Research Focus Pays Off; What Does It All Mean?

Nobel Prizes Will Bring in More Funding, Increase Prestige of Students' Degrees — the Impact on Teaching Not as Clear

The Nobel Prize and UCSB

Part Four of a Four-Part Series

The ceremony opens new rooms for juvenile rehabilitation program

The ceremonial cutting of a ribbon in Goleta may mark the beginning of the road to rehabilitation for local juvenile delinquents.

The Santa Barbara County Probation Dept. and the Villa Esperanza Counseling and Education Center opened a new modular group room Thursday off of Hollister Avenue. The dedication ceremony celebrated the opening of the new group room, which is equipped with two new drug-testing bathrooms and will function as a private office for both individual counseling sessions and various group activities.

The ceremony attracted approximately 65 people, including Chief Probation Officer Sue Gionfriddo and Superior Court Judge Frank Ochoa. The Villa Esperanza Center is one of three juvenile rehabilitation centers operating within Santa Barbara County. The program allows juvenile offenders to probation and court wards an opportunity to reside at home rather than being placed in boys camps or in a group home.

Participants are able to live at home, while attending school and counseling programs during the day. The program, which has the capacity to aid 20 minors and families, focuses on the minor's educational needs and encourages socially acceptable behavior. The period of time that a minor participates within the program can vary depending on his or her behavior.

—Nexus Staff Report

Locals Purchase KDB Radio Station, Plan to Sell to UCSB

A group of local investors purchased one of the largest classical music stations on the West Coast with plans to sell it within the year to UCSB.

Last Halloween, classical radio station KDB closed escrow on the sale of 75 percent of its stock. Local philanthropists David Anderson, Jean and Barry Schyoler, and Michael Towbes, all members of the Investor's Board, purchased the stock. Roby Scott, president of the Pacific Broadcasting Company, and father Bob Scott, purchased the remaining 25 percent of the stock.

The Investor's Board first considered selling the station to UCSB two years ago, believing the university would retain the classical format. Anderson, president of the board, when the university could not come up with the money soon enough, the investors had to explore other options to keep the station within the community. "And that's where we step in," Anderson said.

The board is offering the station to UCSB at the same price it paid, which is much lower than market value. The four buyers are working as middlemen between the previous owner and UCSB to provide more time for fund-raising.

I.V. Foot Patrol Releases Holiday Crime Stats

Thanksgiving and Winter Break traditionally turn Isla Vista into a virtual ghost town, making student-rented property vulnerable to theft. On Thursday, the I.V. Foot Patrol released its annual burglary report for Nov. 23 through Jan. 17, which showed an increase in residential burglaries and decline in vehicle burglaries.

IVFP Lt. Butch Arnoldi presented the new report, which compared statistics for 1998, 1999 and 2000, at the I.V. Recreation and Parks District meeting yesterday evening. According to the report, while five arrests were made this year, burglaries more than doubled from eight in 1999 to 21 in 2000. No vehicle burglaries were reported throughout the entire eight-week period, compared to seven in 1999. Additionally, property that allegedly belonged to I.V. residents was retrieved with the arrest of four other suspects for possession of stolen property. Arnoldi said, "A total of five arrests [for burglary] were made, and a total of nine residential burglaries were cleared as a result of those arrests," he said. "The game plan [for the suspects arrested for stolen property] was to basically rip the stuff off, put it in dumpsters, and then come back to retrieve it later. Fortunately, their plans didn't go through."

Arnoldi attributed the burglary arrests to the residence vacation check service offered by the IVFP for the past two years, and said it showed the ability of the community to work together to ensure the safeguarding of I.V. property.

"It is a direct result of this community spirit and cooperation between the Daily Nexus, the residents and the Isla Vista Foot Patrol that can be directly attributed
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — As blackouts swept the city Thursday, San Francisco sued the companies that produce its electricity — accusing them of manipulating wholesale energy prices to reap huge profits.

