Sports Fees Wash Out; SRB Passes by 9 Votes

A.S. ELECTION RESULTS

Campuswide Mandatory Fee Measures

Student Athletics Fee Initiative

The Student Athletics Fee Initiative exceeds the renovation and maintenance of the Dieterstadt Field as well as construction of a new Aquatics/Tennis Complex.

Votes Needed: 1965 Votes Gained: 1925

Studmen Resource Fee Initiative

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Votes Needed: 2076 Votes Gained: 2085

Recreational Sports Fee Initiative

The Recreational Sports Fee Initiative ensures the renovation and maintenance of the Dieterstadt Field as well as construction of a new Aquatics/Tennis Complex.

Votes Needed: 2037 Votes Gained: 1825

Small Turnout Raises Threshold to 2/3 Majority

BY SARAH HEALY
Staff Writer

The Student Athletics Fee Initiative failed by 40 votes and the Recreational Sports Fee Initiative failed by 212 votes in yesterday’s final Spring Election tally.

The Student Resource Building Fee Initiative, which needed $3.33 quarterly fee — $21.49 in the summer — will help pay for the building, which houses Office of Student Life, Campus Learning Assistance Services and Educational Opportunity Programs, and improved space for key student support services.

By ALISON DOUGHERTY
Reporter

Group To Encourage Minorities to Enter Healthcare Field

BY STEPHANIE TAVARES
Reporter

Normally, the term ‘curandero’ is used for witch doctors and faith healers; today at UCSB, Los Curanderos is a group of students aspiring to be healers of a more scientific nature.

Los Curanderos, a sub-committee of El Congreso, will be holding its 12th-annual ‘Diversifying Healthcare’ conference Saturday aimed at inspiring young minorities to join the healthcare field.

“We feel the need to open this professional field to minority students. The doctors in California don’t represent the population,” said Armada Montano, the publicity director of Los Curanderos. “We want to open this profession to minority students so they can go back to their communities and work, especially in their own language.”

The conference has two purposes: to encourage high school students to go into a medical profession, and to educate UCSB and local community college students on how to get into this field, Los Curanderos Publicity Director Carla O’Bryan said.

“This conference is needed is to open the doors to other students who don’t think it is possible to go to college because of their background — to show them that we’re students of color and that if we can do it, they can do it as well,” said Sabina Lavaga, co-chair of Los Curanderos.

“When we go to a high school to outreach, we don’t just go to juniors and seniors, we outreach to anyone in the science classes. If they see UCSB and like it, they will be more likely to come here,” said Ivan Perez, co-chair of Los Curanderos. Most of the people attending the conference were minority high school and junior college students from Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and the Tri-County area.

“We have planned workshops where the students can go to learn about their area of interest, including pharmacy, student health and health law,” Montano said.

The first keynote speaker will be Castulo de la Rocha. Rocha received from UCSB with a B.A. in Biological Sciences and a minor in political science. He has served on

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted Thursday to pass a federal crime to harm a fetus during an assault on its mother, urging action on behalf of "unborn victims." Abortion rights advocates decried the bill as a foot in the door toward legal recognition of fetuses as people.

Like a lengthy and sometimes testy debate that included pictures of a woman holding a stillborn baby whose death after she was assaulted, the House passed the bill 252-172, almost identical to the 254-172 margin by which it was passed a year ago.

Unlike last year, this bill has the support of the White House and its new occupant. Former President Clinton had promised to veto it if it ever reached him. It did not, largely because there was little support for it in the Senate. The Senate Judiciary Committee, now evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, has yet to set a hearing on the bill.

"This legislation affirms our commitment to a culture of life, which welcomes and protects children," President George W. Bush said in a prepared statement as he traveled to Houston on Thursday.

House supporters characterized the bill as an anti-abortion measure, not an abortion issue.

"The law must not look upon a violent criminal's unborn victims with an indifferent eye," said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R-Texas). "Every young life must be acknowledged. And every young life must be protected from predatory criminals." 

But opponents called the measure a veiled attempt by conservatives to chip away at abortion rights guaranteed in the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. "This would be the first time in the federal legal system that we would begin to recognize a fertilized egg, a zygote, an embryo or a fetus," said Rep. John C lark (D-Mich.). "That's what the bill is trying to do. No sneaking around today, folks." 

