Acuna Creates Feeling of Hostility, UC Says

Can Professor Work With Critics if Instated?

By Tim Molloy

For nearly five years, administrators and faculty members have been at odds with Chicano professor Rudy Acuña over his 1990 application and for what he believes are discriminatory hiring practices.

Acuña has expressed such hostility towards faculty and staff that it would be inappropriate for the court to appoint him, said lead UC counsel David Birmbaum.

Acuña's chances of instatement may depend on whether he receives the post. And with a federal judge prepared to rule Dec. 20 on whether

Festive Fraternity
In celebration of the holiday season, members decorated the Theta Chi house in lots of lights.

Commission Rebukes Exxon's Tankering, Determining ItViolates County Contract

By Michael Ball

The Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Wednesday condemned Exxon Oil Corp.'s offshore tankering practices.

The commission voted 5-0 that Exxon's current practice of piping oil from Santa Ynez to Northern California and then tankering it back to Los Angeles reflux clearly violates the company's permit with the county.

The panel's conceptual motion recommends that the county Board of Supervisors direct the company to either submit a plan to comply with the permit or put forth a tankering application within 30 days of any supervisory action.

The agreed-upon regulation that Exxon only ship-oil from its Santa Ynez unit to Los Angeles via pipeline leaves the company little room to argue, according to commissioner Richard Quandt.

"It seems to me that Exxon, in accepting this application and building the project, they expressly accepted certain conditions," he said. "I don't see a lot of ambiguity set forth in that condition.

But the company contends the permit gives neither the Planning Commission nor the board of supervisors jurisdiction over the oil once it leaves the county's boundaries, according to Exxon attorney Teresa Moore.

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Tragedy Becomes an Impetus for Education

By Suzanne Garner

Nearly 20 years ago, senior Hans Miller survived a violent intrusion of his family's home in Southern California. After having remained virtually silent about the gunpoint robbery and rape of his mother, Miller—now facing the pending release of one of the perpetrators, a repeat felon—is stepping into the national spotlight as an advocate for victims' rights.

Miller, a sociology major and Sigma Chi fraternity member, has recently become involved in the issue of criminal justice reform following the inspiration of his mother, Lyn Miller, an activist for victims' rights.

Miller said the family survived the intrusion but has lived with its scars ever since. According to Lyn Miller, only one of the culprits—Carlon Lyles—was actually convicted; another one is dead and the third released on a plea bargain.

Hans Miller

Lyles had already served a term for raping an elderly woman and was sentenced to 16 more years for raping Lyn. After serving less than half the second term, he was released only to rape again—this time a 9-year-old girl. Lyn Miller said. Now, Lyles may be released Dec. 18 if his psychiatric evaluation deems him fit.

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Pilfering Plant Pirates Cut Down, Make Off With 25-Foot Conifer

By Michiko Takeda

Redwood bandits butchered the holiday atmosphere at Family Student Housing last week, as residents discovered one of their trees had been chopped down and stolen in the middle of the night.

"The spirit of Christmas is ruined, because there is a little tree robber here," said Esther Palato, West Campus Apartment office manager. At 8 a.m. last Friday, groundskeeper Manuel Herr-
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Supervisors Order Financial Analysis of Oil Initiative

By Michael Ball
Staff Writer

Amid fears of possible voter misinformation, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors moved Tuesday to include a financial analysis of an oil initiative on the spring primary ballot.

In a 3-2 vote split along the board's pro-development/slow-growth axis, the supervisors directed County Auditor-Controller Robert Geis to prepare a 500-word financial impact analysis report to be included with the Voter Approval Initiative on the March 26 ballot. The measure would give county voters the final say, on a project-by-project basis, over all new oil and gas development supported by the supervisors and located outside the county's two consolidated processing sites at Las Flores Canyon and Gaviota.

Initiative supporters such as Environmental Defense Center senior staff attorney Linda Krop said the financial impact report's analysis may be highly speculative and misleading.

"It will mislead voters because it assumes that projects will go to the ballot and that they will be denied and that there will be loss of revenue to the county. All three of those assumptions are speculative," she said. "If a particular project does go to the ballot, then the auditor should do the fiscal analysis.

Of the eight California counties with similar initiatives on the books, none directed its auditor-controller to conduct any fiscal analysis before the election, according to Cathy Duvall, Coalition for Voter Approval campaign coordinator.

"The public has a right to know what the costs are and what the county is going to lose in the way of revenue," Holmes said.

