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Meet the UC Student Regent

Does the name Kathryn McClymond ring a bell? Well it should, because she is the new student regent. If you are interested in meeting her, come to the Graduate Students Association meeting tonight from 5-7 in the GSA lounge in the MultiCultural Center.

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Welfare, Welfare, Welfare!



We're talking about it. And the lottery. Turn to Nexus Opinion and

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For the first time in three years the UCSB women's basketball team has advanced past its first opponent in the Big West Conference tournament.



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And the Award Goes to ...

Gauchos women's basketball guard Erin Alexander and Head Coach Mark French brought home Big West Player and Coach of the Year honors.

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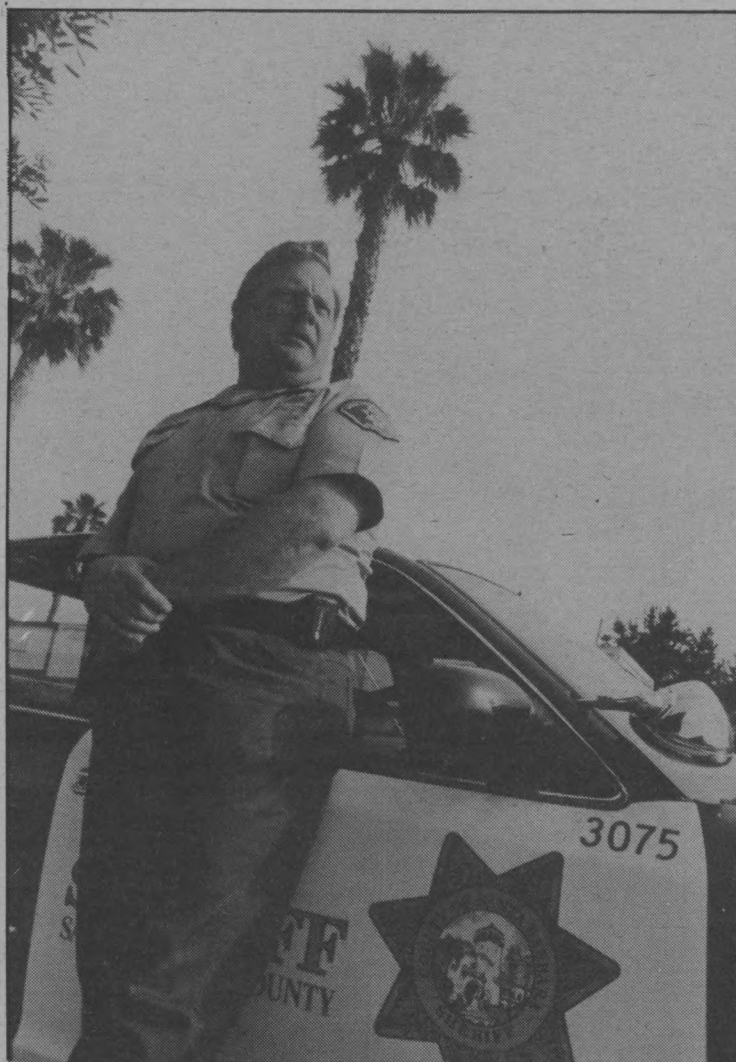
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All you ever wanted to know about the Grammys, Oscars and Brits.



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Help plan Asian Culture Week. There will be a general meeting tonight from 5-6 in the UCen Santa Barbara Mission Room.



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Lt. Sam Gross takes one of his final surveys of Isla Vista. The longtime peace officer will soon step down from his post in the I.V. Foot Patrol.

Lieutenant to Retire From Local Police Station Duties

By Anthony Galloway
Staff Writer

A longtime Isla Vista Foot Patrol officer will be stepping down from his position with the agency and transferring to a different assignment within the next month.

Lt. Sam Gross has decided to resign from his post as the commanding officer at the IVFP and take a possible administrative position within the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept.

"My time has come," Gross said. "The sheriff's department is having a number of retirements and promotions, so it was a good time to bring a new lieutenant in and probably a good time for me to leave."

Although he served as lieutenant

for only two years, Gross has been a part of the Foot Patrol for 10, and has been working in various positions as a peace officer since the late 1970s. Gross said there have been improvements made within the Foot Patrol during that time.

"The concept of being involved in the community has never changed," he said. "But the policing from a partial part of a day to a real police station, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, has probably been one of the hardest things to accomplish and we just did it last year."

Gross will be replaced by Lt. Geoff Banks at the end of March or early April. Banks has over 18 years of law enforcement experience and has worked at the IVFP

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California Lt. Governor Attempts to Limit Future Tuition Increases

By Rabia Shirazi
Reporter

Two government officials recently reintroduced legislation to freeze fees for all California higher education facilities, but the impact of such a bill on UCSB is still unknown.

Lt. Gov. Gray Davis and 79th District Assemblywoman Denise Ducheny (D-San Diego) introduced Assembly Bill 1318, the College Affordability Act of 1997, on Monday. The legislation intends to block hikes of in-state undergraduate fees for all state community colleges, University of California and California State University campuses until 2000, and to set limits on the fee increases thereafter, said Ducheny's Legislative Assistant Kevin McCarty. The bill awaits a hearing by the Assembly Higher Education Committee in early April.

The proposal aims to bring possible future fee hikes under control and to keep higher education within reach for Californians, McCarty said.

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Suspected Sex Deviant Nabbed in Local Cafe, Charges Not Pressed

Police Encourage Past Victims of Public Masturbator to Come Forward and Testify

Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers detained an adult male for allegedly engaging in acts of auto-eroticism in an I.V. coffee shop Tuesday.

Officers responded after a female employee from the coffee shop notified the Foot Patrol that a man was masturbating in the establishment, said IVFP office manager Diana Halliburton. The name of the establishment was not released, and it is not known whether this incident is connected with previously reported occurrences in I.V.

"We got a call from an employee of a local business. She observed [a man] masturbating in the business. However, she was unwilling to sign a citizen's arrest," Halliburton said.

Because the witness did not want to place the man under arrest, charges could not be filed against him, she added.

"The subject was detained and identified and the investigation continues from there," she said. "Anyone that observed this man should contact the Isla Vista Foot Patrol."

Sophomore law and society major Carrie Salter witnessed an adult male masturbating inside Starbucks Coffee last month and says that if the man detained Tuesday is the same person, she will assist authorities in prosecuting him.

"If I could have pressed charges [in February] I would have," she said. "Now I will tell [police] everything I know and everything I saw."

Public masturbation is not acceptable and anyone who does so should be penalized, Salter added.

"I think that they shouldn't be allowed to get away with this in a public space. ... It's just not socially acceptable and I don't think they should get away with it," she said.