Rep. Nancy Johnson, a moderate Republican from Connecticut, warned her colleagues that the consequences of passing the bill would be extraordinary. "What happens if a woman has a miscarriage because she worked too hard or she didn't take care of herself? That may not be in this bill, but let me tell you, it's the next one down the road," she said.

The bill would apply only to crimes in federal jurisdiction, but about half the states have similar laws. The Supreme Court in 1989 upheld Minnesota's version, one of the broadest, which describes an "unborn child" at any stage of prenatal development as a person.
Student Advisory Fee Committee Chair Ira Munn, who has worked on the initiative since he was involved in the 1998 walkout, said he was surprised and ecstatic it passed. “I received word at 4 o’clock [Wednesday] that numbers were down a couple hundred votes,” he said. A building planning committee — made up of students and some faculty, with students maintaining the majority — will form by the end of this quarter, Munn said.

The Graduate Students Association (GSA) is issuing a challenge to the initiative because of discrepancies during campaigning and tallying process, GSA Internal President Jessica Winston said. The GSA believes the number of students voting on the campuswide initiatives was less than the number of students voting on Associated Student initiatives, Winston said.

Joining Guerrero will be a panel of six medical students from UCLA. All members of the panel are UCLA freshmen and belong to the California Chicano/Latino Medical Student Association. The panel will answer questions from the audience on the lifestyle and challenges that a pre-med student faces.

The conference, which is free to attend, will be paid for by donations and outreach funds. “We’re paying it out of our funds, from donations and a grant,” O’Bryan said. Organizers said they are hoping for a turnout of 100 students or more.

The conference will be held in the Multicultural Center from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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— Louise Ousley
Student Health Educator

For example, to receive a diagnosis of anorexia nervosa, you must skip at least three consecutive menstrual cycles, Takahara said. “If you skip two menstrual cycles [in a row] and then it comes back for one month, and then skips again, you won’t be diagnosed [with anorexia], but obviously there’s still a problem there,” Takahara said.

One factor that is frequently overlooked in the development of an eating disorder is friends. For Cook, compliments from well-meaning friends and peers about her weight loss just put more pressure on her, driving her to lose more weight. She now warns people to be careful when they compliment someone on their weight loss.

“The problem is that no one knows how they lose that weight,” Cook said. “They could be starving themselves to death, and compliments just add fuel to the fire.”

Whether it’s the diet industry, media, society, friends or all of the above, diet products are everywhere. Just walk into the local Kmart, and you will find everything from diet pills to protein powders, all promising to give you “energy” and “power.” Most diet pills are made from ephedra, or ephedrin, comes from — and many include caffeine as well, creating a double dose of stimulants.

Ousley warned that the use of words like “natural” and “herbal” can lead to misconceptions about what people are actually putting into their bodies.

“Because they are ‘ herbal ’ supplements, most people don’t realize they’re taking cheap, lousy speed.” Ousley said. “All of those products are found to cause strokes, high blood pressure, early cycles in young people. They do nothing. There is no pill or supplement that can cause the body to burn fat faster.”

In the end, what causes the disorders doesn’t matter. The fact is, with such a high percentage of UCSB students affected, there’s a good chance that either you or someone you know will develop an eating disorder at some point in your career here. How you deal with it is really all that counts. Cook has come a long way since one of the first out of her group of friends to hit puberty, I mistook what was happening to mean I was getting fat.”

Although most people would consider 95 pounds anything but fat, Cook found a diet that promised results of losing 7 pounds in three days. Thirteen-year-old Angela went on the diet, despite the odd food combinations it required, and lost 5 pounds. When you only weigh 95 pounds to begin with, 5 pounds is very noticeable.

“I started getting a lot of attention. People who never used to talk to me before would compliment me on my weight loss.” Food became her enemy. She began lying to her parents and trying to hide her problem from them.

“My whole world revolved around food: when my next meal was, how I was going to lie and how to compensate for the calories,” Cook said.

“Honestly, I was petrified of gaining weight,” she said. “I would have rather starved to death than gain the weight back. It’s hard to explain to someone who has never had an eating disorder. People get really frustrated. They say things like, ‘Why don’t you just eat? The reason that they don’t want to eat is because they’re scared.’”

