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Wednesday's rally and march reinstating campus Chicano/Latino organization El Congreso's cause attracted a large audience of concerned individuals as Sofia Quiñones (above) spoke out on issues affecting the Chicano community. Photos by James Ku.



Students, Administrators Still Negotiating

By C-J Conklin
Staff Writer

Demonstrators marched through Cheadle Hall Wednesday during a rally in support of the El Congreso hunger strike, while negotiations continued behind closed doors.

In a press conference held Wednesday morning, El Congreso Chair Abel Gutiérrez

said the past four days have included a presentation from the university and written counterproposals.

The Chicano/Latino organization will not release information regarding the situation before arbitration is complete, said Marisela Marquez, student negotiator and Graduate Students Assn. internal president.

"No details are discussed

until the entire package is signed, sealed and delivered," Marquez said. "We do not want to endanger any detail."

Students involved in discussions with administrators believe the meetings are productive, said negotiator Benjamin Torres. "Some of the demands require a process, but ... we want it in writing. Other de-

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Campus Comments on South African Change

Professor Discusses First Multiracial Election

By Aaron Santell
Staff Writer

After winning a landslide victory in his nation's first multiracial election, Nelson Mandela will become the first Black president with a new government of power-sharing in South Africa.

Current president F.W. de Klerk will surrender leadership Tuesday but remain as one of two vice presidents and leader of the second largest voting block in the country.

Acting as the *de facto* president-elect of a new South Africa, Mandela recently met with the man he defeated to discuss his plans for restructuring government. For people around the world, this transfer of power represents one of this century's most historic moments.

"I had never imagined that

this would happen during my lifetime," said sociology Professor Kum-Kum Bhavnani, who recently returned from South Africa, where she served as an international observer for the Independent Electoral Committee.

Bhavnani noticed that although there was some tension, including holdups in the voting procedure such as a shortage of ballots, most of the country was peaceful and the overall mood was very positive.

"I feel very excited — there is a certain determination to make the democratic process accountable and therefore create more justice for all of the people in South Africa," said Bhavnani, who has worked for over 15 years to abolish apartheid. "Some people were willing to stand in line for as long as eight

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False Alarm Sends Students Away From Library, Again

By Dan Warren
Staff Writer

Inconvenienced late-night students spent 40 minutes outside Davidson Library Tuesday due to the latest in a series of falsely sounded fire alarms.

Some students studying for midterms expressed resentment at being regularly roused from the confines of a textbook because of a fire alarm sounded in jest.

"I'm stressing out. This isn't the first time this has happened

to me, it's like the third," said sophomore Sonia Samdobar, who was preparing for a political science midterm.

The series of false alarms has concerned officials. However, there is no reason to believe the siren that alerted library patrons Tuesday was related to previous incidents, said Mike Foster, UCSB police public relations official.

The alarm was triggered by an activated smoke alarm in a locked, empty library room. As

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Whopper

Hungry Customers Rush to Grab Burgers From I.V.'s Newest Joint

By Brett Chapman
Staff Writer

Amid little fanfare but much food, Isla Vista's Burger King opened for business Wednesday, serving up its interpretation of the hamburger to local residents.

The franchise did healthy business throughout the day, much to the enjoyment of owner Curt Pederson.

"We're very pleased," Pederson said. "The reception seems to have gone very well."

Some have criticized Burger King's entrance into Isla Vista as disharmonious with area-owned shops, but Pederson insists that as the local operator, he will bring a personal touch to

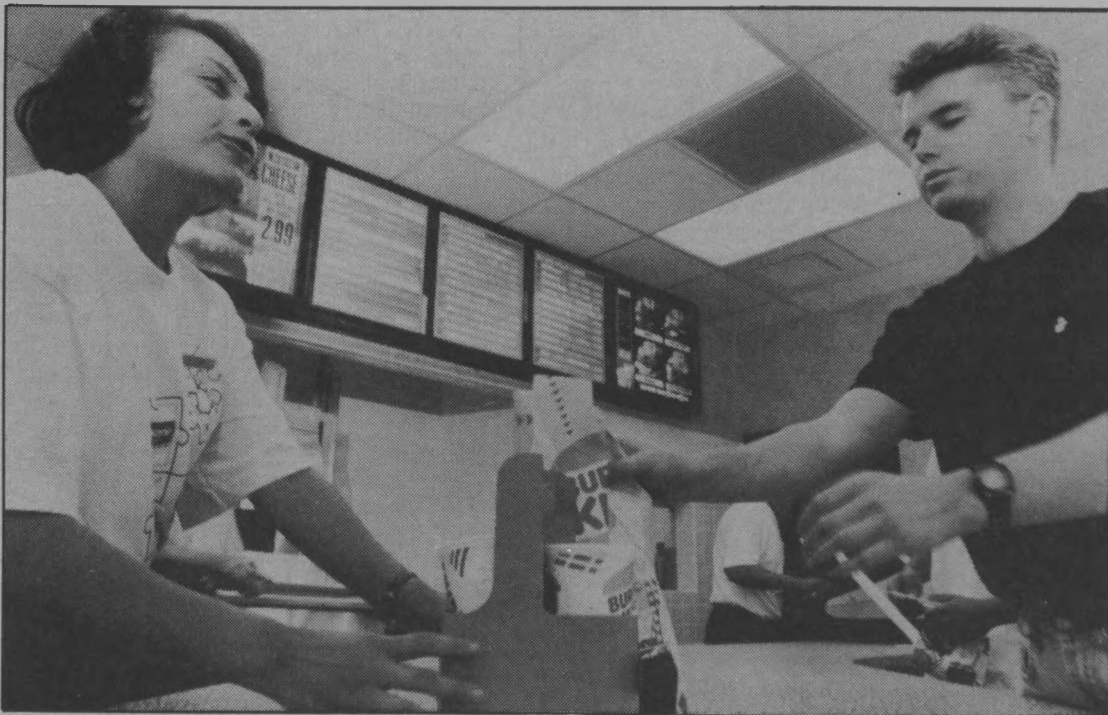
his restaurant.

"Look at me. Do I look like corporate America?" Pederson said. "I am Burger King. This is what I do. I was really surprised at that, that they thought it was just Burger King coming in."

On opening day, patrons said they look forward to the quick and inexpensive meals the new burger joint will provide, though the new staff may need time to grow into their work.

"I like fast food," said Keith Farnsworth, senior microbiology major. "I was a little disappointed with the quality of the burger. I think in about a month when the team gets their act together, it'll get better."

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The opening of the newest fast-food restaurant in Isla Vista attracted an anxious crowd of hungry students.