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IVRPD Evaluation Moves Forward

By Jeff Brax
Staff Writer

Racing ahead after months of inactivity, the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District Personnel Committee met twice in five days to hammer out a procedure for the evaluation of General Manager Roger Lagerquist.

Gathering for the first time since Sept. 8, the five-member group decided on the weight of public and other outside comment in the annual evaluation, and set a final completion date of Jan. 12. The report was originally due Aug. 9.

“This has been too long, too grinding,” said committee member Norma Geyer. “We need to get it done and get it over with. We need to get our act together.”

IVRPD and committee Chair Geoff Green attributed the three-month delay primarily to the absence of member Carol Secco, who has been out of town and unreachable. The group decided to push ahead without her after hearing she briefly returned to town last week but did not contact Green.

“Carol’s gone, and there’s no way to get a hold of her,” Green said. “It seems that she’s not all that interested in continuing.”

During the meetings Thursday and Monday, the committee decided to accept input it received in late August from district and community members who have direct dealings with Lagerquist. The group ranked the nine types of responses in order of importance, starting with current IVRPD directors and employees and concluding with individual district representatives, members of the public and former board members.

Creation of Committee for Vietnam Memorial Delayed

The deadline for joining the Perfect Park Monument Implementation Committee will likely be pushed back today, due to a misprint and a refusal by some Isla Vista Recreation and Park District staff to accept applications.

On Nov. 16, the IVRPD board created an 11-person committee to select an appropriate design and funding process for a monument to Vietnam War-era peace protesters in the Embarcadero Lagoon park. The vote set a Dec. 1 deadline for applications, and the board had planned to finalize membership by that day’s meeting.

But IVRPD General Manager Roger Lagerquist refused to accept the applications of several people last week, which will likely force the board to push the deadline back to January, according to Chair Geoff Green.

“It just once again shows things more complicated than they should be,” he said. In addition, a typographical error on a notice sent to members of the former Perfect Park Memorial Committee mistakenly indicated applications would be accepted until Dec. 11, not Dec. 1, according to IVRPD Assistant General Manager De­ nise Johnson.

Lagerquist believed a board mandate that no public funds or staff time be used in the construction of a monument prevented him from even accepting applications, Johnson said.

“What we had done is the board had passed that notion saying no staff time was used for the committee and there were some different interpreta­tions of that,” said. “He then told me that the board was in­ terpreted that to mean we would accept the applications, not phonetically, and I talked and decided to accept the applications, not phonetically, and forward them only to the chair.”

Roughly six applications have been turned in and forwarded to Green, Johnson added.

—Jeff Brax
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EFFECITIVE JANUARY 1, 1996

The Library will not charge fines for materials checked out from the regular loan desks in Davidson Library and the Arts Library after January 1, 1996.

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DROPOFF BOXES TO BE REMOVED

Drop boxes located at the North Hall bus circle will be removed December 18, 1995. This action is prompted by the cost of repairs to materials damaged in drops. These costs are initially paid by the Library and ultimately the charges are borne by the students.

It is estimated 10% of the materials returned to these two drops are damaged and require mending before they may be returned to the shelves. On rainy days it is impossible to remove library materials and transport them to the library without them sustaining some water damage.

Parking meters are now located in close proximity to the library making it easier to return materials directly to the library.

Before the decision was made to remove the drop boxes, the action was discussed in various forums and received unanimous support.

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Blocks for overdue books (blue date due slip) will occur on the fifth day after a book is due.

Blocks for overdue journals (white date due slip) will occur on the first day after the journal is due.

At the time of the block, a notice will be mailed to the patron.

After an item is thirty (30) days overdue a replace-
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tion that could keep him in one more year," Lyn said. "The Millers, while irresistibly affected by the ordeal, have quietly grieved with its feelings and not sought public atten-

Last year, when Lyles was under con-
sideration for parole after his third con-
viction, Lyn began a public effort to keep the rapist imprisoned, drawing the family into a crusade for citizens' safety and sparking a confrontation with their past that Hans said has caused him to deal with feelings that previously had not. "I've been very quiet on this issue," Hans said, explaining that a recent press conference in Los Angeles was his first public appearance as an advocate for vicit-

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helt vigil to keep Lyles in jail last year, I was up at school, and I didn't get in-

This whole thing is about trying to get this new act passed," Hans said.

The measure, which needs 900,000 sig-
natures to qualify as a ballot initiative, targets repeat Violent criminals, calling for a restriction of their rights and stricter parole monitoring. It would also change the California Constitution to permit non-unanimous verdicts in all criminal cases except those possibly delivering a death sentence.