Additional information has not been released due to the ongoing police investigation.

—Anthony Galloway

UC Regents Hold Meeting to Appoint New Chancellors

By Caryn Shapiro
Staff Writer

The final decision in the selection for the heads of two University campuses will be revealed in a meeting held via telephone today.

The UC Board of Regents will be holding a teleconference to approve UC President Richard Atkinson's nominations for the new chancellors at the Berkeley and Los Angeles campuses at noon. The meeting will be accessible to the regents and members of the public at eight locations throughout the country.

The regents decided to hold this teleconference because the next board meeting is scheduled for the end of March and the two positions need to be filled before that time, said Rick Malaspina, UC Office of the President associate director of News and Services.

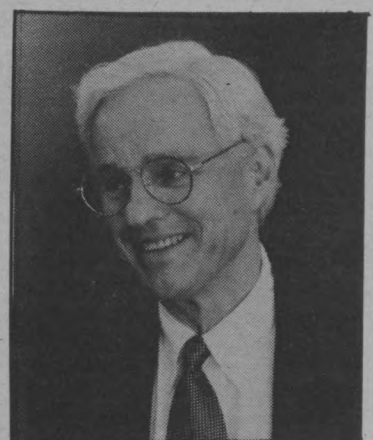
"Atkinson has recommendations to bring to the regents and wants to do it as soon as possible," he said.

The teleconference will include a closed session meeting to review Atkinson's nominations and an open session meeting to announce the appointees, Malaspina said.

"There will be a joint meeting of the committees for educational policy and finance to receive the president's recommendation in closed session. Then in the same session, there will be a meeting of the full board. Pending that action, there will be an open session for public comment. ... Everyone will be asked to comment by phone. The ap-

pointments will be approved in open session," he said.

Since the board has never rejected a presidential recommendation, the regents are expected



Richard Atkinson

to appoint Atkinson's candidates, Malaspina added.

Through sources close to the process, the *Sacramento Bee* reported Mar. 4 that the short list for the UCLA position includes UCLA Medical School Dean Gerald Levey and University of Pennsylvania Provost Stanley Chodorow. The UC Berkeley finalists are reported to be Berkeley Vice Chancellor and Provost Carol Christ and former White House economic adviser Laura D'Andrea Tyson. The Mar. 5 *Bee* article also reported that University of Texas, Austin, President Robert Berdahl is Atkinson's probable nominee for the Berkeley position.

No official statements are presently being made in order to safeguard the present positions

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HEADLINERS

Swiss to Compensate Holocaust Victims



GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — Switzerland will set up a \$5 billion fund to aid victims of the Holocaust and any other genocide or disaster, financing it by selling tons of gold over the next decade.

President Arnold Koller's surprise announcement Wednesday to a special session of Parliament was welcomed by Jewish groups and others who have been pressing Switzerland to compensate for assets left in Swiss banks by people killed in the Holocaust.

U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato said the move was "the first significant acknowledgement from individuals in responsible positions in Switzerland that massive wrongdoing occurred."

"It's truly a significant sum, by anyone's standards, and I think that it is a major, major breakthrough," he said in New York.

This fund is much larger in size and scope than others proposed by Swiss officials. The foundation would be in addition to a humanitarian fund set up by Swiss banks and to ongoing private fund-raising efforts.

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R-N.Y.

Hans Meyer, chair of the Swiss National Bank, said the sale would take place gradually over 10 years to keep it from affecting the world price of gold.

Still, precious metals fell sharply on the New York Mercantile Exchange. April gold fell \$6.10 to \$354.40 a troy ounce; April silver fell 2½ cents to \$5.215 a troy ounce. Platinum and palladium also fell sharply.

Koller said the Federal Council, or cabinet, and central bank had worked out a plan to sell off a large chunk of the national gold reserves to set up the Swiss Foundation for Solidarity.

The money would help "victims of poverty and catastrophes, of genocide and other severe breaches of human rights such as, of course, victims of the Ho-

A 1962 payment of 9.5 million Swiss francs (now about \$7 million) by Swiss banks to Jewish charities fell far short of what actually was there, Jewish organizations claimed.

Several investigations are under way to determine the amounts unaccounted for and to re-examine Switzerland's role as an island of neutrality in a continent controlled by Nazis and fascists in World War II.

Meyer and Koller, meanwhile, announced that the central bank, which has been accused of laundering plundered gold for the Nazis during World War II, would contribute \$71 million to the humanitarian fund.

The bank's contribution doubles the amount given by the three largest Swiss commercial banks for the fund, intended to aid poverty-stricken victims of the Holocaust. A further contribution is expected from other Swiss businesses.

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Half the money would be used for victims in Switzerland and the rest in other countries. Koller said he thought the foundation could be inaugurated by next year.

Switzerland has been under intense international pressure to pay compensation to the heirs of Nazi victims for assets they claim were never returned by Swiss banks.

Researcher Alters Chicken to Behave Like Quail



SAN DIEGO (AP) — When is a chicken not a chicken? When it sings and bobs its head like a quail, thanks to an experimental brain-cell transplant.

In what sounds like something out of a B horror movie, Evan Balaban, an experimental neurobiologist at the Neurosciences Institute in San Diego, carried out the switch.

"The larger implications are what this will teach us about the development of brain circuits that produce behavior," Balaban said Wednesday. "It could eventually help people who have brain damage or mental illness or even brain diseases."

His research on Plymouth Rock chickens and Japanese quail was published Tuesday in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. Although different from cloning, his work is adding to the furor over genetic experimentation.

"This is a big week to hyperventilate about barnyard biotechnology," said Glenn Mcgee, director of research ethics at the University of Pennsylvania. "But we've got

to be careful not to overreact. It doesn't mean that soon there will be armies of baby Ronald Reagans or Michael Jordans."

Balaban does not see his work as opening the way for people with socially unacceptable behavior being forced to undergo brain surgery.

"There's no good reason to do this in humans," Balaban said.

"It's not technically possible to do this in mammals anyway. There are some enormous obstacles that would have to be overcome."

In the quail-and-chicken experiment, after much trial and error, Balaban discovered that certain cells in the quail midbrain changed the animal's sound patterns, and other cells in the quail brain stem changed head movement during singing.

Balaban incubated fertilized quail and chicken eggs for 48 hours and then cut tiny windows in their shells. Cells in the chicken embryo were removed and substituted with corresponding quail brain cells.

Quail and chickens were used because each species has a distinctive crowing and bobbing pattern.

GOP Capitalizing On Lie to Reintroduce Abortion Bill



WASHINGTON (AP) — Emboldened by the admitted lie of a key abortion rights supporter, congressional Republicans renewed the push Wednesday for legislation banning a certain late-term abortion procedure.