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Ewww, what's that smell

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Weather

I opened my door this morning and the world seemed somehow ... different. There was a faint tinge of charcoal carcinogen in the air. I followed the foul aroma to its source, praying to myself all the while that my senses were playing some sort of cruel hoax on me, but to no avail. Somewhere cows are crying, for Isla Vista is now officially the Home of the Whopper. Look upon it, and despair.

Well, maybe it's not that bad, but I still don't like it.

Thursday's High: 64, Low: 50
Outlook: Cloudy and some possible showers.
High tide: 7:28 am (3.8), 7:54 pm (4.9)
Low tide: 1:41 am (1.1), 1:26 pm (0.8)
Sunset: 7:47 pm, tomorrow's Sunrise: 6:05 am.

HEADLINERS

Gazans Cheer PLO Police Commanders

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Gazans cheered arriving PLO police commanders and Israeli soldiers shouted "Shalom" at passing Palestinian cars Wednesday in the first glimmerings of a new era after 27 years of Israeli occupation.

The signing of the Palestinian self-rule agreement after months of torturous negotiations produced a marked change in mood in areas torn by six years of violence during the "intifadeh," or uprising.

Newly freed Palestinian prisoners posed for pictures and shook hands with Israeli soldiers, and some people released doves. Children in the West Bank town of Jericho showered an Israeli police car with flowers.

"This is the beginning of the changes we will see on the ground soon. It's the



beginning of the translation of the historic agreement," said Col. Maher Fara, a spokesman for the Palestinian police force that will patrol the autonomous zones in the Gaza Strip and around Jericho.

Despite the formal signing ceremony in Cairo, Egypt, three main issues remained unresolved: the release of non-PLO Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails, the size of the Jericho area and Palestinian demands to have at least a symbolic police presence at border crossings.

Palestinians are also just beginning to organize the administrative departments needed to assume control.

Brig. Gen. Ghazi Al-Jabali, leader of the advance group of 19 police commanders who arrived Wednesday from Egypt, toured military camps that Israel will turn over in Gaza City, Khan Yunis and Rafah.

"We are bringing love, optimism and hope to the people of Gaza and Jericho," Al-Jabali said.

He told reporters the in-

itial force of 1,500 Palestinian police officers would arrive in a week with uniforms and arms, and not Thursday as previously reported.

Al-Jabali also said the nightly curfew would not be lifted immediately. "We are not in control yet," he said.

Three of the police commanders traveled in Israeli military jeeps to Jericho, expected to be the government center for Palestinian self-rule. The phased transfer of authority is largely hinged on the arrival of 7,000 policemen from outside and training 2,000 locally.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said at a news conference in Cairo that PLO leader Yasser Arafat had asked for up to four weeks for the transfer rather than the three set in the autonomy agreement.

Educator Fighting Prejudice Loses Job

SANTEE (AP) — A suburban high school teacher put on leave after she asked permission to show the R-rated film *Zoot Suit* says she just wanted to fight rising prejudice by her mostly white students.

Reiko Obata asked to show the film, which chronicles prejudice against Mexican-Americans in Los Angeles during World War II, to her 11th-grade students at Santana High School.

"I had one student write in his journal that he wants to live in the back country because there aren't any Mexicans or gangs," she said. "That's the kind of ignorance I'm up against."

The school's principal, Terrie Pennock, informed Obata a week ago that the movie wasn't suitable for her five American literature classes because it contained violence and some



off-color language.

As a depiction of "gang life and barrio living," the principal suggested *West Side Story*.

The next day, school administrators took the unusual step of sending Obata home with pay for the rest of the semester, according to district documents. The movie was not shown.

Obata, a temporary employee filling in for a teacher on leave, has been told that she will not be offered a job next school year because she was insubordinate in going over

the head of the English department chairwoman in seeking approval.

"I think this is discrimination," said Obata, who is of Japanese descent. "I don't think they would do this to a white teacher."

Carl Wong, the Grossmont Union High School District's assistant superintendent for educational services, declined to say why Obata was sent home.

Wong said the school district has to be careful about allowing R-rated movies in the classroom. R-rated movies such as *Das Boot* and *Roman Po-*

lanski's *Macbeth* have been shown after being reviewed by administrators.

"We are extremely cautious, given the tenor of the community," said Wong.

The district serves the eastern and western portions of San Diego County, where conservative and religious groups are politically powerful.

Obata would have required students to bring signed permission from parents to see the movie, she said.

After she was blocked from showing the movie, 200 students signed petitions asking the school to relent.

"We think it's terrible what has happened to Miss Obata," said student Christine Lucas, 17. "She was a good teacher. She was the kind of teacher you could talk to."

UCSC Target of Civil Rights Complaint

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Rape and sexual harassment charges were mishandled by the University of California at Santa Cruz, according to a federal civil rights complaint made public Wednesday.

The school's foot-dragging and unreliability "created and continued a discriminatory educational environment for female students," said the Dept. of Education's Office for Civil Rights Enforcement.

The formal complaint was filed April 29 after the breakdown of negotiations between the agency and the school to resolve the charges. The OCR report could potentially cost UCSC all its federal funding, but most cases are resolved without penalty.

In one instance cited by federal investigators, an accused rapist was al-



lowed to withdraw from the school despite a judicial committee recommendation to expel him, said the report.

The agreement allows him to re-enroll at any UC campus with nothing on his record, said Maria Blanco, an attorney for Equal Rights Advocates, which touched off the investigation with a complaint filed last year.

"They had a choice between expelling this guy or ignoring these women, who didn't have a lot of clout," she said. "They chose

to let him withdraw voluntarily."

In another case, a woman student reported a doctor inappropriately touched her breast during an exam, but the school took no action and did not notify the campus health center. The doctor was later accused of a similar act by another student, and resigned.

UCSC has no problem with the OCR's recommendations to put more teeth in the complaint procedure, provide harassment sensitivity training

for staff and students and take other similar steps, said school spokesman Jim Burns.

"We already are implementing the recommendations contained in OCR's voluntary resolution plan," he said, adding that the school balked at signing the agreement because some of the specific charges are inaccurate.

In some cases, the accused party disputed the facts, or the complainant specifically asked the school not to act to maintain anonymity, said Burns. The OCR report also charges repeated incidents of harassment in cases where there is no such evidence, he said.

According to Burns, "They created a false impression about how complaints of this nature are handled on campus."

ANC

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Bhavnani will be speaking at noon today at the MultiCultural Center, Building 434, about the elections, based on observations from her trip to South Africa.

Doctoral candidate in political science and Fulbright scholar Patricia Masilo recently voted in the elections as a citizen of South Africa and member of the African National Congress.

