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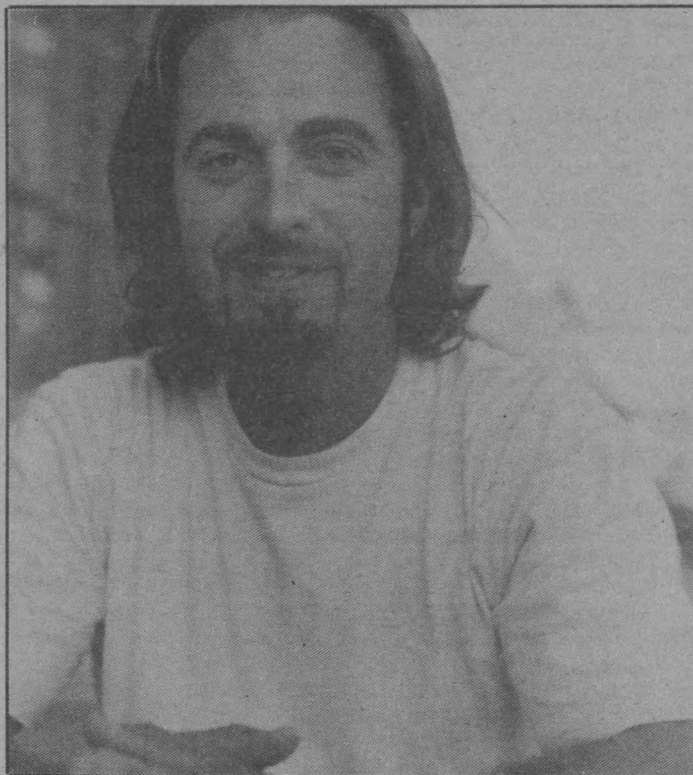
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1996-97 A.S. President Russell Bartholow (right) and Internal Vice President Frank Orellana captured the voting majority this week despite trailing their opponents in the initial balloting. Photos by Erin Derby.

## Bartholow, Orellana Seize Victories in Runoff

By Tim Molloy  
Staff Writer

Driven campaigning up until the last hours of the Associated Students runoff election Wednesday helped elect Russell Bartholow president and Frank Orellana internal vice president.

The winners took their races in Tuesday and Wednesday's

runoff vote after both came in second in last week's general election. The votes bring an end to a strong liberal presence in A.S.'s top posts that losing presidential candidate Tom Beers and internal vice presidential candidate Bo Thoren appeared enthusiastic to carry on.

Bartholow, who won with 921 votes to Beers' 773 after coming in 50 votes behind him

in last week's vote, said he was eager to begin serving the campus.

"I'm happy and I'm thankful that 921 students had enough faith to vote for me as their new A.S. president at UCSB," said the junior law and society major. "I look forward to not only working for them but working with them."

The president-elect spent most of Tuesday and Wednes-

day talking to students on campus about himself and his issues, urging them to vote. The two days of talking to voters finished an extensive campaign that included dummies urging students to "Vote for Russell," "Ask Russell" forums and professionally made cards, posters, buttons and T-shirts.

Beers said he wants to stay

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## Regent Calls for End to Admissions Involvement

By Rachel Howard  
Staff Writer

Responding to recent public criticism of alleged backdoor UC admissions dealings, Student Regent Ed Gomez announced Monday a proposal to bar regents from submitting letters of recommendation for applicants to the system.

Gomez's proposal, slated for discussion at the regents' meeting later this month, would prohibit board members from participating in "any actions that could be considered interference to the admittance process of a student," including letters of recommendation, phone calls and personal visits to campus officials.

"I think that in good faith and to avoid further misconduct and embarrassment, the board of regents should adopt for itself a policy against special considerations," Gomez said.

The UC Office of the President and the state Senate Select Committee on Higher Education launched separate probes last month into regental influence on UC admissions.

The investigations came in response to a *Los Angeles Times* report that some regents, politi-

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## Community Standouts Will Carry Flame of Centennial Games Today

The Olympic torch will pass through Santa Barbara today, making one more stop on its 84-day, 15,000-mile journey to Atlanta.

Beginning at 7:50 a.m., eight community members will represent Santa Barbara by running the torch through the downtown area, according to Rochelle Rose, media coordinator for the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay. The actual Olympic flame will arrive and depart by train at the Amtrak station on lower State Street.

Rose, who participated in the 1984 Olympic torch relay, said she is excited about the event and what it represents.

"It's great to be involved with something international and such a positive event," she said. "The ideals of the Olympics are excellence and peace."

The relay has developed into a community-wide effort involving more than 200 volunteers, including many UCSB students, Rose added.

The torchbearers include an Olympic gold medalist swimmer, Boys and Girls Club director, auto shop owner, educator, community volunteer, social ser-

vice worker and Santa Ynez Valley High School senior.

The runners were chosen based on short essay nominations describing their contributions to the community, according to runner Jack Bianchi.

Bianchi, nominated by his stepdaughter, is a cancer survivor who recently completed his ninth marathon and decided to spend his time helping the community.

"I needed to pay more attention to that community out there ... and use my running as an example," he said.

Bianchi helped start the Terry Fox Run, which raises money to fight cancer, became a spokesperson for the American Cancer Society and the Cancer Foundation of Santa Barbara, and has collected and donated running shoes for youths in Mexico.

Bianchi said he is excited by the unique one-kilometer run.

"You go through life and there's certain experiences you only get once, this is one of those," he said. "It's a lifetime experience."