Cook had lost 20 pounds, but when she looked in the mirror, she didn’t notice the difference.

“I still thought I weighed 90 pounds,” she said, “but other people were telling me that I looked sick. I had gotten down to 70, but I still thought I looked fat. When I looked in the mirror, I saw a distorted image. Lots of girls have this, even those without a disorder.”

Cook said while she might have been skinny, she looked “like shit. You could see my bones protruding. When she looked in the mirror, she didn’t notice the difference. People think that just because they don’t throw up, they’re not bulimic. I thought that anorexics didn’t eat at all, so I thought, ‘that’s not me, I don’t do that, I eat.’”

Cook said that people can recover and go on to lead a healthy and happy life. If you are concerned about yourself or a friend, or have any questions, call Student Health at 893-3371.
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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
hearing downtown to give testimony to what it means to be Vista residents. Vista should be included within the boundaries of the cityhood proposal. More than 70 Goleta and I.V. residents spoke to give their opinions on potential boundaries.

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Staff Executive Officer Bob Bratman said while both options — including and excluding I.V. from a Goleta city — are financially feasible, he recommended that I.V. should be excluded because of a difference in community identity.

"The Goleta Valley is a complex sub-region of Santa Barbara County," Bratman said. "It's unified, in many ways, but it's also very fragmented, both governmentally and in community identity. The residents of the Goleta Valley perceive I.V. as a separate area, and the I.V. community itself identifies itself as unique. We could recommend inclusion of I.V. for various reasons, but we see community identity as a strong reason to recommend that the commission exclude I.V. from the cityhood petition." Debate over the financial feasibility of the proposed city and political cohesion dominated the public comment period. Goleta Now! Representative John Wallis said I.V. should be excluded because it was not part of the original cityhood petition submitted to LAFCO.

"The focus of political feasibility as well as financial feasibility is a major part of the cityhood proposal," Wallis said. "I ask you not to overlook the importance of this, as long as only one of these options is supported by voter petition." The proposed city of Goleta as put forth by Goleta Now! — Option A in LAFCO's incorporation proposals — would not include I.V. or the university.

Option B, which includes I.V., would provide the proposed city with extra financial incentives and also increased revenues. The total surplus of the proposed city of Goleta after 10 years is projected to be $7.05 million, compared not part of the I.V. million if I.V. were to be included in the boundaries.

The perceived student voting bloc was a major concern to supporters of the Goleta Now! proposal. Hugh McGuire, a five-year I.V. resident, said he thought fairness and financial concerns were more important. "There are a lot of people here who think I.V. isn't such a nice place, but I think it is," McGuire said. "My money goes to sales tax in Goleta and pays for part of the original Goleta businesses owners, and so on. It's not fair to let Goleta spend money on themselves. It should be used for community service, especially because the people who live here work and spend their income in Goleta. Also, one half of the people who live in I.V. are not students."

Goleta resident Robert Congbrit said he was concerned about the influence students might have in local politics. "I.V. and UCSB are included, there are people there who will vote for things they will never have to pay for," Congbrit said. "We want people who won't be here 30 years from now to have a say in how our money is spent." UCSB environmental studies lecturer Marc McGlohen said I.V. should not be excluded because of the different political beliefs of its population.

"LAFCO exists to make sure the boundaries are logical and to check the forces of 'political expediency' in the creation of new cities," he said.

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The United States Supreme Court followed President Bush's lead on Tuesday, doing its part to turn the country's justice system back half a century. In one day, the high court issued two decisions, one inhibiting enforcement of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the other allowing police officers greater leeway to make arrests for minor violations. In a word, it is evil. This Supreme Court — a five-out-of-nine-member conservative majority — was never a group of angels. Well before Dabys's inauguration, this group was heckling liberals, abortion rights groups and environmentalists, but its decisions were restrained, creating more of an uphill battle than an impenetrable mountain. In December, the bench hopped on the Bush bandwagon and something shook loose. Now it is minorities who have the most to fear.