A principal GOP leader in the anti-abortion movement said President Clinton, who vetoed the bill last year, should "have a chance to get it right" now that activist Ron Fitzsimmons says that he lied.

Abortion rights supporters pledged to keep fighting the bill.

"The facts have not changed; they've just been discovered by the media and now the general public," said Rep. Charles Canady (R-Fla.), the prime House sponsor. "And the outrage about partial-birth abortion which began as a strong current is now at flood stage."

Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers in Alexandria, Va., said last week he lied in 1995 when he said just a few hundred of the abortions were performed annually — and then only to save the mother's life or abort deformed fetuses.

He now says several thousand are performed yearly, and not only in the third trimester, but on some healthy women in the middle of pregnancy.

Now, congressional Republicans are calling on Clinton, who supports a woman's right to an abortion, to reverse course and agree to the ban.

"I think we ought to give the president another chance to get it right," said Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.), a longtime abortion opponent.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Authorities seized nearly \$10 million in allegedly pirated Microsoft computer software and cash, breaking one of the biggest software counterfeiting rings on the West Coast, police said.

The Southern California probe stretched from the Sherman Oaks area of Los Angeles to Orange County and involved a computer store, a suburban Monterey Park warehouse and several area banks, court records and interviews with detectives reveal.

Popular Microsoft computer programs, such as Windows 95 and Office Professional & Bookshelf, were believed to have been manufactured overseas, most likely in China.

"We feel we have hit a major cartel of the pirating industry," said Lt. Gary Schram, head of the major crimes section in the Los Angeles County district attorney's Bureau of Investigations.

• **TRUCKEE, Calif. (AP)** — Crews continued to dig through snow and rock Wednesday to reach a ruptured petroleum pipeline that leaked diesel fuel into a creek near Donner Summit, officials said.

Workers identified a 100-yard stretch where they expect to find the break, said Dana Michaels of the state Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response. But there was no estimate of when the line would be repaired.

"Our people are planning on being there at least through the week and probably longer," Michaels said. State officials said the leak, from a Santa Fe Pacific Pipeline Co. line, was discovered Saturday at about 7,000 feet elevation after cross-country skiers smelled the fuel and reported it to local authorities.

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Weather

I don't know if it's just me being overanalytical me, but lately (within the last week or so), I've felt as though this little corner of our world has been a tad, er ... flaccid.

I mean, besides the unpredictable predictions for the forecast, the actual words have seemed superfluous, forced and empty. As mentioned earlier in the year, my moods tend to be governed by the current meteorological conditions and subsequently related tides, but I think it's something a little more deep and jagged this time, and Mother Nature can't pull me out of this omnipresent quagmire.

Forecast: The sun will shine, the wind may blow, but how we feel, and who we love, nobody knows! I promise to get up soon!

Correction

In the March 4 Nexus article, "Lamp Ignites Apartment," SBCFD Inspector Delgado's quote should have read, "Second, have no more than a 300-watt bulb in the lamp." The Nexus regrets this error.

Clarification

The March 5 Nexus article, "Shady Dealings," mentions campus residence hall weight rooms. Students pay membership fees to use these facilities. The Nexus regrets this misunderstanding.

FREEZE

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"Basically the legislation does two major things. First, it freezes all fees on California higher education for the next three years, and second, if the legislatures and regents decide to raise fees after the three years, they can't exceed last year's personal income growth, which averages 4 percent," he said. "It would keep fees in check to ensure there are no more rapid, skyrocketing fees. The overall goal is to make college more accessible and affordable by bringing predictability and stability."

The bill limits the amount by which universities can increase fees after the freeze ends, Davis said.

"After 2000, the fees will not increase more than the increase in personal income of the previous year. The personal income in California has increased 15.7 percent in the past six years and yet fees have increased by at least 134 percent," he said. "Fees have more than doubled and, under the proposed legislation, they would have only gone up 15.7 percent. Fees are around \$3,725. They would have been a little under \$2,000."

Since 1994, UC fee increases have been set in accordance with the Governor's Compact, a verbal agreement between the UC Regents and Gov. Pete Wilson, in which the state provides an annual funding increase of 4 percent to the University, and in return, the regents agree to raise fees up to, but not more than, 10 percent every year. But the past two years the state Legislature has provided adequate funding to buy out proposed fee hikes in the annual budget.

The compact expires in 1998, at which time the University will have to find another avenue to maintain steady funding, said Associated Students Vice President for Statewide Affairs Colin McCarthy.

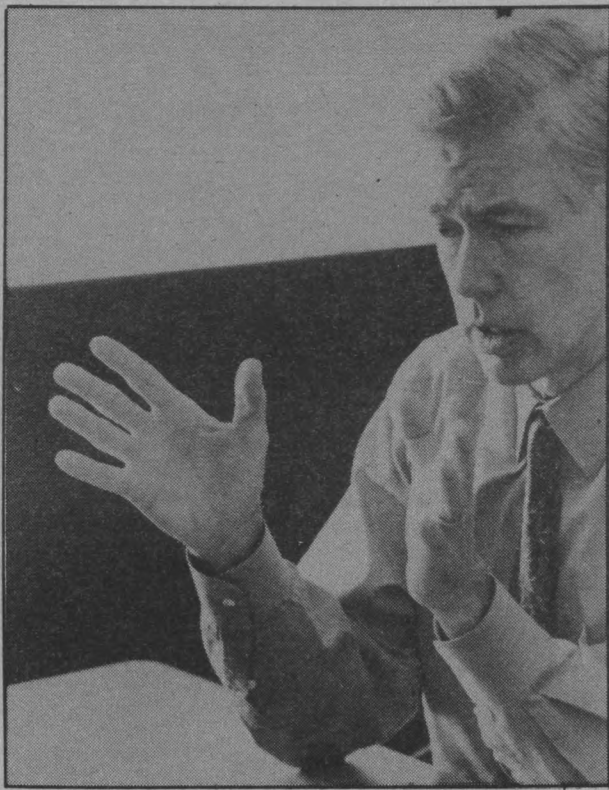
"UC-wide fee increases have been a little below 10 percent under the Governor's Compact in 1994. The verbal agreement goes through 1998. So, right now they're trying to find another legislation. The UC system wants to lock itself into long-term legislation," he said.

The fee freeze legislation was proposed last year as a constitutional amendment, but did not go past the review committees. But the new proposal is broader and should receive more support, Davis said.

"The bill was proposed last year and died in committee," he said. "Last year, it was a constitutional amendment because the regents have the constitutional right to increase fees. Also, last year's bill did not include all three higher education systems as it does today. Now it's being proposed as a statute so it's more flexible."