—Ben Flamm

## Post-Voting Rule Brings Down A.S. Advertising

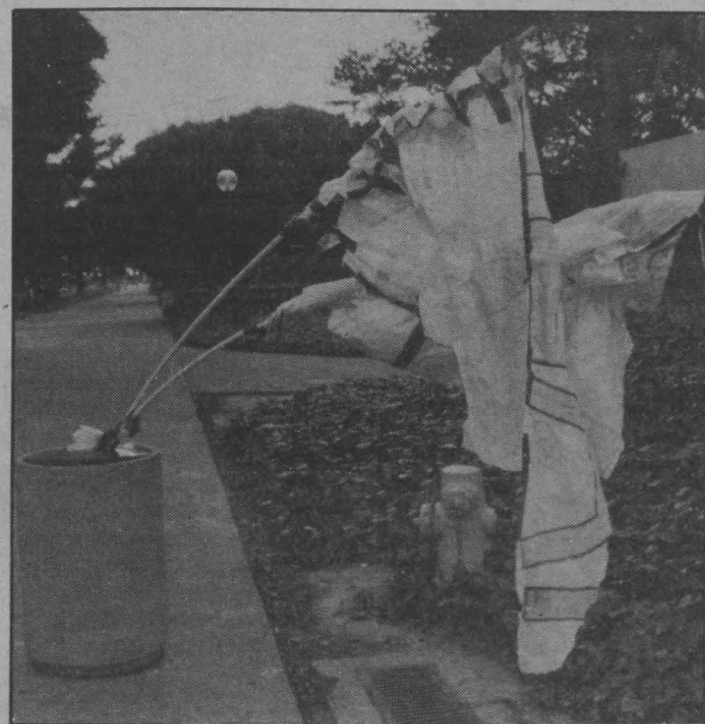
By Tyler Bailey  
Reporter

With Associated Students elections now over, candidates have begun the daunting task of cleaning up the debris of their quarter-long campaigns.

Most former campaigners participated in a campuswide cleanup Friday afternoon mandated by an A.S. Legislative Council bill passed last quarter requiring candidates to properly dispose of their posters and fliers.

"It's not very professional to put up signs for a campaign and not clean it up," said On-Campus Rep Colin McCarthy, who won the external vice president for statewide affairs position last week. "That just makes our school look bad."

Candidates who did not go to this week's runoffs for presi-



LARRY MILLS/Daily Nexus

Candidates of this year's A.S. elections are responsible under a new requirement for collecting their campaign material strewn across campus.

dent, internal vice president and one off-campus rep slot have taken down their posters, according to Elections Committee Chair Paul Sporleder. "The only people whose

signs weren't taken down were those participating in runoffs," he said.

Candidates who did not take

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# HEADLINERS

## PLO Leader Pays Visit to White House

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Accorded a statesman's welcome by President Clinton, Yasser Arafat lashed out at Israel Wednesday for keeping its borders closed to Palestinian workers.

The PLO leader accused Israel of applying "collective guilt" for a series of suicide bombings. The effect of the travel restrictions, he said, has been to deprive 120,000 Palestinians of their jobs and to prevent export of their goods.

Arafat also affirmed his confidence the Palestinians will have a state by 2000. "Yes, yes, yes," he said at a news conference. "No doubt it is coming. No one can hide the sun with his fingers."

Long despised in the West as a terrorist, Arafat advanced his transition to statesman with a call at the White House. In 45-minute private talks, President Clinton agreed to establish a joint commission for studying economic problems of the West

Bank and Gaza and promised to step up efforts to persuade donor countries to make good on promises of almost \$2 billion in aid.

"Our Palestinian people are facing a very serious economic siege," Arafat said in his speech. "Israel's military occupation destroyed the infrastructure of Palestine."

**NATION**

*No doubt [a Palestinian state] is coming. No one can hide the sun with his fingers.*

**Yasser Arafat  
Palestinian Liberation Organization leader**

Earlier, in the Oval Office, Clinton praised Arafat for acting "under difficult circumstances" to persuade the Palestine Liberation Organization's policy-making body to remove clauses in its 32-year-old charter that mandated an armed struggle to destroy Israel.

Asked Wednesday whether the PLO has given

up its dream of taking all of Palestine, Arafat, suddenly angry, retorted: "This is an unfair question," refusing to reply.

Generally, Arafat spoke warmly of Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres and of his peacemaking partner, Peres' predecessor Yitzhak Rabin. He called the assassinated

prime minister a cousin.

But Arafat said Israel should combat terror by complying with U.N. resolutions that demanded its withdrawal from land the Arabs lost in the 1967 and 1973 Middle East wars.

"We are not looking for the moon," he said.

Already a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Arafat was

received in the Oval Office with the recognition and dignity reserved for respected leaders and other figures of renown.

"I am delighted to have this opportunity," Clinton told him.

Arafat has called at the White House twice before to sign accords with Israel. This visit was different; it was to celebrate the April 24 decision by the PLO's Palestine National Council to revoke the PLO charter's armed-struggle clauses.

The Clinton administration has pledged a half-billion dollars over five years to help the Palestinian Authority build the underpinnings of a democratic society. So far, \$175 million has been dedicated to the cause.

Summing up Arafat's visit, White House spokesman David Johnson said, "The real significant aspect of this meeting is it took place. The extraordinary has become the ordinary."

## Physicists Discover Stunning Gamma Ray Spark

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Scientists have discovered a spectacular flare from a quasar 10 billion light years away that produced 100 billion times more gamma ray energy



than is found in our galaxy.

Scientists using NASA's orbiting Compton Gamma Ray Observatory said the 150-minute flare turned the quasar known as PKS 1622-297 into the brightest gamma-ray source in the sky for several days last summer.

"We don't know exactly what it is, that's why it's interesting," said John Mat-

tox, a visiting scientist at the University of Maryland astronomy department. "We're exploring matter under very exotic and extreme conditions."

Gamma rays are extremely high frequency radiation at wavelengths shorter than X-rays. Quasars are bright emitters of light and radio waves.

The discovery was reported Wednesday at a meeting of the High Energy Astrophysics Division of the American Astronomical Society in San Diego, where scientists announced several new gamma ray findings. It has been submitted for publication in the *Astrophysical Journal*.

PKS 1622-297 is a type of quasar called a blazar. It is a supermassive black hole at the core of a distant galaxy that captures gas

and material from nearby stars, heats it and releases X-rays, gamma rays and jets of material toward Earth at nearly the speed of light.

Since its 1991 launch aboard a shuttle, the Compton Observatory has detected 50 blazars.

Also Wednesday, scientists from the Smithsonian Institution's ground-based Whipple Observatory in southern Arizona announced they had detected three examples of a new, highly energetic class of blazar.

The Smithsonian team said such blazars emit gamma rays 1,000 times more energetic than those detected by orbiting spacecraft like Compton.

On Earth, the only way to see such high-energy gamma rays is by creating them with the most power-

ful particle accelerators. The blazar jets act like cosmic accelerators.

"Given these are 400 million light years away, it's a clue to some very exotic process that's taking place," said Trevor Weekes, a Smithsonian astrophysicist. "It takes all man's ingenuity to build a particle accelerator ... but it's quite commonplace in nature to produce these jets."