The suit, filed in San Francisco Superior Court, names a dozen energy producers and marketers nationwide. It charges them with deliberately restricting the power supply and collecting an estimate of $11 billion from the practice.

The suit asks the court immediately to cease the alleged wrongdoing and return the money to customers.

"The companies have manufactured an artificial crisis in order to make illegal profits," said San Francisco City Attorney Renne. San Francisco has been hit particularly hard by skyrocketing energy prices because of Hetch Hetchy, a city-owned hydroelectric plant that also serves as a utility, Renne said. It provides power to city offices, courts, San Francisco International Airport, the subway and electric buses.

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— Louise Renne
San Francisco city attorney

When Hetch Hetchy cannot produce enough power, it has to buy power from the open market. Skyrocketing prices have left the utility "millions of dollars behind the eight ball," Renne said.

"We're not withholding power," said Tom Williams, spokesperson for Charlotte, N.C.-based Duke Energy, one of the defendants named in the suit. He had not seen the suit, but said the company would be looking closely at it.

"The price of fuel sets the price of power," he said. "It's critical power shortages that have prompted rolling air emissions limits or thermal restrictions, Williams said. "We're running the stuff as hard as it can be run."


Activists Rally Against Bush Environmental Legitimacy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tensions between protesters and police rose Thursday as police arrested three activists who scaled the Interior Dept.'s headquarters and unfurled a huge banner opposed to the new Bush administration's environmental policies.

Other demonstrators were set to argue before a federal judge today, trying to roll back some of the security measures put in place for Saturday's swearing-in ceremony and inauguration.

The protest by Greenpeace-USA activists came on the heels of three activists who scaled the roof of the Federal Trade Commission building on Wednesday, charging the company with disorderly conduct, which carries a fine of up to $50.

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AP Wire Shorts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Speaker Abraham, President-elect Bush's nominee for energy secretary, gained easy endorsement Thursday from the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee only hours after he appeared before the panel.

The committee agreed by voice vote to recommend confirming Abraham, a former senator from Michigan who lost a bid for re-election in November.

Abraham, the 48-year-old grandson of Lebanese immigrants, is expected to get easy approval to head the Energy Dept., which he said would allow energy exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Two protesters used ropes and pulleys to lower themselves outside the department's headquarters, unfurling a red, white and blue banner that read, "Bush and Norton: Our Land, Not Oil Land!"

After 45 minutes, the two activists descended to the street and surrendered peacefully. Police arrested a third on the roof.

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Nobel Prize [had] any direct benefit to me; I don't have any classes with [the winners]," freshman psychology major Zuri Magen said. "But our education is good."

"It gives the school a better reputation," senior economics major Zack Gordon said. "I think there's enough emphasis on teaching, and I think the emphasis on research is good for the school. In my experience, the teaching has been excellent."

Most faculty and staff agree that increased emphasis on research helps students, who benefit from energized professors presenting the latest advancements in their field.

"One of the signatures of a truly great institution of higher learning is the effective integration of student learning and research," Vice Chancellor for Research France Cordova said. "This includes classroom learning by excellent teachers who are involved in excellent research, and it includes research experiences for students."

Professors spending their time on research are spending less time reading journals on education, Physics Dept. Vice Chair Mark Srednicki said. Nonetheless, he spoke fondly of his experience at large research universities, both as a student and as a faculty member.

"It tends to mean at a university where a lot of research is being done, that you are getting classes that are informed by that, and classes that are taught by people at the forefront of research," he said. "The downside is that you may not get people who are up on the latest techniques of teaching. In the physics dept, we try to make some effort to stay informed on those things."

The situation is similar in the social sciences and humanities, which have focused much more aggressively on research in the last several years.

"This dept, certainly values research and knows that we have to be good researchers, or we're just not going to go anywhere, in terms of national rankings, in terms of getting good people here, and so on," Political Science Dept. Chair Lorraine McDonnell said.

As the social sciences and humanities have moved in that direction, however, professors have less time to devote to education. Like the physical sciences, most faculty say they are excited by their work, which can charge up the classroom environment.