What the new legislation means for UCSB is still undetermined because how the University will balance its budget without the assistance of the state's recent fee increase buyouts remains to be examined, said campus Budget and Planning Director Todd Lee.

"We don't really know what the impact of the bill would be on the university as a whole yet," he said. "Over the last couple of years, the state government offsets the need for fee increases by giving more money. We would need 6 percent more to balance out the zero increase in student fees. We haven't done anything yet though, because we haven't seen the entire bill."



DIAMEL E. RAMOUL/Daily Nexus

California Lt. Gov. Gray Davis proposes to control future UC undergraduate fee hikes.

The university has concerns the bill may actually be harmful to the quality of education, said Dennis Hengstler, campus director of Institutional Research and Planning.

"One of the concerns expressed in the past is when the state's in an economic recession there may be less government money given to higher education. Will we need to cut costs in our programs to compensate? If there are budget cuts, no one knows how the university will offset [the loss of] state money," he said.

Current higher education finance policies dissuade some students from entering state colleges and universities, Davis said.

"The principle at stake is making higher education affordable to middle-class students," he said. "Fees went up 134 percent in five years in the UC system. The theory is education is price-sensitive and each time you raise fees, it discourages someone. My goal is to make college more accessible."

Many state education facilities raised fees during the economic recession California experienced at the beginning of the decade. But if passed, the bill would eliminate the phenomenal increases so that higher education can be available to more state residents, McCarty said.

"We've seen the records from the early '90s. We lost 58,000 students statewide due to fee increases. So this legislation allows us to catch up and provides a fee scale to give people an idea of what fees will be in the future," he said.

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - Don't be harsh to one who means well but doesn't seem to understand what's going on. He or she may know more than you realize. An assertive person offers good advice, but it's a contemplative one who will lead you to the path with heart.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - An older person wants everything done according to the book. You know ways to cut costs, but you might as well keep them to yourself. If you're asked, offer your opinion. Otherwise, don't bother. The boss is more concerned about other things.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - If you've got a business deal pending, the decision's already been made. All you have to do is follow through on it. That's a good theme for the entire day, actually. Exercise caution when dealing with older people, authority figures and women.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - This isn't a very good day to start on your world cruise. But it's not bad for paying bills and fine-tuning your budget. You know you want to get away. The question is how and when? How is a variable, but when is this weekend. Make it happen.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - You're good at most things, but some leave you baffled. That's why it's nice to know people with talents different from yours. Abandon your foolish pride and ask for help. Meanwhile, is there something else you promised to do? Don't forget - you need the cash.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Accidents at work will be to your benefit, not your detriment. So stop hanging back. Get involved. People need your skills. By the way, you'd better stop by the store on the way home. You might get unexpected company tonight.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 7 - First, make a date for later tonight. Second, start concentrating on the job at hand. Don't get into a tougher spot than the one you're in already. One who seems slightly dorky knows more than you think. Be nice and you'll be more successful.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're so much in love you can't stand to be parted from your sweetheart for a minute. Unfortunately, you have an agreement to be somewhere else. After that obligation's been met, you can retire to the privacy of your own little nest. Do that.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Dig around in the archives and you may find something that's been hidden for years. A hunch could lead you to pay dirt. Speaking of intuition, your sweetheart's pretty good at that right now. If you have any roommates, listen to them, too.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Buy something you've researched and thought about extensively. Items purchased on a whim won't work out nearly as well. A female friend can help you get what you want without hurting a sensitive person's feelings. Talk about an action you're contemplating.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Although you're intelligent and good looking, you shouldn't start new projects. You'll be safe if you do pretty much what you've done before. Stick to the routine. Buy things that are on your list and pass up the frills.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - You're incredibly powerful - and getting even stronger. This weekend you'll be a veritable dynamo. Get ready. Finish up everything on all your lists. You are always imaginative and creative, but starting tomorrow afternoon you'll be awesome.

Today's Birthday (March 6) - This is your year to complete projects. Make plans with your sweetheart's help in March. Money's coming in April. Finish your degree starting in May. Prepare over the summer for a test in September. Serving others earns you a prize in October. Make a positive career move in December. Play with friends in January. Do the research in February and solve the puzzle. Turn around to find true love again next March.

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You're a Winner

... Unless You Receive Welfare, In Which Case You Lose

From the "Scrooge on Crack" Department: In Sacramento, state Sen. Tim Leslie (R-Roseville) has proposed a bill that would require welfare recipients who hit California Lottery jackpots (over \$600) to fork over half their winnings to the state and county. This idea is so bad one barely knows where to begin ripping it apart.

For starters, Leslie's rationale for this legislation embodies the very mean-spiritedness that has hobbled genuine efforts at welfare reform. To describe welfare recipients as "persons supported by the tax dollars ... of hard-working families" implies that everyone on the welfare rolls — *every single person* — is a lonely, lazy, shiftless bum.

Furthermore, his statements that the people he's just insulted can "become ... instant millionaire[s] without having to refund the state" suggests that all welfare recipients pay back their benefits as soon as they're able. This twisted piece of doublethink singles out those on welfare as social lepers, as Leslie doesn't bother to follow his line of reasoning to its logical conclusion: that everyone who receives government benefits, from gazillionaire defense contractors to senior citizens to veterans to the middle class to the homeless, be required to pay back every last red cent of subsidies.

But the poor seem to be second-class citizens in Leslie's moral universe, so they get penalized for wagering a buck on the state lottery whilst Orange County gambles its coffers away on derivatives and is bailed out by the state. Everyone in America gets some kind of entitlement, but only the poor have to be preached and dictated to before getting their handout.

If Leslie wants to be fair and thorough about things, he ought to propose repealing all entitlements across the board and see how far he gets before the state rises *en masse* to hurl him out of office.

Moreover, for all Leslie's huffing and puffing about "millionaires," the mathematics of his bill are poorly constructed. Leslie's bill can't possibly be about stopping the poor from squandering their meager state-supplemented income on gambling. Rather, this bill is a vindictive attempt at cheating the down-and-out who get lucky on a long-shot bet, but happen to have received a helping hand from the taxpayers — the same helping hand our counties, states and federal government extend, in manifold forms, for better or worse, to every U.S. citizen.

The poor, like all of us, just want their slice of the American Dream — and like all of us (be honest, now), they'd consider it no great tragedy if they won it in a lottery. They can't afford to hop in the minivan and go to Las Vegas. They certainly can't afford to play with the high rollers on Wall Street. With the lottery, anyone (of age) can bet small amounts of money and still feel the excitement of playing their luck.

And it would be wise to let them have it. Because as the history of gambling and organized crime in America shows, if any portion of the American public is denied their gamble for fortune, they will turn to the numbers games provided by the rackets. And while that would leave Sen. Leslie with nothing to complain about on the state lottery front, one suspects he wouldn't be too pleased at this development, either — lowering the grand total of those who thought his bill had any merit to zero.