Greg Madejski, an astrophysicist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., said the discovery could help scientists distinguish individual sources of background X-ray radiation in the universe.

"This experiment tells us objects just like that must be very important contributors," he said.

## Reps' Internet Use Contains Some Partisan Site Linkage

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — When members of Congress use government money to communicate with constituents, it's supposed to be for official business.

But more than two do-



zen members of Congress are using the World Wide Web to point users to overtly political Internet sites. A House committee is investigating whether that violates congressional rules — and if not, should it?

At last count, 128 of the 434 current House members and all 100 senators have home pages on the World Wide Web, the graphics-based portion of the Internet global computer network. From these home pages, Internet users

are referred to pages run by other people or organizations.

Most congressional sites provide links to the White House, the Library of Congress, local governments and tourism information about the member's state.

But many step into politics, linking users to the Democratic or Republican National Committees, to interest groups and to partisan sniping on the left or right.

For instance, the Senate Republican Conference, a government office that supports Republican senators, has a Web page linking to the National Republican Senatorial Committee, a private group that works to elect Republicans to the Senate.

Others point visitors to conservative lobbyists, although lobbying is not official business under congressional rules.

## Idea of Tobacco Promotion at Convention Under Fire

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — The San Diego Museum of Art has turned down sponsorship by tobacco giant Philip Morris of an art exhibition that coincides with this summer's Repu-



blican National Convention.

Philip Morris was to sponsor a show in July and August by artist Deborah Butterfield, whose life-size sculptures of wild horses evoke images of Marlboro, the world's most popular cigarette.

As part of the arrangement, Philip Morris was expected to hold museum receptions for Republican heavy-hitters during the Aug. 12-15 convention in San Diego.

"We received many

phone calls and letters," said museum board president Lyn Gildred. "It was a hard decision."

"We are delighted that these tobacco industry vultures will not be nesting at the San Diego Museum of Art," said Debra Kelley, vice president of the American Lung Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties.

The museum's action represents a second defeat for the corporate giant. Last month, community members persuaded the Del Mar Fair Board to reject a lucrative contract allowing Philip Morris to promote its products at this summer's fair.

Philip Morris spokesperson Darienne Dennis said the decision "has not been helpful ... to the museum, to the residents of San Diego and certainly not to Philip Morris."

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## Psychopants: Fakin' It to the Streets

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## Weather

Most of the time I find myself adrift in a dol-drummed sea of professional dissolve (as opposed to resolve, that is). Sometimes I think I wouldn't mind it if I could find some organization that would pay me a living wage to do this columnist thing. I have better odds, however, of surviving a frontal attack on an Imperial star destroyer. Other times, I feel this stirring to grow, harvest and brew ingredients for traditional liquid intoxicants while dabbling in politics from time to time. Unfortunately, the best way to do this — inherit gobs of dough from my family's radial tire fortune — is beyond my scope at this time.

Now, recent events on campus have given me a new ambition. Y'see I'm considering pursuing a career in human resources (also known as personnel). I wanna interview people who want jobs. I want to look at their resumés. I want to say, "Ooooh, it says here you were an executive in student government." I want to laugh. I might even hire them and whistle "Hail to the Chief" when we pass in the hall. But probably not.

### Correction

Tuesday's Nexus story "Men's Gymnastics Finishes Tough Season With Respect" incorrectly stated the men's gymnastics team offers one scholarship. The team actually has no scholarships available for its members.

## Trio of Meetings to Focus on CCRI

Hoping to provide the public with a clearer understanding of the issues surrounding Affirmative Action, Santa Barbara City College will host the first of three open forums on the controversial policy tonight.

The discussion will consist of four panelists who will have 10 minutes to speak, followed by a question-and-answer session, according to Catherine McCammon, coordinator and moderator of the event.

Tonight's topic, "History, Myths and Realities of Affirmative Action," will address the origin, history and various interpretations of the policy.

Renee Robinson, coordinator of the SBCC Adult Education program, said the forum should be beneficial to the community.

"The department is sponsoring the public forums because Affirmative Action is an issue in the news that people are interested in, and that they should get information about," she said.

This week's panelists include Joe R. Hicks, executive director of the MultiCul-

tural Collaborative of Los Angeles, Patricia Fillipini, instructor at Antioch University, Micki Flacks, co-chair of the Santa Barbara County Affirmative Action Commission, and James Gazdecki, chair of the county Republican Party.

Flacks said she will focus mainly on the California Civil Rights Initiative, which would eliminate Affirmative Action in California if approved in November.

"CCRI is an attempt to do for the entire state what the [UC] Regents did for the University," he said. "An additional clause in the initiative would change state law to allow discrimination based on sex."

Next week's forum will deal with Affirmative Action in a changing society, and the third forum will address Affirmative Action and educational opportunity. Each forum will have four speakers.

The public forums will be held tonight, May 9 and May 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Santa Barbara Library's Faulkner Gallery and are free to the public.

—Emma S. Pollack

## WINNERS

Continued from p.1 involved in student government but plans to take some time to think about how.

"I'd just like to thank everyone that voted for me," said the current off-campus rep. "I was disappointed in the outcome, but I'm interested to see what'll happen next year."

While the presidential candidates had a largely unconflictual campaign, they argued for nearly two hours Tuesday night after a Residential Housing Association meeting in which Bartholow said Beers did not care about the group's issues. Their disagreement involved Bartholow's objections to what he saw as negative campaigning by Beers.

While Orellana has criticized the job Thoreen has done this year as internal vice president, he spoke congenially Wednesday about carrying on some of his rival's issues

next year.

"It's a mandate by the students and I'm really happy that they picked me to do the job," said the current on-campus rep.

"It's not that I won, actually. In the end the students are the people who won," Orellana added. "If Bo would have won, I think it would've been the same way. I do respect him. He has good intentions toward the students."

Orellana won the race with 834 votes to Thoreen's 707. Thoreen was the only candidate who won considerably fewer votes in the runoff than he did in last week's election, despite this week's smaller candidate pool.

The vote continued a tradition of low runoff election turnout. While last week's vote involved 22.4 percent of students, only 11.5 percent came out Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thoreen, who was first among three candidates last week with 1,034 votes, said he was not sure voters had made the right decision in the runoff.

leader. Judicial Council has not yet determined which candidates will have their money returned this year, he said.

McCarthy believes the policy could have motivated the nearly full turnout Friday.

"I think it worked better [this year] because it got the candidates to realize they must attend the cleanup," he said.