"I would argue that if people are good researchers, they're usually going to be good teachers. Because they're energized by their research, they'll bring that into the classroom," McDonnell said. "On the whole, better teachers are good researchers, and it pays off for students."

The humanities have a similar connection with research and teaching, Humanities and Fine Arts Dean David Marshall said. "[Professors] test their ideas with students — it grows out of that interaction.

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The UCSB Foundation Academic Senate Distinguished Teaching Award

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PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS

A purpose of the Academic Senate Committee on Effective Teaching and Instructional Support (CETIS) is to recognize and enhance teaching on this campus. In carrying out its function, the Committee annually presents awards for distinguished teaching, with support from the UCSB Foundation.

FACULTY AWARD

All members of the Academic Senate, Santa Barbara Division, and all non-Senate faculty members with instructional responsibility, are eligible for consideration for this Award. Any member of the Senate may make a nomination for a member of the UCSB community, with the exception that each member of the Committee is eligible only for the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award.

Upon receipt of a nomination, CETIS will request that the nominee arrange submission of further supporting information from the academic department, colleagues and other sources.

TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

The Committee annually presents four awards to Outstanding Teaching Assistants. Nominations must have been a Teaching Assistant at UCSB for a minimum of three academic quarters at the time of nomination, current quarter included.

Previous award winners and current members of the Committee on Effective Teaching and Instructional Support (CETIS), are not eligible. The Committee must be notified regarding the Distinguished Teaching Award Recipients.

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Submitting Nominations

Nominees for Distinguished Teaching Awards and for the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards may be made by any member of the UCSB community—and individual student, faculty member, academic department, instructional unit, or student organization. A brief letter of nomination, outlining the reasons for the particular nomination, should be sent directly to:

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Distinguished Teaching Award Recipients

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Anthropology

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Matthew Doty, Physics (1999-2000)

Political Science

Gregory Wier (1999-2000)

Psychology


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David Brainard, Political Science (1999-2000)

Social Sciences

Matthew Doty, Physics (1999-2000)

Spanish

Kathleen Anne Robins (1999-2000)

Women’s Studies

Lori I. B. Hersh (1999-2000)

Writing Program

Kathleen Anne Robins (1999-2000)

*Alumni Award

†Joint appointment

‡Joint Award - Academic Senate & Alumni Association
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The university is working closely with local philanthropists and supporters, including the Santa Barbara Foundation, to raise the estimated $3.25 million needed to purchase the station, Chancellor Henry Yang said. He added that they would like to have the goal met in one year.

"The university is cooperating with members of the community on a plan to save classical music station KDB, which is one of Santa Barbara's cultural resources," Yang said.

The board also hopes to keep the station out of hands of a large corporation unlikely to retain the classical format, Roby Scott said.

"Every other station in Santa Barbara has changed hands. It has been a feeding frenzy by large corporations," he said.

Yang said the recent buyers felt the station "fit in well with the university's mission of teaching, research and public service."

A large audience sustains the station's current format, and Yang hopes to continue the station's monetary independence.

"We expect the station to be self-sustaining, and the emphasis will remain on classical music," Yang said. "When the station is given to the university, we will undertake some campus consultation and proceed."

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Wheels of Justice
Can Americans Trust John Ashcroft to Justly Enforce the Writ of Law as the Nation's Next Attorney General?

For those who found the George W. Bush pill difficult enough to swallow will be gagging on his recent cabinet nominations. However, one man in particular is jaggled enough to choke any rational American — John Ashcroft. Our president-elect, in all his infinite wisdom, chose to nominate the number-one pick of the Christian right for attorney general. In an attempt to refute concerns over his ability to uphold legislation that runs counter to his own ultraconservative values, Ashcroft assured the U.S. Senate on Tuesday that he understands the difference between enforcement and enactment of laws. But even if he knows the difference, can we trust that he will act accordingly?