"It has taken so long, but we are elated," Masilo said. "The challenges are going to be tremendous but we have been encouraged by the recent decision of the U.S. government to double its aid to the country."

She also expressed her strong support and admiration for the new president, who was formerly a political prisoner of the white regime. "Mandela is a good leader — there are very few of his stature," she said. "Very few could undergo 27 years of imprisonment without becoming bitter."

Sociology Professor Mark Juergensmeyer, a political scientist and author-

ity on global peace and security, sees the event as a triumph for democracy, but is wary of its ultimate success.

"This is one of the landmark moments in the history of global politics and worthy of worldwide celebration," said Juergensmeyer. However, he tempered his praise with caution, warning against having high hopes.

"It is a triumph for democracy, but the hard work begins with making social justice a reality," he said. "The high expectations could be followed by a great deal of disillusionment. It could be another Russia."

Despite the grace with which de Klerk is relinquishing his seat, the transition may not be entirely peaceful or without violent resistance.

"This remains a remarkable achievement, but South Africa's track record suggests that there will continue to be violence in that social order," said Black Studies Dept. Chair Cedric Robinson. "The instruments of violence remain in the hands of the most radical elements in society and they are not just simply going to go away."

One such element, the White Afrikaaner Resis-

tance Movement, has been blamed for the recent car-bombing of the ANC headquarters in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Masilo recognizes the possibility of violent dissent, but remains optimistic and confident in the state's ability to quell such resistance.

"I think that the reality will eventually sink in and that the cycle of violence will stop," she said. "There has been resistance before, but now they will have to deal with state power."

She also expressed concern about broader racial and social tensions of a nonviolent nature, which power-sharing and the cohabitation of Blacks and whites might prompt.

The debate over who will be chosen for the second vice presidential position is currently underway as Mandela attempts to build a multiparty reconciliation government, including political extremists such as right-wing whites and Black militants.

In reports, Mandela said he intends to represent the entire political spectrum in South Africa with the new cabinet and provide his people with a model for Blacks and whites living together in peace.

porate," he said. "It looks nice, though. They put in all these plants."

Pederson said that appearance was the primary factor behind his decision to put in a new building rather than converting the restaurant that used to be on the property.

Eric Slutzky, senior political science major.

Farnsworth is not concerned with Burger King's corporate affiliation and appreciates the work that has gone into improving the appearance of its location.

"I think America is cor-

KING

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However, Pederson may never win over everybody, as some residents insist the town can do without another franchise.

"I've never eaten at Burger King anyway," said

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Interested applicants should be aware that the application deadline is May 19, 1994 at 5pm.

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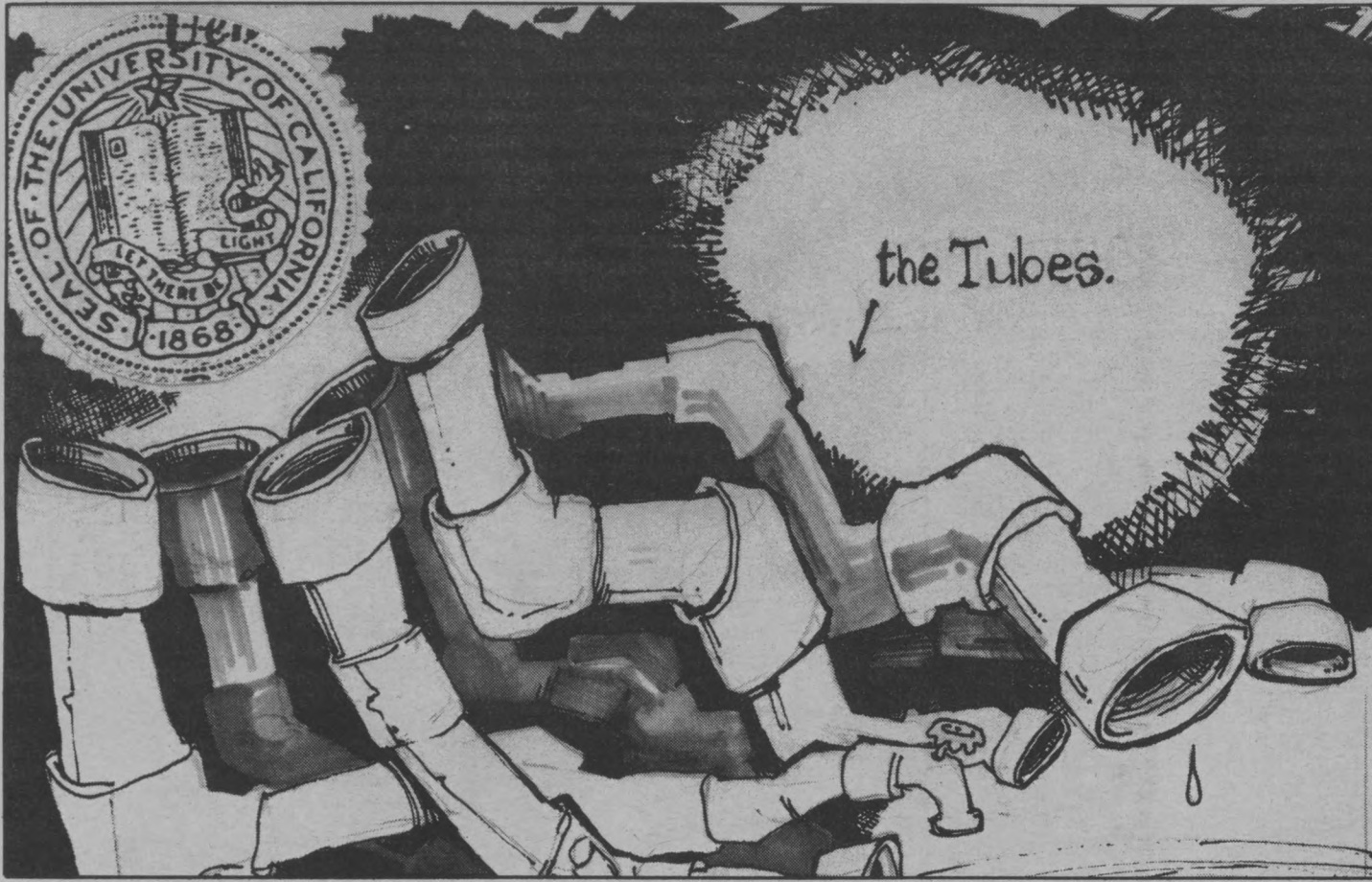
Applications are due to Daniel Thomas, Chair Press Council or Tybie Kirtman, MSO Daily Nexus, Storke Communications Building, Rm. 1041A, no later than Thursday, May 19 at 5pm.