On Tuesday, the majority decision delivered by Justice Antonin Scalia made it more difficult to enforce U.S. anti-discrimination laws by reinterpreting part of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The Court overturned the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals decision, which held that Alabama's use of English-only driver license exams discriminated against Latinos. Currently, institutions, agencies and organizations that receive federal money are barred from deliberately discriminating against individuals on the basis of race or national origin. However, this week's verdict loosens the strings by prohibiting lawsuits against policies that discriminate "indirectly."

Another likely application of the ruling is the numerous cases pending against the University of California Board of Regents, which alleges that the use of the Standard Aptitude Test (SAT) as admission criteria discriminates against minorities. Also in question is Title IX, a federal law that bars sexual discrimination and forces public universities to beef up their female sports programs. For 35 years, justices have upheld strict interpretations of these laws, and they have been enforced by means of private lawsuits.

By blocking this route, the Supreme Court puts full responsibility for anti-discrimination suits in the hands of the Bush administration. Unfortunately for the minorities who suffer from this decision, our president is too busy raping the environment and provoking war with China to watch out for their rights. These decisions send America back to the 1950s, when individuals were forced to fight intolerance through sit-ins, boycotts and riots.

The Court's second masterpiece of the day, a verdict sanctioning arrest for minor violations, made matters even worse. The conservative end of the bench upheld the arrest of a Texas woman who was pulled over for failure to fasten her seatbelt and those of her two children. All 50 states have laws authorizing the arrest of any individual committing a crime, regardless of severity. As a matter of procedure, most departments do not permit arrests for violations such as speeding, littering or jaywalking. However, the same guidelines are laid out on a national scale by the 4th Amendment, which prohibits "unreasonable searches and seizures." By denying this fact, the Supreme Court pushes America one step closer to Orwellian 1984.

In the majority opinion, David Souter justified the ruling with a history lesson, referring to medieval England and a sheriff's right to detain "nightwaikers" and "rogues." Maybe somebody ought to remind the bench that people do not go around fighting with broadswords anymore.

Lending law enforcement officers an excessive amount of authority can violate "ordinarily intrude upon an individual's civil liberties. The Court's decision will lead to gross abuses in the form of racial profiling. If a mother and her children can fall victim to this oppressive law, minorities do not stand a chance, nor does anybody who is not clean-shaven and "respectable." Life is full of lessons. Some lessons are more expensive than others, and I think a lot of people paid dearly for the lessons Tuesday. If you see the signs and ignored them, then you just learned a $150 lesson telling you that next time you should pay attention to signs instead of ignoring them like a dumbass. If you didn't notice the signs, then you learned a $150 lesson on how to be more observant. If you saw the signs, but packed there anyway because no one else had moved their car, you learned a $150 lesson on why lemmings do not rule the world. If you didn't see the signs then it more likely stupid this looks. It should have towed everyone's car last winter, but instead it gave people chance after chance to get with the program and move their cars. And no one took it.

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because some lemming tore down them, don't blame the towing company or the construction workers — they're just doing their job. Instead, blame the obnoxious lemming who tore down the sign. If you are one of the obnoxious lemming who tore down the sign, you deserve to be tarred, feathered and dumped into the Bog of Eternal Stench. If the illegal pedestrians that was in your car was confined, tough shit. If you are illegal contraband, then you must also accept the risk that it might be confiscated at any time, and be prepared to accept the consequences of such an event. But most of all, there's the $150 lesson that the next time the city tries to pave Sabado Tarde, you should move your car.

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Military Terrorist Movement

Should Be More Aware of Activities at Vandenberg

Tuuli Saarela

which do you know about what goes on at Vandenberg Air Force Base, just 30 minutes from UCSB? For most of us, our knowledge is limited to what we see on television and in newspapers. But what do you know about what goes on in our own backyard? Vandenberg Air Force Base, just 30 minutes from UCSB, is the site of missile launches that are a part of the missile program designed to protect the United States from potential enemy threats. The missile program is a military "necessity," according to its spokesperson, Peter Vandenberg. However, Vandenberg is economic and environmental violence to its spokesperson, Peter Vandenberg. What is Vandenberg doing to its spokesperson, Peter Vandenberg? Vandenberg is helping to provide clues, according to its spokesperson, Peter Vandenberg. Vandenberg is surveillance and targeting satellites, U.S.-counter-insurgency movements worldwide. This surveillance provides clues to resistance fighters, for use by death squad leaders in Colombia, Indonesia, Mexico or pretty much anywhere. This should be beginning to scare all of you concerned about our personal privacy. And why is the U.S. so interested in quelling resistance movements around the world? The answer should be obvious to all of you capitalists out there — less resistance to American corporate business interests. But is it worth all the bloodshed?