Lyn believes the measure is vital to public safety because it would help keep dangerous criminals in prison for the length of their term and increase monitor-

The initiative will give police more tools to keep prisoners in, "she said.

The measure has been endorsed by citi-
zens' groups, including the Three Strikes Committee and Mothers Against Drunk Driving, as well as the California associa-
tions of police chiefs, sheriffs and district attorneys.

Victims' publicizing their experiences can play an integral role in conveying issues to the greater community, accord-

Inspired by his mother's efforts during the past year to prevent Lyles' parole and to act as role model for rape survivors, Hans said he has committed himself to urging stricter state laws and enforcement against violent sex offenders.

"My mom is one of the strongest people you will ever come across," Hans said. "I don't want anybody to ever have to experi-

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OPINION

The Great Bluebook Controversy

By Sam Garchik

Recently, a group of environmental activists were killed in Nigeria for standing up for what they believed in. The so-called "hands off" attitude toward UC affairs is capable of, both good and evil. And for those of you out there who are willing to join in a protest but who seem to think of a righteous cause to die for, let me suggest that the thing you sacrifice most totally is your livelihood at UCSC. Bluebooks.

Seriously. I have been to two other schools which were cheaper, bigger and better in every way, and until I came here I never had to worry about my two-year college life.

The math is simple, the emotion is tragic. Every class offered here, with only one or two exceptions, has at least two tests, a midterm and a final, both of which require at least one bluebook or at least one Scantron. These items cost about $15 each. This means every student, assuming an average class load of 10 classes per year, uses 20 bluebooks, costing him or her about $300 per year.

Not a big monetary expense, but with over 15,000 students, that's another $450,000 into the pocket of the powers that be. All this money goes to those who are with us, and when we leave, we still have the little things we ever once when we buy the items, then to a final time when we throw them away. Yet I bet that these bluebooks don't even cost half that much to make, as their paper seems thin, and that they decompose at an alarming rate.

Most importantly, the purchase of bluebooks is an out of pocket, noneducational expense. Things like the Rec, the student center and student activities are funded by a student fee lock-in, but the bluebooks come as a nonrequired tax. What a way to do business! It will go to court, costing the UC system (and therefore the taxpayer) over $100,000, but the money, Uehling managed to move pretty quickly into the position of chancellor for a tidy sum of $155,000 after promising the Ellwood Shores development would be a "golden handshake" program.

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Although she was mighty dismayed that she wouldn't get the money, Uhling managed to move pretty quickly into the position of executive director of the American Council on Higher Education in our nation's capital. There she stayed without a peep until Nov. 6, when she filed suit against the UC in Superior Court of Alameda County.

The court, of course, is extremely backed up and recommended that the UC system needs to cut its losses and wash its hands of this wrong from the start. The fact that Uhling has returned to get the money, Uehling managed to move pretty quickly into the position of chancellor for a tidy sum of $155,000 after promising the Ellwood Shores development would be a "golden handshake" program.

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Acuña's attorney Moisés Vazquez believes the only reason for the court to deny reinstatement is that the professor's arrival would result in a physical threat to himself or university employees.

Vazquez believes the evidence the UC has provided so far to support its argument against reinstatement has not done this. "There would have to be a specific finding, as opposed to vague, insubstantial, libelous allegations," he said.

'I Wouldn't Have Applied..."

Acuña applied in November 1990 for the position of STEP VI professor, a highly prestigious senior position now limited to only 35 of the campus' 667 ladder-ranked faculty.

Acuña succeeded in an undertaking he started in 1969—founding a Chicano studies program at CSUN. His wife urged him to apply for the position at UCSB in the hopes that he could help build a doctoral Chicano studies program.

Lope Acuña's health was also a factor in his decision to apply, he said. "My wife had bad cancer and she wanted to go to a place that was more manageable," he said.

Acuña was surprised by his January 1991 rejection. He filed suit in September 1992, claiming race, national origin, age discrimination on the part of the university.

He was 59.

U.S. District Judge Audrey B. Collins threw out the race and national origin claims.

Acuña is now to receive either the position and back pay for the years since he would have been appointed, or $326,800 in back and front pay—accounting for what he would have received if hired before his retirement from the time of his application through retirement at age 70.

Harassment?

The University wants to pay the $326,800, and will offer the court several arguments against the reinstatement:

• The position he applied for was filled in 1993 by Professor Glastra Didonofrio.