John Ashcroft has an extensive political record. He served as Missouri attorney general for eight years, followed by two consecutive terms as the state's governor. Ashcroft served one term as a U.S. senator, and then made history by losing to a dead Democrat in last year's election. Undoubtedly, he has an impressive bipartisan track record. Although the Senate Judiciary Committee grilled Ashcroft for the past three days, it is apparent that he has significant support among both Republicans and Democrats.

The hearing's opening day was lightened by an anecdotal tale about the time that John was nice enough to give two Democratic senators a ride home from Capitol Hill. Throughout the transcripts of Ashcroft's confirmation, it is obvious that he belongs to a very exclusive political boys' club — one that takes care of its own. And although it seems implausible that his confirmation will be derailed, the country should be seriously concerned by the responses he gave during this week's hearing.

Ashcroft's deeply religious views have peppered his constructionist interpretation of the Constitution. His ultraconservative values have drawn criticism from the NAACP, and from advocates of gay rights, gun control and a woman's right to choose. Ashcroft strongly opposes abortion. Sen. Ted Kennedy went so far as to accuse Ashcroft of being of "the right-wing conspiracy" to dismantle Roe v. Wade. In fact, his views on abortion are so right-wing, he has suggested that fetuses should receive death certificates when they are aborted.

However, threats to challenge precedents like Roe v. Wade are not as concerning as Ashcroft's potential effect on developing areas in the law. He may have been fairly uncontroversial in Missouri, but as U.S. attorney general, Ashcroft will need to uphold the Brady Gun Bill. He will need to address racial profiling, affirmative action and hate crime legislation; he will also need to take a position on the war on drugs and anti-trust prosecutions such as the Microsoft case. Where does Ashcroft stand on all these issues?

In his short time as U.S. senator, Ashcroft took a critical, conservative position on everything from gun control to affirmative action, from Roe v. Wade to FBI eavesdropping on e-mail sent to criminal suspects. He will need to address everything from drug treatment programs to executive orders protecting gay federal employees. These laws, and many more, will be under the control of the future attorney general.

The highest law enforcement position in the country must be filled by someone the nation implicitly trusts. Ashcroft's divisive and blatantly discriminatory views may drive a wedge further into this country's judicial system, depending upon which battles he chooses to fight. The nation blinked once and wound up with Dennis the Menace in the Oval Office. It would now be well-advised to monitor the actions of his Cabinet with greater vigilance.
A.S. California's Misplaced Priorities Deny Equal Rights

UC and Statewide Repeal of Affirmative Action Rejects Minorities' Right to Fair Share of Benefits of Society

Edith Sargon

In the process of generalizing Asian cultures, the multiple ethnicities within the Asian Pacific Islander communities, the multiple ethnicities within the Asian Pacific Islander communities have been neglected. With the string of hate legislation embodied in Props 209, 187 and 21, a process of deterring California's youth from education to lives of crime has begun to expose itself.

With the passing of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and as we revisit the life and legacy of a person who represents struggle, resistance and hope, it is important to highlight one of the most important advances achieved by the Civil Rights Movement: Affirmative Action. Throughout the many discussions and debates that revolve around the issue of Affirmative Action, there have been many myths running rampant and too few facts. In our safe, liberal environment here at UC Santa Barbara, one often hears highly naive statements attempting to prove that we, as a society, have progressed to the point that we no longer need to implement programs such as Affirmative Action. The persistence of race and gender-based hate crimes, unequal pay, disparities in enrollment and retention, imbalances in hiring and other evidence points to the continuing need to keep positive programs like Affirmative Action alive. An infamous and tired argument against Affirmative Action has referred to it as "reverse racism." The term itself is rhetorical and meant to invalidate the importance of Affirmative Action. Reverse racism cannot be a reality if people of color are not in the positions of power that perpetuate institutionalized racism. The cry for a colorblind approach to social organization is a face in a nation that built itself upon inequality based on race. The last of the most notorious myths commonly used against Affirmative Action is that it hurts white and Asian Pacific Islander communities.