The Press Council will interview applicants on Tuesday, May 24, 1994 at 6pm, in Storke Library.

The May 24, 1994 interview meeting is open to the public.

OPINION

"The chief value in going to college is that it's the only way to learn it doesn't matter."
—George Edwin Howes



MIKE BULLAS/Daily Nexus

Spare an Eighth?

Faculty Decimation Due to VERIP Won't Go Unnoticed by 'Students,' Only Unanswered

Editorial

The time for everyone involved in any way with the University of California to stop for a moment and answer, in concrete terms, why that involvement should continue came ages ago. For students, the reason we are given and the reason we give so often without really thinking about it has something to do with education. Experiments in social engineering come later, theoretically.

For many, however, college is more a means to two ends that do not necessarily have a whole lot to do with learning, the classroom or scholarship: keeping parents/the real world off our backs for a few years and using a degree to get a higher-paying job. If those are the primary reasons you are here at UCSB, it shouldn't bother you that approximately one-eighth (a familiar fraction in some circles) of the total faculty on this campus are going to retire very soon.

If, however, you chose to pay the extra dough to come to a UC school instead of a Cal State or community college and expect to get your money's worth, this loss may make a difference. Four of the largest departments on this campus — math, history, political science and art studio — are being hit especially hard by early retirement plans being offered by the University. The History Dept. alone has lost 42% of its instructors.

The idea behind the UC is that its students can have the opportunity to learn from longtime professionals with years of top-level experience behind them. UCSB will probably hire back a few retirees, but it is more likely that the vacated positions will be filled by lecturers and grad students — if they are filled at all. Students can attend classes taught by people fresh out of grad school for a whole lot less at another institution, so what's the point?

The UC's Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program was designed as another way (in addition to fee increases) for the nine-campus system to save money. In this regard, the effort has been successful, according to UC officials. It makes sense: retire high-salaried professors and replace them with entry-level instructors.

The net result, however, is that most students can expect to pay more for less. Judging by the collective response of the student body on this campus, that appears to be just fine. People grumble and moan, but by and large do nothing.

There are some notable exceptions, however. When it looked as if lecturer Otis Madison's contract was not going to be renewed last year, for example, students who valued his contribution to their studies rallied to his support. When Professor Antonia Castañeda told officials she could not continue to teach at UCSB unless her husband was hired, students once again supported a teacher they admired.

In the grand scheme of an 18,000-student university, such battles are small potatoes. Perhaps it was the issue of ethnic representation that made the examples above such hot topics, just as this issue is intertwined with ongoing efforts to expand the Chicano Studies Dept. The minority of students on this campus who are vocal about anything tend to flock to issues that seem more "political" with extreme vigour.

The problem, however, is not that the majority of students appear politically apathetic (everyone has the right to be cynical), but that they (we) demonstrate a great deal of academic apathy as well.

Which brings us back to: Why are we here? If we're just going through the motions of attaining an education while we indulge in "activism" or "party-ing" or whatever, why bother?

the Right Idea

William Yelles

It's inevitable that the administration will eventually give in to the demands of, or reach some sort of compromise with, the hunger strikers camped out in front of Cheadle Hall. This is unfortunate, not because of the demands themselves or the persons involved, but rather the historic precedent that will be set: anytime any group is pissed off with some bureaucratic action (or inaction), they'll hold figurative guns to the heads of the powers that be, until their demands are met.

Never mind top priorities such as finding qualified (and cheap) replacements for the 83 retiring faculty members to teach classes that would otherwise have to be cancelled. Forget about instituting a campus-wide minors program. Administrators will soon be spending their time catering to the whims of the few, rather than addressing the needs of the many. This fall, look forward to ridiculous protests such as the following occurring regularly outside Cheadle Hall. I will be leading it, speaking to a mass of about three people:

"Today we want to inform you of the enormous injustices we must face here every day at UCSB. For far too long, the administration has oppressed us, not listening to any of our demands. Well, enough is enough! Today we call for the end to the discriminatory policies historically committed by this elitist institution against us, the left-handed Jewish film studies majors of UCSB.

"Brothers and sisters, we can no longer remain silent. Every day we come to class only to find the administrators don't want us to be here. Everyone is welcome, they say. Baloney! There are virtually no left-handed desks in classrooms and auditoriums on campus.

"In fact, not only do they not want us to be here, they'd like to see us dead as well. It's a proven fact that, due to a lack of differently designed tools available to lefties, we are more accident-prone, and therefore die, on average, 10 years earlier than the oppressive right-handed majority. Therefore, as a general education requirement, students should be forced to learn about our struggles by taking a class in Accidental Death Studies. Let them see what it's like to cut with upside-down scissors, eat holding utensils backwards, and strain their wrists trying to write on desks made for the opposite-handed.

"The only time the administrators want us to attend class is when it's convenient for *them*! The university calendar is structured around Christian holidays. While they can properly observe their religious traditions, we must come to school on our holidays. This is blatant anti-Semitism, just like the atrocities committed against Jews throughout history. Never mind that the people here on campus had absolutely nothing to do with these events, they still must pay! In the name of diversity, cultural sensitivity and the like, the university should structure its calendar around *our* lives!

"Finally, the film studies major has been historically discriminated against. The program is so poor, there are not enough funds to buy or rent films to study. As the entertainment industry is the fastest-growing sector of our economy, it makes perfect sense for the university to expand film studies. Students shouldn't be allowed to major in a subject that will be completely useless. Rather, they should receive



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury



proper training for a career field that serves the vital interests of society: corrupting our youth with sexist, violent images and getting insanely rich in the process. And since we're overcompensating for our own insecurities about our identities, the university should actively recruit left-handed Jews to serve as film studies faculty."

See what we're headed for? This kind of idiocy won't happen, though, if people don't worry and complain so much. It may be hard for you to believe, but the world really isn't out to get you. Relax and enjoy life! Don't starve yourself; eat and drink heartily.

As the great Ferris Bueller said: "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." It's extraordinary to possess convictions you're willing to die for, but I'd rather sit on the beach and watch the sun set.

William Yelles, Nexus columnist, is proud to announce that he's cured of writer's block.

The Reader's Voice

Striking Distance

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Dear chancellor and executive vice chancellor:
We, the undersigned, are Chicana/o faculty at UCSB. Our collective and combined experiences at this institution are informed by better than 125 years of teaching and research. Together we have consistently promoted and supported efforts undertaken by our peers and particularly by our students to achieve the goals of diversification that have been held up as a priority by UC as a whole. We come together at this time to express our great concern for the health of the students and express our support for the spirit of their demands. We understand that the students have felt compelled to respond to a long history of institutional neglect and broken promises by engaging in a life-threatening hunger strike. The UCSB Chicano faculty want to stress our support for El Congreso, students who have had the courage to raise important issues concerning the Chicana/o community at UCSB.