• Acuña is not qualified.

• Acuña is not a Chicano.

• The University claims his document signed by Acuña cites scholars who opposed his appointment.

But the heart of the University's arguments against Acuña is in the form of statements from 12 members of Prof. Chela Sandoval.

These include a comment in an Aug. 2, 1991, letter that he "felt the heat of the ovens" reading a letter from Zelmanowitz explaining the reasons for his rejection. Acuña called him "a Jew who wants to be a German" in a letter roughly seven months later.

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CSUN professor

Chicano studies

by him and his supporters.

While Acuña denies many of these occurrences, Vazquez said others were defensible or did not reflect his character.

"He has done things that he does regret in the heat of battle," Vazquez said, adding that he has offered apologies for several of them already.

"Both sides have differing interpretations of those events they agree took place. Among the University's arguments:

• Julius Zelmanowitz, associate vice chancellor for Academic Personnel, stated that Acuña has made numerous offensive references to his Jewish heritage.

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NOTICE: THE A.S. ELECTION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES THAT A ONE-TIME WINTER QUARTER SPECIAL ELECTION IS TO BE HELD ON TUES., JAN 23RD & WED., JAN 24TH, 1996*

* Pending ratification at the first A.S. Legislative Council meeting on January 10, 1996.

If you are interested in serving on the Associated Students Elections Committee, please contact Paul Sporedler, Chair, at 893-2053 or fill out an application in the A.S. Main Office (UCen 1523).
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that line the grounds had been cut off at its trunk during the night. No witnesses have come forward. Family Student Housing officials believe the tree was hijacked by someone who pulled up to it and cut it down with a handsaw.

"We believed they pulled up a pickup truck next to the tree," said Mark O'Brien, Family Student Housing assistant complex coordinator. "They stood there and hacked it down.

Palato believes the tree's size would have required more than one plant to move. While a police investigation has yet to find any suspects or answers, several Family Student Housing administrators speculated on possible motivations for stealing the tree, estimated to cost $600-$700.

"It appears like someone saw a Christmas tree," said Resch, a coordinator of the redwood planting nine years ago. "That's the only logical -- if you consider it logical at all -- reason."

Residents at Family Student Housing found the incident disheartening and unexpected, according to Palato. She said cutting down the tree represented the theft of an important community symbol.

"It's like a sacred cow," Palato said. "It's something you don't do."

She hopes the culprits accidentally slip up in admitting their role in the theft.

"Whoever took the tree might have bragged about it," she said. "The word of mouth could be the foot in the mouth.

O'Brien hopes university police can find some leads into the investigation, but understands the limitations of the case.

"They're pretty much bog-tired because they don't have much to go on," he said.

Family Student Housing is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest, O'Brien added.

"If it's truly the Christmastmas spirit, how could they steal a tree and celebrate Christmas with a clear conscience?" he said.

Anyone with information can contact O'Brien at 893-8234.

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Hans will organize a signature drive and education forum through the Greek system at the beginning of Winter Quarter, he said. He may also travel to other college campuses to publicize the act, he added.

According to Carol Mosely, the Women's Center rape prevention education program coordinator, victims speaking openly are rare because of the threat of a stigma is intimidating.

"It's difficult for survivors to talk about what happened to them because we still live in a culture that blames the victim," she said. "They feel ashamed and guilty. Even though people may not logically believe the taboos and myths -- it's a difficult thing to counter."

For Hans, speaking out and pushing the initiative represent positive steps toward finding peace after the traumatic holiday event. But coming to terms with the potential release of Lyles continues to pose a challenge to the family's healing process.

"It's not like I want to kill this guy, you know, destroy him for what he's done to my family. I do have anger towards him. Deep down inside me I do want to get some sort of revenge on him, but at the same time I understand that I need to put all this behind me. What I need is, I need to go on."

"It's like a sacred cow," Palato said. "It's something you don't do."

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But Lagerquist, who is in charge of IVRPD projects, fiscal and personnel management and public relations, said the responses may corrupt any hope of a fair evaluation based strictly on his job performance.

"My fear of this whole process is it will simply be a popularity contest of who likes who and who doesn't like who, and political agendas versus job description," he said. "I know of political agendas people have based on their personal relationships ... in this tight-knit community where rumor counts more than the truth."

In addition, Lagerquist objected to the participation of district staff and District Directors Mitch Stockton and Pegeen Soutar in his evaluation. Stockton has turned public opinion against the GM through a weekly radio program he co-hosts, according to Lagerquist.