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Letters to the editor MUST include the author's full name, phone number, year and major. Letters to the editor should not exceed one-half page. After you have any idea the audience it takes to assume that any believer of the Bible is just some brainwashed drone? The majority of us silly Christians that refuses to serve the people. The tax dollars that fund the UC are coming from the families of students who will not apply to a UC school because of the "not wanted" poster that Sp 1 has placed on the doorway to educational and social advancement. Even more sad is the fact that the tax dollars of these families are being used to subsidize the education of an elite and privileged few. Preventing taxation without representation was and still is a founding achievement of the United States of America.

Ironically enough, there is still one social institution in California that actively applies Affirmative Action: the prison industry. As California, a political rend­setting state, shifts towards a demographic containing a majority of people of color, it becomes more and more clear that public funding is shifting from educating to incarcerating this new generation. With the string of hate legislation embodied in Props 209, 187 and 21, a process of deterring California's youth from education to lives of crime has begun to expose itself. As California invests itself in prison spending ($1 in the nation), it sacrifices access to education ($41 in the nation for education spending). Affirmative Action was created over thirty years ago by the revolutionary brothers and sisters of the Civil Rights Movement to ensure accessibility to resources and to promote equality, as students who made it past Prop 209 we must never forget this.

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First, it is interesting to me that the information used to put down the Bible was obtained by a program on MTV. I can't be the only one who finds that scary. I read that the author of this letter is an undeclared freshman. I will assume that they have had a science class or two in their education-'rationalizing' that scientific research involves taking a small amount of "known information" and carrying it a step farther into the unknown. If this were not the case, nothing new would ever come from research. According to you, a person must understand everything about an action before it is made. In the article, it is put this way, "...[Christian]s are more in the universe in some way, as assuming that God's ultimate and perfect plan is somehow outside their capabilities of comprehension as humans." So, in this case, is it weather science or a scientific theory if we do not first understand everything about that plan? I am not going to try to validate or explain the Bible passage the author quoted. The problem I have comes from the general theme of the article. Do you have any idea the arrogance it takes to assume that any believer of the Bible is just some brainwashed drone? The majority of us silly Christians do not spend our time killing homosexuals. The majority of us are all around you in everyday life. We drive children to school, perform surgery, run restaurants and live everyday normal lives. Please tell me that the author does not believe that us Christians all sit around singing songs and cheering hate crimes. I am sure the author would scream and shout for a rock 'n' roll star's First Amendment right to sing music that directly praises murder and rape, yet almost in the same breath condones the evil Bible for sending messages to the youth of America. Maybe more time should be spent reading and investigating instead of swallowing the masses of produced "news" found on networks such as MTV.

I am not saying that everyone must believe or they will go to hell. I am saying that before you pat yourself on the back for sticking it to us believers, you should read a little, talk to some of us. Find out why we believe in God. Find out why young men acted out of ignorance and killed someone. Don't be guilty of the same ignorance and alienate a large part of the population.

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Black Tide Brings Tsunami
Ultimate Frisbee Team to Crash All Over Harder Stadium

Justin Hanan

When was the last time you went to Harder Stadium and screamed your lungs out for a UCSB sports team? If you were born in the 80s (and are not a soccer fan), odds are probably never. Truth be told, Gauchos-holics have come to understand life outside the Thunderdome as very sobering.

We've got this huge stadium sitting in the middle of our campus doing nothing more than gathering rust and being leased out to AYSO soccer moms. Let's face it, UCSB: the only time we ever see more than a custodial staff and a flock of seagulls is when we're taking in a Black Tide game. Harder Stadium is at the end of May when the Extravaganza music festival takes the stage. And even that hasn't been good since Ben Harper came in '97 — forget a football team, we can't even get Britney Spears to come play in there!

Well, UCSB sports fans, get ready. This Saturday will be you and your drinking buddies' big chance to tailgate on Storke Field and PACK HARDER STADIUM. No, our football team has not made it to the national tournament 13 times. Of these 13 times, the Black Tide has advanced into the Final Four 13 times, and captured the national championship six times. What other UCSB sports program boasts six national championships?