But A.S. Recycling Chair David Fortson

"Without speaking negatively of the other candidate... I think we may have made a collective error," he said. "We'll find out in the course of the year."

Thoreen and current External Vice President for Statewide Affairs Kris Kohler, who finished last in the presidential race last week, have led a strong left-wing presence in student government this year. Beers also shared many of their views. But this year's elections shut them and some like-minded candidates out of A.S. executive offices for next year.

Thoreen finished off his campaign with a goodbye to those he has served with in student government — both enthusiastically and begrudgingly.

"I had a good time, and nothing but respect all the way around, even for the punks," he said.

In a third runoff pitting two candidates who each received five write-in votes last week, Megan Beschen defeated Adam Fiss 744-183 for an off-campus rep spot.

raised concerns that the campaigners have not disposed of their paper signs in an environmentally sound manner.

"None of the candidates have approached with questions about recycling, so I'm almost positive that the posters aren't being recycled," he said.

The campus grounds staff who remove posters left on the ground are not

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## POSTERS

Continued from p.1 part in Friday's campus-wide cleanup may lose a refundable \$25 bond they were required to pay at the start of their campaigns, according to Sporleder.

The A.S. Judicial Council can deduct from the bond if candidates post their signs illegally or fail to clean up campaign material, according to Spor-

leder. Judicial Council has not yet determined which candidates will have their money returned this year, he said.

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"Excuses won't be tolerated on this ship."

—Capt. James T. Kirk

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## Nonunanimous

A Proposal to the California Judicial Council Should Be Dismissed

### Editorial

The American justice system was designed to give every accused individual a chance to prove their innocence or guilt by a jury's decision — a unanimous decision.

But a proposal by the California Judicial Council's Blue Ribbon Commission would contradict this basic premise of our legal system by allowing an 11-1 jury decision to determine a defendant's verdict.

This is but one suggestion the commission is making in its draft report for jury revamping. Other major changes would allow jurors to pass the judge written questions for clarifications and create meeting periods during the trial to discuss presented evidence. But the most controversial provision within the report is definitely the nonunanimous verdict suggestion, with good reason.

Although this provision would not apply to the most serious decisions regarding life in prison or death sentences, accepting nonunanimous jury verdicts could obstruct the entire jury deliberation process, no matter what the magnitude of the crime in question. The reason the justice system is set up to require unanimous decisions is to ensure the integrity and thoroughness of jury meetings.

Introducing the possibility of disregarding one juror's opinion could corrupt this entire process, for the dissent of even a single juror can potentially bring to light important evidence that should be considered. It is unfair to the accused to allow the impressions of a single juror to be neglected by the

rest.

Proponents of the provision argue that often criminals are let off by hung juries and that defense attorneys need only target a single juror for a vote of "not guilty" to ensure that their clients walk scot-free. These are legitimate concerns; however, the proposition of nonunanimous voting is an inappropriate corrective measure.

Accused individuals are promised the presumption of innocence until proven guilty — it is the spirit of our justice system to err on the side of the accused. The burden of proof in trials is rightfully placed on the prosecution, and a provision making it easier to convict by lessening the stringency of required proof should be denied.

When individuals are brought before a criminal court, they are often facing a decision that will affect the rest of their lives. Even if a guilty verdict cannot bring about the death penalty or a life sentence, a prison term of any length can alter someone's life forever. To make certain that no innocent people have their lives disrupted in this way, 12 individual people must be convinced of guilt. Without the unanimous agreement of all the jurors, a reasonable doubt will always exist — a doubt which the founders of our system believed should be avoided at all costs.

Although the Blue Ribbon Commission's efforts to speed up the California courts and create a more effective process overall are well intentioned, its suggestion goes against the philosophy of the justice system and the freedom of its people.

Chances are when you hear the name Sally Struthers, you don't think of Archie Bunker's daughter. More likely, those repressed memories of starving children shamelessly paraded in front of a camera rush to mind, reducing one to a quivering fetal ball of guilt. I know of what I speak, it happened to me during an insomniac episode spent watching *Highlander: The Series*, and it set me a-thinkin'.

People in every corner of the world are suffering at this very instant, whether it is from famine, pestilence or war, and there is always someone to champion their cause, especially washed-up actors/actresses.

All cynicism aside, these people, along with the regular Joes who hold the same views, genuinely believe that they are helping these needy people. That in the long term, they are making the world a better place. They are trying to help those who need it most, like the starving children of India, an unquestionably admirable endeavor. For most of my life, I held these same ideals, but I can no longer.

Over time, most of us became desensitized to human misery. A moment comes when the swollen bellies of emaciated children and the sunken eye sockets of the eminently dead hold no real sway over our emotions. I am sad to say that this has happened to me.

However, it was through this detachment from my pity that I was finally able to entertain an idea that in my previous state of unrequited sympathy for the victims was so repugnant to my being, I turned a deaf ear to it. Simply stated:

Let them die.

Have I got your attention? Good, then stay with me because this is only going to get worse. This planet is in the throes of an emergency some may be aware of but few truly appreciate, a crisis that threatens to devour the world and ultimately leave it barren. That culprit is the malignant cancer of humanity.

According to ecologists at Cornell University (as well as many others), Mother Earth is capable of sustaining a population of around 2 billion people with relative ease, allowing for a healthy and fairly balanced ecosystem. Today the planet contains some 5.5 billion men and women, well more than twice what is recommended, and is growing at the alarming rate of 90 million people each year.

And the largest expansions are occurring in the countries least equipped to deal with the growth. India single-handedly adds 16 million people a year to the planet. Even with all the disaster relief funds and an end to their drought, Ethiopia is still expanding beyond its means, and its people are incapable of feeding their masses by themselves. Even China is still growing despite stringent birth control laws and frequent food shortages, making the Chinese a potential military threat through

## Forget the Pa

Matthew Taylor

In 1994 the Republican Party took control of the House and Senate because the people of the United States were fed up with a Congress that continued to overspend U.S. taxpayers' dollars on waste and bureaucracy. The possibility

spending of the mate and stagnation an all-time high ton is fighting t keep the tax-an of the Democra tionalized, and want to pay th 40-odd years of the loop.



that the country was going bankrupt was beginning to become more real every day that the Democrats controlled the purse strings of our country.

But what have the Republicans done to get America back on track? Besides increasing the amount of partisan bickering and finger pointing, not much.