We call on the administration and the Academic Senate to seriously engage in a deliberate effort to bring the issues to some concrete resolution acceptable to all parties. We stand ready and willing to assist in these efforts. We want to underscore that the administration must do whatever is possible to meet with the negotiators on a continual basis and to make every effort to address, in a prompt fashion, the issues raised.

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Editor, Daily Nexus:

This letter is meant not only to send out our message of support but to speak to the community at large about the hunger strikers. Currently, there are nine people risking their lives to be given a voice, so that the people on the top floors of Cheadle Hall will not only listen to what they are asking for, but also take appropriate action. This is not some radical, sensational, irrational act. For years students have been going through all the "proper" channels, sitting down and speaking to administrators and voicing their concerns. After all this time and effort, nothing has changed for the better, only for the worse. This shows how deaf and unaffected administrators are at this university and how unheeding to the "owners" of the university, the students, they are.

We stand in awe and honor of the strength of the hunger strikers and those who are consistently working for change. The issues the students are striking for — fees, EOP, the Chicana/o Studies Dept., the grape boycott and a diversified student body — concern us all. None of the issues are "special interest" issues. These issues affect us all through the quality of education we receive at this university. They affect us all in that they are fighting for a voice, a voice that NO student has gotten yet. They are fighting for all of our voices to be heard, and they should be fully supported. Thank you.

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Editor, Daily Nexus:

Let me begin by noting that although I am not Latino, I support the demands of the students who are staging a hunger strike in front of Cheadle Hall.

Ultimately, what these students are asking for is something that would benefit all students at UCSB — indeed, all students in the UC system. As I understand it, the UC system was created to meet the educational needs of Californians from all walks of life. Although academically demanding, it was not meant to be an imitation of elite and overwhelmingly white private institutions. Sadly, this seems to be the direction the University is heading.

As a student who earned a master's degree at UCSD in 1990 and is now working toward a Ph.D. at UCSB, I have watched in disbelief as fees have climbed to three times the level that I paid when I first entered school in San Diego. And there is no end in sight. I admit that I have been relatively lucky: through teaching and research assistantships, I have managed to offset a good portion of my expenses as a student. Even so, I have taken out some \$17,000 in loans (to date). For someone from an upper-middle class family consisting largely of "professionals," this should not be an undue burden. But most students are not nearly so fortunate as I am. Low-interest or not, many of them cannot afford the level of debt that the University so blithely assumes students will undertake.

But it is not only because of fee increases that I support the hunger strikes. Most of all, I support them because I agree with what I take to be their main contention: the

University has become unresponsive to the needs of those it was meant to serve. The institution has become obsessed with maintaining the "competitive" salaries and perks of its top administrators, while programs are slashed, staff salaries are cut and, of course, fees rise dramatically. One would think that the mission of the University is no longer education so much as providing a refuge for high-paid administrators. We have seen the same misguided policy in American business, where executive pay goes up, or at worst stays the same, while workers are laid off. And yet many of these same companies (IBM? GM?) are unable to keep up with their international competitors — foreign companies who reward high-level executives much more modestly. Contrary to prevailing boardroom wisdom, it is not only the people at the top who make an organization successful.

Of course, there are other grievances. Over the years, a succession of UC administrators have made solemn pronouncements — whether to students, concerned citizens or the Legislature — about their commitment to promoting diversity. But these earnest words are rarely matched by tangible deeds. Even promises made during protests much like the current one have been quickly forgotten. The University pays lip service to welcoming people of color, and yet it cuts back programs that benefit many of those same students. Meanwhile, only incremental gains are made in hiring faculty that reflect the diversity of the state's population.

I believe that all of us — whether Latino, white, African-American, Asian or otherwise — are suffering because of what the University has become. The whole UC system has lost what was once a lofty vision. New buildings, prestigious research grants and high-paid administrators have come to matter more than providing Californians from all backgrounds with access to a quality education. The hunger strikers have had the courage to do what few of us (myself included) have been willing to do. In public, and with defiant conviction, they have simply said, "Enough!"

I urge the administration to negotiate with the hunger strikers in good faith, and to do so quickly, before their lives are jeopardized. It would be a grave mistake to conclude that these are the actions of an extreme and disenchanted few. Many of us stand in solidarity with those who are fasting.

LAWRENCE I. MESSERMAN

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Over the past week, I have been hearing many disgruntled student voices. Ironically, it's not the voices of the Chicano students, who are on hunger strike, but those of other ignorant people who have no grasp of what these protesters are trying to accomplish. I am really sick and tired of these shallow-minded individuals denouncing this hunger strike as stupid and not taking the time to understand what this event stands for. I support the Chicanos' efforts to stand up for minority rights and demand what is rightfully theirs by any means necessary.

For all those who think that it is "an error" to assume that diversity is a crucial element of a campus ("To Die For," Daily Nexus, Reader's Voice, May 4), you need to educate yourself. I would like to challenge Mr. Orlanski to try to have empathy for students of color. You say that we should be proud of ourselves as students of a particular descent and that being on campus with "more of our type" should have no impact on our own self-dignity and worth, but Mr. Orlanski, have you ever been the minority in a hostile environment? Well, many students of color on this campus are.

I am proud of my heritage, but it is difficult to exist in an environment that doesn't accept you, that doesn't know any of your culture, who you are or where you are coming from. As a white student, you never have to explain or validate yourself because you are among your peers that have been raised with white American culture and continue to exist in this all-American-apple-pie campus. This privilege may be easy for you to overlook, but for the rest of us non-white students, it is not. I really doubt that you would feel the same if you did go to a predominantly Black campus. I'm sure you would feel isolated and cut off from your people.

Furthermore, I can't see how you can compare hunger striking for a football team or changing a grading option to striking for racial equality. In case you haven't noticed, our country is full of racial tension, and if things aren't corrected in some way, events like the rebellion in Los Angeles will continue to occur. I am most thoroughly disgusted at your belief that the expansion of the Chicano Studies Dept. is not for the benefit of the entire student body, but specifically only for the Chicano students. That's like saying the Engineering Dept. has no use except to engineering students. Is that what you believe? In that case, why have any departments at all?

The fact that you only took an ethnic studies course because you were required to is also pathetic. That is exactly the reason that we need more racial diversity of students and ethnic courses on this campus. Students like yourself need to educate yourself and learn about other cultures, because the reality of America is that it is a multicultural society, unfortunately dominated by one culture — mainly yours. I would like to challenge you, as well as other white students on this campus, to realize that until we can understand each other's cultures and more equally distribute the power structure in this country and on this campus, the racial situation will always be unstable.