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The Reader's Voice

MLK Holiday Marks Day of Reflection on Racism

Eileen Boris

As a white American I have grown up with all the privileges that are associated with being part of the majority culture. When I watch TV, most of the characters have the same skin tone as I do, similar facial features and the same hair texture. When I go to the supermarket, the foods that I have grown up with are there in abundance. When I go to class, most of the professors are white and teach their classes from a white perspective. Because I, along with most white Americans, have lived my whole life with these privileges, it is hard for me to imagine life being any different. When we are confronted with an issue such as Affirmative Action, we immediately reject it because, from our experience, everything has always been on a level playing field and, for the first time, we are faced with losing some of our privileges. But these privileges that we hold on to so tightly were gained by years of slavery followed by years of laws that prevented minorities from having the same advantages that white Americans did. We were born with privileges because other races were forced down. We cannot expect minorities to suddenly be on the same level as us simply because in the last generation we have passed laws that prohibit outright racism. My white friends and I are not racists, but because we were born into the majority culture, we do have privileges. Because we have received these privileges in such a terrible manner it is only right and fair that we should give some of them up in order to give minorities the ability to come onto the same level as those of us in the majority culture. Affirmative Action may not be the best solution, but if we are to make restitution to those people who have been harmed by so many hateful acts since Europeans first came to the Americas, we will have to give up some of those rights we gained from those acts. I must apologize to the many different minority groups that are a vital part of our country. I have long lived in ignorance and expressed many of the same views that James Black did in his recent article. I must ask for forgiveness because I have long sat on the sideline and said nothing while you have fought for equality. I urge other Christians on this campus to stand up and fight for those people who have less than you do. Our God has called us to be a people who stand up to injustice, and it has become far too easy for us to sit quietly on the side. When Christians of all ethnicities and cultures stand together and fight it will be a beautiful thing to our God.

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It's no longer possible to do string and ceiling wax sort of experiments. If we were going to do an experiment like that today, it wouldn't be done that way. It takes money.

—Alan Heeger
Nobel Laureate

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UCSB, Fullove Come Up Short

By ELLAY APPELBAUM
Staff Writer

Playing with fire and passion can take a team to great heights. Yet there are boundaries every team must overcome to take its game to the next level.

The UCSB men's basketball team came out with rearing intensity to a nervous crowd of 4,904 fans, only to fall just short in its last-minute comeback, bowing down to Big West rival Long Beach State, 76-75 Thursday night in the Thunderdome. The defeat is the first of two conference games. The Gauchos' freshman guard Brandunso Fullove, who continually attacked the 49ers by driving to the key en route to 15 points, had a chance to tie the game at 76 with 0:00 on the clock after being fouled shooting a wild three. Fullove calmly sank the first two free throws, rolling the first one in and swishing the next. But the freshman guard could not make the third. The ball hit the front iron as it were about to creep into the net on the next bounce, but then it hit the rim again, falling short on the shot. The crowd, in a jittery mood as Fullove shot his game-ending free throws, deated as soon as the ball began to descend in defeat.

But the problems for UCSB came well before Fullove even stepped up to the line. The serious problems for the Gauchos came in the second half, after starting the game with an exuberant.

Santa Barbara missed 11 of 25 free throws for a .600 average over the course of the entire game. Sophomore forward Mark Hall, who exploded in the first half with 16 points, didn't show up at all in the second half, missing all three shots. The Gauchos didn't attack the basket with the same zeal as earlier in the game, and they did not respond well to the defensive adjustments the 49ers threw at them. The defense also could not control guard Ramek Lloyd, a scoring machine for the Bears, who continually burned the Gauchos all night with 27 points.

"We were moving the ball and breaking down the zone in the first half," said freshman guard Nick Jones. "We were shuting down (Travis) Reed. But Lloyd went off. In the second half we broke down defensively. We let them rush our shots."