Sandy Hickel and Kanwall Qayyum

Welfare in itself is a very touchy subject, not to mention the topic of welfare reform. Most people like to shelter themselves under the Democrat or Republican camp, but the issue is much more than that. It's about people and their quality of life, about the fear Americans have of creating a socialist state with more nationally funded programs, and the prospect of having young and old people alike cluttering the streets of America without welfare. There has to be a happy medium here somewhere.

Traditionally it's the Democrats who are willing to help out the less fortunate and the Republicans who want government to stay out of the individual's affairs. I subscribe to the former point of view in that I feel that it is my duty to help people in their time of need.

We live in a much better society because of the help we give to people

"There is not enough compassion and sympathy for those who are involved in a bad situation."

who want to be productive members of society. There is not enough compassion and sympathy for those who are involved in bad situations. Those of us who live comfortably tend to forget there's a whole other world out there in which suffering and pain are commonplace.

The problem with the system is its abuse by those who are just plain lazy and/or have no motivation to get out and work. It's not fair though, that these morons can take away the help that we could otherwise give to those that actually need it. When people think of welfare they imagine the drug addict/alcoholic who watches TV all day and goes out partying with our money at night.

But what about the people it has helped, like abused women who are looking for a way to get themselves on their feet? How about the children who would suffer?

Welfare reform is a good thing for both Democrats and Republicans. They had to work together to get it passed and started, so it is one of the few things they've been able to agree on. The main difference is that Republicans want less money given and Democrats want to give more.

In my opinion, the tax money that I spend for welfare is money well spent — that is, in theory. I would love to know that all of the welfare money is going to people who need it, but we all know that's not true. It's just a downside to all the good it's doing — very few things work perfectly.

But we just can't take away a system that has helped many people regain their lives. Let's not forget the people and let's try to be compassionate. The deserving people out



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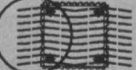
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The Reader's Voice

BEERS IGNORED THE FACTS OF RES HALLS

Editor, Daily Nexus:
Regarding Tom Beers' editorial "Are Dorm Residents Being Scammed?" (Daily Nexus, Mar. 4), I must say that I am offended by this collection of twisted facts and misconceptions.
Housing and Residential Services (HRS) is looking at increasing the fees somewhere between 4 percent and 7 percent — approximately \$400 for a double room with a 19-meal-per-week plan, though the increase is not finalized. Where does this put housing fees? As Mr. Beers correctly states, it is dead center compared to the other UCs.



Nonetheless, this isn't Davis or Riverside — property and housing are expensive here. Do you think that having an ocean view (which many residents do have) would be on par with a view of the sheep herds up north?
If you want a reasonable comparison, I recommend using Fontainebleu, Tropicana Gardens and Francisco Torres — all of which are independent from each other and the university. Again, our residence hall fees are right in the middle of the competition. (One side note: According to Wilfred Brown, director of HRS, the annual meeting Mr. Beers mentioned is not for the "sole purpose of jointly setting the fees" — this accusation is libelous.)
Mr. Beers accuses HRS of wasting money "by the truck load" with annual

fee increases. HRS receives ZERO DOLLARS from state money or other fees. Its main source of income (about 80 percent) is housing fees. So if expenses go up, as they have, there are only two ways to balance the budget — decrease expenditures or increase revenue (fees).
I would offer three simple expenditures to look at: ResNet, minimum wage and inflation. The new ResNet program gives every resident an Ethernet connection to the Internet. The connection is considerably faster than any modem, and yet it does not tie up the phone lines. According to HRS, the installation of this hardware cost about \$1.65 million, and residents can expect to pay something for this privilege — obviously not all in one year.

Secondly, HRS employs student employees and cut about minimum wage for them. When the minimum goes up you need to commit more salaries or reduce the number of hours — and people don't like their services cut. I think people would not object to a situation that inflation is at least 5 percent.
Mr. Beers calls upon the Halls Association to "take up" While I do agree that RHA should make any effort regarding the residents, I believe that Mr. Beers is not being fair with his demands.
As the former treasurer of the Halls Association, we know that we did not blow up the Halls Association — we realized that last year.

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Can Democrats and Republicans Ever Agree on Welfare? Read On.

ere need us to fend for them and their right to opportunity and a better life. It's not all about the difference between Republicans and Democrats. I believe we all have compassion in our hearts regardless of what our political ideologies are. Nobody likes to see people suffering — that's why we've kept the system, even though it could be much skimpier if the Republicans had their way. Most people don't think about the people receiving the government checks and how degrading it must be to them. Extreme circumstances have usually brought them to welfare, and it is partly our responsibility to get them back into the work force.

"Are we so selfish and cruel as to desert the citizens of our country, the war veterans, the truly needy?"

If we don't, human nature dictates that most will become dependent on money and not look for other means of obtaining work or money. Because we're giving them the money, we need to follow up by giving them the motivation to work. It is the most attractive feature of new welfare reform legislation — it will require the states to help people get back into the work force. But we need not be too harsh with demands. There are people out there who will become exceptions to the new rule, and because of them we need to be sympathetic to the needs of varying individuals. Absolute

rules do not work for a society composed of individuals. The good thing is that welfare will always be here, if we Democrats have anything to say about it. Reform is coming about and will probably get rid of a lot of losers who give the system a bad name, but we cannot forget the larger interests of the people who need help. Are we so selfish and cruel as to desert the citizens of our country, the war veterans, the truly needy? I'd like to think that we live in a better society than that.

The Republicans can talk big about welfare's problems, but they can only do so because they do not represent these constituents. Republicans are mainly interested in the upper and middle classes and couldn't really give a damn about the people who don't have money to back their positions. They make a spectacle out of the welfare "crisis" in order to show their people they're working hard to get the government out of their lives.

So long as there are people out there who need help, for whatever reason, we as prosperous Americans have a responsibility to help them. Help comes in many forms, whether it be teaching a new trade or providing food and shelter in times of need. I need to know that the money for social programs such as welfare will be there — we have enough human suffering out there as it is, and to usher in more would be absolutely ridiculous. So let's remember the people behind the numbers and statistics that the Republicans like to point out, and know that there is enough good coming out of the system to justify its survival.

Sandy Hickel and Kanwall Qayyum are members of Campus Democrats.

Greg Prill

"Cadillac-driving welfare queen buys Costa Rica!" "Oppressed, underrepresented groups denied equal access to the system by 'The Man!'"