If you feel detached and antagonized by this movement to gain equality, you really need to check yourself ... are you really just afraid of losing power and control? Finally, you can save your sympathy. No one is asking for your pity, simply your understanding and empathy, which you can only get by educating and freeing your mind.

MICHELLE LIN

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Here's a little reality check for Brett Orlanski. The cultures of Asian-Americans, Mexican-Americans and Native Americans are incredibly rich, and they have so much to add to the comparatively dull Anglo-Saxon heritage that classes in ethnic studies can be some of the most enriching at this university, if you approach them with an open mind. Why tell Nexus readers how proud you are of not caring about those classes? Do you want people to applaud you for your own stagnation? Brett sounds like a completely unremarkable guy. He even seems proud of being such as well.

The people fasting, on the other hand, have guts, intent and unbending will, and those are damn admirable qualities in anyone. Brett suggests that instead of being disruptive, the Chicanos should all kiss ass for sympathy. Fuck that! There's another phrase for that kind of behavior, it's called the "bend over with a smile" technique. That kind of behavior doesn't merit respect from anyone. If Brett likes the wishy-washy ass-kissing method, he should take his concerns to A.S. Leg Council, because they love that kind of attitude.

Quite frankly, these fasting Chicanos are doing more right now about student fee hikes than A.S. Leg Council did all of last year or this year. (The students know this. Apathetic voters? No kidding. When the people you're voting for never do jack, why vote?) No one necessarily has to agree with the hunger strikers' goals, but they damn well deserve everyone's respect for showing more passion in fire in recent days than most of us will muster in our entire college career.

VICTOR BORDA

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This letter is in response to "Our Struggle" (Daily Nexus, May 3).

First of all, I must respond to Dr. Rudolfo Acuña's actions in suing the University. Don't you realize that by having Dr. Acuña sue the University, it is only taking money away from some of these programs that you at El Congreso are fighting for us to have? Dr. Acuña should be suing either for the position he was applying for or for a strengthening of the Chicano Studies Dept., or even for a new meeting place for El Congreso, instead of suing for money that will just end up in his pocket. Furthermore, if he is qualified enough to apply for a job here, then he can apply someplace else, unless his motivation is greed.

As for Professor Antonia Castañeda, what position was she running for? Who was running against her? And finally, who got the job she was running for? Don't just tell me she didn't get the job and expect me to cry racism. If the facts of this case truly warrant that situation being called racist, I will be one of the first to fight for her.

You also stated that there are only four Chicana women faculty compared to 600 white male faculty members. Well, what is the ratio of Chicana women students to white male students at this campus? Shouldn't the faculty reflect that proportion? If it is below the ratio of students, then there is a problem, and I will gladly defend your position on that issue. Furthermore, I would like to know why a Chicana woman should be the head of the Women's Center. Couldn't it just as well have been a Black or Asian woman, or was this Chicana woman more aptly qualified for that position than any other applicant? Also, who are the people who choose applicants to fill these positions? Were there any minorities on that group, or were they all white?

If UCSB does fail to investigate male professors charged with sexual assault and or sexual harassment, then that is a gender problem and should be addressed by all women on campus, not only Chicana women. However, I do agree with you in the respect that increasing fees does limit severely the ability of students of color to attend UCSB, but El Congreso should not fight this problem alone.

As to the racist remarks made by the chair of the Academic Senate, I take extreme offense, and call for his resignation, not an apology. Of course, UCSB is going to be unresponsive to your demands because you are a small group, and something must be done to grab their attention and make them listen to you. In providing a diverse education, shouldn't the faculty be representative of the overall student body? Why should or shouldn't the head of every department be a Chicana/o? If UCSB has broken its promise to be a resource to its surrounding community, then tell me how, don't just tell me they haven't. Give me a reason for fighting, or protesting, don't just tell me I should.

To end with, I must say that in your one chance to try and explain your reasoning for your hunger strike, all you have left me with are a lot of questions. However, I am not naive and I do realize there is racism on this campus, as there is in all walks of life. I would be ignorant to say there isn't. On the other hand, what does missing class (during midterms especially) and starving yourself have to do with your fight against racism? You are only hurting yourself by taking those actions. Something should be done that will hurt the university. You have paid your fees to the university and I am sure they could not care less whether you go to class or not.

El Congreso should try and get all the minorities on campus — there's not too many of them — together and fight the problems as one unit, not a small group of individuals. To fight for our rights we must first educate everyone about the injustices. Just telling people there are some will not suffice. By educating us you can only make us stronger. Don't try and lead us, but instead teach us, El Congreso. After all, isn't one of the things you are fighting for a better education for all Latinos, or is it just for a nicer meeting spot for "El Congreso"?

JAIME SMITH

STRIKE

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mands can be taken care of right away," he said. "We are looking to the administration to show strong leadership and a commitment to these demands."

The four members of the administration's negotiating team had no comment on the status of talks with students, said Joan Magruder, Public Affairs director of news and media relations. "To present their proposals in the media wouldn't be a good faith effort," she said.

The nine striking students have been on a water-only fast for eight days. According to striker Naomi Garcia, some individuals are experiencing dizziness, headaches and internal pain, but physical distress has not affected their commitment.

"Spiritually, as campus and community support is increasing, we are getting stronger," she said.

However, Garcia expressed concern about the rate of the mediation process. "So far, we're only negotiating a few hours a day," she said. "We're dealing with hours, no longer dealing with academic years or quarters ... there are people in physical

pain, running high fevers."

According to Dr. Tom Dixon of Student Health Services, who monitors the strikers daily, fast resilience varies individually and depends on a variety of factors, including beginning fasting conditions, environmental stresses and activities during fasting.

"Speaking very generally, the human body begins to use up the variety of energy reserves if you don't have nutritional sustenance — glycogen in liver, body fat, muscle atrophy," Dixon said.

About 250 people attended El Congreso's noon rally, including several campus groups pledging support for the strikers. Kapatirang Pilipino, CALPIRG, Hillel, Sigma Gamma Rho, Women's Commission and the American Indian Student Assn. all have posters displayed on the fasters' tents.

Speeches in front of Cheadle Hall focused on urging campus coalition. "Black students on this campus are 100% behind the initiatives of El Congreso," said Renee Sterling, a member of the Black Student Union. "We must try and dismiss the university's tendency to divide and conquer."

ALARM

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of yet, the cause is unknown, Foster said.

Chuck Huber, a reference librarian, said the repeated incidents have hindered the staff from performing their jobs. "You have to clear out," he said. "Meanwhile, it's an inconvenience to the workers."