Until late last month there was still not even a finished budget that was supposed to guide the

When the con Contract with A lanced budget ar down by one vot skyrocketed. Now the two parties r gather enough through Congre crease in the r Why? Because it the voters and it election year. What does thi

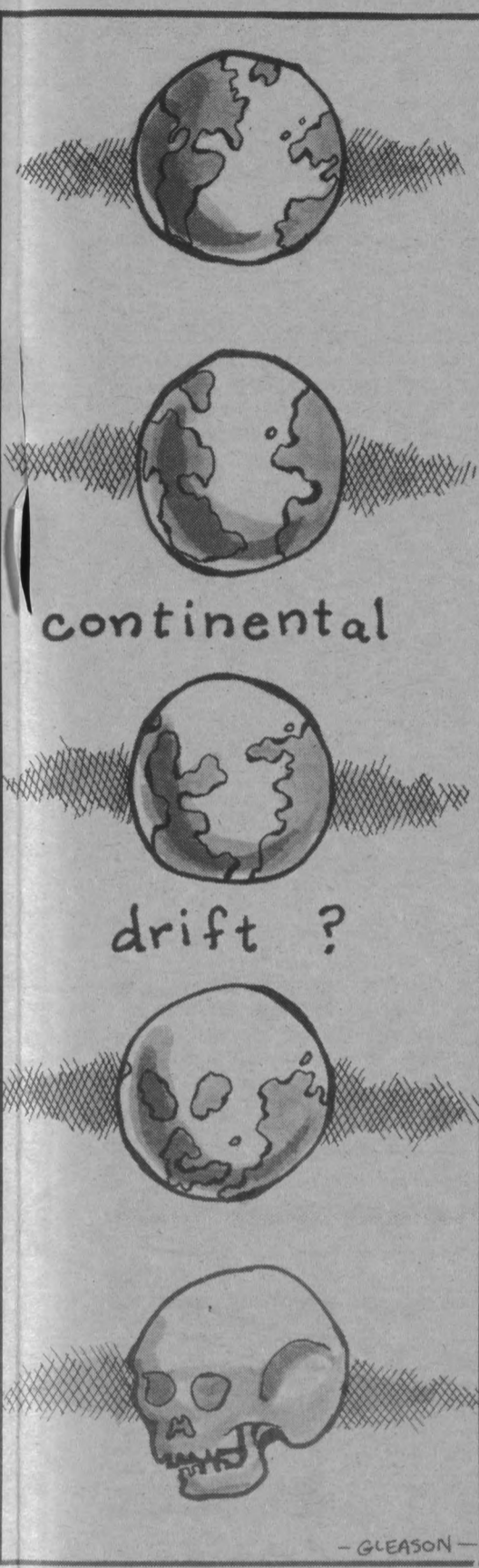
# Read, Think, Write!

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



# Running Out of Room



their sheer desperation to feed themselves. Undoubtedly, some of you may question the above figures. After all, who can say for sure that 2 billion people is too much, or five for that matter? Where do these ecologists get such a seemingly arbitrary number from? Unfortunately, they arrived at that figure with the all too real data dealing with how much land it takes to feed an average person.

Presently, we in the U.S. consume about half a hectare (1.25 acres) of crop land individually in one year, which amounts to about 800 kilograms of vegetal products and grains. This is generally considered to be more than enough to keep one's diet diversified and healthy.

Presently, the worldwide average is .27 hectares per person, while China yields only .08 hectare for each of its citizens and this average will continue to decrease as population is allowed to increase. Knowing that there is a finite amount of fertile crop land available to man, and using the above figures, it is then possible to place a theoretical limit on population expansion.

These are the facts, so what then are we to do with famine victims? Some cling to the idea that since we, the civilized world, have so much surplus crops that we routinely destroy, we should simply give what we do not need to those who do. This is the very same argument that should be used to defend not giving it to them, for by doing so we then create a dependency which would be impossible to perpetually maintain.

Even if we were successful in feeding this generation of famine victims, what do we do when they have more children? The life cycle could repeat itself several times before our surplus would be completely depleted, and then what? Is it better to alleviate their suffering while surplus exists, thus exponentially compounding the problem, or to stop the dependency here and now?

The suffering we are presently witness to is but a preview of what is all too possible on a global scale. If we as a species continue to grow unchecked, that famine occurring half a world away may spread here. Don't think so? OK, then consider the diseases festering in those stagnant pits of starvation, diseases that know no borders and are already beginning to spread outside their spawning ground, as witnessed by the return of cholera and other long dormant plagues.

We are on the verge of Gigadeath, a time when millions will die from incurable diseases and rampant famine. Even if we were able to prevent this from occurring, I'm not wholly convinced we should. Humanity needs a humbling kick in the ass, and it just might be the four horsemen of the apocalypse — famine, pestilence, war and death — that should deliver it.

Leo Smith is a Nexus illustrator.

# Parties, Go Independent

ing of the nation. The stale- stagnation have reached time high. President Clin- fighting tooth and nail to the tax-and-spend policies Democratic Party institu- ed, and the Republicans to pay them back for the years of being left out of p.

shows us that the partisan bickering has gone too far. The two parties have gotten too wrapped up in their vendettas with each other and have forgotten who they are there to serve. The American people need to show them that they are fed up with the egotistical games, and the only way to show that is through the ballot box.

to a vindictive party leader. He understands that government is there to serve the people. As much as the Democrats would like to believe that the government can keep spending to try and heal the world, all that would lead to is a bankrupt government that could not serve anyone.

The Republicans stated in their



the cornerstone of their with America, the ba- budget amendment, went y one vote, the animosity eted. Now the only thing parties might be able to enough votes to get Congress is for an in- the minimum wage. ecause it sounds good to rs and it's a presidential year. does this all tell us? It

The American people need to throw their support behind people like Steve Wheeler, the independent candidate for Congress. The two parties seem to have forgotten two of the most important principles of American politics: compromise and their duty to serve their constituents.

We need someone like Steve Wheeler in the House of Representatives to fight for us. Steve Wheeler does not have to answer

Contract with America that if they could not succeed in passing their Contract, "throw us out." It's our duty as Americans to make them live up to their word.

If you are tired of the bickering and the indifference displayed toward the American citizen by the two political parties, you too will support Steve Wheeler for Congress in 1996.

Matthew Taylor is a junior political science major.