Another perk of the missile program is the expansion of a defense shield in space. It is much safer to survey enemy countries from a distance, as the recent spy plane debacle proves. However, what this "star wars" program is likely to produce is a vicious arms race with China and Russia, comparable to the Cold War. Oh wait, I forgot, we are already spending as much on defense as during the Cold War. So, we can expect a much larger portion of our tax dollars than a mere 50 percent to go to the Pentagon in the coming years. Within an arms race, one can also expect rising levels of fear and-militancy to overtake the globe. But at least the arms industry will stay nice and rich, and perhaps even gain more lobbying power in Washington.

The main reason why all of us should care about Vandenberg and its involvement in this movement of astro-imperialism, is that we can all think of better ways to spend $10 million (the cost of one test launch from the base). We could build 5,000 schools in underdeveloped countries around the world. We could feed millions of starving children. For all of you selfish people, we could pay 50 percent less in taxes. Think about it, wouldn't it be more constructive to encourage programs that strengthen global peace, instead of promoting global fear and distrust? If you think...
$1400 a year. That's about what you spend if you smoke a pack a day. Two packs a day, you could go backpacking in Europe. Spend it in good health.
Campus Comment

Should I.V. be included in the Goleta cityhood proposal?

I think it should because it’s an urban area that needs urban services. It’s not just students that live here.

Adam Weis, sophomore, enviro studies

I don’t think it should be included because there’s so many. But if it’s not included now, I.V. won’t be incorporated at all.

Rashmi Bachrach, sophomore, electrical eng.

I should be included because the residents need to have a voice in their community.

Anna Carter, Goleta resident

Since we put tax money into Goleta, it wouldn’t be fair not to include us. We need infrastructure and other things.

Emily Miramontes, sophomore, global studies

I definitely needs to be included because Goleta would be a parasite living off of I.V.’s tax revenues.

Brian McGuire, junior, econ/anthropology

I would allow I.V. residents to make decisions regarding their livelihood and environment.

Arianna Katzen, IVRPD vice chair

"Earth gaps, hell burns, fiends roar, saints pray,
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Since this year’s voter turnout (21.7 percent) was lower than the five-year average (28.5), the initiative needed a two-thirds majority instead of 50 percent plus one to pass. If the number of students voting for the initiative is less than 20 percent of the student population, the initiative will automatically fail.

The Student Athletics Fee Initiative, which needed 62.35 percent, received 65.01 percent of the vote, while the Recreational Sports Fee Initiative garnered 56.65 percent, short of the necessary 63.19 percent.

Attorney General

LAFCO

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"Talk about a voting bloc. The proponents are a voting bloc that is trying to exclude people different from themselves. Let’s design something that will pass at the polls, and Option B is far superior, financially and politically.

LAFCO plans to make a final decision on boundaries at its next meeting May 3, and those boundaries will be placed on the ballot in November. LAFCO Chairman Tim Campbell said LAFCO needs time to make its decision.

"The commission will want to digest and discuss with staff any questions and issues posed by the public before a vote," he said. "The comparison is very objective in how it approaches this matter, and we want to have all the information before we make a decision."

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Anti-Semitism: The Paths of Hatred, Ignorance Converge