The evacuation coincided with a nightly vigil held by El Congreso, who had marched to the building, fostering rumors the two events were related.

"I think it was bad timing because [El Congreso was] holding a rally out here at the same time," said Alex Soriano, a sophomore business and economics major. "So a lot of people thought it was them and that made them look bad."

According to Chair Abel Gutiérrez, the organization's interest in safety and security makes it almost impossible for any vigil participant to be responsible. "[Our security said] it could not have been a member of the vigil that did it," he said.

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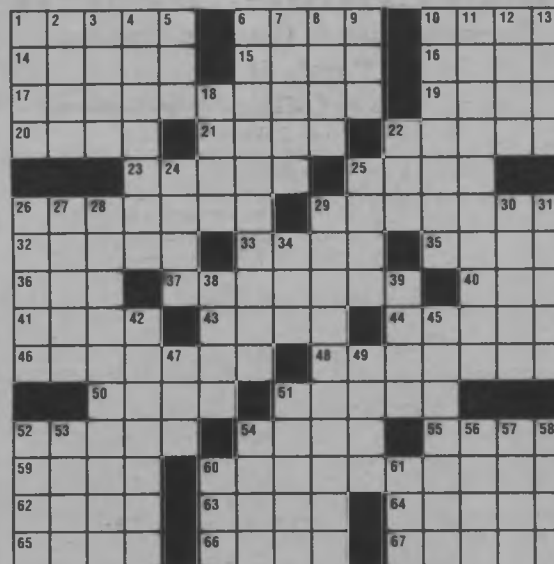
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Women's Tennis Earns National Bid

Recognition at last!

The UCSB women's tennis team received word yesterday from the NCAA Regional Chair that they would be packing their bags for Athens, Ga., for the National Championships on May

13-22.

The #17-ranked Gauchos went an impressive 20-3 this season with no bad losses, won the Big West Tournament for the fourth straight time and had six wins over nationally ranked

squads to earn their first-ever trip to nationals. Santa Barbara will take on #15-ranked Notre Dame in the first round.

"It's a fantastic feeling, seeing their hard work pay off," UCSB Head Coach Chris Russell said. "It's a tribute for what they've accomplished this year."

The only negative thing about the situation is that Russell can only take eight of his 10 players due to budget restraints. Making the trip are Jean Okada, Lynn Coakley, Laura Rutledge, Kathy Peterson, Amelia White, Kelly Spencer, Courtney Strauss and Naneeah Piccuta. However, Jen Myers and Shannon Martinoff will not travel with their teammates, which takes away from part of the chemistry that got the team where it is today.

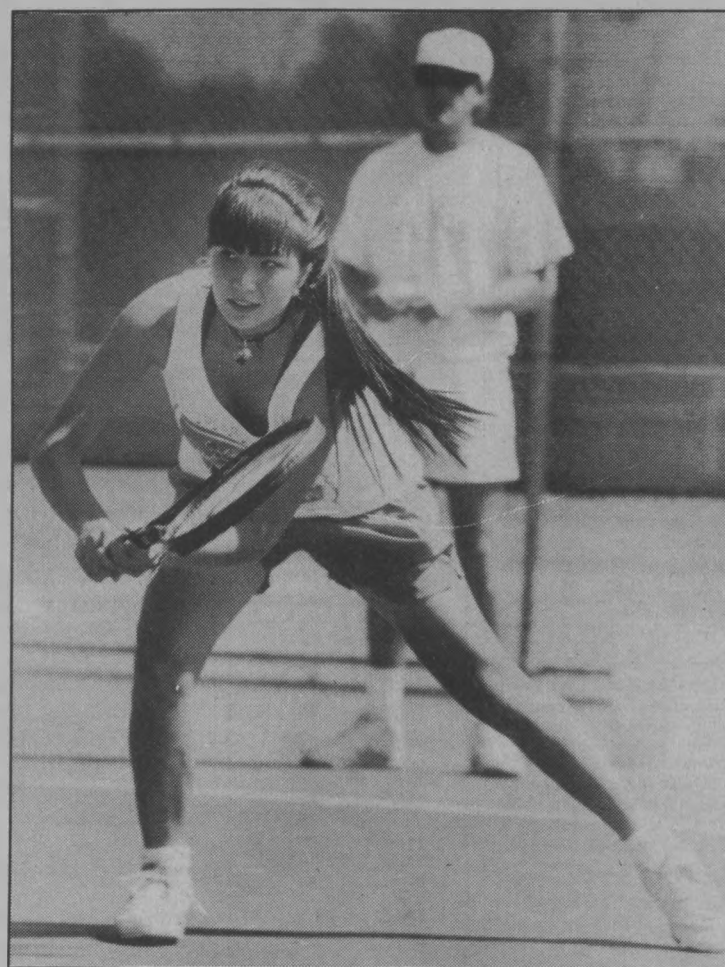
"They contribute to this team and are responsible for raising the level of play in practice and matches," Russell said.

Following the team championships, the national individual tourney will begin. UCSB's Okada, ranked 40th in the nation, is almost a shoo-in to make the competitive draw. However, #75-ranked Coakley and unranked Rutledge will probably not make the 60-person draw.

—Michael Cadilli



Jen Myers and Shannon Martinoff, though talented, won't be able to travel to nationals with their teammates.



JAMES KU/Daily Nexus

Naneeah Piccuta shows her form in practice as the Gauchos prepare for their first-round matchup against the #15-ranked Notre Dame squad on May 13 in Athens, Ga.

Spikers Take Spring Season Tournament Over Arizona

By Jenny Kok
Staff Writer

Keeping up with its winning tradition in off-season play, the UCSB women's volleyball team polished off its short spring season last weekend, winning its final tournament at Loyola Marymount University.

"We played very well at the tournament," UCSB setter Chrissy Boehle said. "We got to make some substitutions in the lineup and switch a couple of positions, which will help us out in the long run."

The Gauchos took their first match against the University of San Diego, 15-9, 15-11, and then moved on to take down Cal State Fullerton, 15-0, 15-11. But the squad just couldn't hang on against the University of Arizona, losing in straight games, 14-16, 14-16.