"Going on three years now, prior to even when I came on the job, I've been criticized on his radio show," he said. "I believe he has carried on a personal vendetta against me since that time."

Meanwhile, Soutar is biased because district employee Matt Buckmaster rented a room from her from the fall of 1993 to March 1995, according to Lagerquist.

"It gave her a particular slant ... and I believe prejudiced her ability to judge me since she's been elected," he said.

But both Stockton and Soutar denied any allegations of impropriety or bias.

"No, I've never seen any conflict of interest between Matt and I because of his living here or a friendship, not at all," Soutar said.

Stockton said he has not commented on the air about the GM in more than 18 months, and believes Lagerquist may be misattributing comments made by his co-host to him.

"I believe what he always tries to infer is whatever Diane Conn says on the radio show is on my behest," he said. "She has her own opinion."

Lagerquist also said many district workers are out to sabotage the office and cost him his job.

"I challenge the content of employee statements, when employees caucus in the workplace ... and engage in a concerted effort to disrupt the working of the district. I can prove this. I think it's outrageous to take input from employees who are obviously hostile and conspiring against the general manager," Lagerquist said.

But Green called the GM's claim "patently false" and said employee responses provided a unique source of advisory input.

"In the past, staff has said they weren't heard, and I think it's important to the committee to receive the staff's impression of the day-to-day operation of the district," he said. "It's important to get as many perspectives as you can."
Gauchos Stay Above Water in Grueling Speedo Cup

By Steven Large
Staff Writer

With solid finishes in their first major swim meet, the UCSB men’s and women’s swim teams now know where they stand as a team after finishing third and ninth, respectively, at last weekend’s Speedo Cup Invitational in Long Beach.

As two of the few teams that went to the invitational unranked and unbeaten, the Gauchos are looking at last weekend’s times as the same times that they will need to beat in the Big West Conference Championships and the NCAA finals.

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Men
Santa Barbara went to the Speedo Cup with the intention of winning the whole thing — not a small feat considering 20 of some of the best teams in the nation competed.

But by shaving and resting only three swimmers, UCSB had to accept a third-place showing, beating only three swimmers shaved.”

Sophomore Jason Lorczak was the only Gaucho to finish first in an event. He swam the 50-yard freestyle in 20.64, freshman Carl Larsen also swam well.

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For the first time this season, the UCSB women’s basketball team will not play against a national powerhouse.

With prior games against the University of Maryland, the University of Iowa and USC, the Gauchos (1-2) will take to the Thunderdome court Friday against the University of San Diego (1-3) at 7:30 p.m. However, after last season’s 86-73 loss, Santa Barbara knows better than to take the Toreros lightly. “Last year’s game was one of the hardest I’ve had as a coach,” said UCSB Head Coach Mark French. “[San Diego] spread the court and penetrated well. They really hammered us.”

This season, USD has struggled, dropping games against UCLA, UC Irvine and San Diego State before beating Cal State Fullerton on Dec. 1. Heading the San Diego offense is forward Michele Bravelli. The senior leads the squad in scoring with 11.3 points and 7.5 rebounds per game. Guards Laura King and Karl Ambrus anchor the Torero backcourt, each averaging over 10 points a contest.

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For the 15th consecutive year UCSB Fails to Advance Past the Second Round

By Brian Berger
Staff Writer

For those who have followed UCSB women’s volleyball, the result was all too common. For the 15th consecutive year, the #11 Gauchos were bounced in the second round of the NCAA playoffs. This season it came at the hands of the #12 Arizona State Sun Devils, who squashed past Santa Barbara 15-7, 15-15, 15-5, 4-15, 15-9 in a sloppily played five-set thriller Saturday night in Tempe.

UCSB (26-9) managed to stay competitive with the Sun Devils through the opening points of the first game before ASU took control. Trailing 7-6, Arizona State outside hitter Terri Cox sparked a Sun Devil run by tallying six straight points from behind the service line. When the Gauchos finally earned a side-out, ASU was able to steal it back and close out the game.

Game two began on a similar pace for both squads, which created eight lead changes and eight ties. Late in the game, the Sun Devils once again began to pull away, but Santa Barbara managed to respond. With ASU leading 13-11, UCSB gained a side-out and seniors Kim Keys and Tammy Stiner each served two points to secure the second game.

