the 400-meter individual medley, with respective times of 1:51.34 and 4:01.31.

"We're in the thick of our top freshman recruit," Wilson said. "We got him to come here, and he is now a valuable member of our team."

On the women's side, they were also multiple winners for the Gauchos, including Danielle Steadman in the 100-meter freestyle (0:52.34), Mosquera in the 500-meter freestyle (4:59.79), and Chandler in the 200-meter backstroke (2:06.64).

In head-to-head competition, the men's team defeated Pacific 71-51 and UC Irvine 95-37. The women's team beat four teams in their meet, beating Irvine 96-46, Pacific 76-46, New Mexico State 19 and 21 in Nebraska. Behind the strength of a third-place finish in the 400-meter freestyle by junior Ryan Koch, UCSB earned 212 points and finished sixth.

UCSB will be in Long Beach until Saturday, since both teams are competing in the three-day Speedo Cup Invitational.

"We're really excited about the event," Wilson said. "These kids are working so hard, and they just love getting out there and competing. They're just doing a fantastic job."

— Zack O'Neill