UCSB played solid, fundamentally strong basketball in the first half. Ball distribution and passing was a sign of a patient, attacking team. Seven players had at least one assist after the first twenty minutes of play, with Fullove and freshman guard Jacoby Atako both dishing out four assists. And the Gauchos made many big shots, especially three huge downtown bombs from Hall.

The Gauchos won the tip-off, with junior forward Mike Vukovich getting the tip to Fullove, who then found Vukovich again under the basket for a dunk and foul. Vukovich set the defensive tone down in the paint with an early block on junior center Travis Reed. UCSB had Long Beach's top big man to two points and Reed was largely ineffective in creating anything offensively. Vukovich helped pump the Gauchos Loos by diving for balls, dunking on 49ers, taking charges and disrupting order in Long Beach's game plan. When Vukovich slammed 49er forward Kevin Roberts on a hard foul, it was a sequence that seemed to tell Long Beach that "this is our house, and you can't wait in here without a battle."

"He made some great moves down low, and he was sticking it to them," Jones said. "He was too big for them to guard down low. We need him as a force down low to open up our outside game."

But the play that really got the crowd in a frenzy was Hull posterizing senior forward Grant Stone with a huge dunk at 6:23 for a 27-21 lead in the first half. Vukovich made a layup at the halftime buzzer, after a scramble for the ball landed in his hands for a 41-37 lead.

The second half was a different story, as Long Beach State countered UCSB with tenacious man-to-man coverage that resulted in more long jump shots than layups. Lloyd, who scored 17 points in the first half alone, buried four of five treys. Every time the Gauchos made a basket, they threw it away with a costly turnover or miss on the front end of one-or-one way too often.

The result for all that hard work was ultimately plagued by glaring holes in the execution of the game plan. The result for fighting hard for every second of the forty-minute battle was a demoralizing one-point loss.

"If we made our free throws, we wouldn't be standing here," Head Coach Bob Williams said.

"Well be talking about a different game."

Koski Takes Over the Helm While Santa Barbara Continues Winning Matches

By BRITANY LANGAN
Staff Writer

When Ben Koski walked onto the volleyball court he knew he had some big shoes to fill with the loss of last year's star, opposite Kevin Collins.

Two wins into the season, Koski has earned the respect of his teammates while winning the 37th Annual UCSB Elephant Bar Tournament's MVP. From the few times he's been in action this season, it looks like the shoes are a perfect fit.

"He's better than Kevin Collins was in many aspects of the game," senior middle blocker Wes Badeosk said. "He's got more ball control, better defense, and he's a better overall team player. He brings a lot of experience to the team. He's very athletically gifted and he's provided us with leadership in the right-side position."

Koski started playing volleyball in the sixth grade. Deciding to stay close to home, the Santa Barbara native spent his first two years at Santa Barbara City College, where the team made it to the state finals in 1998 and the semi-finals in 1999. Through his experiences at the junior college level, Koski has learned the importance of being a versatile athlete.

"I try to be a hitter, defender, and blocker instead of focusing on one thing," the junior said. "I try to keep everyone happy on the court. It's important to keep the game fun instead of thinking of it as a job. You're playing when you relax."

The 6-foot-5-inch opposite spent little time on the bench during the team's first win of the season over defending national champion UCLA. Koski matched 18 kills and three service aces in his first official performance for the Gauchos after redshirting last season.

"So far, I guess the season's gone as good as it can go," said Koski. "But we have to look at what's ahead of us instead of what's behind us. We still have some huge obstacles ahead of us."

Aside from his commitment to the team, Koski enjoys fishing in his free time. But Koski can't get too far away from volleyball. Koski lives with five teammates and the team's unofficial mascot, a puppy named Moony. And if all goes well, Koski hopes to continue his association with the game of volleyball after graduating.

"I want to play in Europe or coach boy's club volleyball at the high school level," Koski said.

For now, though, Bens is concentrating on this Saturday's first regular season home match against University of California, Santa Cruz at 7:05 p.m. in the Thunderdome.