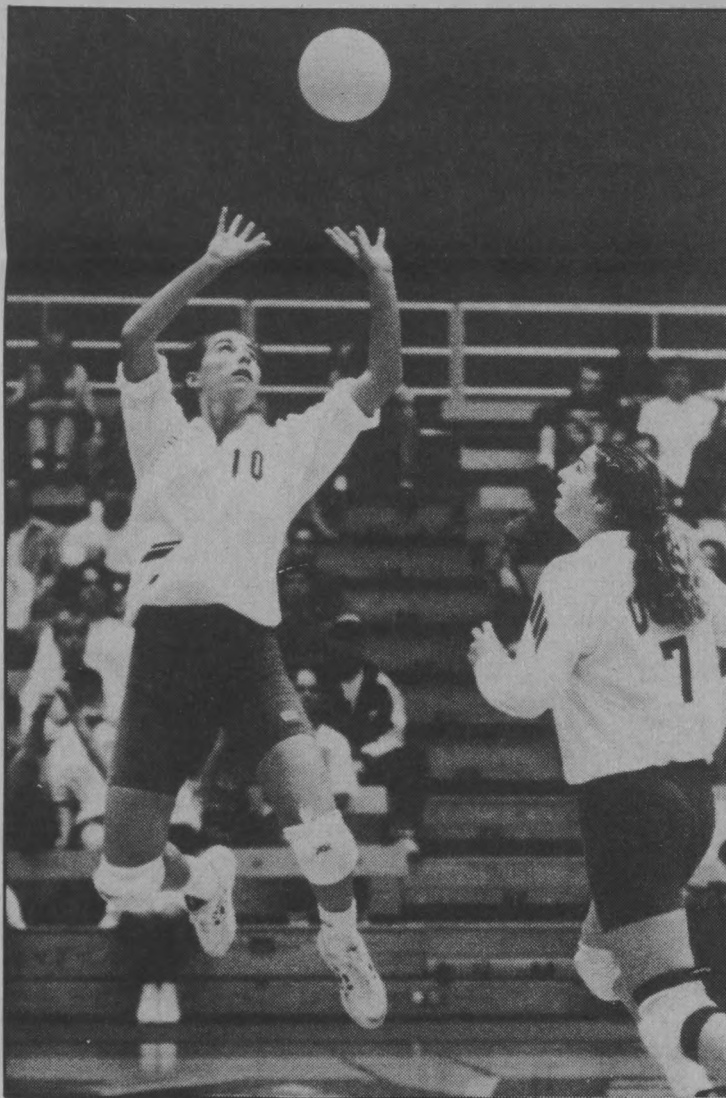
"We were playing well up until the Arizona match," Gaucho middle blocker Tammy Stiner explained. "It was a mental let-down for us because we let their trash-talking get to us. But after the coaches talked to us, we came back strong."

With a newfound confidence, the Gauchos easily swept UCLA, 15-4, 15-5, and with that win, moved on to the championship match — where they had to face Arizona again.

But this time, Santa Barbara was more than ready. They breezed through the first game, winning, 15-7, and were challenged in the second, but managed to win again, 15-12.

"Winning this tournament meant a lot to us," Boehle said. "We have been very successful all spring. We have to give credit to the new coaches. They've been great."

The future of the UCSB women's volleyball team is looking



MICHAEL D'EPIC/Daily Nexus

The UCSB women's volleyball team was busy beating UCLA and Arizona last weekend, as they won an off-season tournament at Loyola Marymount University.

brighter and brighter. Throughout the spring they have managed to accumulate eight wins, including a pair to then-top-ranked UCLA and a huge five-game win against national champions Long Beach State. They've lost only one match at the hands of the University of Arizona after splitting two games with them earlier this spring.

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On Monday, the Gaucho Athletic Dept. announced that for the first time in four years, the UCSB women's volleyball team will be represented in the U.S. Olympic Festival. The festival will take place in St. Louis from July 5-9.

Tammy Stiner and Shirley Aboyme are the only two players in the Big West to make the teams. Forty-eight players were selected to the four teams — East, West, North and South. Aboyme was selected to the North roster, while Stiner will represent the South team.

Last season, Aboyme totaled 94 kills, 11 aces, 103 digs and 65 blocks as a part-time player. Stiner started in the middle for the team and posted 139 kills, 39 digs and 85 blocks on the season. The Gauchos achieved a school-best record of 28-4 overall and a 17-1 record in the Big West, sharing their first-ever Big West title with national champions Long Beach State.

Gaucha Golfers Finish Fifth at Big West Championships

By Brian Pillsbury
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's golf team went into the Big West Championships in Stockton on Monday knowing that their chances of making the NCAA Regional Championships in Tucson, Ariz., later this month were hanging in the balance.

A good performance at the conference tournament would have likely helped their chances with the NCAA selection committee, but a strong showing never materialized, as Santa Barbara couldn't keep any kind of consistency.

The Gauchos finished exactly in the middle of the pack — fifth place — as they shot a team score of 888, seven strokes away from fourth-place finisher San Jose State. UCSB nipped UC Irvine by one stroke to keep the Anteaters in sixth place.

After a decent enough opening-round score of 292 that put them in fourth place, Santa Barbara shot a disastrous 307 during the second round, which,

in effect, took the Gauchos out of contention.

UCSB came back with a vengeance on the last round of the competition as the team shot a torrid 289 — the second best score of the day — but it was too little, too late.

The highest Gaucho finisher in the 45-player field was Jeff Gilchrist, who finished in a five-way tie for 18th place with a three-round total of 223. Coming in at 23rd place was Tom Gocke, with a total of 224.

The final three Santa Barbara golfers — Robert Perez, David Bartman and Ryan Mitchell — all finished in 27th place, along with New Mexico State's Steve Shirer. Mitchell, a junior from Incline Village, Nev., was named Second Team All Big West.

The #7-ranked Rebels blazed through the 6,700-yard, par-71 course at the Elkhorn Country Club, taking their third consecutive Big West Championship. The Rebels outdistanced second-place NMSU by 22 strokes, placed four golfers in the top 10 and had the individual winner, Chris Riley.

Men's Water Polo Roundup

Two UCSB men's water polo players have been selected to represent the United States this summer.

Freshman Ofer Horn, a driver from Fountain Valley, Calif., was picked out of a tryout process with over 200 poloists competing for 14 spots on the Junior National team.

The squad will head to Greece, the Czech Republic and Hungary from June 30 until July 15. The top three finishers from the qualifying tournament in Hungary will compete for the Junior World Championships in Cuba. Horn is lucky in that the Junior National Team will practice in California before leaving for Europe, leaving him with a relatively short travel distance from Santa Barbara.

Gaucho freshman Tom Norton, also a driver, was selected to compete on a different junior team that will be going to Mexico from May 30 until June 5.

"I'm pleased for both Ofer [Horn] and Tom [Norton]," UCSB Head Coach Joe O'Brien said. "The United States squad is very fast and Ofer fits right in with that. He's a fast, quick and a heady driver."

"Tom focuses on the defensive end as a two-meter defender. The experience for both of them will be invaluable," O'Brien added.

—Michael Cadilli