These are the sorts of catchy slogans that have driven the debate surrounding United States social policy for the past 65 years or so. Both are examples of the unthinking and baseless prattle that passes for discourse in America. As far as I know, there have been approximately three documented cases of welfare queens. All were discovered by the appropriate authorities and chased out of town by an angry mob.

As for the claim that people are being denied equal access — well, that one is probably true, and will most likely remain true so long as former members of the Confederacy are still a part of the Union.

What are we left with then? A baseless claim of fraud and a supposition of inequality that we cannot possibly remedy so long as telepathy remains out of the reach of the Justice Dept.

Despite these overwrought concerns, the stated goal of public assistance is to provide relief from the economic dire straits that could befall any one of us. Most in this post-industrial society of ours would agree that this is a noble goal indeed. However, the horrid reality of the status quo created by Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society programs (combined with both the New and Fair Deals) is that every reputable social statistic that we have at our fingertips today shows that the plight of "historically underrepresented" groups, as well as a growing percentage of white America, is sinking faster and faster into a pit of almost insurmountable economic despair and

unviability.

Programs that were intended to bring the people of Appalachia into the 20th century have failed. Attempts to provide decent housing and adequate nutrition have proven themselves to be utter failures (as the experiences of just about every public housing-project resident in America have shown). Why? Let me be honest in stating that I just don't

"We are going to have to accept the economic reality of fraud and deal with it as effectively as we can."

know. And let me further state that anyone who has the arrogance to state that he or she has some sort of semi-mystical knowledge of the actual reason is either naive, lying or stupid.

Don't get me wrong — I have some pretty good ideas and leads that I think are a necessary part of any legitimate explanation of this growing economic problem. Fraud is to be expected in any public assistance program, so we shouldn't be surprised when the occasional cheat is exposed by 20/20. Unless we want to live in some sort of Stalinist totalitarian regime, we are going to have to accept the economic reality of fraud and deal with it as effectively as we can.

Race-baiting directed at any group serves no useful purpose, and should be looked upon with some measure of disdain by the average voter. Any

corporation that violates federal statutes by denying anyone a job because of race, ethnicity or gender is vile and rightly subject to prosecution and public humiliation.

Still, racism is not the root of the welfare dilemma either. There are simply not enough racists in this country to explain the growing urban underclass. Nor can the phantom of racism be used to explain the growing rural and suburban (mostly white) underclass in America. Without these easy answers, where will we go for "enlightening" and "informative" political discourse?

The average American ideally would dedicate their evenings of "Must See TV" to reading a few books, magazines and newspapers, yet I doubt they will. On the off chance that they might, I would suggest William Julius Wilson's "The Truly Disadvantaged..." as an introduction to this problem. Mr. Wilson shows that the problem of the growing underclass in America is rooted in an unfortunate and largely unintended historical reality, as well as a failure of the American welfare state

"We all must understand that the current structure of welfare policy is intended to solve a problem that simply doesn't exist."

to address these problems and their root causes.

I cannot, in this short discourse, possibly go into the intricacies of Mr. Wilson's analysis with any sort of accuracy; so I won't try. However, I believe that his historical analysis of black migration from the South to the North during America's Jim Crow period, combined with the worldwide abandonment of the Bretton Woods economic regime and the significance of capital flight from American urban areas to suburban ones during the late '60s and most of the '70s, is important in understanding exactly why some of the current problems of the growing underclass exist in America today.

I suppose the main point of this essay is that the problem of the growing urban underclass goes beyond simple campaign rhetoric and the political exigencies of the moment. We must all understand that the current structure of welfare policy is intended to solve a problem that simply doesn't exist — and ignores those that are actually causing the disturbing growth of the "underclass."

Don't fall into the easy trap of simply blaming the faceless politicians — they are only doing what they think you want them to do. If you want a better solution, then do your part and think about these vital issues with an appropriate amount of information. This is your country — start acting as though you are the rulers, not the politicians engaging in petty partisan politics.

Greg Prill is a member of the College Republicans and a senior political science major.

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TOO EVIL FOR A VACATION SPOT

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in response to Todd Hovanec's article (Daily Nexus, "Turkish Delights," Mar. 4). First off, I have never been to Turkey (nor would I ever go) so the fact that Hovanec describes Turkey as "beautiful" may very well be valid. My discomfort with the article stems from his supply of free advertisement for how wonderful Turkey is and how people should visit it.

I am almost positive that Mr. Hovanec, along with a large majority of people, is not aware of the violation of

human rights that Turkey is responsible for. For centuries, Greeks and Greek-Cypriots have fought continuous attempts at (and threats of) occupation and oppression by Turkey. In 1974 the Turkish army staged a surprise attack on Greek-Cypriots and forced them to abandon all belongings and property, "relocating" them to the western side of the island. Nicosia, Cyprus, remains the last capital in the world to be divided, with all hope of natives to return to the other side VOID.

To this day the Turkish government continues to harass and threaten the human and civil rights of Greek people. And God knows, Turkey is not by any means the only country which oppresses and violates people of other cultures.

But, as an educated person, it is important to realize that when you glorify, glamorize, promote and/or contribute to an institution or regime which commits such acts of crime, you are definitely not helping the problem. If you are not interested in "helping resolve the problem," then have the decency to use ethical justification for your actions. Americans neglect to realize the issues that the rest of the globe faces every day.

It's a shame that beautiful places like Turkey are inhabited by such criminals. Recognition and acknowledgement of blame is well overdue by the Turkish government and even its people. You and all others, including myself, must become aware of the causes we consciously and/or unconsciously support.

KATHEREEN GORENC

employs about 1,000 and currently pays wage for their services. It goes up 12 percent, it costs more money to save the number of work people don't want to see. I think that rational object to the assumption is at least 2 percent a upon the Residence to "take up the fight." That RHA should lead the residence halls, Beers is out of line. Treasurer of the RHA, I not blow this issue off last year's 2.3 per-

cent increase was not unreasonable. As a returning resident, I still believe that I get a reasonable value for my housing dollar.

Finally, one thing that should be recognized about Mr. Beers. He makes himself appear to be a champion of on-campus students. This is very impressive for someone whose previous position was OFF-CAMPUS rep for A.S.

RHA remembers only one time that Mr. Beers approached us with this cause. Amazingly, it happened to coincide with his campaign for A.S. president! Perhaps Mr. Beers would be well advised to get some experience before speaking on a matter that he knows nothing about.

ERIC SHAPIRO

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GROSS

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for about a month.

"[Gross has] been having me meet people, getting me familiar with the community and going to meetings," Banks said. "I'm kind of getting the understanding of what goes on out here [because] I've never worked out here full time."

Gross' experience, skills, tact and knowledge have allowed him to excel at his job, Banks said.