By ELIJAH APPELBAUM

In last Sunday's edition of The New York Times Magazine, reserve New York Knicks point guard Chazie Ward said to writer Eric Konigsburg, "The Jews are stubborn. E. But tell me, why did they persecute Jesus unless he knew something they didn't want to accept?" "They had his blood on their hands." Starting shooting guard Allan Houston followed the cultist from his teammate by citing the New Testament: "Matthew 26, verse 67: 'Then they spit in Jesus' face and hit him with their fists." Ward continued, "There are Christians getting persecuted by Jews every day." When I first heard these outrageous comments, I was upset, to say the least. Ward, Houston, starting point guard Mark Jackson and reserve forward Kurt Thomas (who created to Konigsburg, "You know, there's Jews for Jews, man") have participated in a kind of 21st-century pogrom. Not a pogrom where Jews are rounded up and butchered, but where a people are persecuted in the guise of brotherhood. ("Ward's comments) are barbs with sharp needles," Dr. Marcel Tuchman said in Ira Berkow's column in the New York Times Tuesday. "They are terms of hatred and bigotry. They are terms that have been used for centuries to instigate pogroms and massacres. Sometimes they start small, but history tells us they should always be taken seriously, and decried." "There is no one who should be surprised that ignorant and uneducated men, who get paid exorbitant amounts of money at a young age, make anti-Semitism comments? As the e e o o o y withers, the masses must find scapegoats to fill the drabness of this world and tear of everyday life. The Jews are, as always, a convenient scapegoat. Yet an equally frightening form of hatred has occurred in our very own backyard, here in Santa Barbara. When Palestinian leader Hanan Ashrawi spoke on campus, on one of the holiest days of the Jewish calendar, the first day of Passover, Ashrawi announced her false rhetoric for peace. Hailed even by atheistic Jews as a "voice for human rights," Ashrawi is anything but a spokesperson for peace.

As noted by the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA, Nov. 18, 2000), Ashrawi endorses "the murder of Israeli soldiers and civilian settlers, stating that the army of occupation and the settlers have become legitimate and select targets of Palestinian resistance." So, when UCSB Chancellor Henry Yang danced with Ashrawi at a UCSB academic center?

"We won't be a successful team if we look ahead," UCSB Head Coach Bob Brottenma said. "UOP has a tough pitching staff that we really respect. I know it's a cliché, but we just try to take it one game at a time." The winner of today's match will most likely face Long Beach State, ranked 57th nationally. The 49ers are the #1 seed in the tournament for the first time in school history. The 49ers are also riding a school-record 15-match winning streak.

For now, Santa Barbara must focus today, a victory over Cal Poly means that the Gauchos will be one step closer to the regional tournament. 

Santa Barbara Ready for Big West Tournament

BY CLANCY ROBERTS

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Gaucho Look to Sweep Pacific

By MATT HEITNER

UCSB baseball team is aware of that fact, and beginning this weekend against Pacific, the Gauchos must find a way to win all three games in a series. The inability to bring out the brooms has left Santa Barbara (29-11, 4-2 in the Big West) in third place in the Big West, behind Fullerton and Long Beach State.

"We feel that it's time to make up some ground," UCSB pitching Coach Tom Myers said. "But Pacific is no pushover. The next four weeks are going to be very difficult, and we have to bring out our A game to the field every day."

Santa Barbara is coming off of a series victory over Sacramento State. But the story vs. the Hornets was senior designated hitter Mike Kolbahn. The lefty went 9-14 with four RBIs.

The emergence of Kolbahn, who was named Big West Player of the Week, adds another dimension to an already formidable Gauchos lineup. Santa Barbara is hitting a robust .347 on the season. UCSB also has the top three hitters in the Big West in Kolbahn, senior third baseman Dave Molfiori (.415) and sophomore center fielder Skip Schumacher (403).

"Everybody in the lineup has the potential to take over the game," Kolbahn said. "It's good to see that if someone struggles, then someone else can pick him up. We have something pretty special here."

Santa Barbara will send the usual trio of junior James Garcia, senior Kyle Ogle and sophomore Jim Rolland to the mound against UOP. Ogle was unable to pitch in the previous series due to shoulder irritation, but Myers expects Ogle to reclaim his spot in the rotation this weekend.

"Oglet had a little bit of tenderness in his shoulder," Myers said. "The week off really benefited him. He pitched on the side this week, and I don't see any problems with him pitching this weekend."

Following the series with Pacific, the Gauchos will face Long Beach State and Fullerton in a consecutive three-game series. But first, Santa Barbara must dispose of the Tigers.

Senior pitcher Jaime Gonzales and the Gauchos will try to propel past UOP this weekend. UCSB (29-11, 4-2 in the Big West) is currently third in the conference.

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