## The Reader's Voice

### The Best

Editor, Daily Nexus:

In my 10 years as a staff person, and five years as an undergraduate at UCSB, I have never met anyone else on this campus as dedicated to undergraduate education at UCSB and to individual undergraduates as Dr. David Kohl.

He has not just adequately served our campus and its students for nearly 30 years, but he has consistently given his heart and soul and always gone above and beyond what was required of him, for the betterment of this campus community. And he, justly, should be unequivocally commended for the job he has done.

But instead, individuals who to me represent what is just about the worst in human nature, are attempting to defame the character of an exceptional man. That a system and a community would take its best and choose to do this to him causes me to feel sick at heart. This is equally as despicable to me as anything anyone could possibly download from the Internet!

What is happening to David Kohl causes me to feel ashamed of our system and of our community. Neither the Santa Barbara County Courthouse nor Cheadle Hall could hold all the UCSB students and staff, past and present, who feel affection and great respect for this man and who are grateful for all he has done for them. The UC system, UCSB and the Santa Barbara community are in a deep debt of gratitude to Dr. Kohl, in my opinion. So, hey, UCSB, stand by your man; SUPPORT THE BEST OF YOU!

LESLIE CAMPBELL

### Gay Was Cool

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The mock gay/lesbian wedding ceremony on Friday made me think about the good old times when being gay still meant being cool. When the sexy air of elitism in gay circles was incredibly attractive, and when their outsider status-induced insights into society's functionings were refreshing.

Apparently, those times are gone. Today, gays try hard to become just like Mom and Pop. You can see them publicly begging for government-issued marriage licenses. How pathetic. What is worse, gays and lesbians could mock this obsolete institution wonderfully if only they would try: A group of gays could pair off with a group of lesbians and then get legally married in order to collect the tax benefits.

Of course, the system would have to react somehow, and then the most interesting questions would pop up: is presence of sex or love necessary to get the license? If yes, what's love? How often do we have to have sex? In which position? It would be hilarious.

But no. Today's queers want to marry, want to adopt children, even want to join the military. It eludes me how thinking human beings can rally for the "right" to study the latest and greatest methods of burning, maiming and killing people. What's wrong with these guys? Again, a great opportunity lost: They could publish wonderful little leaflets titled "How to Convince the Draft Committee That You Are Gay."

None of that happens. Gays are desperately trying to become mainstream, upright and supporting members of society. Forming families, killing enemies; it's all there. Another hope vanished. It's truly sad.

AXEL BOLDT

### History Speaks

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Elan Raber (Daily Nexus, The Reader's Voice, April 23) expresses his apparent belief that Jews in general, and the Israeli state in particular, are beyond having the capacity for acting in a terrorist or thug-like fashion.

On the contrary, it would seem to me that an interesting lesson of this bloody century is that anybody or any group is capable of practically anything, especially if endowed with a cash flow of sufficient magnitude.

By way of illustration, consider the following excerpts from a letter written by Albert Einstein, Hannah Arendt and other prominent members of the Ameri-

can Jewish community. This letter appeared in the New York Times Dec. 4, 1948, and discusses the upcoming visit of the future prime minister of Israel, Menachem Begin. The unequivocal voice of Einstein and the others, speaking to us from a distance of nearly 50 years, is clear enough to stand on its own without further comment:

"Among the most disturbing political phenomena of our time is the emergence in the newly created state of Israel of the 'Freedom Party' (Tnuat HaHerut), a political party closely akin in its organization, methods, political philosophy and social appeal to the Nazi and Fascist parties. ... The current visit of Menachem Begin, leader of this party, to the United States is obviously calculated to give the impression of American support for this party in the coming Israeli elections. ... It is inconceivable that those who oppose fascism throughout the world, if correctly informed as to Mr. Begin's political record and perspectives, could add their names and support to the movement he represents....

"The public avowals of Begin's party are no guide whatever to its actual character. Today they speak of freedom, democracy and anti-imperialism, whereas until recently they openly



VINCENT LUCIDO/Daily Nexus

preached the doctrine of the fascist state. It is in its actions that the terrorist party betrays its real character; from its past actions we can judge what it may be expected to do in the future....

"A shocking example was their behavior in the Arab village of Deir Yassin. This village, off the main roads and surrounded by Jewish lands, had taken no part in the war, and had even fought off Arab bands who wanted to use the village as their base. On April 9, terrorist bands attacked this peaceful village, which was not a military objective in the fighting, killed most of its inhabitants — 240 men, women and children — and kept a few of them alive to parade as captives through the streets of Jerusalem....

"Within the Jewish community they have preached an admixture of ultra-nationalism, religious mysticism and racial superiority.... Teachers were beaten up for speaking against them, adults were shot for not letting their children join them. By gangster methods, beatings, window-smashing and widespread robberies, the terrorists intimidated the population and exacted a heavy tribute....

"In the light of the foregoing considerations, it is imperative that the truth about Mr. Begin and his movement be made known in this country. It is all the more tragic that the top leadership of American Zionism has refused to campaign against Begin's efforts, or even to expose to its own constituents the dangers to Israel from support to Begin."

IRA GLADNICK

# POSTERS

Continued from p.3 instructed to recycle them, Fortson added.

Despite the attention many campaigners place on putting up signs, some students said they don't dramatically affect their voting choices.

"In the three years I've been here, the signs have never influenced me much," said Daisuke Naito, a junior religious studies major.



# REGENTS

Continued from p.1 cians and other influential Californians have lobbied campuses to admit students, in some cases ahead of more qualified applicants.

Regent Ward Connerly said he believes a deeper examination of the regents' involvement in admissions is needed before the board votes on Gomez's proposal.

"Ed reacts to issues on the basis of facts that are not fully on the table," he said. "I think it's important here that we give this thing a full and honest review."

While Connerly said regent-authored recommendations are unfair because the UC policy prohibits letters of recommendation from any source, he said he would oppose Gomez's proposal if it were brought to a vote.

"There are parts of it I agree with, but I would never go so far as to say regents should never write a letter of recommendation," he said. "That's silly. Right now they don't allow letters of recommendation, but what if they change that?"

Regent Clair W. Burgener called Gomez's proposal "premature" and said the board must consider investigation find-

ings regarding special admissions considerations before voting on new policies.

"We're going to wait for the president's report," Burgener said. "The president is conducting an exhaustive survey of these matters."