"I think he's done an outstanding job. ... From what I've seen he knows how to deal with people, he's got experience and skills, and he knows the community. He's been very helpful to me and I know the guys out here that work in this office have enjoyed working for him," he said.

Gross helped to pioneer community policing in I.V., and is a name business people and residents associate with the area, said IVFP office manager Diana Halliburton.

"[He] was one of the first real participants in the community-based policing attitude or concept that is now just starting

to catch on. ... [He] was a part of the community. ... It was always Sam Gross that they knew. That was a name, that was a contact, that was a person that they would bring their problems to," she said.

Although he is unsure about where his new position will be, Gross is fairly confident it will be managerial or administrative.

"The rumor mill says that I'm going to personnel and training, as a manager in that area. I don't know that that's going to be where I'm really going. The division that we're part of is the South County Operations Division and I could be going back there as a patrol lieutenant. If I do that I would go in and do administrative work," he said.

Despite the fact that he will remain for several more weeks, Gross can already sense the emptiness that leaving the Foot Patrol will bring.

"It's already culture shock saying this is probably not going to be part of my career anymore. It's a part of professional growth to go and do other things but this has been such a big part of my professional life. It's going to be difficult," he said.

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of the candidates, said Jesus Mena, UC director of public information.

"Only the president knows who the nominees are," he said. "There has been a good lid on it this round. Stories are floating around, but they are mainly speculation."

The search for the can-

didates for the chancellor positions has been a long process, Mena said.

"The regents appoint a search committee which conducts a national search with interviews. The committee then sends two job candidates per position to Atkinson, who then sends his recommendation to the regents, and then the regents meet to approve the recommendations," he said.

Teleconferences have often been used by the regents to hold meetings in an efficient and timely manner, Malaspina said.

"This is not a new thing," he said. "It is done occasionally for special regents meetings. It was done for the UCSD and UCSC chancellor appointments. It's less expensive and just as efficient for participants."

WOMEN

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Three Boise State players scored in double-digits, led by Lewis with 16. Guards Reyna Fortenberry and Tawnya Gray were also factors with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

UCSB will next face the University of Idaho, which defeated the University of the Pacific 71-48 Wednesday afternoon.

The game is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. today and will be broadcast live on KCSB 91.9 FM. The Gauchos won the only meeting this season between the two schools 68-53 in Moscow, Idaho. Smith led the way with 21 points while Rohr grabbed a team-high eight rebounds in the game.

The Vandals (14-13) are led by Big West Freshman of the Year Alli Nieman, who leads the team with 18.3 points and 9.4 rebounds per game.

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UCSB Advances in Tourney With 78-54 Killing

■ Smith and Alexander Combine for 41;
Santa Barbara Faces Idaho Today

By Brian Berger
Staff Writer

RENO, Nev. — After three years of losing, three UCSB seniors decided that enough was enough and led the Gauchos women's basketball team to its first Big West Tournament victory since 1994.

Santa Barbara showed no signs of the "curse" that had plagued the team in its past three tournament appearances, punishing Boise State University 78-54. The win ups UCSB's record to 22-5 overall while BSU falls to 9-17.

From the start of the contest, it was the seniors who took over in their final attempt to win a conference playoff game. Senior forward Amy Smith combined with senior guard Erin Alexander, who was named Big West Player of the Year on Wednesday, to score the team's first 18 points and lead the Gauchos to a quick 18-5 lead. After the opening streak Santa Barbara never looked back and was tested only once.

Behind Smith's 18 first-half points, UCSB built a 37-19 half-time advantage. The first team All-Big West selection went 5-7 from the floor and a perfect 8-8 from the free throw line. Alexander's offense came early as she accumulated 10 points in the game's first 11 minutes but was silent for the remainder of the first period.

"Having Smith and Alexander can beat you alone," Boise State Head Coach Trisha Stevens said. "We knew that we had to play a near perfect game to beat them, and I'd say that shooting 29 percent in the first half was not perfect."

The Broncos looked to anyone in the first half for scoring

assistance but found only guard Kellie Lewis. The junior scored 12 of the team's first 13 points and contributed more than half of Boise's total offense in the half.

Only three other players scored for BSU in the opening 20 minutes — Kim Brydges had the most, scoring three.

The start of the second half saw the Broncos explode on a 10-0 streak that began to shake the confidence of the UCSB players. BSU turned to a more balanced scoring attack during the run, which saw three players score, cutting the lead to 49-31.

"It was hard not to think about [the past]," Alexander said. "But this team is different. This team steps up when needed."

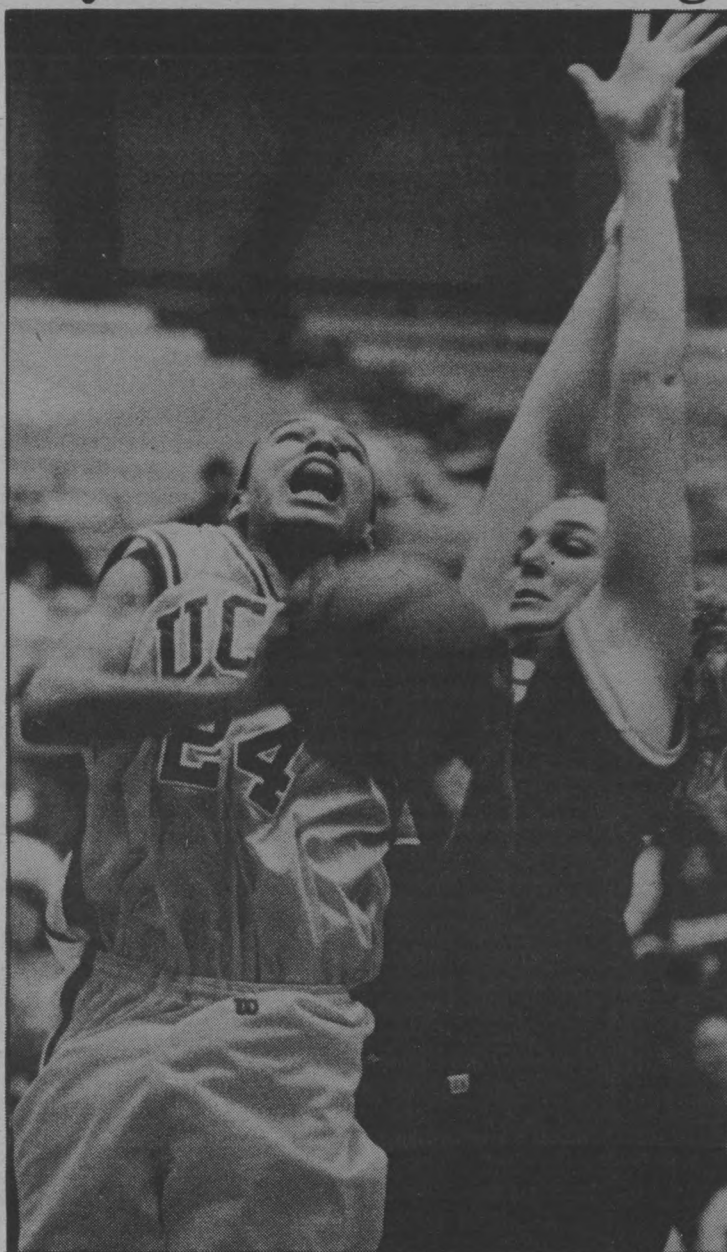
Problems began to mount for the Gauchos as freshman forward Kristi Rohr picked up her fourth personal foul and sophomore forward Stephanie Shadwell suffered a broken nose after being hit by an elbow.