“ASU got off to a slow start,” said freshman defensive specialist Tania Vamashile. “We knew that we had to pick it up in game two. We really needed to be able to put them in our rear view mirror.”

The intensity that Santa Barbara displayed throughout the first two games disappeared in game three, when the Sun Devils dropped the Gauchos 15-5.

UCSB controlled the game from the outset, as it jumped to a 12-0 lead behind the play of outside hitter Jennifer Boyer. The 6’2” sophomore, who will transfer to Long Beach State next season, finished the contest with 29 kills while hitting a solid .328 average.

UCSB attempted a comeback as it outscored ASU 5-1 late in the third game. However, the Sun Devils finished off all hopes of a GaUCHO miracle as they scored the final two points to take a 2-1 advantage.

Knowing it needed to win game four to keep its season alive, Santa Barbara fired off to a 13-0 lead. At the heart of the UCSB rally was the setting of Maile Mortensen and the hitting of Keys (19 kills) and Stiner (17 kills, 406 percentage). Mortensen, who had been bench-marked through part of game three, had her best setting of the match, distributing the ball well to the UCSB hitters.

Like the Gauchos in game three, ASU chipped away at the lead before falling 15-4. The win forced the match into a critical, rally-scored game five.

“We love rally scoring,” said Arizona State Head Coach Patty Snyder-Park. “We are a great passing team and [game five] is where we wanted to be.”

The Sun Devils proved that they do cherish rally scoring, as they pulled away from Santa Barbara midway through the deciding game. With the score knotted at 7-7, Snyder-Park took control and pushed her team to victory with crucial kills. Combined with the defense of Cox and the blocking of Annette Monsen, ASU outscored UCSB 8-2 in the final 10 points.

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Santa Barbara Swipes Road Victory With a 76-73 Performance Over the Tough Toreros

By Michael Cadilli
Staff Writer

The Gaacho men’s basketball team put on a big show in the University of San Diego Sports Center Wednesday night as UCSB shot the lights out in a 76-73 road victory over the Toreros.

Santa Barbara (2-1) put in an impressive 62 percent of its field goal attempts, anchored by senior guard Lelan McDougall’s 10-13 performance. USD (2-2) could muster only 45 percent shooting from the floor.

“Obviously, we hit a good percentage at 61. We took pretty good shots, and I thought tonight our judgment was pretty good,” said UCSB Head Coach Jerry Finn in a post-game radio interview. “When the quick shot came, we made it. We didn’t take a lot of bad shots. We didn’t force too many shots and obviously, 30 of 49 from the field is a good percentage.”

However, the drama of the game came in the final two minutes as the Gauchos managed to retake the lead twice in their final two possessions. The first time came on a 16-foot jumper by senior forward Mark Flick (14 points, nine boards) with just over a minute left, putting Santa Barbara up 75-71. The second was the game winner by senior point guard Phillip Turner (15 points, seven assists), who took it to the hoop and threw in a spinning layup with 23 ticks left on the clock. San Diego missed its last shot and senior guard Lelan McDougall put the game away, hitting a free throw for his game-high and career-high 26th point on the night.

“Lelan had it going tonight, we were trying to get it to him,” Finn added. “I also thought Phillip did a really nice job of recognizing who to go to and who was open in the second half.”

UCSB and USD battled back and forth most of the contest, changing leads six times. However, after junior guard Ben Jefferson put in a pass in from freshman guard Wesley Miller with just over 11 minutes left in the second half, the Gauchos enjoyed an 11-point lead. They let it slip away by giving up too many second chances as the Toreros racked up 13 offensive boards.

“At the defensive end we have to do a better job at the post and work our tails off. Our defense let down a little bit,” Finn said. “They got second shots and that’s what got them in the game and that’s actually what kept them in the game.”

Despite San Diego’s 6’11”, 260-pound James Black causing problems for Santa Barbara, guys such as sophomore forward Kealor Wallace (six points, four rebounds), freshman forward B.J. Bunton (six points, three boards) and Flick were able to get in the post and score.

“That’s a key for us that we have to score inside some,” Finn added. “I thought that B.J. did a good job going two for three and Wallace was three for four down in there.”

Up next for the Gauchos is another road game Saturday afternoon against Loyola Marymount University, which beat USC earlier this week. Then UCSB will play a pair of 7:30 p.m. starts at home, taking on Pepperdine University and Cal State Northridge Dec. 16 and Dec. 19, respectively.

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BAKIR HERE: Junior guard Bakir Allen (three points) led the winning Gauchos with three assists against the Toreros.