A letter from Burgener in 1993 helped a non-UC-eligible UCSB applicant win admission to the campus, admissions officials said earlier this week. The student opted not to attend.

Gomez said regental influence on admissions is unjust regardless of the admissions policy.

"People are going to ask, 'Shouldn't they be

able to write a letter of recommendation?" he said. "I would say no because letters of recommendation should be based upon what you've done and not who you know."

Regent Judith Levin said she was not sure the measure would pass, but supports Gomez's efforts to ban regental influence on admissions.

"I think he's on the right track in trying to avoid the appearance that was created previously," she said. "The regents need to be above reproach in this regard, and it is indeed a conflict of interest for a regent to intercede on behalf of a student."

Levin said a new policy

on admissions influence is likely even if Gomez's resolution fails.

"I think something will be done whether it comes from a member of the board or the Office of the President," she said.

Connerly said he believes the media has unfairly seized on the issue of regents' influence on admissions.

"I think the L.A. Times is trying to play 'I gotcha' with some of the regents who eliminated Affirmative Action," he said. "But preferences based on immutable traits such as race and skin color are not the same as knowing someone in high places."

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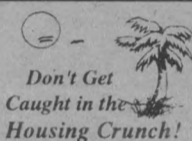
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## Men's Tennis Squad Earns Regional Berth in NCAAs Vs. U. of Arizona

■ Last Week's Upset Over UC Irvine Is a Crucial Victory for Selection

By Joe O'Flaherty  
Reporter

With its postseason hopes doubtful, the UCSB men's tennis team made the impossible become possible. The Gauchos, performing the role of the underdog, silenced their critics by advancing to the NCAA Regional playoffs.

Santa Barbara will face second-seeded University of Arizona next weekend at the Ferra-tta Tennis Complex on the UNLV campus in Las Vegas.

UCSB (13-13) got to the regionals by piecing together a strong second-place finish in last weekend's Big West Tournament at the Ojai Valley Racquet Club. The Gauchos went into the eight-team field with nothing to lose and a very slim chance of making it into the prestigious NCAA tournament. Now the question is whether the team has

enough magic left to get by the nation's tennis powerhouses.

"We started off the season slow and sluggish, but now we have won our last five of seven matches and we're excited ... [a-bout] how we have been playing lately," said junior Eddie Weiss.

Ranked 25th in the nation, the University of Arizona will provide Santa Barbara with a toilsome first-round match. The format for the tournament is single-elimination, which makes it a do-or-die contest.

"Obviously, we hope to do well, but it is going to be a tough match. We stack up very well against U. of A. and so it will be a good match," said Weiss.

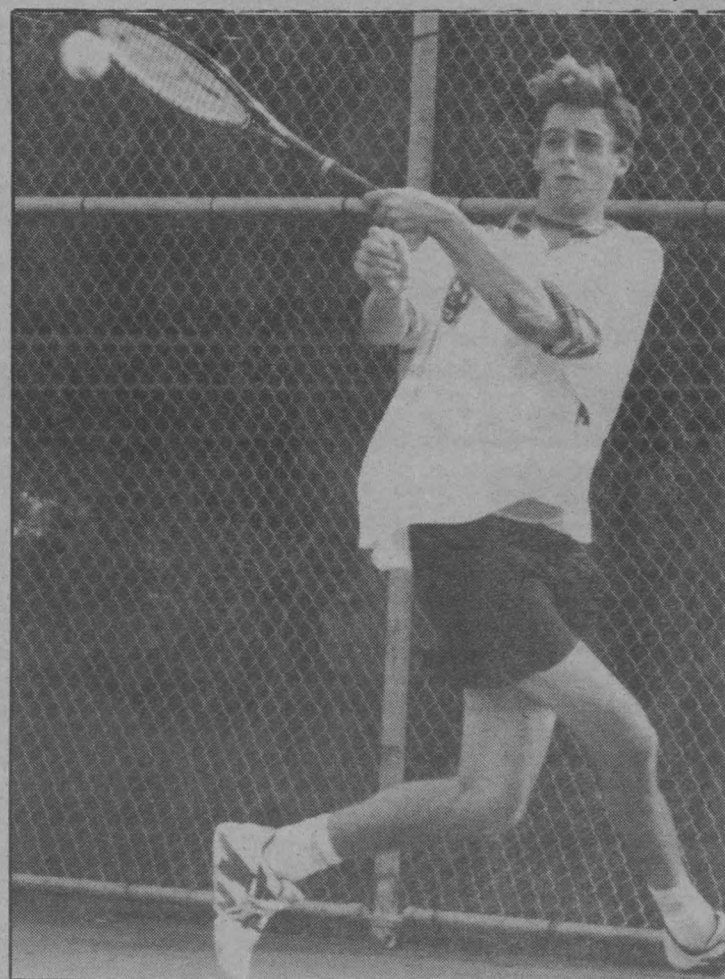
One factor leading to UCSB's berth was its 4-3 upset of #23 UC Irvine in the Big West Tournament. The Gauchos came within one set of defeating #20 UNLV in the finals. The stakes are higher now — all three teams

made it into the NCAA Regionals.

"Beating UCI was a huge win for us, because we knew we were on the borderline of making it to the regionals and so by knocking off the #1 seed it put us over the edge," said Weiss.

The success of UCSB tennis as of late can be contributed to all of the players stepping up their game and not cracking under pressure when the match is on the line. From senior Doug Nau shining through with consistent and key wins to sophomore Alex Decret using his wizardry to remain flawless in his three matches last weekend, it has resulted in a prosperous postseason.

"If we keep playing like the way we have been, then I know we'll do alright against Arizona," said freshman Cory Guy.



## UCSB Women's Hoops Lands Six Recruits for 1996-1997 Season to Fill Five Vacancies

By Brian Berger  
Staff Writer

Less than two months after the 1995-96 season came to a close, the UCSB women's basketball team has already begun to secure the foundation of the future by signing six high school athletes to national letters of intent.

The Gauchos lost five players from last season's team to graduation and have attempted to fill those holes by inking a point guard, two shooting guards, two forwards and a center.

"It's likely that a couple of freshman will get a lot of playing time," said UCSB Head Coach Mark French. "The one, three and five spots are going to be very competitive."

Topping the list of future Santa Barbarans is 6'1" Kristi Rohr. The highly touted forward comes to UCSB from Santa Ynez High School, where she amassed a 113-12 record and two CIF championships in her four years on the varsity squad.