With the front line depleted, it was senior forward Michelle Duckworth who became the surprising offensive weapon. Duckworth, who was only averaging 4.4 points per game, scored eight points in a 10-minute stretch.

Smith then sealed the game with a baseline jumper to put Santa Barbara ahead 53-31 with 12:59 left to play. From that point on, Boise State was never able to pull within 20 points of the Gauchos. Smith's final bucket gave her 26 points for the game, tying a UCSB Big West Tournament record set by Erika Kienast in 1992.

French believes that it was the team's defense, not its offense, that preserved the victory.

"Compared to the mood I've been in [over] the last few tournaments, I'm a lot happier," he said. "Boise made a great run at



ALAN JACOBY

STEP UP! Michelle Duckworth (above) was one of 11 Gauchos to score against Boise State on Wednesday.

us, but we focused on defense and got back in the swing of things."

In all, 13 UCSB players saw action in the game, 11 of them scoring. Smith's 26 led the team

while Alexander finished with 15 points. Smith was also a force on the boards, leading the team in rebounding with six.

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Erin Alexander, Coach French Top Big West; Tutt Snubbed

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

RENO, Nev. — Not only did the UCSB women's basketball team win its first postseason game in more than three years on Wednesday, the Gauchos also took home two of the top three individual conference honors.

Senior guard Erin Alexander was named Big West Player of the Year while Head Coach Mark French garnered Coach of the Year honors for guiding Santa Barbara to a 21-5 overall record in the regular season.

Alexander, who leads the conference with a 19.2 points per game average heading into the tournament, becomes the first Gaucha to win the award since Barbara Beany did it in 1992.

The race for the Player of the Year honor had boiled down be-



Erin Alexander

tween Alexander and her teammate — senior forward Amy Smith. Smith is averaging 18.4 ppg while grabbing 7.1 rebounds per contest.

"I would've very much liked to have seen them both win co-player of the year," French said. "They are equally valuable to our team and both are deserving of the award."

Instead, Smith will settle for being named to the First-Team All-Conference, along with Alexander. It marks the first time that two Gauchos have been named to the all-conference team for four straight seasons.

For French, this is the second straight season that he has won the award. He also won the award in 1992.

"I appreciate the honor," French said after Wednesday's UCSB win in the Big West Tournament. "But to be honest, I'm much more happy about getting a win today."

French attributed his team's success to strong recruiting and a positive environment at Santa Barbara.

"If you can't build a winning program here at UCSB, you might as well quit coaching," French said. "We have a great combination of academics and athletics."

Gaucha freshmen Stacy Clinesmith and Kristi Rohr both made the All-Freshman Team, as well as Second-Team All-Conference.

On the men's side, junior guard Raymond Tutt was snuffed from the Player of the Year award. Instead, the honor went to Faron "Meat" Hand of Nevada. The news is somewhat of a surprise considering Hand is only third in the conference in scoring behind Tutt and Long Beach State guard James Cotton.

Tutt, the only Gaucha to make any of the all-conference teams, was awarded with a First-Team All-Conference honor.

Volleyball Greets Flyers in Match Spiked With Revenge

By Steven Large
Staff Writer

When Lewis University rides into Rob Gym tonight to take on the UCSB men's volleyball team, Gaucho Head Coach Ken Preston probably won't show the team the same nonchalance he did last year.

"Last year they came here and we didn't know anything about them," Preston said. "We won the first match 15-2, and that was like the 'kiss of death' because then I made some substitutions and we ended up losing in five."

And the Flyers went on to the Final Four in the NCAA tournament; not too shabby for a team that Santa Barbara dismissed after a single game.

This year Lewis University arrives in Isla Vista with a 14-4 record and the #10 ranking in the nation, just two notches below #8 UCSB, which owns a 7-6 overall record.

"We want to beat them for two reasons," Preston said. "Number one, because they beat us last year, and number two, because they're

Gaucha Softball Begins Conference Play on Road Today

By Scott Hennessee
Staff Writer

The UCSB softball team will find out just what kind of competition it's up against this season when it starts off Big West Conference play today with a doubleheader at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

The Mustangs (18-2) are one of the top teams in the talent-rich Big West this season, but the Gauchos (11-8) have come on strong of late and are ready to begin conference play.

Santa Barbara Head Coach Liz Kelly feels good about the way her team is playing and isn't shaken by the Mustangs' mighty record. "We've done pretty well

against Cal Poly in the past," Kelly said. "We just need to pick up where we have left off."

The Gauchos are hoping to sustain the form that guided them to four consecutive victories last weekend. Senior pitcher Megan O'Brien picked up three of those wins, and will look to get her fourth consecutive victory on the mound today.

O'Brien is not the only Gaucha who has been hot of late — Santa Barbara has also been on fire at the plate. Freshmen Sarah Davies, Mandy Edwards and Kendra Wood have all been hitting well above .400 in their last five games. Davies is eight for her last 13 with a home run and five RBI. The hot streak has pushed her season average to a

team-high .413.

"Sarah Davies has been really consistent," Kelly said. "She has stepped it up and done great. She's on a roll right now."

About the only thing that has not clicked for UCSB has been the team's defense. The Gauchos have committed 33 errors in only 19 games. That equates to a .939 fielding percentage, which Kelly is not pleased with.

"We are working hard to improve that," Kelly said. "I'm not going to be happy until we get back up to the top of the league."

Kelly has made some adjustments to try and shore up the defense. Senior Alysia Hendricks

has moved from shortstop to third base, Edwards has moved to short from second base and freshman Dayna McCall is now at second.

Davies, who is normally the designated player, has seen time in right field of late in an effort to get more strong hitters into the lineup.

Cal Poly returns 12 players from last year's 23-19 squad. The team is led by senior pitcher Desarie Knipter, who was 16-7 with a 1.94 ERA last year.

"Our young kids have experience," Kelly said of her freshman-filled team. "It's time to step it up now."