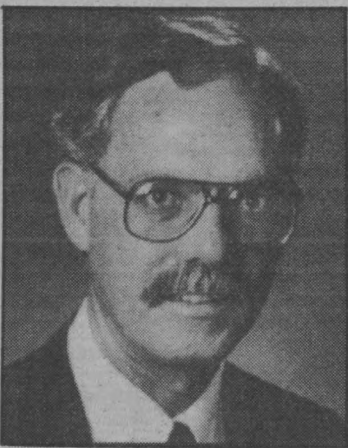
Rohr averaged 22.3 points and 7.8 rebounds during her senior year, also becoming the Pirates' all-time scoring (2,317) and rebounding (1,131) leader. Her career point total eclipsed current Gaucho — and former SYHS star — Erin Alexander's total of 1,463.

With the departure of both Kris Grazzini and Amy Hughlett, the middle of the Santa Barbara frontcourt is questionable for the upcoming season. Junior Alicia Sims is the only returning player, but the center has been unproven in limited minutes over the past two seasons.

To add depth, UCSB signed 6'4" Rachel Mahar from Terra Nova High School in Pacifica. Mahar averaged 15.9 points, 8.8 boards and 3.4 blocks per game while guiding her squad to a 31-3 record and the CIF Northern Regional finals.

"Rachel shoots well and even handled the ball a lot in high school," French said. "She is a really strong athlete with good hands and can grab the rim with both hands. She has the potential to be a really special player."

At 5'9", Tawnee Cooper becomes one of many Gauchos who can play at both guard and forward. Cooper prepped at Simi Valley High where she led Ventura County in scoring the past three years. During her se-



Mark French

nior season she poured in 27 ppg and grabbed 12 rebounds per game to lead Simi to the CIF Southland Regional finals. Her 1995-96 performance was also strong enough to earn her player of the year honors from both the *Los Angeles Times* and *L.A. Daily News*.

"She has played nothing but point guard," French said. "We liked her decision making and her court vision. The starting job is going to be very competitive and hotly challenged."

Joining Clinesmith is her best friend, Carmel Lampson, who resides in Kenniwick, Wash. Lampson led Kamiakin High to the state title game before falling to Clinesmith's team. She averaged 12 ppg but is known for her long-distance shooting — she once buried nine three-pointers

in one game.

The final newcomer is 6'2" Shera Looney. The post player was also defeated by Clinesmith in the Washington state playoffs. Looney scored 15 ppg for Eastlake High in Woodinville, Wash., and was named to the all-state tournament team.

"She is big, strong and very athletic," French said. "She comes from a very good club program and is an excellent shot blocker."

While the transition from high school to Division I is often traumatic enough, the six freshmen will have to face one of the nation's toughest non-league schedules in their inaugural campaign. The Gauchos will host national powers University of Connecticut, University of Wisconsin and the University of Colorado as well as traveling to USC and the University of Kansas all before the Big West season begins.

"She is a scorer with a scorer's mindset," French said. "She faced all sorts of defenses in high school and was still able to score. She is probably one of the two best athletes that we signed."

Joining Rohr, Mahar and Cooper is a trio from Washington. The three out-of-state players add variety to a Gaucho lineup that was composed of only California natives last year.

UCSB filled its most glaring backcourt need by signing 5'5" Stacy Clinesmith. The point guard from Mead High School in Spokane, Wash., will battle with sophomores Sheila Frial and Stephanie Shadwell for the vacated starting job left by Dio Aguinardo. Clinesmith led her team to the Washington large schools title last season and was named MVP for the tournament for the second consecutive year after scoring 26 points in the championship.

## UCSB Men's Basketball Adds Fourth Recruit

### Gauchos Ink Juco Player; Two SB Guards to Transfer

By Michael Cadilli  
Staff Writer

In what's been a busy recruiting year for Gaucho basketball, it looks like the point guard position will be a little stronger next season than once thought.

Santa Barbara signed 5'11" point guard Leslie Bean to a national letter of intent last Friday, Head Coach Jerry Pimm announced.

"I like his work ethic and his mental toughness and his decision making," Pimm said. "He can shoot or put it on the floor to create."

Bean, who led Los Angeles City College to a 27-7 record this year averaging 9.0 points and 6.5 assists per contest, will step into the point guard spot vacated by the graduating Phillip Turner and transferring Wesley Miller.

"Leslie has the physical skills, the emotional skills and the mental skills to be an excellent point guard," Pimm said. "He has an opportunity to make a major impact on the next two Gaucho basketball seasons. Also, he is a good student who transfers in with more than 100 units and will have the chance to graduate at the end of his two years."

Unlike Bean, Miller, who backed up Turner as a freshman this past season, had a difficult time with the accelerated academics at UCSB and has left school to attend Central Florida Junior College.

"A lot of youngsters do struggle academically, because it's a big step up. He felt it was better for him to go elsewhere," Pimm said. "I think he was getting better, but it's a tough jump from the high school level where you have a lot of freedom [on the court]. At the [Division I] level you're expected to be more of a control point guard."

The UCSB coaching staff also expects junior transfer guard Ben Jefferson to leave Santa Barbara at the end of this academic year. Jefferson came off the bench this year but didn't quite play to his potential.

"He was a little inconsistent [on the court] and his life off the court was inconsistent, too," Pimm said. "There were a few games where I didn't want to play him because of his life off the court. I was trying to give him a wake-up call."

The signing of Bean raises the number of players the Gauchos have inked for next season to four. He joins early signee Dwayne Williams, a 6'7" small forward from Northwest Community College in Wyoming and recent signees Matt Pinkney, a 6'10", 240-pound forward from Salt Lake Community College, and Steve Pienkoski, also a 6'10", 240-pound forward from San Jose City College.

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In other Gaucho hoop news, longtime Assistant Coach Bobby Castagna was not selected for the head coach opening at Cal State Northridge — a position that he interviewed for and was expecting to get.

Castagna, in his seventh year at UCSB, was a former Northridge guard (1973-75) and has over 20 years of coaching experience.

The Matadors instead selected University of Oregon Assistant Coach Bobby Braswell to head up the program.

"It's too bad because it was a good opportunity for him," Pimm said. "I'm sorry he didn't get that opportunity."

*Junior outside hitter Donny Harris and senior setter Todd Rogers of UCSB's #3rd-ranked men's volleyball team were named 2nd-team All-Americans.*